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GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.
NEWSLETTER NO. 51

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.

Once again we extend a warm welcome to all the new members and may your time spent with us be fulfilling in not only what you achieve together with your dog, but in the new friendships forged through a common interest.

Since our last Newsletter we have seen a change in leadership within the Club. Regarding this matter I believe prospective committee members should bear in mind that any position they nominate for has its own responsibilities and these positions should never be taken on for their prestigious value alone without due concern for the inherent duties entailed in such positions.

Though our Club elections are some time away, the V.C.A. elections are currently on and while not compulsory I believe every member whether they be full or associate, should cast their vote. A lot of members may not know these people but study the resumes in the current gazette (now that we HAVE a choice) and make your vote count.

Now on the lighter side, keep MAY 16 free for that is the date of our 2-way Fun Day called "The Spirit of the West". This is an annual event between our club and Werribee. The club with the most points wins the Shield, while the loser gets the wooden spoon. No matter how long you have been training there is a class for **EVERYONE** from puppies through to Utility class. Your instructor will advise you several weeks beforehand what class you are eligible to compete in, and you will have to fill out an entry form prior to the day and pay a small administration fee which goes towards purchasing the ribbons and trophies. More details will be announced over the forthcoming weeks. It is like a normal training day with the added bonus of a reward for the best scores.

Now is the time of year when we receive our Dog Registration notices with the fee differing from Shire to Shire. If the planned amalgamation project goes ahead one would hope that these fees would be of a uniform value right across the board.

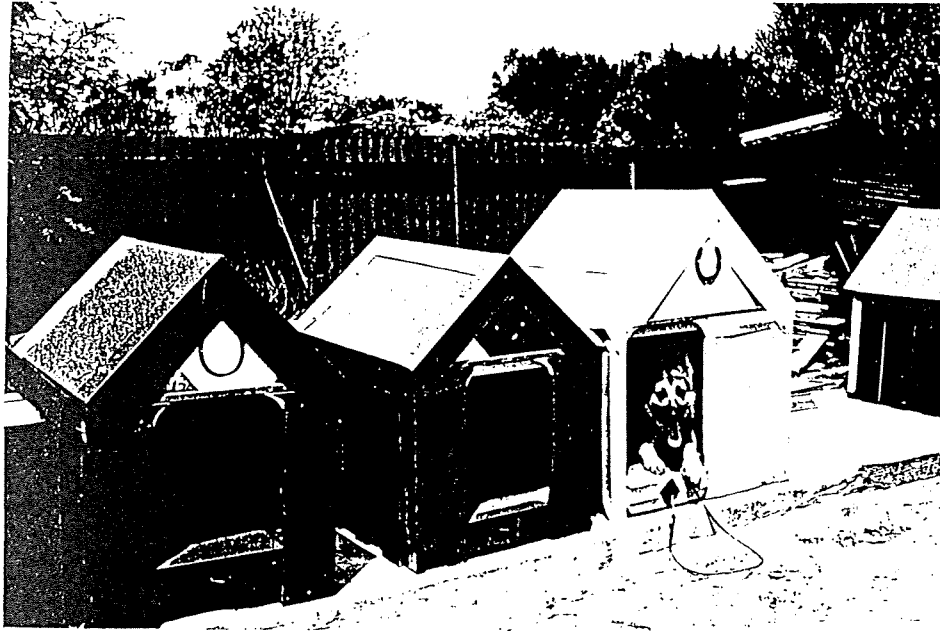
In our last Newsletter the name of the Highest Scoring Associate Dog for the year was incorrectly printed. This award in fact went to Merle Sinclair and Raffles G.D. and not to Thomas Harvey and Our Sal. Apologies are extended to both these people.

Lastly but not least, Advertising fees in the Newsletter have been amended to offset the high cost of printing this. All advertisers are being advised accordingly.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Through a chain of circumstances since the last Newsletter I am now the new President.

I hope that I will be able to help the Club to prosper. I know I have a dedicated committee to back me up, but I beg all members to do your best to make it easier by participating in all Club activities.

Maintenance work is to be carried out on the Club house and the grounds, and in that line the respective area managers will be calling on you for help.

The training staff is requiring your assistance not only by regular attendance, but also punctuality.

The office staff will gladly help you if you have any clerical difficulties with trial entries or affiliation matters.

The committee is still requiring a member, female or male, to take over the management of the Canteen facilities. This is of vital importance for our July trial, so please could we have a volunteer or nomination.

