

# Newsletter



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GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.  
NEWSLETTER NO. 46

This Newsletter is produced bi-monthly and is distributed on the last training day of that month.

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

This issue sees both good news and sad news and this unfortunately is the way our lives progress daily.

It is with sadness we mourn a member.

MARGARET THOMSON, a gentle lady, passed away in April after a short illness. Margaret was a well known and respected active Class Three identity together with her faithful Border Collie, Zoe. Both had been past display team members.

Margaret, you are gone but not forgotten. Deepest sympathy is extended to all family members, especially Heather who was a past club member.

Following on with the same subject of death it is always hard for us when we lose our training companions and beloved household members.

It is all the more regrettable when in that final time our grief is intensified by what must only be called "entrepreneurs". Publicity has been given recently on television and in the newspapers to false representations being made by one such company operating within our area.

Having read the literature on this establishment obviously on the surface things looked above board. It sadly seems to have been an illusion.

On that basis I have re-run an article I wrote on this subject some years back in the hope it may be of some help to members as the need arises. (This article appears further on in the Newsletter.)

Now on a happier note, congratulations to yet another Geelong member on becoming a CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR. Well done to MAUREEN FRIARS, you obviously earned it!

The saga on the COMPANION ANIMAL ACT continues and the latest feedback from Ron Jenson, Field Officer of the V.C.A., is that the ACT will NOT be passed in the autumn session, but presented in the spring session. However, as there may well be an election scheduled then it could be in the balance even at that time as there are still a lot of problems to be sorted out.

It is a credit to our Club that we have made such a determined effort to bring to light the discrepancies in the ACT and special thanks go to Lisa, our Secretary, who having attended meetings of all the obedience clubs is part of the V.C.A. sub-committee working on the structure relating to testing of dogs for fee reductions with the relevant Councils/Shires.

These committees require a lot of time and travel and level-headedness of the participants. We can only hope that their continued efforts will see the matters resolved in favour of Obedience Clubs and not become yet another unworkable Government (initiated) policy.

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EDITORIAL Cont..

(As you will see the President's report contains a similar summary, but I see no reason why we shouldn't echo similar views on subjects of importance and hence have not deleted this from mine.)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Our next **GENERAL MEETING** is **NEXT TUESDAY, JUNE 2** where we will have as our guest speaker **DR. WURTH**, who specializes in Acupuncture.

The lecture will commence at 7.30 pm and **DR. WURTH** will leave time at the end of her lecture for questions from the members. This is something that can be of value for all of us at some stage in our dog(s) life, and one that follows on where traditional medicine leaves off.

**JULY 19** is our **OPEN AND ASSOCIATE OBEDIENCE TRIAL** and once again we exhort all members to actively participate in making this day yet another successful Club day.

To the newer members this is the day to see what you can aim for, so please come along and watch if you can.

Everyone can contribute by giving an "hour" of their time, either at the preceding working bees (starting times for these will be announced at general announcements following normal training); or maybe you could serve in the canteen on the day; become a steward; donate cakes, biscuits, jams, home grown vegies or handmade goodies for our stall (all profits from this stall go directly to the Club); help with setting up and dismantling the rings. In other words, no special talents are required just a pair of active hands - and as they say "MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK".

For those interested in stewarding see **DAVID BLACKWELL**: canteen assistance - **ANTON PAPE**; ground maintenance **BRONCO IVEC**; hall assistance **NELLA IVEC**, and you will be put on a roster according to the time you have available.

Have a think about **YOUR** contribution and it will certainly lighten the committee work load.

To those who are competing, we wish you the success you have worked so hard for.

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The secret of being a bore is to tell all  
you know.

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The shortest distance between two people  
is a smile.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We the Committee would like to welcome all new members to the Club and hope through the training methods you are shown , will enable you to be a responsible dog owner in our community.

Since the last Newsletter there have been a number of things happening around the Club. We had "The Spirit of the West" fun day with Werribee Dog Club. Unfortunately, Werribee won the shield, but only by two points. (Maybe it was the home ground advantage.) To all the people who helped organise this and represented our Club on the day, the committee and members thank you for your efforts and support.

In April the Club ran a very successful Agility Trial. To the members who helped in organising and assisting on the day, thank you. It was also pleasing to see that some of our members did well on the day.

On the social scene thanks go to the Social Secretary for organising the "FISH BBQ" on Good Friday. Those members who attended had a great day.

To the members who assisted in running the two raffles - THE CHOCOLATE BAR DRIVE and the GARY ABLETT JUMPER, thank you for the time you spent in organising tickets and the sale of same, as these combined efforts raised over \$1000.00. Money raised by these raffles help in the cost of running your Club.

For many years we have had trouble with our S.E.C. supply. I am happy to report that as of the 21.5.92 the power supply to the Club has been updated and in future we should never be short of power again. This was done at no cost to the Club.

Re the new proposed ANIMAL ACT, we have just heard on the grapevine that the Government in their wisdom will not be reading the proposed Bill until the spring session. Hopefully there will be more alterations to it with input by responsible dog owners. Our secretary, Lisa, is on a committee with the V.C.A. still working on parts of the proposed Bill. To you Lisa thank you for your time in going to these meetings in Melbourne and representing our Club and the Obedience Clubs of Victoria.

Once again to the members who give their time and work hard for the Club attending Demo's and promoting the Club; instructors and committee who do many things behind the scenes, thank you for your efforts and support in making our Club the best in the State.

BARRY ELLIOTT  
PRESIDENT

## THE STUMPY TAIL CATTLE DOG

### HISTORY

It is generally agreed that, the **Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog** descended from the original cross of a dog known as a Smithfield with the Australian Native dog, the Dingo. This cross is believed to have been made by a drover named Timmins of Bathurst, New South Wales, in about 1830. The progeny, red bob-tailed dogs were known as 'Timmins Biters'.

The negatives of the Smithfield in this country were that it could not stand the heat and it barked too much which upset and stampeded the cattle.

The Dingo trait of silently creeping up behind an animal and biting came through in 'Timmins Biters'. The dogs were great workers, however, they proved to be too severe on the stock.

