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NEWSLETTER NO. 39

This Newsletter is produced bimonthly and is distributed on the last training session of that month (with the exception being when that date falls on a public holiday as in this case).

Welcome to all our new members, may you find your association with our Club a rewarding one, not just for the progress you make in training your dog to become an acceptable member of your household, but in the new friendships you make with your fellow classmates and/or competitors.

Further on in this edition are two pages from the **APRIL 1971 K.C.C. Gazette** giving an account of the official opening of the Club's present site. To the newer members of the Club, you will see some of these names listed on the roll board on the wall of our clubrooms. The secretary at the time, Mr Fred Lehrmann subsequently went on to become one of our past Presidents and he is also a well known and respected Obedience Judge whom we are proud to have as a life member of the Club.

My apologies for an omission from the last Newsletter with respect to Annual Club awards. **DESMO DICKSON** was the **Instructor/Committee Person** of the 1990 year. Congratulations Desma. (To the newer readers Desma is also our Display Team leader. This team performs by public request at various functions throughout the year and there are reports relative to past engagements further on in this edition.)

Food for thought. It is planned this year to hold a social function every alternate month, and the first of these was held recently in the form of a Musical Trivia evening.

This proved to be an interesting function with all participants in some sort of musical attire.

However, the attendance numbers were very disappointing which is a reflection of the apathy that seems to prevail in our Club from time to time. Last year a Questionnaire was handed out to **YOU** the members, to ascertain what type of functions you wanted, and this was one of the requests. It takes a considerable amount of time to set up evenings like this, so please support your committee in their endeavours to serve you the members. The economic climate may be dismal, but this night out was run with a \$2.00 admission fee, and supper was provided. Remember the old saying 'Put your money where your mouth is!!' Did **YOU** request this type of function? Apart from that, these social functions are provided for you and your family to enjoy in the company of others with a similar interest. Think about it, and let us see **YOU** at the **NEXT** event.

It was pleasing to see on the ever popular "**Burke's Backyard**" recently the segment on Rottweilers filmed locally at the home of one of our Instructors, Helen Read. Helen is the Secretary of the Victorian Rottweiler Club and also a breed warden.

Some of the other breed clubs should take note of how to successfully depict their particular breed, and explain the correct way of breeding to improve the breed and maintain stability of temperament, which is of course the opposite method used by those out for a quick dollar. Some other segments (particularly with smaller breeds) depicted dogs running here, there and everywhere unchecked and some even had dogs fighting throughout the entire segment. Certainly not a good way to sway public opinion in their favour). Nor have some Clubs given a true indication of the type of responsibility people need to have to live with a particular breed.

EDITORIAL CONT/2

Remember when purchasing your next pedigree dog, you should discuss the pros and cons with the appropriate Club officers, as well as viewing as many adults and puppies you can to see the difference in types and temperament that are available. Time taken then can save a lot of later heartbreak that occurs when people just run and purchase their puppy from the first litter they see just because "they fell in love with it". You must make sure you understand about that particular breed and their capabilities checked and unchecked. Your life, or that of the dogs' may depend on it one day.

In closing members are reminded that Annual Subscriptions are due and payable by June 30. Failure to pay these fees by end July may mean that you will incur a rejoining penalty. The current rule of the Club is that ALL members must show their CURRENT vaccination certificate when renewing membership.

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TRIAL RESULTS

MELTON

Elaine Longshaw Ch. Elshaddai Joshua (Saadi)
Dobermann

NOVICE
3rd Place
2ND PASS

Val Moeller Ch. Ormslee Dark Opal C.D. (Sula)
Rottweiler

OPEN
1st Place
3rd PASS C.D.X.

Debbie Bartlett Blue Bonnie (Bonnie)

ASS. ENCOURAGEMENT
1st Place

Merle Sinclair Raffles

NOVICE ASSOCIATE
2nd Place
3rd PASS G.D.

SOUTHERN

Pauline Naudi Jake

ASS. ENCOURAGEMENT
2nd Place

ATTENTION

As I am unable to attend Sunday training sessions due to work commitments, it is up to you Trialers to supply either the President or Secretary with your results if you wish to have them included in the Newsletter. 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 placing you got and/or whether you got a pass; and (7) what breed of dog you have.

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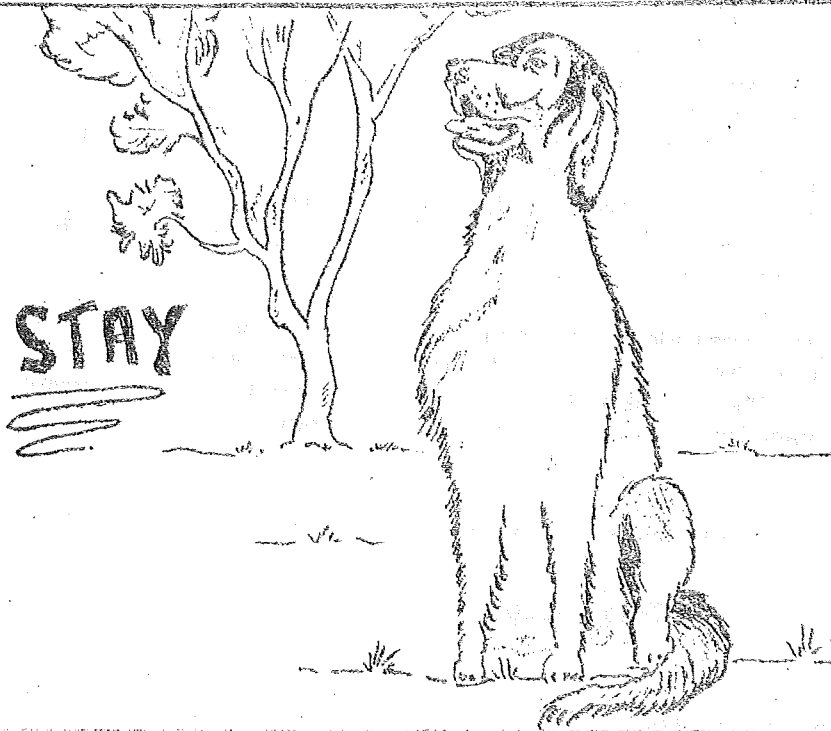
To assist you with keeping records of your trial results, a result sheet has been formulated. When you have been to a trial, simply fill out a form and hand it to the Trial Secretary, or Secretary to be filed away for the end of the year's trial dog of the year, registered and associate.

