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GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.
NEWSLETTER NO. 54

Once again we extend a warm welcome to the newer members of our Club and trust that your membership is beneficial in forging new friendships and you and your dog become a team bound by mutual understanding.

This Newsletter is produced bi-monthly and distributed on the LAST training session of that month, so remember that and there will be no need to miss out on receiving your copy. If you are unable to attend on that date please see the Secretary and she will retain a copy for you to collect.

On reading our Newsletter for this time last year which had been a particularly wet year, what I wrote then appears to be being re-enacted once again.

Many of the newer members may not realize but our proximity to the river makes our grounds and sometimes the clubhouse prone to flooding. When this is imminent a team of devoted members come down and **LIFT UP** and **HOOK** all our chattels to the ceilings, and then have to go through the process of relocating them and clearing up after the waters have subsided. Spare a thought for their work and perhaps next time, if you live nearby, you might offer them your assistance. Some months the helpers get the name of the Yo-Yo team. River flood warnings are broadcast on the radio regularly and also when the Break is closed to through traffic. So stay in tune, and also watch the Newspapers to see if there are any special notices regarding any training alterations.

Once again the debate is on again as to whether to legislate to have cat owners pay registration fees similar to that of dog owners. Whether you agree or disagree is a contentious matter. However, with it once again comes the colour coded collars to be used on dangerous dogs, and in newspaper articles there is suggestion that **COUNCIL OFFICERS** could be expected **"to exercise a higher level of scrutiny"** for dogs such as Rottweilers and Bull Terriers.

This latter is a definite worry as many medium to large breeds could be discriminated against just because they bark at someone who comes onto their property and/or pokes their head over fences that form part of the dog's own personal territory (his home). My own dogs would certainly re-act in this manner and that is precisely what I want them to do, but in the future they could be penalized for this same reaction. These officers should **not** be given blanket **'right of entry'** which are greater powers than the police force have, and they need to remember the old saying **'that it is not the barking dog that bites you'**.

Some Shires/Councils already run Education Programs for miscreants which is highly commendable, but I think we all need to push for greater education of children in respect to animal responsibility and awareness. This should not only encompass grooming, feeding and exercise; Council by-laws in respect to owning an animal; but address the problem of behaviour in the presence of an animal, i.e. dog. I believe paramount here is **DO NOT** tease your dog or that of your NEIGHBOUR, or encroach on its space. Maybe by educating the children they can better educate the irresponsible adults of our and preceding generations, and forge through to becoming adults who know how to responsibly care for the animals we share this earth with, our companion dogs being one of them.

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Certainly all of us as dog owners have to be on full alert in respect to freedom of choice (meaning breed you wish to live with) and to preserve the diminishing rights of responsible pet owners. We should not have to bear the brunt of the irresponsible minority.

Let's hope that the leading powers get back to implementing some of the programs that have already been put forward in the draft Companion Animal Act.

It was pleasing to see Channel 7's program "Talk to the Animals" featuring Jirrahlina Animal Sanctuary recently. The rescue and re-release of our Australian native animals and birds is all done on a voluntary basis as there is no funding provided by the government to run these refuges. To the newer members Tehree Gordon is one of our Life Members, and a KCC/VCA licensed Instructor.

DATES TO REMEMBER

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5 is our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING commencing at 8pm. If you want to have a say in who runs your Club now is the time to come along and register your vote. Lists of members eligible to vote in this election have been posted in the clubrooms. Even if you are not eligible, come along and meet your new committee. This meeting will be followed by a General Meeting, so learn how your Club makes the decisions that benefit you as a member.

To the outgoing committee, thank you for your dedication over the past year, and to any individuals not standing for re-election, thank you for your past contributions.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 is the WORLD ANIMAL DAY - DOG WALK (more details further on).

OCTOBER 31 is the start of Daylight Savings and, therefore, will be the last SUNDAY morning training session for the year. All classes will be at normal times. That same week, WEDNESDAY evening training will resume, i.e. NOVEMBER 3 at 7 pm for ALL CLASSES. Please remember what class you are in and the name of YOUR instructor. Not only will it be very congested, but it is also NEW member intake evening and the office and training supervisor will have more than enough to concentrate on without having to contest with lost souls all because YOU couldn't remember ONE name. To train your dog you have to learn several commands, so start off on the right foot and get this ONE name RIGHT.

NOVEMBER 28 This is our Obedience and Agility trial, and once again all members are asked to play a part in the successful running of this function. our last trial was excellently run and this was because of your help, so let's see you all participate.

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

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If there are any members available and interested in taking part in a procession from our club on **GALA DAY** (November 5) please see Annette Laing, Pauline Naudi or Janelle Convery.

In closing it would be remiss of me if I didn't pay homage to the team that have been running the Newsletter off in recent months. The last issue was spot on and does a valued service to our advertisers both old and new. Thanks too must go to the team who are always around to do the collating, your continued support is valued.

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DID YOU KNOW: The first ever patient of famed nurse Florence Nightingale was a Scottish shepherd dog - with a badly bruised leg.


Whilst soloquizing on the subject of saliva...Asclepius, Greek hero and god of healing, had dog-assistants at his shrine-hospitals which were trained to lick patients back to health.

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COUNTESS THERESA C.D.X.

Border Collie - Owned and trained by Jim and Catherine Gulli

QUALIFYING SCORES

 Warrnambool Dog Training Club - 6.3.93
Score: 192 points

Warrnambool Dog Training Club - 7.3.93
Score: 189 points

Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc.- 18.7.93

Tess began training for her open title in November 1992. Her love of fetching and jumping held her in good stead, and she quickly learnt the exercises. She entered her first trial in March 1993 (after mastering the broad jump two days before the trial). She gained her first two passes on consecutive days. Her final pass was a little more elusive and was finally gained at Geelong in July.

