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GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.
NEWSLETTER NO. 47

To the newer members of our Club welcome. May your association with our Club prove a rewarding one not only in your achievements, but also in the friendships you will make.

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 date may obtain their copy from the Secretary the following week. Those who aren't able to make regular training sessions can obtain their copy from the Secretary if they advise her before the issuing date.

Once again Geelong held a highly successful trial with an entry of 265 dogs which is substantial for this time of the year. We were hailed on at one stage; but prior to that our grounds were in immaculate condition and accredited to our Ground Manager and the helpers he had available to facilitate this end.

To say this was our best run trial yet, seems to understate the vastness of the Committee's activities for the day and the huge preparation involved.

Members may not be aware that the canteen workers supplied food not only for competitors, but they provided sustenance for judges and stewards alike, and this year they had an extra load imposed on them with a dinner given to LIFE MEMBERS whilst the trial was in progress. To the LIFE MEMBERS who were occupied in the canteen, in trialling, stewarding or judging thank you for foregoing this expression of the club's appreciation of your past work for the Club.

To the many people who helped make this trial a success thank you. This includes the many kitchen helpers; the folk who prepared and set up the grounds; the members who supplied refreshments to the judges and stewards throughout the day; all those people who provided cakes, craftwork and plants for our stall; the members who manned the stalls; Audrey in the shop; the raffle ticket sellers; the members who contributed second and third prize, and to the many people who provided goodies for the hamper. Well done! Further accolades must go to the bar staff; David and Lisa for running the trial and all its related activities and to those who helped in the catalogue preparation; the stewards and finally, but most important, the competitors without whom there would be no trial.

The response from members this time around has been overwhelming and this is what the essence of Club togetherness is about. It is one thing to say you are a member of a Club, but it is another thing to say you belong.

To all helping hands, thank you. You belong to one of the oldest Obedience Clubs and one that is renowned as being a leader in many different avenues whether it be community based projects, i.e. Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, or in its fight to gain greater recognition from the V.C.A. (formerly K.C.C.) for our sport, obedience. This time we had at our Presentations, Peter Watson, the V.C.A. President. It was Mr Watson's first obedience trial attendance, but he assures us it won't be his last.

Whilst he was in attendance the V.C.A. photographer was on site and Mr. Watson was photographed with a winning Associate dog as he, like us, believes there should be no class segregation and ALL dogs should be treated equally. This has to be one giant step for Geelong and dogdom in general and the development of competitions in the future. Our thanks must go to our President, Barry for having organised this visit. These outward reaching views are positive points for future committees to expand and grow on.

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Having said that, now is the time for all members to start thinking about who they would like on Committee for the 1992/1993 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 6 so nominations will close on September 16 (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.

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 names goes in the section Nominated by; the Nominee has to sign their name and fill in their V.C.A. membership number; and lastly you get someone to second the nomination and sign the slip.

Only members registered with the V.C.A. are eligible to stand for committee positions.

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 commitment 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 an added burden on the 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 view points may be more relevant than their own in some matters that may be discussed.

DATE TO REMEMBER: August 4 is a GENERAL MEETING (next Tuesday) and we will have as our guest speaker Dr Trevor Brown to speak on 'Dental Care in Dogs'. The meeting will commence at 7.30pm with the lecture which will be followed by question time then we will have a short break for supper and the meeting will continue after this.

A REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS if you have not renewed your membership by the end of July, you WILL incur a rejoining fee. Please ensure you bring current vaccination certificates along with your wallet when seeking renewal.

FINALLY, if there are any members who have expertise in the use of a photocopying machine and you can spare some time once every two months to help in the production of this Newsletter it would be greatly appreciated. At present the task falls to the two people who already have the biggest workload in the Club, the Secretary and President. If you can help, please contact either of those people or myself.

Every endeavour is made to have this Newsletter out on time and this deadline has always been met other than on two occasions when it was held over for a week to allow for joint club Fun-Day results to be included in those issues.

EL
Editor

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

CARRIED OVER FROM THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR (MISSED MAY'S NEWSLETTER)

Dianne & Gary Bourke Betty & Jack Milliken John & Margaret Costa
The Metzger Family

NEW FINANCIAL YEAR NEW MEMBERS....