Another cross was needed. A smooth haired Blue Merle Collie was introduced, thus establishing an excellent all round dog - the ancestor of the present day **Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog**.

### PURPOSE

Every dog has a reason for being, and, as the name suggests, they are cattle dogs, used for the purpose of herding and containing cattle, however, they also make excellent family pets and wonderful watch dogs.

### DISPOSITION

They are lively and extremely alert, very protective, yet with a soft loving nature which make them excellent with children and very devoted to their owners. They are extremely intelligent and very easy to train, which makes us ideal for obedience and agility work.

### EXERCISE

Exercise is essential. They are extremely active and require a godsize backyard to run around. They also love to be taken for long walks, so take them with you on your daily jog around the park.

### ENVIRONMENT

They require a good strong kennel which is warm to provide adequate shelter for all types of weather. Whilst they are mainly outdoor dogs, they also love to come into the house and be part of the family and be pampered on occasion.

### MAINTENANCE

We require very little in the way of grooming. A thorough brush once a week with a good bristle or pin brush, or even just a comb, to keep the coats neat, well groomed and healthy. They also require bathing occasionally, this also helps to keep them healthy, clean and conditions us to be socially acceptable.

Whatever your requirements, their purpose of development as a cattle dog, show dog, obedience dog, guard dog or just a lovable family pet, we meet your needs.

(Reproduced from the **STUMPY TAIL CATTLE DOG CLUB OF VICTORIA** hand-out leaflet.)



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CLASS PUPPY

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Sandor Orcsik

ABBY  
SHAH

1st Place  
3rd Place

CLASS 1

Maureen Friars  
Pauline Helkin

MONTY  
MARTIN

1st Place  
2nd Place

CLASS 2

Lisa Blackwell

KAARNI

3rd Place

CLASS 3

Julie Poole  
Roma Roscoe

MISHI  
TOPSY

2nd Place  
3rd Place

CLASS 5

Annette Laing

NIKKI

2nd Place

CLASS 6A

Thomas Harvey

SALLY

2nd Place

CLASS 6B

Leonie Kelleher  
Kathryn Gulli

SHADOW  
TESS

2nd Place  
3rd Place

CLASS 7

Alec Burgess  
Cheryl Young

BRUTUS  
DANDY

1st Place  
2nd Place

CLASS 8

Sue Hume  
Paul Metcalf

TEDDY  
HANNAH

1st Place  
3rd Place

CLASS 10

Mitzi Clarke

ASTA

2nd Place

FINAL RESULT: GEELONG 29 - WERRIBEE 30.



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A MORALITY TAIL

A Bull Terrier had to have the tip of his tail removed because he was a chronic tail-chaser and chewer. Apart from that he had behaved impeccably and never appeared in any nasty statistics about biting kids or posties. When eventually he passed away he presented himself at the Pearly Gates only to be turned away because he didn't have all his tail. You see the Kennel Club has influence in very high places. St Peter suggested he go back to his vet and ask for the tip to be sutured back on. Imagine his disappointment when the vet couldn't oblige. As she said, she wasn't allowed to retail spirits.

(From a Dr. Robert Holmes handout on Behaviour Tips, 26 June 1991.)

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ENTRIES CLOSE SUNDAY 5th JULY, 1992

GEEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.,  
( Affiliated with the V.C.A.)

OPEN & ASSOCIATE REGISTERED OBEDIENCE TRIAL

To be held under the rules and regulations of the Victorian Canine Association. A copy of which may be inspected at the office of the Secretary.

TO BE HELD AT: BELMONT COMMON, BREAKWATER ROAD, BREAKWATER.  
SUNDAY, 19th JULY, 1992

ENTRIES TO : The Trial Secretary, Mr David Blackwell  
c/o 1 Casaceli Court, Whittington, 3219  
PHONE: (052) 48 6208, AFTER 7.00pm PLEASE!

CLASSES:

ENCOURAGEMENT: Mr D Wiltink  
NOVICE: Ms S Pretty, Mr G Harding,  
Mrs M Deakes, Mrs J Pettet.  
OPEN: Mrs B Cowling, Mr F Valastro,  
Mr N Kay, Mr F Lehrmann.  
UTILITY: Mr F Tipping, Mr K Ralph,  
Mr F Neeson.

ASSOCIATE CLASSES:

ENCOURAGEMENT: Mr D Wiltink  
NOVICE: Mr R Hanson, Mrs J Oakley.  
OPEN: Mr K Rankin.  
UTILITY: Mr D Kelly.

Encouragement class; for those handlers that have not competed in a Novice Class, gained a C.D. or G.D. with another dog or won encouragement class.

The Committee reserves the right to divide classes and substitute Judges if entries are excessive. Residents of Victoria must be financial members of the V.C.A. to exhibit or Judge. Membership expires on the 31st of December each year.

OPEN & UTILITY ENTRIES MUST SHOW HEIGHT AT SHOULDER IN MILLIMETRES. HEIGHT AT SHOULDER CARDS MUST BE PRESENTED AT RINGSIDE.

ENTRY FEE: \$7.00 ( includes V.C.A. surcharge)  
Please do not send cash. THANK YOU.

