

**Happiness is an Dog
Obedience Trained**

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.
NEWSLETTER NO.19

Greetings fellow dog lovers and trainers, this Newsletter is published for your convenience to let you know what is going on in the Club and when and who did what. It is a bi-monthly publication and this is the last for this year.

All articles written by your Committee have that person's name at the end of the article. All other opinions expressed in this Newsletter may not necessarily be those of the Club or Committee.

Contained herein is a list of your 1987/88 Committee which were elected at our October Annual General Meeting. It would be a good idea if you keep it on hand and should you have any queries about the Club or training you can contact the appropriate person direct. A list of Instructors appears also for your benefit.

Congratulations must go to two Club members who were presented with Life Memberships at our last Annual General Meeting. They are COLIN HUMPHREYS and ANTON PAPE; both these members having served the Club well and faithfully in the time they have been members. Well done gentlemen.

The Club FUN DAY/MEMBERS COMPETITION went off well despite being a very hot day and lots of aspiring trainers went home with ribbons and the luckier ones with a trophy. For those members who did not get a pass into the next class remember the old saying "if at first you don't succeed, try and try again". (These results appear further on in this issue. The amount of money raised from entries on this day was \$150.00 and this goes to the Guide Dogs of Victoria. So in all it was a pleasant and rewarding day.

Our last Open Obedience Trial for the year went off successfully even if Geelong competing members didn't fare too well in the final judgement.

To LISA McPHEE who had her first turn at being Trial Secretary - congratulations, it was a job well done, and a credit to the consistency of high standards this Club operates on.

To the folk who helped prepare for this trial in very many ways, thank you. Without YOU Club members who form the backbone of the Club the Club would be on its knees. To those old reliable FEW thank you. It is a pity to see so few do so much for so many. Let's make sure at our next trial in April that we see a lot of new faces helping some way in these preparations.

Our trial raffle for the day made a profit of \$160.00. Thanks to Anton who conducted it (and gave me the 2nd prize ticket).

Our canteen made a profit of \$150.00 on the day which is highly commendable considering there were only six or seven members who brought along something to sell at our cake and produce stall. Special thanks to one particular lady who contributed 80% of that same produce and spent all day on the Saturday cooking just for the Club. Our supplies for this stall were limited and was the poorest effort in this area that I've seen since I joined this Club - so let's see the cooks rectify this situation in April, as we've previously had a good reputation for our stalls.

A point that competitors and stewards alike should remember in the future which form part of the rules for the Conduct of Obedience Trials stipulates that you remain on the grounds until the completion of the Trial. A copy of this same booklet can be purchased from the Secretary at most times of the year and is of value to competitors and spectators alike.

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Training is drawing to an end for the year and everyone is reminded that the last evening of training is also the Club's Annual Presentation night. If you have trialled at all over the year in Novice Class or above, registered or unregistered, you are eligible to contest an award, and if you have gained an Obedience Title you will be presented with a Club Medallion if you give the necessary particulars to the Secretary as soon as you receive it.

So stay and support your classmates and have a convivial drink with them. Bring along some meat/fish or whatever and toss it on the Club BBQ and save a snag for Santa on Christmas Eve, (you know that saying - "feed the man meat").

May you all have a merry and safe Christmas and a Happy New Year and that Santa fulfils your wishes. Remember to include your training companion/s in all your festivities and to fill up their stocking too.

Remember too that training shouldn't stop at home during this break, but be sure when you do train that you do it early morning or in the evening and not in the heat of the day.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The storeroom is built and at the moment the fitting out inside is in progress. That entails the fixing of shelves and racks to store the equipment etc. It has been a great project and for the ones who are interested here is a breakdown of the costing.

Cost of building the storeroom		\$8000.00
Building fund account	\$3143.69	
Grant from City of South Barwon	2916.00	
Donations from Buy a Brick Appeal	373.00	
Proceeds from raffles	433.00	
Profit from Pie Drive	<u>636.00</u>	
total raised		<u>\$7501.69</u>
drawn from club funds		<u>\$ 498.31</u>

As one can see that with the help from the City of South Barwon and our own fund raising activities the project has not cost the Club very much. Not to forget the voluntary work that was done by the members which involved many hours.

I would remind members who are trialing to submit their scores to me for the perpetual trophies, determined by the highest aggregate score of the year. This is of course open to Registered and Associate dogs alike.

ANION PAPE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In my first report as President, I would firstly like to congratulate our new Committee on being elected for the 1987/88 year. I feel that we have a workable Committee, with the number being reduced from 18 to 12.

It is good to see a number of new faces on the Committee and I'm sure that they will prove to be very worthy members, as each one of them has already shown that they will handle their respective positions capably.

I ask for the full support and co-operation of all Committee members and Instructors to work together amicably for the betterment of the Club. Teamwork is the name of the game.

In the 7 weeks since I was elected President we have already had quite a hectic time, with the Fun Day and our Open Obedience Trial last week, together with a couple of minor projects, like the recent purchase of our new copying equipment, which will prove a great asset to the Club.

