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GEE LONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.

NEWSLETTER NO. 32

WELCOME TO THE NEWER MEMBERS OF OUR CLUB WHO WILL FIND AFTER READING THIS, THEIR FIRST NEWSLETTER, THAT WE TRY TO REACH OUT TO ALL MEMBERS WHETHER THEY WISH ONLY TO TRAIN LONG ENOUGH FOR THEIR COMPANION TO BECOME AN ACCEPTED MEMBER OF THEIR HOUSEHOLD; OR TO THOSE WHO WISH TO ATTAIN HIGHER AND HIGHER LEVELS OF OBEDIENCE WITH THEIR DOGS.

OUR NEWSLETTERS ARE PRODUCED BI-MONTHLY AND DISTRIBUTED ON THE LAST DAY OF TRAINING IN THAT PARTICULAR MONTH.

THE JOYS YOU EXPERIENCE IN HAVING A DOG AS YOUR BEST MATE ARE SOMETIMES PALLED WHEN HOURS SPENT IN TRAINING DON'T ALWAYS TURN OUT AS YOU WOULD WANT. THIS IS THE TIME WHEN OUR DOGS ELECT TO SUDDENLY 'UNLEARN/OR TURN OFF' FROM A PARTICULAR EXERCISE. BY THIS I MEAN THAT FOR ALL OF US THERE ARE HIGHS AND LOWS IN TRAINING. SOMETIMES THE LEARNING PROCESS FOR DOG AND HANDLER GOES AHEAD IN LEAPS AND BOUNDS, AND AT OTHER TIMES WE SEEM TO FLOUNDER IN STAGNATING POOLS. HOWEVER, THE IMPORTANT THING IS NOT TO GIVE UP. THERE IS HELP AVAILABLE WITHIN THIS CLUB, FOR ALL OF US, IF WE BUT ASK WHEN WE NEED IT. NEVER BE TOO PROUD, AS WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES AND THERE IS NO PERFECT DOG, JUST AS THERE IS NO PERFECT HANDLER.

APART FROM THE TRAINING ASPECT OF THE CLUB, IT ALSO OFFERS OTHER VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO US AS MEMBERS. IT BONDS A MULTITUDE OF PEOPLE WITH A COMMON INTEREST TOGETHER. THE FRIENDSHIPS MADE CONTAIN A DEPTH AND WARMTH THAT IS NOT EASILY COME BY IN THE WORLD WE LIVE IN TODAY. THIS WAS MADE EVIDENT TO ME AGAIN WHEN A GROUP OF MEMBERS HELD A 'SURPRISE' BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR ME RECENTLY. IN NUMBERS IT WAS NOT A SIGNIFICANT YEAR, BUT IT WAS A 'VERY SPECIAL' BIRTHDAY FOR ME AND ONE TO REMEMBER WELL.

HOWEVER, WHEN I JOINED THE CLUB I KNEW NO-ONE ON THAT FIRST EVENING, BUT I ALWAYS MADE A POINT OF COMING IN FOR COFFEE AFTER TRAINING AND PEOPLE THEN REACHED OUT TO ME. I CAME TO TRIALS TO HELP AND THEN LATER COMPETE, AND I ATTENDED SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

THAT INVOLVEMENT AND SHARING IS OPEN TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU. SO DO YOURSELF A FAVOUR AND SPEND MORE THAN THE ALLOTTED HOUR OF TRAINING WITH YOUR CLUB!

PRESIDENTS REPORT MARCH 1990

WELCOME TO ALL NEW MEMBERS.

OUR LAST OFFICIAL FUNCTION FOR 1989 WAS THE DINNER DANCE AND THIS ONCE AGAIN PROVED TO BE A GREAT SUCCESS. IT WAS ENJOYED BY ALL WHO ATTENDED. IF YOU DID NOT MAKE IT LAST YEAR, MAKE SURE YOU DON'T MISS THIS YEARS!!

DURING THIS YEAR THERE WILL BE MORE FUNCTIONS THAT OUR SOCIAL CO-ORDINATOR HAS ORGANISED. JO-ANNE HAMILTON WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

OUR DISPLAY TEAM HAS ONCE AGAIN EXCELLED IN DISPLAYING AT SCHOOL FETES AND FUNCTIONS AND ORGANISATIONS ASKING FOR OUR SERVICES. THE DISPLAY TEAM ARE TRUE AMBASSADORS OF OUR CLUB AND GREAT REPORTS OF THIS TEAM ARE RECEIVED. SO "WELL DONE" TEAM, KEEP IT UP.

THE CLUB HAS PROVIDED THE TEAM WITH A LARGE BANNER SO THAT THEY CAN BE EASILY RECOGNISED AS REPRESENTING OUR CLUB. ALSO, SHORT SLEEVE SHIRTS (WITH DISPLAY TEAM AND LOGO PRINTED ON) WERE PURCHASED FOR OUR TEAM MEMBERS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE TEAM, YOU MUST HAVE A WELL CONTROLLED DOG. PLEASE SEE DESMA DICKESON FOR MORE DETAILS.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS FOR 1989. THESE TROPHIES WERE PRESENTED ON THE LAST TRAINING NIGHT (13/12/89).

AFTER MUCH DEBATE, THE INTERNAL DOOR THROUGH TO THE TOILETS WAS COMPLETED DURING THE SUMMER BREAK. A GARDEN SHED WAS ALSO ERECTED, COMPLETE WITH CONCRETE FLOOR. THIS IS TO HOUSE OPEN AND U.D. EQUIPMENT AND SELECTED EQUIPMENT. THE "SHOP" WAS MOVED FROM INSIDE THE HALL TO THE MAIN ENTRANCE, THUS ENABLING MEMBERS TO BRING THEIR DOGS INSIDE WHEN SELECTING LEADS, CORRECTION CHAINS, BADGES AND MOST THINGS YOU COULD WISH TO PURCHASE FOR YOUR PUP/DOG AT VERY COMPETITIVE PRICES.