We would like to thank Phyl Bergin for her time and instruction, and thank the Geelong Obedience Dog Club for their support.

CONGRATULATIONS TO -
Jim and Catherine and Tess



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello there.

To start off this month, I have to eat humble pie. In my last report I complained about the poor attendance at our July 10 working bee only to find so many willing hands on our trial day that we had to find work for them. It proves that one should never "Put the cart before the horse".

The trial went off well, with several Geelong success stories as reported in the last issue. Thanks again to everyone.

The time of year has arrived again where we have the duty and opportunity to elect the Committee we want for the next term. We will be able to volunteer our time and knowledge towards the running of the Club; we are able to support those who are willing to take on the task, or we can re-elect those who served us well till now. So please take note of the notices on the boards. Check if you're eligible to vote and keep the evening of October 5 free to attend the Annual General Meeting.

1994 will be a special year for us. This October is the start of our "40th" year! So rally around and help "your" Club to make it to a "Happy 40th Birthday" next year in October.

I am sure your next Committee will appreciate your help on Special Sub-Committee's to organise the celebrations for this special event.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Committee members for the time and effort they have put in during this term, which we managed without major problems or hassles.

It is the fourth time that I have held the position of President over the many years as a member, and also I had no aspiration to take on this office when I stood for Committee at last year's election; I enjoyed myself, and that is important.

We involve ourselves because it is part of our hobby and hobby's should be fun, healthy and enjoyable. Once this aspect disappears and everything seems to be a burden and we become negative in attitude, then it is time to "get off the road and have a rest". So until that time comes along ..

Happy training!

FRED LEHRMANN
PRESIDENT

DID YOU KNOW:

As part of a research experiment, a dinner plate was wiped with a tea-towel, another was left to drain and one was licked by a dog. Tests revealed that the latter method was the most hygienic of the three.

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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.

SUPPORT GEELONG ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY

**DATE: - SUNDAY
OCT. 3rd.**

TIME: - 11 AM



**WHERE: - At
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Dog Club,
Breakwater Rd. Breakwater.
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**TICKETS:- \$ 5.00 Per Adult (incl. T Shirt)
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REMEMBER:- All dogs must be on lead !!!!

- The long walk will take 1 - 1.5 Hours along the beautiful Barwon River.
- The short walk will take 0.5 Hours (1/2 Hr)

**RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS WALK RAIN, HAIL OR SHINE
..... AND SO WILL WE.**



DOG WALK ON WORLD PET DAY - SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER 1993

Celebrating World Pet Day and promoting responsible pet ownership, this is a fun day for all the family. All proceeds are for the Geelong Animal Welfare Society to enable them to continue their good work.

The walk will be launched by well known Geelong Celebrity, Dennis Walter, at 11.00 a.m. at the Geelong Obedience Dog Club. There are two walks. The long walk, (approximately one and a quarter hours) will be along the beautiful Barwon River, from the Breakwater over the McIntyre bridge and back to the Club along the other side of the river. There is also a short walk (approximately half an hour) for puppies and older dogs, exploring the Barwon River Flats.

Relax after the walk at the Geelong Obedience Dog Club. For lunch enjoy the sausage sizzle, tea, coffee and soft drinks or bring your own picnic. Revitalised enter your pet in novelty events such as "the best dog-owner look alike", "the fastest sitter", "the dog with the droopiest ears" and many more for both adults and children. These will be judged by Judith Scott-Williams.

Buy a raffle ticket or two and win some wonderful prizes donated by Geelong and District Businesses.

Learn more about your dog. There is a free vet check and weigh in after the walk, dog obedience demonstrations and training advice, grooming demonstrations and advice on equipment. Vets, dog trainers and groomers are available to answer your questions on all aspects of pet care.

Tickets are \$5.00 per adult, \$1.00 per child under 15 years, dogs free, but must be on a lead. The cost includes a T-shirt for adults, a gift for children and prizes for lucky ticket numbers.

Tickets can be purchased from your local veterinary surgery, Geelong and District Kennel Club, Geelong Obedience Dog Club and the Geelong Animal Welfare Society, or at the gate on the day.

Responsible dog owners walk rain, hail or shine and so will we on the day.

N.B. There will be no formal training for members attending at the second session time slot of 10.45-11.30 on this day. So make sure your dog gets his exercise by participating in this walk.



NEW MEMBERS



The Sheahan Family	Bob Price	The Johnson Family
The Gorey Family	Leanne Jackson	Melisa & Anna Corona
Sue Cameron	The Steel Family	Rhonda King
Mardi Taylor/Simon Keogh	John & Henny DeJong	Anthony & Ann Lonergan
Liz Bryant/ Peter Lange	Fay McGregor/ Terry Bedford	Mary Morris
The Farnes Family	Betty Vanden Berg	Michael & Debbie Barker
Stephen & Celia Day	The Rivers Family	Marie Sheedy/Leah Windt
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Laurence & Kylie Deppler	Deborah Munro	The podvinsed Family
Paul Gorman	Stan & Susanne Burt	The Rose Family
The Fiolet Family	Richard Caldow	Kevin Eyles
The Ingram Family	Michael & Sharron German	Ellie & Graham Stephens
Bill Mooney	John Backley/Charmaine Granger	Joanna & Peter Dalton
Martin & Lisa White	The Baulch Family	Damien Meesseen
Jan Stronell/Craig McQueen	Anglea & Andrew Tait-Carter	Elizabeth Smith
The Johnson Family	Marlene Lawrance	Maria McCabe
Arthur Freeman	The Phillips Family	Joseph Bislan
Peter & Jane Hayes	Michelle Maynard	Heather Bolton
David & Tracey Parker	Roz Hansen	Irene & Kay Pervuhin
Paul Den Dryver	Scott & Janette Fort	The Wong Family
Catherine & Genevieve Welsh		Andrea Tomlains
Catherin & Fiona Talbot	Don Moore.	

***** WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS !!! *****



BEGINNER'S OBEDIENCE CERTIFICATE PASSES:

CHRISTINE HUDSON & MAX	KAREN PARNELL & TESA	JEAN GREENHILL & SASHA
GORDON BELL & GABBY	FRANK GUARDIANO & SANDY	MARK HODGSON & REX
ROBIN BODDINOTT & BEN	CHERYL JENSCH & HAYLEY	JENNY BRADBURY & JAKE
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DIANE BIRTHISELL & CANDY	CHRIS STEWART & ROSIE	LYNETTE PARKINSON & TESS
ULRIC ORR & DONNA	LEANNE GUNTORPE & ROCKHAMPTON	REBECCA WARREN & RASTUS
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.....CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE PEOPLE. THEY NOW TRAIN IN
CLASS TWO (2)

BASIC OBEDIENCE CERTIFICATE PASSES:.....

SHANE SKURRIE & KARA	KATH DEVLIN & SHEENA	DORIS BAKER & JACK
DIANE BIRTHISELL & MATT	CHERYL MCCURLEY & ABBEY	BRETT BUCHANAN & BEAU
PAULINE NAUDI & BRANDY	DOUG MILES & ROXY	PAUL METCALFE & BRONSON
JENNY BRADBURY & JAKE	COLIN HALSON & STRYDER	GERARD DINGEMANS & RIGO

.....CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE PEOPLE, THEY NOW
TRAIN IN CLASS THREE (3).....

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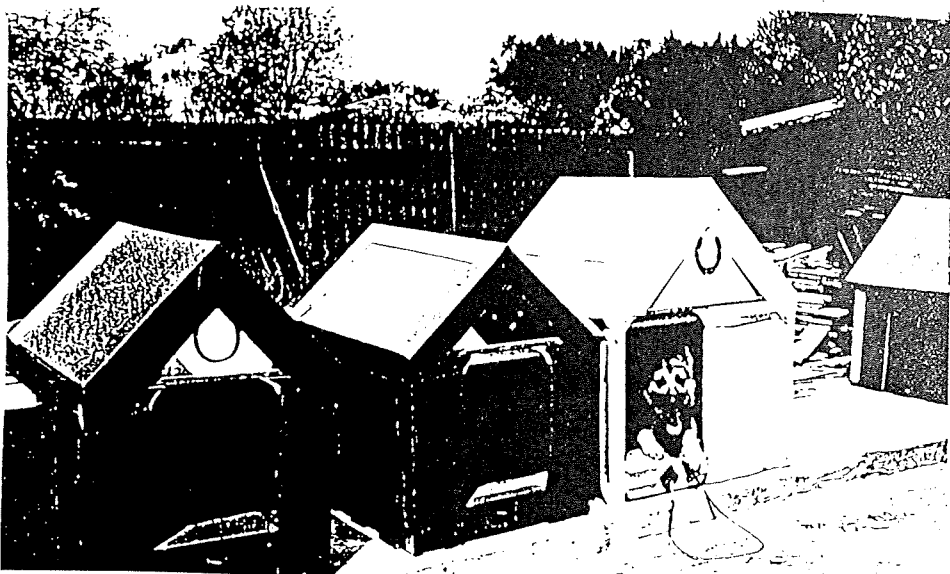
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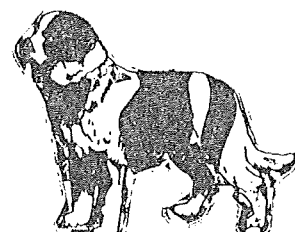
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THE ITALIAN GREYHOUND

With a history stretching into Roman times, this breed still enjoys his special favours amongst staunch enthusiasts. Weighing in at 8-10 lbs, and around 15" at the shoulder, this little fellow comes in a variety of colours. The most common colour is fawn and he may have white trimmings. He can also be black, blue, red or pied, but never brindle or black-and-tan.

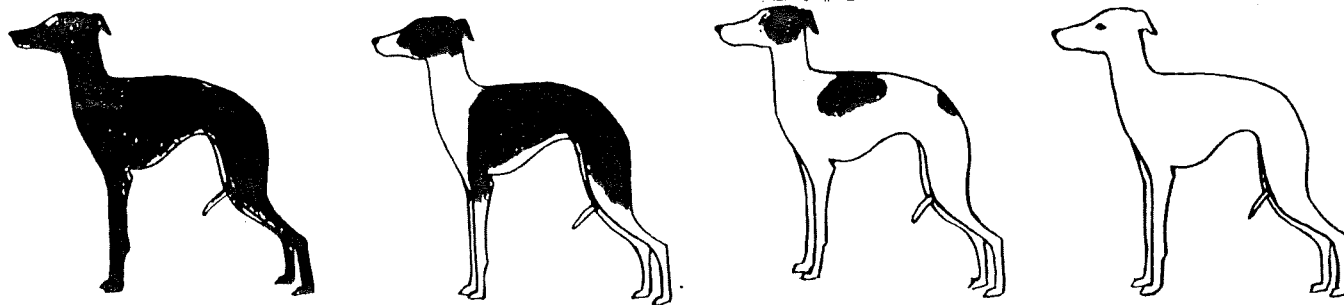
Very popular during the reign of Queen Victoria, he became the favourite subject of artists of the time and is depicted in famous oils, bronze sculpture and fine porcelain. Prince Albert's favourite companion was "Eos" an Italian Greyhound seen in many fine paintings. Other European royal families kept numbers of them as amusing and loving pets.

