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GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC  
NEWSLETTER NO. 49



This Newsletter is produced bi-monthly and distributed on the last training day of that month. If you are unable to attend at that time, please advise the Secretary and a copy will be retained for you.

To those people just starting out you are wished every success and a good thing to remember is that there are **NO** perfect dogs just as there are **NO** perfect handlers; everyone makes mistakes but practice helps to alleviate a lot of them.

Firstly apologies are extended for the daylight savings changeover mix-up. Unfortunately at the time of printing sources in the Geelong region were unable to provide the answer so a Melbourne based Newspaper was contacted and they supplied the relevant date. As it turned out with our inability to utilise our grounds due to the frequent floods and the smelly aftermath, the wrong date proved to be right for us. To set the record straight now, Daylight Savings is gazetted to end on March 7, 1993.

Our November trial although down in competitor numbers was an extremely well run event which could not have come to fruition without the fantastic work performed by the gentlemen who worked on the grounds every day for a week solid prior to the trial. Comments from Judges bore testimony to this.

Our cake/produce stall was beautifully stocked and would have been a sell-out if our numbers had been higher. Thanks to the Dean family for managing our canteen for the day, and thanks to the many people who helped on the day or prior to the trial. The committee are all involved in the successful running of the day but the assistance from you the ordinary member is what helps to make it all cohesive. Well done for a team effort.

Our trialling success rate wasn't very high but congratulations to those who did do well.

The Club Perpetual trophies were won by:-

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| Highest Scoring Registered Novice<br>Qualifying Score | - Gerry Dyst      |
| Highest Scoring Associate Novice<br>Qualifying Score  | - John Hallsworth |
| Highest Scoring Registered<br>Encouragement           | - Nicole Dekoke   |

Unfortunately a couple of trophies were not won. One of these, Highest Scoring Registered Open has been kindly donated by the Thomson family, in memory of their mother Margaret who passed away earlier this year. It was a pleasure to have Margaret's daughters hand over these trophies officially to the Club in memory of the enjoyment their mother had whilst training at our Club.

(Trial results appear further in this Newsletter.)

Last month was our Annual General Meeting and we extend congratulations to the 92/93 committee and wish them every success in the term of their office.

### EDITORIAL Cont..

At this meeting Life Memberships were conferred on two members:- Charlie Bartolo and myself (Elaine Longshaw).

Charlie first joined the club in 1965 when training was being conducted in Seagull Paddock opposite Ford Motor Co. Charlie trained and instructed at the Club and was a member of the Demonstration team for many years.

He then left the club for some years to chauffeur his teenage family around.

He rejoined the club in 1982 training his own dog(s) and recommenced instructing and participating in the Demonstration Team. One of his successes was owning and training the highest scoring trialling female Samoyed in Australia. He now trains dogs on a full-time basis as a living. Well done Charlie for your years of commitment to the Obedience World.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1** - At our GENERAL MEETING we have as our guest speaker, Gaynor Ross, who is a Chiropractor and Acupuncturist. Many club dogs have already experienced Gaynor's hands putting an end to the pain of displaced muscles and tendons, etc. Come along and learn of the many advantages to be gained by early treatment without the use of prescribed medications.

This meeting will commence at 7.30 pm with the guest speaker's talk, followed by question time. A break for supper will then take place and the General Meeting will commence at its conclusion.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5** - End of year Christmas function. Come along and join in with the fun and frivolity. Cold salad platters and sweets will be provided and the musical entertainment will be provided by TERRY FIELDING who has an extensive repertoire catering for all age groups. Tickets are \$10 per head, BYO drink. Make up a table with friends or come by yourself (I always do) and smile nicely and maybe you'll get your photo on our display board in the club house. (We have a Christmas Hamper to be raffled that evening and any contributions towards that would be greatly appreciated.)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9** - Cut off date for the following results and nominations to be in:-

Title qualifications - end of year Medallions;  
Registered and Associate Trialling Scores for the year;  
Nominations for Committee/Instructor person of the year - Please note these must be handed to the Secretary in a SEALED ENVELOPE with Committee/Instructor person written on the front;  
Nominations for the ELSA DAHL Award (see further in Newsletter for details on this award), and these nominations have to be submitted in a SEALED ENVELOPE addressed to G. DOUGLAS. Word of mouth or unsealed envelopes will not be accepted!

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18** - LAST TRAINING NIGHT FOR THE YEAR AND ANNUAL PRESENTATION NIGHT. Classes will have some formal training and then there will be novelty events prior to conclusion of same. Members are urged to come into the Club House for FREE tea/coffee whilst the Presentations take place. This will be followed by a BRING YOUR OWN EVERYTHING, EXCEPT THE BARBIE. Club BBQ will be fired up ready to blacken your snags! Stay around and share a convivial drink with your classmates.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27 - TRAINING RESUMES.

Don't forget our shop has a range of Christmas goodies pre-wrapped for your dogs, or if they don't appeal to you, make up one of your own from the other goodies on sale.