PARKING IS STILL A PROBLEM BUT WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF THE COUNCIL MORE GROUND WILL BE ALLOCATED TO US. SO PLEASE BEAR WITH US AS BACKFILLING AND LEVELLING THE GROUND WILL TAKE SOME TIME. IF YOU ARRIVE LATE AND PARK ON THE ROAD, PLEASE BE VERY CAREFUL WITH YOUR DOGS, AS MOST WILL BE EXTREMELY EXCITED AND TRY TO JUMP OUT OF THE CAR.

ASSISTANTS/INSTRUCTORS - WE NEED YOU!!!! IF YOU WISH TO BECOME AN ASSISTANT/INSTRUCTOR, ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR BASIC OBEDIENCE CERTIFICATE, OR UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE WITHOUT YOUR BASIC OBEDIENCE CERTIFICATE. FOR MORE DETAILS, PLEASE SEE JAN BOEYEN (TRAINING SUPERVISOR).

TO THE INSTRUCTORS, CONGRATULATIONS. WITH ALL THE BEGINNERS AND BASIC OBEDIENCE CERTIFICATES HANDED OUT LATELY, YOU MUST BE GETTING YOUR TRAINING METHODS ACROSS TO YOUR CLASSES.

TO ALL MEMBERS, IF BY ANY CHANCE YOU DO NOT GET ALONG WITH YOUR INSTRUCTOR, YOU CAN BE MOVED INTO ANOTHER CLASS. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SEE THE TRAINING SUPERVISOR.

TO THE COMMITTEE, AS WITH ALL CLUBS, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE DISAGREEMENTS, AND SOMETIMES PERSONAL PROBLEMS. BUT REMEMBER, THE COMMITTEE MUST, AND ALWAYS WILL WORK TOGETHER FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE CLUB. I BELIEVE WE HAVE RESOLVED MOST PROBLEMS AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE REST OF THE YEAR, THROUGH YOU AND THE INSTRUCTORS, WE SHOULD END UP WITH NOT ONLY HAPPY MEMBERS, BUT RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS WHO WILL PASS ON OUR CLUB'S GOOD NAME.

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OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS ON THE 3/4/90. AS A LEADING CLUB IN VICTORIA, I FEEL WE SHOULD LOOK FORWARD, NOT JUST FOR NEXT YEAR, BUT FOR YEARS TO COME.

DO YOU BELIEVE THE CLUB NEEDS A COMPUTER?

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WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 500 MEMBERS ON OUR BOOKS AND IF EVERY MEMBER TURNED UP AT TRAINING, CARS WOULD BE PARKED KILOMETRES LONG OUTSIDE THE CLUB.

ARE WE ADVERTISING ENOUGH? I BELIEVE WE ARE NOT. SOME PEOPLE I HAVE TALKED TO DO NOT EVEN KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT OUR CLUB AND GO ELSEWHERE TO HAVE THEIR DOG TRAINED.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS - PROBLEMS - OR IDEAS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO HAVE YOUR SAY AT OUR NEXT MEETING. IF YOU CAN'T MAKE THE MEETING, THERE IS ALWAYS THE SUGGESTION BOX OUTSIDE THE CLUB ROOMS ENTRANCE DOOR.

TO ALL MEMBERS, IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM OR A SUGGESTION, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO TALK TO MYSELF OR ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER OR INSTRUCTOR.

JOHN BOEYEN
PRESIDENT

INAPPROPRIATE URINATION AND DEFAECATION IN DOGS

by Dr. Valerie O'Farnell, B.Sc., Ph.D.

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Valerie O'Farnell graduated in psychology from Oxford University in 1963. After training in clinical psychology and obtaining a Ph.D at the Institute of Psychiatry, London, she worked as a lecturer in the Department of Psychology, University College, London and in the Department of Psychiatry, Edinburgh University. She became interested in the application of psychology to problem behaviour in pets and since 1982 has been attached to the Small Animal Practice Teaching Unit of the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies in Edinburgh. She is engaged in research into dog behaviour problems and provides a consultancy service for the owners of small animals with behavioural problems.

As a household pet, a dog (like a cat) is usually felt to be one of the family, in a way which a gerbil or tortoise is not. One reason for this special relationship is that dogs can normally be allowed to share their owners' living space. This privileged position depends on a dog's ability to learn to deposit its urine and faeces in convenient and designated places; in other words to be house-trained. When house-training breaks down and urine or faeces start to appear on a regular basis in unacceptable places, the dog-owner relationship is seriously threatened. Owners often feel morally outraged, as if some social contract had been broken. Euthanasia may become a real possibility.

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INAPPROPRIATE URINATION AND DEFAECATION IN DOGS (CONT.)

It is a great pity when this happens because, in the majority of cases, something can be done. Even if the problem cannot be completely eradicated, it can usually be substantially alleviated.

Two steps should be taken before starting to do anything about the problem. The first step is to STOP PUNISHING THE DOG. There are various reasons why hitting or shouting at a dog which has urinated or defaecated in the wrong place is counter-productive. The only benefits of punishment are to the owner, whose feelings may be relieved by this show of indignation.

The next step is to UNDERSTAND THE BEHAVIOUR. There are various reasons why a dog may urinate or defaecate inappropriately.

PHYSICAL CAUSES

A dog may urinate or defaecate in the house because of physical/pathological changes. This should be suspected and veterinary advice sought if urination is abnormally frequent, irrespective of time or place, or if the consistency of the faeces is abnormal.