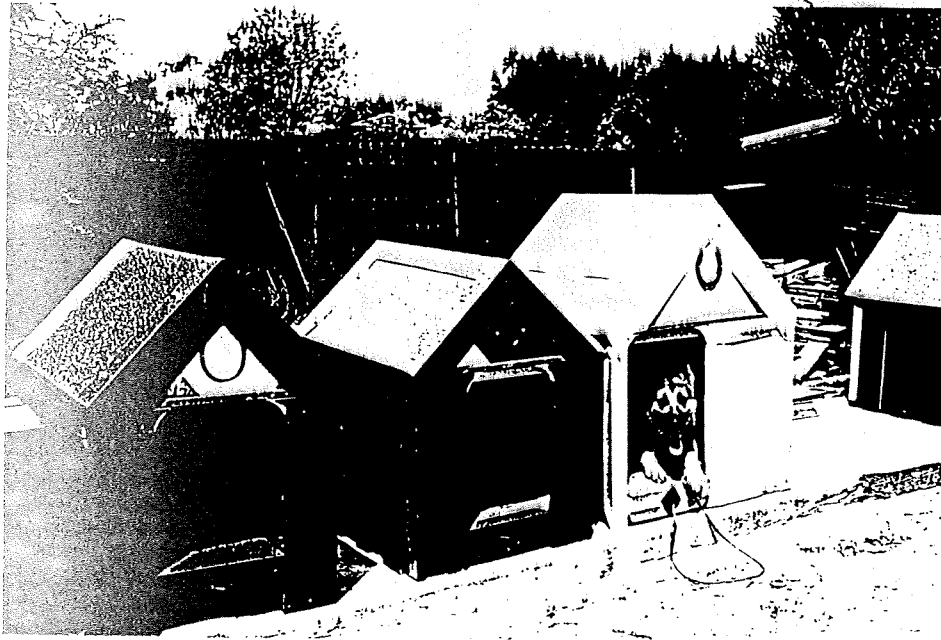
RECEIPTS WILL BE POSTED IF A STAMPED SELF ADDRESS ENVELOPE IS ENCLOSED.  
INCORRECT ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

INSPECTION: 10.15 am to 11.30 am ( Club instructors  
will be allowed up to 30 minutes after  
starting time. ONLY IF THE ENTRY IS  
"INSTRUCTOR". NO EXCEPTIONS). MARKED  
JUDGING : COMMENCES AT 12 NOON, SHARP!  
CATERING: The Club canteen will operate from  
10.30 am.

AWARDS: Qualifying 1st place will receive a Trophy & Sash  
Non- Qualifying 1st place will receive a Sash  
2nd & 3rd Place will receive a Sash  
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## THE PET CEMETERY

The first Pet Cemetery originated in France 87 years ago and is the resting place for many of our animal world film stars; one of the 'RIN TIN TIN' dogs being amongst them. Recently pet lovers were seen to take a strong stand on its conservation when the French authorities thought of closing it and using the area and the surrounds for other purposes.

Our own Victorian Pet Memorial Garden is situated at Rowville and has been operated for over 25 years by Mr. John Alexander.

The cemetery is divided into three categories "FELINE FAMILY" for cats, "CANINE COURT" for dogs and "JUST US FRIENDS" for a variety of animals. You may have your pet buried or cremated there, and you then order a headstone to your wording, or you may elect just to have your pet's name on a communal plaque. The communal plaques are interspersed throughout the garden area. The headstones are set into the ground, face up, in a river pebble surround.

People may visit these gardens at any time. The double cyclone gate is always shut and it has a chain and lock on it, but despite its looks it is always open (like our own gate to the grounds). If anyone wants more specific directions I can show you where it is in your Melways.

### THE ALTERNATIVES

To those people who have vague ideas or doubts in their minds about these places and whether that's where they want their companions to go to, obviously the decision is yours, and a cemetery is certainly not a choice that appeals to everyone.

If you are able to bury your pet in your own garden and place a plant on the spot in remembrance you are fortunate, but of course this doesn't help flat dwellers or people who move around from address to address.

The other alternative is that your Vet. will offer to dispose of the animal for you to save you further pain. However, the disposal site is the nearest Tip and although this may horrify some people, it is an unemotional task that Vets. perform daily.

I had been personally interested in this cemetery since I first saw an advertisement in the paper about it and had made enquiries as to placing my Dobermann there when it was his time to rest. I really felt I owed my dog "RESCH" this as he had been through some traumatic times in his 13 years of life with me (he was already 2 years old when I met him), plus many new addresses and the Darwin cyclone; and goodness knows what for those first two years before as a 'found dog' he was offered to me.

I'd made up my mind and had saved the money so that when that night finally came and he was put down at 15 years old, I had the vets. wrap him up and then took him straight to Melbourne to the home of Mr. Alexander who was very gentle and kind in his manner, befitting the sadness and personal loss that I felt. I arranged for "RESCH'S" cremation and the headstone and was told that as soon as it was all completed I'd be sent a photograph of it in its resting place.

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## THE PET CEMETERY/2

True to the time set for the stone work to be completed, the photograph came and I subsequently made my first visit to the Cemetery/Memorial Gardens.

To wander around and read everything that first time is both sad and joyous. It is reassuring to know so many people have been so close to their pet companions be it dog or anything else.

Mr. Alexander has certainly filled a need for many people.

Due to the location of the cemetery I only get to visit once per year and on the last occasion I took my German Shepherd into the gardens with me. I knew roughly where "RESCH'S" headstone lay in the most congested area of the gardens (obviously at the time of his death there were quite a lot of other dogs laid to rest about the same time and this particular section is a bit cramped space wise), but I was getting frustrated because I couldn't locate it, so I told "KING" to sit and stay while I made a further hunt. So up and down the rows again searching.

Suddenly I realized where it was. "KING" had found it, and was sitting on it, and that's exactly what did happen! The chance of that occurring was a thousand to one and I truly believe in that instance that the sixth sense attributed to many animals was in strong evidence here. Personally I believe that dogs do have this sixth sense that many of us humans are never able to bring out and develop in ourselves and there have been strongly documented cases to support this.

Within our own Club Library there are books that deal with this subject and I am sure Phyl, our Librarian would be delighted to help anyone that would like to learn more about this, yet another facet of understanding the dogs we love and live with.

My beliefs may not be your beliefs, but it is worth the effort to read about these things and then form your own judgement.

### FOOTNOTE:

Since writing this article some years ago, "KING" has now passed on and this time as I live in my own home he is buried in my own yard in a special enclosure with four miniature roses planted out.

Elaine Longshaw

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### ATTENTION

All members are invited to contribute/donate a non-perishable article of dog food, toys, grooming gear, collars, brush etc. to our hamper to be raffled on TRIAL DAY.

Also on that same day, there will be a 20% reduction of ALL saleable items in our dog shop.

AND

Gary Ablett jumper winner: A. Wicrzbowski sold by Lesley Gaylard. (Let's hope that person is a Geelong supporter!)