Please don't forget to bring down your bottles, jars, stubbies and cans and leave them in the enclosure provided behind the barbeque area. It will help with our ever increasing expenses.

Good training.

FRED LEHRMANN
PRESIDENT

TITBIT CORNER

Sick list -

This month has seen the Secretary in hospital for a week on R & R leave. Seems she pulls some power when she's at the Club as during her absence we had a power failure.

Another to "bite the bullet" was our Training Manager, Ian. Split roles for Sue - she's just got one out of Quarantine and now she's putting another in! (Sue recently imported a puppy from Sweden).


Hope they all whip up a storm and come and crack the whip again soon before too much dust has time to settle.

Walking a straight line poses a problem for many of our members (with or without imbibing) but there are those among us who don't know their left hand from their right hand. You'd think if you LEFT Ballan you'd be right once you got to the club having had time for the cobwebs to be blown away.



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THE SAMOYED

Not just a pretty face.

This lovely dog is a member of the Spitz breed and is most nearly akin to the primitive dog. Early tribes (known as SAMOYEDES) forced to live in the vast stretches of land covered with snow and ice, lived a nomadic life dependent upon their dogs as reindeer shepherds, sledge dogs and household companions.

Bred true, there is no wolf or fox in the Samoyed strain.

The Arctic suns and snows have bleached the harsh stand-off coat and tipped the hairs with an icy sheen. The constant companionship with man through the years has given an almost uncanny "human" understanding, while generations of guarding reindeer, requiring always a protector, never a killer, has developed through the ages in the happy childlike air of these primitive peoples is found as well in every Samoyed.

Nor has the long human association made of the stalwart Samoyed a pampered pet. As work dogs Samoyed of the great Arctic and Antarctic expeditions have a record of achievement unexcelled in the canine world. The sledge dogs of early polar explorer Fridtjof Nansen (19 males averaging 58.7 pounds each and 9 females averaging 50.5 pounds each), working day after day under conditions of utmost hardship, drew one and a half times their own weight of supplies, and worked with the joyous abandon and carefree air typical of the breed.

Introduced into England less than a hundred years ago, practically every show sees the Samoyed in the forefront. Queen Alexandra was an ardent fancier, and the descendants of her dogs are found today in many English, American and Australian kennels. The dog is found in every region - the Samoyeds born in Northern Siberia have safely crossed the equator and remained in healthy condition to work in Antarctic snows. Dogs from Antarctic expeditions have survived the suns of Australia to return to England and start great kennels there.

Beautiful, eye-arresting, perhaps the most beautiful breed in existence; gentle and companionable; an excellent watchdog; never a troublemaker, yet able to hold its' own when forced into a fight; with an independence born of unusual intelligence, yet marked with a loyalty to a loved owner which wins hearts; the big, white dog with the "smiling" face and dark, intelligent eyes, and the strong, sturdy muscular body, with legs built for speed - that is the Samoyed.

Samoyed are pure white, white and biscuit, or all biscuit. All other colours and blue eyes disqualify from showing. The dog is slightly heavier in bone and weight than a Siberian Husky of equal height. This makes the dog notable for its' endurance rather than for its' speed. The outer coat is straight and harsh, and the undercoat is dense, soft wool. A full grown dog should stand about 21 inches at the shoulder.

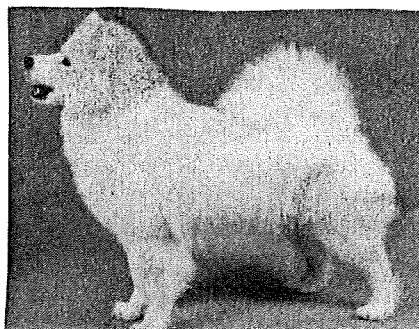
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THE SAMOYED/ Cont..d

Thus we see in the Samoyed a dog beautiful in appearance and noble in character. It has often been described as "the fearless dog with the human brain". This is a glorious breed, whose intelligence, strength, endurance and faithfulness makes a direct appeal to men; whose beauty and refinement attract all women; and whose dignified gentleness makes it the ideal companion of children.

P.S. This article fails to address the ability of the Samoyed in obedience. However these dogs are generally renowned for their yappiness with few exceptions. You will see on our Club wall some Samoyeds who proved they were a few of these exceptions and did very well in the right hands.