SUBMISSIVE URINATION

When a dog meets a person or dog which it regards as dominant (i.e. above it in the "pecking order") it will often roll over on its back with one hind leg raised. This posture is known as "passive submission" and is sometimes accompanied by urination. This kind of urination is more common in puppies and often disappears as the dog matures. If it persists, the people who provoke it should try to behave in a less dominant way towards the dog.

Where possible, they should let it approach them, rather than VICE VERSA. If they have to go up to the dog, they should do so with gaze averted, crouching down to the dog's level. Above all, they should not punish the dog, as this will make them seem even more dominant in the dog's eyes.

STRESS AND EXCITEMENT

Dogs may lose control of bladder or bowels when they are extremely excited or more rarely, afraid. This can happen for example when they greet visitors to the house. Again this behaviour is more common in puppies. The problem can be minimised by thinking ahead and trying to avoid the situations which provoke intense excitement or arrange for them to occur where urination does not matter: for example, the dog might greet visitors in the garden rather than in the hall.

SEPARATION FROM OWNER

One form of stress which may provoke urination or defaecation is separation from the owner. This cause should be suspected when a dog fouls the house only when the owner is out or when it is shut in the kitchen for the night. Typically the dog appears restless and upset as the owner prepares to leave and is enormously excited when they are reunited. It may also be active in other problematic ways when the owner is absent; it may chew things, scratch at the door, bark or whine.

The subject of the treatment of separation anxiety is beyond the scope of this article. Basically, however, it involves teaching the dog to remain calm during separations by starting with very short separations and gradually increasing the time the owner is away. Any form of punishment should be avoided, as it tends to

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INAPPROPRIATE URINATION AND DEFAECATION IN DOGS (Cont.)

make the dog more anxious and may induce a state of conflict about the owner.

URINE MARKING

For dogs, urination can be a form of social communication. Dogs are usually interested in one another's urine, the most intense interest being shown by male dogs for the urine of oestrus bitches. The urine certainly conveys general information about a dog's sexual status and probably more specific information, so that one dog can distinguish the urine of another familiar dog from that of a stranger.

Dogs sometimes feel moved to deposit these urine messages in the house, probably as forms of advertisement or self-assertion. They may be triggered by the visit of a strange dog to the house (especially if it also engages in urine marking) or even by the presence of human visitors. Conversely, a dog may leave urine marks when it visits a strange house.

Dogs are more prone to urine marking than are bitches and castration has been shown to be helpful in 50% of cases (Hopkins and others, 1976). The likely effectiveness of this operation can be tested by using a chemical equivalent such as delmadinone ('Tardak', Syntex).

Otherwise, the best way to combat urine marking in the house is to be alert to the situations which normally provoke it and to keep the dog under supervision at those times. Care should be taken to remove the smell of previous urine marks, especially those of other dogs, as these will tend to provoke further marking. Bleach or a biological detergent should be used for this purpose; disinfectants with their own strong smell should be avoided.

FAULTY LEARNING

Sometimes dogs urinate or defaecate indoors because house-training has gone wrong. To understand how this happens and how it can be remedied, it is necessary to understand how successful house-training takes place. Urination and defaecation are reflex actions. In the first two to three weeks of life, the stimulus for these actions is the bitch licking the puppy. As soon as the puppy can crawl, it instinctively urinates and defaecates outside the nest and around eight weeks can be seen searching for scent marks of previous urinations; these now provide the stimulus for the reflex. Gradually a learned association is built up between the urination or defaecation and other incidental stimuli which accompany or immediately precede it. Eventually standing on newspaper or grass will act as the stimulus and finally the whole sequence of actions involved in going out of the back door into the garden will tend to provoke it. House-training, therefore, involves arranging that the same combination of desirable stimuli, for example newspaper or grass, are always present when the puppy needs to urinate or defaecate. It also involves ensuring that the puppy is not exposed to undesirable combinations of stimuli, for example scent marks on the carpet, as this can result in it learning the opposite of what is intended. The task is made easier by the fact that urination and defaecation can to some extent be predicted; they usually follow sleep or feed. They also occur at other times, however, and there is no substitute for keeping a puppy under constant observation and learning about its individual habits.

In being house-trained the puppy never learns a rule or social convention: it merely forms a habit. It is therefore quite inappropriate to become morally outraged at a dog which urinates or defaecates in the house, as the dog is incapable of seeing its own action as wicked or dirty. Punishment by the owner,

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INAPPROPRIATE URINATION AND DEFAECATION IN DOGS (Cont.)

therefore, has no place in house training. If administered after the 'crime', it has no effect on the learning process, as the dog cannot make the connection between the two events. If the dog is 'caught in the act' and punished, there is a strong possibility that it will learn the wrong thing; it may, for example, learn to inhibit urination in the owner's presence. This can give rise to a situation where the dog does not urinate when the owner takes it out but as soon as they return to the house, it sneaks away to another room and urinates there.

These undesirable habits can be formed in the best regulated households but they are more likely if the dog is left unobserved for long periods or if punishment is used in training. If it is suspected that faulty learning is the cause of the problem, the dog should be house trained again, as if it were a puppy. It should be taken out to relieve itself after sleep and meals and it should not be left for long periods unsupervised. Any scent marks of urine or faeces in the house should as far as possible be eradicated and the dog should be allowed access to parts of the house where these have been found, only under observation. Such a regime requires time and patience but in most cases, eventually proves successful.

MULTIPLE CAUSES

Dogs which foul in the house often do so for a combination of the reasons outlined above. Thus a dog might defaecate when shut in the kitchen partly as a result of separation distress and partly because of faulty learning. The particular factors operating have to be assessed for each individual case.

