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GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.
NEWSLETTER NO. 53

Welcome to all our new members, may you find your association with our Club a rewarding one, not just for the progress you make in training your dog to become an acceptable member of your household but in the new friendships you make with your fellow classmates and/or competitors.

This Newsletter is produced bi-monthly and is distributed on the last training day of that month. If you are unable to attend at that time, please see the Secretary and she will retain a copy for you to collect at a later date.

Once again the recent rain created minor flooding of the Barwon which occurs with regularity just prior to our July trial. However, when the urgent call went out for volunteers to get all our gear safely out of the waters reach, a prompt and well co-ordinated team swung into action and made light of what is an arduous chore when only a couple of people are available. Thanks go to these folk for their willingness to respond at such short notice, and it proves yet again "many hands make light work".

With trial preparations underway this sort of upheaval is always an added burden to overworked committee members, so newer members take heed and don't just have a membership to our club, do something to help that makes you "belong" to the Club.

Our first pre-trial working bee was a disappointment this time with only the same old stalwarts around. However, to the many who rallied for the second working bee. Our grounds were in immaculate condition and a credit to our Ground Manager and the helpers he had available to facilitate this end.

We had a substantial entry for this trial and the Geelong entries would have to be one of our highest.

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 many people who contributed goods 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.

Our club awards went to the following people:

John Bell	-	Highest Scoring Associate Encouragement
Nicole Dekoke	-	Highest Scoring Registered Encouragement
John Hallsworth	-	Highest Scoring Qualifier Associate Novice
Helen Read	-	Highest Scoring Qualifier Registered Novice
Catherine Gulli	-	Highest Scoring Qualifier Open

Congratulations to all these people.

At times in the past I have berated some Shires over their registration fees and other matters. However credit must go to the Bellarine District of the Greater City of Geelong with the new program they have introduced for first time offenders. (Article relating to this further on in Newsletter) which is a major step in promoting responsible pet ownership.

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On the same issue, some of us have taken umbrage at recent presentations of Bourke's Backyard where they listed the supposed five most "dumped" breeds. The follow-up program then presented the five most "undumped" dogs. (See our Secretary's report on this matter). As the program must have taken a fair bit of flack over the first presentation, it has now agreed to extend the survey over a period of six months in both Melbourne and Sydney and represent appropriate data on their findings then.

A reminder to newer members that rules made in relation to this Club whether they be of a major or minor nature are made for the benefit of the membership as a whole. Parking directional signs are placed around the ground for the benefit of us all to allow more people safer egress with their vehicles. It seems there is still a minority who fail to take notice of these signs and persist in driving "through classes" week after week which is both dangerous and disruptive. To you people, lift your game, or you may find no trainer will take you on with this sort of attitude.

On the bonus side of events thanks are extended to Bronco Ivec for his work in completing our new switchboard. The club premises and assets had grown more rapidly than our old wiring system which tended to overload and short out with regularity much to the chagrin of our kitchen workers. The timing of this project has obviously proved fortuitous for our trial. Thanks again for a job well done.

Now is the time for all members to start thinking about who they would like on Committee for the 1993/1994 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 5 so nominations will close on September 14 (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 name 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.

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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.

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.

DO YOU JUST BELONG



Are you an active member.
The kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the List?

Do you attend meetings,
And mingle with the crowd?
Or do you just stay at home,
And complain both long and hard?

Do you take an active part,
To help the club along?
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that just belong?

Do you ever go to visit
A member who is sick?
Or leave the work for just a few.
And talk about the clique.

There is quite a program scheduled,
That means success, if done,
And it can be accomplished,
With the help of everyone.

So attend the meetings regularly,
and help with hand and heart.
Don't be just a member,
But take an active part.

Think this over member,
Are we right or are we wrong?
Are you an active member,
Or do you just belong?





PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to all our new members. The last two months have passed quickly without any major happenings. At the time of writing we are flooded out on the training ground.

The alarm went out on Thursday night, July 8 and many willing hands prepared the hall for the expected water.

The arranged and announced working bee on Saturday, July 10 was a disappointment for me. The same small number of die-hards attended. From an average training attendance of about 170-180 members I expected more than 10 turn up. With the rising water threatening we still achieved a lot, but we could have possibly cut all the grass before the water covered the ground.

As you are reading this the trial will be history. As there are over 40 entries from this Club, I hope many of you achieved high marks, which would please your Instructors greatly.

Til next time,

FRED LEHRMANN

VALE
"Cindy Lou P.D."
First Victorian G.D., GDX, P.D.
1.5.76 - 6.6.93

Dearly Loved companion of Phyl Bergin

My little Border Collie cross, adopted from Animal Welfare at 8 weeks. Your gentle brown eyes mirrored a soul that was intelligent, loyal and fun loving, and in need of someone on whom to bestow those gifts. Seventeen wonderful years we shared. The only hurt you ever caused was when you had to leave me.

