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GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC. NEWSLETTER NO. 41

To the newer members of our Club, welcome. May your association with our Club prove to be a rewarding one whatever your aspirations.

The Newsletter is published every two months and distributed on the last training day of that month. Those people not able to attend on that day may obtain their copy from the Secretary the following week. Those who aren't able to make Sunday training sessions can obtain their copy from the Training Supervisor if they advise her before the issuing date.

What should be paramount in all minds at present is our **JULY** Trial due to be conducted **NEXT SUNDAY.** The Club runs three open trials per year; i,e, open to registered or associate dogs. So you don't have to have a registered pure breed to compete, your unregistered dogs can compete as long as they have been entered on the Associate Register of the Kennel Control Council, and of course are up to the standard required for competition.

To you people who have only been training for a short period this is the time to come and see first hand what competitive obedience is all about and where the exercises you are taught in class come into play in the various rings.

This day and the preceding one, which is a working bee, are days on which **EVERY** Club member should contribute something. Your help on **EITHER** day would be greatly valued.

Outside workers are required to help with grass mowing, setting up of rings etc. Speak to the Trial Secretary or a committee member if you can help in this area. Remember, whatever your forte, the appropriate job will be found for you.

All members could supply some sort of produce for our food stall, whether it be home baked, home grown or home made. The profits from this stall go directly into the Club coffers and are not used in any way to offset the running of the trial.

Help is needed to man this stall also, as too is help required in the kitchen. If you can give an hour of your time it would mean all helpers could view some of the trial whilst in progress. Please see Stan or Lesley in the canteen and they will put your name on the roster. No previous experience required, on the job training performed.

Do come along and make it a great day for competitors and judges alike. While not everyone can be a winner, everyone can at least be a trier, and that is all we ask.

Good luck to all competitors.

THINK TANK

The time has come now for all members to start thinking about who they would like on committee for the 1991/92 year. Nominations for these positions must be handed to the Secretary 21 days prior to the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.** The Annual General Meeting is on October 1, so nominations will close on September 10 (before the next Newsletter). To this end there are nomination slips on the last page of this Newsletter.

Nominations are required for **all** committee positions. There must be only one nomination per each slip. These can be divided up along the dotted lines.

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You must complete the whole of each of these slips, i.e. you nominate the person as an Executive officer or ordinary committee member in the Position section; you have the name of the person you nominate in the Nominee section; your name goes in the section Nominated by; the nominee has to sign their name and fill in their K.C.C. membership number; and lastly you get someone to second the nomination and sign the slip.

Only members registered with the K.C.C. are eligible to stand for committee positions, and you of course have had to be a financial member of the club for a minimum of three months.

Those members wishing to restand for election must be formally nominated again.

Anyone who is eligible to vote may be nominated so if you feel you have the strength to make a definite committment for a 12 month period and you believe you can contribute to the Club, discuss the matter with someone else and have them nominate you. People may be nominated as Executive officers and if they are not voted in as such, their names can be voted on as committee members. The specific areas of responsibility for the ordinary committee members are decided by that incoming committee after the elections.

Remember, being a committee member means you must be available to attend the necessary meetings and you must pull your weight. Anyone wanting to be a committee member for the prestige alone is not wanted as they only place additional burdens on other members of the team. Committee members need to be able to relate to other people, be prepared to act on the best advice available for the task ahead, and to accept graciously that the other person's viewpoints may be more relevant than their own in some matters that may be discussed.

Finally, if you have any matters you wish the Club to discuss, come along to the next General Meeting which is scheduled for **NEXT Tuesday.** just want to see how the Club is managed, please come along, new members are always welcome.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS SINCE LAST COMMITTE MEETING

The Fargher Family The Coulson Family

A. Ryan

C. Helmore

C. Walker/S. Meadows

The Cameron Family

K. Chambers

Lyndon & Lynette ??? Lyndon & Lynette ???
The Lethbridge Family

G. Gibbins

D. & L. Fox

K. & C. Adamson

L. Farrell

T. McLeod

The De Filipis Family

S. & A. Rose

D. Kaye

T. & V. Allen

D. Johnson

D. Wilson

E. Mayfield

M. Broadbent/S. Blacksell M. Ksiazko

The Cohn Family

D. Musicka/D. James

E. Straube

B. Bell

E. & D. Kenyon
S. Ackland/L. Chamski
L. Mierla/T. McEwan

J. Crombie

J. & I. Edwards

J. & I. Bell

John & Els ???

The Spokes Family

J. Bennett

L. Hearsch

K. Bell

N. & S. MacAuslan

J. Travers

J. Orchard

S. & P. McCarthy

S. Lloyd

A. Hill

J. Kotwic/C. Skiba

A. Agiejew

J. & J. Gomm

J. Hill

W. Laing

The Hutchins Family

Daryl & Suzanne ???

P. & J. Brouwer

S. & K. Nunan

G. Holdsworth

The Walter Family

P. & J. Whittaker

R. Williams

L. Toulmin

M. & L. Foord

J. & P. Harper

The Tseres Family

A warm welcome is extended to all the above people.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to all new members. I wish you success with your training. Remember that your instructor has a wealth of knowledge, so please make use of it by listening and also by asking questions. If you have a particular problem, please make use of our excellent library, with books that cover almost every problem known by dog handlers.

Please join us in the club house, have a hot or cold drink. Try the excellent canteen menu. The canteen also caters for children in the "sweets" department. Many thanks to Lesley and Stan Deane for the variety of goods for sale.

