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THE GEELONG GERMAN SHEPHERD & OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB
NEWSLETTER NO.4

Well members yet another successful trial was held on our grounds. The weather left no reason for excuse by competitors. It was virtually dog and handler togetherness which won on the day. I believe however, that some rings were inconvenienced with the noise level from across the road; but like the train noise we have to live with it.

To all those members who succeeded despite noise distraction, congratulations! To those who didn't quite make it this time, have another try; remember we have a further Trial on July 7th, and maybe that will be your special day.

To the committee members who performed as a team to help prepare the club rooms and the grounds, thank you from us all. To those many other helpers both before and on the day, thank you, your continued support is appreciated and needed to help mould the feeling of Club pride into all of us.

To the people who contributed food items for the stall, thank you, the profit margin this time was \$10.00 as the debits exceeded the normal running costs.

Now on a more serious note regarding the Trial, there is a point what should not have to be spoken about, but obviously needs to have some comment on, and that is "ring behaviour". I realise at times at training sessions we encourage feedback whether it be serious or in jest, BUT in the ring you respect the Judge (whoever he or she may be) and do not back chat or argue.

In other words you speak only "when you are spoken to"! If you feel you have a grievance, bring it to the attention of a Club Official and they will seek arbitration on the matter away from the ring. At all trials there is one senior Judge for the day, and it is their function to arbitrate should it be necessary. REMEMBER, once you are in the ring you are on show, and your behaviour should be an "asset" to the Club, not a "deficit". We should all maintain respect when we are at trials, within or without of the Club.

Well the stork is working overtime in our Club this year, (how many power strikes did we have last year?).

Phyl. Bergin is a proud grandmother again as her daughter Jenny (Hassett) has brought a playmate into the household for "Scatty". Congratulations to all.

The opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Editor or the Geelong German Shepherd & Obedience Dog Club.

Any members interested in our Club "DISPLAY TEAM" please see Graham Douglas or Jan Boeyen for further details of commitments and training sessions.

IT IS AN ACT OF COURTESY IF MEMBERS ADVISE THEIR RESPECTIVE TRAINERS WHEN THEY ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND WEEKLY CLASSES FOR ANY REASON, BE IT OTHER COMMITMENTS OR DUE TO ILL HEALTH ON THE HANDLERS OR DOGS PART. TO ASSIST MEMBERS TO DO THIS THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF TRAINERS AND THEIR TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

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MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT CLASSES COMMENCE AT 7.00P.M. DURING DAYLIGHT SAVING ON A WEDNESDAY EVENING, AND FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR, 9.30A.M. ON SUNDAY. ARRIVAL AT CLASSES ON TIME IS A COURTESY THAT SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO ALL TRAINERS, AND/OR ASSISTANTS.

USE OF THE ADJACENT LAND FOR EXERCISING DOGS PRIOR TO AND AFTER TRAINING

The Club does not own this land but the Shire Permit our usage of same. However, it only takes one loose dog to start a fight that could develop into an all in brawl with the numbers of dogs that are let run free there. The other problem with dogs running loose is that they may easily knock a child, or adult over. So please members, unless you have got a dog that is up to full Novice standard and is under control whilst off lead, LEAVE YOUR LEADS ON. Remember even the trial dogs are not always friendly to other dogs, and it only takes the right set of events for them to want to join in a melee too. So be kind to your dogs and to other people, keep them under control whilst in the paddock in order that we can all continue to use this facility. If you want to let your dog run free before training, do it on the way somewhere, I DO!

ALL members are required to wear their current membership cards on them whilst in the rings, and failure to do this means a trip to the Secretary's table to get 'spotted' for the day.

THE 13TH NATIONAL GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG SHOW AND OBEDIENCE TRIAL APRIL 5, 6 & 7

The show and trial were held over three days. On Friday in the show ring were minor puppy dog/bitch; also junior dog/bitch. In the trial ring you had novice dog/bitch plus some open dog/bitch. The weather stayed great for the whole three days.

The show started at 9.30a.m., and the obedience trial was scheduled to start at 9.00a.m. but it was 9.45a.m. before anything got started.