As long as memory serves,
a gentle ghost will walk with me
the long familiar paths and ways.

A gentle ghost will haunt my house,
and linger by my side through all the day,
as long as memory serves.

Geelong Animal Welfare Society

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CLUB CALENDAR

3. 8.93	GENERAL MEETING
30. 8.93	Instructors Meeting (Nominations close for Training Supervisor, Assistants & Training Manager)
7. 9.93	Committee Meeting
8. 9.93	NEWSLETTER closing date
12. 9.93	Testing Day
14. 9.93	Committee Nominations Close
27. 9.93	Instructors Meeting (Election night for all positions)
5.10.93	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & General Meeting
25.10.93	Instructors' Meeting
31.10.93	Final Sunday Class for 1993

Members are reminded that General Meetings commence at 8.00pm
unless otherwise advised. All members attending are requested
to bring a plate of supper.

C E R T I F I C A T E P A S S E S :

FROM PROMOTION DAY, SUNDAY, 9TH MAY, 1993.

BASIC OBEDIENCE:

TONY STEWART & ERIN

ROSLYN EDSALL & MALI
PAM EDEN & JAKE

PEG POPE & WHISKY

BEGINNERS' OBEDIENCE:

SUSAN OSMAN & PIPPA

KYM KEYS & SARTU

SOPHIE ALSOP & CARA

KEVIN BRENNAN & BRONSON

ROB LOCHRIE & BUSTER

MARY QUELCH & ROLY

JOHN NILON & SOPHIE

LINKY MEDLYN & MARTY

ASTRID & FRANK MOONEY & RAMBO

NOREEN ARTHUR & PEPI

RHONDA WARE & TIMMY

VAL BYRNE & RAMBO.

ALEX FERGUSON & NICKY

SUSAN ARMSTRONG & MADELEINE

MAXINE BUCHANAN & ROCKY

GABE ACQUISTO & SAM

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S TO THESE MEMBERS.

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:NEW MEMBERS:

Judy Fleeton

Tom & Margaret Bennet

The McGuire Family

Debbie Sheridan/Dion Nania

Zoran & Julia Njokos

Mary Armstrong

The Cameron Family

Caleb Cadd

Darko & Marianne Spiranovic

Sharon & Steve Andrews

Lisa Pawezka

Lee Family

The Child Family

Glen Fry/Joan Diamond

Linda Baldwin/John McKenna

Rick Brown/Aileen Burns

Tracey Davies/Damian Robertson

Janet Mitchell

Chris Flannery

Sue Hall

Carolyn & Mark Brandimarti

Kevin Warburton

Paul & Julie Ingles

The Ylstra Family

Olga Ierna/Barry Wise

The Bencich Family

Thomal Kruger/Michelle Schneider

Gordon & Anne Robertson

Courtney Baker

Paulette Faulkner

Debbie Reynolds

Nicole & Glenn Abbott

Theo Dahlhaas

Adam Tjahjad

Rod & Pauline MacKenzie

Betty Donaldson

Ray & Suzanne Trewartha

Darren & Samantha Fisher

John Muller

Gary & Glenise McLachlan

Katrina & John McDonald

Ken & Liz Brown & Margaret Lowe

The Howarth Family

Suzanne Atherton

The Kangars Family

Allison & Andrew Brown

Sonia & Dean Walker

The Drever Family

Paul & Kylie MacDonald

Steven Lawless

Mark & Witold Marder

Katrina Holt

Reece & Jan Griffiths

CorynAnn Sheerin

Nell Rau

Sandre VanBerker

Harry & Jacqueline Broughton

The Greaves Family

Jodie Acorn

Jane & Daryl Bushell

Barbara & Gary Kitchen

The Mustey Family

Peter De Young

Carolynne Blick/Andrew Phillips

Gordon & Anne Collis

Anna & Shane Boylan

Kerry & Damien Burns

The Broughton Family

The Welfare Family

Jackie & Robert Kaiser

The Lakey Family

Mari Baldonado

Leanne Jamantas

Gavin & Debra Stacey

Trevor Wilkes

Denise Simons

The Bartlett Family

Richard & Marilyn Proctor

The Petersen Family

Allan Reid/Marian White

Wendy Laurenson

The Morgan Family

Tadeus Winieke

Bev & Garry Pettingill

Laurel & Simon Willson

Elizabeth Wooler

Tim Simpson

Karen Lane

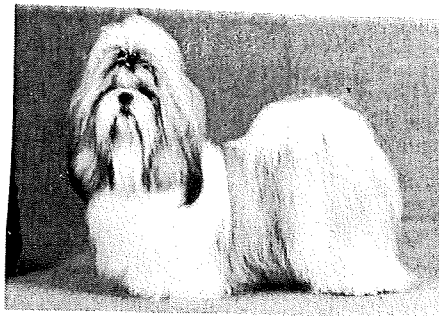
Shayne & Tracey Cunningham

The Wepster Family

**** TO THESE NEW MEMBERS WELCOME TO OUR CLUB.

SHIH TZU

Hello! I,m a Shih Tzu.....