(Forms are available from the Secretary's office.)

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ANY BREED

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& PROBLEM DOGS

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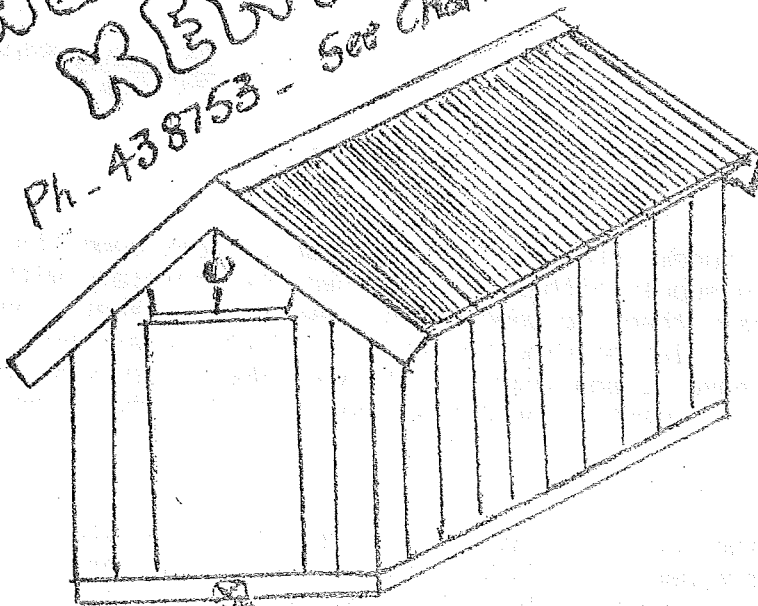
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to all new members. I believe we had a record number of new members join after our Xmas break: a total of 72, who were processed very quickly by our Secretary, Lisa Blackwell and our Treasurer, Ian Templeton. Many thanks to Jan Boeyen, our Training Supervisor for organising total confusion into orderly new induction classes. Well done team!! I sincerely hope that the new members have a most rewarding time, not only in training their dogs, but in meeting and making new friends.

Newsletters are printed bi-monthly and all new members will now have their name printed in the newsletter, officially notifying them that they are registered members.

I am very pleased to advise that the planned objectives for 1990/91 are progressing very well. A special thank you to Meinhard Breiberg for the removal of the 3rd roller door and also for bricking in the area next to the Secretary's office. This area will eventually be the doggy shop, thus allowing us to extend the bar area.

Four ceiling exhaust fans have been installed in the main hall to help alleviate cigarette smoke.

The extension to our training ground is progressing very well. The new fence and gate are in position. Thinning of the trees between the two areas has been carried out as well. From reports by members, they are extremely happy with the result. Many thanks to our Ground Manager, Eric Baier and his helpers, the progress is quite remarkable. Praise must also be given to Eric for the way the ground is picking up, considering we have had the driest spell on record over the Xmas break. As most members know, the ground is very susceptible to cracking and Eric has done well in keeping the grounds reasonably green. To the members who run their dogs on the ground during the week, please feel free to shift the sprinklers around. Whilst using the grounds though, don't forget, if your dog fouls the ground, please pick it up as there is always a bucket left outside.

It appears that the security gates have worked very well as there have been no break-ins since they were installed.

Our last Social function was a Music Trivia night on the 16/3/91. Those members who attended had a great night. If you missed that Social function, do attend the next one as a fun night is always guaranteed. Thanks to Wayne & Mary Feldman for organising the function.

Congratulations to Stan & Lesley Deane for their commitment to the canteen and for the variety of goodies now available. Judging by the long line of members every training day, it is much appreciated.

For those who did not attend our General Meeting; quite a lot was discussed including amending and checking approximately 50 By Laws dating from 1956 to 1991. A special thank you to Barry Elliott for the many hours spent looking through all our General & Committee meeting minutes. Barry collated all By Laws and placed them in a single folder, which will assist not only the present Committee, but anyone who may have a query on any By Law.

If at any time a member has a problem or a suggestion, please feel free to speak to myself, any Committee member or Instructor. Suggestions are always welcome if they can in anyway improve the running of the Club.

Lastly, but by no means least; thank you to all Instructors. Once again I handed out numerous Beginners Level and a few Basic Obedience Certificates. Keep up the good work. Congratulations to those members who have been awarded passes in the trial ring recently. Don't forget to hand in your trial scores.