Helen Fraser	Lorraine Churton	Nick & Cynthia Edwards
The Atkinson Family	Colin Archer	Kevin Lane
The Morgan Family	Jo-anne & Kevin Stick	David Brogan/Nicole Young
Susan McCallum	Sheila & Paul White	Pauline & David Reidy
The Bolton Family	Philip Brown	Margaret Milne
Linda Loughlin	The Carson Family	The Cuthill Family
The Bennett Family	The Powell Family	Ron & Val Sarah
Chris & Tim Wright	Frank & Carol Mc Laughlan	
Sandra Seabert	Janet Day	Peter & Jennifer Lake
Jane Gibb	Steven & Odette Mellor	Nigel & Marie French
The Kirwood Family	Maria Bertucci	Lisa O'Keefe
John & Susanne Jucker	The Steen Family	The Webb Family
Ann-Marie & John Corrigan		Caroline Taylor
Lisa Spearman	John Jeremeas	Cherie Szmagaj
Kevin & Marge Chatfield	The Guardiano Family	Karl & Margaret Weil
The Prato Family	Elaine & Graeme Carroll	Sally & Stephen Gray
Gavin & Nicole Hutchinson		The Lee Family
Joan & Andrew Vlanovic	The Lyons Family	Val Byrne
The Craig Family	Trevor Brown	Kerry Galbraith
The Iskra Family	Merrill Hill	Bettina Wishart
The Krowiak Family	Lisa Malone	Anne Humphreys
Cherie Haby	Kaye Kinnersly	Melissa Howard
Sergio & Juanita Di Blas	Brett Buchanan	Jenny & Melissa Howie
Debbie McCaskill	Philip Holdsworth	Matthew Briggs/Mona Ho
Kevin Russell	Monica Slorach & the Gitsham Jnrs	Steven & Wendy Greaves
Vicki Lenton	John Cunningham	Edmund & Veronica Echter
Catherine Reilly	Diane & Philip Mair	Brendan Hicks
Graham Cumming	Michelle Bate	Lynette Lowcock
Sonja Slide	Leanne McNamara	Peter & Sarah Dixon
Rod & Ros West	Heather Abbott	Peter & Donna Hey
Ulric Orr		
Raymond & Barbara Connell		

.....PLEASE NOTE

MEMBERSHIPS FOR SEASON 1992/93 ARE DUE BY THE 31ST of JULY, 1992.
IF YOUR MEMBERS TICKET IS WRITTEN IN BLUE INK, YOU WILL BE UNFINANCIAL
AFTER THE 31ST of JULY & THE JOINING FEE WILL APPLY AFTER THIS DATE.

THANK - YOU.

Secretary
LISA BLACKWELL

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Committee and I would like to welcome all new members to our club and hope through the instruction you receive will make you a more responsible dog owner in our community. Always remember that our instructors are all volunteers. Your attention, promptness and participation at all times would be appreciated.

On the 19th July an obedience trial was held by our club. I hope that those members who witnessed the trial could see what standard that can be achieved with your canine companion. To those members who entered the trial, we trust you enjoyed the competition and if a pass was obtained, Congratulations on your Bonus.

To the many members who assisted at the working bees, donating goods and food and who assisted on the day of the trial in any way, I THANK YOU. Once again we achieved another first at our club, we had the new President of the V.C.A. Mr. Peter Watson, attend our trial. After some discussion with him, it seems at long last, the V.C.A. have finally realized that the obedience clubs play an important part in the dog world. Maybe down the track we may see some changes which can only enhance our hobby and sport.

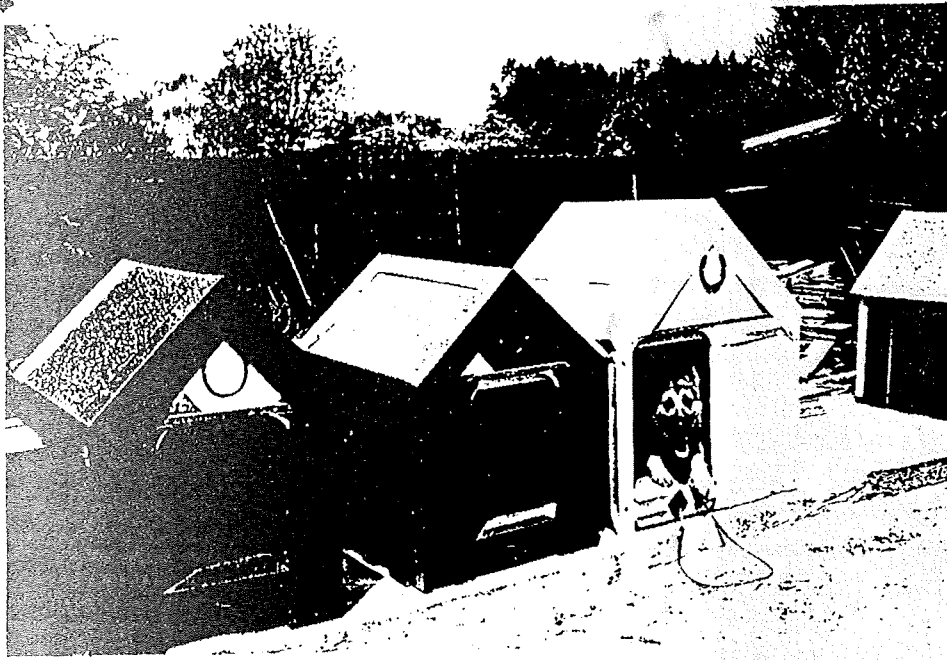
An invitation was extended to all Life Members of our club, to attend a special luncheon, to be held during the course of the trial. This was done in appreciation for the many years of service they have given to the club. If it hadn't been for their efforts and foresight we would not have the facilities we have today. We the Committee and Members of the Geelong Obedience Dog Club, THANKYOU.

To all committee, instructors and demo team members, thank you for your time and effort in the running and the promotion of our club.