AND

We are collecting non-perishable goods for the LOST DOGS HOME and will give these to them at our last training night, so any donations may be left under the Christmas tree to support this worthy cause.

In closing I wish you all a happy and prosperous Christmas and a rewarding New Year, and trust that you and your dog(s) benefit from the break coming back refreshed and all geared up to get your next certificate.

PS. Members are reminded that copy for the Newsletter has a closing date of two weeks prior to issue, and in future any late copy will be held over until the next issue.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

I would like to welcome all new members to our Club and hope that you will have an enjoyable time with us. In my opinion this Club's main objective is to promote responsible dog ownership, and you have shown by joining the club your wish to become a responsible owner of your canine friend. It will take some time to train your dog and you may even get bored with it at times, but stick with it and it will be a rewarding experience for you. It will give great pleasure to you to own a well trained dog. Later you may wish to try your luck in obedience trials.

Speaking of obedience trials I would like to thank all the members and committee who helped at the working bees and on the day of the trial. I think it was quite successful.

If for any reason you are not happy with the procedures at the Club please see your instructor, a committee member or myself to rectify the problem; or better still come to the General Meetings to air your grievance.

As this is the last Newsletter for the year, may I wish you all a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

ANTON PAPE  
PRESIDENT

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**CRY WOLF**

What the shepherd boy did for amusement and to attract company. Those sheep can get awfully boring. His plan was twofold: one, as already mentioned, was to get someone to talk to whose response was other than baaa, two, was to make sure that by the time the wolf did come, everyone else would not, thereby ensuring the demise of all his fluffy charges. He was then free to go merrily on his way. Today it pertains to someone who raises false alarms, not unlike those smoke detectors that repeatedly go off in the kitchens of bad cooks.

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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT AS PRESENTED TO THE A.G.M



As this being the last report for the year, I would like to list some of the major things your Committee has achieved this year.

1. Alteration of the store room - this was done by shifting and installing door and security grate which was on the north side of the store to the east side of the store. Also at the same time installing a mezzanine floor for storage this has created more room and access to all equipment and trailer. A concrete strip was placed in front of this door.
2. Installation of inground sprinkler system - this comprises approximately 1200 metres of piping and 78 sprinkler heads.
3. Updating the alarm system - this has proved to be successful as we had two attempted robberies.
4. Installation of Trophy Cabinet.
5. Preparing the new area that had been acquired for training by placing top soil back (which had been removed), planting lawn seed and 70 trees in area.
6. Being involved in the fight against the new Companion Animal Act.

All these things could not have been possible without the help of many members and I thank you all in your efforts in these major tasks.

To the non-committee members who helped in the running of the following - canteen, shop, library, bar and raffles - I thank you for your time and efforts in these important areas of the club.

To the Instructors - once again thanks for your time in training the many members that we have. You play a very important role in the club because without you people there would be no need to have our club.

To the display team - thanks for the effort in promoting our club to the community at large.

To the Editor of Faithfully Yours - a special thanks for again producing and editing our club newsletter.

To the Committee - thanks for your support and efforts during the year in running the club. Members would not realise the many hours that some of you have contributed to make the club run smoothly. A special thanks go to our Treasurer for the excellent work she has done in keeping the books and banking in order. Also to our secretary who in my opinion is the most important person in the club, for all her efforts and many hours I know she has given, keeping things in order and making sure that all members abide by the Club's Constitution. Also all the extra work she has contributed in representing our club on the V.C.A. Sub-Committee with regards to the Companion Animal Act.

In conclusion I would like to thank my better half Maria for all the time and effort she has put in over the last 12 months. Most people would not realize the efforts that she has put in behind the scenes.

To those few critics who after the last AGM stated that with this incoming Committee the Club will either fold or go down hill --- I can only say to those few members who made this statement, maybe you will now realize that the Club is bigger than the individual. I know



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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT (Cont...d)

the members would now agree with me, that at long last the harmony has come back into the Club.

To the new President and Committee being elected tonight I wish you all the best for the forthcoming year and I hope that you will give that little extra effort for our Club.

BARRY R. ELLIOTT  
PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY'S REPORT 1991/92

We have come to the end of a very busy but successful committee year. We've seen the Club stand against aspects of the Companion Animal Act. I've been minute secretary at a VCA Sub-Committee for a Council Registration Reduction Training Scheme, met with the Minister for Agriculture, with other VCA delegates to give our club's views on how the C.A.A. and other Council Scheme will affect our membership. The VCA has seen many changes and along with out President, I've made a stand for obedience clubs to have stronger representation within the VCA. The VCA is slowly becoming a democracy, but there have been some teething problems. The Presidents and Secretaries conference this year, proved this. However, we still need to push the issues to get the work done. They listened to us at the conference this year, now the VCA needs to act for the obedience world. To keep the VCA honest, our club is leading discussions with other obedience affiliates, and will soon meet with Peter Watson, President of the VCA, to express our views and ideas for the betterment of the obedience fraternity. All of this has been on top of the every day administration and running of the club.

