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## AWARD PRESENTATION

Sunday October 2nd marked yet another milestone in the progress of our Club by the presentation of our 2nd group of Award Winners with their Club medals, this now brings the total of title holders to twenty.

The presentation was made by Mr. E. Fairney O.B.E. who expressed his delight in seeing such a wonderful group of dogs, and complemented our Club on the progress it has made in the Dog World.

Mr. Fairney went on to wish our Club every success in the future and is looking forward to attending our Obedience Trial in December.

On tying the blue and white ribbons of the Club holding the medals to the dogs neck - each dog shook hands with Mr. Fairney - in such a way that I'm sure those dogs knew just how proud their owners were of them - and they were proud too!!

No doubt it is really a credit to the Club in that during the past 2 years we have gained 20 titles, with more awaiting their third "leg-in" to qualify. We would like to wish those and all other trial entrants every success in the coming year.

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* "Norville Ricardo" C.D. *
* owned by: Mr. C. Kitchenmaster *
* "Jenanda Ranjea" C.D. *
* owned by: Mr. N. Forbes. *
* "Yullbars" C.C. *
* owned by: Mr. I. Sirca. *
* "Lindy Lou" C.D. *
* owned by: Mr. W.J. Stephens. *
* "Pande" C.D. *
* owned by: Mr. D. Wallace. *
* "Glenrhelyn Sabbie" C.D. *
* owned by: Mr. G. Moss. *
* "Princess Asta" C.D. *
* owned by: Mr. J. Simanitsch. *
* "Glenrhelyn Julie" C.D. *
* Owned by: Mrs. D. Mitchell. *
* "Hillberg Gay Beauty" C.D. & *
* "Kirribille Princess" C.D. *
* owned by: Mr. D. Carnegie. *
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* "Tiger" C.D. - C.D.X. *
* owned by: Mr. H. Paulus. *
* * Deceased. *
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## BEAU THE PATHFINDER

My first walk in town was a thrilling experience. Beau is a good worker on busy pavements, stepping along briskly and showing impatience when people walk slowly in front of him and impede his progress. He usually walks in the centre of the footpath and in the lunch-hour rush I was apt to be jostled by people travelling in the opposite direction and keeping to the left of the pavement.

Beau soon learnt to obey the command "over" and would move quickly to the left. He thinks and moves so rapidly that at first I had to give my undivided attention to following his ultra-rapid responses to orders.

It was a thrill to feel myself guided round obstacles which I couldn't see - to feel Beau change direction or even lead me right off the footpath - and on inquiry to learn that I had been guided round a child on a tricycle or a gate left wide open.

Without Beau, these obstacles would have meant bruises and barked shins - and loss of temper in my case. During training we negotiated a variety of artificial obstacles to represent ladders and posts and, wherever possible, we traversed streets where excavations and heaps of sand and soil created hazards for blind people.

A guide-dog is trained to leave enough room on his right side for the blind person to pass obstacles without touching them and Beau never failed in this regard. Incidentally, this only applies when the dog is wearing the harness. When "off-duty" and out of harness, a guide-dog is "just another dog".

This "dual personality" never fails to amaze me. Without the harness the dog will run freely past or under obstacles and behave generally very much as any other dog behaves. Once the harness is in position he paces along sedately and immediately realises that he is part of a unit which is now more than twice as wide and three or four times as tall as he is "Off Duty".

### "VET'S CORNER"

#### RICKETS:

This condition has almost entirely died out amongst children, but is still quite common in puppies.

In rickets the bones are soft and apt to bend or even break. Rickets may be due either to a deficiency of calcium and phosphorous in the diet or a failure for these substances to be absorbed. They must also be in a correct ratio.

Many forms of calcium commonly given are not completely absorbed by the body. Vitamin 'D' is essential for the absorption of calcium and should always be given to growing animals, e.g. in the form of cod liver oil. Sunshine is very beneficial to growing stock, as it converts a substance in the skin into Vitamin 'D'. The presence of parasitic worms may predispose to rickets, but the same applies to any disease which affects the intake of mineral.

The so-called "distemper teeth" are due to absence of enamel on certain areas of the teeth, owing to some illness such as distemper preventing proper absorption of calcium.

Rickety puppies may be otherwise healthy, but deformity of the bones may occur, or the slightest strain may cause fractures.

