

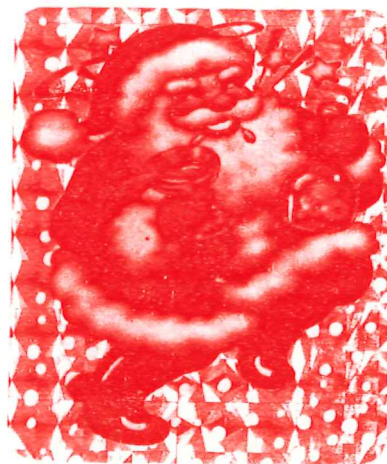
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GEELONG OBEDIENCE DGG CLUB INC.
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GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC
NEWSLETTER NO. 55

Welcome to all our new members, may your stay with us be long and prosperous.

This Newsletter is produced bi-monthly and distributed on the **LAST** training session of that particular month, so remember that and there will be no need to ever 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.

The new Committee have been elected since our last Newsletter (see front page listing). They are ready and willing to listen to anything you the members have to say, and are prepared to help you with any problems you may have.

Life memberships this year were bestowed on a husband and wife team Barry and Maria Elliott. Both are achievers but are like chalk and cheese in the way they contribute to the Club. Barry is very vocal in expressing his opinions on all club matters, whereas Maria quietly slots in wherever an extra pair of hands are needed.

Barry has served loyally on committees and been a past President of the Club, and has done an excellent job of liaising with our godfather the VCA (formerly KCC) on many matters relating to the obedience fraternity, and has had his hand in many other club operations including several years at running this Newsletter off.

Maria has been the quiet achiever who has filled the gaps in the committee's ranks wherever the need was. She has been an instructor and successfully trialed and tracked two German Shepherds. She is one of our dedicated and experienced trial training instructors.

Their contribution to the club as individuals have been invaluable and congratulations are extended to them both.

Our thanks must go to all those people who marched in the **Gala Parade** and to all those who helped in organising same. Thank you for promoting the Club.

There are currently many members who have every reason to be happy having had success at the recent **Fun Day**, and in some cases having passed tests for certificates. All members who attended can be proud of their contribution and the monies raised for the **Guide Dogs Association** (results elsewhere in this Newsletter). Members are reminded that in order to collect Certificates they must attend in the Club house the following week for official presentations.

All trialers are reminded that **HALF PAGE TITLE NOTICES** are printed for free in this Newsletter and it is your responsibility to submit these details if you wish to avail yourself of this option. Members are further reminded that copyright laws exist not just for the printed word, but also it holds good on photographs. So if you have a photograph of your dog included in your title Resume that is quite acceptable. However, it is **NOT** acceptable to submit a photograph or a drawing of someone else's dog. Be proud of the achievement that you and **YOUR DOG** have attained, don't misrepresent **YOUR OWN SPECIAL POOCH**.

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EDITORIAL Cont...d

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 28 - Our Agility and Obedience trial. **BE COUNTED!**

December 1 - Is the closing date for Elsa Dahl award nominations, committee/instructor person of the year nominations; and also the last date for trial results and title applications to be handed in. **NO** late details will be accepted. So it is up to you not to 'miss the bus'.

December 4 - Our Christmas Dinner Dance (Spit Roast) function. This night usually proves to be highly enjoyable so make up a table with your friends and come along. Cost \$15 per head. (See information sheet in this Newsletter).

December 8 - General Meeting commencing at 8 pm.

December 15 - **LAST** training session for year and **PRESENTATION NIGHT**. This is a good chance to have fun in your class as the Instructors usually have some fun activities for you to do with your dog. Follow-int that time everyone is invited back into the club house to have a **FREE** cup of tea or coffee and listen to the Presentations. Following this you can enjoy a chat with your fellow class members or you can throw a snag on the club barbie.

A reminder to all members that snakes are out and about once more and club members have reported sightings of them in a variety of places. Snakebite treatment for animals is exactly the same treatment as administered to humans.

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

Snakes have been sighted in the outside exercise paddocks and on our grounds in past years, so do take care. A good thing to remember from now on if you take your dogs in bushland, in farming areas, near inland waterways or through vegetated sand dunes to the beach, it is best done in the early morning.

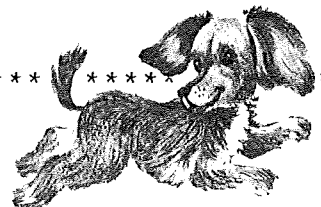
In closing may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a prosperous new year and remind those members who are in the lower classes to still keep up with your homework over the break. Don't however, do this in the heat of the day, make your training sessions early in the morning or early evening. Don't forget to include your best mate in your Christmas festivities, and we look forward to seeing you all back in 1994 for recommencement of formal training on **FEBRUARY 2**.

Last but not least, don't forget you can buy that special friend of yours a present from the Club shop for Christmas. The shop has a full range of functional goodies and also those rewards we like to share on special occasions.