Many thanks to Yea Thomas for donating the oil painting for the "Special Effort Raffle" we are currently running. Thank you very much to Charlie Friggen, Tom Arnott and Lisa Blackwell for the time and effort you have given to this project.

Thank you to the following members for helping to erect the new section of the club house for the Dog Shop. Colin Humphreys, Meinhard Breiberg, Bronco Ivec, Wayne Feldman, Barry Elliott, David Blackwell. The items for sale in the shop are good value, much cheaper than pet shops, so have a browse around.

Although not yet completed, the extension to the training ground is well in hand. The parking area has had a layer of screenings put down. More will be added in the near future. Water pipe and fittings have been purchased and when laid, will supply water to the new area. Due to the resignation of our Ground Manager, work was delayed temporarily. This project will be completed and the new ground will be used, commencing with Wednesday training sessions.

Far too many members are not cleaning up after their dog if he/she fouls the ground. There is no excuse for not cleaning up afterwards as there are buckets supplied. Please, always pick up your "dogs' droppings".

We are approaching election time and it is time for all members to start thinking about who you would like on committee for the 1991/92 year. Nominations for any position must be given to the Secretary 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting which is on the 1st October, 1991. Please note that only members registered with the K.C.C. are eligible to be on Committee. If you are not a K.C.C. member, but would like to be on your Club Committee, K.C.C. membership forms are available from the Secretary. If you do decide to stand for Committee, please consider the matter carefully. It is a demanding yet rewarding position and one that a committment should be made for a full year. The Club does not have a large Committee, therefore does not need "name only" committee persons. Be prepared to "pull your weight" and work in the best interest of the Club.

At our last General Meeting we had David Weston as our guest speaker. I found it very interesting and informative. I hope that those who attended enjoyed David Weston's talk and demonstration. If you have any ideas for future guest speakers, please contact our Publicity Officer, Stuart Innes with name, subject etc.

There are a few items that have been found on the ground and handed in, so, if you have lost any leads, collars, keys or clothing lately, please see a Committee member.

Congratulations to members who have recently gained class passes and members who have been awarded passes in the trial ring.

JOHN BOEYEN PRESIDENT









THE FOLLOWING WAS WRITTEN by DR. DAVID HILL, a Melbourne Veterinarian and appeared in THE AGE Newspaper, May 7, 1991 in an article titled YOUR DOG BITES!

EN WAYS TO PREVENT YOUR DOG BITING ANYONE

you cannot genuinely say that you will devote adequate time to the dog's care, exercise and training then don't have a dog.

- 2. If you have limited time available for a dog then avoid the large breeds as well as working or sporting dogs.
- Select a pup that was well socialised to people before 8 weeks of age.
 - Go with the dog to obedience training school.
- She frain the dog to understand that it is subordinate to all humans.
- a instruct children not to touch a dog's food.
- 7. Never place absolute trust in either dogs or young children adhering completely to instruction.
- 3. Do something after the first signs of aggression; most serious attacks are by dogs with a history.
- Stay out of dog fights.
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(Reprinted from Off-Lead Magazine May 1979, reprinted from American Rottweiler Club Newsletter September 1982, reprinted from Rottweiler Club of Queensland May 1991) Author - Peggy Prudden

Anthropomorphism is an insidious disease that afflicts dog owners, handlers, trainers and instructors. Symptoms do not appear as a rash, an ache or a fever, but much unseen damage is done to the dog.

The Greek word 'anthropo' and 'morphous' mean man and form, thus evolves the meaning "in human form", The disease is treacherous because although the dog does not take on human form, the human THINKS it does. No human is immune. At times all who come in contact with dogs tend to think of them as little humans in fur coats, and that is anthromorphism.

IN MY IMAGE HAVE I MADE THEE

We are susceptable to this ridiculous disease for many reasons. It has mostly to do with our sense of sight and touch and how these senses affect our emotions. Dogs are warm to the touch. They have hair like ours. We stroke them on the head, where our hair grows. They are about the same height as children, who we also pat on the head. Their eyes have round pupils like ours and come in many "human" colours. We read volumes into those eyes. We don't read volumes into goat eyes, or cat eyes, whose pupils are very different from ours. Cat eyes are "mysterious", but never "almost human" like our dog's.

DO MY EYES DECEIVE ME?

Our worst errors occur when we misread our dog's actions and responses. A frequent misinterpretation refers to attachment. "My dog is so attached to me, he won't let me out of his sight," That sounds like true devotion doesn't it? The owner is pleased by this thought, but half-annoyed and very bewildered by the results that being "so attached" bring. "He refuses to eat when we go away!" "He tore up Aunt Martha's house when we left him there!" The ego would rather believe that we are good and loving pet-owners. Is this dog devoted-or is it dependent? The overly dependent dog is not a happy dog and what happens to our image of being a good and loving pet-owner then? It isn't very nice to enslave a dog's emotions in a web of over dependency.

So the disease, as it affects us, depends a great deal upon our own emotional ingredients. People get a dog that doesn't suit their needs or way of life, because it fits the human characteristics that appeal to their emotions. "Big" signifies strong, protective and masculine. Never mind that the house is too small and the wife is nasty-neat. "Exotic" means status and wealth. Never mind that the owner is too "busy" to groom long hair. "Little" denotes helplessness and need for protection. Never mind that another dog is forced to remain an emotional puppy for the rest of its life.