I felt very proud to be the President of such a great club on our Trial day, and I would personally like to congratulate our new Trial Secretary, Lisa McPhee on the success of the Trial and to her helpers thank you very much - to Len Richards and everyone who assisted him in the preparation of the grounds and the setting up of the rings, thank you all - as always our grounds looked magnificent. Also to our new Canteen Manager, Chris Linguey, and all her helpers - thank you and congratulations on a job well done - they were run off their feet on Trial day. And thank you to everyone who came along to the working bees - you are a great team.

Congratulations to all our members who were successful on the day and gained passes or places in their class.

Our Club runs various Social activities from time to time and I ask that members support these when possible. Our next one is the Christmas Dinner Dance on 12th December. This is always a terrific night and it is a good chance to meet and socialize with other members. So, if you don't know many people at the Club get a table up from members of your class and come along. Bring along your family and friends as well. Age is no barrier - it will be a good night for the young and the not-so-young, as well. Get behind your Social Committee and give them support, after all these functions are put on for all of you.

We have invited some members of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association along on Wednesday 9th December, when we will be presenting them with a donation of the money raised at our Fun Day. You are all invited to stay after training to meet these wonderful people and their dogs. We hope to have a video on guide dog training to show as well.

It may seem at times that we are forever making requests for members to attend working bees or to assist in some capacity, either by doing a job or by supporting some fund raising effort, but whatever we do is for you - the members. When I joined the Club, some fifteen

years ago we only had the beginnings of a Clubhouse, with just the foundations laid, and the ground was full of large cracks - no nice grass and no trees. It is only by a lot of hard work by not too many dedicated people over the years that we have the facilities that we have today. All money raised, and our hard work, is channelled back into the Club and as most of you have no doubt noticed, we usually have some project on the go, which is to benefit you, the members. So, next time a request for assistance or support is made, ask yourself what you can do for the Club. It gives you a great sense of satisfaction to be a part of it.

Lesley Gavlard
President

TRIAL RESULTSWALLAN

Colin Halson	<i>Schaden Onlen (Rien)</i> Rottweiler	NOVICE 1st Place 3RD PASS <u>C.D.</u>
Lesley Gaylard	<i>Jentam Stop'n Chat (Tammy)</i> Sheltie	NOVICE 3rd Place 1ST PASS
Elaine Janes	<i>Jessica Sue</i> Labrador	ASSOC.U.D. 2nd Place

GORDON SETTER CLUB

Lynn ellis	<i>Rokeena Lord Forge (Joshua)</i> Gordon Setter	NOVICE 3RD PASS <u>C.D.</u>
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This really was a case of "try and try again" as Lynn worked so hard to get this title. It is a credit to her determination in reaching her goal. Good on you, Lynn.

WARRINGAL

Lynn Ellis	<i>Rokeena Lord Forge (Joshua)</i> Gordon Setter	NOVICE 1st Place 4th Pass
Len Richards	<i>Kelly</i> German Shepherd	RESTRICTED NOVICE 1st Place

KNOX

John Van Den Berg	<i>Schyndel Ima Winnerto (Klaus)</i> Rottweiler	NOVICE 1ST PASS
Joe Plevko	<i>Liege Masy (Qba)</i> Rottweiler	NOVICE 1ST PASS

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Miss C.Watts	<i>Mistydown Latin Lover (Maggie)</i> Maltese Terrier	ENCOURAGEMENT 2nd Place
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Highest Scoring Registered Geelong Encouragement
Dog Trophy (donated by Charlie Bartolo)

Enid Slattery	<i>Glenawly Aro (Arc)</i> German Shepherd	NOVICE 1ST PASS
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Highest Qualifying Score Geelong Registered Dog
Trophy (donated by Roger Nation)

Helen Read	<i>Ch. Onmalee Proud Herald C.D. (Sabu)</i> Rottweiler	OPEN 3rd Place
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Plus

Sabu obtained his Tracking Qualification

Brian Kerr	<i>Korredia Glendora C.D. (Jassy)</i> German Shepherd	OPEN 1st Place 2ND PASS
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Heather Gibson	<i>Shana</i>	ASSOC. ENC. 2nd Place
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FUN DAY RESULTSPUPPIES

Michelle MacGill	Schultz
Gloria Keri	Tasha
Peter Keri	Tara

CLASS 1A

Paul Kilbourne	Slim
Roma Roscoe	Masa
Laurie Blick	Stella

CLASS 2A

Craig Hill	Screwy
Mary-Anne Johnson	Mischief
John Kennedy	Jemma

CLASS 3A

Margaret Thomson	Zoe
Phillip Winsor	Roxanne
Sue Picken	Kea

CLASS 4

Enid Slattery	Arie
Bernie Barrett	Suby
Lesley Gaylard	Tammy

CLASS 5

Elaine Longshaw	King
Chris Linquey	Kaycee
Len Richards	Kelly

CLASS 6

Lisa McPhee	Emma
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CLASS 7

Kristy Douglas	Shannon
Maria Elliott	Kelly
Kristy Douglas	Shilo

NOVELTY EVENTSBEST DRESSED DOG

Sue Picken	Kea (as a clown)
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FASTEST GOODO EATER

Anthea Baier	Bella
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FASTEST RECALL

Kevin Kleijn	Bruno
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CHILD HANDLER

A lad with a Newfoundland (apologies for not having your name but none of these results were written down).