Barry Elliott
President.

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HOUSE-TRAINING DOGS

. AVOID NOXIOUS TREATMENT

Scolding, hitting or rubbing the dog's nose in its urine or faeces after it has eliminated in an undesirable place is notoriously ineffective at house-training. In many cases it makes matters worse, probably because the dog can become anxious, and it learns to do it in the owner's absence.

. FEEDING AND DRINKING ROUTINE

Feed the dog at regular times. For a dog which defecates at night it is better to feed it one meal first thing in the morning. For a healthy dog which urinates at night, stop all water access from 6 pm, except when the night is very hot and water is needed for cooling. Take it for an empty out last thing at night.

. REWARD ELIMINATION IN CORRECT PLACE

Dogs tend to eliminate away from their nest or bed, in areas where they or other dogs have eliminated, against structures like trees and fences, and in long grass.

A dog is most likely to eliminate straight after a sleep, meal or play session. At these times the dog should be taken to the place where the owner wants the dog to empty out. Wait with the dog and reward it (tit-bit, praise and pat) for eliminating there. It may take from a few minutes to an hour after the meal before defecating. As the dog becomes conditioned it will do it sooner after the meal.

Once the dog is eliminating consistently in the required place, the owner can stop rewarding every time. Thereafter only random rewards should be given as they are more powerful at maintaining behaviour.

If it shows pre-elimination behaviour (restlessness, sniffing, circling, squatting or cocking) in the house immediately take it without reprimand to the desired place.

. RESTRICT ACCESS TO HOUSE

When the owner is absent the dog should be either kept out of the house but with free access to the elimination area, or confined in a small area in which the dog eats and sleeps. Elimination is unlikely in the nest or near food.

. CLEANING UP

Clean up any urine or faeces in the house when the dog cannot see it being done. This stops attention being drawn to the urine or faeces and it becoming a significant item for the dog. Use the cleaning techniques for urine-spray to eliminate odour.

(From a Dr Robert Holmes 'Behaviour Tips'. These can be found in most Veterinary Clinics and provide a valuable insight into Dog Behaviour.)

REMINDER

When renewing your membership don't forget to renew your LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP. This costs just \$1.00 per year and can provide you with a wealth of knowledge about your dog as well as those other strange ones you have in your class!

BE KIND TO YOUR 'BEST FRIEND' AS HE GETS OLD

Just as the lifespan of humans is increasing, so is that of dogs, due mainly to the improved nutrition and health care that our 'best friends' receive.

As the years go by, the relationship between dog and owner deepens and while most owners will notice some natural signs of ageing, they may not be aware that a few small adjustments can improve the quality of an older animal's life.

Obvious signs of ageing include greying of the coat, especially around the muzzle, hair may become sparse and coarse, and the skin can show thickening and a darker color.

Older animals are physically weaker, less adaptable and more susceptible to stress. They may show an increased thirst, incontinence, halitosis, general stiffening of muscles and joints, a reluctance to exercise and shortness of breath.

Older dogs become less responsive to their surroundings, have a reduced pain tolerance and may become irritable and suffer from abnormal sleep patterns.

Degenerative changes to the eyes are common in ageing dogs. Owners may notice that the eye appears, slightly cloudy, due to thickening of the lens. Small growths on the eyelids frequently appear and can cause irritation to the surface of the eye.

Most dogs cope well with this gradual loss of sight, but you must be aware of their need for familiar surroundings in which they can comfortably and safely move.

Other senses that may be impaired due to age include hearing and smell. The total loss of hearing makes it difficult to control your dog and the owner must pay particular care to ensure the dog is never near cars, or out of visual control.

Your elderly pet will be happiest in an area where it is familiar. Don't expect it to enjoy excursions to unfamiliar territory - your dog will only be confused and unable to find its bearings.

Pain, stiffness and difficulty in getting up or jumping are common problems in old dogs. The size and strength of muscles decrease with age, the cartilage protecting the bones in the joints thin and becomes less effective, and arthritis and rheumatism are likely. These changes mean that our old friend moves more slowly, is reluctant to rise in the morning and will not want to play rough or active games.

Some simple measures can relieve some of the discomfort of aching joints and still muscles. A warm, draught-free bed is essential. In the winter a heating pad or hot water bottle can ease chilled bones. If your pet is showing obvious pain check with your vet.

Regular, but gentle, exercise is vitally important to retain muscle tone and stimulate heart and lungs. A 15-minute walk once or twice a day is ideal. Don't let your old friend get too excited, and limit the playing of rough games.

Because of general stiffness or pain in the back, older dogs may not be able to groom themselves efficiently. Owners must groom their old pets every day, paying particular attention to removing any food or excreta adhering to the fur. This is also an ideal opportunity to check for any unusual lumps or bumps, parasites or pressure sores. Any skin problems should be promptly treated by your vet.

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BE KIND TO YOUR 'BEST FRIEND' AS HE GETS OLD Cont...

Older animals often suffer from a loss of bladder tone or other problems that can cause incontinence. You will find your dog will want to urinate more frequently with age, and it is essential that you are sensitive to these needs.