WE UNDERSTAND A GREAT DEAL

Many of the dog's facial expressions and body responses are similar to ours. The dog smiles. He shows sadness, fear, anger, joy and love. With a little careful observation we can tell if our dog's head and tail are drooping because he is sad, afraid or in pain. By the bounciness of the body, we can tell if the dog is hungry, has to go out, or is just glad to see us.

The dog shows affection. The dog is forgiving. The dog salivates, eats, sleeps, runs, walks, sits, lies down, stretches, yawns, sighs, groans, moans, dreams..... and so do we all.

WE MISUNDERSTAND MUCH MORE

So much about the dog seems almost human that we fall into the trap of thinking that everything about them is human. Our most unfortunate mistakes occur when we believe that dogs have human motives.

Dog thought processes are not as complicated as ours. Dog thoughts are simple, direct and honest. They are not devious, conniving and corrupt. Too often our responses to the dog's actions reflect our own disagreeable motives. If the dog did have our baser motives, most of us would have been well-chewed up by now. Dog motives are honorable, positive, unpretentious, and sincere. It is hard for a dog to believe that our motives are not the same as his.

DOG REFUSAL OR DOG CONFUSION?

Betty Strudent has been teaching her dog the "Down". She commands the dog to go down and the dog doesn't go down. Betty feels that the dog is refusing to obey her command. Betty "knows" the dog "knows" what she wants. The dog is labelled "stubborn". Is the dog stubborn, or is Betty putting one of her own emotions into the dog? Is she suffering from anthropomorphism?

Betty is not teaching the act of going down, she is teaching the word "Down". To teach the word, she produces the action in the dog as she speaks the word. (Through repeated association of the action with the word, the dog comes to understand the word.

The dog has been lying down all of his life. In his mind there has been no word for what he was doing, he simply did it. He has never had to think about what lying down is, or of the mechanics of lying down, such as which leg does what and when.

Betty's dog may very well know what she wants, but may not yet know or understand **HOW** to achieve it. When the dog only understands part way, it will often put one foreleg out in an attempt to comply, because that is as far as he's gotten in understanding how his body works. He knows something has to happen with his front legs. This can be misinterpreted by the handler as starting to comply and then changing his mind.

SUBSTITUTE CONFUSED FOR STUBBORN

The next time your dog is acting "stubborn", replace that word in your mind with the word "confused". If you are doing the teaching, then you are doing the confusing. Is your lesson understandable to the dog? Are you moving ahead too fast? Have you pressured the dog too much for learning to get through? The difference between stubborn and confused can mean a big difference to your insight into dog training.

It is easier to think that a dog is being stubborn, then it is to figure out why it is confused. The confusion may go back a long way. "Stubborness" allows us to put the whole responsibility on the dog. It is a cheap way out. It doesn't require anything of us and allows us to stuff a nasty human motive into the dog. That, is anthropomorphism.

ANOTHER UNFORTUNATE ASSUMPTION

The dog defecated in the house while you were at the movies. Did he do it to get even with you? Did he do it for spite? Isn't spite a strictly human emotion? I know of no animal that commits any action against another animal to get even with it for a prior action. The dog does not think negatively. Humans do. Your dog is not sitting there thinking up mean things to do. He suffers harsh corrections and punishments for your displeasure. He doesn't enjoy that. He doesn't like being made to be afraid of you.

A dominant dog doesn't try to dominate you because of vicious motives. The dog's emotions are honest. The dominant dog merely thinks he is a better pack leader than you are. He is testing you to find out if he is correct.

Who allowed him to become dominant enough to try?

IF NOT SPITE-WHAT?

What is the matter with the dog that dumps in the house while you're gone? You took him out before you left. You were only gone three hours. The dog has no infections or internal parasites. What is wrong?

Too many people expect a dog to accept isolation without preparing him for it. A dog that is not conditioned to isolation often cannot cope with it. It troubles him emotionally. His "pack", has abandoned him and he doesn't know what to do about it. He is trapped. He becomes uneasy and restless. In humans this is called anxiety.

In the wild, a dog that is refused entry into a pack becomes very disturbed. He will bark, chew, dig, urinate and defecate. In the extreme he might mutilate himself by chewing his own leg. He is not doing it to spite the pack. They don't know or care that he is doing it. The dog is very uncomfortable within its emotional self and is trying to alleviate the distress with action. Relieving bowel or bladder pressure brings temporary relief, so does barking, digging and chewing. It is a dog's Rolaid.

WHAT PRICE ANXIETY?

I acquired a five-year-old dog who never urinated in the house when I was there. When I was away, sometimes he urinated and sometimes he didn't. There had to be a reason why he did it sometimes and not others. There were no bitches, no bladder troubles or worms. I couldn't figure out what was the matter with this dog. By accident I discovered be became very upset when the telephone rang and no-one answered it!

Another dog, about a year old when I adopted her, would bark and defecate within one minute after my departure. I stopped her doing this by rushing back into the apartment the instant she began to bark. I slapped by hand noisily down on a flat surface and said, "NO!" I moved closer to her each time I rushed in. After the fourth time, I stood in the hall by the elevator for 30 minutes. There wasn't a sound. She never barked or defecated again when I left her in that apartment.

It took me two years to figure out why my action worked. She thought I was still close by. This put her at ease and made her feel comfortable. She was not abandoned by her "pack". Reappearing four times might have been sufficient to convince her, perhaps there was no need to frighten her too.

GUILTY AS CHARGED!

