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- TRIAL SUCCESS -

Geelong Members have had great success at recent trials held in the Melbourne District.

Of seven entries at Southern Obedience Dog Club five were victorious - the C.D. was gained by Dave Carnegie's Gay Beauty, Horst Paulus gained 'first leg in' for C.D.X. also winning the trophy in the Open Class.

Other successful entrants were Ivan Sirca, Dave Wallace and Greg Moss in gaining 'first leg in' for C.D.

Horst Paulus carried on his winning run at the Coburg & Dist. Obedience Dog Club where once again he won the trophy scoring 249 points, thus gaining Tiger's '2nd leg in' for his C.D.X. certificate.

Dave Wallace and Greg Moss also added another 'leg in' to their credit and are enthusiastically striving towards the coveted C.D., while their fellow-member Joe Simutich Princess Asta gained her C.D. also winning the trophy for her class.

Present indications at Training Sessions show that it won't be very long before some of our newer members will be successfully following the Obedience Trials.

- INTERNATIONAL TROPHY EXCHANGE -

An International flavour has been introduced into the Club by Horst Paulus, who has arranged an exchange of Trophies and Sashes between our Club and the German Shepherd Club of Germany.

A very attractive photograph of a number of dogs in attendance at a recent Sunday Training Session; grouped around the high jump which bears our Club's name; inset in a map of Australia, will accompany the trophies.

The exchange Trophies & Sashes from Germany are eagerly awaited. A Club competition is to be arranged - details to be announced at a later date. It is expected that there will be some keen competitors and great interest will be stimulated.

- NOTICE -

At the Committee Meeting held on April 8th, it was decided to cease Training at the Belmont Ground - owing to lack of patronage.

Belmont Members who are keen on attending Classes may be able to arrange for transport by contacting our Secretary, Bill Stephens by phoning 74693.

It is hoped that we will see some of our Belmont Members at Work ne.

- F A M O U S D O G S -

By:

Albert Payson Terhune.

"Bud - The Dog That Travelled Far"

Years ago I read a four-line item in a newspaper. At first glance its contents seemed to me a right ingenious lie. But for some inexplicable reason I could not forget the item. And I resolved to track it down.

During the next few months I received enough proof of the story's truth to have warranted a Supreme Court decision as to its hundred per cent accuracy. I am going to repeat the yarn here in all its essential details. It is worth your reading.

Bud was a Collie. His nominal owner was a man named Coe, who lived in Fort Scott, Kansas. His real mistress was Coe's sister-in-law, Miss Hight, an official in the Fort Scott Gas Company.

(Anyone, with the cash to pay for it, may become the owner of a dog. Nobody can become its master or mistress without the dog's own enthusiastic consent. Bear that in mind, please).

Coe and his wife and their young sons were moving to Albuquerque, New Mexico. They decided to take Bud along, as a companion for the boys in their new home. Miss Hight was not at all happy at the prospect of losing the Collie, but she was infinitely less miserable than Bud himself would have been had he known what was coming.

The dog was put into a crate for the long journey, and was lifted into a baggage car. I speak of these details; to show it was impossible for Bud to look out at the territory the train passed through or to get any kind of bearings.

Bud had as little chance to figure out the route or even the general direction of the trip as if he had been shut in a barrel.

From the outset it was plain to anyone that Bud did not like his new surroundings. He moped gloomily around Albuquerque for a few days. Then he disappeared.

The Coes advertised. They made many enquiries. That was all the good it did them. No trace of Bud could they find. So Miss Hight received a sad letter from her brother-in-law saying Bud was lost or stolen.

That was in November -

One hot afternoon in the next July - a full eight months later - Miss Hight was sitting in her ground-floor office at Fort Scott; when a truly hideous object lurched painfully through the open doorway and crawled to her feet.

Bud had come home !

He was scarred and bone thin. His coat was ragged. It was clotted with burrs. His pads were raw and bleeding. He was a scarecrow. A right pitiful and sick and feeble scarecrow at that. He had used up the last atom of his once mighty strength in crossing the room to his long-lost mistress.

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OH WHERE WAS THAT FIRST AID KIT?