(Condensed from a V.C.A. handout on the Samoyed, probably produced by a Club, but unsigned).



BOOK REVIEW

*Australian Sheep Dogs - training and handling - Author:
Rod Cavanagh*

Even with dramatic changes in farm work in recent years, the sheep dog is indispensable.

The instinctive natural reactions of sheep dogs must be understood before a high degree of success is obtained. Rob Cavanagh's aim is to nurture these instincts, to produce an obedient, forceful, steady, disciplined dog, and a close dog/handler relationship.

Based on approximately 20 commands, Rod's clear concise instructions are reinforced with numerous diagrams and photographs. From selection to old age, every aspect of a sheep dog's life is examined.

An invaluable reference for anyone involved in stock work, even small hobby farmers.

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Countess Theresa (Tess)
Border Collie

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1st PASS

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Catherine Gulli

Countess Theresa (Tess)
Border Collie

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2nd PASS

Congratulations to these people and their dogs.

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BASIC OBEDIENCE:

TERRY LEE & KIP,

NOELINE & GEORGE KOUTSOUEVELIS & CAS.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE PEOPLE, THEY NOW ENTER CLASS 3.

ALL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE:

TESTING DAYS

TESTING DAYS FOR BEGINNERS' AND BASIC OBEDIENCE CERTIFICATES ARE;

SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST

SUNDAY, MAY 9TH

SUNDAY, JULY 11TH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

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As you can see we've had lots of new members start down at the club over the past couple of months. Congratulations on being responsible dog owners, and may your time with us be a rewarding and learning experience

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SAFETY OF CHILDREN WITH DOGS

Many couples have a dog before their first child and want to know what to do about the risk to their baby. It comes down to risk management and whether or not they are prepared to take any risk at all. If they are not prepared to take any risk whatsoever, then the dog has to go. If they are prepared to take some risk then there are ways of reducing the chances of attack.

Assessment

The chances of an attack cannot be predicted with certainty because so many factors are involved. No guarantee can be given about any dog's behaviour. All dogs have the potential to bite. The larger the dog the greater the damage if it does bite.

A dog that has a track record of aggression to people and children, in particular, is a greater danger. Euthanasia should be seriously considered. That is a hard decision to make but, in my experience, owners usually look back on it as a wise decision in the long-term.

Supervision

I believe children of five years and under should be constantly supervised in the company of any dog. This is not easy as constant vigilance is hard work.

Introduction

It can be made a privilege for the dog to be in the baby's company by only having the dog near the parent when the baby is around. This requires continuous and direct supervision of baby and dog when they are together.

By rewards for relaxed behaviour, and reprimand and sin-binning for the slightest signs of aggression, fear or over-exuberance, the dog can be shown how to behave in the baby's presence. Putting the dog in a sin-bin is a "time out" punishment described in my sheet on "Assertiveness Over Dogs". The parent's behaviour appears to confer on the baby dominance over the dog. It seems that the dog regards the baby as an extension of the parent.

Keep Baby Up High

Always keep the baby higher than the dog's head. A baby lying on the ground is very vulnerable. It is more easily and possibly more likely to be attacked.

Training the Toddler

It is just as important to train children how to behave towards dogs as it is to train dogs to be sociable to children. Children should be taught to:-

- . avoid dogs that have food
- . avoid dogs that growl, snap or look scared
- . be quiet and gentle with dogs
- . only stroke a dog under the chin, neck and tummy.
- . keep their faces away from the heads of dogs

SAFETY OF CHILDREN WITH DOGS/2

TRAINING THE TODDLER

- . not play tug-of-war or other aggressive or exciting games with dogs
- . not tease any dog
- . not poke, pull or squeeze any part of the dog
- . not look a dog in the eyes
- . avoid strange dogs if possible
- . stand still, turn sideways and let a strange dog sniff them if one comes up
- . never corner a dog

Socialisation of Puppies

Puppies learn most easily between the ages of 3 weeks and about 3 months how to be sociable to dogs, adults, children and other species. If they have plenty of good associations with a certain type of animal during this time they are more likely to react in a friendly manner to them. After about 3 months pups and dogs can still be socialised but it is extremely hard work.

Puppies need to be specifically socialised to children, who differ in behaviour as well as size from adults. Socialisation to adults doesn't mean that the puppy will be socialised to children. It is vital that all puppies be adequately socialised to children as most will meet them at some time in their lives. We want every encounter to be a happy on.