In the trials in New South Wales it seems if you don't get a qualifying score in any one of the exercises, the Judge tells you that you can leave the ring. If however, you wish to continue and complete the remainder of the exercises the Judge does not write your marks on the score sheet. This happens in all of the trial rings. If you do not receive a qualifying score before the sits and downs, you cannot complete the rest of the exercises, as only qualifying dogs go into these exercises.

At 11.30a.m. on Friday judging in all rings stopped for the official opening by the Mayor. The Judges for the show and trial were introduced to the exhibitors. Lunch was then taken until 1.00p.m.

For anyone who hasn't been to a specialist show, be it a National, Championship or Open Parade it is something to see. No matter what the age of the dog be it minor puppy or open dog, you have people running around the outside of the ring calling their dog. Some have whistles and squeaky babies rubber toys just to get their dogs to pull that little bit harder.

We didn't see much of the Obedience trial on Saturday as we were in the show ring. The final judging on Sunday was watched by a large crowd. A dog in the Open class took off top show honours, and he was from Victoria. They judged the Winner of Winners in the Obedience rings, but wouldn't tell who had won till the show had finished. Two from Novice class scored 190 and were awarded excellent medallions. One open dog was sitting on a score of 190 pass but "blew it", by handler's mistake on the three minute sit. She mixed the hand signals up and the dog was starting to drop, so she got hold of the correction chain to stop the dog from dropping. Cost her 30points and missed out on an excellent medallion.

Written by Maureen Friars

(Maureen and husband Ken took their two dogs, Baron and Boris along to compete in this Obedience trial over Easter. To the credit of Maureen, who had just obtained her final Geelong Obedience Certificate the week prior to Easter with Boris, they teamed together and obtained their first pass towards C.D. Congratulations to them both.)

WOULD ALL MEMBERS WHO CHANGE THEIR ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBERS PLEASE
ADVISE THE TREASURER IN ORDER THAT THE CLUB RECORDS ARE UP TO DATE.

OUR OLD DOG

He lurks under the table, as quiet as a mouse,
Even friends don't know he is in the house,
But when they've gone, he ventures out
And then he starts to prowl about.

With head held low, he snuffles around,
Hungry for food - and when this is found,
He sucks it in, with a noisy breath
Scaring the lot of us, half to death.

He moans and groans, howls and shrieks,
As though he hasn't been fed for weeks,
The noise he makes quite drowns the sound
Of the telephone when I lead him around.

He searches each room, but in the lounge
Finds with disgust, there's no food to scrounge,
So he grabs a mat, and won't let go,
I sometimes wonder if he is friend or foe.

He goes beserk when it is time for bed,
To quieten him down, I should step on his head,
But I've grown to love him over the years,
And when the time is done, I'll shed a few tears.

Written by Beris Armstrong

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- 23.5 "Any member who is entitled to vote at the ANNUAL General Meeting, but unable to attend will be entitled to apply to the Secretary for a postal vote in respect only of the election of Officers and ordinary Committee members. Application for a postal vote must be in writing and lodged with the Secretary at least fourteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Secretary will forward a ballot paper initialled by the President and one other Committee member appointed by the Committee to each applicant. Members to whom ballot papers are posted will under no circumstances be given a second ballot paper. Completed ballot papers are to be returned to the Secretary at or prior to the meeting in envelopes endorsed, "Ballot Papers". These envelopes shall be handed (unopened), to the Returning Officer officiating at the poll."

THIS IS AN ADVERTISEMENT LISTED IN THE JULY 28,1877 PAPER "THE AUSTRALASIAN".

MR.JOHN LAY,M.P.S.,Vic., stated that having made canine pathology his study, and from testimonials that he had in his possession, he could testify the never failing efficacy of his DOG MEDICINES. He could recommend to all sporting men as a speedy and safe cure of KATALEPRA (Mange specific), worms; that his worm powder would also cure distemper.

This article appeared recently in "THE SUN" Newspaper

PET LOVERS SEEK REPRIEVE

TOKYO, Mon.,AFP -

Japan's animal lovers are opposing the building of an animal protection centre with "gas chambers" able to kill 55,200 dogs and cats a year.

The pet lovers want the authorities to use the money instead on projects to induce pet owners to have their dogs and cats sterilised.