My recent trip to Casterton to Judge the Kennel Club Show was a trip I won't forget.

The first Class to be judged was Local Puppy Dog and the first dog I handled bit me. He was a West Highland White - a little cuss he was too. I found out later that he has a go at all the Judges.

The old dear who had him was all apologies and called him all the naughty boys about the place and told him he should have known better than biting the Judge.

To make matters worse there was no First Aid Kit on the ground which is a breach of KCC rules. Before the Show started I asked the Club Officials if they had a First Aid Kit and the reply was no - I asked what happens if I get bitten - It looked as if I put the nozzy on it!

The Vet had to treat me and he left some of his stuff with the Club in case it was wanted - and just as well he did so as the bleeding started again during the day and a lady from South Aust. played nurse maid.

At the conclusion of the Show I was interviewed by the press on my views of the dogs judged.

My trip the following week to Tantanoola, Sth Aust. to Judge their Show was marred by the rain which fell on the morning of the Show which made things unpleasant - but everyone seemed quite happy. The hospitality was wonderful and I'm looking forward to another visit. By ; Reg. Bosely.

- CARNIVAL GIRL -

When Lorraine Cooper says a thing - she means it !

Maybe she didn't take a case of clothes to Rokewood in preparation for the Carnival Girl Quest - but she did win it, and was presented with a very nice sash -

Good for you Lorraine !

A NARROW SQUAD !

Bill Stephens well may say he's lucky to be alive - as he was involved in a rather bad accident recently, to the extent of the utility he was driving being 'a write off'.

Luckily Bill escaped without a scratch - but he says he's got a few good bruises to show for it!

- DATES TO NOTE -

May 10th ; Committee Meeting in Four Square Club Rooms.

Sunday Training Classes at Norlane Ground
Commencing at 10.00 am sharp.

C/Ship Shows - Parades - Trials

May 7th : Colac & Dist. P & A Soc. Parade.
Shepparton & Dist K.C. C/Ship Show
Red Cliffs Dist K.C. " "
May 14th : Wodonga Kennel Club " "
Eaglehawk Kennel Club Parade.
May 15th : German Shep. of Vic. Trial.
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(Continuing - "Bud - the Dog That Travelled Far".

Miss Hight took Bud home with her. There she nursed him back to health. It was a long and tedious convalescence. But the wiry Collie constitution won the day at last. In a few months Bud was his old self again.

But how had he won his way home? That is an eternal mystery - one of the thousands of canine mysteries which no mere human can hope to solve.

The distance between Fort Scott Kansas, and Albuquerque, New Mexico is close to eight hundred and sixty miles. To traverse that route Bud must have travelled endless miles of snake infested desert where food was scarce and water still harder to find. He must have swum several rivers, too, and traversed wild country of almost every description, before he reached Fort Scott.

No, it was a proven case of the sixth-sense homing instinct which some dogs possess and which most dogs lack.

The full account of Bud's pilgrimage, if its details could be learned, would make the most gorgeous dog story in all time. But we know only that story's first and last chapters. But here is one clue to his adventures.

Miss Hight noticed that whenever the wolves in the Fort Scott zoo howled at night, during Bud's convalescence, the sick Collie would scramble to his feet, snarling furiously, his hackles bristling, his every tired muscle tense and quivering. He had never behaved like that, before his absence, when the zoo wolves howled - So wolf battles may well have accounted for some of the deep scars which seamed his flesh.

The rock-solid fact remains that Bud vanished in Albuquerque and reappeared, the worse for wear, nearly nine hundred miles away, in Fort Scott. This story gains more from what it conceals than what it reveals.

Extracts from "Keeping A Dog"

Conjunctivitis :

The most common disease of the eyes met with in dogs is conjunctivitis. This is inflammation of the mucous membrane surrounding the eyes and covering the inner surface of the lids.

In health the conjunctiva should be pink, whereas in conjunctivitis the lids are redder than normally and also swollen and may even cover the eye-ball.

It is painful and irritable; hence the dog avoids strong light and is constantly trying to rub the eye. Unless quickly relieved, the disease may involve the eye-ball itself, setting up inflammation or even causing ulceration of the cornea.

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