..... and I,d like to tell you a little about our breed..

FAMILY TREE:

Though how we got there, records do disagree; but we do know that we were raised in Chinese palaces by eunuchs for the pleasure of the nobility. We sat on satin pillows and had beautiful marble courtyards to run in. Our distant relatives are the Pekingese and Tibetan-type dogs. We come in every colour; some part white with colour, called parti-colours and some all one colour.

PURPOSE:

Every dog has a reason for being. Our reason is strictly to give love. We don't hunt, pull, track or attack. We just love to be with you. We may bark to let you know someone is at the door, but we will love them once we know they are your friends.

EXERCISE:

We love it if you take us for walks, but if you can't, we'll chase over and under the furniture and get our own. We also love to ride in the car with you, though not in hot weather!

I.Q.:

Of course we're intelligent! We love to learn new things. If you want to spoil us and not teach us a thing, we won't mind. If you want to take us to obedience class, we'll love that too.

DISPOSITION:

We are lively and alert but not in the least high strung. We're really very happy little dogs. If you want to play, terrific! If you want to be left alone, we will sleep, or amuse ourselves.

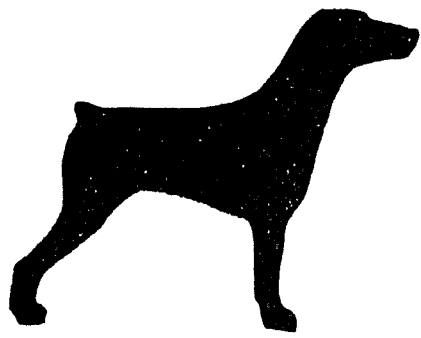
(Condensed from a Shih Tzu Club brochure.)



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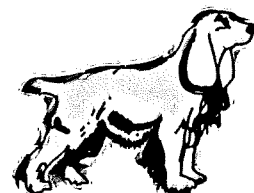
Well, it's Friday night and I'm about to settle in to watch my regular fix of Bourke's Backyard. With coffee in hand and video at the ready (just in case there's a road test of interest) the show began. What's this! A survey of the five most dumped dogs, hmh this'll be interesting. To my disappointment the segment was a let down, and I feel, important points were missed.

Firstly, all dogs bite if when they are pushed warnings are ignored. Children mostly are the target, but look at a child through a dogs' point of view. Babies as wonderful as they are, smell very strange and make unusual noises, move funny and disturb the heir-achy of the pack. All attention is shifted from the child substitute to the baby, jealousy may set in if handled incorrectly. Toddlers and older children move suddenly and quickly, tease, play tug of war, keeping off (games of strength) and when unsupervised or not taught to respect the dog's space and put fingers in unwanted places. Unfortunately, we never hear about the child mauled by a chihuahua or foxie, just the larger breeds which naturally inflict more serious wounds. The media dramatises the incidents, and anything that may resemble the German Shepherd Dog, Bull Terrier, Dobermann, Pit Bull or Rottweiler is classified as the pure breed. Of course there are just plain nasty dogs, but how did they become that way. Poor socialisation, ignorance on behalf of an uneducated owner, or perhaps a bad, or traumatic experience. Dogs end up at these shelters because of bad behaviour, the economic situation of the family, **IMPULSE BUYING** (the cute pup at the market or pet shop), or just "what's in favour at the present time". No preparation, thought, or consideration has gone into the decision of purchase of how big the eventual adult dog will be, nor to the rapid growth of the puppy or the time necessary to actually spend with the puppy as it grows. The problems usually start when the dog reaches teenagehood. The dog becomes a problem around holiday times, and the welfare shelters are usually at its busiest at Christmas time (when owners go away). It's easier to dump them and thus avoid paying boarding fees. About six to nine months after Christmas when the cute pup is now a large, bad mannered nuisance and registrations are due, it's easier to dump the Christmas present. I'm sure we've all seen the RSPCA's advertisement on television or the bumper sticker "A dog is for life, not just for Christmas" or "If you don't want a dog, don't buy a puppy" makes sense.

As Secretary, I would like to point out the problems I receive from phone calls, why these breeds (the five most dumped dogs) are in fact unwanted. Sure, some of Don Bourke's points are valid. However -

1. Collie (rough); beautiful puppies, but they do require lots of exercise when older, otherwise they bark excessively, when left alone in a yard without stimulation (ie toys, regular exercise and yes, obedience training). Grooming of the adult dog is a regular task, that needs to be done. How many poorly groomed Collies have you seen?? Purely, the irresponsible owner who can not be bothered with sitting down and stripping or brushing the dogs matted coat out. I believe all these points play an important part in why the Collie is dumped.