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Robyn Perrin	Julie & Ian Flintoff	Mary Lewis
The Jackson Family	Jill Parsons	The McCann Family
Louise & Margaret Black	Jerry & Adele Pejil	Janell Convery
Sue Pickin	Robyn & Brian Foy	The Alway Family
Andrew & Toni Jones	Stan Messinger	Carolyn & Fay McClure
Jan & Gene Fisk	Susan & Mark Vercoli	Leigh Irvine
Toni Campbell	Shane & Theresa Roberts	The Clarke Family
Micha Evans	John Carnie	Gary Pitcher
V. Juchima	Pauline Hicks	M. & J Collard
Anna Baart	Kently Smith	The Valys Family
Donna & Peter Jones	The Ware Family	Libby McClinchey
Sahin Aktas/Petek Tasci		Nazim Mulayim
Dru & Olga Kivitis	Gerard Russell	Kerry Dale
Karyn Bolton	Debbie Reynolds	Anthea Duff
Arda Duck	Marion Richards	Peter & Carol Wallis
Tony Stewart	Ellen Mooney	Trudy Mitchell
Shane O'Connor	Adrea & Jerry Juros	Ross Kroger
Mal Dobson	Norma Hollis	Michael Potter
John Bliss.		

## \*\*\*\*\* CERTIFICATE PASSES ..... \*\*\*\*\*

### BEGINNERS' OBEDIENCE..

ALAN DRAYTON & REX	NIGEL DUNSTAN & SCRUFF	ANDREW STRAHLO & BRIAR
JUDITH SEG & KIMBA	PAM EDEN & JAKE	ANNE FRIGGEN & TASHA
MAUREEN FRIARS & MONTY	JOHN BELL & BESSIE	BARBARA WATKINS & LING
KIM MC CALL & BLADE	DENISE CLISSOLD & BLAZER	LARRY JORGENSEN & JESS
COLIN HALSON & STRYDER.	LEE-ANN O'BRIEN & JARRAH	LEIGH SCHODDE & MAGNUM
JULIE POOLE & MISHI	COLIN HUMPHREYS & MAX	DESMO DICKESON & YUMA

CLASS TWO.  CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE PEOPLE, THEY NOW ENTER

### BASIC OBEDIENCE..

PAULINE NAUDI & JAKE	MICHAEL FOORD & FLOYD	JANELLE CONVERY & JESSIE
KATHRYN WEISKE & BOBBY	PAUL WILLIAMSON & ABBY.	

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE MEMBERS, THEY NOW TRAIN IN  
 CLASS THREE.

\*\*\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE \*\*\*\*\*  
 OUR NEXT TESTING DAY WILL BE ON SUNDAY, 14TH JUNE.  
 YOUR NORMAL CLASS TIMES APPLY FOR THIS DAY.

LISA BLACKWELL  
 SECRETARY

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## KENNEL COUGH

by Dr. Rod Brooks

Commonwealth Serum Laboratories

Kennel Cough is a highly contagious respiratory disease of dogs. Although rarely life threatening it causes coughing bouts which can persist for a number of weeks, despite treatment, creating significant discomfort for both the dog and its owner. Massive outbreaks can occur in kennels with the vast majority of dogs affected. It is far better to prevent kennel cough rather than try and control the signs of infection once they have occurred.

Affected dogs frequently have been resident in a boarding kennel or training complex, or have been in close contact with other dogs at shows, race tracks, obedience classes or similar assembly, within the previous 5 to 10 days.

### Cause

Kennel Cough can be caused by a number of different viruses and bacteria although *Bordetella bronchiseptica*, canine parainfluenza virus and canine adenovirus type 2 have been most frequently isolated from dogs with kennel cough.

Infection with one of the viruses usually clears up within a week or two, whereas infection with *Bordetella* may persist for several weeks. If a dog is infected with both *Bordetella* and a virus, a more severe form of the disease is often seen and coughing may subside during treatment only to return when treatment is finished.

*Bordetella* can be carried for months by dogs that are not showing any signs of infection. These dogs act as a source of infection for susceptible dogs coming into contact with them.

### Signs

The classical sign of kennel cough is a spontaneous, harsh cough that often finishes with gagging. The coughing is usually made worse by exercise, excitement or pressure on the throat region. Severely affected dogs may have a fever, be depressed, not eat and can develop broncho-pneumonia. Clinical signs can persist for several weeks despite treatment.

### Treatment

Your veterinarian can provide the best treatment. This may include antibiotics and symptomatic therapy such as cough medicine. Treatment will not only assist in controlling kennel cough in the affected individual but it will also reduce the risk of spread to other susceptible dogs.

### Control

For optimal control of kennel cough, puppies should be vaccinated against all of the important viruses and bacteria that can cause kennel cough. Initially dogs and puppies require two injections four weeks apart. Booster doses should be given annually and before exposure to possible sources of infection such as shows, boarding kennels or obedience classes. Your veterinarian can advise you on the best vaccination programme for your particular circumstance.

(This article supplied by Cathryn Furby, Territory Manager, Commonwealth Serum Laboratories Limited, Veterinary Division)

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## THE GORDON SETTER

**General Appearance:** A stylish dog, built on galloping lines, having a thoroughbred appearance consistent with its build which can be compared to a weight carrying hunter. Must have symmetrical conformation throughout, showing true balance. Strong fairly short and level back. Shortish tail. Head fairly long, clearly lined and with intelligent expression, clear colours and long flat coat.

**Body:** Of moderate length, deep in brisket, with ribs well sprung. Deep in back ribs, i.e. well-ribbed up. Loins wide and slightly arched. Chest not too broad.

**Weight and Size:** As a guide to size, shoulder height for males 66.04cm (26 inches) and weight about 29.49kg (65lb). Females 62.23cm (24½ inches) and weight about 25.40kg (56lbs) in show condition.