OBEDIENCE/AGILITY/TRACKING CALENDAR

<u>OBEDIENCE</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>CLOSING</u>
BROADMEADOWS O.D.C.	1.4.90	CLOSED
MOORABBIN & DISTRICT	8.4.90	25.3.90 (TODAY)
SUNRAYSIA KENNEL CLUB	15.4.90	1.4.90
RED CLIFFS DISTRICT KENNEL C.	21.4.90	10.4.90
RED CLIFFS LADIES KENNEL & OBEDIENCE C.	22.4.90	10.4.90
WARRINGAL O.D.C.	22.4.90	8.4.90
ALTONA O.D.C.	6.5.90	22.4.90
WELSH CORGI CLUB (RESTRICTED)	6.5.90	6.4.90
BALLARAT & DISTRICT O.C.	13.5.90	29.4.90
OVENS VALLEY CANINE CLUB	19.5.90	5.5.90
WANGARATTA KENNEL & O.D.C.	20.5.90	6.5.90
KEILOR O.D. TRAINING CENTRE	27.5.90	13.5.90
<u>AGILITY</u>		
KNOX O.D.C.	1.4.90	CLOSED
GEELONG O.D.C.	22.4.90	8.4.90
WALLAN & DISTRICT O.D.C.	29.4.90	15.4.90
BENDIGO O.D.C.	12.5.90	28.4.90
<u>TRACKING</u>		
KNOX O.D.C.	12.5.90	28.4.90
KNOX O.D.C.	13.5.90	29.4.90
WEIMARANER CLUB OF VICTORIA	19.5.90	5.5.90
WEIMARANER CLUB OF VICTORIA	20.5.90	6.5.90

ENTRIES CLOSE SUNDAY 8TH APRIL, 1990

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.
(Affiliated with the K.C.C.)

OPEN & ASSOCIATE REGISTERED AGILITY TRIAL

To be held under the rules and regulations of the Kennel Control Council. A copy of which may be inspected at the office of the Trial Secretary.

TO BE HELD AT:

BELMONT COMMON, BREAKWATER RD, BREAKWATER.
Melway Ref. Map 228, C11.

SUNDAY, 22nd APRIL, 1990

Entries to: The Trial Secretary, Mrs Lisa Blackwell
143 Yarra Street, GEELONG, 3220

Phone: (052)231063 After 5pm Weekdays.

REGISTERED AGILITY: MRS J. HOLBROOK

ASSOCIATE AGILITY: MR. R. ASHMAN

The Committee reserves the right to divide classes and substitute Judges if entries are excessive.

Residents of Victoria must be financial members of the K.C.C. to exhibit or Judge.

Membership expires on the 30th November each year.

ALL ENTRIES MUST SHOW HEIGHT AT SHOULDER IN MILLIMETRES.

ENTRY FEE: \$6.00 (includes K.C.C. surcharge)

PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH, THANK YOU.

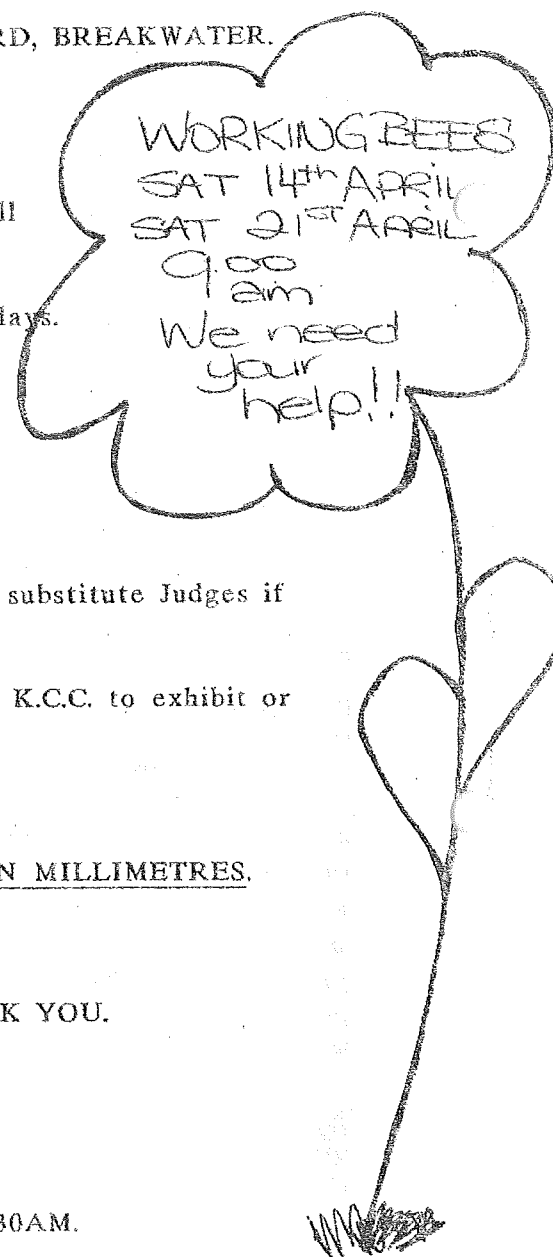
INSPECTION: 10.30am to 11.45am

JUDGING: Commences at 12 NOON SHARP.

CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN FROM 10.30AM.

Receipts will be posted if a stamped self addressed envelope is enclosed.

- * FIRST PLACE in each class will receive a trophy and sash.
- * SECOND AND THIRD PLACE will receive a sash.
- * QUALIFYING TIMES will receive a qualifying ribbon.



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101 The Avenue, Ocean Grove, 3226.

Phone: 55 1618

DISPLAY TEAM

Our first outing for 1990 was a display and parade at Queenscliff for The Cottage By The Sea Centenary celebrations.

It was also the debut of the team's new T-shirts and banner which gave us quite a professional look.

My sincere thanks to all team members who attended on the day, and my congratulations to everyone for a job VERY well done.

Thanks to Wayne for organizing the banner at just the right time, and also to his wife Mary and my daughter Nicole who carried it in the parade - they have been unanimously elected as our banner bearers!

