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- OBEDIENCE TRIAL -

We are pleased to have had yet another Trial successfully accomplished.

Although held in rather freezing conditions this did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of the competitors or spectators.

This Trial was even more thrilling due to the fact that 3 out of 4 trophies were won by Geelong Trained dogs.

Those also successful in gaining their C.D & C.D.X. passes were Dot Mitchell's Lady Julie and Horst Paulus' Tiger respectively.

Trophy winners are as follows :-

Utility Class: Mr. McKerchar's
"Tyske Hyrde Karl"

Open Class: Mr. H. Paulus'
"Tiger" C.D.

Novice Bitch: Mrs. D. Mitchell's
"Lady Julie"

Novice Dog: Mr. A. Granich's
"Armando Astra"

- DISGRACEFUL! -

Unfortunately there was one off-key incident which occurred at our Trial.

One of the trial entrants - it will not be necessary to name the offender, as his conscience (if he has one) will indicate to him who the guilty party is, violated the principles of this Club.

In a pre-trial exercise this man showed a deplorable display of bad temper and bad training methods - in short repeatedly kicked his dog - which is strictly against the policy of the Club and will not be tolerated.

As we all know our motto is "Train with Kindness" and this display does not give a very good impression to visitors - nor does it produce a "happy" well trained dog - but a miserable example of shame for his master.

It goes without saying that any repetition of this conduct will be dealt with severely.

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BEAU THE FINDER

After a sleepless night I rose, determined to do all that I could to make the venture a success. My husband got busy making fences and gates high enough to keep the dog in the backyard. I filled a ticking with wood-wool for the dog's bed and bought dishes for food and water, and then waited for July 7 to come around.

A friend rang to ask which dog I was getting. She said that the local paper had printed a photograph of Miss Bridge training a little black dog called Beau. From that moment I wanted Beau. The name appealed to me and although Miss Bridge had not committed herself and had not mentioned the names of the dogs, I fervently prayed that Beau would not be allotted to anyone else.

At last the great day dawned and I was called for, as arranged by one of the Association's volunteer transport drivers. We picked up the other student who was to train with me and on arrival at the training centre we were shown over the kennels and the two old tramcars which had been converted into Miss Bridge's quarters with a sitting-room, bedroom, kitchen and office. Pleasantly excited, we sat down to morning tea while Miss Bridge told us what would be expected of us - how we would have to concentrate on gaining the affection of our dogs; how we would have to walk briskly every day, and how we and our dogs must learn to work together.

After lunch we were taken out in the training van to a quiet street - still without our dogs - and Miss Bridge took us one at a time for a walk "on the handle".

We held the U-shaped handle which was similar to that we would hold when using the dogs. In the first lessons, our instructress acted the part of the dog, telling us to keep our left arms straight down by our sides and to keep a steady but

light strain on the handle so that we were always "in contact". We were shown how the dog would pause at kerbs and how we would have to give command "Forward" before crossing a road. Our first lesson, over, we returned to the centre for a welcome "cuppatea" - and then the great moment arrived.

I was shown into the sitting room and my companion was put in the office - then Betty went to the kennels to bring our dogs.

I sat listening intently, hardly daring to breathe. Would I be given Beau? It had to be Beau, for I felt that I would not be happy with any other dog. But would Beau like me? I had heard that sometimes the dogs and the human students didn't "match" in temperament.

At last the door opened and in bounded a dog which put its paws on my knee and tried to lick my face. Miss Bridge said that she would leave us to get acquainted. "What's his or her name?" I asked anxiously.

"His name is Beau", was the reply and my heart gave a joyous leap.

I don't think I hugged him. I was too busy keeping out of range of a tongue that appeared to be a yard long and flickered like lightning but I was thrilled and overjoyed.

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To be continued . . .