JOHN BOEYEN
PRESIDENT

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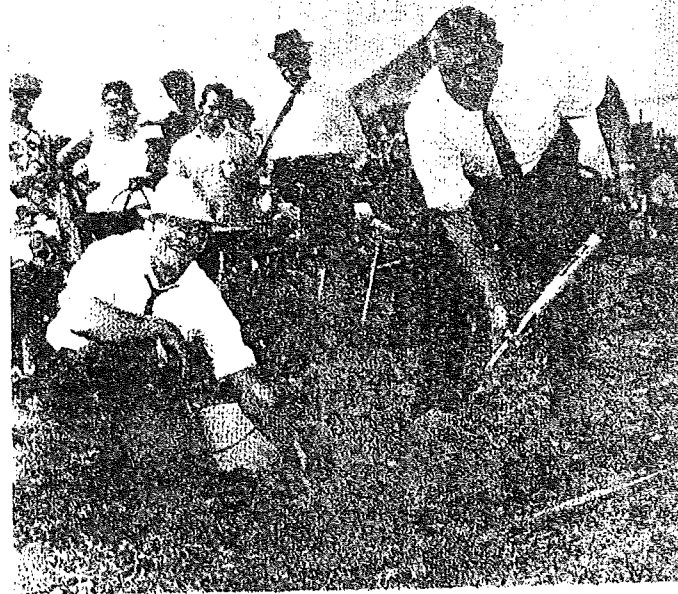
Full page Advertisement:	12 months	\$25.00
Full page Advertisement:	1 month	\$10.00
Half page Advertisement:	12 months	\$13.00
Half page Advertisement:	1 month	\$ 5.00

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GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF GEELONG



Les. Miller (centre left) being congratulated by Carl Heyne, Collin Kitchener (President) and Fred Lehmann on having the new ground named after him.



RCC Committee member, Alan Laidler, being assisted by Club Secretary Fred Lehmann to plant a tree to mark the Official Opening of the new ground.

OPEN PARADE — SUNDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1971

Judge, Mr. J. M. Thornton



Best dog and best exhibit in parade: M. Moor's Barshep Lord Nelson.
Best opposite sex in parade: Mr and Mrs W. R. Young's Fitch, Fagenstolz. Cleo.
Best puppy in parade: Mr and Mrs R. Whitford's son, Tasha Lindlo.

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF GEELONG

OBEDIENCE TRIAL — 28th FEBRUARY, 1971



NOVICE BITCH — Judge: Mrs M. Musgrove
Mrs J. L. Mutch's German Shepherd Dog,
Cisterla Shanilee Kim.



Councillor McGregor-Dowsett addressing
those present on the occasion of the
opening of the new ground.



NOVICE DOG — Judge: Mr L. F. Gowers
M. Clark's Labrador Retriever, Dalmar Gol-
den Sandy.

CLUB NOTES

On Sunday, 28th February, the German Shepherd Dog Club of Geelong conducted a most successful Open Parade and Obedience Trial in conjunction with the official opening of the club's new grounds.

These grounds are situated adjacent to the Barwon River and many trees have already been planted by the club, ensuring good shade in the future.

We wish to thank all members and guests for contributing towards this most successful occasion, and in particular Councillor McGregor Dowsett, Councillor Reg Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, from the Ford Motor Co., Alan Laidler, K.C.C. Committee, who

officially opened the grounds, Laurie Luxmoore, K.C.C., and Ern Paxman, from the Advisory Committee.

The club had pleasure in naming the grounds the L. McD. Miller Reserve after our old friend, Mr. Les Miller, in recognition of his long and untiring work for the benefit of the club and the Obedience World.

A very special "thank you" to Mr. Lehrmann, senr., for all the work he has put into developing the grounds, and Mr. Karl Heyne for his untiring work as Show Manager; also the President, Mr. Carl Kitchemaster, and Secretary, Mr. Fred Lehrmann.

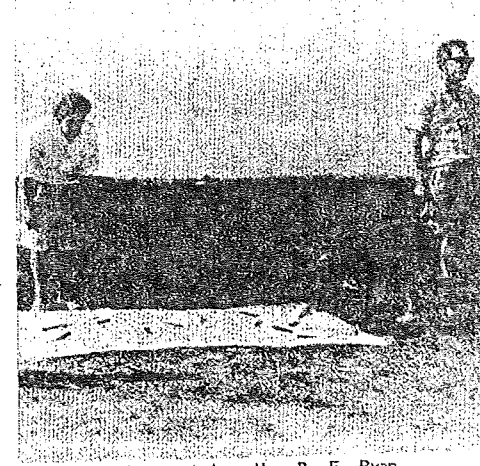
To all competitors our special thanks for your attendance and we look forward to your continued support at future Geelong fixtures.



OPEN "B" — Judge: Mr G. E. Tulloch
E. T. Keen's German Shepherd Dog, Ravens-
bruch Regal Less (CD).



OPEN "A" — Judge: Mr K. Musgrove
Miss B. Kuppens' Labrador Retriever, Galli-
gal Sheba (CDX).



U.D. — Judge: Mrs B. E. Ryan
Mr R. Ensley's Boxer, Rillden Meikle Kilt
(CDX).

BERWICK A.&H. SOCIETY

A very big thank you to the dog exhibitors who made up the record entry of 938 at the Championship Show in February.

The dog section has completely outgrown the existing dog area at the show and plans are already under way towards selecting another, more appropriate, area to hold our 1972 Championship Show. Many hours were spent in trying to get the rings into show

presentation condition, but the human element was not strong enough to correct the havoc caused by the flood conditions last year.

I would like to thank our Ticket Writers, Stewards and Mick Thomas, who so ably managed the show to an early 4 o'clock finish on such a hot day. Thank you. And to Norm, thanks for bearing with me. — Leila White, Kennel Secretary.

STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT IN YOUR DOG AND SOCIALIZATION

AIM OF SOCIALIZATION: To teach the dog those things he would not learn unless instructed - i.e. Not to wet in the house, and all other social activities which are not inherent in the dog but necessary for him to fit into our society.