DROP ON RECALL

Anthea Baier	Bella
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CLASS 1B

Kevin Kleijn	Bruno
Harry Chestermann	Schnauser
Cath Davies	Bobby

CLASS 2B

J. McKay	Connie
Nadine Dixon	Chelsea
Wayne Roberts	Cassie

CLASS 3B

Wayne Feldtman	Josie (PASS)
Michael Blunt	Katt
Eileen Tomkins	Meela

MINI AGILITY

Anthea Baier	Rommel
Stuart Innes	Kaycee
Jan Boeyen	Saadi

TRIAL REPORT

Phew, Well our last trial for 1987 is over and I'm happy to say it went off without a hitch. Asusual the same crew banded together to get the grounds looking 100% and up to the reputation we have for having one of the best grounds in Victoria. Well done and thank you Lennie and your band of hard workers. A big thank you to the kitchen crew. Congratulations to Geelong's success stories and commiserations to those who weren't so lucky. There's always next year. Just a reminder for future trials, please have your entry stamped Geelong entry so you are eligible for any special sashes for Geelong members and try to avoid leaving the trial before ALL presentations have been made. K.C.C. regulations state trophies and sashes can only be accepted at presentations. Several trophies and sashes weren't accepted only because competitors didn't stay around.

A big thank you to Maria Elliott for doing an excellent job typing up the catalogue. Thanks also go to Barry Elliott for steering me in the right direction for my first trial as Trial secretary. Thank you also to David Blackwell, Carol Gilham and Kerry McCallam for all their behind the scenes work. Thank you also goes to Lesley Gaylard and Graham Douglas for the support during the several nervous breakdowns. Thank you to all the Stewards, I just hope you all learnt a little more about trialling and ring craft, and who knows, it might even give you the trialling bug with your own pooches.

My final thank you goes to Brian Gardner and two or three Club members who put all the jumps, ropes, bins, etc. away.

The only disappointment I had was to find that geelong Obedience Dog Club members sat by and let members from other Clubs help bring in all the equipment. I think its very sad when a Club like ours has to rely on other people this way. Let's get that team spirit back and avoid this happening again.

Once again thank you to everyone who supported me.

Best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year and good luck with your training.

LISA MCPHEE

ATTENTION

At present the Club has just purchased new printing equipment which we hope will ultimately prove to be more efficient but at this stage the Users are novices and there are some running in problems, hence the very light copy that makes up the greater part of this Newsletter.

Secondly, both this Report and the Presidents Report were handed in on the night of printing and therefore, are neither numbered nor the pages fully utilised.

Elaine L.

INFECTIOUS CANINE RESPIRATORY DISEASES CAUSES, TREATMENT AND PREVENTION

Before 1962, only one virus - canine distemper - was known to cause respiratory disease in dogs. As research in this area progressed, other viruses were discovered in dogs with respiratory disease, such as canine adenovirus types 1 and 2 (CAV-1 and CAV-2), parainfluenza virus, reovirus and canine herpesvirus. Bordetella bronchiseptica and mycoplasma were also found in dogs with respiratory disease. One or more of these viruses and bacteria may infect a dog at the same time, causing a syndrome known as Infectious Canine Tracheobronchitis, kennel cough, or canine cough.

CANINE COUGH: CONTAGIOUS, COSTLY AND SOMETIMES FATAL

The term "kennel cough" was applied to this syndrome because it usually occurs where a number of dogs are congregated or housed together. The disease can be transmitted through the air and is highly contagious. Thus, it can reach epidemic proportions in a kennel. "Canine cough" is the preferred term, however. The syndrome does not confine itself to kennels, but also creates problems in Veterinary Clinics, Dogs Shows, Grooming Parlors, humane shelters and Pet Shops. Canine cough can be financially devastating in a breeding kennel or pet shop. Few customers will buy a listless, coughing puppy; plus, treatment and maintenance for unsaleable dogs slice deeply into profits. Because canine cough occurs year round, it can persist indefinitely in Pet Shops, Boarding Kennels and Veterinary Clinics - any facility where new, susceptible dogs arrive daily.

Canine cough commonly occurs in two forms. In one form a mild tracheobronchitis, the dog has a dry, hacking cough, which may cause it to gag or sometimes vomit. Exercise, excitement or pressure on the dog's throat (when it pulls on a lead, for example) can trigger coughing. Symptoms usually last one to three weeks. In some cases, secondary infections cause severe pneumonia.