"He KNEW he did wrong! He looked guilty!" And our great superior brain never tells us that we TAUGHT him to look that way. Dogs do not experience guilt. We teach them to LOOK guilty. They submit to dominance. To us their submissive gesture looks like grovelling - they look like they are pleading forgiveness.

One of my Border Collies used to frustrate the devil into me. I could not make him appear to accept responsibility for his "bad" behaviour. I couldn't make him look guilty. When I used the old standby, WHAT DID YO-O-OU DO-O-O?", he simply looked at me without emotion. When I persisted in badgering him with it, he became justifiably grumpy. He understood that I was displeased about something. He didn't go out of his way to displease me, he couldn't see why he should "beg my pardon."

He had come from the pound when he was about six months old and no-one had taught him to "look guilty."

HOW DO WE DO IT?

We place our hands on our hips, frown, turn our mouth ugly and say, "WHAT HAVE YO-O-OU DONE-N-N?" or "DID YO-O-O DO-O-O THA-A-AT?" We say it in a dreadful tone of voice that implies imminent DO-O-OM! Many times we follow this with physical punishment.

The dog learns to associate the gesture, facial expression and tone with the dire consequences that follow. He reads our body language, anticipates the sound followed by pain. He curls up in an agony of supplication right before our eyes. We think he's saying he's sorry he did such a bad thing. Actually he's saying, "Please, don't kill me!" He is submitting to our dominance. Because he submits doesn't necessarily mean he understands why we are upset.

CONFUSION IN TRAINING

A man sends his dog out to pick up a scented dumbbell. The dog has been trained to pick up dumbbells, so he goes out and picks up a dumbbell...any dumbbell. He brings it back. It is not the desired dumbbell. The man swats him on the head and sends him again. Through previous training the dog has learned to accept a swat on the head and go back to work. He is doing what he THINKS the man wants him to do. Go out, pick up a dumbbell, bring it back, get a swat on the head, go out, pick up a dumbbell, bring it back, get a swat on the head, go out...is this a dumb dog? Is it a spiteful dog? A stubborn dog? No, but it certainly is a good-natured one isn't it?

A man sends his dog out for a scent article. The dog starts to pick up the wrong one. The man yells, "NO!" The dog stops and stands over the article waiting for another command. Dumb? Spiteful? Stubborn? The man told him to stop picking up, didn't he? He doesn't understand that there is a special article. So he doesn't pick up any article. This is the way a dog thinks and there is nothing human about it.

A woman leaves her dog on a recall "Stay", walks away, turns to find the dog is following her. She is angry and yells, "NO!" She is upset because the dog broke the Stay. How is the dog supposed to know that? He got yelled at while he was COMING! He is made to suffer confusion due to her anthropomorphism!

WHY IS IT CONFUSION TRAINING?

The dog doesn't understand subtle meanings. He doesn't understand the concept of "sometimes", "maybe", "possibly", "later", "once in a while". How can he possibly understand that "NO!" can mean, "Don't pick up THAT dumbbell"? And how is he supposed to read such things into a swat on the head?

All three of these people are suffering from anthropomorphism. They are trying to put human thought processes into their dogs. They think the dog figures things out as a human figures things out. Dogs think like dogs. The mental processes are not inferior or superior, just different.

Dog thought processes are simple, direct, literal, honest, positive and of the moment. Reaching a dog's understanding should be easy and it is...for another dog. We insist on complicating everything by trying to turn the dog into something he is not...and never can be.

MY DOG DOESN'T LISTEN TO ME!

While teaching one of my dogs to do tricks, I ran into trouble. I started to teach her to play dead by using the phrase, "Dead dog" and then I put her over on her side. She was TERRIFIED! It all went wrong! I couldn't understand what or why? I knew that putting her on her side was a dominant gesture on my part, but she had shown no adverse reaction when I'd used it to teach her to roll over. Was it the words? I looked at her and said, "Dead dog." She slunk away looking guilty. She thought I was saying "Bad dog." There was nothing wrong with her hearing. She did not mis-hear me. The dog doesn't understand

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words. The dog understands similarity of sound, similarity of tone, similarity of inflection. I changed the words to "Hit by a car" and all went well.

Dogs become conditioned to sounds. "Rover? Wanna go out?" The dog comes to understand this sound, accompanied by this tone of voice with this inflection and body language, to mean he is being offered the opportunity to go out and relieve himself. If we say in exactly the same way, "Stover? Wanna go pout?" we would elicit the exact same reaction in the dog. It doesn't mean the same thing. It only sounds similar to the phrase the dog is conditioned to understand.

Your dog doesn't understand "Every word" you say, he doesn't understand ANY word you say. He doesn't understand English as opposed to German, or French as opposed to Swahili. He is not a human being. He is a dog. He learns to recognise similar sounds and body language. That is all that he is equipped to do.

WHERE DID MY TITLED DOG GO?

Why are so many dogs unteachable after they have earned a C.D? Can't those dogs learn Open work? Are the exercises too difficult? Perhaps the answer lies in the fact that teaching Novice exercises doesn't require a great deal of understanding on the part of the trainer. He can get by with doing things mechanically. Jerk up, push down, grab here, pull there, etc. We are not taught how a dog learns or why these things work because many instructors don't know the how's or why's themselves.

Trying to get a dog to pick up a dumbbell on command ends many careers right away. Many a happy dog is turned into a miserable mutt. The people who don't want a miserable mutt stop training.

