

# The Shepherd News

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At the Annual Meeting held on June 27th, 1961 the retiring Office Bearers were re-elected unanimously. Three new Committee Members were elected namely the Simmons Family, we extend a really warm welcome to Mr. & Mrs. Simmons and Ian who are so keenly interested in the Club to be willing to travel in from Wallington to attend our Meetings.

Office Bearers and Committee for 1961/62 are as follows:-

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Mrs. Reid.  
Mr. F. Lehrman.  
Mr. E. Herwig.  
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Mr. Simmons.  
Mr. Simmons Jnr.

We hope to be able to serve the Club during the next 12 months to all Members' satisfaction and justify their confidence in reselecting us for a further term.



### Deaf Dog is Lip-reader

After two weeks' training a 16-month-old Dalmatian who was born deaf, is starting to lip-read.

His name is Prince, he has never been able to hear a command or a word of praise, and he was sent to the Hertfordshire kennels of Britain's National Canine Defence League two weeks ago as a problem dog.

His Buckinghamshire owner wanted Prince destroyed to save him from the loneliness of a silent world.

But the kennels superintendent Mr. F. Pettit, said "Prince is starting to catch on to lip-reading. By using facial expressions and talking to him with accentuated lip movements, he has learned to understand what I am saying to him".

Mr. Pettit, who in 25 years of dog training, has never before had the chance to rehabilitate a deaf dog, is trying to persuade Prince's owner to change his mind and let the dog live.

"For people who are deaf, life can be lonely enough. For a dog, who is no more than a pup, a strange, isolated world can be pure hell" Mr. Pettit said.

Into that empty void he is trying to bring happiness and understanding. But if Prince had to die he would never know if the experiment would have succeeded.

Mr. Pettit is going to make every effort to save Prince for he feels sure he will succeed in helping him.

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### Brisbane wants Dogs of "Quality"

The City Council was told yesterday that Brisbane could develop into a "mongrel dog city" - "We're not the only ones with problems"!

Alderman Ord said this would happen unless people who bred dogs were exempted from a proposal to reduce the number of dogs in each house from four to two.

He spoke under privilege to a statement on Saturday by the health committee chairman who said there were too many strays.

Two categories were proposed mongrel dogs and pedigree and show dogs. He said many people felt that if a rule of two dogs applied to all houses there would be no breeding of pedigreed dogs in Brisbane. People who kept dogs for show purposes did not let their dogs stray.

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Talking of Pedigrees - I've heard of a pedigree "as long as your arm" - but has anyone seen this advertisement

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### Shamed:

Ken, a German Shepherd police dog, has been suspended from duty with the Police Force at Omaha, Nebraska, for conduct unbecoming a police dog.

The dog had been trained to handle intruders and troublemakers, but he was chased out of a house last week - by a cat.

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## "DOG MENACE"

Members have no doubt noticed the growing number of news items regarding the "danger" of our dogs.

The Police have in fact become so concerned about the growing number of straying dogs - particularly "Alsations" as they call them, making attacks on children and adults, that approaches have been made to Councils seeking them to raise points for amendments to the Dog Act in Parliament. This could mean higher Registration Fees and perhaps other restrictions if they are successful.

With these possibilities in view and the grave concern felt by Victorian German Shepherd Club and Geelong German Shepherd Club (the only two German Shepherd Clubs in Victoria) a special meeting was called by the Vic. Shepherd Club to which our Club were invited to attend.

Main concern is felt about irresponsible Shepherd owners whose fault it is really for allowing their dogs to become a menace, not forgetting the owners of other breeds who allow their dogs to stray.

A number of letters from various Metropolitan and Country Councils were read in which the general opinion was that the Registration Fee be raised, some suggesting as high as £30 - this we know is quite ridiculous as it will do nothing to reduce the problem, but will mean that Shepherds will be turned out onto the streets in the hundreds by their "loving masters" to fend for themselves.

What would happen then!

There were also a number of Press cuttings read for and against Shepherds.

The Meeting decided that a letter be drafted jointly from the Vic. Shepherd & Geelong Shepherd Clubs and sent to every Council in the State of Victoria for tabling at their Meetings.

This letter will endeavour to point out to Councils their own responsibility in enforcing the existing Dog Act and thereby take action to curb the dog menace.

A number of suggestions will be outlined also which the Clubs feel will help to overcome the problem in general and demonstrate our willingness to co-operate in stamping out the problem. More details will be advised later.

We call upon every Member to abide by the Dog Act as it now stands. No dog is permitted to be on the street alone unless muzzled; or without a muzzle but under adequate control of a person by means of a chain or leash. There should be adequate fencing on an owners property to prevent the dog getting into the street but to allow the dog adequate freedom on his own property without the necessity of chaining.

Members are also advised that NO Council is permitted to charge more than the existing Registration Fee of £3 (10/- Council Fee plus £2.10.0 Government Fee) unless an Act of Parliament is passed to enable them to do so. It could take up to 3 years for such an Act to be brought before Parliament and passed. Therefore Shepherd owners are not obliged to pay anything in excess of £3, although we believe some have already been asked to do so.