Socialization is continuous throughout the life of the dog, but the first 16 weeks are vital. Miss taking the time during this period to introduce your pup to various situations in a non stressful way and you will never have the dog you could have had.

To inhibit and channel those natural activities that are instinctive to the dog. Again so he can become a useful member of society and contented to use his instinct in a positive way. I.e. to fetch articles on command and bring them to his owner, not to drag all the clothes off the line and bury them.

CRITICAL PERIODS - Birth to 7 weeks. Puppies learn to accept discipline from their Dam and to interact with their litter mates. They learn to be functional animals within the dog pack. To give the correct signals and responses to other dogs.

SOCIALIZATION PERIOD: 7-12 weeks. At this age the dog is capable of learning anything, as its brain has the capacity of an adult dog. This is a valuable period and should not be wasted. Spend as much time as you can introducing your dog to all the things he will encounter during his life with you.

Introduce him to other animals that are non-threatening. Things learnt at this time are retained. Concentration is limited so teaching should be short and happy.

FEAR PERIOD: This period occurs sometimes between 8 and 16 weeks. Things that the pup happily accepted before, may for a short time appear threatening and produce fear in the puppy. Recognize that this is just a stage and will pass. Do not force the puppy to confront the thing he fears. Just be calm and non fearful yourself and treat the thing the puppy fears with disdain and he will take his cue from you.
Do not over protect or display too much concern.

FITTING INTO POSITION IN YOUR FAMILY GROUP: 12 - 16 weeks. This is the testing period when the puppy decides whether he is number two in your family or comes after all the other family members as he should. The puppy will test you and the other family members to find his place. Things like biting at the lead or his owner should be discouraged and firmly corrected. All family members should be able to direct the puppy and expect him to comply. Puppy should now be sleeping all night quietly in his own bed and be walking well on a lead.

He should know his own name and what **NO** means and be able to stay quietly by himself without howling or barking and not destroy things.

FLIGHT INSTINCT PERIOD: 4 to 8 months. Testing time when the puppy becomes deaf at convenient times. Make sure that you are in a position to make the puppy listen. This period only lasts a short time but is always sometime between the 4th and 8th month.

SECOND FEAR PERIOD: 6 - 14 months. Your puppy may suddenly become terror stricken about something he has seen many times before. This is illogical behaviour and like a child having a nightmare. Just be calm and reassuring and avoid confrontation while the puppy is unable to cope. This will soon pass if you don't make an issue of the fear. Work on having the puppy learn to rely on you for guidance and support, while learning to be independent.

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STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT IN YOUR DOG AND SOCIALIZATION/2

ADOLESCENCE: Sometime between 12 and 24 mths. Your puppy begins to assert himself and to regard all other dogs as potential rivals. Concentrate on reinforcing your earlier training and demand respect and attention from your dog.

This behaviour is not cute and is not socially acceptable, don't applaud or condone it. Be firm, fair and disciplined. Distract the dog and avoid confrontations with other dogs which will only reinforce the behaviour. This behaviour will settle if not reinforced.

CLUB CALENDAR

WORKING BEE	20. 4.91
AGILITY TRIAL (G.O.D.C.)	21. 4.91
(THERE WILL BE NORMAL TRAINING PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THIS TRIAL)	
INSTRUCTORS MEETING	29. 4.91
COMMITTEE MEETING	7. 5.91
NEWSLETTER CLOSING DATE	12. 5.91
INSTRUCTORS MEETING	27. 5.91
GENERAL MEETING	4. 6.91
INSTRUCTORS MEETING	1. 7.91
COMMITTEE MEETING	2. 7.91
NEWSLETTER CLOSING	14. 7.91
WORKING BEE	20. 7.91
WORKING BEE	27. 7.91
OBEDIENCE TRIAL (G.O.D.C.)	28. 7.91
INSTRUCTORS MEETING	29. 7.91
GENERAL MEETING	6. 8.91
INSTRUCTORS MEETING	26. 8.91
COMMITTEE MEETING	3. 9.91
NEWSLETTER CLOSING	15. 9.91
INSTRUCTORS MEETING	30. 9.91
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	1.10.91
COMMITTEE MEETING	5.11.91 (MELB.CUP)
WORKING BEE	2.11.91
WORKING BEE	9.11.91
OBEDIENCE TRIAL (G.O.D.C.)	10.11.91
GENERAL MEETING	2.12.91

NO SET SOCIAL DATES NOR DISPLAY TEAM BOOKINGS ARE TO HAND AT THIS DATE.

GENERAL MEETINGS COMMENCE AT 8 PM (UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED). MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING A PLATE.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS. 6.2.91

Peter Barth	Kirsty Messinger	Kaye Nelson/ P. Sullivan
K. Tipping/ D. Kiddle	The Hill Family	K. Lane/C. Miller
P & M Ritchie	J & E Johnson	K & M Howes
Antony Ierufi	J & A Vlahovic	M & R Maher
The Simpson Family	A & J Keats	Jim Buchanan
Joan Brophy	The Borst Family	L. Fimmel/ L. Kiss
C & I Barnes	Kerry Short	Donna Gamble
Win Brett	Matthew Johnson	Grace Vissen
Margaret Inglis	Tania Iezzi	The Birch Family
Michelle Baker	L & E Williams	Tim Vaughan
The Aldridge	Heath Mc Lachalan	The Mc Kondrick Family
A & P Maczyszn	Christine Thilonius	Kristen Maloney
Betty Neal	Sonya Mitchell	The Maddalena Family
The Higgins Family	The Anstis Family	W & M Purcell
The Murray Family	The Murnane Family	Mark Campagnolo
The Watkins Family	John Meulblok	I & L Biscan
The Buckingham Family	D & F Puttifoat	Adrian Schep
J & P Lloyd	Dawn Fitzgerald	Margaret Hearn
Julie McRorie	Debra Grass	Jo-Anne Kiddle
C & D Darcy	The Marks Family	Pam Bennet
The Smelter Family	K & A Carlton	M. Sudmeyer/D. Scheeling
Kerry Nicholls	Irene Van Rooyen	The Chapman Family
Alex Ruffin	Carolyn McMahon.	