We are disturbed when our dog discovers it is easier to go around a high jump than over it. (How dumb of him!) It is exasperating when the dog sees no need to jump over something that is flat enough to walk across. (My, my! What a stupid dog!)

What a stupendous lack of imagination and creativity and understanding we have, when we take so long to figure out that our dog is not a little human being in a fur coat!

THE REAL THING IS BETTER

Living with a dog as a comfortable companion and educating it successfully is a rewarding relationship for both the companion dog and the companion person. It doesn't mean coddling an infant-substitute, or dictating to a slave-prisoner. It means accepting totally that this creature is a dog. A total dog, unhindered and unfettered with human motives and thought processes, is a wonderful creature. It can be a real challenge to our motives and thought processes to find ways of happily communicating our desires to a dog. What a thrill to gain responses, not through pain or fear, but through understanding the dog. The dog understands other things besides these two.

HOW GREAT THOU ART

Human potential lies in being a human being. We cannot become a great snail, or a great chicken or a great gazelle. The dog's potential lies in being a dog. He was very good at it before we got a hold of him. He could become better with us than he has. It takes conscious effort-exercise, the image of the dog that we carry in our mind. Remove the little person you keep trying to stuff into your dog and let the real dog come through.

It doesn't mean you have to love him less. It means you have to love him enough, respect him enough to allow him the dignity of being what he is. Help him un-learn some of the baby or prisoner responses you taught him. Set his special kind of intellect free. Study him. Learn from him how to communicate with him. Teaching is not imposing one will upon another. Learning is

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coming to understand something fully. Education is leading another into learning.

Remember, only you can prevent anthropomorphism. Make a toss pillow out of that furry little person in your mind. Under that canine coat is a marvelous animal wanting and waiting to be the very best D-O-G he can be.

SOME THINGS THAT ARE DOG

The needs, desires and emotions that cause a dog to act are DOG needs, desires and emotions. Dog motives are honest, above board, positive, honorable, sincere, unpretentious and decent.

Dog thoughts are not formed in human words or concepts. Dog thoughts are simple, basic, direct and uncomplicated.

Dogs learn by using their senses. They interpret what their senses bring them through their intelligence which comes from prior experience and heredity. Their senses are also filtered through their emotions. Their emotions, though pure dog, can vary according to experience and heredity.

Dogs "catch on" to what our voice is saying by recognizing repeated consistently used sounds (tones, inflections, volume). Dogs understand literally, in other words, they understand the primary meanings of sounds, not complex nuances.

Dogs "catch on" to what our body is saying by recognizing repeated consistently used body language (motion, posture, gesture). Since he "speaks" to other dogs through body language, he is very quick to see our body when it "talks". We do not always know what message we are sending.

Now, YOU take it from there! "Come on, Piper, let's go home. There's a good boy...er...eh...I mean dog!"

DISPLAY TEAM REPORT

On Friday, May 31 five members of the team and their dogs, visited the Highton Scout Hall for an evening display of basic obedience and responsible pet ownership for the scouts, their parents and friends.

As it was also a "bring your pet night" for the scouts, we were greeted by several very noisy dogs, some cats and rabbits and also a few white mice.

Our dogs behaved very well despite the slippery floor and the noisy canine spectators and after the display we met with, and answered questions from a very interested audience before heading to Leonie's for supper - thanks for that Leonie!!

The following Saturday week a display in Pakington Street was cancelled due to heavy rain, but Leonie, Cheryl, Stan and I walked our dogs along the street and mingled with shoppers to promote our Club.

Thanks gang for your support at both these outings.

Old and new members of the team please note that training will be held on Sunday mornings at 11.45am and ALL members are expected to attend regularly.

DESMA DICKESON
DISPLAY TEAM MANAGER

PRIVATE OBEDIENCE TRAINING



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MAX - THE HATRY DOG

I lost my old dog "Spike" a nine year old Weimaraner, on July 1, 1990. It appears that he died of a heart attack during the night or early morning. My wife Joan found him lying dead in front of his kennel that morning.

I found his unexpected death hard to accept, for me it was the loss of a good loyal friend and companion. I still had Jessie my Hungarian Vizsla for company, but I missed the loyal company of the big dog. My thoughts of purchasing another dog centred on a large dog, possibly another Weimaraner, as I had kept and bred Weimaraners for many years.

My family, particularly Joan, told me that we would not be having another big dog, and that was final. At work one afternoon in October my boss asked me to catch a young Dobermann that had apparently been dumped beside our building. I caught the dog which was young, frightened and very under fed. The Shire dog ranger was called and the dog taken to the Lost Dogs' Home. After two weeks, the dog had not been claimed by its previous owner, so I took Joan and Elizabeth to the Lost Dogs' Home to have a look at the young Dobermann.

We walked down the row of pens containing all types of dogs, big and small. We finally found the young Dobermann in the last pen, but unfortunately Joan did not like him at all. He was still very frightened and stand-offish.

After looking at all the dogs in each pen, I was considering purchasing a Blue Heeler pup. There were four to choose from. I was going to each pen and then back again, trying to make up my mind as to which dog I would like to take home - male or female, blue colour or a red. I went looking for Joan to ask her which dog she would like. I found her and Elizabeth talking to and patting a very large shaggy dog in the first pen near the office. As I approached them Joan said to me, "Look at this lovely, old dog, he is so friendly and almost talks." She went on to say, "What do you think about him? Both Elizabeth and I love him." I kneeled down beside the big, hairy dog, who was pushing his body up against the wire of his pen so that he could be touched and patted. He softly howled as I patted him. I liked the big, friendly, hairy dog, but I reminded Joan about what she had said about large dogs. We decided to go home and think about adopting the big dog. We agreed that night that we would give him a home.