- AROUND THE TRIALS -

Since the last issue of Shepherd News I have visited several Trials in suburban area the first at

BOX HILL

This was run by the Victorian Obedience Dog Club at which 52 dogs were entered, it was good to see the numbers increasing once again.

The ground was in good condition and the Club's organization made the Trial run really smoothly.

Mr. Cabena who Judged Open Class made special mention of the splendid performance on the part of Mr. Crocket and his Border Collie Khan who scored the possible 250 points. Mr. Cabena stated that to judge a dog who worked in such complete harmony with his master was a sheer joy.

Mrs. Abrahams, Secretary of the Club thanked the Geelong Members for their attendance although there no dogs entered from Geelong and extended her good wishes to our Club. At a future Geelong Trial, Mrs. Abrahams has kindly offered to donate a Trophy for the Highest Points awarded to the Toy Breeds among our Training Members.

PRESTON

The weather really turned on a freezer for the Coburg Obedience Dog Club, soon after the commencement the sky opened up and poured - pure ice water - there must have been some very close, it felt like it.

This didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the dogs or their handlers for a good entry turned up, particularly in the Novice Dog group. This made a very late finish and trophies were presented almost in the dark.

A very good feature of the Club's organization was the Public Address system which was a great help in getting the entrants up to the ring on time, thus eliminating time wasting delays looking for entrants; but was not so loud as to disturb dogs working. The whole setup was very efficient indeed.

GEELONG

Then of course it was our turn with an entry of 35 dogs, unfortunately several had to be scratched leaving a field of 32.

One of our young Training Members had an upsetting experience on the morning of the Trial when her Scotch Collie was knocked by a car near the Training Ground - although the injury proved to be slight, nevertheless she was unable to enter and was very disappointed.

In the Novice Dog class during the "Long Drop" a young Boxer gave a perfect exhibition of jumping - over all of the other dogs but one, naturally every dog jumped up in fright. Actually in had a funny side but with C.D. points hanging to it, no one felt like laughing just then. I believe that was the Boxer's 3rd performance.

Mrs. Reid's Armando Brunhilde tied with Mr. Stubbs' Glentory Pilita with a score of 89 - in a run off Mrs. Reid's dog won the trophy.

Trophy winners were :-

Novice Dog: Mr. Devereaux' Retriever  
Kurli Black Coon.

Novice (B): Mrs. Reid's Shepherd  
Armando Brunhilde

Open: Mr. I. McKenzie's Shepherd Teena.  
U.D.: Mr. H. Bellott's " Rintee.



Around the Trials (Cont'd) . . .

BURNLEY PARK - RICHMOND

This Trial held by the Vic. Shepherd Club was very badly organized according to those who attended.

In addition to a late start, the ground was in very bad condition, covered in weed 8 - 10" high and liberally scattered with broken glass.

It appeared that no preparation whatsoever had been made.

Unfortunately one dog - Mrs. Rankin's Goldie gashed his paw on some of this glass and had to be withdrawn.

It seems that some standard should be set by the Trial Advisory Committee to which all Clubs must adhere, in regard to ground condition as this is not the first bad ground on which a Trial has been conducted.

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LADIES SOCIAL COMMITTEE

It is hoped to resume the Ladies Social Club meetings again soon, with the approach of better weather it won't be so hard to leave the fireside to attend.

Several very successful dances have been held in the past year and quite a lot of material has been made towards the holding of a fete at some future date.

As we all know the back bone of every Club is its Ladies Social Committee so we would like to see the wives and girl friends of our male members along at these meetings where they can be assured of a very warm welcome. Any additional information can be obtained from the President - Mrs. Ivy Rankin who is in regular attendance at the Training Ground.

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Mr. Jock Spoor, whom you will recall judged at our last Trial, was to conduct a Film Night and Lecture on Dog Training, to which our Club Members were invited to attend.

However two nights before the lecture, thieves broke into his home and stole, among other things, the case containing all Mr. Spoor's photographic equipment and films.

Mr. Spoor is very distressed at the loss, there are many, many hours of patient work in the missing films - which would be of no real value to the thief but priceless to the loser. We sincerely hope that his property is soon recovered intact.

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Fred Lehrman is a great ambassador for our Club, both at home and overseas, at the moment he is carrying on the good work in Brisbane. Fred never loses an opportunity to promote good will among Clubs and assist in any way he can.

On attending training at the Brisbane German Shepherd Club he received a very warm welcome and was invited to take a class of beginners for training.

This Club is very young and was glad of the interest shown, on July 15th the club held its Annual C/Ship Show judged by Mr. Burnell of Sydney - the entry was very large and of good stock. On the same day the Club held its first Obedience trial with 15 dogs also judged by Mr. Burnell.

Fred was also invited to the inaugural meeting of the Obedience Dog Club of Brisbane, formed from the Brisbane Shepherd Club. After the election of officials, he extended best wishes and congratulations on the formation of the new club on our Club's behalf.

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