There is a decrease in the amount of saliva produced by old dogs, and the general wear and tear of many years can result in teeth and gum disease. Teeth should be checked regularly by your vet to ensure your pet is not suffering from decaying or infected teeth and gums - and softer, more easily consumed food may be needed.

Because of the general decline in health experienced with age, regular examinations by your local veterinarian are essential for older dogs. Annual vaccinations and routine health checks are a must to ensure your 'best friend' enjoys a comfortable life into his older years.

(Reproduced from The Geelong Advertiser, Petcare Section, January 9, 1992)

OBEDIENCE, AGILITY & TRACKING CALENDAR

OBEDIENCE

	<u>CLOSING</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Shepparton & District ODC	24. 7.92	2. 8.92
Red Cliffs District Kennel C.	24. 7.92	8. 8.92
Red Cliffs District Kennel C.	24. 7.92	9. 8.92
Bendigo O.D.C.	2. 8.92	16. 8.92
Moorabbin & District O.D.	9. 8.92	30. 8.92
Training		
Sunbury & District O.D.C.	22. 8.92	5. 9.92
Northern O.D.C. Inc.	*9. 8.92	6. 9.92
Murray Valley O.D.C.	29. 8.92	12. 9.92
Murray Valley O.D.C.	29. 8.92	13. 9.92
Wallan & Districts ODC (REG.)	28. 8.92	13. 9.92
Royal Melbourne Show	Closed	17-26. 9.92
Western Port O.D.C.	13. 9.92	27. 9.92
Gippsland O.D.C.	13. 9.92	27. 9.92

*Subject to change

AGILITY

Wallan & Districts O.D.C.	28. 8.92	12. 9.92
Knox O.D.C.	31. 8.92	13. 9.92
Gippsland O.D.C.	13. 9.92	27. 9.92

TRACKING

Wallan & Districts O.D.C.	Closed	1. 8.92
German Shepherd Dog Club	Closed	8. 8.92
German Shepherd Dog Club	Closed	9. 8.92
Eastern Suburbs O.D.C.	Closed	15. 8.92
Eastern Suburbs O.D.C.	Closed	16. 8.92
Victorian Gundog Club Inc.	Closed	29. 8.92
Victorian Gundog Club Inc.	Closed	30. 8.92
Southern O.D.C.	T.B.A.	26. 9.92
Southern O.D.C.	T.B.A.	26. 9.92

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All **existing** advertisements will remain at the old rate until such time as they reach their renewal date.

Half page Vale Notices are free with the owner supplying the print.

Brenna obtained her title at Warrnambool O.D.T.S. on 14.6.92

QUALIFYING SCORES:

Warrnambool Obedience Dog Training School-14. 6.92
Score: 178 points

VAL and BRENNNA!



Sheba obtained her title at Warrnambool O.D.T.S. on 14.6.92

Score: 173 points, Second Place

THE SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER

Very little is known of the actual origin of the **Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier**, like many breeds lost in the mists of time, but from old pictures and records the breed has been traced back at least 200 years in Ireland. For many generations there was hardly a farm or smallholding in Ireland without its attendant **Wheaten**, which was loved and valued for his many sterling qualities, being used to herd cattle, to pursue and destroy vermin and to enjoy a day's shooting in the company of his master.

It is recorded that the **Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier** is the oldest Irish breed of terrier, said to be the progenitor of the Kerry Blue and the Irish Terrier. Legend tells us that a blue dog swam ashore from a ship wrecked in Tralee Bay about 200 years ago. This dog mated the native **Wheaten** and from this originated the Kerry Blue. Wheaten coloured puppies have appeared in Kerry Blue litters from time to time. There is no record of cross breeding in the **Wheaten** and remains much the same as in the earliest records of him.

SIZE: The **Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier** is a medium-sized dog with a compact body possessing the strength of a much larger breed. Height, dogs approximately 18-19½ inches; Bitches slightly less. Weight, dogs approximately 35-45lbs, bitches somewhat less.

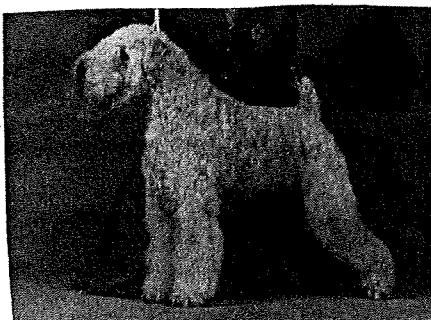
TEMPERAMENT: The **Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier** is a lively, inquisitive and bouncy dog who jumps and kisses in greeting family and visitors to show his pleasure. Being so people-orientated, a **Wheaten** needs a great deal of attention from his family. He is a house dog and his marvellous personality and temperament bloom only in a good home environment. A well fenced garden is essential to ensure his safety.

He is a family dog, usually attaching himself to the whole household, rather than just one person. He relates well to children with his sense of fun and abundant energy.