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Craig Thomson	Cathy Moore	Mitchell Smith
J & R Hallows	The Kinlock Family	Dean Goddard
Krystal Stone	Ann Hill	M & E Payne
Wendy Thrussell		

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Jodie Walker	The Leonhardt Family	Janelle Crossett
David Houghton	T & J Masterson	B & C Hirst

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A & B Maloney	S & F Houte	David Cecil
Audrey Mason	The Robertson Family	

3. 3. 91.

Glenda Mackay	Boris Graljuk	Kris Jones
Peter Barnes	Tracey Cracknell	Shelie Howard
E & M Ginn	Wendy Connoley	The Meldrum Family
S & R Gove	Koppie Kippelaar	Noia Jones
K & H Gorell	T & E Harvey	B & N Ivec
S & D Baker	Andrea McCurdy	Jeremy Miller
R. Garner/J. O'Loughlin	W & P Harrison	

CANINE VOLUNTEER WINS HEARTS

Patients in Q Ward at Plenty Psychiatric Hospital have formed a special friendship with a four-legged visitor who has broken down barriers. Beau, a two year old German Shepherd, was a regular visitor over the Christmas and new year period.

His owner, Alex Dordevic, the manager of the media and briefing unit at the Health Department's central office, took Beau with him while volunteering to care for patients during a dispute in psychiatric hospitals in December.

"After working a full day in my job I could not leave Beau at home while volunteering at night so I took him with me," Mr Dordevic said.

"When I arrived at the hospital I left Beau tied to a tree outside the ward while I was working and came back later to find that the patients were playing games with him."

"The friendship has reached the stage now that when I visit the ward Beau is greeted before I am."

Mr. Dordevic said Beau was an ice-breaker for patients who were uncomfortable with strangers.

"People will sometimes respond to animals more easily than to people. It is easy to give a dog a pat and relax when you just wouldn't normally sit down and talk openly to other people," he said.

At least one patient was wary of the big dog and kept his distance, explaining that he was afraid of dogs.

"The next time I saw him he was sitting there patting Beau and talking to him as if he was his greatest friend."

At one stage the highly-trained Beau and his owner convinced some patients that Beau could understand several languages.

"A Greek patient asked me if Beau could understand Greek. He said the Greek word for sit and Beau sat." However, at the same time Mr. Dordevic surreptitiously gave the hand signal for sit.

"He asked me if he could understand Russian, so I told Beau to sit in Russian and gave the hand signal again without them seeing it."

"Then we tried it in German and Turkish. Beau just went on following commands in different languages. They were amazed. They all just laughed when I told them what I'd been doing."

Mr. Dordevic said many health care professionals recognised that animals had a relaxing effect on people: "Pets can make you feel less stressed. They are very therapeutic."

"The pets as therapy program has been used in aged care institutions for a number of years. It would be opportune to examine the introduction of such a program to psychiatric hospitals. The benefits are immediate."

The duo still visit their friends at the hospital every week.

Mr. Dordevic said he benefited from the experience.

"I had never been in a psychiatric hospital before and didn't know what to expect. I was apprehensive. My concept of mental illness has changed now," he said.

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CANINE VOLUNTEER WINS HEARTS/2

"I think the patients benefited from the companionship and the normalisation experience of having contact with people from outside the hospital."

"The other volunteers I met at the hospital came from an incredible variety of backgrounds - from other government departments, from private companies, and there was even a house husband."

"Many of them have continued to visit the friends they met at the hospital."

"A few of the volunteers I've spoken to found their first shift unnerving, but they came back the next day, enthusiastic to help as much as they could."

"After a few days, all of the volunteers were profoundly affected by their time working in the hospital. They had gained a new appreciation of what mental illness is."

"For the 3000 volunteers who worked 15,000 shifts in psychiatric services across the State, it was a learning experience. It was also a chance to form special friendships."

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TITBIT CORNER

Guess **WHO** got **BOGGED** whilst clearing our new training area earlier this year? Seems the President got that sinking feeling when he left his car's water wings at home and had to sheepishly ring the secretary saying "I need a fix, need a fix". Seems even **Bomber** fans go to water some times! So along comes the trusty **4x4** to perform the extraction. **RESULT: MENTAL INJURY!**

(Seems I pull them out at trials and David pulls them out on home territory.)

AND THEN

Did you hear, cats can do it, dogs can do it, but it seems President's can't do it! That is, crawl under houses! Johnny head butted a beam then got zapped from behind by another resulting in a stitching time. **RESULT - PHYSICAL INJURY!**

Seems it can happen in the best of families. Helen Read got **plastered!** Helen had an altercation with a Rottweiler and as to be expected won. But in so doing the dog tried for an early dinner and munched both her arms.

Comiserations to these two.