Thanks also to our extra helpers - Roma and Betty - who looked after baby, dogs and bags when needed.

We received a warm reception from the crowd during the Parade with lots of waving, cheering and clapping and many favourable comments along the way.

Last but not least, my thanks to our dogs, who behaved beautifully all day and who walked in their parade debut as if it was an every-day occurrence for them. Thank you all.

As soon as possible, we will be having regular practise in order to work a few variations into the program and to maintain the high standard we now have, so all members of the team are requested to be available when necessary.

That's all for now.

DESMA DICKESON
DISPLAY LEADER

TITBIT CORNER

Seems the Stork handed out some New Year goodies. Congratulations to Doug and Monica Hsley on a son, Matthew Luke; and to David and Nevi Allen a son also, Joshua.

The only trialling mishaps I've seen lately have been performed by my own dog and I am sure a couple of Judges have aged rapidly having had the pleasure of him in their rings.

"CLASS PASSES"

This is a new edition to our bimonthly newsletter and one I have been remiss in not printing earlier, but, with luck (and a lot of help), it will continue in future.

The idea came to me as I typed 3 Basic Obedience Certificates, because they are "success stories". They show that most members do strive to achieve success and have worked out their particular "problem". It also shows that the Instructors have compassion, patience and the ability to get their message across.

If you came into the clubhouse for a cuppa after training, you would hear about the above successes, so I am not going to elaborate, I am going to leave it up to you to discover how long some "strive" to solve their problems.

Well done to all the following handlers with Beginner Level passes; your "long road" has just begun.

Extremely well done to the following handlers with Basic Obedience Passes, you have completed the journey with honours. YOU would make excellent Assistant Instructors; perhaps to go onto becoming Instructors and passing on the knowledge you have learnt over your "instruction period".

BEGINNERS LEVEL PASSES

Elise	Avgerinos + Medusa	Jane	Harper + Bud
Andrea	Bolton Ben	Pauline	Halpin Kelly
Keryn	Birch Scooby	Pauline	Halpin Eve
Samantha	Dubbeldam Max	Denis	Leahy Sandy
Betty	Dunk Heidi	Elwyn	Reyntjes Jager
Thomas	Fleming Dougle	Sandra	Spring Jessie
Johanna	Friggen Emma	Rita	Travers Veckar
Sue	Hadley Blinki	Jacqui	Tol Mindy
Caroline	Hadley Cindy	John	Vandenberg Kessa

BASIC OBEDIENCE CERTIFICATE PASSES

TRISH	GAVAGHAN	HOLLY
GEORGE	GRAY	VICKIE
LYNN	SPALDING	NINJA
LEE	STEFFINLONGO	JENNY

If I spell a name incorrectly, please let me know and I will retype your Certificate. I know how important it is to have names spelt (and pronounced) correctly. My surname is Boeyen, pronounced Boyen; our eldest dog is Qaid, pronounced Cade and our youngest is Sagan, pronounced Saygan.

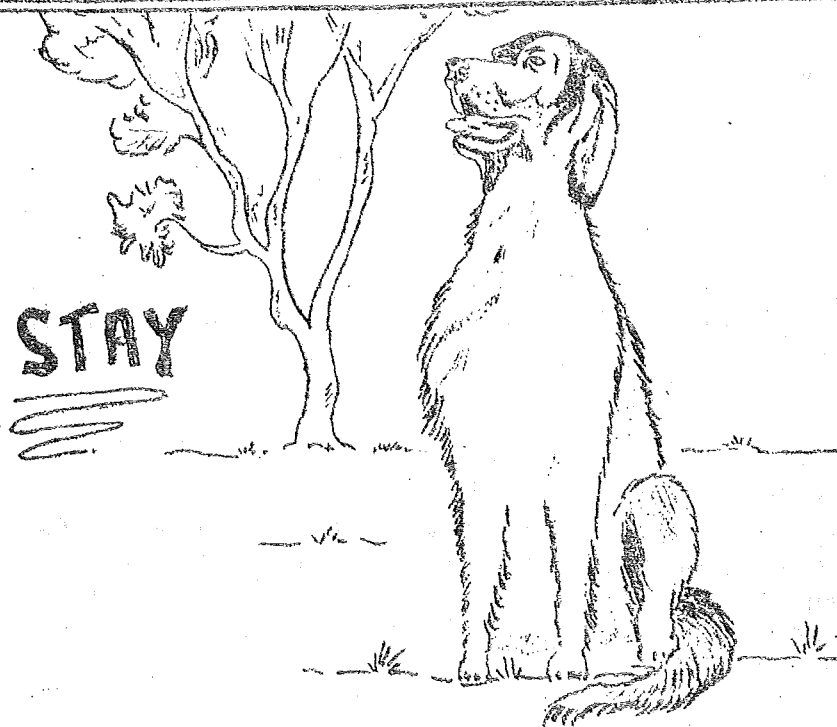
Until next time, when I hope I can type many more names on this page, good luck and keep smiling.