AGGRESSIVENESS: The **Wheaten** is less scrappy than many other terriers. He is a gregarious dog, enthusiastically seeking to play with all the other dogs he meets. He, therefore, needs careful socialization with other friendly dogs to maintain this happy attitude. A **Wheaten** makes a good watchdog, barking to announce the presence of a stranger. His common sense usually prevents him from being a constant 'yapper'.

TRAINING: The **Wheaten** is quick to learn and slow to forget. He wishes to please his master and is, therefore, more easily trained than some of the other terriers. However, he occasionally exhibits the stubborn and wilful traits of his terrier relatives and is best trained by patient, consistent and loving firmness. Strict or harsh punishment is often less effective. A **Wheaten** will readily forgive errors made by his family, but is slow to forget real mistreatment by others.

(Information supplied by the **Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Social Club** handout.)



TRIAL RESULTS

BROADMEADOWS

Ian Barnes	In The Black (Bouncer) Labrador	ASS.NOVICE 1st Place 1ST PASS
Tom Harvey	Our Sal (Sally)	ASS.NOVICE 2nd Place

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Kylie Day	Castleriver Ceasar (Caesar) German Shepherd Dog	NOVICE 2ND PASS
Catherine & Jim Gulli	Countess Theresa (Tess)	ASS.NOVICE 3rd Place 1ST PASS
Ian Barnes	In the Black (Bouncer)	ASS.NOVICE 2nd Place 2ND PASS

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ValMoeller	Ormslee Regal Ruth (Brenna) Rottweiler	NOVICE 3rd Place 1ST PASS
Kylie Day	Castleriver Ceasar (Caesar) German Shepherd Dog	NOVICE 3RD PASS C.D.

WARRNAMBOOL

Leone Kelleher (Day 1)	Shadow	ASS.NOVICE 1st Place 1st PASS
Leone Kelleher (Day 2)	Shadow	ASS.NOVICE 3rd Place
Val Moeller (Day 1)	Ormslee Regal Ruth (Brenna) Rottweiler	NOVICE 2ND PASS
Val Moeller	Ormslee Regal Ruth (Brenna) Rottweiler	NOVICE 3RD PASS C.D.
Annette Laing (Day 2)	Mystic Monique (Nikki) Jack Russell Terrier	ENCOURAGEMENT 3rd Place
Jenny Travers (Day 2)	Jess Girl (Jess) Dobermann	ASSOC.NOVICE 3rd Place
Catherine & Jim (Day 1) Gulli	Countess Theresa (Tess)	ASSOC.NOVICE 1st Place
Don Drayton (Day 2)	Sheeba Drayton (Sheeba) German Shepherd	ASSOC.NOVICE 2nd Place 3RD PASS C.D.

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Sue Hume	Ch. Lacebark Sno Phantastic (Max) Japanese Spitz	NOVICE 2nd Place 1ST PASS
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Gerry Dyst	Troopsford Heinrich (Boz) German Shepherd Dog	<u>NOVICE</u> <u>1ST PASS</u>
Lynn Mann	Palanquin Plum Pie (Mister) Dalmation	<u>NOVICE</u> <u>2ND PASS</u>
Stan Dean	Tophand Cindy (Cindy) Australian Cattle Dog	<u>NOVICE</u> <u>3RD PASS</u> <u>C.D.</u>
Ian Barnes	In The Black (Bouncer) Labrador	<u>ASS.NOVICE</u> <u>3RD PASS</u> <u>C.D.</u>
T. & E. Harvey	Our Sal (Sally)	<u>ASS.NOVICE</u> <u>1ST PASS</u>
W.A. Laing	Marcus Laanecoorie G.D.X. (Marcus)	<u>ASS.UTILITY</u> <u>1st Place</u>

HIGHEST SCORING REGISTERED ENCOURAGEMENT: Joan Brophy
HIGHEST SCORING ASSOCIATE NOVICE: Thomas Harvey
HIGHEST SCORING REGISTERED NOVICE (QUAL.) Sue Hume

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THOSE OBTAINING TITLES. WELL DONE.

Special thanks must go to all those Instructors who have helped point these competitors and their dogs in the right direction. Without your eternal guidance these results would have been impossible.

ATTENTION ALL TRIALLERS

MEMBERS are reminded that in order to compete for end of the year awards, they must submit ALL trial results to the secretary on the APPROPRIATE FORM which can be obtained from the office. On this form you are required to put your name, the name of the Trial at which you competed, your dog's full name and your SCORE.

With regard to results being published in this Newsletter members are reminded that another set of 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. The only exception to these rules apply when it is a Geelong run trial.

THIRDLY; and most importantly, when you obtain a title you must submit a separate written notification that the secretary will need in order to have your medallion made up for end-of-year presentations.

These three things are YOUR responsibility! Do it, or miss out!

EXTRA SPECIAL: Remember, if your dog obtains a title, you are entitled to submit a HALF PAGE resume of your achievements. Again, it is YOUR responsibility!

VALE

CH. ORMSLEE DARK OPAL C.D.X.
"SULA"

12.3.87 - 18.6.92

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PROMOTIONS DAY, JUNE 14 - CERTIFICATE RESULTS

BEGINNERS' OBEDIENCE CERTIFICATE....