The general running of the Club is becoming increasingly more difficult, with the rapid growth of the membership. This year it exceeded 900 members. I think too, the Committee's and Instructors workload has increased as the members expectations and demands are much greater than ever before, but their input and patience much less. It would be nice if the majority of the members would stop and think, that the Committee and Instructors and workers who sacrifice their training time and spare time to make this club work, actually pay membership fees for the privilege to do the same. If every member gave a little of their time, the workload would be less. It could be washing up cups in the canteen, to tidying up the table you've been sitting at, or giving an hour of your time at a working bee. It's definitely food for thought.

We've been very fortunate to have a President like Barry Elliott this year to give the committee the confidence, direction and drive to achieve so much in 12 months. The Committee has been two members down, but I would like to congratulate those who stayed on for the full term and showed maturity and the ability to debate and discuss the issues in a non-biased, non-personal way, but for the betterment of you, the members.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT (Cont...)

Although I've stepped on toes at times this year, I believe it was for the betterment of the Club as an incorporated body and the whole membership. The club is bigger than the individual. The rules are there for harmony. Chaos would reign if we didn't follow the rules, or didn't communicate through the right channels.

In closing, thank you to all those who worked for the club no matter how large or small. Your input has made the club. To all those who supported me this year, thank you. To the outgoing Committee thank you for your efforts this year and I look forward to a year of com-raderie and teamwork with the incoming Committee. Thank you for showing confidence in me by nominating me again this year, and like last year I will do my utmost to uphold the high standard achieved during the past committee year.

LISA BLACKWELL  
SECRETARY



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TRIALLERS PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

Highest Scoring Registered and Highest Scoring Associate for Year

A record must be kept of all the trials you entered this year and the relevant score. They don't have to be brilliant scores but your average is calculated and then five points for each trial is added to your average score. It could be you taking off this award this year!

Remember it is your responsibility to keep score records and hand them into the Secretary prior to DECEMBER 2.

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TITLES GAINED IN OBEDIENCE, AGILITY AND TRACKING.

If you wish to receive a medallion at the Presentation Night, you must hand in details of your obedience, agility or tracking titles gained for the year. These results should be in writing and MUST be handed to the Secretary NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 2 to enable the medallions to be ordered and engraved. You must give your name, title and registered name to the Secretary.

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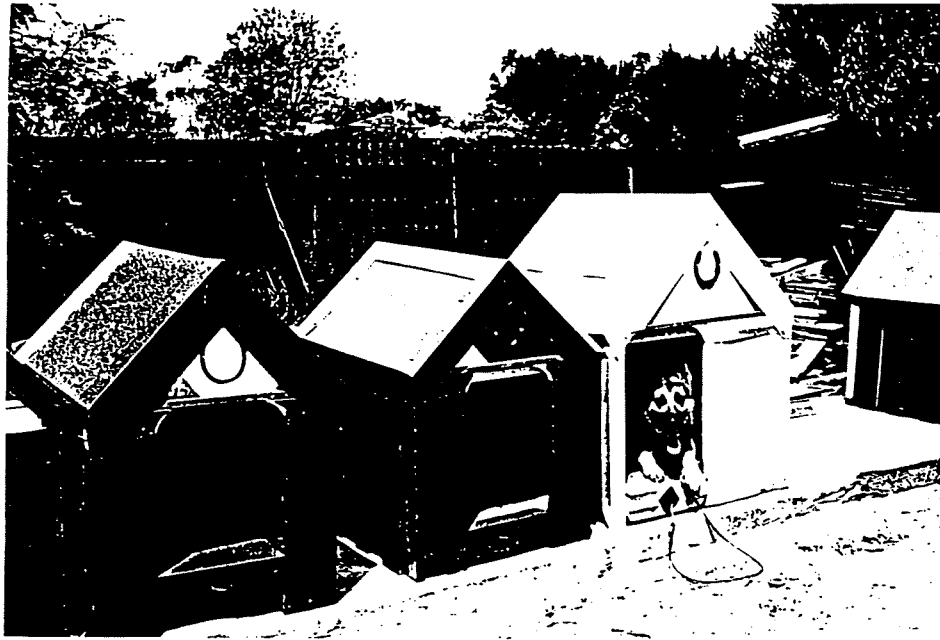
NEWSLETTER INCLUSION OF TRIAL RESULTS

All results to be published in this Newsletter must be submitted in writing to either the Secretary or myself (the Editor) stating name of trial; registered name of your dog; ordinary name of your dog; breed of dog; what class you entered in and whether you gained a place or a pass. Phone results will be accepted if full details are supplied.

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### General Appearance:

Some mongrels show clear signs of their breeding, but their ultimate height and weight can be greater than anticipated.

### Popularity:

Australians have always had a soft spot for the underdog. Valuable pure-bred dogs will virtually always be cared for; mongrels actually need a home, a fact which gives them great appeal.