Continuing -

INFORMATION ON ALSATIANS OR GERMAN SHEPHERDS

31 years refused admittance to this country :

Those dogs who were here during those years have been subjected to the severest persecution and unfair discrimination, but they have survived and are still the most popular breed in Australia.

The Pastoralist Agitation:

Every Pastoralist has had to destroy dogs for sheep-killing, and they are well aware that 90% of the dogs so destroyed were SHEEP-DOGS.

Every man on the land also knows that any dog, even his best sheep dog, is a potential sheep-killer when running with a pack, and that any of the larger breeds will cross with a dingo more readily than an Alsatian, yet hiding behind the Pastures Protection Board, they so savagely persecute this one breed.

But when this Board orders that every dog within 100 sq. miles[†] regardless of age or sex, be sterilised, the callous indifference to the suffering caused by such an order reaches the peak of inhumanity in an area where there is no Veterinary Practitioner. As any attempt by an unqualified person to comply with the order would constitute a breach of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, the owners have only one alternative - have their dogs shot.

The people who militate so strongly against Alsatisans encourage the Greyhound. Consider this breed.

Firstly they have great size, great speed, they are very powerful and have tremendous staying power.

Beause they are hounds they are pack hunters and born killers. What greater affinity with a dingo exists in any other dog?

† Broken Hill - S.A.

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WHO WILL BE OUR REPS' FOR THE ROYAL SHOW DEMO

The results of the training exercises are eagerly awaited to know who will be selected to represent our Club at the Royal Show.

The first rehearsal will be held at Surrey Drive Box Hill on Aug 7th and who will be the ones to take part I wonder?

OPEN PARADE

Have you all got your brushes working overtime to get your dogs groomed to perfection for our Club's forthcoming Open Parade which will be held on September 10th.

As you all know there is a great possibility of being granted a Championship Show - so we want all of our Members to enter their dogs for the greater the entry for our Parade the better chance we have of holding a Championship Show.

So let's see those brushes really working!!

AWARD PRESENTATION

All those Members whose dogs have qualified for their CD & CDX Awards are requested to notify the Secretary as early as possible - the name of dog and Certificate Number issued by the K.C.C.

Presentations will take place on Sunday morning October 2nd, 1960.

OBEDIENCE TRIAL

On August 14th there will be an Obedience Trial held by the Coburg & District Obedience Dog Club at Aberfeldi Park.

TRIAL COMPETITION

A Trial Competition is to be held by Southern Obedience Dog Club at Dunblane Road, Noble Park on October 2nd.

There is an excellent trophy list and also 1st, 2nd and 3rd Prize Cards will be awarded.

Points will be marked by 2 Judges in each section.

Full details of sections etc. will be published next month.

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Our Secretary, we are sorry to hear is on the Sick List - suffering from Bronchial Pneumonia - we would all like to wish Bill a speedy recovery.

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A greeting card was received from Fred Lehrman and he is having a wonderful trip home to Germany - Lucky Fred!

We would like to bring to the notice of our members that we have available

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DATES TO NOTE

- Aug. 7th : 1st Rehearsal for Royal Show Demo - Surrey Drive Box Hill.
Aug. 9th : Committee Meeting.
Aug. 14th : 2nd Rehearsal for Royal Show Demo.
Aug. 14th : Obedience Trial - Coburg & District O.D.C.

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1961 ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW

With an entry of 183 Shepherds in this year's Show and being the 3rd highest entry per breed, the Shepherd still retains his popularity among those who really understand and recognize his good qualities.

Mr. E.E. Ferguson, veteran Californian dog-judge had these comments to make on "Alsations" on his arrival in Melbourne to judge the 1961 Royal Show Dogs.

Told about savage Alsations here, Mr. Ferguson said, "It's not surprising if you keep mind that the last Alsatian imported was back in 1924.

"New blood is very important for breeding good dogs, but your six months' quarantine seems to make importation pretty much impossible.

Mr. Ferguson owns the Hollywood Estate kennels, which have supplied most of the dogs used in T.V. and films for the past 40 years.