(Reprinted from a Robert J Holmes BVM&S PhD MRCVS MACVSc handout.)

TEETH AND DENTISTRY

As presented by Dr. T. Brown at his talk on 4.8.92:

Pups are born without teeth	2 months
first teeth = "deciduous"	out by 6 months
if retained can get infection	
	incisors crooked
	= should have them out
"Over shot jaw"	= "Under shot" mouth
	= Bull dog/Boxer
"Under shot jaw"	= Scotch Collie
Gingivitis	= red gums, inflammation
	= teeth not being cleaned eg. chewy food
	= loose or deformed teeth
	= bad teeth alignment - (Pekes)
treat	= remove cause
	= antibiotics
	= clean teeth
Tartar (plaque)	= build up of hard crust on enamel, usually
	"bucal" surface
	= bad breath
	= dog off food

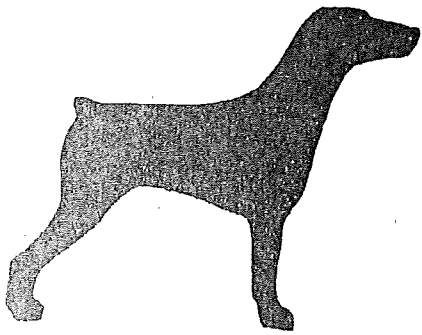
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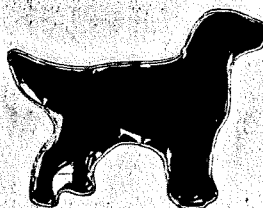
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OBEDIENCE, AGILITY & TRACKING CALENDAR

OBEDIENCE

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>CLOSING</u>
Border Collie Club of Vic. (R.O.T.)	3.4.93	Closed
Moorabbin & District O.D.C.	4.4.93	Closed
Goulburn Valley O.D.C.	17.4.93	3.4.93
Welsh Corgi Club of Vic. (R.O.T.)	17.4.93	Closed
Belgian Shepherd Dog Club of Vic. (R.O.T.)	17.4.93	Closed
Warringal O.D.C. Inc.	18.4.93	4.4.93
Red Cliffs District Kennel Club	24.4.93	10.4.93
Wallan & District O.D.C. (Associate only)	24.4.93	10.4.93
Red Cliffs District Kennel Club	25.4.93	10.4.93
Altona Civic O.D.C. Inc.	2.5.93	18.4.93
Ballaarat & District O.D.C. Inc.	9.5.93	25.4.93
Ovens Valley Canine Club	15.5.93	1.5.93
Murray Valley O.D.C.	15.5.93	1.5.93
Wangaratta Kennel & O.D.C.	16.5.93	2.5.93
Murray Valley O.D.C.	16.5.93	2.5.93
Gordon Setter Club of Vic. Inc. (R.O.T.)	23.5.93	23.4.93
Peninsula O.D.C. Inc.	30.5.93	16.5.93



AGILITY

Goulburn Valley O.D.C.	17.4.93	3.4.93
Wallan & District O.D.C.	25.4.93	10.4.93
Bendigo O.D.C.	15.5.93	1.5.93

TRACKING

Knox O.D.C.	8.5.93	8.4.93
Knox O.D.C.	9.5.93	8.4.93

DENTISTRY AND TEETH Cont...d

Tartar (plaque) prevent = chewy foods strips of meat
= bones, rawhide
= start when young before gums sore

Clean teeth - regularly, eg monthly
- if difficult see Vet every 6-18 months
Garlice salt. Dip wet rag into garlic salt and rub teeth;
Bicarb. soda. 3:1 and rub teeth;
Hydro Peroxide 3%
Toothpastes (not human as too strong).

Problems with Teeth
80-90% of dogs have some ongoing problems with their teeth.

- 1 Tartar build up BIGGEST problem
- 2 Foreign bodies eg. bones caught
grass seeds, retained baby teeth

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TEETH & DENTISTRY (Cont..d)

Problems with teeth

- | | |
|---------------------------|--|
| 3 Gingivitis | bacterial
thrush |
| 4 Loose teeth | inherited/conformational
old age
chronic infection |
| 5 Abscess | severe Gingivitis |
| 6 Disease effecting teeth | often carnassial tooth |
- kidney disease
lack of Vitamin B
lack of Vitamin C - needed in diet, can't get from
meat alone
- Antibiotics - Tetracyclines

(This was not published before due to lack of space.)