I rang the Lost Dogs' Home on the Monday morning and told the office that we would take the dog. I called into the Lost Dogs' Home on my way home from work to collect our new dog. The office staff were very happy that at last he had a home to go to. The staff explained to me, that the dog had been a favourite of everybody at the home, and had overstayed his time by two weeks. Tuesday was to be his last day, as he had already missed two appointments with Doctor Death. paid the fee for the dog and followed a member of staff down to the pen where the dog was being held. The girl placed my dog collar and lead on my new dog, and then passed the lead to me. So all of a sudden I had a large, very friendly, very excitable dog, who was happy to be released, jumping, whining and pulling on the lead. As we walked back to the office, the girl told me that they believed the dog was a Great Dane, Irish Wolfhound cross - with maybe some Bull Mastiff So after thanking the office girls it was off home we went, the dog in the back seat of the car leaning over into the front seat, licking my face and neck, as well as dribbling over the seats.

On arrival at home, I took the new dog into the backyard to meet the family and Jessie. Jessie was not at all thrilled to have this great, hairy dog in her yard. That night we all discussed names that we could call the new dog. After many suggestions, it was decided to call him Max. Later this was to be changed to Max.

The day after Max's arrival the two dogs had become good friends and I decided to take Max for a walk on lead. So with a lead on Max, Elizabeth on one side, Max on the left side and Jessie heeling free, we set off for a walk. Max walked at heel reasonably well, no real trouble at all, that was until he saw the cows

MAX - THE HAIRY DOG (Cont..d)

in a paddock. As soon as he saw the cows the hairs on the back of his neck stood up, and he barked, howled and tried to head towards them, pulling me with him. At one stage pulling so hard, that he was walking on his hind legs.

The Lost Dogs' Home had given us a two week trial period to see how well we got on with Max. Apart from Max digging holes in the lawn and garden, knocking the lid off Elizabeth's mouse house and eating the mice, pulling my jumper and towels off the clothesline, all went well. After the two weeks were up we decided we would keep the great useless dog. Joan and I took Max to the Vet for a check up, for own own peace of mind, and were told by the Vet that Max was very fit and healthy, and that his age was approximately eight to ten months. This age helped explain all the mischief he had got up to in the first two weeks.

Max's reign of mischief continues. He broke into the chook house and apparently chased two hens out of their yard, all around the back yard and through the vegetable garden, flattening most of the plants and killing the two hens. He also knocked down the canary's cage, which broke on impact, hopefully the canary was able to fly away. Max ate the tops off several pot plants that had been put outside, he also had a fight with the soaker hose as he chewed it in half.

I walk Max each day on lead, and as time passes, I have been able to teach him the basic obedience exercises - heel on lead, sit, drop, stay and to come when he is called. As I teach a class of people and their dogs obedience training, I could not train Max on normal training time. So Max and I joined a small class which is held for people who cannot make it to official training time. This was lucky for me as Max had not been socialized as far as I knew. When Max first saw the other dogs, he strained to pull towards them, barking and howling. My first thought was that Max wanted to fight all the dogs. I was much relieved to find that all he wanted to do was socialize, to sniff all the dogs and the people.

One drawback for me is taking Max anywhere in the car, as I still do not trust him in the car by himself, as on two separate occasions he has chewed through the front seat belts. But through it all we are growing closer together, Max is a character and good company, and I believe will make a great pet as he gets older - if he gets older!

COLIN HUMPHREYS
OWNER & INSTRUCTOR

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- 2. Name of club holding 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
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Elaine

SIBERIAN HUSKIES

The Siberian Husky is the only recognised breed in which the word HUSKY is part of the proper name. Husky being a corruption of the word "esky" which once was used for eskimos, and subsequently, their dogs.

The Siberian Husky is, and for centuries has been, a pure bred DOG - not a wild, half-wolf, cross-bred creature, as the uninformed may suggest. The breed was originally developed by the Chukchi people of Northeastern Asia as an endurance sled dog. In 1909 the first large numbers of these Chukchi dogs were brought to Alaska to compete in the long distance All Alaska Sweepstakes races.

In the winter of 1925, when a diptheria epidemic broke out in the isolated town of Nome, Alaska, a relay of dog teams brought life-saving serum from distant Nenana. This heroic endeavour earned national prominence for the drivers and their dogs. One of these drivers, Leonhard Seppala, brought his team of Siberian Huskies, descendants of the original imports from Siberia, to the U.S. on a personal appearance tour. While in New England he competed in sled dog races, and again proved the superiority of Siberian Huskies over the native dogs.

The breed has since become very popular. It earned recognition by the American Kennel Club in 1930, and later in England, Europe and Australia.

The Siberian Husky has a delightful temperament, affectionate, but not fawning. This gentle and friendly disposition may be a heritage from the past, since the Chukchi people held their dogs in great esteem, housed them in the family shelters, and encouraged their children to play with them. The Siberian Husky is alert, eager to please, and adaptable. His intelligence has been proven, but his independant spirit may at times challenge your ingenuity. His versatility makes him an agreeable companion to people of all ages and varying interests.