Hear about the Instructor who absent mindedly left his dog tied up to the back step all day! seems the step was a slippery customer. **Shame, shame, shame!**

Then there are those people who are so anxious to get to trials that they arrange to go in convoy, and then arrive at the takeoff point an hour early and complain bitterly because people left without them! **(Yours truly.)**

Finally, our first stork report for the year. To **Anne and Doug Miles** on 16.3.91 a baby boy with the handle of **Andrew John**. Congratulations to mum and dad.

Our Club has been involved with the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf program for several years and we are indebted to the work done by Graham Douglas, Phyl Bergin and Lesley Gaylard for this project. The following articles provide readers with both general knowledge about the program and our own specific Club involvement.

HEARING DOGS FOR THE DEAF

The Hearing Dog project which began in the U.S.A. has become a national project of Lions Club, Australia.

Dogs selected from R.S.P.C.A. and Animal Welfare shelters are trained on a two and a half acre property at Verdun in the Adelaide Hills, South Australia.

Active personality dogs of either sex, eager to work are chosen. Hesitant, shy, sluggish or "one man dogs" are rejected. Large dogs are considered unsuitable for small homes of most recipients, while small dogs may inadvertently trip owners. Working breed crosses are particularly suitable.

The organization is achieving great success with these ordinary dogs, saving many from being destroyed and enriching lives of deaf people.

The first six weeks of training are devoted to basic obedience training and the remainder of the time is spent developing techniques to match the requirements of individual applicants.

Bearing in mind these needs, dogs are trained to respond to a variety of auditory cues e.g. baby crying, whistling kettle, door knock or bell ring, security button, smoke alarm etc. In fact the dog is trained to be with the person at all times even sleeping alongside the bed. When some sound needs the owner's attention the dog must make physical contact with that person before leading them to the source.

Training is based in a furnished prefabricated house resembling as far as possible a typical household. Floor surfaces vary from room to room and the house is equipped to simulate both day and night conditions.

On delivery, the trainer remains in the local area for five days, helping the owner and the dog to adjust to each other and training. They are put through their paces three times each day.

For the next three months, dog and recipient are supervised and evaluated to maintain and reinforce training. At the end of this probationary period, the owner is revisited by the Society's representative and evaluated.

If combination is considered below expectation the dog is reclaimed by the Society and recycled. If successful, the dog graduates and the recipient receives the official ownership papers, I.D. card, photograph and the distinctive orange collar and lead entitling it to be accorded the same privileges as Guide Dogs for the Blind, e.g. access to transport, shops, restaurants and all public places.

PHYL. BERGIN

A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself.

"PEIS AS THERAPY"

CLANCY THE HEARING DOG

It was over two years ago that our Club was approached by Graham Douglas, a past President of the Club and a member of the Leopold Lions Club, with a view to our participating in a joint project with the Leopold Lions Club, in supplying a hearing dog to a deaf person.

The members agreed that this would indeed be a worthwhile project for us to support and we went ahead with a fund-raising campaign to raise the \$750 required as our half share of the cost of obtaining a dog.

However, the project was put on hold for some time while both organisations attempted to find a suitable recipient. This proved to be much harder than anticipated.

Finally we were contacted last August by the Leopold Lions Club to advise that they had a recipient, and a trained dog available, and a meeting was arranged between Mrs. Harriet Robinson of East Geelong and Clancy, a border collie cross, who was to become Mrs Robinson's "ears".

Once the dog is placed in the home, it is necessary for follow-up visits to be made to ensure the dog is working well and has settled into the home. This is where we really became fully involved and Phyl Bergin and myself were fortunate to be the Club's representatives in this very worthwhile project. We visited Mrs. Robinson's home every week for four months monitoring Clancy's progress and assisting where necessary with any problems that arose. Representatives of the Leopold Lions Club also visited once a week and reports were sent monthly to the Hearing Dogs Association.

For Phyl. and myself, the involvement in this project has been personally a delightful and very rewarding experience. Apart from the obvious advantages of Mrs. Robinson having a hearing dog as a working companion, the therapeutic advantages have been tremendous. We watched Mrs. Robinson change from a very shy and somewhat insecure lady to a very happy and outgoing person with a lot of confidence, and the bond that has developed between Mrs Robinson and Clancy is wonderful to see, and they clearly adore each other.

There was, from the start, tremendous co-operation between all parties involved and friendships have developed between representatives of the Lions Club, ourselves, Mrs. Robinson, and her family who have been most supportive and co-operative.

I believe our expertise in dog handling has been beneficial and hopefully contributed to the success of the project. We encountered some problems initially with Clancy's general settling in, such as his fear of the hose, motors, cars - while being walked etc., but these and others were overcome, or resolved to the best possible advantage with our help and guidance.

The project finally culminated in a presentation dinner held at the Leopold Sportsman's Club on February 14, 1991 where Clancy was officially handed over to Mrs. Robinson and received his special orange collar and lead, which identifies him as a Hearing Dog. Mrs. Robinson responded in sign language to the speeches, with her daughter interpreting and I'm sure this was one of her proudest moments. I know Phyl and I were proud of her.

At the present time there is a lack of knowledge in the community about Hearing Dogs and more education is required so that they become more readily accepted. However, these dogs and their owners have the same right in every respect as a Guide Dog with a visually impaired owner and are easily identifiable by their bright orange collars and leads.