JAN BOEYEN
TRAINING INSTRUCTOR

PRIVATE OBEDIENCE TRAINING

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ANY BREED

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BASIC OBEDIENCE
& PROBLEM DOGS

20 YEARS EXPERIENCE

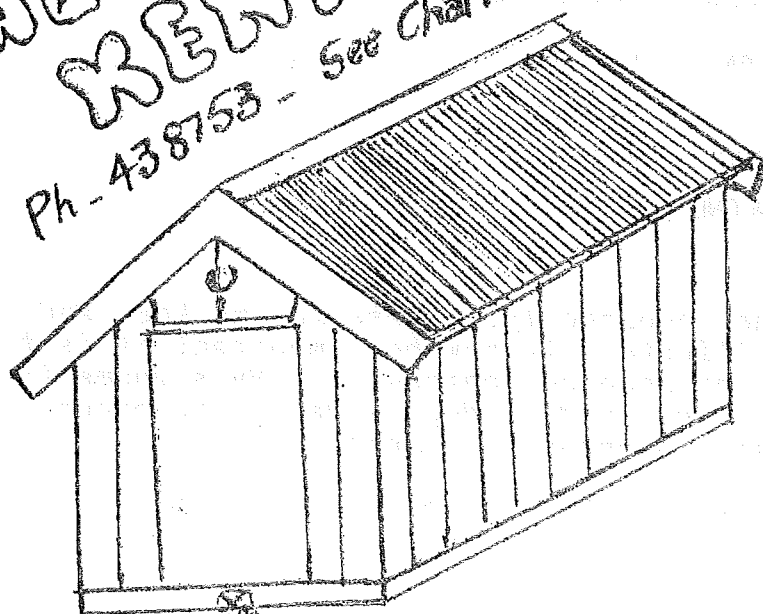
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ring **438753**

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Ph - 438753 - See Charlie !!



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INSTRUCTORS

It is requested 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.

Remember you only have one name to learn, your instructor can have 10 or more plus an equal number of dogs!

Any of these folk may be your Instructor from time to time as the need dictates.

TOM	ARNOTT	75 3941
ERIC	BAYER	48 3536
BERNIE	BARRETT	75 3688
CHARLIE	BARTOLO	43 8753
ROBERT	BECKINGHAM	48 6101
TAMMY	BECKINGHAM	48 6101
PHYL	BERGIN	48 4746
LISA	BLACKWELL	23 1063
MICHAEL	BLUNT	53 1718
JOHN	BOEYEN	78 2148
JAN	BOEYEN	78 2148
MEINHARD	BREIBERG	78 2296
BRUCE	CAJANS	43 4707
CATH	DAVIES	21 6819
DESMO	DICKESON	78 9585
MAUREEN	FRJARS	75 2993
CHARLIE	FRIGGEN	75 1226
CAROL	GILLHAM	9 4119
NEVI	GORUP	82 3012
SUE	HUME	51 3553
COLIN	HUMPHREYS	50 2104
STUART	INNES	75 7778
BRIAN	KERR	77 0135
CHRIS	LINGUEY	75 7592
ELAINE	LONGSHAW	55 4603
BRIAN	MOORE	-
ANGELA	MOORE	-
ROMA	ROSCOE	43 7464
DICK	WILTINK	75 2595
ELEONORE	WILTINK	75 2595
MARJ	WRIGHT	43 5791
WAYNE	FELDMAN	53 1030

TRAINING SUPERVISORS REPORT MARCH 1990

To those of you who do not know me; and then I ask why not; as the new Instructors Board (full of lovely photos - not "mug shots"), your Club Newsletter or your class Instructor will tell you; my name is Jan Boeyen, fortunately married to the current President, but not for reasons pertaining to the Club; even though (knowing him as I do) I feel he is a good President because he has the interests of YOU, THE MEMBER foremost in his mind. He does not believe it to be "HIS CLUB" or "HIS MONEY", and will physically match any task requested of or by, you, the member at working bees. Only I know how much time over the summer break he was "down at the Club". I bet you're saying; but he's a fit young man! Young? - Middle of the road; Fit? - If you forget about his back, shoulder and wrist, you could be right. Soooo, when he asks you attend working bees, come along and give a hand? (He's also GROUND MANAGER) Enough of him though, his head will be too big to fit into his "Dicky Knee" cap.

I have been Training Supervisor for 17 months and feel we have achieved a great deal. (When I say "we", I am referring to "the Club"). Recently, a valued instructor asked me to do a mini survey to find out the Clubs most successful year/s. I based the survey on Basic Obedience Certificate Passes and in 1989 there were 25, this not being the case since 1981. WHY????? There were many changes made in our Club, both Training and Administrative and CHANGES are HARD to ADAPT to once WE ARE SET IN OUR WAYS. Then again, we should never be complacent, we should strive to IMPROVE all the time. Why do YOU attend training??? To strive to improve I hope.

Our methods of training are based on correction and praise (both immediate, not ten minutes later), but if you do not COMMUNICATE with your dog (friend) from the day you bring your puppy/dog home, then 1 HOUR of training at our Club MAY NOT help you. To me, communication is ASKING QUESTIONS and READING. If I don't know what I'm talking about, I WILL FIND OUT. (Like a Terrier "worrying" a bone is one way I have been described).

I am a forward thinking person, compassionate, ready to listen to your point of view or COMPLAINT, but, should I see someone being cruel to their pet or "thinking of only themselves" (an ego trip), then I am a TOUGH LADY. And LADY I am; I was raised by firm, but loving parents who set values; good manners if you like! My parents used "correction and praise", not BRUTALITY, to raise me, thus in my later years, those values are imprinted on my mind and I SINCERELY HOPE all people can train their "friends" with the same FIRMNESS and LOVE. If they are a MEMBER of your FAMILY, don't they deserve to be treated as you would like to be. UNDERSTAND YOUR DOG/FRIEND, AND YOU WILL SUCCEED!!!! (we have a GREAT LIBRARY).

Recently, a member of my family accused me of "bashing" my dog. NORMALLY, I respect my elders, BUT THIS WAS TOO MUCH!!!! Bashing, her words, was my SCRUFFING and use of CORRECTION CHAIN after he had GROWLED at a CHILD because he was SCARED by the child's actions. As I told her, if I HAD NOT CORRECTED my dog, and then PRAISED him, HE may have BITTEN a CHILD and she, my accuser, would have been the FIRST one to CRY, "SHOOT THE DOG, IT'S VICIOUS".

A dog must have a PACK LEADER and to my/our dogs, I am "Mum", setting values and raising, a good mannered "child", one of which I am proud and who is rock solid as a Member of our Display Team.