TRIALLERS PLEASE 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 (nor qualifying) 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 if you care enough to keep records. Forms for tallying these points on are retained in the Secretary's office.

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 and/or a pass. Alternatively these details will be accepted by telephoning the Editor.

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 to the Secretary. These results must be in writing.

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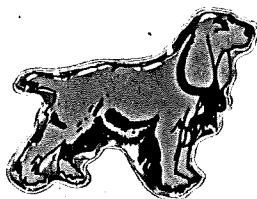
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CLUB CALENDAR

29.3.93

Instructors' Meeting

6.4.93

GENERAL MEETING

9.4.93

GOOD FRIDAY - Fish BBQ

26.4.93

Instructors' Meeting

1.5.93

Trivia Night

4.5.93

Committee Meeting

9.5.93

Testing Day

12.5.93

Newsletter closing date

24.5.93

Instructors' Meeting

1.6.93

GENERAL MEETING

28.6.93

Instructors' Meeting

NOTE: MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE FROM 1.6.1993.

GENERAL MEETINGS commence at 8.00pm unless otherwise advised. ALL members are requested to bring a plate.

P.S. The "Spirit of the West" two way fun day will be on MAY 16 at our own grounds.

WARRNAMBOOL WEEKEND

Friday saw the majority of us arrive at the Flying Horse Caravan Park. Cheryl and myself being the last to arrive at 9.45pm.

Saturday. What a sunny day. Cheryl and I left the park at 8.00 am and headed to the grounds for the Agility Trial. Unfortunately our agility dogs, Dandy and Jake along with their handlers Cheryl and Pauline, didn't perform all that well. "Oh well, there's always tomorrow."

The obedience started at noon. Geelong being well represented, we had people in Associate Encouragement, Registered Novice, Associate Novice and Associate Open. Most of the dogs worked well achieving what they set out for. Or on the other side of the coin, there was the old catch cry. "They haven't done that before!"

At the end of Saturday's trial we ended up with a 2nd place in Associate Encouragement; 3rd place in Registered Novice; 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in Associate Novice (Non qualifying scores); 1st place and a pass in Associate Open (first trial too).

After the presentations we packed up and travelled back to the park. Three of the crew going out for tea, the others having a BBQ. It was a rather early night as Sunday was going to be another early start.

Sunday morning as we waited for the Agility to commence, the clouds opened with a gentle, light rain. Our Agility dogs did rather well with handlers happy about their work, especially as they had not trained since August 1992.

On the Obedience side we went out to improve on yesterday's efforts. We all set goals that we wanted to achieve. Our feelings must have travelled down the lead to our dogs, because all our wishes came true.

Many nervous moments were shared by our group as our dogs went through their work and sat and dropped for their stays.

At presentations we saw Bert and Sharna go up for 2nd place in Associate Encouragement (Pass); Angie and Lacey achieving 2nd pass and 1st place in Registered Novice; Leonie and Shadow 1st Place and Pauline and Brandy 2nd place in Associated Novice (non qualifying); Cath & Tess 2nd pass and 3rd place in Associate Open.

On behalf of all the triallers I'd like to thank Fred and Maria for the help and expertise they have given us.

In closing I have something for you to think about. Warrnambool Dog Training School Inc. has only a small membership. In fact only 28 in total. How do a small amount of people put together a fantastic two day event? Yet our Club with a membership in excess of 250 has trouble getting any help, or it's left to the same few all the time to help in such instances. Why can't we go for back to back trials like so many other clubs.

For those of you who are maybe thinking of competing, talk to your Instructor, or to a member that does go to trials. They will be only too happy to help you.

LEONIE KELLEHER

! GEEELONG OBEDIENCE ?
Dog CLUB inc.
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A NIGHT OF
TIRIVIA