In the second, more severe form of canine cough, the dog has a moist, productive cough. This form can be fatal, especially in puppies. A severely infected animal may be feverish, lose its appetite, and have a mucus discharge from its eyes and nose. It may try not to cough, as coughing becomes painful. Secondary infection such as pneumonia often weakens the dog further and symptoms may last from one to several weeks. Stress, such as an abrupt change in environment or transportation over long distances, could bring on relapse if the dog has not completely recuperated.

CANINE COUGH COMPLEX

In recent studies, three organisms seemed to be most commonly involved in canine cough: canine adenovirus type 2 (CAV-2), parainfluenza virus and Bordetella bronchiseptica bacteria. CAV-2 can produce respiratory disease ranging from an inapparent condition to a severe infection. In severe canine cough, CAV-2 is usually in combination with mycoplasma and other bacteria. The virus is often found in young city pups and pups in pet shops. Dogs infected with CAV-2 will transmit virus eight or nine days, and infection will spread rapidly to susceptible dogs during that period. The virus limits itself to the respiratory tract, infecting the lungs and encouraging additional infection by bacteria and mycoplasma.

Like CAV-2, parainfluenza virus localizes in the respiratory tract of the dog. The virus causes small lung lesions and by itself, a mild form of canine cough. However, damaged lung tissue is an invitation to secondary bacterial infection and more extensive lung damage.

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Parainfluenza virus has been found in dogs with other agents of the canine cough complex such as CAV-2, canine distemper virus, and Bordetella bacteria. Such combinations can result in severe canine cough and pneumonia. Parainfluenza infection is highly contagious among a wide range of animal species. Dogs of any age, if not previously infected or vaccinated, are susceptible.

Bordetella bronchiseptica was originally isolated in 1911 and has long been recognized as a bacterium involved in infectious canine respiratory disease. It is now suspected to be the only bacteria capable of causing canine cough by itself. (Other bacteria in the canine cough syndrome infect already damaged tissue and, therefore, are considered "secondary invaders". However, B. bronchiseptica bacteria attach to cilia (hair-like projections) lining airways leading to the lungs. It is not yet known precisely how these bacteria cause disease while in the respiratory tract. But dogs that survive this infection will develop antibodies to B. bronchiseptica and become immune possibly for as long as a year. While infected, a dog can transmit the bacteria for at least two months. Bordetella bronchiseptica can also live outside the host animal for an extended period of time. Thus, the bacteria can persist in kennels as a chronic source of infection.

Other organisms isolated from dogs with canine cough include canine distemper virus, CAV-1, mycoplasma, reovirus and canine herpesvirus. Distemper by itself produces a general infection involving the respiratory, digestive, urinary, and nervous systems. The virus has been discovered, in combination with other organisms in dogs with severe canine cough, but has not been seen in mild cases.

Canine adenovirus type 1 (CAV-1) causes hepatitis in dogs. The virus creates a general infection involving the liver, kidneys, eyes and respiratory tract. Like distemper CAV-1 can cause canine cough but is seldom seen in the syndrome except in severe cases. This may be because most dogs are vaccinated against both distemper and CAV-1.

Mycoplasma alone apparently cannot cause canine cough, but frequently is found in both forms of the syndrome. Mycoplasma commonly infects dogs with or without respiratory disease. When primary canine cough organisms cause respiratory infections, mycoplasma can then produce secondary infections. This increases lung damage and, therefore, the severity of disease.

Both reovirus and canine herpesvirus have been found in canine cough-affected dogs. However, neither virus is believed to play a significant role in canine respiratory disease.

PROMPT TREATMENT NECESSARY

Because canine cough will spread rapidly in a kennel, infected dogs should be isolated and treatment started immediately to lessen the severity of infection. Determining which viruses and bacteria are involved is difficult. A Veterinarian should be consulted as soon as possible for diagnosis and treatment. Antibiotics are available to treat bacteria involved in canine cough, but there are no drugs as yet to act directly against the viruses involved in this syndrome. It is possible, however, to treat symptoms and make infected animals more comfortable. Your Veterinarian may prescribe: Mild cough suppressants, Antihistamines and vaporisers, Antibiotics (perhaps aerosol).

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Some authorities have reservations about using aerosol antibiotics. This method of administering antibiotics has been effective in treating B.bronchiseptica infections. However, because aerosol treatment must be applied routinely until symptoms are gone, dogs could become hypersensitive to antibiotics. Another potential problem is bacteria may become resistant to antibiotics after repeated administration.

PREVENTION THROUGH GOOD MANAGEMENT

Treating canine cough can be expensive, difficult and, in severe cases, unproductive. Therefore, preventing the disease - through proper management and vaccination - is more profitable. The following five points are good rules for kennel maintenance in general, but are particularly good management practices for controlling infectious disease:

1. Good nutrition and regular exercise. Animals receiving good nutrition in a healthy environment are more resistant to disease. If infected, they will generally respond more readily to treatment during a disease outbreak than will animals not as well cared for.
2. Sanitary conditions. Clean and disinfect cages, bedding, and feeders regularly.
3. Constant, comfortable temperatures and ventilation. Air exhaust systems are available that may decrease the spread of contagious disease in a facility. Also avoid exposing animals to extreme temperature changes and cold drafts.
4. Plenty of room. Researchers noted that dogs penned together contracted more severe B.bronchiseptica infection than dogs in individual enclosures.
5. Immediate isolation of sick animals. By the time a dog begins to cough, dogs in adjoining cages have probably been exposed. Removing the sick dog, however, may protect the others from further exposure and more severe infection.