Personality ranges in the Italian Greyhound from quiet devotion to the most boisterous and acrobatic antics of any breed. Extremely active as youngsters, they need to be allowed to become accustomed to handling their extremely long and finely boned limbs in safe surroundings. They will make friends with other pets in the family and get on well with larger breeds. They are, as they look - extremely fast. Their very keen nature and inquisitiveness creates a need to be well informed of the doings of the household. Italian Greyhounds have excelled as **obedience** dogs. They do not thrive when locked away from the activities of the family.

Not only the finest boned of canines, but the finest skinned as well, makes the Italian Greyhound averse to cold and windy surroundings. A warm jacket in Melbourne's winter is a must. Conversely a warm climate will see him at his very happiest. He is an indoor pet firstly, happiest when he has a soft warm rug in which to wrap himself, but loves a frolic in the open spaces. He has an amazingly loud voice for such a small dog and will make an admirable watchdog, not being keen to attach to strangers, and very loving and loyal to his special humans.

He will quickly learn to walk very stylishly by your side on a light lead, showing off his characteristic prancing gait, and will enjoy riding in the car. His incredibly athletic antics will keep you amused for a relatively long lifetime. Italians have been known to live for 20 years, and reproduce up to 16 years.

(Condensed from a VCA handout on The Italian Greyhound.)



LEBERFELL MONTANA CD (LACEY)

On May 9 1993 at Ballarat, to the relief and delight of a great many people Leberfell Montana (Lacey) finally attained her CD.



Lacey achieved her first pass at Werribee on October 24 1992 and her second at Warrnambool on March 6 1993. Following a frightening experience for Lacey in early '92 we had quite set back and had to return to square one with some aspects of our training. Months later Lacey regained her faith and trust in me and we headed back to the obedience circuit with the outcome being a CD title. A greater Mother's Day gift I couldn't have asked for. To Lacey's and my delight that week we were invited by Maria Elliott to join her in Tracking training, talk about a heady week for us both, it was the ultimate!!

Lacey and I don't really know where to start with our thanks, so to all in the club both instructors and members, thank you for your constant support and encouragement.

Starting with our first instructor in Puppy Class, who said, 'that dog has a lot of potential', continuing through to Class 1 with the comment being 'If the handler was as bright as the dog the sky would be the limit', lucky I've got very broad shoulders. But as a first timer with a young dog I was willing to listen and try whatever was suggested. Then it was Class 2 and no matter what we did we couldn't get promoted out of that class. Our first pass in the Novice ring allowed us to escape and to go into Helen Reid's class and didn't Lacey thrive in that environment; right up a gun dogs' alley. Of course Wednesday nights were invaluable, with access to the expertise of Fred Lehrmann and Maria Elliott and with their infinite patience we reached our goal a lot quicker. A special mention must also go to Val Moeller who passes on the "nattiest" ideas in helping to undo the little quirks that dogs develop with the unwitting assistance of their handlers.

Training a German Shorthaired Pointer seems to be a lot more challenging than the classic working dog breeds but the rewards for me were ten fold. The channelling of GSPs seemingly limitless energy and devotion to please (and retrieve!!) into obedience work is something to behold. The best advice I was given was to allow my GSP to mature, not to push her even though she showed potential as a young dog. To allow her to be a fun loving puppy for her first two years. Adherence to that advice has produced a dog that loves the challenge of obedience and tracking work.

Well at twenty months of age it all came together. We hit the Obedience circuit. As the many spectators of our attempts at novice class will tell you, Lacey's greatest handicap was what was on the other end of the lead (Dippy). I wouldn't trade any of the experiences we had at the twelve trials we attended. Lacey and I learned invaluable lessons at every trial, even on the non-qualifying days I could find something really special we'd done and come away on a high. So for other gun dog owners, "hang in there", it's well worth the effort. The time spent just makes the final result all that much sweeter.

Angie Bloomer

" CH. LACEBARK SNO PHANTASTIC C.D. "

Japanese Spitz - Owned by Sue Hume and Ian Templeton

QUALIFYING SCORES

Geelong Obedience Dog Club	-	Score: 181 Points
Albury Obedience Dog Club	-	Score: 172 Points
Keilor Obedience Dog Club	-	Score: 178 Points

MAX was originally obtained as a show and stud dog. After obtaining his Australian Champion Title and producing a couple of litters MAX decided to take Sue to some Obedience Trials to see how she would go.

After a slow start MAX finally obtained his C.D. Title in June 1993. He is now taking on tracking as a career.

Many thanks to all the instructors at Geelong Obedience Dog Club, especially Maria Elliott and Fred Lehrmann who helped us.

CONGRATULATIONS TO -
SUE and IAN and Max

ON TRACK FOR SUCCESS

While their role today is primarily that of companion and family pet, there are many dogs who work for their living.

Seek and ye shall find - at least that is how it is most of the time for Western Australia's super-talented Search and Rescue Dogs. This incredibly valuable service is provided free of charge by dedicated volunteers. When someone is reported lost or overdue, these talented dogs are available to respond instantly - day or night - to help with the search effort.

Much of their work involves finding children who have become lost in bushland or national parks, or who somehow have become parted from their parents. Similarly, old people (often Alzheimers sufferers) who have inadvertently wandered away from homes or hospitals make up a large part of their workload, along with hikers and hunters lost in the bush. The dogs are also called in to find victims of everything from drowning accidents to earthquakes, floods, explosions, fires, plane crashes and other disasters, as well as homicide victims. On average, the dogs' services are called upon some 40-50 times a year.

The Western Australian Search and Rescue Dog Squad has been in operation for some 13 years, under the control of WA's State Emergency Service. Originally comprising German Shepherds, the team now boasts a cross section of dogs - mostly (but not all) purebred. The current composition of the team is: two German Shepherds, one German Shepherd X, three Weimaraners, one German Shorthaired Pointer and two Belgian Shepherds. The dogs train twice a week, either at the Murdoch University farm, in the bush at Jarrahdale, or at the Gnangara pine plantation.