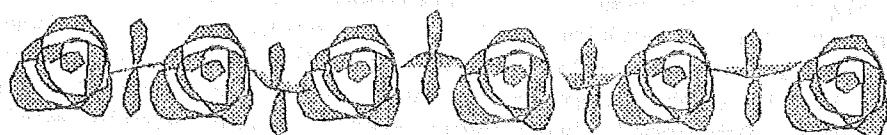
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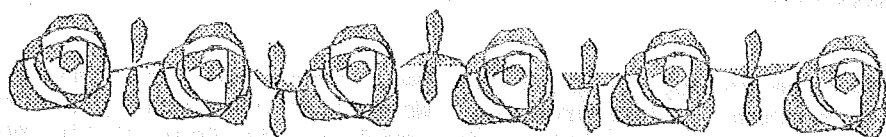
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HUSKIES PROVIDE BEST TONIC

(by Kim S. Martin of The Associated Press, Newington, Connecticut
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Clover, Tiffany and Sabrina bathe and don their T-shirts and are driven to the Newington Children's Hospital, where they will spend the day making the patients laugh.

What makes this charitable act remarkable is that Clover, Tiffany and Sabrina are Siberian Husky dogs, a new kind of volunteer on the hospital scene in a program that is popping up all around the United States.

It seems that these wagging tails, furry kisses and wet noses have some therapeutic value.

At Newington Children's Hospital, dog volunteers make the rounds every Wednesday, cheering up little patients with their unconditional love.

"It's a big boost for everyone when the dogs are here," says Michele Confessore, co-ordinator of the hospital's child life program. "The kids love it because it's almost as though it shouldn't be happening: that dogs shouldn't be in a hospital."

Before a dog can become a Newington volunteer, it must undergo rigorous assessment by the owner's veterinarian. The dog must be in good health and pass a series of behavioural tests, including how the animal will react to having its tail pulled or its foot run over by a wheelchair.

The owner volunteers to bring the dog to the hospital. The dog must be bathed first and then don a specially made T-shirt to reduce shedding.

Mary and Bob Gadbois of Old Lyme recently brought Clover, Tiffany and Sabrina and a wooden sled to the hospital, where the huskies spent the day pulling the sled up and down the halls with delighted children on board.

"I've been to the hospital lots of times, but never when the dogs were here," said 11-year-old Erin Corcoran, after telling the blue-eyed trio to "Mush".

She summed up: "It's fun."

Newington's pet therapy program is the only one in New England where dogs are allowed to visit children in the hospital, according to Elsa Gibbons, director of voluntary services.

The Delta Society, a non-profit group based in Renton, Washington, conducts studies and teaches people how an animal can affect a patient's well-being. It counts about 40 similar programs across the country.

Other programs, such as Pets on Wheels in Baltimore, bring pets to nursing homes, institutions and homes for the retarded or mentally disabled.

"Everyone knows pets are unconditional in their love," says Elaine Farrant, co-ordinator of the Baltimore program. "If you don't look so good or smell so good, the pet doesn't care."

At Newington, seven dogs rotate visiting each week. They include the huskies, a golden retriever and an Old English sheepdog who tires easily and puts in less time than the other dog volunteers, Gibbons says.

The Children's Hospital in Denver started the Prescription Pet Program 15 years ago as one of the first pet therapy programs in the country.

Animal affection has been shown to reduce the stress and anxiety caused by illness and injury, according to the Delta Society. Animals are able to lower blood pressure and provide a means of reaching autistic children, abused adolescents and head injury patients, according to the society.

OBEDIENCE, AGILITY & TRACKING CALENDAR

OBEDIENCE

	<u>CLOSING</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
MOORABBIN & DISTRICT O.D.C.	CLOSED	7. 4.91
WARRNAMBOOL DOG TRAINING SCHOOL	CLOSED	13. 4.91
WARRNAMBOOL DOG TRAINING SCHOOL	CLOSED	14. 4.91
VICTORIAN GUNDOG CLUB INC. (RESTRICTED)	CLOSED	14. 4.91
RED CLIFFS D.K.C.	6. 4.91	20. 4.91
RED CLIFFS D.K.C.	6. 4.91	21. 4.91
WALLAN & DISTRICT O.D.C. (ASSOCIATE ONLY)	13. 4.91	27. 4.91
WARRINGAL O.D.C.	7. 4.91	21. 4.91
CROYDON & DISTRICT O.D.C.	14. 4.91	28. 4.91
ALTONA CIVIC O.D.C.	21. 4.91	5. 5.91
BALLAARAT & DISTRICT O.D.C.	28. 4.91	12. 5.91
OVENS VALLEY CANINE CLUB	4. 5.91	18. 5.91
WANGARATTA KENNEL & O.D.C.	5. 5.91	19. 5.91
BORDER COLLIE CLUB OF VIC. (RESTRICTED)	12. 5.91	26. 5.91
KEILOR O.D.C.	12. 5.91	26. 5.91

AGILITY

WARRNAMBOOL DOG TRAINING SCHOOL	CLOSED	13. 4.91
WARRNAMBOOL DOG TRAINING SCHOOL	CLOSED	14. 4.91
GEE LONG O.D.C. INC.	7. 4.91	21. 4.91
WALLAN & O.D.C.	13. 4.91	27. 4.91
BENDIGO O.D.C.	28. 4.91	11. 5.91

TRACKING

KNOX O.D.C.	20. 4.91	11. 5.91
KNOX O.D.C.	20. 4.91	12. 5.91
WEIMARANER CLUB OF VIC. INC.	27. 4.91	18. 5.91

CLASS PASSES

Stephen Beattie	-	MILO	Wendie McCreadie	-	SHELLEY
Brigitte Caesar	-	TAMMY	Cheryl Preston	-	BESSIE
Don Drayton	-	SHEBA	Sally Smelter	-	PEPPER
Kylie Effenberger	-	DEEJAY	Kathryn Weiske	-	BOBBIE
Sue Hall	-	KELLY	Jo-Anne Kiddie	-	CASSIE
Margaret Metcalf	-	BREE			

These people and their dogs passed the Beginners Level Certificate Test.