While capable of showing great affection for his family, the Siberian Husky is not usually a one-man-dog. He exhibits no fear or suspicion of strangers, and will greet all cordially. This is not the temperament of a watch dog, although a Siberian Husky may unwittingly act as a deterrent to those ignorant of his true hospitable nature. If he lacks a fierce possessive instinct, he also lacks that aggressive quality which can sometimes cause trouble for the owner of an ill-trained or highly sensitive guard dog.

The Siberian Husky is a comparatively easy dog to care for. He is by nature fastidiously clean. He is presented in the Conformation Show Ring well groomed, but requires no trimming or clipping. At least once a year the Siberian Husky sheds his coat, and it is then that one realises the density and profusion of coat. Some people feel that this periodic problem is easier to cope with than the constant shedding and renewal of many smooth coated breeds.

Chewing and digging is not uncommon with the Siberian Husky. Chewing is a habit acquired during teething, it can be channelled in the right direction. Digging the odd hole, or three, or four is something the Siberian Husky has a proclivity for. This too, may be outwitted, circumvented, or, if you have the right area, indulged. Siberian Huskies will dig a hole in the summer to get to the cooler ground below, or in the snow after a run to snuggle down and keep warm and conserve energy.

The Siberian Husky is fairly easy to keep, requiring little food for their size. However, he requires plenty of exercise! His heritage has endowed him with the desire to run, and his conformation enables him to enjoy it effortlessly. "BE WARNED" one quick lope across a busy street could be his last run on this earth. Sufficient exercise for proper development and well being can be obtained on a leash, in a large enclosure, or best of all, in harness.

SIBERIAN HUSKIES/2

The Siberian Husky has a will of its own and will not care how long or how loud you yell. It must want todo as you ask, so make lessons brief and enjoyable, animate your voice.

As with most animals, you cannot purchase a Siberian Husky, then just shut it in the back yard to feed and forget it. A Siberian Husky needs socializing and excercising. Running around the back yard is not enough, and if you plan to open your gate to let your dog roam at night (as some inconsiderate people do), think again. Siberian Huskies that will sit peacefully and laconicly on your front porch with the gates open wide are very few and far between. Without exercise they become bored and destructive, as do most active breeds, so, out comes the lead or harness and off you go.

With Siberian Huskies you need high, strong fences, good enough to keep your dog in and unwanted ones out (particularly if you have a bitch in season). They have no road sense and will most likely put their head down and ears up and run, and run until they are well and truly out of sight. Hence you must be extremely careful when letting them off lead. On the subject of training, if one method doesn't produce the desired effect, try another, don't give up. Don't hesitate to ask advice from a professional trainer.

Siberian Huskies are a gregarious lot and need the company of other dogs and people. While capable of strong affection for family members they are also friendly with strangers and would never make a guard dog.

The most important need of your Siberian Husky is the need for love and attention. Your dog may not always be fawning and demanding, they are sometimes aloof and cat-like. Remember, though, the cute puppy will grow into an adult dog that will go through a whole range of emotions and urges as well as physical changes, but it will still need and deserve your LOVE and ATTENTION.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

September -

Chinese Banquet

October -

Games Day & BBO

November -

Car Trial

December -

Christmas Dinner Dance

The above mentioned activities are all pre-planned, but also we'll be having film nights etc. during the year.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for future or different functions please see me or some other person on the committee. Dates and further details will be provided closer to the up coming function. The social committee welcomes everyone to our social events; we hope you can come along and support your club.

Thank you.

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SOCIAL CO-ORDINATOR

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| WORKING BEE OBEDIENCE TRIAL(GODC) | | |
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| INSTRUCTORS MEETING | 29. 7.91 | |
| GENERAL MEETING | 6. 8. 91 | |
| INSTRUCTORS MEETING | 26. 8.91 | NOMINATIONS FOR TRAINING SUPERVISOR AND ASSISTANT CLOSE |
| COMMITTEE MEETING | 3. 9.91 | · |
| NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE | | |
| BEARERS CLOSE | 10. 9.91 | |
| CHINESE BANQUET | 14. 9.91 | |
| NEWSLETTER CLOSING | 15. 9.91 | |
| INSTRUCTORS MEETING | 30. 9.91 | ELECTIONS FOR TRAINING SUPERVISOR |
| | | AND ASSISTANI' |
| ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING | 1.10.91 | |
| GAMES DAY & BARBECUE | T.B.A. | |
| COMMITTEE MEETING | 5.11.91 | (MELBOURNE CUP) |
| WORKING BEE | 2.11.91 | |
| WORKING BEE | 9.11.91 | |
| OBEDIENCE TRIAL (GODC) | 10.11.91 | |
| CAR TRIAL | T.B.A. | |
| GENERAL MEETING | 2.12.91 | |
| CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE | T.B.A. | |
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NO 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.

TRIAL RESULTS

TRACKING -

SOUTHERN

Marie Elliott

Shepholme Mantilla (Jenna)

TRACK 1

German Shepherd

MORWELL

Jenny Bradbury

Ormslee Presidents Lady (Marta)

PRELIMINARY TRACK

Rottweiler

The noblest of all animals is the dog, and the noblest of all dogs is the hot dog. It feeds the hand that bites it.

TITBIT CORNER

Hatchlings

Mark, Sandra and Brendan McGill announce the arrival of baby girl - Nicole Jade.

Gay and Stephen McKiernan have a baby boy - Todd Jake.

Mary-Anne O'Rielly's bitch proudly gave birth to 44 legs, made up of nine bitches and two dogs.

Around the Traps

Robert Beckingham a past instructor and committee person recently graduated as a Police Officer. Congratulations Robert.