In addition to the adult dogs, the team is now placing a lot of emphasis on training puppies. Instead of waiting until they are at least 12 months old, as in the past, they are now started as pups to give them more confidence to readily leave their handlers and seek out the object of their search. Already Sherman the 5-month-old Weimaraner and Holly the 10-month-old German Shorthaired Pointer have got the hang of air scenting and are being taught to track and trail.

So how exactly do the search and rescue dogs carry out their duties? Basically, all humans constantly emit microscopic particles bearing their own unique scent, millions of which are airborne and carried via the wind for considerable distances. By air-scenting, the SAR dog is trained to locate the scent of any person in a specified search area.

What, I hear you ask! Whatever happened to the traditional tracking dog? After all, we've all been brought up on a television diet of baying Bloodhounds, noses pressed to the ground, hot on the trail of missing persons. Well, it appears that strong wind, heavy rain, heat and contamination by other searches can in fact hamper traditional tracking dogs, which have now become almost obsolete in search and rescue work - the air-scenting dogs having proven to be far more effective. Many of these air-scenting search dogs are, however, also trained in trailing and scent discrimination, in order to make them as versatile and multi-skilled as possible.

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ON TRACK FOR SUCCESS (Cont.d)

After initial scans of trails and paths, each dog/handler team is usually assigned a segment of the search area to cover systematically. Handlers work their dogs downwind of the section assigned to them, or cover the area in a way that provides dogs with the best scenting advantage. The dogs are not restricted to the missing person's track and can in fact search long after that track is obliterated.

Search dogs can work successfully in areas where other searchers have been and can work with other search resources. For instance, using scent articles the dogs can discriminate between the missing person and any others in heavily populated areas. And, clever creatures that they are, they can work day or night in most weather conditions, being particularly effective where human sight is most limited - such as in the dark, in dense bushland, in debris (as found in earthquakes and floods) and under water.

I was fortunate enough to see these WA "wonder dogs" in action recently and was enormously impressed. Even more so when I discovered that one of their star performers - **Suede** the Weinaraner - had just been involved in a cougar hunt. It appears that some cougars, originally brought out in American ships and planes during World War II as mascots, escaped and ever since they have been living in the wild. One of these had been shot - hence the tracking exercise. Obviously there is nothing these SAR dogs can't turn their paw to!

Suede (officially known as Aust. Ch. Ghostwind Ultra Suede) in addition to being a SAR dog is also a member of WA's Pedigree Pal Superdog team. He is proudly owned by Pam Cockcroft, the dedicated co-ordinator of the SAR dog team. Pam originally got involved some four years ago in a bid to learn Title tracking - and after six weeks of training was asked to join the team. Since then, search and rescue assignments, along with Superdog work, have taken top priority. Luckily, she receives heaps of support from husband Allan, which is just as well - seeing that the SAR dogs are on call around the clock!

It is certainly very reassuring to know that these hairy heroes are out in the community, putting their best paw forward in the service of mankind.

(Written by Judy Chapman, published in **Pedigree Pal Digest, Autumn '93** edition. Reprinted with kind permission from Pedigree Pal Digest.)

DID YOU KNOW....

Lonely heart dog owners can play the dating game through personals inserted in a newsletter launched by the Single Doglovers Association.

"Quiet animal lover seeks down-to-earth pet lover who knows who's the boss - the dog", writes a New Jersey woman with two hounds at home.

Newsletter publisher Susie Arndorfer admits her own ad has not attracted a man willing to put up with her three Borzois, an Afghan, a Welsh corgi, two mongrels, two German Shepherds, three cats, 11 geese and some goats.

TITBIT: Seems her radar wasn't working - Tracklayer laid track in fog and decided to commune with nature when walking back - in opposite direction to where she left her vehicle!

"FIRST TRIAL."