All I can say to you is; if you have a problem, ASK QUESTIONS, LISTEN, READ, find the SOLUTION and ONLY THEN go about correcting the problem! Not in a DAY, not in a MONTH, but SOLVE it you will if YOU have PATIENCE and can ADMIT that perhaps YOU HAVE "CREATED A MONSTER".

I admit openly, I have made mistakes, RAISING Prince, Lara, Gypsy, Jade, Quester, Omen, Jedda, Satan, Rannach, Qaid and Sagan (all G.S.D.'s); plus litters of their pups, but I HAVE LEARNT BY MY (and OTHER PEOPLES) MISTAKES and STRIVE to improve. Johnny, who introduced me to Shepherds, with Prince, some 20 years ago, will also be making mistakes, but then working to correct them. (I trained HIM well!!!)

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PLEASE, read all the material given to you by the Club; they have been produced by "ordinary" people, such as yourselves; who in time, could become INSTRUCTORS.

In 1989, new handlers commencing in Class 1 each month averaged 28, thus two (2) Instructors could quite easily accommodate that amount. BUT.... on 7/2/90!!!! a 3rd class 1 had to be organised at the last moment (but did I panic? -just a little). The line outside the office just GREW and GREW!! The final count of new class 1 handlers was **51**. This is FANTASTIC as obviously more people are realising the RESPONSIBILITIES of owning a dog and the need for a WELL BEHAVED one.

Desma Dickeson and the Display Team must be CONGRATULATED on "DISPLAYING" our wares so well. Comments heard after the Queenscliffe Display and Parade were very rewarding. Comments, whether COMPLIMENTS or COMPLAINTS, reflect on our Club and judging by the enormous amount of new members on 7/2/90, our Club can be proud of the Display Team. There was only one NEGATIVE aspect of the day and that was the organisation by our hosts. PRE-ORGANISED plans WERE NOT carried through and Desma had to contend with train rides zipping around, overwhelming noise from a nearby broadcast station and an unroped area - ALL OF WHICH WERE PRE-ORGANIZED. Desma and her Team are extremely well organised: a pity that SOME of our HOSTS are NOT.

Many thanks to Meinhard Breiberg and Dick Wiltink for taking Sunday Classes. Those Sunday classes are for those Members who CANNOT attend Wednesday nights, those who need extra training with "problems" and instructors wishing to train their own dogs. IT IS NOT to be regarded as a "PRIVATE LESSON" session by members.

To assist those Members who fall into the above categories, I will take a class from 6p.m. to 6.30p.m. on Wednesday nights. At this stage it is only for half an hour, but if I receive support from other instructors who can give; and have to spare; half an hour of their time, it may be extended to an hour. Remember though, half an hour of association with other people and dogs is better than none.

TRIAL TRAINING will be available Wednesdays, from 4p.m. on, for those Members who wish to "go further" and start trialling. (Have you got "the bug" yet?) This will be taken by Meinhard Breiberg until mid May, when, lucky devil, he's going overseas. I have promised Meinhard that I will take it on during his absence, but willingly hand back the reins on his return. (Meinhard reminded me of a few errors in my handling when I was in his Trial class last year - Sagan got his Companion Dog Title soon after - thanks Meinhard).

If any instructor wishes to assist Meinhard in this area, please let me know. If you wish to attend Trial Training, your name and time of attendance MUST be on the list (on the table, outside the glass door) - it's awfully COLD and MISERABLE waiting for Members who MIGHT show up. A phone call is all it takes to advise of your non-attendance.

In closing (have I waffled on too much?), I would like to say THANK YOU to "MY INSTRUCTORS" - YOU DO A WONDERFUL JOB!!! Until recently when I was speaking to an Instructor, one who I greatly respect and value his ideas, I didn't realise that I HAD NOT BEEN PRAISING enough. All of us, and that includes me, would like to be told "we are doing well" as, although we know it, we (most of us) are humble and do not seek praise, but why do we lavish praise on our dogs and not praise (or otherwise) our fellow man (oops!!! - fellow person).

I can tell by class number attendance records, who is a good person/instructor. Naturally, we "lose" some of you to work, family or other commitments, but that is gradual, "a tapering off" if you prefer, not a sudden drop. When you do not COMMUNICATE with us to tell us why you are not returning, I question why: are you ill, has your dog been hurt or gone to "Doggy Heaven". Are you bored, unhappy with us????? Please tell your instructor, OR ME. I am very approachable, and if it is a "personality clash" with your instructor, it can be solved.

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If you find YOU are "not getting on" with your Instructor, and CANNOT OVERCOME it, I can place YOU in another class, keeping in mind that should your INSTRUCTOR feel you are wasting your time in their class as THEY FEEL they cannot find a way to communicate with YOU, I would approach you and suggest a change of Class. Perhaps another Instructor can "get the message across", or listen to you if you feel you know more about your dog than he/she does. As Training Supervisor, I guess you can replace the words with "go between" for members, Instructors and Committee!!! - I AM YOUR VOICE, TRYING TO KEEP A HAPPY BALANCE.

To aid Instructors to know and remember all the changes re training and administration of our Club, as from the next Instructors Meeting on 30/4/90, all instructors will receive an agenda prior to the meeting, so you will be able to study them at your leisure; know all the facts and have your say (and I hope, have the conviction to "stick with it" - not "follow the leader"). Some new faces, aspiring Instructors, would be welcomed with open arms as Assistant Instructors. We currently have 34 instructors on our books, but due to other commitments at other times, cannot always take a class, so more would be welcome.

Boy, do I waffle on!! I was closing 4 paragraphs ago.