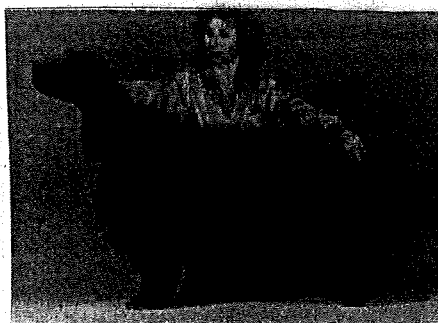
**Origins and Character:** The name **GORDON SETTER** was given to the breed due to its close links with the fourth Duke of Gordon and his ancestral home in Scotland at Gordon Castle. The Duke had a strong kennel of working dogs in the early 1800's and he was known to favour the beautifully marked Black and Tan setters.

"Black and Fallow" dogs were mentioned in early writings from the 17th century and although others were bred along different lines from the Duke of Gordon's dogs the breed has been named in his honour as one of the main founders of the breed.

The **Gordon Setter** has a character all of his own, he is quick and alert but neither aggressive or shy. Not a dog that adapts well to a life in a kennel but one who needs and demands attention for his proper development. The **Gordon** returns love and attention with an unwavering loyalty which is rarely found in other breeds. He has a strong protective sense towards members of his family and home but usually will readily adopt his owners attitude to strangers or visitors.

This extreme loyalty and intelligence makes the **Gordon** an excellent pet as well as one who has a record of success in both obedience and field work, his coal black coat set off by rich chestnut markings makes him an eye catching show dog as well.

(Reproduced from the **Gordon Setter Club** hand-out leaflet.)



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I cried because I had no shoes till I met a man who had no feet.

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SOCIAL PAGE

Good Friday Fish BBQ.

Laughter, BBQ, cricket game, talking, friends....and much more.

What more could anyone ask for? Yet another successful club function. It was great to see so many new faces.

After many tries, trying to light the BBQ I had decided that I was no girl guide.

Thanks must go to my firelighter Terry Lee. Without his help there may have been no BBQ.

When the fire had died down and people had cooked their food, it was time for the main event.

As usual, our annual Cricket Match. Each year more people seem to get involved. A lot of laughter was going on, but not much cricket. After about an hour people and the ever happy Tess finally gave in.

On behalf of the social committee I would like to thank all of the people who came and enjoyed the company of fellow members.

\*\*If anyone has any ideas on social functions, please come and see me or write your ideas down and give them to your instructor.

Thank you,

LEONIE KELLEHER  
SOCIAL SECRETARY

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Mistydawn Latin Lover (REBEL)  
2-9-82 - 25-4-92

A FAITHFUL COMPANION AND FRIEND FOR ALMOST 10 YEARS.  
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### DISPLAY TEAM REPORT

We have had several displays in recent weeks so have been fairly busy. Our first outing was an early evening display at Rollins Primary School fete - lovely weather, lots of room and an interested audience made for a very pleasant outing.

A few days later on March 8, we journeyed to Drysdale for their Agricultural Show and again were rewarded with glorious weather, a large appreciative audience and 'oodles' of room for both obedience and agility - our display was performed well, everyone was relaxed and we received lots of compliments later as many of the crowd came to meet and talk with the various team members and their dogs! Several members even entered their dogs in a jumping competition later and gave the only other competitor a real challenge before retiring gracefully and allowing the other dog to win!

Our next display was for the C.F.A. at Grovedale on March 28 which was watched with a lot of interest despite the fact we had limited room to work.

We recently welcomed into our ranks our very first child handler - 10½ year old Kathryn Weislee and her dog, Bobby, who acquitted themselves very well in their debut at Grovedale.

Last, but not least, we went to South Geelong Primary School on May 2. Despite having to curtail our agility course somewhat due to limited space, all went well and the latest outing was quite successful.

My thanks to the team for all the hard work put in to make our displays so successful.

Remember practice on Sundays after the second training session. All members are expected to attend.

DESMO DICKESON  
DISPLAY TEAM LEADER

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ATTENTION

A sub-committee was set up to discuss the operation of the Display Team and from this came the following recommendation:

Attention all current, aspiring and past display team members, a meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16 at 7.30p.m. in the clubrooms, for all people interested in making a commitment and being part of the Club's Display Team.

This meeting is to discuss and formulate displays. All ideas welcome.

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## A CD title - big deal?

by Arlene Blum

**YOU'RE DARN RIGHT! IT IS!**

The first obedience title that you earn with your dog is **special and very important**. The CD (Companion Dog title) is the prerequisite for the more advanced obedience titles. In order to compete in Open and Utility you must first qualify in at least three Novice trials. Novice work is the foundation of all obedience training, so just how important is the CD? Vitally!

It takes a long time to develop a working relationship with your dog. Much more goes into training a dog to the CD level than meets the eye. You do not merely teach your dog to walk nicely by your side, stay still in a stand, sit and down position, and come to you when you call.

You also teach the dog how to learn, how to behave among strangers (both human and canine), how to listen for your instruction, how to tune out instructions and distractions from others, how to understand your language (sounds and body signals), how to control his emotions, how to please you (where his advantage lies through rewards and corrections), how to cope with stress and overcome fears.

You may not even realise how much you have taught your Companion Dog, or how much you yourself have learned! In order to achieve the results necessary to pass three Novice trials, a long process of learning (on the parts of both handler and dog) must take place. During this period of development you become aware of your dog's individual temperament, you learn to use a number of different methods and techniques in order to teach your dog the basic skills, and you learn to adapt these methods and techniques to suit the temperament of your own dog.

You have taught your Companion Dog to be just that-- your companion! You should be very proud of yourself and your dog. If this is the first time you have ever trained a dog, you should take special pride in your C.D., regardless of scores.

Once you have trained your dog in the basics, you have prepared him to learn the more difficult exercises. If you attempted to teach your dog the Utility exercises first, without having taught a proper foundation, your dog would become so confused and stressed out that he would never learn.

All obedience training is based on a series of steps. In Novice, the dog works with you, not independently. He heels by your side, he stays (with you in sight), he comes straight to you when you call. He learns to perform one task on one single command from you. Once he has learned these exercises he can perform them better and better through repetition.