PREVENTION THROUGH VACCINATION

Many organisms in the canine cough complex will not react to antibiotic treatment. Thus, vaccination is an important factor in controlling the syndrome. Vaccines are available to help dogs develop immunity against some of the agents involved; canine distemper, canine adenoviruses (CAV-1 and CAV-2), parainfluenza, and Bordetella bronchiseptica. These vaccines are available in various combinations. Your Veterinarian can advise which combinations to include in a vaccination regimen for your facility. An important point about vaccination: allow animals time to develop immunity after vaccination. For example, pups should be vaccinated at least ten days before they may be exposed to a number of other dogs. Pups can be started on a vaccination regimen as early as six weeks of age, beginning with distemper-measles-parainfluenza (DMP) inoculation or one including leptospira bacterin.

CAV-2 vaccine was developed recently. Scientists working with the vaccine showed that it immunized dogs against both CAV-2 respiratory infection and also CAV-1 (hepatitis) infection. These two types of canine adenoviruses are closely related and so similar that antibodies to CAV-2 will also protect dogs against CAV-1. Thus, CAV-2 has

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replaced CAV-1 (hepatitis) vaccine in many vaccination regimens. An added benefit of the newer vaccine is that CAV-2 does not cause "Blue Eye" - a problem either infection or vaccination with CAV-1 virus can occasionally produce in dogs. "Blue Eye" is a condition in which the cornea (surface) of a dog's eye is affected and may become cloudy or opaque. The condition is rarely permanent and usually affects only one eye.

Vaccines are also available to prevent infection by Bordetella bronchiseptica bacteria. Some dogs will have reactions to Bordetella vaccination, ranging from soreness at the inoculation site to temporary lameness of the leg in which the injection is given. Occasionally, a dog may vomit or become lethargic three to six hours after vaccination. These reactions are similar to those occasionally reported in children after diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus inoculations. Bordetella bronchiseptica is related to Bordetella pertussis bacteria which causes whooping cough in humans. Scientists are trying to determine how vaccine strains of bordetella bacteria cause reactions.

SUMMARY

Infectious Canine Tracheobronchitis or canine cough is caused by one or a combination of respiratory viruses and bacteria. The disease is transmitted through the air and highly contagious. Preventing canine cough is preferable to treating dogs after they are infected. Maintaining sanitary, uncrowded conditions, providing good nutrition, and developing, with your Veterinarian, a vaccination regimen are all important factors in preventing canine respiratory disease. Additional preventative measures include isolating new dogs for an observation period and allowing only dogs vaccinated against canine cough into your facility. To give dogs a chance to develop immunity, vaccinate at least ten days before potential exposure to respiratory disease.

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TOT BJT CORNER

Firstly, apologies to Carol and Peter Giltham who in fact are the proud parents of a SON, not a daughter as previously published. CAROL is one of our instructors.

Congratulations to Garry & Karin Matthews on the arrival of their daughter ALYCIA ELIZABETH on 29.10.87. Let's hope Alycia is house trained early so she doesn't become as noisy as RAMBO.

To Margaret and Bob Grenfell go our congratulations and best wishes for they recently tied their two leads to the one hitching pole. MARGARET is one of our newly acquired Committee members.

EXTRA: Guess who came early to trial training and found that their tea which was left in the car was totally demolished by one of the occupants!!! Yes, it was the boss herself! She teaches ring craft not car craft.

SEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.Committee for 1987/1988

President	Miss Lesley Gaylard	21 1038
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	Mr. Len Richards	48 3050 Ground Manager
	Mr. Stuart Innes	75 7778 Promotion & Publicity Off.
	Mrs. Chris Lingquey	75 7592 Conteen Manager
	Mr. Robert Beckingham	48 5472 Social Co-Ordinator
	Mrs. Margaret Griefeld	77 9952 Hall Manager

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.

Thelma Barwick	50 3013
Charlie Bartolo	43 8753
Robert Beckingham	48 5472
Tommy Beckingham	48 5472
Phyl. Beugin	48 4746
Jan Boeyen	78 2148
Bruce Cairns	43 4707
Desma Dickeson	78 9585
Marce Elliott	43 5340
Brian Gardner	-
Carol Gillham	9 4119
Maurice Friars	75 2993
Colin Humphreys	50 2104
Stuart Innes	75 7778
Brian Kerr	77 0135
Lisa McPhee	78 3036
Brian Moore	-
Dick Wiltink	75 2595
Marj. Wright	43 5791

GET TO KNOW AN INSTRUCTORBRIAN MOORE

Brian and his wife Angie joined our Club in 1980 with "Duke," a German Shepherd and "Faust" a Keeshond. In 1981 he commenced instructing. "Faust" was the first dog to gain his C.D. and was a delight to watch working. "Duke" attained his C.D. later. Both dogs were worked in the Agility ring until "Duke's" sudden death. This year Brian has another young Shepherd called "Ghost." Brian has this year taken up the post of Training Supervisor and he is wished well in this new role. Brian and his dogs have been members of our Demo/Display team in the past.