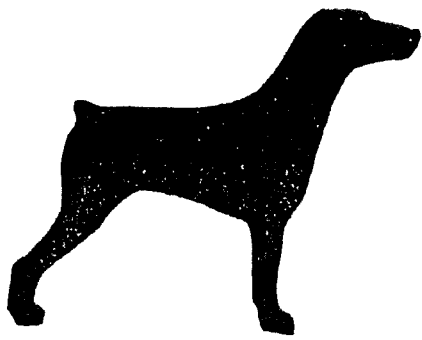
BEFORE GOING TO ANY DOG TRIAL MAKE SURE DOG IS FREE OF FLEAS THE BEST WAY TO RID DOG OF FLEAS IS A TICK WASH. BRUSH AND COMB THE DOG. JUDGES DON'T LIKE DIRTY DOGS. GIVE ATTENTION TO THE TOE NAILS, EARS & EYES ETC ANY DISCOMFORT IN THESE AREAS CAN PREVENT A DOG GIVING HIS BEST. FEEDING DOG BEFORE A TRIAL IS NOT A GOOD IDEA HOWEVER IF IT IS GOING TO BE MORE THAN 5 HOURS BEFORE DOG WILL ENTER THE TRIAL RING A SMALL MEAL IS FINE. I LIKE TO GIVE MY DOG 2 BANANAS. THESE FRUITS ARE PRE DIGESTED SO DON'T STAY IN THE STOMACH FOR LONG. MAKE SURE THE DOGS COLLAR IS A NEAT FIT NOT TOO SHORT OR TOO LONG OR TOO HEAVY. AND THE LEAD IS AT LEAST 750 mm LONG. ALWAYS TAKE DOGS OWN DRINKING WATER TO THE TRIAL, ALSO TAKE A TOWEL FOR THE DOG, AND TAKE A TETHERING STAKE. HANDLER SHOULD WEAR NEAT FITTING CLOTHING. JOGGER SHOES. MAYBE A CAP. TAKE A SAFETY PIN OR CLIP TO ATTACH THE EXHIBITOR NUMBER TO THE CLOTHING. DO MAKE SURE YOU ARRIVE ABOUT ONE HOUR BEFORE TRIAL STARTS. THIS WILL GIVE YOU TIME TO CHECK IN AND PICK UP YOUR CATALOGUE AND CATALOGUE NUMBER, EXERCISE THE DOG MAKING SURE HE DOES ALL HIS TOILETRIES. WHEN YOUR TURN IS ABOUT TEN MINUTES AWAY, TAKE THE DOG FOR ITS FINAL CHANCE TO TOILET. CHECK THAT YOUR CATALOGUE NUMBER IS VISIBLE AND GET YOUR DOG INTO AN ALERT MOOD. THIS MAY BE DONE BY A LITTLE HEEL WORK WITH A FIRM CORRECTION OR/AND LOTS OF PRAISE OR A FOOD REWARD. (NO FOOD ALLOWED IN RING) ENTER THE TRIAL RING IN A SMART BRISK MANNER SO THAT THE DOG REALISES IT IS WORK TIME. SIT DOG ON LEFT SIDE OF STARTING POST AND IF NECESSARY REPOSITION DOG UNTIL HE IS SITTING STRAIGHT. YOU HAVE LOTS OF TIME TO DO THIS. NERVES PLAY IMPORTANT PART IN HOW SUCCESSFUL YOUR TRIAL WE BE, IF YOUR DOG IS WELL TRAINED AND YOU HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE DOG NERVES ARE NOT A PROBLEM. A DRINK OF "CAMOMILE" HERBAL TEA BEFORE THE TRIAL IS RELAXING. IN SPITE OF ALL YOUR TRAINING AND PREPARATION YOU WILL PROBABLY FIND THAT COMPETING IN AN OFFICIAL TRIAL RING IS A DIFFERENT EXPERIENCE FROM ANYTHING THAT YOU AND YOUR DOG HAS DONE BEFORE. DISTRACTIONS AROUND THE RING CAN BE BARBECUES, BARKING OR MOVING DOGS, INSIDE THE RING THE JUDGE OR STEWARD MAY DISTRACT YOUR DOG. THEN THERE IS ALWAYS THE PROBLEM OF THE HANDLER'S NERVES AFFECTING HIS VOICE AND BODY MOVEMENTS AND THUS CONFUSING THE DOG. AND OF COURSE THE RULES PREVENT YOU FROM GIVING THE DOG EXTRA GUIDANCE AND PRAISE TO YOUR DOG THAT YOU HABITUALLY DO IN TRAINING. WHATEVER HAPPENS DO NOT LOSE YOUR COOL! USE YOUR COMMONSENSE FOR ANY THING THAT MAY HAPPEN IN THE RING. TACKLE THE EXERCISES WITH AN AIR OF CONFIDENCE AND PRECISION. GIVE ALL YOUR COMMANDS CLEARLY AND CALMLY. TRY TO ASSESS YOUR DOG'S MOOD AND ATTITUDE BEFORE AND DURING YOUR PERFORMANCE AND THEN GIVE YOUR COMMANDS IN AN APPROPRIATE TONE OF VOICE. FOR EXAMPLE IF YOUR DOG IS LAGGING IN HEEL WORK, GIVE THE HEEL COMMAND IN A QUIET, FIRM AND ENCOURAGING TONE; GIVE CLEAR, CONCISE HAND SIGNALS.

AUTHOR : BILL LANG

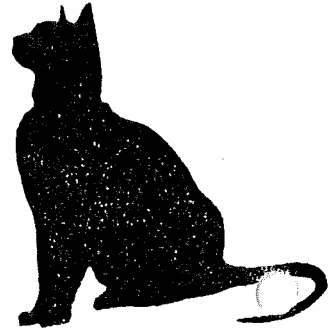
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AGILITY TRIAL CALENDAR

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<u>GIPPSLAND O.D.C.</u>	<u>26. 9.93</u>	<u>10.10.93</u>
ALTONA CIVIC O.D.C. INC. (INAUGURAL)	3.10.93	17.10.93
KNOX O.D.C.	17.10.93	31.10.93
HAMILTON AMENITIES KENNEL & O.C.	24.10.93	7.11.93
BAIRNSDALE O.D.C. INC.	30.10.93	13.11.93
SOUTHERN O.D. TRAINING CLUB	6.11.93	20.11.93
GEELONG O.D.C. INC.	14.11.93	28.11.93

S H A D O W

1987 I joined G.O.D.C. Inc. not knowing what to expect or achieve with my six month old puppy. Well I got hooked and decided to give trialling a go.

Shadow and I started off in Encouragement Class in 1989. We progressed to Novice very quickly. 'Wow, I thought Encouragement was easy, it won't take long to get through Novice.' But alas, this wasn't the case for Shadow and I.

It's now 1993 and on the 29th August we finally obtained our C.D. Title. Novice was a hard long slog but I was not going to give up. Shadow developed phobia's about different exercises, thankfully I persisted with them. Shadow then picked up a very bad case of KENNEL COUGH, which put us out of action for a while. Once recovered we tried again, but kept coming home with sad news. I became used to saying 'NOT TODAY; MAYBE AT THE NEXT TRIAL'. I kept saying this until Shadow and I received our first pass in June of 1992. At last, I thought one down two to go. No worries, now we've got one it won't take long for the others. He's lost the phobias we'll sail through now.

No such luck my new saying being 'oh well, back to the drawing board'. On returning from a trial and stopping to let shadow use a tree, I noticed that he didn't look the best. The next day we had to rush my boy to the vets. He had an obstruction in his bowel. Shadow was sick for quite a while. The Vet told me if I'd been any later in getting to the surgery they wouldn't have been able to save him.