### Temperament:

A mongrel's temperament will be variable with genetic mix, e.g. terrier types can be yappy, kelpie and other working types can run all day and wreck the backyard (or chase cars). Choose your mongrel carefully unless, of course, he has chosen you!

### Useful qualities:

There is a mongrel for every purpose, from a child's playmate to family pet to guard dog.

### Training:

As with all dogs, training should be kind, fair and consistent and should rely on reward rather than punishment. If subjected to previous maltreatment, some dogs may need patient understanding to regain confidence. If a puppy is acquired at between six to eight weeks of age, it will bond to its human family.

### Number of puppies:

There are usually more puppies than necessary in each litter!

### Cost of puppies:

The cost of mongrel puppies can be anything from \$0 to \$70.

### Feeding:

Puppies require a special diet; adults require a well-balanced and varied diet to suit their size and needs and the amount of work they do.

### Lifespan:

Mongrels will generally live for twelve or more years.

### Health problems/faults:

Most problems are 'crossed out' and mongrels are generally healthy and hardy and free of faults.

### Suitability as a household pet:

The mongrels usually grow larger than expected, so owners should be prepared and plan for exercise requirements. Suitability will vary with the dog's temperament, size and coat type.

### Ideal owner:

A mongrel makes a great family pet and will suit any owner. Those who are status conscious can call their dog a hybrid.



THE MONGREL (Cont.,.)

For futher information - Contact your local dog pound or RSPCA.

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ELSA DAHL AWARD

This award is made annually in memory of a Life Member of our Club. This award is made to a person who has contributed to/or achieved something within the Club over the year. It may be skills associated with owning and training dogs, or it may be for administrative and functional achievements over the year. A judging panel selects the winner from written applications which must be submitted prior to DECEMBER 2. If you admire someone for something they have done, write their name down, together with your own, and a short paragraph setting out the reason why you have nominated them and hand this to the Secretary in a sealed envelope addressed to G. Douglas. This shouldn't necessarily be related to time spent at the Club, but rather to the achievement itself. (You will see on the feature wall in our Clubrooms this Award with the previous recipients' names thereon.)

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TITBIT CORNER

(This article was submitted by Leonie Kelleher)

" october floods at g.o.d.c. inc. "

What a month October was, plenty of rain, a great training aid (for some).

As you all know our grounds were under water on a few occasions.

I would like to tell you all a little story about a few members who decided to dabble in a spot of fishing. While we were flooded I would drive down to the Club on my way home from work to check on the level of the water. On one of my detours I met three fellow members, David, Lisa and Marie.

The water was now out of the club rooms but alas the grounds you still could not see. As we perused out over the water we saw and heard noises that needed to be inspected. Off went the shoes, and the four friends went wading through the knee depth water not knowing what would greet them. As we got closer to the area we discovered that our visitors were FISH (carp). At first we were unsuccessful in our attempt to catch the fish. Lisa and Marie went to follow splashing noises coming from the back paddock. David and I slowly waded out the back as well. One carp thought it was quite smart, he grew to like David's legs. As the carp swam in and out the legs Lisa and Marie started screaming and jumping up and down. As I looked up I could see a rather large piece of wood make quite a splash when it met the water.

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Fisherpersons : Lisa and Marie  
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## TITBIT CORNER Cont..

The event was one of those times when you needed a camera or a video and you have not got either. I would think if we'd had normal fishing rods, and a dinghy there would have been more carp caught. But the way we fished was quite a unique way.

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## DOMINANCE AND SUBMISSION IN DOGS

by Charlotte Schwartz

Dogs do not naturally speak a verbal language. However, they do communicate with other dogs using body language. The best and easiest way for a person to communicate with a dog is by using this same body language. Below are two lists. The first one gives the dog owner an idea of some of the more important behaviors which a dog exhibits when he is acting in a **DOMINANT** manner. The second one shows **SUBMISSIVE** behaviors which the dog can exhibit.

In the **DOMINANCE DOWN** exercise, the dog's master exhibits behaviors from the **FIRST** list and then looks for the dog to react in one or more ways from the **SECOND** list. By using this method of communication, the dog quickly and clearly understands that the master is the leader and the dog belongs in his (master's) pack. The **DOMINANCE DOWN**, when done correctly, is a nonviolent way of communicating to the dog, in a way he best understands, where he (the dog) fits into the hierarchy of the household. Every member of the household should hold a position higher than the dog in order to maintain a peaceful atmosphere and live in harmony with the dog.

### **DOMINANT BEHAVIORS**

- Stalking
- T position - head over dog's neck
- Baring teeth to reveal incisors and canine teeth
- Pushing dog with shoulder or hip
- Snaps, growls, bites
- Stand on Dog's back
- Push dog down, stands over dog's shoulder.