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TELEVISION CAPERS (Cont..d)

2. **Dobermann;** Not in fashion? I don't think so. Problems I've heard on the phone have mainly involved the seven to 18 month olds. They mature slowly, can be aloof with strangers and have enormous stores of energy. Some people cannot cope with this. But attention, patience and training will eventually rectify these problems.

3. **Bull Terriers;** Hysteria with what's been in the media! They can be very stubborn to train and over enthusiastic in temperament, but once again patience and consistency will overcome these problems. Terriers in general have strong prey drives. The Macho image has labelled this breed.

4. **German Shepherd Dogs;** Not as fashionable as the Rottweiler? Definitely not. Although Rottweilers popularity is on the increase and growing by the day, the German Shepherd Dog is still the most popular breed at Geelong Obedience Dog Club. There are so many Shepherds around, "look-a-likes" and pure breed with or without papers, naturally the numbers at the welfare centres are going to be high. Just go through the classifieds in the paper, and see how many backyard breeders are churning out pups. Problems encountered on the phone consist of barking, digging, poor manners and destructive behaviour. Like ALL DOGS, THE Shepherd needs to be an integral part of the family, it demands regular exercise, and thrives on training.

5. **Australian Cattle Dog (Red/Blue Heeler);** What can I say? The Cattle Dog is a **WORKING** breed. When people ring me up with problems like barking, "rounding the kids up in the yard" or nipping at the children's feet or the adults ankles, I usually reply with Yeess, what's the problem. This is the Cattle Dogs' natural instinct. Man has developed them for herding the cattle, nipping the hooves (to get the stock going), barking and staring to intimidate the same. They're only doing what comes naturally. When left in the suburban backyard, problems will occur, if not once again exercised regularly, stimulated to prevent boredom and of course trained. Maybe the owner should have considered the breed more carefully.

Three of these groups are from the "working dog" group, one from the utility group and one from the terrier group. All have strong, individual characteristics (drives) and have been bred by man for certain purposes and these should be considered when buying and training the same.

The problems to me, seem to be poor selection of the type of dog required for the owner, lack of education or research of the breed being bought, "puppy farms" and backyard breeders not selecting the correct owner or educating their puppy buyers and impulse buying, and of course "what's in fashion". Potential buyers should consider, the time they have to groom, train, socialise, exercise and generally spend with their dog. They need to consider the size of the backyard, housing and fencing and if they can afford vet bills, feeding, council registrations and boarding costs if they go on holidays.

I shudder to think what will happen to the current fashionable breeds like the Siberian Husky, Alaskan Malamute, Rottweiler, Rhodesian Ridgebacks and Staffordshire Bull Terriers, Bull Mastiffs and mastiffs. It is already happening with the Rottweiler. In general puppy farms and backyard breeders indiscriminately selling pups without education of the owners for a quick buck. No care has been taken to ensure that the likes of hip dysplasia and other hereditary diseases are kept to the minimum, and ensure the safety of the breed. More importantly, temperament is not a consideration when the likes of these people breed. These dogs will be the most dumped dogs in the future. The poor unfortunate breed clubs, responsible breeders and owners and obedience clubs will be left to deal with the mess, pick up the pieces and once again have to **PROVE**, that dog is

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TELEVISION CAPERS (Cont...)

man's best friend, are we the same to him?

I can only wonder what our five most popular breeds will be in the next edition of Bourke's Backyard, and will it affect or influence the breeds at the club.

LISA BLACKWELL
SECRETARY

TRIAL RESULTS

BALLARAT & DISTRICT O.D.C.

Joan Brophy	Dasklein Peter Piper (Boris) Standard Poodle	<u>NOVICE</u> 2ND PASS
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GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF VIC.

Elaine Longshaw & Maria Elliott (attached)	Ch. Elshaddai Joshua C.D. (Saadi) Dobermann	<u>PRELIMINARY TRACK</u> PASS (in the snow)
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BAIRNSDALE O.D.C.

John Vandenberg	Ch. Ormslee Rheinlady (Kessa) Rottweiler	<u>NOVICE</u> 1st Place 2ND PASS
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(Also Highest Scoring Rottweiler)

BAIRNSDALE O.D.C. AGILITY

Cheryl Young	Ajoujou Jazzy Joe C.D. (Dandy) Toy Poodle	5th Place 3RD PASS <u>A.D.</u>
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EAST GIPPSLAND O.D.C.

John Vandenberg	Ch. Ormslee Rheinlady (Kessa) Rottweiler	<u>NOVICE</u> 3rd Place
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(Also Highest Scoring Rottweiler)

GIPPSLAND O.D.C.

John Vandenberg	Ch. Ormslee Rheinlady (Kessa) Rottweiler	<u>NOVICE</u> 2nd Place 3RD PASS <u>C.D.</u>
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Leonie Kelleher Shadow

ASSOCIATE NOVICE
2ND PASS

GIPPSLAND O.D.C. AGILITY

John Vandenberg	Ch. Ormslee Rheinlady (Kessa) Rottweiler	1ST PASS
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GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF VIC.

