

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.

NEWSLETTER NO.16

Firstly, once again welcome to all new members receiving your first Club Newsletter. This is currently produced bi-monthly and attempts to let you know both the results of past activities within the Club, current activities, and of course what we have already scheduled for the future.

Normally the Newsletter would start off with a glowing report of our recent trial and special Agility Display. However, I think there is a matter far more important to get across, hence the following.

If you DON'T listen to talks by Veterinary personnel; if you DON'T come to special lecture/film nights run specifically for you; if you DON'T read the K.C.C. Gazette; if you DON'T even like reading the Newsletter right through, DO YOUR DOG A FAVOUR AND READ THIS FIRST ARTICLE THROUGH AT LEAST!!

BEWARE - HEARTWORM HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITHIN THE GEELONG VICINITY

At our last General Meeting we had as our guest speaker, Dr. Rod Blake, Veterinarian whose topic was HEARTWORM. At this meeting Dr. Blake clearly demonstrated what happens when a dog is affected with HEARTWORM; the possible treatment if detected when the disease is in its infancy, and generally dispelling the myth that HEARTWORM only affected dogs living in tropical zones. IT IS TRANSMITTED BY MOSQUITOES ONLY. The mosquito bites an infected dog and then bites a previously unaffected dog and so the disease is perpetuated.

Dr. Blake also explained that although the disease had then reached as close as Melbourne's Eastern suburbs, the chances of dogs in our area getting it were remote as no dogs indigenous to the area had as yet been detected with Heartworm. There have been positive diagnoses in dogs brought into the area from outside areas. He suggested that for dogs that never leave our area, at this stage, it was not considered to be necessary to blood test these dogs, unless they left our area and went to shows or trials where they may meet a dog from an infected area. So it was up to those people showing and trialling, or travelling with their dogs, to make their own decision as to whether they wanted their dogs blood tested or not.

At the recent special evening that the Club organized, a representative from the Pfizer Pharmaceutical Co. came and gave an interesting talk on the various common forms of worms which are found in puppies and adult dogs and the preventative measures to be taken; and we were also shown an American film on HEARTWORM which showed the means of contracting the disease, the possible cure if found in its infancy, and the most important thing, PREVENTION.

PREVENTION is by giving your dog a special tablet each day, BUT before this lifetime of pill protection can be implemented, dogs have to have a blood test to determine whether or not the dog has any microfilariae which are the young worms already spreading through the blood supply and making their way up to the heart. Dogs that do have circulating microfilariae and are put onto preventative treatment are likely to have very severe, possibly fatal, reactions. The test cannot determine whether there is already an existing adult worm in the heart.

THE CYCLE OF INFECTION

The adult heartworm lies in the heart and lays enormous numbers of larvae called microfilariae. These microfilariae circulate in the blood stream and are picked up by feeding mosquitoes. The microfilariae continue their development within the mosquito and after about 14-21 days they are ready to

Currently there is a Veterinarian in Queensland working on a vaccine, but of course it may yet take many years for this to be formulated.

Remember though, once you do start your dog on tablets it is a DAILY doseage for the remainder of the dog's life.

If you have any doubts about this disease it is best you contact your own Veterinarian.

VALE

It is with sadness and deep regret that ANNE LINEEN passed away suddenly in early April. Anne was involved mainly in the centre ring with her dog MINUS a red curly coated retriever and participated in trials and working bees. Her husband Jock has now taken over with Minus's further education, but the loss is deeply felt by both. Our deepest sympathies to Jock and other family members.

ANY PERSON WHO WANTS TO PARTICIPATE IN AGILITY TRAINING IS REMINDED THAT THEY ARE EXPECTED TO HELP TO SET UP AND/OR DISMANTLE THE EQUIPMENT. ANY ABLE BODIED PERSON WHO CONTINUALLY SHIRKS THIS RESPONSIBILITY WITHOUT A REASONABLE EXCUSE, WILL BE REFUSED THE USE OF THIS EQUIPMENT.

STUART*****PHYL.BERGIN*****COLIN HUMPHREYS*****
(REMEMBER ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS MUST BE IN CLASS 4 OR HIGHER.)

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PUBLIC AWARENESS MEETING

ON

"RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP"

Our Club will be holding a Programme on "Responsible Dog Ownership" on Wednesday 17th June, 1987 at 7.30p.m. at the Clubrooms. The duration of the meeting will be approximately two hours. There will be no charge for admittance.

This programme is being put on as a Community Service and is open to the general public so your Committee would like all members to get behind us and publicise it wherever possible.

Of course, Clubmembers are invited to attend, and we will welcome your friends, relations, neighbours or anyone interested in dogs and dog care.