STUART JNNES

Stuart joined our Club in 1976 with a Collie sheepdog cross and later got two German Shepherds - "Krystal" and "Gus." In 1980 Stuart took to instructing and at the same time trialled both dogs. Unfortunately "Gus" was unable to continue trialling due to illness but he still managed to be a member of our Demo/Display team. Both "Krystal" and "Gus" are now deceased and Stuart has now taken on another German Shepherd, "Sasha" and she is still in training.

Stuart is the other half of the team that goes to Bacchus Marsh to help as an Instructor and tester together with Colin Humphreys over the past three years. Bacchus Marsh Obedience Club were short of experienced Instructors and approached several Clubs for assistance, including ours. Stuart and Colin very generously donated their time and expertise.

PHYL BERGIN

Phyl joined the Club in 1977 and was involved with dogs as a youngster as herding and hunting dogs were an integral part of her early life on a farm. She has personally owned a FOXHOUND, ROUGH COLLIE and a BORDER COLLIE CROSS ("Cindy Lou") still shares Phyl's life. Initially Phyl trialed "Cindy" in the days when unregistered dogs were able to compete but any titles gained were unrecognized by the Kennel Control Council. When the K.C.C. finally accepted unregistered dogs as Associate members Phyl and "Cindy" started all over again and in 1980 gained both the G.D. - Graduate Dog and G.D.X. - Graduate Dog Excellent titles.

Phyl started instructing in 1980 at which time there was no OPEN or U.D. teaching class at the Club and she taught "Cindy" U.D. work and tracking herself. 1981 Phyl started to teach OPEN, U.D. work and tracking and so began a new era for the Club. In 1982 Phyl & "Cindy" gained their P.D. - Proficient Dog title and in 1983 was successful at the Preliminary Tracking Test. "Cindy Lou" was the first Victorian dog to achieve all these titles under K.C.C. rules, so we should be proud as a Club to have these two as members. Needless to say they were both members of our Demo/Display team.

BOTH STUART JNNES AND PHYL BERGIN AND COLIN HUMPHREYS SET UP OUR AGILITY CLASSES AND ABLY HANDLE THE TASK OF TEACHING NEW MEMBERS AND NEW DOGS HOW TO GET PLEASURE TOGETHER FROM THIS ACTIVITY.

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PLEASE RETURN ALL LIBRARY BOOKS BEFORE END OF NOVEMBER. THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER BORROWING TILL TRAINING RESUMES NEXT YEAR.

PHYL.BERGIN

HOME WORK

"Homework". Doesn't it remind us of our own school days? There are still some of us who take our homework seriously, but there are others who either leave the homework until the last day or don't bother at all.

In dog training, any dog will perform only to the extent that it was trained by its handler.

In Obedience Trials I have seen many handlers blaming their dogs for not performing and overheard many excuses for lost points on heeling, stand for examination, the recall and probably most of all in the long sits and downs.

Of course it is always the dog's fault, and the statement "My dog does every exercise perfectly at home", is always heard.

There are a lot of handlers who take their homework very seriously and regularly train their dog. However, on trial days even some of these dogs do not perform and lose points, even though each dog, prior to the trial was trained to a "T".

I have talked to a lot of these handlers and found that indeed they had put a lot of time into training their dog. But when I asked them where they trained their dog the answer was the same, most of them had trained their dogs either in a park or on an oval and some then even in their backyard. But all of them assured me that their dog had done all the exercises faultlessly.

The answer is rather simple. These dogs were trained on their own without any interruptions or interference.

Whether you train a small dog or a large dog my question to you is why go into hiding.

I am a great believer in training a dog on the footpath instead of a park, but I will never tell my handlers to "go to town" straight off. And I also know that when one takes a German Shepherd or a Dobermann or Great Dane or a Rottweiler to the local shopping centre or to town one has that unfortunate feeling that one walks alone as people tend to scare away from a person with a large dog on a leash.

There is however, a vast difference between (A) A person with a dog (whether it be a large or small dog) on a leash and (B) A person with a dog (large or small) who continuously jumps up or runs around the handler sniffing and barking at anything in its path.

It is thus no wonder that people will let person (B) have all of the road.

If on the other hand people see a handler with a well behaved dog at heel, they will stop and watch and some may even want to talk to the handler and touch the dog.

It is also easy to see that handler (b) has never done his homework especially if they owned the dog from puppyhood. Puppies should be taught from the beginning how to walk next to the master on leash and they should be introduced to all sorts of objects and noises.