The \$5.8 million centre at Tomisato, in Chiba State, will be one of the largest of its kind in Japan when completed early next year.

Officials explained however, that the new centre was also a hospital for treating sick and wounded animals.

According to the Health and Welfare Ministry, there are an estimated 3.2 million pet dogs in Japan.

The number of pet cats is estimated at up to five million.

To the Editor,

As an Instructor I would like to thank my last class for their attendance, dedication, patience and friendliness. I wish you all well with your future training.

For all Instructors training a class means giving at least one and half hours of their time each week for approximately twenty weeks per class through all types of weather.

I believe that for most Instructors there is a great challenge and satisfaction in meeting new handlers and dogs and seeing them progress for approximately 20 weeks as a team, to hopefully become an obedient dog and confident handler at the end of that period.

During the training sessions you have the opportunity to mix and make friends with both handlers and dogs, which I believe is very rewarding for the Instructors.

I would like to hope that maybe you people who have trained your dogs through to novice standard may be interested in becoming an instructor yourself.

I am sure you would find instructing personally satisfying and rewarding. So please remember that without up and coming instructors there could well be no Geelong German Shepherd & Obedience Dog Club in the future. All interested people please speak to Bruce Cairns, the Training Supervisor, or your Instructor for more details. WE NEED YOU!

Colin Humphrey's

IMPORTANT

To all new members (and as a reminder to the oldies), all notices relating to the Club are inserted in the LIVESTOCK column of "The Geelong Advertiser". Such notices inform members when there is to be a change of venue for the training sessions, i.e. in times of flooding, and also foretell of Special General Meetings or Annual General Meetings. So it pays to look through this column on Saturday mornings.

ATTENTION

We all know the good work that the GEELONG ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY does and how it has helped a lot of people and animals in the past; well now they require help themselves and maybe you might be of assistance.

The Society runs an after hours injured animal pick up service for the Geelong area and are in need of someone who can handle animals e.g. dogs, cats, etc., to be on call mainly on Saturday afternoons in case there is need to pick one of these unfortunate animals up and take them to the Vet. for treatment. If you think you can help please contact me for more information.

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THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

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The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia has requested that we bring this notice to the attention of all club members.

If you wish to order any of the above items, please see either the club Secretary or Treasurer.

The most annoying noise of all is the voice of a person who won't shut up and let you speak.

DOG'S IMAGE(Cont..d)

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| Dog sleep | - light and restless |
| Dog's life | - a miserable existence |
| Dog tired | - worn out, weary |
| Dog hole | - habitation fit only for dogs |
| Gay dog | - prone to outward show (at least he's better off than the rest) |

It's little wonder that the dog image in our community is not as high as it should be. Maybe we should compile a list of more suitable expressions.

Written by Phyl Bergin

Members are reminded that ALL trial scores, whether you were successful or not should be handed in to the Secretary. That is the TOTAL points you scored that day, not what they were made up of. There is a special points system operated by the Club which is totalled up at the end of the year, and from this Awards are made to both the highest registered dog/bitch and to the highest associate dog/bitch. It is not awarded necessarily to the person who obtained high scores at different trials, so do yourself a favour and remember. Santa Claus may just come early.

Boys will be boys - and so will a lot of middle aged men.

Life wasn't meant to be easy - but does it have to be so darned hard!!!

Some people worry about nothing - especially when it is in the bank.

Kisses may not spread germs, but they certainly do lower resistance.

The only thing worth putting on a horse was Lady Godiva.

STOP THAT PUPPY NOW(Cont..d)

There are people one simply dare not go near; step past a dog at the club and instantly it is on your dog, and you are told you should have known better as Pip or Pat or Pop always does that. Okay, but I have a different breed and to me Pip or Pat or Pop all look alike because they are all the same breed, and as I am a bit late and want to pay and start working, I am not going to stop and peer at one particular tied-up dog to see if it's got one white paw or two white paws or a black and white nose, so that I know whether I dare walk past close or have to cross on the other side of the room as it will jump out like a lunatic. Which in fact it probably is. Normal dogs don't behave like that.