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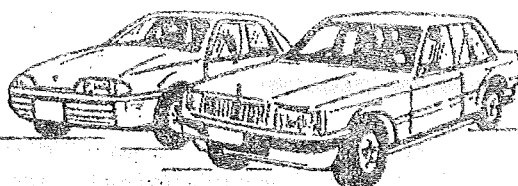
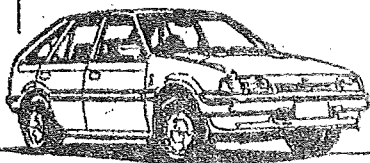
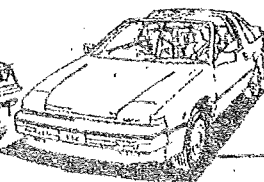
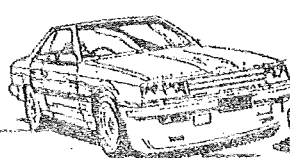
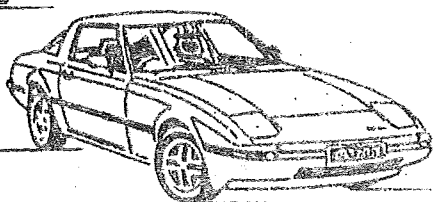
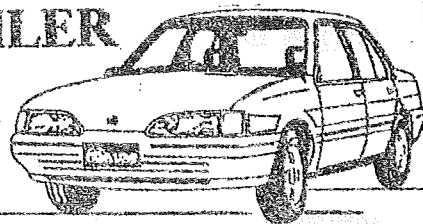
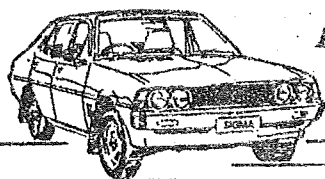
Don Drayton	-	SHEBA
Stan Deane	-	CINDY
Kylie Day	-	CAESER
Helen Read	-	ORMSLEE THE PIRATE

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R.M.I.

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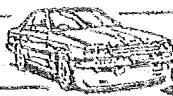
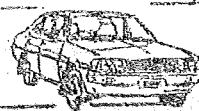
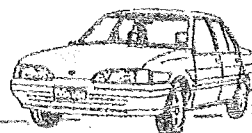
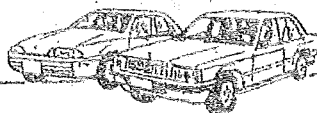
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On Wednesday, March 20, 1991 The Kennel Control Council had its 56TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

There were four notices of motion and listed below are the Motions and results for same.

MOTION A/

"That the Kennel Control Council become incorporated under the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981" submitted by P.G. Watson/I. Affleck.

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED

MOTION B/

"That the referendum, circulated in the K.C.C. Gazette of January 1991, be declared "NULL AND VOID" submitted by I. Affleck/P.G. Watson.

RESULT: MOTION WITHDRAWN

MOTION C/

"That the K.C.C. Committee immediately adopt and implement The Royal Agricultural Society's proposal for a democratically elected K.C.C. Committee as set out in a letter from The Royal Agricultural Society to the K.C.C. in December, 1990" submitted by I. Affleck/R.G. Watson.

(In the letter from the R.A.S. they suggested - the K.C.C. Committee should proceed immediately to introduce an elected committee over a three year period.)

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED

MOTION D/

Rule 75 (P) currently states that "Veteran Class is the only class in which desexed animals are eligible to compete." I would like to move that this part of Rule 75 (P) be amended to include:- "(Except in pet or novelty classes at Members' competitions). Submitted by J.M. Timms.

RESULT: MOTION CARRIED

From the results of the Motions passed at the Annual General Meeting of the Kennel Control Council it has to -

- 1/ Become an incorporated body as soon as possible.
- 2/ Change to a democratically elected body within the next three years. (So by 1994 all 15 committee persons will be voted onto the Committee by the general members.)
- 3/ To change Rule 75(P) of the constitution.

QUESTION: Why was the mother flea so sad?

ANSWER: Because her children were going to the dogs.

DISPLAY TEAM REPORTS

The Display Team has had a busy and eventful year (1990).

We had T-shirts, windcheaters and a banner purchased by the Club early in the year and have put on displays of obedience and agility at some dozen or so functions ranging from Queenscliff to Lethbridge and places in between, as well as participating in the Gala procession after an absence of several years.

Following the Queenscliff outing - our first with new uniforms and banner some 52 new members joined the Club and after Gala Day 40 new members joined to train their dogs.

Our latest display, an all girl outing, was for the RTA Christmas party and was enjoyed by a very attentive audience.

We were given lunch afterwards and presented with a basket of Christmas goodies - a lovely gesture and much appreciated!

Our final display for the year was at our own Club, at the final training session.

My grateful thanks to the team for all the time and hard work they put in promoting the Club.

DESMA DICKESON
DISPLAY TEAM LEADER

A quick update to the Display Team report that unfortunately missed the last Newsletter.

A small band of team members put on an obedience display at Myers Reserve a few days after training recommenced for the year. Then on March 16 eight members travelled to St Anthony's Primary School at Lara to put on a display of both obedience and agility. We had a big area to work in and a very responsive audience plus refreshments afterwards so it was a very pleasant outing!

On the same day a couple of the team kept the banner flying at Karringal Fair so it's been a hectic start to the year.

Well done team!

Training will be held each Sunday immediately after Class 1 finishes and all members are expected to attend.

DESMA

It's hard to believe that some people claim that their dogs are almost human - and they really mean it as a compliment.

ELAINE LONGSHAW
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