### **SUBMISSIVE BEHAVIORS**

- Rolls onto back, remains still
- Urination, defecation
- Allows Dominant dog to place feet on its back
- Retracts lips horizontally, raises forepaw
- Sits or lays down and flexes one hip to expose inguinal area
- Licks face area of dominant individual

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**LEARNING AND INTELLIGENCE**  
**IN DOGS**

If we find it difficult to study the sensory systems of other animals, we find it almost impossible to assess their intelligence! Different vertebrate groups have acquired differing behavioural skills in the struggle for survival. The strengths of the primates, including man, are visual and manipulative control, and abstract problem-solving. As visual interpretations tend to dominate our sensory view, so abstract problem-solving dominates our view of intelligence. However, learning is species-specific, and the behaviourist must consider how learning fits into the entire behavioural package and not simply rate animals as intelligent or not according to how they perform on tasks that we find easy.

**What is learning?** Animals do not remember everything they experience. Specific elements are remembered, some with ease, others only with difficulty. Learning is, therefore, a **selective** process.

**How do animals select items that are conducive to survival for storage?** We can perhaps understand more of what is involved by considering two learning situations.

**Pavlov's dog:** One of the best known learning experiments was performed by the famous Russian psychologist I.P. Pavlov. Pavlov noted that a hungry dog normally salivates when it smells food. He performed an experiment in which he rang a bell every time he fed a dog. After a time the sound of the bell, which previously had no effect on the dog, caused it to salivate whether or not food was presented. Clearly some change had occurred in the nervous system to cause the bell to become associated with the food.

In this case an initially **neutral stimulus** that occurs contiguously with satisfaction of a natural drive eventually gives rise to some of the behaviour involved. This type of learning is often termed **conditioned appetite**.

**The begging dog:** Another form of learning with which we are familiar occurs when a dog is taught to beg. In this case the experimenter or trainer watches for the desired behaviour to occur and rewards the dog whenever it occurs. In this way dogs can be taught to hold up a paw or to perform other strange behaviour for a reward.

In this case an initially **neutral behaviour** that occurs contiguously with satisfaction of an appetitive drive can be made to serve the appetitive behaviour.

The common feature in both these situations is the **association**. An evaluation that goes something like this is occurring: "It is worthwhile to retain the memory of this neutral stimulus or neutral behaviour element which occurred before the satisfaction of my behavioural drive because the stimulus or the behaviour may have had something to do with the satisfaction."

**Does punishment work the same way?** Exactly the same way except that the association is with a stimulus or behaviour that interferes with satisfaction of a drive or creates fear or conflict. It is, therefore, to be avoided. In general, animals with highly developed learning or association capabilities in any area respond more strongly to reward than to punishment.

**Are there things that dogs learn more readily?** Dogs, like all animals, are predisposed to learn some things. Some associations they cannot make at all. For example, dogs cannot be conditioned to yawn

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## LEARNING AND INTELLIGENCE IN DOGS(Cont..)



Are there things that dogs learn more readily in return for a reward. There is a mutually reinforcing relationship between instinct and learning. Instinct can perhaps be best considered as inbuilt genetic instructions that determine what an animal can learn.

Do dogs learn some things better at some times than at others? There are certain periods in a dog's life when it is particularly receptive to certain types of information. These periods are innate or predetermined just like the instinctual preferences. Early developmental experiences are particularly important for the development of normal or appropriate behaviour patterns in domestic dogs.

Are some dogs cleverer than others? On any learning task, natural or artificial, some dogs will perform better than others. Experiments show that dogs that are raised in environments that are rich in sensory stimulations and social interaction are more likely to attain their maximum capability to make associations.

What is the most important factor for understanding learning in dogs? We must know as much as possible about the natural behaviour and appetitive drives of dogs if we are to be successful with behaviour modification.

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### " PALANQUIN PLUM PIE C.D. "

(MISTER - 3/10/89)

Owned and loved by Lynn and Daryl Mann  
Trained by Lynn Mann

We've finally done it, and it was well worth the wait!!  
After a lot of hard work, a few disappointments and a lot of patience Mister finally obtained his CD at Altona on October 18, 1992.

#### QUALIFYING SCORES

Altona Obedience Dog Club - 3. 5.92  
Score: 181 points

Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc. - 19. 7.92  
Score: 180 points

Altona Obedience Dog Club - 18.10.92  
Score: 178 points

Two weeks later and minus the heart palpitations Mister achieved 195 points at KCC park. It's amazing what a difference it makes when the pressure is off!

Special thanks go to Helen Read and Val Moeller for all their help.



CONGRATULATIONS TO -  
LYNN and MISTER





" COUNTESS THERESA G.D. "

Border Collie - Owned by Jim and Catherine Gulli

Tess obtained her title at Werribee O.D.C. on 24/10/92.  
A week before her second birthday.