Back to being his usual self, we hit the road again heading off for all different places and meeting people (who have now become friends) at the trials.

Shadow found a new trick he was able to drop on his sit stay as I was returning to finish the exercise. This was a good trick as he knew the right days to do it; WHEN WE WERE SITTING ON A PASS!! When this started I came to the conclusion that my dog was very social and treated trials as going for a trip in the car, and later able to be with friends.

Going right back to basics (yet again) we eventually cured this trick. Twelve months to the day of Shadow getting his first pass; 'yes' we received the second pass. Finally I thought we'd crack it for the TITLE. The next few trials we went to were very nerve

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SHADOW (Cont..d)

wrecking we kept missing out by only a few points of that last one. But, I still stayed optimistic that we'd one day have something to celebrate.

On grooming Shadow one day I felt a couple of lumps that I thought the Vet should see. I said to the Vet. that I only had one more pass to get, could the operation wait. He told me not to leave it too long. Sooo, after nearly six weeks of recovery we started again. On our second outing we did it. YES, we finally obtained our COMPANION DOG TITLE.

MORAL: I know that training and trialling can sometimes get you down, especially when you know that your pooch can do the work. Try and look at it this way You make some great friends, and get to see many different types of breeds, and look at what you may like to aim for with your four legged friend.

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE.

by Leonie Kelleher



CLUB CALENDAR

3.10.93	WORLD ANIMAL DAY - DOG WALK
5.10.93	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
25.10.93	Instructors Meeting
31.10.93	Last Day Sunday Training for 1993
2.11.93	Committee Meeting
3.11.93	WEDNESDAY EVENING TRAINING STARTS
5.11.93	Gala Day Parade
14.11.93	Closing date for G.O.D.C. Trial
14.11.93	Closing date for NEWSLETTER
20.11.93	Working Bee
27.11.93	Working Bee
28.11.93	G.O.D.C. OBEDIENCE & AGILITY TRIAL
29.11.93	Instructors Meeting
7.12.93	General Meeting
15.12.93	Last Training Evening for 1993 and Annual Presentation Night
N.B. 1.12.93	ABSOLUTE CLOSING DATE for trial results, title notices, Elsa Dahl Award & Committ/Instructor of the year award nominations.

Members are reminded that all General Meetings commence at 8 pm unless otherwise advised. Attendees are requested to bring a plate (embellished with food).

ATTENTION: Snakes have resurfaced and pose a problem to watch out for when running your dogs in bush or beach settings.



DISPLAY TEAM REPORT

A recent outing of the Display Team saw Paul, Joan, John, Jerry and Julie and their canine companions visit the Leopold Cubs with me to put on a short obedience display for our young audience after a talk on pet care. After the "demo" we answered questions from our audience before they met "the gang" and fed titbits to the dogs who enjoyed that part of the evening best of all.

A few days later, on a damp afternoon, I went with Joan, Paul and Jerry, plus dogs, to Sacred Heart College, to put on another display which went well despite the weather. Both dogs and owners were presented with a memento of the occasion - a very nice gesture!

On July 14 three of us and dogs returned to St Lawrence Park for an encore performance.

We had an audience of about 50 patients and several staff watch the display and applaud the dogs (and us too I hope). We spent a long time afterwards talking to everyone while they patted the dogs, plied them with goodies and asked us questions. We enjoyed ourselves immensely and have been asked to return yet again in a couple of months. I do feel this is a very worth-while project to be involved in. Thank you to those people who gave their time to attend these venues with me - great work gang!

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An update to the Display team report along with my apologies for missing the last Newsletter - I was too late with the report sorry!

A contingent of nine members and their dogs went to the Hobby Expo on August 14 and despite the damp conditions we demonstrated both obedience and agility to an interested crowd of people and I ended up with laryngitis. Thanks to the team members who give up so much of their well-earned leisure time to go out and promote the Club.

DESMA DICKESON
DISPLAY TEAM MANAGER

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TEACHING RELIABILITY FOR THE UNEXPECTED

In August 1987 I described, in this column, a very troublesome motor vehicle I owned at the time. Happily that heap of useless metal is now someone else's problem and no longer do I have to cross my fingers and say a little prayer everytime I embark on a journey.

My article created considerable comment and it seemed that nearly everyone I met had a similar tail of woe. It is obvious that none of us appreciate things that are unreliable.

Yet, as dog trainers, we appear to readily accept inconsistent performance from our animals. We complain at length but are slow to take remedial action. We train our dogs to be obedient - most of the time; making them reliably obedient seems to be another matter.

It is not really hard to imagine why a dog facing a strange situation might suddenly act in an unexpected manner.

The reason invariably is that the dog's obedience hasn't been sufficiently tested in distracting conditions. As a result, its reliability will always be doubtful.

The process of testing with distractions is usually referred to as "proofing". When we proof a dog's obedience, we make it "impervious to undesired action."

All early training is best done in relative seclusion so that the pupil is given every opportunity to absorb the information being offered. When it understands and is able to respond consistently, there is absolutely no point in mindless repetition which won't improve reliability but will lead to boredom and loss of enthusiasm.

What we need to do is offer the dog increasingly greater challenges so that its understanding is tested and strengthened. This is the objective of proofing.

In "proofing" a dog, we are deliberately creating situations which cause errors. The dog is encouraged to learn from its mistakes. If we don't test and correct the dog's understanding, failures will occur when we least expect and desire them.

Proofing involves progressive presentation of increasing levels of distraction and variety, tailored to the dog's weaknesses and individual temperament.

The things we do and use to proof a dog's performance must be safe and sensible. They will be objects and situations the dog might reasonably encounter and be expected to cope with in its everyday existence.