Results of judging as follows:-
(Shepherds):-

The Challenge was won by Mr. Burnell's Silver Sable.

Karl Heyne had a minor success with his "Golmar Bismark" by being placed 2nd in Puppy Dog.

Our Club was represented in the Show Ring by Mrs. Reid's and Karl Heyne's Shepherds and Mrs. Ivy Rankin's Labrador.

Obedience Trial

Mrs. Rankin and Karl Heyne also represented the Club with their entries in the Open Class.

With heavy scratchings owing to the extremely adverse conditions there were only 9 dogs and 3 bitches left to compete in Open, Judged by Mr. Ken Stubbs.

Result of this event was a win to Mr. Luetje with his Bitch "Regina".

NO dogs passed at all and no wonder, as the trial was held in a ring where the Dog Show had been conducted; with approx. 3000 dogs having tracked over it - a great majority being bitches is season. As no rain has fallen since the commencement of the Show this made working conditions absolutely impossible.

Demonstration

The Obedience Clubs will once again combine to stage a training demonstration at this year's show with two representatives from each Club. Ours being Dave Carnegie & Karl Heyne, with their dogs Beauty and Wolf.

Amusing and spectacular incidents, sometimes planned - sometimes not - (as our fire-hooping members will not forget in a hurry) have often highlighted these demos - Well I wonder what it will be this time - amusing or spectacular?

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So now another Royal Melbourne Show closes, and there must be many very tired people.

Many must be very happy with their success but many, many more will no doubt be feeling rather disappointed. Nevertheless for every one winner, there must be a lot of losers - and it is much harder to learn how to lose than win.

However all the grooming and preparation and training has not been all in vain, for all the hours spent in preparing the dogs surely must have been a pleasure for both man and dog - and should not just stop now that the Show is over, but continue on because there is always another year and another Royal Melbourne Show.

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FOOD FOR THE BROOD BITCH

Often a well fed bitch comes through the ordeal of rearing a large litter of puppies without any impairment of her vitality and flesh. In such case she may be returned to a good maintenance ration until she is ready to be bred again.

About the time she weans her puppies her coat will be dead and ready to drop out, but if she is healthy and well fed a new and vigorous coat will grow in, and she will be no worse off for her maternal ordeal.

Some bitches, either from a deficient nutrition or a constitutional disposition to contribute too much of her own strength and substance to the nutrition of her puppies, are thin and exhausted at the time of weaning them. Such a bitch needs the continuance of at least two good and especially nutritious meals a day for a month or more until her flesh and strength are restored before she is returned to her routine maintenance ration, upon which she may be kept until time comes to breed her again.

At breeding time a bitch's flesh should be hard, and she should be on the lean side rather than too fat. She should be freed from any intestinal parasites she may harbour, and should be kept in clean quarters where she will not be reinfested with them.

No change in her regular maintenance diet need be made until about the fourth or fifth week of her pregnancy. The growth of the fetus is small up until the middle of the pregnancy, after which it becomes rapid. The bitch usually begins to "show in whelp" about six weeks after breeding, and her food consumption should be gradually stepped up. If she has been having only one meal a day, she should be given two; if she has had two, both should be larger. From henceforth until her puppies are weaned she must eat not merely for two, but for four or five, possibly for ten or twelve.

She is not to be encouraged to grow positively fat; but, just as she was slightly on the lean side at the time of breeding, now she is to be brought slightly to the fat side and maintained in that condition, if possible until she voluntarily weans her puppies. Especial emphasis should be laid upon her ration's content of meat, including liver, milk, calcium phosphate and Vitamins A and D, both of which are found in cod-liver oil.

Some warm (not hot) food may be given to her between arrivals of her puppies, or sweets if she likes them such as candy or sugar will help keep up immediate strength and energy.