Good luck in 1990, train your dog ONLY WHEN YOU have the time and patience, whether at home or in class. PLEASE COMMUNICATE with us, come to meetings, or if you're not "brave enough", there is a suggestion box, BUT BE PREPARED TO "PUT IN" AS MUCH "AS YOU EXPECT" - I DO!!!! Look at the way the world has changed in the past 10 YEARS AND BE A "FORWARD THINKER" - I AM!!!

Please forgive any typing? errors, I tend to think ahead of my typing ability.

JAN BOEYEN
TRAINING SUPERVISOR

By the time you receive this NEWSLETTER, the Instructors will have had two days of Instruction at a Lecture conducted by MICHAEL TUCKER. As we train MOSTLY by MICHAEL'S methods of CORRECTION and PRAISE, our Club asks MICHAEL TUCKER (to remind us, or teach us new methods he has learnt) to give lectures every couple of years or so, that we can, in turn, pass on to you, the Members.

If you would like to read Michael Tucker's books, they are available from our LIBRARY, but, if you would like your own, personal, signed version, they are available. Michael can bring a limited few to the Club, and we can feel privileged, as his NEW BOOK, titled, DOG TRAINING STEP BY STEP; Sub-titled, A NEW GUIDE FOR OWNERS AND INSTRUCTORS; is not due to be released until April this year.

Michael will be available to sign those PRE-ORDERED books; Saturday 24th for INSTRUCTORS/ASSISTANTS ONLY and SATURDAY AFTER 4.00 p.m. and SUNDAY FROM 8.30 a.m. - 9.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. (when a further session of lecture starts).

COST OF BOOK \$17.00 (same as for last 2 editions)

ADVISE JAN BOEYEN if you would like a pre-ordered copy (and are lucky to see this notice by the 22/3/90.) Remember, if you miss out, we can perhaps "bulk order" some signed ones from Michael Tucker in the future.

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LIBRARY NEWS - NEW BOOKS

PROBLEM DOG

by Valerie O'Farrell

Valerie, a graduate Psychotherapist, is now attached to the Small Animal Practice Unit of the School of Veterinary Studies, Edinburgh, where she provides a consultancy service for dogs and cats referred by a Vet. One of her present research programs is the effects of owner personality on dog behaviour.

Using case histories from her wide experience, she explains in very readable form, dog behaviour, particularly problem behaviour. She believes that armed with this information the reader should be capable of making his own diagnosis.

DOG TRAINING FOR KIDS

by Carol Lea Benjamin

This new enlarged version of one of Carol's earlier books is designed to assist the handler to strengthen the important human/animal bond, which is the basis of all successful dog training. Easy to follow instructions on handling and training would be most helpful to the kids for whom it was written, and for adults wishing to follow up instruction with some homework.

There are numerous illustrations, many indicative of Carol's sense of humour, which pervades the book. The inclusion of a section on instructions for teaching simple tricks to relieve the boredom of routine training could be read with profit by beginners and our most experienced handlers.

TICKNERS DOGS

by John Tickner

This is a light hearted cartoon book on the human/dog relationship. Town dogs, country dogs, sporting dogs, show dogs, odd dogs and their owners come in for their share of ribbing. Great illustrations and lots of fun.

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Sue Hume

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE FOLK.

PLEASE NOTE

As I am unable to come to Sunday training sessions due to work commitments, it is now up to you Triallers to supply either Johnny or Anton with your results. What I need is: (1) your name; (2) name of Club holding the trial; (3) what class you competed in; (4) your dog's pedigree name if applicable; (5) your dog's ordinary name; (6) what place you got and/or whether you got a pass; and (7) what breed of dog you have.

After you have done that for me, you could then supply Anton with a separate information sheet which includes (1) as above; (2) as above; (3) your score. This information will be tallied up at the end of the year to determine the winners of the Highest Scoring Registered Trial dog and the Highest Scoring associate Trial dog. If you don't hand them in, you can't win the trophy, so give yourself a chance. The only class that doesn't count towards these points is Encouragement.

All Agility competitors must hand in their TIMES in lieu of scores.

CALENDAR

CLUB DATES

MICHAEL TUCKER LECTURE FOR INSTRUCTORS/COMMITTEE	26. 3.90	
GENERAL MEETING	3. 4.90	
WORKING BEE	21. 4.90	
GEELONG AGILITY TRIAL	22. 4.90	
INSTRUCTORS MEETING	30. 4.90	
COMMITTEE MEETING	1. 5.90	
INSTRUCTORS MEETING	28. 5.90	
GENERAL MEETING	5. 6.90	
INSTRUCTORS MEETING	25. 6.90	
COMMITTEE MEETING	3. 7.90	
WORKING BEE	14. 7.90	
WORKING BEE	21. 7.90	
GEELONG OBEDIENCE TRIAL	22. 7.90	
INSTRUCTORS MEETING	30. 7.90	
GENERAL MEETING	7. 8.90	
INSTRUCTORS MEETING	27. 8.90	NOMIN'S FOR T/SUP. & ASS.
COMMITTEE MEETING	4. 9.90	
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE BEARERS WILL CLOSE 21 DAYS PRECEDING THIS A.G.M.)	2.10.90	
WORKING BEE	8.11.90	
GEELONG OBEDIENCE TRIAL	9.11.90	
GENERAL MEETING	4.12.90	

(MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT GENERAL MEETINGS COMMENCE AT 8 PM, AND EVERYONE IS REQUESTED TO BRING A PLATE OF SUPPER.)

SPECIAL NOTE:

THERE WILL BE TRAINING ON APRIL 22 AS USUAL PRIOR TO THE AGILITY TRIAL.

THERE IS NO TRAINING ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND LONG WEEKENDS.

FOR THOSE INTERESTED, THERE WILL BE TRIAL TRAINING ON APRIL 25, ANZAC DAY.

THERE IS NO TRAINING ON THE DAYS OF OUR OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIALS.

ELAINE LONGSHAW

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