To illustrate the technique of proofing, let us assume that an early low level test for the heeling exercise is someone the dog knows, standing silently in your path. As you approach you should expect the dog to race over for a greeting; be ready to correct it back to the heel position. No help or warning should be given. We are not teaching the exercise, we are testing the dog's understanding.

When the dog won't even glance at the assistant, have the person bounce a ball or do something more inviting (other than call the dog's name), making the temptation stronger on successive tests.

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TEACHING RELIABILITY FOR THE UNEXPECTED

Infrequent praise can be given for exceptional effort, but avoid having the dog anticipate areward everytime.

Proofing requires imagination and innovation because mistakes become increasingly difficult to cause as the dog's reliability improves. Also be aware that what works well for one dog could be useless for another.

Here are some of the things I do:

- my wife breeds bantams and a heeling pattern through the assembled flock is great (so far not a single feather has been ruffled).
- being retrieving fanatics, my dogs can always be tempted by a strategically placed tennis ball.
- scent discrimination next to the budgie aviary is a good test.
- a succulent bone on the otherside of the hurdle usually attracts at least a glance during the retrieve.
- I occasionally bribe the local kids (who the dogs adore) to wander along and give the dogs a pat during the stays.
- asking the dog to approach the broad jump from the opposite direction is good proofing.
- the open door of the dog float or truck often acts like a magnet.

Although I usually deplore uncontrolled dogs, the less disciplined members of our local canine community are my greatest training allies. I am particularly fond of those that race in a frenzy to the fence.

A bowl of biscuits placed directly in the path, tests the dog's recall, and the same bowl positioned behind the handler, is helpful for the finish.

One thing that doesn't work for me is to leave some dogs free whilst I train one. All that happened is that the whole tribe try to do the exercise together, often with hilarious but hardly productive results.

In all these things we need to carefully gauge the dog's reaction. Some require and can accept more proofing than others. Properly conducted, proofing establishes great confidence. The dog knows how to behave in diverse circumstances and the trainer is assured that when the unusual happens, everything possible has been done to ensure reliable performance.

By Peter Kennon

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TRIAL RESULTS

BENDIGO O.D.C.

Leonie Shell

Mystic Belle (Belle)

NOVICE
1ST Place
1ST PASS

MOORABBIN O.D.C.

Leonie Kelleher

Shadow

NOVICE
3RD PASS C.D.

SOUTHERN O.D.C.

Sue Hume

Ch.Lacebark Sno Phantastic CD
(Max)
Japanese Spitz

PRELIMINARY
TRACK
Pass

THE LHASA APSO

The **Lhasa Apso** is a small, well muscled hardy little house dog originating in Tibet and thought to have descended from the harder type of dog common for centuries over Central Asia.

The name "**Apso**" is used in Tibet for both of their smaller long-haired breeds - Apso meaning long haired or goat like. The Tibetans also distinguish the smaller ones, the **Lhasa Apso**, as **Apso Seng Kyi** and literally translated Seng means lion and Kyi means dog or the Lion dog of Tibet in Buddhist mythology.

To look at them, they are a mop of hair, ideal height of 10" high, hard to distinguish front from back and can be any colour or mixture of colours.

They are highly intelligent, good with children, gay and assertive with a free and jaunty movement, but chary of strangers and can be sensitive to the moods of their owners. However, this suspicion of strangers is the basis of a good housedog - but if a guest is introduced as a friend they are prepared to accept them.

Intensely loyal to their family, they are a small dog with a big heart!

The coat is double with moderate undercoat which provides good insulation which is cast out for summer when a thinner undercoat grows; the top coat is of a hard texture and serves as a weather-proof outer jacket. The good fall of hair over the eyes is protection against dust, wind and intense glare found in the Tibetan climate.

They are a late maturing, long living breed and several of the breed have lived to an average of up to 17 years. They can be stubborn, so one must be firm about training as a **Lhasa Apso**, being intelligent, often think they know more than you do and consider themselves as an equal.

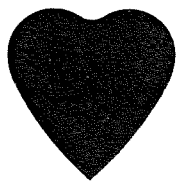
Their faithfulness usually convinces the **Lhasa Apso** that they should please you. They have a fine sense of fun and will lie for hours near their owner hardly noticeable, i.e. if the owner is ill, the **Apso** will not go out to play, but will prefer to stay by their owner's side.

Being a small dog, they are ideal for the metropolitan area, but they are by no means softies - they are an all weather strong breed. Definitely not lap dogs, however, they do like to be indoors. Years of close contact with people in the temples and also as a house dog and bed warmer in Tibet has developed their lovable personalities.

(Information taken from a **Lhasa Apso Club** handout.)

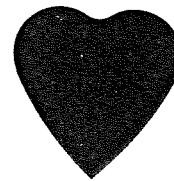


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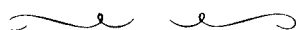
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1st Pass - Warrnambool
2nd Pass - Gippsland
3rd Pass - Moorabbin



TRIALS ATTENDED - 43 (NOVICE)
They thought we'd never make it,
But it finally came true,
For Shadow and I got our C.D. too!
After much laughter, sweat and tears,
Many people need three cheers
Special thanks to Meinhard, and
Maree and Fred
For giving me their guidance and
all of their support and for
keeping me optimistic at all the right
times.
Thanks to all our friends whom also
gave me support at all the trials.

CONGRATULATIONS TO -
LEONIE and SHADOW



OBEDIENCE TRIAL CALENDAR

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BERWICK O.D.C.	16.10.93	30.10.93
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BAIRNSDALE O.D.C. INC.	30.10.93	13.11.93
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SOUTHERN O.D. TRAINING CLUB	6.11.93	20.11.93
SHERBROOKE O.D.C.	7.11.93	21.11.93
IRISH SETTER CLUB OF VIC.(R.O.T.)	29.10.93	21.11.93
RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB OF VIC. (R.O.T.)	28.10.93	28.11.93
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