QUALIFYING SCORES

German Shepherd Dog Club	-	5. 7.92
Score: 176 points, Third Place		
Moorabbin & District Obedience	-	30. 8.92
Dog Training Club		
Score: 170 points		
Werribee Obedience Dog Club	-	24.10.92
Score: 190 points, First Place		

Tess began training due to her working background, and her need for mental stimulation. Initially we simply wanted her to have the basic obedience skills. However, because of her obvious enjoyment in training, and the ease at which she learnt, we quickly became "hooked". Tess gained her basic certificate within 6 months and as an excuse to keep training we started trialling her. She gained her Encouragement pass at her first trial in Warrnambool 13/6/92 with a first place; and then received her Graduate Dog title in four trials. We have had hours of fun, fulfilment, and frustration over the past two years. Thanks especially to Fred Lehrmann, Maria Elliott, Meinhard Brieberg and Helen Read for their valuable time and advice, and for all the other "triallers" whose support and friendship have been greatly appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS TO -  
JIM and CATHERINE and TESS

" TROOPSFORD HEINRICH C.D. "

German Shepherd - Owned and Trained by Gerry Dyst

QUALIFYING SCORES

Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc.	-	19. 7.92
Score: 170 points.		
Sunbury & District Obedience Dog	-	5. 9.92
Club		
Score: 174 points, Second Place		
Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc.	-	8.11.92
Score: 175 points, First Place		

I brought Boz home at three months old. Not long after that I took him to training school, and about five months later we obtained our Beginners Certificate. The next step was the Basic Certificate and about 10 months later we got it. After receiving our Basic we stopped after that as I was happy with the way he worked. 1991 came around very quickly, Boz at age 5½ years, forgetting what he had been taught was back in class two for retraining. Basic Certificate once again. The rest is history.

To everyone training or trialling don't be discouraged, just hold your head up high and keep going! Good luck.

Thank you everyone.

CONGRATULATIONS TO-  
GERRY and BOZ



TRIAL CALENDAR

	<u>CLOSING</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF VICTORIA INC. (R.O.T.)	Closed	5.12.92
VICTORIAN OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.	Closed	6.12.92
SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB OF VIC. INC. (R.O.T.)	Closed	13.12.92
CROYDON & DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.	29.11.92	13.12.92

TRIAL RESULTS

WERRIBEE

Jim & Catherine Gulli	Countess Theresa (Tess) Border Collie	<u>NOVICE</u> 1st Place 3RD PASS <u>C.D.</u>
David Blackwell	Romhund Britta (Kaarni) Rottweiler	<u>ENCOURAGEMENT</u> 3rd Place

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Nicole Dekoke	Singithi Shanti (Sharn) Rottweiler	<u>ENCOURAGEMENT</u> 3rd Place
Gerry Dyst	Troopsford Heinrich (Boz) German Shepherd	<u>NOVICE</u> 1st Place 3RD PASS <u>C.D.</u>
Sue Hume	Ch.Lacebark Sno Phantastic (Max) Japanese Spitz	<u>NOVICE</u> 3rd Place
Angela Bloomer	Leberfell Montana German shorthaired Pointer	<u>NOVICE</u> 3rd Place
John Hallsworth	Samsons Reign (Sam)	<u>ASS. NOVICE</u> 2nd Place 1ST PASS
Bill Laing	Marcus Laanecoorie G.D.X. (Marcus)	<u>ASS. OPEN</u> 1st Place
Bill Laing	Marcus Laanecoorie G.D.X. (Marcus)	<u>ASS. UTILITY</u> 1st Place

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE ABOVE FOLK AND THEIR DOGS AND WELL DONE  
TO THOSE OBTAINING A TITLE.

A man goes up to the cage of a parakeet and says, "Can you talk?  
Can you talk?" The parakeet gives him a bored look and answers, "Yes,  
I can talk. Can you fly?"



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The paws that refreshes.



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### THE CURLY COATED RETRIEVER

The Curly Coated Retriever is probably one of the lesser known at the present time. The Curly is the oldest retriever breed, and was the first breed of dog used to any great extent as a retriever in England, his country of origin. His unique blend of intelligence, temperament and rugged physique make him an ideal all purpose dog .

If any breed of gundog deserves letters after its name this one does! Over the centuries he has done his job magnificently.

The Curly is instantly recognizable by his coat which looks like astrakhan and is a mass of close tight curls from the back of his skull to the tip of the tail. The coat, which is either black or liver, is dense and though it has no undercoat it is waterproof. The head, however, is free from curl, and is covered with short smooth hair, the eyes are either black or brown.

The Curly is, however, a slow maturing dog and some only reach maturity by the time they are three years of age. Their temperament is kind and great hearted, as is usual in gundogs, and totally without malice. He bears no resentment for scaldings to which he seems to have a philosophical attitude. He likes to be praised, is devoted to his owner, and if a family dog, to the other members of it. He also has quite a definite sense of humour, loves a bit of fun, and plays the clown. He is very good with children.

The other Curly characteristic is that he has a mind of his own and is quite capable of using it in his own way. The Curly is obedient but tends to be so in his own time. This independence of mind is one of the traits which Curly devotees find attractive, for it makes a dog of character and Curlies are certainly that.