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HOMEWORK (Cont..d)

The handler in instance (A) has done his homework and if he/she owned this dog from puppyhood he/she was aware of the critical periods in the puppy's life and has provided the correct environment and learning techniques. This handler can be assured that the dog is developing emotionally and socially to its full potential.

To start this 'road training' I always tell my handlers to stick to their own environment. Put the dog on a leash and on the first day of training turn left outside their front gate.

All exercises can be taught on the footpath.

The 'sit' is a must at every kerb while the handler waits until the road is clear of traffic before crossing. In between crossings the 'stand' and the 'down' can be practised. One can also practise the left and right turns by crossing over to the other side of the road providing it is clear of traffic.

This 'road training' has all sorts of advantages, one has obstructions like other dogs or cats crossing one's path, people walking by, children on bikes or playing ball, children running past screaming and swinging their school bags, cars and motorbikes going past and in some cases people on horses.

The biggest advantage of this 'road training' is that the handler and the dog become more aware of each other and both become more alert. And whilst this 'road training' is certainly good for the dog it also helps the handler to train themselves to walk in a straight line and so cut out the 45 degree angle we so often see at Club meetings.

Crooked sits, stands and downs are easily corrected on the footpath. If the dog has a habit of doing these exercises crookedly then practise them close to a fence or wall. Have just enough room for the dog to heel next to you then make him sit, stand or drop. After practising this for a while you can slowly move further away from the fence or wall.

Stand for examination?

What better way than letting other people touch your dog. I have already said that people will stop and watch a handler with a well behaved dog on a leash, so why not ask them to touch your dog?

No matter how much effort and homework we put into training our dogs there still remains one very important problem and that is 'routine'. All the effort and time spent on training our dogs seems to be lost once the dog gets into a routine and it may take months to get the dog out of it.

For instance if we leave home with the dog and at the front gate we turn left and train the dog on that stretch of road for a week then that has become a routine to the dog. The dog will become sluggish and anticipates the next exercise. To avoid this we should the next day turn right outside the front gate or we should cross to the other side of the road which for us may be just the other side of the road but to the dog it is a whole new world.

Training times are very important too. A dog has a built in alarm clock and if we train our dog every afternoon at say 4 o'clock and one day something comes up which means that we are unable to go at that time some dogs will put up quite a performance while other dogs will sulk and even refuse to eat. Training times should, therefore, be altered from day to day.

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HOMEWORK(Cont..d)

Exercises like the recall should also be varied. For instance start with leaving the dog in a sit position and walk away for some 15 metres then turn and call him. Next time leave the dog and walk away for only 10 metres or lengthen this to 20 metres.

Vary the time between turning to face him and calling him and also the time that he sits in front of you before giving him the command to finish. That way we put some variations into the exercise but never alter the principal feature. All of this can be practised on the footpath.

In obedience trials or class tests most points are usually lost in the long sits and down exercises. One can see dogs breaking their position when they hear a noise or if they see another dog walking or working in the next ring.

It would be fair to assume that these dogs were trained in a park or on an oval. Other dogs break position when the time is up and just before their handler has returned to them and in these cases it can be assumed that these handlers never altered or varied their training times in these exercises. No fault of the dogs, they stayed for the principal time and probably thought they had done a good job. Remember the built in alarm clock.

Exercises in Novice, Open or Utility can be altered and do not necessarily have to be practised in the same order as they are listed in the manual. This way we eliminate anticipation by the dog. He must guess our next move and so he becomes more alert and attentive.

Class tests and Obedience trials can either be fun for the dog and the handler or can be a day of sheer frustration.

It all depends on how well we do our "HOMEWORK".

by DICK WILTINK
Ass.Training Supervisor

ELSA DAHL AWARD

This award is made annually in memory of a Life Member of our Club. This award is made to a person who has contributed to/or achieved something within the Club over the year. It may be skills associated with owning and training dogs, or it may be for administrative and functional achievements over the year. A judging Panel selects the winner from Applications submitted IN WRITING prior to that date. If you admire someone for something they have done write their name down, together with your own, and a short paragraph setting out the reason why you have nominated them and hand this to the Secretary. This shouldn't necessarily be related to time spent at the Club, but rather to the achievement itself. (You will see on the feature wall in our Clubrooms this Award with the recipients name thereon.)

BOTTLES & CANS

Don't forget to bring your used aluminium cans and all types of glass bottles/jars to the Club holding pen. Christmas time and New Year usually means we have more of these containers in our households than in other seasons, so please save them and remember the grounds are accessible to everyone at any time - just open and close the gate yourselves and disregard the lock and chain. The latter is a deterrent for non-members. Every bit of revenue so gained can help provide more facilities for you the members.

HAVE YOU PUT YOUR TRIAL SCORES IN YET!!! If not, why not, apathy wins no prizes. I know a few who currently trial and their scores aren't in! The scores don't have to be qualifying scores, just as long as you GOT a score and you don't necessarily have been to a horde of trials. So how about it, give your self a break, pull your pen out and get to it!!