In Open, the dog begins to work more and more independently, and learns to perform a series of tasks on one single command from you. For the 'Retrieve Over High Jump' the dog must, on a single command, leave your side, jump over the high jump, pick up the dumbbell, come back over the jump and sit in front of you. For the 'Broad Jump' the dog must jump over the hurdles without cutting the corners (while you stand two feet to the side of the jump), turn when he lands and come and sit in front of you.

The reason that Open training is more difficult than Novice for many people is that Open exercises must be broken down into a longer series of steps so that the dog learns the individual parts of the exercises, and then the steps have to be put together so that the dog learns to perform all of the steps on a single command. Again, your foundation work is extremely important. If you've taught your dog the basics of learning, teaching the more complicated exercises merely becomes a series of teaching individual steps.

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A CD title — big deal? (Cont..)

In Utility, the dog must perform even more difficult tasks with very little instruction from you. In 'Scent discrimination' the dog must, on your single command leave your side, go out approximately three metres, find the article that has your scent on it, pick it up (without mouthing or playing with the other articles), and bring it back and sit in front of you. Utility exercises require a lot of concentration and attention on the dog's part; in most cases the dog has to make a choice between doing one thing or another -- take the scented article from among the unscented articles, jump over the correct jump with two jumps in sight, etc.

Everyone who owns a dog should obedience train their dog, at least to the Novice level. Most of us want to take our dog for a walk without being dragged down the street. We should be able to take our dog to the vet and get him to stand still while having his ears examined or getting his annual shots. We should be able to have our dog sit still in front of the Christmas tree while we take his picture. We should be able to have our dog lie down and not disturb us when we have company over.

If you have taught your dog the Novice exercises you should be able to put them into practical use. You have trained your dog to be a good canine citizen, one you can be proud of. There are very few of us who need our dogs to select an article for us that bears our scent from a pile of unscented ones! Unless we have laryngitis or want our dogs to be in 'show biz', most of us can get by with a dog who doesn't know hand signals.

Handlers who go beyond the Novice level with their dogs do so for a variety of reasons. They may simply enjoy the sport of obedience and have made training their hobby. They may thrive on the competition and take advantage of the opportunity to continue to enter trials. Some enjoy the challenge of teaching the dogs more complicated exercises which may be a little out of the ordinary. Some seek recognition for their accomplishments.

If you have a happy working Companion Dog you have proven to yourself and the world that you have achieved control over your pet through training with kindness and common sense, so be proud of yourself and your dog. If you have the time and the desire, go for the Excellent and the Utility. You will definitely benefit from the experience and so will your dog.

Remember, if you tell someone that your dog has earned a CD and they say "Big deal!", just say, "You're darn right it is!"

(Reprinted courtesy of the Victorian Rottweiler Club; South Australian Rottweiler Club and originally from the South Western Rottweiler Club.)

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TITBIT CORNER

Delinquent tales continued. Our happy chappy has turned into a "sparkie". Whilst chasing rabbits he crashed through an electric fence at Mack 2 and gashed his leg; then whilst clowning around several weeks later he backed into another section singeing his dignity. (SAADI)

Seems we have talented chefs in our establishment; someone in the kitchen has a recipe for steam fried dim sims!

Seen on HARD COPY (a current affairs TV program) recently in HOGAN CITY, QLD., the dog problem has incited the councillors there so much that ANY dog found at large not claimed is now either PUT DOWN or sent for animal experimentation. NO-ONE is permitted to PURCHASE a dog from their POUND. Drastic steps to curb not only the stray dog problem, but one which eliminates family pets of careless owners without batting an eyebrow. Obviously after that show they won't be high on suggested travel bureau itineraries.

TITBIT CORNER CONT... ELSEWHERE \*\*\*\*\*

TRIAL RESULTS

AGILITY -

GEE LONG

Cheryl Young	Ajoujou Jazzy Joe C.D. (Dandy) Toy Poodle	2nd Place <u>1st PASS</u>
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OBEDIENCE -

BALLARAT

Kylie Day	Castle River Ceaser (Ceaser) German Shepherd Dog	NOVICE 3rd Place <u>2nd PASS</u>
Jenny Travers	Jess Girl	<u>ENCOURAGEMENT ASSOC.</u> 1st Place
Annette Laing	(Not supplied) (Nikki) Jack Russell	<u>ENCOURAGEMENT</u> 3rd Place

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Jenny Travers	Jess Girl	<u>ENCOURAGEMENT ASSOC.</u> 2nd Place
Lynn Mann	Palanquin Plum Pie (Mister) Dalmation	NOVICE <u>1st PASS</u>

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With regard to results being published in this Newsletter members are reminded that results must be submitted in writing to the Secretary specifically for this purpose, or they may be rung through to Elaine (number appears at end of this publication). Non-adherence to this policy will mean your achievements will not be published.

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A reminder to those members attending Trial Training Class, we have an age old practice that on earning your Title, you are required to provide liquid refreshments for your fellow classmates at the next such training evening. Failure to do so will leave you open to severe admonishment by the appropriate Instructor!

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ATTENTION

NAME THE NEWSLETTER AND DESIGN A COVER

COMPETITION (A): DESIGN A COVER - WINNER: ALEX FOREMAN

COMPETITION (B): NEWSLETTER NAME- WINNER: TOM HARVEY

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## THE BEARDED COLLIE

### HISTORY

Like many working breeds, the **Bearded Collie** has evolved over hundreds of years to perform specialised tasks in the service of humans. For the **Bearded Collie** this evolution continued to be based on their performance as working sheep and cattle dogs until 1949 when a Mrs. Willison searched for and found good examples of the **Bearded Collie** of Scotland and bred the first litter which forms the foundation of the pedigree of all purebred **Bearded Collies** today.

It is possible that the very early origins of the **Bearded Collie** may be found in the Polish Lowland Sheepdog. This connection is not documented and for centuries the **Beardie** was bred by the sheepfarmers of Scotland for their agility, stamina, hardiness and sheepherding instinct with no concern for recording their history as long as they were good working dogs. Their thick shaggy coat kept them warm and dry in the harsh winters, while their lithe but strong build enabled them to work easily on the rugged mountain areas of the Scottish Highlands, using a certain independent style to seek out lost and stray sheep on the craggy hills. While herding they use a distinctive circling technique, barking at the stock to intimidate them into moving along. Some times they were used as drovers dogs with sheep and cattle, taking their charges to market. As you would expect they were also companions for the farmers and it is easy to imagine them sharing the fireside at the end of a hard cold days work.