However, for all his love of fun and companionable qualities, the well trained Curly is a different character on the shooting field. At the sight of a gun, he at once assumes the professional air of one who knows his business and how to go about it. As a worker he is responsive, handleable, intelligent and has initiative and courage.

A Curly can be used for any kind of retrieving work, with any kind of game, but it is in the water that he really excels. It is not necessary to have to teach him to swim. As a small puppy he will walk and play about in any water he finds, thoroughly enjoying it. Later on will find him swimming for as soon as he is taken near any sizeable piece of water he will be in, and swimming quite naturally and soon he will become a really powerful swimmer. No towels are necessary with a Curly because he will simply shake himself dry.

The Curly requires no brushing - a swim will bring his coat to its best, and twice a year if the dog sheds a comb through is all that is required. The tail and ears will grow scraggly curls and need occasional trimming.

Needless to say a Curly needs exercise and plenty of it. As a puppy he needs plenty of free running exercise to develop good lungs and muscles which he will need as a worker and to work off the abundance of energy he will have as he grows. Daily walks on the lead will become part of his routine and will keep the dog and owner fit.

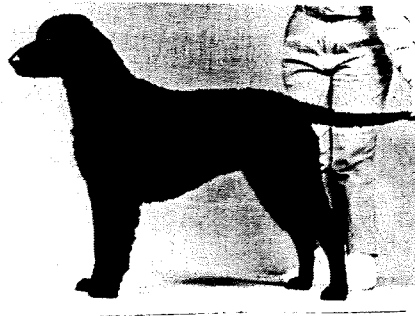
If a large, handsome, intelligent, trainable, workable dog of independent turn of mind, with energy and stamina, both loyal and companionable, is what you want, then a Curly is a challenging and satisfying dog to own.

(Reprinted from the Curly Coated Retriever Association of Victoria handout.)

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THE CURLY COATED RETRIEVER (Cont...d)



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(The following article is re-printed from an R.S.P.C.A. Newsletter profiling a man many of you have heard regularly on the radio over the years.)

A PROFILE OF THE PRESIDENT

HUGH JOHN WIRTH

- . Junior RSPCA Member 1948-55
- . Elected to State Council March 1969
- . Vice-President 1971-72
- . Elected President September 1972
- . Represents RSPCA Victoria on Animal Welfare Advisory Committee since 1980
- . Elected President RSPCA Australia and has been President for nine of its eleven years
- . Represents RSPCA Australia on Livestock Advisory Committee since 1981 (but on this Committee since 1970)
- . National Advisory Committee on Kangaroos since 1983
- . National Consultative Committee on Animal Welfare since commencement in 1990
- . Graduated from Queensland University (no veterinary course available at Melbourne then) in 1963
- . Private Veterinary Practice in Balwyn since 1965
- . President Australian Veterinary Association (Vic.Div.) Metropolitan Practitioners Branch 1969
- . President AVA (Vic Div.) 1974
- . Elected Fellow of the AVA 1979 for outstanding service to the AVA and animal welfare
- . Received Order of Australia 1985
- . Received Advance Australia Award 1989 - both for outstanding service to animal welfare.

That, however, is only a little bit of the "who is Hugh" story. Probably the biggest and most misunderstood part of this story is that he is an **HONORARY President NOT A PAID ONE.**

Hugh Wirth like many others who work for the RSPCA is a volunteer. **He never has been paid.** Not for the thousands of hours he has given to the animal welfare cause, not for the lost revenue from his practice caused by his many and extended absences on RSPCA work, not for his regular 3LO or other media appearances. He is reimbursed for airfares and some parking costs, is occasionally given accommodation and meals when on RSPCA duty or Government Committee business.

A PROFILE OF THE PRESIDENT (Cont..d)

It is clear to me that many in the community believe he receives a handsome pay packet for his work with the RSPCA and it is important to address this misconception. Hugh Wirth is many thousands of dollars out of pocket each year owing to the time he devotes to the RSPCA and to animal welfare generally.

We shouldn't feel sorry for him as he is an absolute believer in the animal welfare cause. He is not married and devotes his time and considerable energy to his cause - as an unpaid, honorary office holder and volunteer.

Without belabouring the point, it is important to note that in the first three months of this year (the lightest quarter in the year so far as official RSPCA commitments are concerned) he has spent 26 days and many other hours away from his practice arguing the cause.

He is a believer -  
and a voluntary one!

P.B. Editor

(This article was submitted by Phyl Bergin, but not written by her.)

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS: .....