John Corrigan	Kurrawa Mia Casen (Jake) Border Collie	<u>NOVICE</u> 1ST PASS
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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.

For those gaining such titles, you are entitled to submit a half page resume of your dog's achievements which will be published in the Newsletter free.

TRIAL RESULTS

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ENCOURAGEMENT

Nicole Dekoke	Singithi Shanti (A) (Sharn) Rottweiler	1st Place
Jemblade Kennels Gayle Lee	Ormslee Proud Whittaker (A)(Tika) Rottweiler	2nd Place

NOVICE

Helen Read	Ormslee Caitiff Ruler (A) (Merlin) Rottweiler	2nd Place 2ND PASS
Pauline Naudi	Jake Naudi (Jake)	1ST PASS
John Hallsworth	Samson's Reign (Sam)	2ND PASS
Mr A. Stewart	Eireannmada O Dea (Erin) Irish Setter	1ST PASS
L. & B. Shell	Mystique Belle (Belle)	3rd Place

OPEN

Alec Burgess	Brutus Alexis C.D.X. (Brutus)	2nd Place PASS
Catherine Gulli	Countess Theresa C.D (Tess)	3RD PASS <u>C.D.X.</u>

UTILITY

Bill Laing	Marcus Laanecoorie U.D.	1st Place
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Congratulations to all these folk and their dogs especially those with passing scores and title winners. For some, persistance over a long period of time has paid off. It's obviously true, "good things come to those who wait".

TITBIT CORNER

The instructors have had their tetanus shots so please form a queue if you want to put the bit on them.

Heard about the pregnant rat - been getting stuck into all the Big M's - half of her young will get strawberry flavour and the other half chocolate.

Owing to the floods, our kitchen could become a contender for a place in the Guinness Book of Records with the first bungee jumping rat. (For patent, please see Bronco).

The soup was delicious so I'm told - secret recipe. Add a drop of butter fingers, a teaspoonful of Presidential prowess and a generous helping of secretarial chaos. Mix well and blend til smooth. Yummy!

We all know people who wake up with their eyes still closed. Seems one of our members rolled over, muttered good morning and kissed his wife. Then opened his eyes and no wife! It seems the dog got up onto the bed during the night and had scored well with cuddles throughout the nite followed by this early morning Kiss!

"If the cap fits wear it!" and they did! Seems the President has a cap for all seasons and different members chose to wear them at the trial for varying reasons. Mix and match dandruff!

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A MAN AND HIS DOG

Thousands and thousands of years ago the world was a very funny place. God had finished making everything and He'd handed the earth, full of all its good things, over to Man to see what he could make of it. There was only one Man and he was a bit lost and puzzled with such a wonderful toy to play with. He was rather lonely, too, because he was the only one of his sort, and he knew he was different from the other animals. There was one of each animal, too, and one of each plant and one of everything. The animals all stuck together, though there was a bit of quarrelling of course, but they wouldn't have anything to do with the Man because he was different.

Well, one day, because the world was very new, there was an earthquake. First it was dark and still and the animals all crowded together, forgetting to quarrel, because they didn't like the feeling in the air. Then there was a low, deep rumble and all the animals began to shake and quiver, partly because they were so much afraid and partly because the ground was trembling under their paws and claws and pads and hooves. It is a very terrible feeling when the whole earth trembles. Even the Man, who wasn't frightened of anything, felt his legs were a bit wobbly, and he went to the open place where all the animals were crowding together, because he wanted company. But still they wouldn't be friendly. They looked at the man with big, reproachful eyes, as though it was all his fault. So he stood a little apart from them and waited, while another, louder roaring sound filled the air, and the earth shook violently, so that some small trees fell down and the giraffe's neck wobbled like a tree in the wind.

The sheep bleated and the elephant trumpeted with fear and there was a such hubbub that the man shouted: "BE QUIET!" And they were all quiet at once, staring at him with fear, because they realised he was a master and was not shouting with fear as they were.

And then the earth gave a tremendous shake and with a horrible grinding roar, a crack appeared. At first it was no more than a foot across, but gradually it grew wider and deeper, until it looked as though the whole world were breaking in two.

It started almost at the Man's feet and he drew back a pace, so that he was one side of it and the animals were huddled together on the other side. It was separating them, and the man felt it would separate them forever, and he would always be alone. And then he was frightened, and he called out aloud to the animals, "Come on, some of you! Come this side!" But none of them would stir, because they were frightened of man as they were of the earthquake. The horse or the tiger could have jumped over the crack easily, or the camel could have strode across, or any of the birds could have flown over, but they wouldn't.

"Just one of you!" called the Man. "Won't even one of you come and be my friend?"

The lion snarled and the snake hissed. They would never be friend of man.

The crack was getting wider. The Man looked across and felt very lonely. And he saw one animal standing a little apart from the others and watching him with anxious brown eyes. It was the Dog.