This is a copy of a letter received by our Club from a member who achieved the initial goal they set themselves.

219 High St.,
Belmont, 3216
21.10.87

The Secretary,
Geelong Obedience Dog Club,
Breakwater Road,
BREAKWATER.

Dear Sir,

I want to notify you that my husband, my dog and I will not be attending any more classes. We are satisfied with the level of obedience that Sima has reached.

We have been very happy with what has been our first experience of dog training. I'm sure that has been because of everybody's friendliness and the fine organisation of the club.

We have had a lot of positive and patient training from Marg. Wright, Angela Moore and currently Stuart Innes. Will you thank them for us?

The enclosed cheque is to buy a few bricks for the clubhouse extensions and of course as a small token of our gratitude to your club.

Thank you all, Yours sincerely,

Heather Morris (for Allan Morris and Sima as well).

LIBRARY NEWS

New books now available for loan include the following:-

IRVEN. Jan ALL ABOUT THE DOBERMANN

BOONE, J.A. KINSHIP WITH ALL LIFE - a discussion of animal/human companionship involving Strongheart, the wonder dog and other subjects including Louis the Fly.

LITHGOW, Scott TRAINING AND WORKING DOGS FOR QUIET CONTROL OF STOCK

SAYER, Angela STT - the complete guide to basic training and behaviour problems (2 copies donated by Maureen Friars and Lisa McPhee).

RUBIN, Sheldon, SELECTING AND CARING FOR YOUR DOG (Donated by Lisa McPhee.)

PHYL. BERGIN

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

Saturday, 12th December, 1987

WHERE?

Club House, Breakwater Road, Belmont

TIME?

7.30p.m.

COST?

\$25.00 a double ticket (\$12.50 single)

MENU?

Spit roast selection, sweets, nuts, crackers, etc.
Lucky door prize, AND much more.
A D-J will add to this wonderful evening so be there
and join in the fun.

COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS TO MAKE UP A
TABLE. WE WILL LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU.

To book see ROBERT BECKHJINGHAM on your Instructor with your completed slip,
together with your money by Wednesday, 2nd December. Tickets will then be
allocated to you.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

13TH DECEMBER.

BUS LEAVES CLUBGROUNDS @ 10.30A.M. FOR TRIP
TO ANGELSEA.

APPROX.COST \$5.00 - FOOD & DRINKS - SUBSIDIZED
BY "BIG EFFORT" RAFFLE

AGES:MONTHS UP TO 15 YEARS OLD

CLOSING DATE FOR BOOKINGS 2.12.87 SEE/CONTACT ROBERT BECKHJINGHAM Phone: 48 5472
THELMA BARWICK Phone: 50 3013

The time of hot weather is with us again which for our dogs can be the worst time
of the year.

Therefore, we should take extra care of them.

Do not leave your dog in the car any longer than you have to and if you must leave
your dog in the car make sure he has got plenty of ventilation and water at all
times.

Do not tie your dog on either the front or back bumper of your car as it has hap-
pened that people hopped into their car and forgot about the dog and drove off.

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The best way to tie the dog on the car is to slip the loop of the leash between the bottom of the driver's side front door and the car body and shut the door.

This way we can not forget the dog and if we leave him plenty of leash he can even crawl under that side of the car out of the sun, and again leave him plenty of water.

Finally remember that when you take your dog to the beach that the sand is as hot under his feet as under yours.

Salt water is very good for dogs as it cleanses their coat and is also good for their skin, but leave the salt on him too long and it starts to irritate him and, therefore, it is advisable to wash it off him as soon as possible.

It is also a must that when you take your dog to the beach for the day to find a shady spot for him because apart from the heat a dog too can get sunburned.

Have a happy and safe holiday and hope to see you all back next year in February.

Dick Wiltink
Ass.Training Supervisor

P.S. If you wish to know more about your pet, especially from puppyhood, via this Newsletter, then please drop a note to Elaine Longshaw either direct or through our Suggestion Box which is located on the outside wall of our Clubroom near the entranceway.

Dick

CLUB CALENDAR

- 29.11.87 DISPLAY TEAM AT SOUTH BARWON CIVIC CENTRE 2.00P.M.
- 2.12.87 GENERAL MEETING - 8.00P.M. BRING A PLATE FOR SUPPER.
- 2.12.87 DINNER DANCE BOOKINGS CLOSE
- 9.12.87 CLOSING DATE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
- 9.12.87 DISPLAY TEAM AT 'D.W.HOPE COMMUNITY CENTRE'
(PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS HUT) - TWO TIMES
APPROXIMATELY 11.00A.M. AND 2.00P.M.
- 12.12.87 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE
- 13.12.87 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY/TRIP
- 16.12.87 TRAINING LAST NITE, B.B.Q & PRESENTATIONS.
- AUSTRALIA DAY
POSSIBLE DISPLAY TEAM AT QUEENSCLIFF
- 27.1.88 TRAINING RESUMES

ENDS

Elaine Longshaw