After a successful show by our Display Team, seems our leader got wrapped up in the euphoria of the evening and attempted to drive through a brick wall. Seems she was still trying to direct dogs whilst her vehicle was in motion and had forgotten she had to turn right.

MORAL - Don't bark and drive!

The Miles family are turning out to be deeply involved in show work. All youngsters have to compete in this household, whether it be dog or baby and the race is on to see who brings home the biggest ribbons! There you go, one in, all in!

Seems lining the interior of our new Club shop became a buck passing session even before the till was installed. One piece of timber was short-sheeted and seems EVERYBODY thought SOMEBODY else did it, but NOBODY owned up. Do you think they need a lesson in BODY language? Anyway the BODY corporate did a good job. Thanks guys.

Tracking Tales (Weekend away) 9 Club members attended this.

Seems the red light left on the farm house verandah had one starter so excited she didn't sleep a wink all night waiting to see some rural hospitality!

The case of the missing "tato".

Learning to walk out a track and then map it is a daunting prospect for novice handlers and this task can be made more onerous when you are required to go back in teams to retrieve articles that were dropped by the tracklayer on each leg of the track. Team One successfully found their articles; Team Two walked their track forwards and backwards; Team Three successfully completed their mission; Team Two still walking backwards and forwards, backwards and forwards. Track layer eventually re-walked that leg and came to the conclusion that HER dog had come along behind her and kidnapped the missing potato! Shows you what heppens when you deprive your dog of nutrients prior to tracking, they don't even wait till the water is boiled and the vegies are cooked!

Then you have that ravenous Cocker Spaniel continuing to see how many foods she can sample in a lifetime. Despite the fact she was the only dog NOT deprived of its meal the evening before BELLA got stuck into the bread her owner was supplying for the weekend. Shame, Shame! Despite this, her unsatiable appetite made her one of the fastest learners of the weekend and also one of the fastest trackers.

Then there are those instructors who probably implore their classes to walk straight each week, who manage to get their flags crossed when track laying. At least his dog kept her mind on the job!

PORAL - It doesn't matter if you are blind as long as you follow your nose!

There was a skinny Rottweiler (alias "John West") on site for most of the week-end and when he came home he said to his handler, "If I eat all my dinner will I be big and strong like those fat Dobermanns?" And lo, after a few weeks on larger rations, the great panel on high granted his wish! Just check this month's KCC Cazette, Stud Directory and see this miracle recorded in print!

Elaine

OBEDIENCE & TRACKING CALENDAR

| COURT CARE ADMINITERANT SALE | CLOSING | ACTUAL |
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| SHEDDARDON S DISTRICT | Closed | 28. 7.91 |
| STEETFARTON & DISTRICT O.D.C. | 26. 7.91 | 4. 8.91 |
| RED CLIFFS DISTRICT KENNEL CLUB | 27. 7.91 | 10.8.91 |
| RED CLIFFS LADIES KENNEL CLUB & | | |
| OBEDIENCE CLUB BENDIGO O.D.C. | 28. 7.91 | 11. 8.91 |
| MODITO O.D.C. | 4. 8.91 | 18. 8.91 |
| MOORABBIN & DISTRICT O.D. TRAINING | | |
| CLUB | 4. 8.91 | 25. 8.91 |
| NORTHERN O.D.C. INC. | 10. 8.91 | 1. 9.91 |
| SUNBURY & DISTRICT O.D.C. | 23. 8.91 | 7. 9.91 |
| BALLARAT & DISTRICT O.D.C. INC. | 25. 8.91 | 0 0 01 |
| WALLAN & DISTRICT O.D.C. | 30. 8.91 | 16. 9.91 |
| MOTAL MELBOOKNE SHOW | Closed Closed | 19. 9.91 Onwards |
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| GIPPSLAND O.D.C. | 15. 9.91 | 29. 9.91 |
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| WALLAN & DISTRICT O.D.C. | Closed | 3. 8.91 |
| GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF VICT. | 27. 7.91 | 10. 8.91 |
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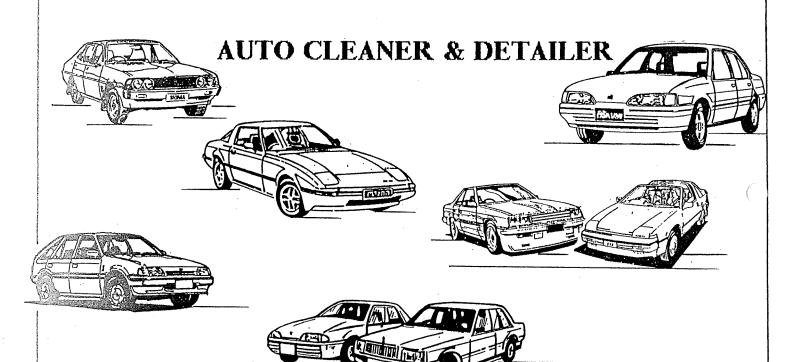
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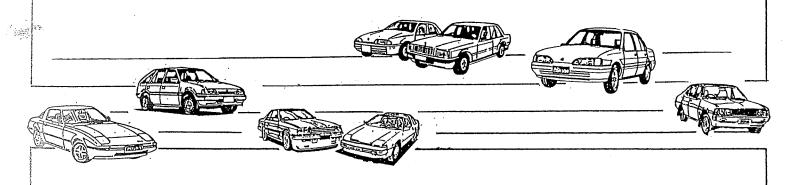
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