### GLAMOUR

Let's start with the **Beardies'** most obvious attribute first, the beautiful coat. Most people ask whether the coat takes a lot of work to keep it looking glamorous. The answer to this question is both yes and no. Compared with a smooth coated dog a **Beardie** does need consistent and frequent grooming, but unlike some long coated breeds a thorough brush and comb through once a week will keep an adult **Beardie** in pretty good style. However, this does mean once a week, not once a month. Bathing, is a matter of personal preference, brushing removes most dirt and dust from the coat but some people like to bath their dogs and this does not harm the coat even on a weekly basis. Another important aspect to coat care is ensuring your **Beardie** does not have a flea problem. Naturally fleas cause dogs to scratch and this very quickly spoils the appearance of a **Beardies'** coat and causes tangles which need to be brushed out. It is therefore, essential for a very strict flea control program to be maintained. This is probably the most important secret to keeping a **Beardie** looking good.

Of course, if a **Bearded Collie** is kept as a show dog, a lot of care and attention goes into preparation and grooming for the show ring. But basically the rules are the same, keep your dog flea-free, groom every single week, keep him/her happy and in good health and your **Beardie** will bloom.

### TEMPERAMENT

Initially it was probably the beautiful appearance of the **Bearded Collie** that attracted you, but once you have met one you will be won over completely. As a breed they are generally happy, lively, energetic, affectionate family dogs. Visit a **Beardie** at home and you may well find them curled up on the couch or helping out in the kitchen. They love to be where the action is and are easily adaptable to almost any situation. Most of all **Beardies** love company, and will not be happy locked outside and ignored for weeks. Unless your dog is to be a member of your family, the **Bearded Collie** is probably not the dog for you.

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## THE BEARDED COLLIE (Cont.2)

### **Temperament Cont.,.**

Some **Beardies** can be easily excited, while others are extremely placid. Typically the breed is very affectionate, and expects a lot of loving attention. There are always some exceptions, but do not expect a **Bearded Collie** to be much of a guard dog, they may bark at the door bell but will probably welcome burglars like your best friends.

**Beardies** are very sensitive dogs, they will not respond well to harsh treatment. Like sensitive children they need to be understood to be disciplined effectively. Hitting and yelling will achieve nothing with a **Beardie**, they will simply keep away from you until you come to your senses. When you are calm, firm and persistent you will find they quickly respond to training. At the same time you will find **Beardies** have a very strong will and soon take advantage of you unless you set the rules clearly. Some are very slow to come to maturity and continue with puppyish behaviour well past one year of age. Most **Beardie** owners find this part of the charm of the breed but it can be exasperating at times.

Many **Bearded Collies** are competing successfully in obedience competition, showing the combination of beauty and brains **Beardie** owners are proud of. This is an enjoyable option for owners that don't necessarily want to show their dogs but would like to be involved with a dog "hobby". **Beardies** have a unique style in "Obedience" and the rough handling and bullying methods of training used for German Shepherds for example will not suit a **Bearded Collie**. It takes commitment and persistence but is a lot of fun for both owner and dog.

### HEALTH

**Bearded Collies**, as a breed, appear to be free from any major problems caused by inherited diseases. They are a "natural" unexaggerated breed which probably accounts for their robust health and longevity. Many **Beardies** live well into their teens and maintain excellent health.

(Reproduced from the **Bearded Collie Club Victoria, Inc.** hand-out leaflet.)



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**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS** are due and payable by end June. Vaccination certificates must be presented at time of payment.

All members are reminded that should they have an address change this information is required by the Secretary in order to maintain up-to-date records.

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AGILITY, OBEDIENCE & TRACKING CALENDAR

AGILITY

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Bairnsdale D.O.C. Inc.	-	6. 6.92
East Gippsland O.D.C. Inc.	-	7. 6.92
East Gippsland O.D.C. Inc.	-	8. 6.92
Warrnambool & District	1. 6.92	13. 6.92
Dog Training School Inc.		
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Dog Training School Inc.		
Sunbury & District O.D.C.	27. 6.92	11. 7.92

OBEDIENCE

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Bairnsdale D.O.C. Inc.	-	6. 6.92
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Broadmeadows O.D.C. Inc.	12. 6.92	28. 6.92
German Shepherd Dog Club	21. 6.92	5. 7.92
of Victoria Inc.		
Geelong O.D.C. Inc.	5. 7.92	19. 7.92
Rottweiler Club of Vic.	27. 6.92	25. 7.92

TRACKING

	<u>close</u>	<u>actual</u>
German Shepherd Dog Club	10. 5.92	6. 6.92
of Victoria Inc.		
German Shepherd Dog Club	10. 5.92	7. 6.92
of Victoria Inc.		
German Shepherd Dog Club	10. 5.92	8. 6.92
of Victoria Inc.		
Victorian Gundog Club	22. 5.92	20. 6.92
Victorian Gundog Club	22. 5.92	21. 6.92
Southern O.D. Training Club	29. 5.92	27. 6.92
Southern O.D. Training Club	29. 5.92	28. 6.92
Eastern Suburbs O.D. Club	5. 6.92	4. 7.92
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Murray Valley O.D.C.	12. 6.92	11. 7.92
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Gippsland O.D.C.	19. 6.92	18. 7.92
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Gippsland O.D.C.	19. 6.92	20. 7.92
Warringal O.D.C. Inc.	26. 6.92	25. 7.92
Warringal O.D.C. Inc.	26. 6.92	26. 7.92

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It is better to have tried and failed, than never to have tried.