Perhaps you have a neighbour who needs a little education regarding their responsibilities as a dog owner - bring them along.

The format for the programme will be as follows:-

1. Selecting the correct dog to suit individual circumstances - Club President, Graham Douglas to speak on this subject.
2. The importance of correct nutrition and health care, including annual inoculations, regular worming and possible signs of illness, etc. Speaker - Dr. J. Ayerbe, Veterinary Surgeon.
3. The sociological responsibility regarding dog ownership, including responsibilities under the Dog Act and Council By-laws. Our speaker for this segment is Mr. Steve Nelson from the Shire of Bellarine. This will be accompanied by a film, "Led Astray".
4. The benefits of an Obedience Trained Dog, - accompanied by a short film.
5. The results of dog neglectfulness and cruelty as seen by the R.S.P.C.A. - speaker Mrs. Olive Ransby - President of the Geelong Branch of the R.S.P.C.A.
6. The load placed on Animal Welfare Societies and the traumas of euthanasia. This will be covered by a representative of the Geelong Animal Welfare Society.

PLEASE GIVE THIS YOUR SUPPORT.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask me.

Lesley Gaylard
Vice President

TRIAL RESULTSKNOX

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| Len Richards | Kelly (German Shepherd) | ASSOC. NOVICE 1st PASS |
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NORTHERN

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| Maria Elliott | Shepholme Mantilla (Jenna) (German Shepherd) | NOVICE 1st PASS |
| | and highest scoring Geelong dog Registered | |
| Sue Cavill | Tara (Australian Cattle Dog) | ASSOC. NOVICE 2nd PASS |
| | and highest scoring Geelong dog Associate | |

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| Len Richards | Kelly (German Shepherd) | ASSOC. NOVICE 2nd PASS |
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| Roger Nation | Gemnee Amber (Amber) (German Shepherd) | NOVICE 2nd Place 3RD PASS | <u>C.D.</u> |
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Once again ROGER NATION won the perpetual trophy for the Highest Scoring Novice Qualifying Geelong Dog. Congratulations - you worked for it!

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| Pauline Holland | Sansouci Dreaming On (Sam) (Standard Poodle) | NOVICE 3rd PASS | <u>C.D.</u> |
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| L YNNE ELLIS | Rokeena Lord Forbes (Joshua) (Gordon Setter) | NOVICE 1st PASS |
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This was certainly a long hard road to travel, but you have now reached the first stepping stone together - well done!

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| Gary Mathews | Rambo (Collie Rough) | NOVICE ASSOC. 1st PASS |
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| Tammy Beckingham | Kara (German Shepherd) | ASSOC. ENC.. 3rd Place |
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| Christie Douglas | Xion Clarissa (Shannon) (German Shepherd) | U.D. 3rd Place |
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| Chris Linguey | Sonny (German Shepherd) | Highest Scoring Geelong Associate Dog |
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TRIAL RESULTS CONT.D.

Lisa McPhee Greathart Rapture (Emma)
 (German Shepherd)
 Highest Scoring Geelong Registered Dog

OVENS VALLEY

Elaine Janes Jessica U.D. ASSOC.
 (Labrador) 1st Place

Congratulations to all these triallers and to those whose name didn't make it this time, keep 'hanging on in there'.

GEELONG TRIAL

To all those people who helped at the Working Bees, who helped steward, who helped in the canteen, who helped fill the canteen, the groundsmen and women, the catalogue typist, the vetist, raffle stewards, points scorers THANK YOU for making the last trial a success and we look forward to your continued support for our next trial which is in July.

Whilst discussing the Trial running in a Committee meeting, a motion was passed as regards serving on the stall. No children under the age of 15 years are permitted in this area.

DISPLAY TEAM

The last two scheduled displays were aborted because of persistent deluges.

Further details regarding becoming part of this team can be obtained from Jan Boeyen. Eligible participants must be in Class 4 or higher.

DISPLAY REPORT

Well, what can I say!!!

Something (or someone) up there is definitely against us.

The Salvation Army Kardinia (especially Heidi Wane) went to enormous ends to put on a wonderful fair, our Club being one of the major displays for the "doggie" people and children wishing to learn how to be responsible and caring dog owners.

The day (Saturday 16th May) was WET and in fairness to the team, the display was cancelled, as the grounds, although in excellent condition were just too waterlogged for either display or agility.

Thanks must go to the four handlers and dogs who did help in putting on a "Basic Obedience Mini Display" in the 15-20 minutes the sun decided to show itself.

Thank you very much to the team (fools,) who did attend training on that morning, all prepared to at least "give it a go".

NEXT TIME!!!!