Tony Allen & Sam	Bruce Cairns & Bundy	Cath Devlin & Sheena
Gerard Dingemans & Rigo	Kevin Healy & Bacchus	Nicole Dekoke & Sharn
John Heer & Suzie	Richard Morrow & Elle	Cheryl McCurlye & Abbey
Joanne Riches & Ben	Helen Read & Merlin	Bev Tyler & Tuppence
Noriko Tremul & Phoebe	Jill Watson & Elsa	

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE PEOPLE, THEY WILL NOW TRAIN IN CLASS 2

BASIC OBEDIENCE CERTIFICATE....

Lee Bean & Harley	Lynn Connors-Southall & Meg	
Peter Hackett & Mia	Julie Poole & Mishi	Andrew Strahle & Briar
Lee Schoode & Magnum	Royce Wade & Murray	Wendy Thrussell & Carrie

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE PEOPLE, THEY WILL NOW TRAIN IN CLASS 3

**NOTE: THE NEXT PROMOTION DAY WILL BE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 16.
NORMAL CLASS TIMES APPLY.

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The dog of the 21st century is likely to be wearing sunglasses, braces on its teeth and will occasionally trot off to see a psychologist.

These amazing facts were revealed last week at a national conference of veterinarians in Adelaide.

Dr. Craig Fischer, a veterinarian ophthalmology expert from the US said household pets were now living longer and the chances of them suffering vision loss from old age was increasing.

Old dogs sometimes suffered atrophy of the muscles that controlled the eye making the dog not want to go outside in the sunlight because of its effect on its eyes.

In these cases a small hat was fitted to the dog's head, with a small strap under the chin.

A pair of custom-made sunglasses was then attached to the hat by a clamp, and the dog could comfortably venture outside without discomfort.

Victorian animal behaviorist Dr. Robert Holmes said an increasing number of pet owners were having their pets treated for phobias.

Phobias such as fear of thunderstorms, riding in cars or visits to the vet could generally be overcome with a \$90 half-hour consultation and a \$10 tape giving follow-up treatment.

Dr. Holmes said he reproduced the noise or situations that were causing problems, then desensitised the animal by slowly increasing their exposure while they were thinking about a reward of food.

On average it took a few nights to bring about a change in the behavior of a dog.

Problems such as excessive barking, roaming, tail-chasing and rolling in faeces could be tackled using behavior therapy, he said.

US vet Dr. Stephen Coles said orthodontic treatment of dogs and cats was commonplace, with pets suffering from abnormal bites or irregular tooth patterns often experiencing painful medical problems.

Extraction of a tooth could sometimes fix the problem, but in others a wire brace needed to be fixed to the dog's teeth to straighten them, similar to those used in treating crooked teeth in humans.

In other cases a dental "plate" would be fashioned and the dog would wear it inside the mouth for about three weeks, with that treatment costing about \$500.

But Dr. Coles said that in the US some vets fixed braces to dogs purely so they could look better and win more prizes in dog shows.

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FOOTNOTE: As show dogs have to have a full compliment of teeth, my own dog had to have a root canal filling in order to salvage what was left of one of his canine teeth after having an accident at home.

Editor

THE BOUVIER DES FLANDRES

The **Bouvier Des Flandres** is a powerful and loyal breed with pronounced protective instincts. He is an outstanding companion and guard but ownership of a **Bouvier Des Flandres** carries much greater than average legal and moral responsibilities, due to the traits possessed by this breed, its size and strength.

SIZE: Males range from 24½ to 27" at the shoulder and 77 to 88 lbs. in weight. Females are somewhat smaller, 23" to 25½" and 59½ to 77 lbs. Animals can be found which are taller or shorter than the measurements given here, however they would not be considered typical by the breed standard. The **Bouvier Des Flandres is very strong for its size.** It has been used in Europe to pull carts and retains the compact musculature desirable in a draft animal. A full grown adult can easily knock a person down, and for this reason the breed is not recommended for the elderly or physically infirm person. Obedience training is a must because of the animal's size and strength; you must be able to maintain complete control of your animal at all times.

COLOUR: Usually grey or fawn, often brindled or shaded. Black is permissible and no colour shall have preference. Light, washed out shades are undesirable.

TEMPERAMENT: **Bouvier Des Flandres** vary from natural clowns, who are affectionate to almost anyone, to the very reserved, one-person dog. Ideally, they should be calm but alert companions. These dogs often follow their masters from place to place in the home, keeping a constant and sometimes obtrusive watch over their loved one. Nervous, shy, very excitable or hyperactive animals are exhibiting traits which are undesirable in a dog the size and nature of the **Bouvier Des Flandres** and should be avoided.

AGGRESSIVENESS: This trait varies with the individual to some degree, although all have a strong territorial instinct and, if socialized properly as a puppy, will defend their master's home, car and property from intruders. **Bouvier Des Flandres** have also been known to bully or bluff their owners or other family members, a trait that is most disconcerting. This problem can be prevented through early obedience training.