Saturday 1st. May 1993

8.00 pm

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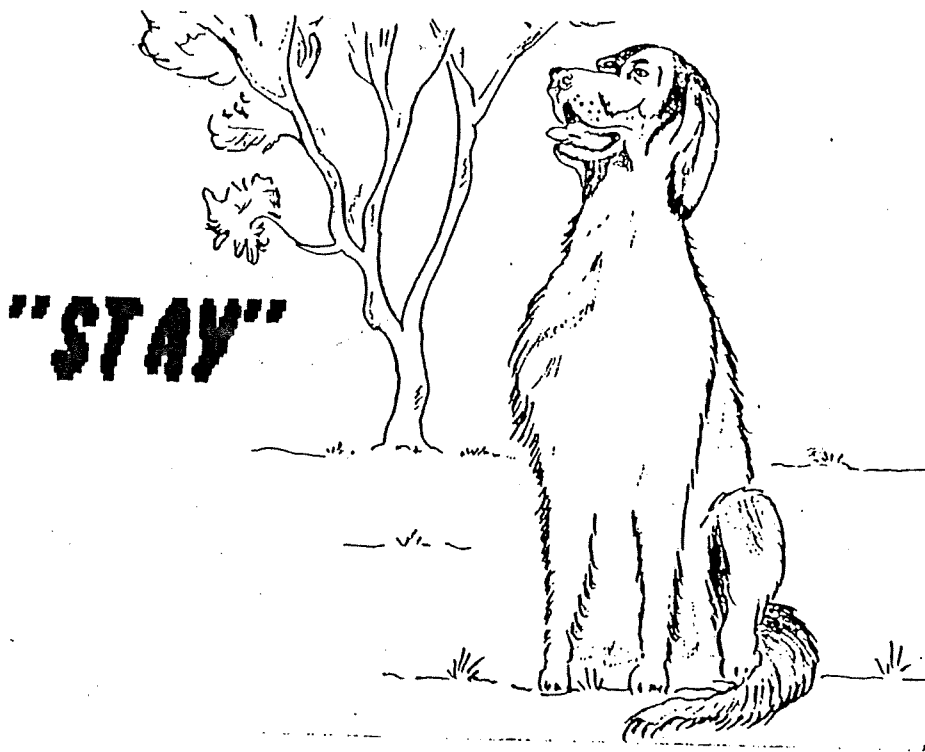
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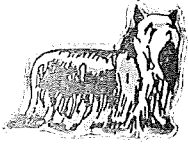
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THE AUSTRALIAN SILKY TERRIER

The official standard refers to the Australian Silky Terrier as being a refined, compact dog whilst still embodying the alertness, activity and soundness of all true terriers. They must also possess sufficient substance and ability to hunt and kill domestic rodents.

CHARACTERISTICS

Along with a couple of other very small terriers the Silky is classified as a toy dog because of its size, but it is far removed from the usual lap dog; it has the true smart and forceful character of a terrier. It has all the advantages of a small dog in suburban life, not being too big for the children, the car or the garden and will not break ornaments with one sweep of the tail or cost a fortune to feed.

Yet, obviously bred as a house dog it is just at home in the country protecting the homestead from snakes and rats with all the tenacity and zest of its terrier forebears.

The Silky is a mixture of temperaments taking after the Australians who bred it; it is friendly but independent and well able to look after itself when in strife.

Like most long coated dogs, the Silky loves being groomed provided this procedure is started at a very early age. The amount of grooming is dependent on the actual length of coat your Silky has inherited.

The Silky, because of its size, does not require much exercise, but being full of stamina and tremendous energy it will love running in the fields or going for long walks on the end of a lead.

It is friendly to all the family but in true doggy fashion it will usually attach itself to one member and be friendly with the rest. It will tolerate strangers but no more than that. It will love children if raised with them but it doesn't enjoy being fussed over or being treated like an animated toy as it prefers to be treated as an equal.

Its bed is its kingdom, be it a cardboard box or a fancy basket. All small dogs should be allowed to sleep inside so set its bed in a place that will be suitable to you and your Silky.

HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT

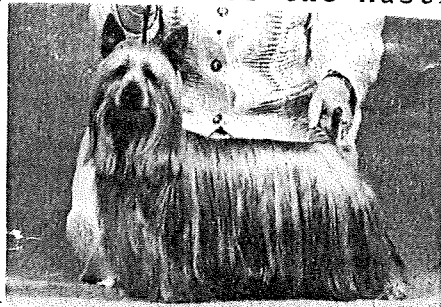
The Silky is often said to be a planned mating between an Australian Terrier and a Yorkshire Terrier but seeing that no stud records were kept in the early days this can only be supposition. The Australian Terrier itself was only a new breed at the time of the Silky's emergence and its origins are by no means established. It is accepted that the root stock of the Australian Terrier is the old broken coated or rough coated terrier.

It was not until 1959 that the Silky was recognised as being a breed and was given the name **Australian Silky Terrier** and with the one official standard being drawn up.

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- Chinese proverb

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