In appreciation of our effort, The Salvation Army gave us GOODO'S and SMACKO'S for the dogs in the display team.

JAN BOEYEN

The stickers 'A puppy is forever, not just for Christmas' can be bought in a small version from the R.S.P.C.A. for 0.750. The Club is however, ordering some in a larger version and we will let you know when they become available.

AVAILABLE NOW

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| Car Stickers with G.O.D.C. | \$2.50 | from front office |
| Badges (Cloth) | \$3.00 | or shop |

KNOTS CORNER

Congratulations to two of our members on their recent engagement - Brian Gardner and Bernie Barnett. Actually with three dogs of different breeds between them I think they are really setting up multi-racial kennels! Anyway to you both, may your future together be a rewarding one.

Club Calendar

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| June 2nd | GENERAL MEETING |
| 8.00P.M. | Please bring a plate. |
| June 27th | WORKING BEE |
| July 11th | WORKING BEE |
| July 12th | GEELONG OPEN TRIAL |
| *September 13th | AGILITY TRIAL* |

WE ARE HAVING THE FIRST VICTORIAN AGILITY TRIAL ON 13.9.87

JUDGES -
Registered Dogs
Associate Dogs

MR.D.KELLEY
MRS.U.MAY

LIBRARY NEWS

HOW TO BE YOUR DOG'S BEST FRIEND--A Training Manual for Dog Owners

"I have ever gained much pleasure from the books that made me think the most."

Such a book was, "How to be your Dog's Best Friend", written by the monks of the New Skete Monastery in U.S.A., who support themselves by breeding, raising and training dogs.

In very readable language, we are given an insight into every phase of dog ownership, the nature of the dog, its psychological and emotional needs, its behaviour patterns and training. Professional tips on problem solving are interesting, e.g. massage for dogs as a calming influence. Throughout the book a tremendous depth of affection for animals is evident.

The complexities of modern life, lack of space and close proximity of others have caused us to cling closer to our canine friends. But, do we realize they are also experiencing the same pressures? Do we listen to what our dogs are saying? Or, are we continually talking, shouting and bombarding them with noise. The language of silence is a God given gift to animals for its own sake. Communication from your dog is honest if we only take the time to receive it. Communication from humans is complicated too often by the spoken word, which does not necessarily express what we really feel.

Understanding is the real key to communication if the owner wishes to reach beyond the mechanics of formal obedience, to an appreciation and respect for the animal companion.

One small criticism of the book is that sufficient warning was not given to owners of over possessive or aggressive dogs who allow them to sleep in their bedroom. This can only increase these tendencies particularly if the owner is ill.

Phyl. Bergin
Librarian

Recommended retail price \$42.00 (Available from club library)

CLOSING DATES FOR OBEDIENCE TRIALS

1.5.87
10.5.87
17.5.87
24.5.87
28.6.87

Wangaratta K.&O.D.C.
Croydon & District O.D.C.
Keilor O.D.T.C.Inc.
Ballarat & District O.D.C.
Geelong O.D.C.

I wonder what your homes and yards look like.

Are there cigarette butts all over your floors and chairs and behind your loos?

Have the walls of your house changed colour because your dogs urinate on them?

Jan Boeyen (Hall Manager)
("Sadie")

For those of you a little confused at present as to why you didn't get a change of Instructor after four weeks, it is due to the fact that this month has five Sundays in operation. So we really started off the new program with an exception to the rule.

INSTRUCTORS

It is essential that members receiving instruction learn the names of their respective Instructors and that you extend them the courtesy of notifying them if you are unable to attend for any reason. If your dog is ill you can still come along and listen to and watch what is happening in your class.

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| Charlie Bartolo | 43 8753 |
| Robert Beckingham | 48 5472 |
| Tammy Beckingham | 48 5472 |
| Phyl. Bergin | 48 4746 |
| Jan Boeyen | 78 2148 |
| Johnny Boeyen | 78 2148 |
| Be x Meinhard Brieberg | 78 2296 |
| Cath Davies | 21 6819 |
| Maree Elliott | 43 5340 |
| Carol Gillham | 9 4119 |
| Maureen Friars | 75 2993 |
| Colin Humphreys | 50 2104 |
| Stuart Innes | 75 7778 |
| Brian Kern | 77 0135 |
| Lisa McPhee | 78 3036 |
| Brian Moore | - |
| Roma Roscoe | 43 7464 |
| Marj. Wright | 43 5791 |

Remember our WEEKLY raffle. Tickets obtainable from the Raffle Steward inside the Clubhouse. All future proceeds from this will go towards our Building Appeal.

CHANGING LAWS - In the Act of many years standing regarding German Shepherds it stated that these dogs must be muzzled when in public.