PROTECTION INSTINCTS: Many families have purchased a **Bouvier Des Flandres** for this trait, only to discover later that it brings with it considerable moral and legal responsibility. Problems can arise quickly, strangers must never come into your home or yard unannounced - the dog doesn't know the difference between a burglar and your brother. Your **Bouvier Des Flandres** must carefully be schooled to accept your friends into your home but physical contact or rough-housing should be approached carefully until the dog realizes it's all in fun. People expected to be in contact with the dog while the owners are absent should be thoroughly familiar to the dog. Although they do not usually bite with provocation, even being cornered and held by one of the dogs is a very un-nerving experience for metermen, gardeners or neighbours coming into the yard while the owner is absent.

TRAINING: This breed has been developed for it's working ability and often blooms when given a chance to work with it's master, although there are occasional exceptions. It is very necessary to establish your control over the animal and obedience training is often the easiest and most rewarding way to do so. You should **avoid the very rough trainer.** **Bouvier Des Flandres** can often be controlled using verbal reprimands and, while they occasionally require strong physical corrections, some trainers tend to be much rougher than is necessary. Women have been very successful with the dogs in obedience and Schutzhund work. Physical mastery of the dog is often less important than sensitive and positive training methods, time and patience.

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DISCIPLINE: The **Bouvier Des Flandres** is a sensitive, intelligent and loyal animal and usually wants to please it's owner. Occasionally, it can be quite stubborn though and requires more attention. It is imperative that discipline be consistent, fair and firm, without being overly rough. **Ownership is not for the timid or very busy person who cannot, or is not, inclined towards careful supervision of his/her pet.**

SMALL CHILDREN IN THE HOUSE: The adaptability of the **Bouvier Des Flandres** to small children varies with the individual animal. Many are very tolerant and loving towards toddlers, others resent the sometimes rough treatment an unknowing child can inflict. One serious problem is the size of the dog. Families have been forced to give up much beloved pets because the dog inadvertently caused injuries to small children in the family by bumping into them and knocking them down or into furniture. This bumping is a natural behaviour in the **Bouvier Des Flandres**, a legacy from the days when the breed was used to herd cattle in Europe. They will bump and "yard" young children, adults and other pets and this can be a problem if your home contains young children or elderly family members. Some breeders recommend waiting until children are at least school age and preferably older, before introducing a **Bouvier Des Flandres** into the home. The amount of space in your home, the age of your children and the amount of time the dog will be in contact with the children should be part of your decision.

The **Bouvier Des Flandres Club of Victoria** invites you to investigate their breed, but above all - **LEARN BEFORE YOU BUY!**

Condensed from a four page handout from the above Club.



TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

I would like to explain to new members and remind old members that the Club is conducted entirely by voluntary committee and instructors all giving freely of their time and knowledge to assist you.

For this reason I believe you have a certain obligation to fulfil in fairness to these people who expect nothing in return other than your full co-operation in a genuine dedicated effort to succeed, and your appreciation of the time and effort which they are devoting to you. All instructors are willing to assist you if you have any questions or problems regarding training. Please feel free to ask them.

The next PROMOTION DAY will be held on August 16. Good luck to you all.

An important reminder for all Instructors - MONDAY, AUGUST 24 is nomination night for Training Supervisor and Assistants. Please attend, your ideas and input are needed.

ALSO, in lieu of conventional training on SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 there will be a "Spring Walk". Please listen to announcements for further details.

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WHAT BREEDS ARE TRAINING DOWN AT OUR CLUB?

Down at the Club, there are 75 different breeds on the books, and a total figure of 774 dogs at June 1, 1992.

ASSOCIATES, (cross breeds and non-registered dogs) - 162. (The majority of these are German Shepherd Dog X's, Border Collie X's, Kelpie X's and Australian Cattle Dog X's.)

German Shepherd Dog	140	Rottweiler	87
Dobermann	39	Australian Cattle Dog (Blue & Red Heelers)	23
Border Collie	30	Labrador Retriever	20
Golden Retriever	15	Boxer	15
Cocker Spaniel	14	Jack Russell Terrier	12
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	11	Kelpie	9
Poodle (Standard)	5	Poodle (Miniature & Toy)	6
Siberian Husky	7	Beagle	6
Welsh Corgi (Pembroke & Cardigan)	7	Alaskan Malamute	7
Fox Terrier	6	Great Dane	7
Rhodesian Ridgeback	6	Samoyed	6
Bull Terrier	5	Weimaraner	6
Collie (Rough)	5	Bearded Collie	5
Japanese Spitz	5	German Shorthaired Pointer	5
Dalmation	4	Maltese	5
Pomeranian	4	Gordon Setter	5
Keeshund	3	English Setter	4
English Pointer	3	Curly Coated Retriever	3
Schipperke	3	Irish Terrier	3
West Highland Terrier	3	Belgium Shepherd Dog	3
Whippet	2	English Springer Spaniel	3
Basset Hound	2	Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	2
Scottish Terrier	2	Schnauzer (all types)	2
Dachshund	2	Pekinese	2
Briard	2	Australian Silky Terrier	2
Bouvier Des Flandres	2	Flat Coated Retriever	2
St. Bernard	2	Bichon Frise	2
Old English Sheepdog	2	Hungarian Vizsla	2
		Bull Mastiff	2
		and	

One each of the following.....