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CLUB CALENDAR

1. 6.92	Membership renewals can be paid
2. 6.92	GENERAL MEETING: Guest Speaker
14. 6.92	New Member Intake (Dogs over 6 months)
14. 6.92	Testing Day
29. 6.92	Instructors Meeting
30. 6.92	Membership Renewals are <u>NOW DUE</u>
5. 7.92	New Member Intake (Dogs over 6 months)
7. 7.92	Committee Meeting
11. 7.92	Working Bee (Details will be advised)
12. 7.92	Copy for Newsletter Closing date
18. 7.92	Working bee
19. 7.92	<u>G.O.D.C. OPEN &amp; ASSOCIATE OBEDIENCE TRIAL</u> (No training this day.)
27. 7.92	Instructors Meeting
31. 7.92	FINAL DAY for membership renewals. (Failure to comply, <u>will incur a</u> <u>rejoining fee.</u> )

GENERAL MEETINGS COMMENCE AT 8PM, UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED. MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING A PLATE (MALES NOT EXEMPTED).

NOTE: THE JUNE GENERAL MEETING WILL COMMENCE AT 7.30PM DUE TO THE ATTENDANCE OF A GUEST SPEAKER; DR. WURTH. THE TALK WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A SUPPER BREAK AND THEN THE GENERAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE.

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TITBIT CORNER Cont...d

To those people who subscribe to ON LEAD/OFF LEAD it is indeed unfortunate to be notified that this magazine has gone into receivership. It is bitter irony that both Phyl (our Librarian) and myself extolled its merits in the last Newsletter. As they say "only the good die young".

Known to leave a training ring tracking after some interesting scent, a certain golden "garbage disposal" has had her nosiness channelled into competition tracking. Her last outing saw her doing excellently, finding the placed articles and heading on to locate the person at the end of the track; not so this "nosey parker", off she went into the wild blue yonder after a FOX! (BELLA)

Elaine

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ELAINE LONGSHAW  
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## AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOUR IN DOGS

Aggressive behaviour accounts for much of the problems we experience with dogs. Many people think of aggression as a sinister disease, when in fact much of it is a normal way to act in the canine code of ethics.

### Aggression Within a Group of Dogs

The dog has assumed many of the aspects of domestication, however there remains a strong "wild" instinct as well. In the wild the most dominant dog wins the first choice of food, mate or whatever else is going. After establishing his credentials as "Top Dog", threats of aggression or play fights are sufficient to maintain his position. When a newer, younger dog comes along then the two dogs must determine which is the "Top Dog". This way in the wild only the strongest and fittest survive. For comparison, we select a dog as a breeding prospect because it has good colour, wins shows etc.

With one dog you have little trouble in your home in regards to aggression, however when you increase the number of dogs, problems can occur. This often manifests itself at feed time. Therefore, you should separate the dogs when feeding or feed them less appetising food. They are less likely to fight over a bowl of dry food, than a chunk of juicy meat.

### Aggression Towards Humans

With any large breed, it is essential to establish your position of dominance over your dog. Owners of males take special note of this. From an early age you **must** be the "Top Dog". Many problems with aggression towards owners occurs when a dog thinks he is dominant or if there is a doubt as to who is dominant. One step towards establishing dominance is simply to pick the pup up when he starts misbehaving, just like his mother would do.

### Breeding and Aggression

Breeding programs can strongly influence the temperament. Fashionable and popular breeds are being bred simply for good looks, or to satisfy a demand, with the breeder knowing he can sell a whole litter and make some money out of it. As a result of this, dogs with suspect temperament are being bred with, which in turn is producing dogs with a completely different nature to that which attracted people to the breed originally.

Prospective owners and breeders must begin to demand excellence in temperament as well as looks if this problem is to be stopped.

With your dogs, try to avoid play fights. Not only can these get out of hand, but those sharp puppy teeth can give very painful nips. **Discourage immediately and firmly** any characteristics you do not want to develop, such as aggression towards other dogs. Once an aggression problem has been established there are several avenues of treatment. A dog will always show aggression for a reason. Mistrust of people can be important, take your puppy for walks in shopping centres or busy streets so that he becomes used to these strange two legged creatures. Where possible let people pat your puppy, your relaxed and confident nature with people will give the pup confidence.

### Can Aggression Be Cured

Training - Some aggressive dogs can be trained out of their problem. This is especially true if the dog has been allowed to become the "Top Dog", it may well be time to instruct the dog who really is the "Top Dog". You must be prepared to spend a considerable amount of time and effort, as results don't come over night. In some cases "some considerable amounts of force need to be applied". Normal obedience training is not what is required, sometimes radical steps need to be taken. Remember if you can't overcome the aggression then the outcome to both dog and owner may be much more painful than a bit of firm correction now.

Drugs - tranquillisers have a temporary effect only. Tranquillisers can be used only for short term problems.

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AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOUR IN DOGS(Cont...2/)

Hormones - The male hormone testosterone stimulates aggression. Removal of the source by castration is very effective in many cases for reducing aggression in males. It tends to be more effective when the dog is young. Some hormones can chemically castrate the dog but once the drug is stopped the behaviour returns.

Euthanasia - There is no guaranteed treatment to stop aggression and harmful behaviour. The problem is complicated and while some dogs may be completely controlled by treatment others will never be completely trustworthy. Where there is a danger to the family (not only yours), especially where children are concerned, you must consider having the dog put to sleep. Don't let your decision be made from the heart, you must use logic and sound reason, sometimes it is the only real solution.

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CLUB CALENDAR

4. 4.92	Working Bee
5. 4.92	<u>OPEN &amp; ASSOCIATE AGILITY TRIAL</u> (Read front page for training times.)
7. 4.92	General Meeting
12. 4.92	New Member Intake (Dogs over 6 months)
17. 4.92	FISH BBQ (Details elsewhere)
26. 4.92	Testing Day
27. 4.92	Instructors Meeting
3. 5.92	New Member Intake (Dogs over 6 months)
3. 5.92	CLOSING DATE Newsletter Competition
5. 5.92	Committee Meeting
17. 5.92	Copy for Newsletter Closing date
25. 5.92	Instructors Meeting
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WHEN RENEWING MEMBERSHIP YOU ARE REQUIRED TO BRING PROOF OF CURRENT VACCINATION RELATING TO YOUR DOG(S).  
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