It might be mentioned that, milk, meat and fish are calcium-rich foods, so that every pregnant bitch and growing pup should get a good supply of these foods. ~~for~~



## - WERRIBEE DEMO -

At the recent Umpiers Football Match and Sports Meeting held at the Werribee Football Oval, in aid of the Yurella Hospital Appeal for crippled children, the G.G.S.D.C. Demo Team held a very large crowd keenly interested in their Obedience Display.

Although only 6 dogs were performing there was nothing lacking in the quality of the display. A particular favourite being Beauty's and Princess' enthusiasm in working a double with Dave Carnegie - and Asta's tricks of crawling and limping for Joe.

The crown appeared to hold its breath when a little stray dog took it upon himself to join in the "Circle" but this only added to the effect, to show the really wonderful control of the dogs - for not one dog attempted to move from its position.

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The Club has available for its Members

### DOG TRAINING BOOKS

These compact little booklets help you to project the instructions you receive at Sunday morning Training sessions - no one should be without one.

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## COMPETITION AT SOUTHERN

Quite a number of Geelong members travelled to Southern Obedience Dog Club to take part in the Competition on October 2nd.

Conditions were ideal and no doubt the really summery weather encouraged the large number of entrants. to compete for the silver teapots mounted with the Southern Club's crest which were really lovely trophies to win.

This type of competition appears to be very popular and could very well develop into a regular occasion at each club, as it gives the novice a start towards trials and keeps owners of qualified dogs interested.

Congratulations to Southern for starting the ball rolling and let's hope we can have more of these competitions in the future.

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### OPEN PARADE

Mr. Smith of Werribee who judged our Open Parade on Sep. 10th. congratulated the Club on such a fine performance.

Great admiration was shown for the array of trophies - not less than 10 being awarded to 3 Melbourne entrants.

A word here for our own members. We realize that the majority of our members are more trial minded - but it was a really poor effort on your part as far as assistance and entries go - you must realize that it is the wholehearted support of every member that makes a success of any event, otherwise the burden falls to too few. I'm sure you have all heard the old saying - "You can kill a willing horse". We are lucky in having such a great Sec. as Bill Stephens, don't let all the work fall to him - it's your job to support him.



## FOR THE LADIES

The first meeting of the newly formed Ladies Social Committee took place on October 4th, and was well represented by a number of our new members. Office Bearers elected were as follows :-

Chairman : Mrs. Rankin.  
Secretary : Mrs. Walls.  
Treasurer : Mrs. Smith.

This Ladies Social Committee has been formed to bring together the womenfolk of the Club who, in the past have been rather in the background.

A Social Meeting Night will be held at the "Palms Coffee Lounge" Ryrie Street, at 8 p.m. on the FIRST TUESDAY in each month.

Besides having a sociable get together, much good work can be achieved in raising funds for our Club's needs.

Business got under way with plans for a Cabaret Dance to be held at the Rippleside Hall - when arrangements are finalised, details will be announced.

A raffle for a hamper was organized and we ask all members to donate an article in the grocery line to the value of between 5 & 6/-.

Tickets are to be sold at 3d. each or 5 for 1/- and judging by what is already in the hamper it will be well worth winning. Books of tickets are available at the Training Ground and we hope all members will take books to sell.

The drawing date is Nov. 1st at the next meeting of the Ladies Social Committee. Butts to be handed in at the Training Ground on Sunday October 31st.

FOR YOUR T.V. COLOUR SCREEN  
See your Agent Kevin Krygger.  
Price : £4.18.6.

As you all well know, the organizers of various Fetes etc. have made many requests in the past for our Club dogs to stage demonstrations - and why shouldn't we turn it to our own advantage by holding a Fete and perhaps a Pets Parade - with the Shepherd Dog Club Demo Team as an attraction.

So another item of interest for the ladies is the holding of a Fete sometime in the future. To this end it has been decided to hold a competition each month at their Social Meeting. Each lady is requested to make an article to cost no more than 5/- for materials; points will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd and over a twelve month period we will award a prize to the aggregate winner.

All of these articles will be held in storage for sale at our Fete.

The article for this month is a Ladies Apron - don't forget, costing no more than 5/- - now let's see all those tricky ideas ladies !!

These will be judged at the Ladies Social Meeting on November 1st.

We do hope to see this Social Side of the Club grow, for as we all know, every successful club has a highly active Ladies Committee - so if you possibly can, leave Dad home with the Kiddies on the First Tuesday in each month so we can all have a night out.

"See you at the Palms".



GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF  
AUSTRALIA

Bill Stephens and Dave Carnegie attended the recent meeting of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia, this time held in Melbourne at which all German Shepherd Dog Clubs were represented.