Irish Water Spaniel	Tibetan Spaniel,	Basenji,	Brittany,
Cairn Terrier,	Bull Arab,	King Charles Spaniel,	
Miniature Pinscher,	Newfoundland,	Bernese Mountain Dog,	
Finnish Spitz,	Airedale Terrier,	Welsh Springer Spaniel,	
Akita Inu,	Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier.		

The above was compiled and submitted by Lisa Blackwell, Secretary

ATTENTION...ATTENTION...ATTENTION...ATTENTION...ATTENTION...ATTENTION...

In the last issue of the Newsletter in the Display Team Report mention was made of our first child handler being Kathryn Weislee. However, this honour went to Kristy Douglas in early 1980. Kristy and her father Graham were both very active members of our Display team and we trust they will accept this apology for omissions made.

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HEARTWORM DISEASE IN DOGS

What is heartworm?

Heartworm is a parasite, Dirofilaria immitis, which causes serious disease in dogs. The adult worm lives in the heart and adjacent blood vessels.

How is it spread?

Adult females produce larvae, called microfilariae, which circulate in the dog's blood. Mosquitoes sucking the dog's blood ingest the microfilariae. In certain species of mosquitoes, these microfilariae undergo further development and become infective larvae which are transferred to other dogs via the mosquito's bite.

The larvae spend 6-7 months undergoing further development until adult worms are present in the heart.

Why the recent interest in this disease?

Over the past few years there has been an increasing incidence of heartworm in southern Australia. Before this it was primarily a disease of northern tropical areas.

What are the signs of heartworm disease?

It can take several years for an infected dog to show signs of heartworm disease. The signs vary depending on the number of worms present, the length of the infection and the size, age and general health of the dog. Signs are those of congestive heart failure ie. coughing, breathing difficulties, fainting, decreased exercise tolerance and ascites (excess fluid in the abdomen).

How is it treated?

Adult worms can be killed using a drug called "Caparsolate". As this treatment is potentially fatal, dogs are hospitalised and closely monitored. The symptoms of congestive heart failure are also treated.

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HEARTWORM DISEASE IN DOGS (Cont..d)

We conduct routine blood tests at our hospital which detect the presence of microfilaria in the blood.

How can I prevent my dog from catching heartworm?

Dogs that are at risk of being infected should receive regular preventative medication. There are two drugs routinely used: "Dimmitrol" which is given daily or "Heartguard" which is given monthly. Medication starts at six months of age; dogs over six months need to have a heartworm blood test first to ensure they don't have an adult infection.

Can cats catch heartworm?

Cats can catch heartworm but reports of the disease are rare.

Is Heartworm a problem in Geelong?

At this stage there have been no confirmed cases of heartworm disease in dogs who have only ever lived in the Geelong region. The disease, however, has become endemic in certain areas of Melbourne. Preventative medication is advised for dogs who travel in to heartworm endemic areas.

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(This article and variants have been run before on Heartworm, but to newer members our recommendation always is - PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE! To all dogs who show, trial, track, do agility or go visiting anywhere with their owners this is a MUST. Remember too, we have a lot of visiting dogs in summer months and we do have a big mosquito problem on the Peninsula so it can and will happen here. Editor)



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CLUB CALENDAR

2. 8.92	New Member Intake
4. 8.92	GENERAL MEETING - Guest Speaker Trevor Brown, Veterinary Surgeon
16. 8.92	Promotion Day
24. 8.92	Instructors' Meeting - Nominations for Training Supervisor & Assistant CLOSE
30. 8.92	'SPRING WALK' in lieu of normal training
1. 9.92	Committee Meeting
6. 9.92	New Member Intake
13. 9.92	Newsletter CLOSING DATE
16. 9.92	Closing date for Committee Nominations
28. 9.92	Instructors' Meeting - Elections for Training Supervisor & Assistant
4.10.92	New Member Intake
6.10.92	<u>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</u>
26.10.92	Instructors' Meeting
28.10.92	WEDNESDAY NIGHT TRAINING RECOMMENCES. Note: Daylight Savings commencement still to be announced.
31.10.92	Working Bee - times to be announced.

GENERAL MEETINGS COMMENCE AT 8.00PM UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED. MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING A PLATE. THE STARTING TIME FOR THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS 7.30PM WITH OUR GUEST SPEAKER BEING DR. TREVOR BROWN.

TO THOSE MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED OUR TRIAL - YOU WILL ALREADY HAVE READ THE FOLLOWING, TO THOSE WHO DIDN'T, REMEMBER!

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ADD GENEROUS AMOUNTS OF HELPFULNESS AND CO-OPERATION; EQUAL AMOUNTS
OF PUSH, PEP, PULL, AND PARTICIPATION.

STIR VIGOROUSLY, USING LIGHT BUT FIRM HAND.

POUR INTO MOULDS OF SERVICE, AND BAKE UNTIL FIRM AT A TEMPERATURE THAT
WILL AROUSE ENTHUSIASM.

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