There is always the odd occasion on which even the most placid dog may turn; and that is why I dislike children rushing up to my dogs and stroking them without permission. Our old Airedale, who was the gentlest of dogs, was set on by the neighbourhood menace and developed a vast abscess on his thigh. One day, a child patted him from behind and he turned on the child; he did no more than snap, as he was leashed and I was able to forestall disaster.

A dog that is shocked in an accident may bite, not knowing what it is doing; often road accidents to one's own dog will result in the dog biting when you go to help it; a strange dog is even more likely to bite, but again this is something else again. The dog has reverted to the wild, due to shock.

Dogs often reflect their owners; a relaxed owner has a relaxed dog. I wonder what seething turmoil hides behind the bland face of those who have consistently snappy dogs? Come to that, in case you think I am unpleasant to some of you, I have one very wary dog and one total extrovert that trusts everybody and every dog, and sometimes suffers for it.

It's not that simple of course. But one thing is simple; if a dog attacks another dog, then both dogs must be punished. I'm tired of giving my fellow a good shake when he didn't start the fight, while the owner looks on blandly and says "Oh he doesn't like your dog. You'll have to mind you don't come too near."

A dog can't be trusted in society and shouldn't be there at all unless the owner is prepared to use the opportunity to make the dog realise that he doesn't go bald headed for other dogs; he learns to conform and behave.

A shake and a NO in a furious voice is all that is needed for a normal dog. And if it isn't normal, it isn't fit to live. I love my dogs and life would be hell without them, but if either shows any sign of vice, that's it.

Thanks to those members who continue to supply articles for this issue of our Newsletter.

Remember if you do have anything to submit please hand it to me as soon as possible as this makes it easier to spread out the typing required.

The "Newsletter" is published every two months and distributed at the last training session for that month, i.e. 26/5; 28/7; 29/9 and 27.11.

Elaine Longshaw

TRIAL CALENDAR AND TRIAL NEWS

JUNE

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| 10 | Open | Murray Valley Obedience Dog Club | Closed |
| 30 | Open | German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria | Closing date 16th June |

JULY

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| 7 | Open & Associate | <u>GEEELONG GERMAN SHEPHERD & OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB</u> | Closing Date 23rd June |
| 21 | Open | Victorian Obedience Dog Club | Closing date 7th July |
| 27) | Open & Associate | Red Cliffs Ladies Kennel & Obedience Dog Club | Closing date 13th July |
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| 28) | Open & Associate | Red Cliffs Ladies Kennel & Obedience Dog Club | Closing date 13th July |

Well LISA MCPHEE obtained a third place at the recent Sherbrook Trial in ENCOURAGEMENT with her dog "Emma", congratulations to you both.

GEEELONG TRIAL

To those members of the Club who obtained places and the only member who obtained a pass, we extend our congratulations for a job well done.

ENCOURAGEMENT

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| Miss Lisa McPhee | "Greathart Rapture" (Emma) | G.S. | <u>2ND PLACE</u> |
| Miss Gaye Buchter | "Cherbeau Ellyna" (Schondi) | G.S. | <u>3RD PLACE</u> |

ASSOCIATE ENCOURAGEMENT

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| Miss Karen McNaught | TAI | Kelpie | <u>2ND PLACE</u> |
| D.L. McLachlan | SHAY | G.S.x | <u>3RD PLACE</u> |

OPEN BITCH

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| Mrs. Marie Elliott | "Shepholme Storm Song" (Kelly) | G.S. | <u>PASS</u> 4th Place |
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UTILITY DOG

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| Mr. Graham Douglas | "Pandoway Justus" (Shilo) | G.S. | <u>2ND PLACE</u> |
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NOMINATION FORM

Nominations are required for ALL Committee positions. There must be only one nomination per form.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON ~~JULY 2ND~~ ^{THUR OCT.} SO COMPLETED NOMINATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SECRETARY ON OR BEFORE ~~JUNE 11~~ ^{13th Sep.} BY HAND OR MAIL

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MEMBERS CAN COMPLETE ONE OR ALL OF THE ABOVE NOMINATION SLIPS, BUT REMEMBER IF THEY ARE NOT FILLED IN COMPLETELY THEY WILL BE INVALID. THE ~~JUNE 11~~ ^{13th Sep.} RETURN DATE IS 21 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AS PER INCORPORATION RULES.