The Man looked at him and smiled. "Come on!" he called - and he whistled.

The Dog walked slowly to the edge of the crack, which was too wide now to be called a crack. It was six - seven - eight feet across and very deep and dark and frightening.

The Dog whined, and walked up and down.

"COME HERE!" shouted the Man. "JUMP!" And at once, the dog crouched - paused - and jumped. He landed with his front paws on the ledge, and his hind feet scrambling for a foothold down the face of the cliff.

The Man ran forward and caught him by the scruff of the neck. Just in time; for the earth gave itself a last shake and the crack widened into a tremendous valley, with the animals on top of one mountain and on the other - the Man and his Dog. They were to be friends and comrades for ever.



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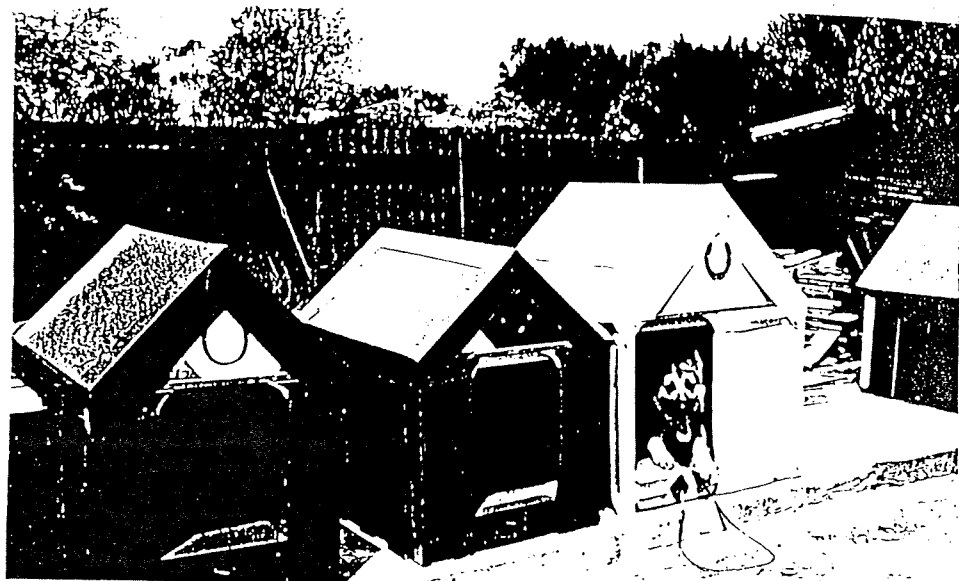
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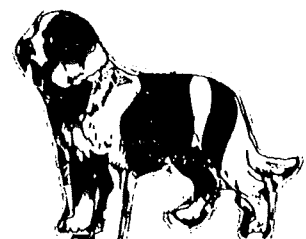
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Having joined the club about six years ago with my first dog
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Dandy is a Toy Poodle, the smallest of the three sizes of
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Victoria, obtaining it four days before his eighth birthday.

CONGRATULATIONS TO -
CHERYL and DANDY





IT'S BETTER TO EDUCATE THAN TO PUNISH
by Peter Kennon

Whenever I talk to a group of people about dog training, I can be reasonably certain that the subject of punishment will arise. Many folk seem to believe that the answer to all their dog problems lies in knowing what size and type of material they should use to thump the animal.

This attitude is not surprising. Society generally seems to place more emphasis on inflicting penalty than it does on effective education.

Whilst it is true that punishment is sometimes necessary, we need to think carefully about its role and application in training dogs.

The dictionary defines punishment as "penalty inflicted on offender." A better definition of punishment for our purposes is "anything that eliminates undesirable behaviour."

If we accept that dogs will sometimes behave in an undesirable manner, we could justify frequent punishment as a training tool. This was in fact the principle of dog "breaking". However, we now recognise that there are more humane and efficient ways of modifying behaviour.

Before we decide to punish our canine pupils, we must determine the nature and cause of any undesirable acts. This means we have to judge the particular situation on its merits, ensure our action is fair, achieves the required result and does not simply worsen the original problem or create a new one.

In deciding what is unacceptable behaviour, we also need to determine if the dog is truly the offender. When the misdemeanor relates to some response we have taught or introduced, the question must be asked "who is at fault?"

My ideas on this matter have changed over the years. I confess that in earlier days, I was much too ready to blame the dog for defective performance and too quick to deal out punishment.

At one time I was training gundogs for field trials and had a particularly promising youngster. His only fault was a strong inclination to chase game. I tried to remedy this by stopping him in the act and giving him a good hiding. The result was - he still chased but became impossible to catch!

Eventually I got tired of tearing around the paddocks after him and finally realised that punishment would never work. I was at fault for not properly teaching him steadiness to flush, so I returned to basics, completed his training and never had to punish him again.

Defective performance is usually the result of poor training. The trainer is the culprit, and the dog cannot be held responsible.