After whelping until the puppies are weaned, throughout the lactating period, the bitch should have all the nourishing food she can eat - up to four or five meals a day. These should consist largely of meat and liver some fat, a small amount of cereals, milk, eggs, cottage cheese, calcium phosphate and vitamins, with special reference to Vitamins A and D. At that time it is hardly possible to feed a bitch too much or to keep her too fat. The growth of the puppies is much more rapid after they are born than their growth in the dam's uterus, and the large amount of food to maintain that rapid growth must pass through the bitch and be transformed to milk, while at the same time she must maintain her own body.

If she is given enough good food, a bitch may be bred without harm to well nigh every time she comes in heat. The long waits some breeders adhere to between litters is habit established before we knew so much as we now do about foods and nutrition. Three months between weaning and breeding again is ample time for the restoration of her bodily vigor to any healthy bitch of normal metabolism if she is given ample rations of the right kind.

(Extracted from "The Complete German Shepherd" by Milo G. Delinger.)

How do you rate in a
Pet's-eye-view?

Try this Quiz on -

ARE YOU FIT TO OWN A DOG?

A DOG may be man's best friend but can every dog feel the same for every man? Take you, for instance. Would a dog consider you a capable pal? Before you pat yourself on the back - answer these questions:

1. ARE YOU OVERLY FASTIDIOUS?

Would a few hairs on furniture or a little mud on the floor upset you?

2. DO YOU LIKE CHILDREN?

Dogs, like children, need care and direction.

3. DOES SEX AND SEX TALK REPEL YOU?

It better not, because dogs are natural animals who cater to instinct without reserve. Your male dog's method of getting acquainted with other dogs isn't dainty.

4. DO YOU MAKE YOUR OWN DECISIONS?

A dog's master or mistress must be firm, must make quick, necessary decisions in training or the dog soon becomes the master or a spoiled pet.

5. DO YOU BECOME ANNOYED EASILY?

Do you strike or punish the dog unnecessarily and thus make him as unhappy and neurotic as you are.

6. DO YOU LIKE TO BE ALONE?

Dogs are the best silent companions in the world.

7. ARE YOU A RESPONSIBLE PERSON?

A dog depends on you for everything. If you lack the sense of responsibility, you would make a poor dog owner.

8. DO YOU BELIEVE IN ROUTINE?

If you shun routine, shun dog ownership too.

9. ARE YOU WEATHER HARDY?

It is necessary to take your dog for regular walks, especially if you are a city dweller.

10. DO YOU MAKE REGULAR TRIPS TO YOUR DOCTOR AND DENTIST?

Your dog needs periodic visits to the Vet too, you know.

11. DO YOU PREFER SPECTATOR SPORTS OR DO-IT-YOURSELF VARIETY?

Even the pampered pup needs daily romps, but he shouldn't always be turned out to amuse himself.

12. ARE YOU METICULOUS ABOUT YOUR PERSON AND YOUR WARDROBE?

Your dog cannot brush or wash his coat, or apply the necessary ointments to dry skin, or dust himself if he has fleas.

13. DO YOU HATE TO DO HOUSEHOLD CHORES?

Rest easy here. When asked to exercise the dog or romp with him, are you off like a shot - then you're OK.

Well how did you score - If you answered only six questions correctly, you'd better stick to having children. If you got eight right, you might try a cat. If you scored 10 or better, you've really gone to the dogs.

V.I.D. Treatment

We know that VIP stands for 'very important people' but the dogs in England are getting the 'very important dog' treatment - those that are sick anyway.

Six modern veterinary hospitals have been built throughout England especially for dogs.

No doubt some day the dogs will have their own National Health Scheme and receive full Hospital and Medical benefits.

Two provincials, father and son, were in a Paris bus. The little boy was carrying two puppies - he asked his father: "Are they males or females, father?" "Males", answered the father. "Why?" Everyone in the bus waited curiously for his reply. "It's quite easy, can't you see, silly boy, they've both got moustache!"

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