Chris Graham	Eric Baier	Shirley & Brian Wishart
Craig & Victoria Fisher	The Malesic Family	Mark Connell
Noreen Arthur	Darren Fosdick	Peter & Jenny Munro
Janice & Peter McNeil	Tiz Wright	Lisa & Andre Inturrisi
The Beecroft Family	Lynn & Peter Harriot	Beth McBride
The Kayler-Thomson Family	Christian Jackson	Melissa Fraser
Glenda & Myra Cook	Andrew & Kerry Russell	The Quinn Family
Andrew & Robyn Balic	Michael Blunt	The Kanigowski Family
Peg Pope	Brett Osburn	Barbara Marshall
Graeme & Allyson Welsh	Veronica & Les Osborne	Brenda Scully
Glenys Brian	Nathan Maher	Aimee Benham
Wayne Brissett	Kim & Michael Murphy	Shari & Ben Trimble
Lynn Connors-Southall	Debra Voogt	Joan & Phillip Jones
Pauline Halpin	Noel & Marion Lunnik	The Philips family
The Hartup Family	Robyn & Lynette Chiswell	The Gardner Family
Debbie & Keith Murray	K. & E. Seiffer/ M. Flaxman	Stephen Temple/Kathy Eisenach
Janene Meager	Barry & Jacqueline	Jean Greenhill
Tracey & Paul Wielens	Halls	Leonie Perkins
Penelope Naylor	Carolyn & Thomas Lodge	Angela Rossi
Kerry & Pat Pink	John & Bernadette Long	Susanne Humphrey
Gwen Meldrum		Pamela Dougall

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BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE

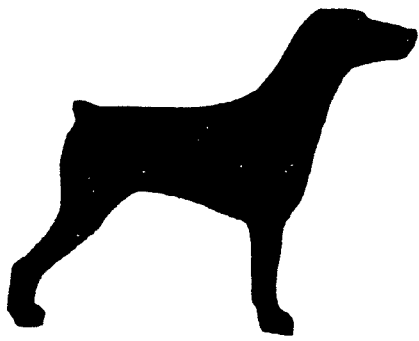
This expression comes from coon dogs treeing a racoon until their masters could catch up. But the cool, calm, collected raccoon would simply hightail it over through the next trees and be gone. If you are barking up the wrong tree, you are either looking for the wrong answer to a problem or the full moon has strange effects on you.

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**" demonstration team report "**

My apologies for being too late for the September Newsletter - life has been very busy of late and I too have been trying to train a young dog. However, I'll try to get the reports in early in future. Over the past couple of months some of the members have accompanied me to three different Cub groups to promote the responsibilities of pet ownership and care of animals. A short talk on these topics was followed by a display of obedience by the team and their dogs. When this finished the questions came thick and fast, and then the children met the team members and their dogs, and spent quite a lot of time with the members. Everyone who was involved in the exercise appeared to enjoy themselves very much and my thanks to all who took part in the outings. I hope we can do more of this type of display in the future.

On September 5 we made our annual visit to Leopold Arts and Crafts Fair. Although it was a little soggy underfoot the displays of both obedience and agility went very well and according to several club members who were at the Fair, the audience was very impressed with the display.

Well done gang.

We have received a letter of thanks from the Arts and Crafts committee and a cheque for \$30.00 for the club.

Team members please remember that practice is held regularly and all members are to attend these sessions so that the Display Team can maintain the high standard it has now.

On Sunday, November 15 the team "displayed" for the Guide Dogs on a very warm day. We had a good audience and also quite a few noisy canines observing our well behaved dogs. Stan Deane made his debut as the "voice" for the team and did an excellent job too, so will get that job again!

Our last outing on November 16 was another visit to a Cub group - again a great evening. Cubs, leaders and team adjourned to a nearby oval for the display and later the team were given supper. The group did look after us well. Before we left one of the Cubs thanked us for visiting and presented the team with a donation for the Club - a lovely gesture!

**DESMA DICKESON**

**DISPLAY TEAM MANAGER**

**(not Demonstration team as this typewriter elected to type up top.)**

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**EVERY DOG HAS HIS DAY** If you are Asian and you are a dog having **YOUR** day, you are celebrating your birthday in the Year of the Dog. If you are not Asian and you are a dog having your day, you are enjoying a brief period of luck or honor in your otherwise dull and meaningless existence.

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CLUB CALENDAR

1.12.92	GENERAL MEETING - Guest Speaker - Gaynor Ross, Chiropractor
5.12.92	CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE
9.12.92	LAST NIGHT TO HAND IN SCORES, TITLE APPLICATIONS, ELSA DAHL AWARD, COMMITTEE/INSTRUCTOR PERSON
16.12.92	LAST TRAINING NIGHT FOR YEAR, PRESENTATION NIGHT, BREAKUP NIGHT.
13. 1.93	NEWSLETTER CLOSING DATE
19. 1.93	COMMITTEE MEETING
25. 1.93	INSTRUCTORS MEETING
27. 1.93	TRAINING RESUMES
2. 2.93	GENERAL MEETING

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REMINDER - Snakes are out and about. Early in the season, like now, after having slept for the winter, their venom is at its highest potency. Snakebite treatment for animals is exactly the same treatment as administered to humans.

Should your dog be bitten ring your veterinarian immediately to ascertain whether they carry anti-venin and if necessary, they will advise you as to what Clinic to go to if they don't have such stock on hand themselves.

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ELANE LONGSHAW SS 4603