I have two problems with the use of punishment in training. The first is that I find the process emotionally distressing. The punishment hurts me as much as the dog and I invariably experience a sense of failure. My general control has been inadequate and I should have identified a better option.

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IT'S BETTER TO EDUCATE THAN TO PUNISH (Cont/2)

The second thing is that punishment usually has serious side effects and often causes more trouble than it solves.

This doesn't mean that punishment has no place in dog training. Properly administered, it is a tool that must be included in every trainer's box of tricks.

Punishment is most appropriate for undesirable behaviours such as constant barking, fighting, biting, wanton destruction of possessions and other things that do not involve introduced or taught responses. Such behaviour cannot be easily eliminated by other means, although in some cases, isolation or avoidance of the circumstances could be possible and preferable.

Punishment is only effective when it eliminates undesirable behaviour. If punishment is poorly timed or weakly applied it becomes nothing more than harassment.

I intend punishment to mean verbal and physical action of sufficient intensity to act as an aversive stimulus. In my case, a harsh word is often sufficient, but each trainer must decide what is needed, depending on the individual dog's temperament.

The safest and most meaningful method of punishment is to grasp the dog on either side of its neck, lift it off the ground if possible and shake it violently whilst verbally expressing extreme displeasure. This most closely approximates the type of reprimand a dog would receive from a dominant member of its pack.

Human forms of punishment concerning removal of privileges should never be used, for they are beyond the dog's comprehension. We hear trial handlers tell their dogs after a dismal performance that "there's no dinner for you tonight". Hopefully they are always joking!

Timing is absolutely critical, and this means catching the dog during the undesirable behaviour so that it directly relates the punishment to that behaviour. If the dog is not caught in the act, punishment is pointless.

The trainer will usually be very angry when punishment is to be issued but this must be controlled anger. Otherwise the process will degenerate into a sorry state.

I have assumed that readers understand the difference between punishment and negative reinforcement. This is important because the terms are often wrongly interchanged. "A negative reinforcer strengthens any behaviour that reduces or terminates it". (B.F. Skinner).

Perhaps the most significant aspect of punishment is that it can only be used for elimination purposes. Because it requires no immediate response from the dog, it is, in a sense, not instructive.

Punishment doesn't show the dog how to behave, it only shows how not to behave in future. This is the dilemma of punishment; one can never be certain of its long term effect.

Whenever possible, educate and prevent rather than punish.

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SCHOOL WIPES OUT FINES

Peninsula dog owners are being given the chance to go back to school rather than face fines for dog infringements.

The Bellarine District of the City of Greater Geelong has introduced an education program for dog owners, called **CAPER**, which stands for Council Alternatives to Penalties by Educational Rehabilitation.

The program is believed to be a first in Victorian local government.

The non-compulsory course was devised by the Bellarine District as an answer to the public's increasing difficulty to pay penalties and to instill principles of responsible dog ownership in the Bellarine community.

The Bellarine District's by-laws superintendent, Steve Nelson, said 50 percent of people fined under the Dog Act have chosen the course.

"We hope that it may be the start of a new way of helping to create a more responsible community, rather than simply imposing a fine," he said.

"It's putting a human face on council by-laws and helping to build bridges with the community."

Under the scheme a person can negate a \$200 penalty notice for non-registration of an animal by attending four one hour classes.

A \$100 fine for wandering dogs can be negated by attending two one hour classes.

The scheme is open to first offenders only and all classes must be completed in order to have the fine waived.

Each class is conducted by a by-laws officer and makes use of videos and overhead graphics to convey the message of responsible pet ownership and the need for council control over dogs in the community.

"The comments from the 37 participants so far have been almost universally positive and any criticism has been very constructive," Mr Nelson said.

"There is a natural wariness during the first module, but by the third module the atmosphere is very friendly and one of the few criticisms has been that there's not enough time."

"We don't teach about dog health and welfare, but it's an opportunity to explain in an informal way what the regulations are designed to achieve for the community."

"We simply aim to make people understand why the Council does certain things, so they are able to form their own opinions."

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THE BASENJI

By definition, a **Basenji** is a small hound approximately 16-18 inches in height and weighs approximately 22-24 lbs. They are elegant, graceful and extremely versatile. They have a short silky coat and pliant skin which lacks the usual doggy odour whether wet or dry. He is found in the colours of red and white; black and white; and black, tan and white, all with white feet, white tip on tail and white chest. He head is held high with forehead furrowed with the most appealing wrinkles. They have high set, pricked ears and dark almond eyes. Their tails are tightly curled, held high either side of the hind quarter, and they do not bark.

The lack of bark is often thought to mean lack of voice, but this is definitely not so. The **Basenji** has an amazing vocabulary of sounds, particularly his "yodelling". These sounds are usually uttered when happy, or caught in the act of some mischievous devilment.

As a watchdog, the **Basenji** is more positive in its approach than a normal barking house pet. He will raise his hackles and let out an unnerving rumble at the sound of impending danger.