Finally, the Law makers have realized that the German Shepherd is no more aggressive than many other breeds and the Act was repealed on 25.11.86 which means the only dogs required to be muzzled in public are Greyhounds.

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Members are advised that the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986 (Assented to 20 May 1986) was gazetted in March 1987.

Section 9 (1) reads:

CRUELTY: Crops the ears of or debarks a dog, except if that operation is done on the advice of a Veterinary Surgeon and for the purpose of having a therapeutic or prophylactic effect on the dog;

commits an act of cruelty upon that animal and is guilty of an offence.

PENALTY: For a first offence - 10 penalty units or imprisonment for three months.

Members may not realise but there are several breeds of dogs that have their ears cropped in overseas standards, i.e. Dobermann, Boxer and Great Dane being three of the more popular breeds. No dog in Australia with cropped ears is permitted to trial for an Obedience Title, nor are most breeds allowed in the Showring.

So if you see a young dog with cropped ears ask the person attached to the lead (I hope) where and who cropped the ears as obviously they can be penalized. You are still allowed to import dogs with cropped ears into the country however for breeding purposes.

BUY A BRICK

Mention has been made many times of the Club's need to expand the building to give internal access to the toilets and to enlarge the storeroom facilities. Like most things - it costs! The council has passed a grant to the Club and with our current savings we have \$5,900 - our target is \$9,500.

So in order to obtain extra funding we are selling bricks; or rather if you donate \$5.00 you are in effect buying yourself a brick. The completed project will have a board near it with the names of those contributors on it.

If you can't afford the price of a full brick, half a brick will do or ANY contribution you can make is welcome.

DID YOU KNOW?

NEW ZEALAND Annartic Huskies faced the death sentence - now they've been spared and spayed or neutered.

Mechanisation has taken over at Scott Base in Antartica and at first the Government wanted the dogs terminated because their diet was seal meat and that presented conservation problems.

However, the dogs were spared due to much publicity and they will be now weaned off their diet of seal meat; all neutered or spayed and allowed to die out naturally so ending years of tradition as the workers of the white lands.

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Antarctic Dogs Cont...d.

Recently I saw the film ANTARCTICA (on video) and this is a true story of the first Japanese dog team used. The dogs were left chained on their lines when the first Japanese party completed their tour of duty, but due to unfavourable weather conditions and problems with pack ice, the next team of personnel could not be landed and the dogs were left totally alone and chained. The film shows just what confronted those dogs that were left; their hardship and suffering to try and survive and the torment of the men who left them behind. It was a year before another party was landed at that base and the miracle was that TWO dogs had actually managed to stay alive.

A sad film to watch, but one in which you can learn a lot about the behaviour and instincts of dogs.

It is hoped that up to date information is provided by the Committee members in respect to each's designated responsibility. Sometimes however, these summaries are not available and so I endeavour to give you a board overview, and sometimes I'm not altogether correct, so don't blame your Committee for my mistakes. Any reports by Committee members will bear their name at the end of the article. Therefore, all views expressed in this Newsletter may not always be that of the Committee.

Well the typewriter may be "new and healthy" bu this time round the fingers are "old and worn" so my apologies for typing inconsistencies.

Thanks to Jim Ball for running this copy of the Newsletter off.

Next Newsletter is due on the last training day of JULY.

Elaine Longshaw

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Fellow members,

We have now completed the first month of the revised training programme. All classes will be tested today, those of you who pass will move up to the next class. The method of selection and testing is under the control of the training supervisor.

June 17 is our public awareness night on promoting responsibilities of owning a dog. We are aiming our programme at those people who own a dog but are not aware of their responsibilities. If you know of someone in this situation you may wish to advise them either, through general discussion or by dropping a copy of the intended programme in their letter box. Programmes are available at our club.

On Monday May 18 the secretary and myself attended ^{The} Kennel Control Council annual secretary and presidents meeting. This club's main thrust was to inform the K.C.C. of the inequality within the kennel control councils charter towards their treatment of registered pure breed owners, and members of the associate register.

A motion was put to the meeting that associate members be given the opportunity to have a supplement in the K.C.C. gazette for their use. This would be for trial results and photo etc.

Although this motion was passed and carried by all obedience clubs in attendance, we were advised the controlling body will not oblige.

If associate members wish to take the matter further, they will need to organise themselves into a formidable group.

As you can see we ^{are} moving with our building extension. You have the opportunity of assisting in this project by providing your time and labour, or by a donation. See a committee member if you can assist.

On closing I again thank the people who carry out their elected tasks to keep this club operating. Without their efforts and support we would not be the leading dog club in Victoria.

PRESIDENT

Graham P. Douglas
30/5/87

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