The constitution for this newly formed organization was discussed at length and duly prepared - at the next meeting which will take place in Sydney next Easter the Club will be registered and become an active body.

It is hoped that we will then get somewhere with our fight against the anti-Shepherd feeling - which incidentally, isn't being helped by the irresponsible owners of many of the dogs who become "news items".

In many cases I feel sure when we see those Headlines - "Alsatian Savages Child" those dogs have either been teased or tormented by some children at some time, then it is the poor innocent one that has to suffer. Some people just do not seem to distinguish the difference between a child playing with a dog from a child tormenting the life out of his four-legged friend.

No matter how small or how large the dog, no owner should let his dog roam the streets, if he gets into trouble on the street - it isn't directly his fault, the blame must lie at the feet of the owner, for after all why wasn't he kept in his own back yard. We don't want any of our members to be guilty of this.

Just as a matter of note - the Queensland Heeler that savaged its child playmate didn't get headlines on the front page - but the "Alsatian" did!

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- NEWS FROM OVERSEAS -

Bremen - 25.9.60.

Last week I went to a meeting of the Bremen Society for Friends of Dogs. Lots of court cases in connection with the Dog World were discussed and I shall give a report on that when I return.

As for dogs with long hair of the type like Sarky - I have seen many here and have been told that it is one of the original strains that still comes from time to time and is known as the "Stockhaarige Deutsche Schaeferhund". That backs what I have always said about Sarky.

On October 2nd there will be a dog trial of the different clubs in Bremen and I'll be present there to have a better report for the next month, then there will be little time left and I'm on the way back home.

I hope the parade turned out alright and the Club is as strong as ever when I return.

"Cheerio now"  
from your  
Overseas Correspondent -  
Freddy Lehman.

RESULTS OF OPEN GRADE :-

Best Baby Puppy Bitch -  
Mrs. D. Mitchell's "Sir Andrew"  
Best Puppy in Show -  
Mr. A. Newman's "Shellmar Zandelle"  
Best in Show -  
Mr. W. Henderson's "Olderfleet  
Miss Suzanne"  
Best Opposite -  
Mr. W. Henderson's "Yran Prince  
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## "STARS OF THE CANINE WORLD"

by: Jos. Schwabacher.

When you see a film dog, it may be only a pet dog which follows a certain actor or actress about, but do you ever give a thought to the hours of handling and training that dog has had to go through before you see the finished, natural-looking performance on the screen? Everyone knows that a film takes many weeks, even months, to make, and that about one small scene a day is the maximum shot. Well now, what does this involve for the dog?

I am told when a film is going into production that a certain type of dog is required, and that it has to do such and such a thing in the film. It is my job to find this dog and handle and train it. Now this may sound simple to those readers who may themselves be dog trainers, but there are a few details which have to be considered before starting:

(a) On a film set there is a sound apparatus, and so the dog has to be trained to respond quickly to hand signals;

(b) When you are handling a dog during shooting you have to be careful not to be in camera, and as lights are used, you have to be very careful about position or your dog won't be able to see you. If the camera is shooting from behind scenery or under it, and so your dog must know exactly what a signal means, even if he can only see your hand.

Very few directors understand the first thing about animals, and very often make impossible demands on them.

For example, in a certain film on which I was working a dog had to swim across a mile-wide river with a note in his collar. As he came out of the water, a girl in evening dress had to take the note. As we all know, a dog coming out of the water shakes himself by instinct, but this was the part the director forgot. If the dog shook, the star got a shower bath, and she did!

The dog had to be taught to suppress natural instincts and sit on the edge of the river without shaking himself.

Another time I was asked to stand a dog in the middle of a lawn and make him howl without moving. Sound was on at the time, so that I could use no word of command, and it was no use to persuade the director that howling (which is a purely physical reaction) can hardly be taught as part of obedience.

Of course there are always ways of getting over these things - I have often spent hours lying awake at night trying to devise ways of achieving such impossible shots, where it would be hard to train the dog to co-operate, but which would have to be done in the next day's shooting. It is a fine idea before starting a picture to have an advance copy of the script, then by studying it carefully all scenes which included the dog, many hours and sometimes hundreds of pounds can be saved.

Next time you see a dog film, watch the dog carefully. Watch in particular his eyes, and don't be a bit surprised if you find that they are focused off screen; they will, in fact, be on the trainer.

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Does Rin-Tin-Tin watch the camera of his trainer?