The **Basenji** has a very high degree of intelligence and reasoning power, and each **Basenji** has his own characteristics and personality. They are known to cry real tears, climb trees, hug like a bear, stalk birds, and being unbelievably fastidious, cleaning themselves like a cat.

Along with their intelligence, these remarkable little dogs love attention and are very affectionate and protective with children. They are claimed to have the gameness of a bull mastiff, but the gentleness of a labrador.

He has a history which dates back to approximately 8000 BC. It is proven by paintings, carvings and hieroglyphics that the **Basenji** did exist in the early days of the Pharoahs, and in fact, are older than the Pyramids themselves.

It was not until 1895 that Western Civilisation discovered the **Basenji** in Africa in the Congo regions, being used by the various tribes as a hunting dog. They are a most highly prized possession of these natives even today, as without his little dog, the native loses his prestige as a hunter.

In modern civilisation today, particularly in America and Canada, he is regarded as a top hunting dog as he is swift, bold and has a keen sense of sound and scent. They are not gun shy and can point for over 80 yards, and because of their speed, they are fine and keen racing dogs too.

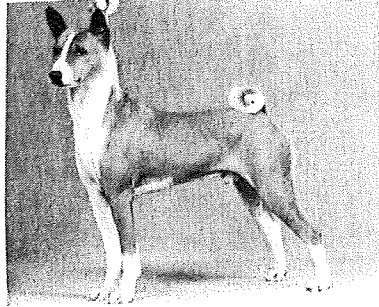
All **Basenjis** have the same creed; to adore, amaze, exasperate and enrich the lives of those humans lucky enough and perceptive enough to own them. Respect them for their independence as they are one of nature's creations, and remember that the **Basenji** is a free spirit and will resist attempts to dominate this independence. Love them as you would a child, and in return, you will receive a devotion and respect seen in no other breed of dog.

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THE BASENJI Cont..

But, be it the show ring, hunting, racing or just lounging in your favourite chair, this little dog who once served pre-historic man will be adored by you, loved by your children, and because they do not bark, liked by your neighbours.

(Taken from a V.C.A. Handout, titled "What is a Basenji"?)



TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

At the end of May, 1993 I took over as Training Supervisor. I have endeavoured to be organized for every training session although I have been trialling with my dog Shadow and have left my assistants Desma and Maria in control for those days.

A few new things will slowly be introduced into our training:-

1. Flags will soon be introduced to help handlers find their class and instructors more easily;
2. Merit Certificates will be starting in August. This certificate is for people who are in between the standard of Beginners and Basic Obedience tests. Once tested they will remain in Class 2. More details will follow.

At our Instructors Meeting for the month of June Dr. Mumtaz Vishal kindly came down to inject the Instructors with tetanus serum.

Congratulations go out to the Instructors on the way they help the members in their classes as we had total of 45 dogs entered for our July, VCA sanctioned, trial; so it is a credit too to our Trial Training Instructors.

Thank you,

LEONIE KELLEHER

OBEDIENCE, AGILITY TRACKING CALENDAR

	<u>CLOSED</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
<u>OBEDIENCE</u>		
Shepparton & District O.D.C.	Closed	1.8.93
Red Cliffs District Kennel Club	Closed	7.8.93
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Bendigo O.D.C.	8.8.93	22.8.93
Rottweiler Club of Vic. (R.O.T.)	30.7.93	29.8.93
Moorabbin & District O.D.C.	15.8.93	29.8.93
Sunbury & District O.D.C.	28.8.93	11.9.93
Northern O.D.C. Inc.	22.8.93	12.9.93
Royal Melbourne Show	Closed	16.9.93-25.9.93
Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of Victoria (R.O.T.)	27.8.93	18.9.93
Wallan & Districts O.D.C.	4.9.93	19.9.93
Western Port O.D.C.	11.9.93	25.9.93
Samoyed Club of Victoria (R.O.T.)	29.8.93	26.9.93

AGILITY

Wallan & Districts O.D.C.	4.9.93	18.9.93
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German Shepherd Dog Club of Vic.Inc.	Closed	7.8.93
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Eastern Suburbs O.D.C.	Closed	14.8.93
Eastern Suburbs O.D.C.	Closed	15.8.93
Victorian Gundog Club	23.7.93	21.8.93
Victorian Gundog Club	23.7.93	22.8.93
Southern O.D.C.	7.8.93	4.9.93
Southern O.D.C.	7.8.93	5.9.93

TITBIT CORNER (Cont.)

Hear we have a sticky fingered Rottweiler owner who wanted to do things RIGHT so she wouldn't get LEFT at the post in her first trial. It worked!

Who owns the 4WD vehicle that was trying out for unknown cross-overs on a track laid by a 2WD drive tracklayer. (Wasn't in 4WD).

Who was the other driver in same 4WD trying out for nordic skiing earlier on at same site.

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