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(My apologies for the print, but the typewriter is anti-union and is waging a no-strike campaign.)



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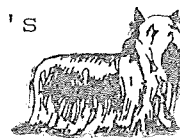
TRIALLERS PLEASE NOTE

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.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 1993

When I agreed at the last Annual General Meeting to fill the vacant position of second Vice-President, I thought I had a cosy job, but it did not last long. The elected President resigned early in the new year and that meant a reshuffle in cabinet, consequently I finish-up **Top Dog**. I was not completely new to this as I have held the position before. But rules and structure of the Club had changed and I was a little in the wilderness.

I must say thanks to our Secretary, Lisa, who gave me guidance on many occasions. I took over a Committee that was well experienced in all departments, also the non-committee members which were involved in the many activities that make up this Club were very dedicated which made my job quite easy.

Sure, we experienced some negative times, but most were of minor nature and sorted themselves out. Considering the size of the Club and the number of people catered for we had quite a harmonious year. We all come to the Club to enjoy participation, involvement and friendship; we accept to be tolerant, understanding, patient as well as forgiving! All this is so necessary in a society or club of our size, where people of all age groups, gender and walks of life gather. It is unavoidable to have personality clashes, but we must avoid personal clashes, and there is a difference. Thankfully we had few.

It was also a quieter year in regards to upheaval in the Victorian Canine Association etc. Our activities were mainly in the training of our dogs and Club activities such as our trials, our social functions, our obedience displays and fund raising efforts. Our trial, tracking and agility dogs made their mark on the doggy scene with high scores and passes as well as a few titles and that is what it is all about.

We want to enjoy our dogs and the fruit of our training and test ourselves in competition. For that we are a Club foremost and **not** a training school. But we also take pride, responsibility and enjoyment in passing on our knowledge and skill to others so they may also become true Club members, or at least responsible dog owners in the community.

This month, sees the start of the 40th Year for this Club in Geelong and I hope that there will be many more years to follow. To make sure of this we need the people to support the Club. One disappointing point I have to mention is just that, the lack of support in the Committee. The committee has been understaffed over the last year. Once upon a time we had 18 on Committee. Now we cannot fill 12! **Why? Is it T.V? Is it .05? Or is the Club running too smoothly.**

A lot of work is done by too few, and if we burden them too much we may **"kill the goose that lays the golden egg"**. To celebrate our 40th we hope to organise something special, so we need helpers. **"PLEASE CONSIDER."**

Now may I thank everybody that helped in one way or other this year; the Office staff, the instructors, the Trial organisers, the display team, the ground crew, the hall managers, the library, raffle, shop and newsletter organisers and the triallers for giving us a good name around the state. Thank you to Meinhard and Maria who helped me run the trial class and the willing helpers at the working bees and flood emergencies.

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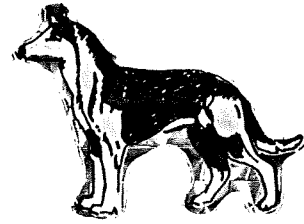


PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT Cont..

May I especially thank the outgoing Committee and may I welcome the new. May you carry on the good work.

Thanking you.

FRED LEHRMANN
PRESIDENT



SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT 1993

The Committee year for 1992/93 has been a difficult one. The Committee has worked with two General Committee members short. We have seen the resignation (due to work commitment) of the President, three and a half months into term. However, this group of people have shown comradeship and worked for the betterment of the Club and managed to cover the areas that were lacking a Committee member's leadership. Had this not been the case, some services to the members would have suffered, e.g.:- the canteen.

This year has also seen most of the Committee work, trial or show their own dogs. I think this was a good thing as I feel many members won't join the Committee, because they feel their dog's training and own pursuits may suffer. To some extent this is the case however, as this Committee communicated with each other, alternative arrangements were made to cover.

No member should expect any club official to sacrifice their own personal or family interest for the club as all volunteers give their best for the time they can spare. However, on the other hand, if positions or jobs are taken on and not done, this puts extra pressure, embarrassment and workload on the rest of the crew. Don't take on a job unless you're prepared to work with the team and pull your weight.

Memberships are ever increasing and with that, so too are the expectations of the membership demands.

As I said in my report last year, **ALL** members can help with **their** Club by just doing the simplest things, i.e. washing their cup, remembering what class they're in and the instructors name, supporting a working bee etc. If the general members don't support the club and Committee then the Club will not advance. Services will drop and the Club will not grow. Not in the membership sense, but in the sense of what we are capable of. It is definitely food for thought.

To the outgoing Committee and all those members who have helped the Club, thank you. We need more members like you!

In closing, thank you for re-nominating me, I will do my best to uphold the Constitution and make sure that all actions by all members are for the betterment of the general membership, not for personal gain or self gratification. I would however, like it noted that this will be an important year for the Blackwell household and I may not at times be as readily available to members as I have been in the past three years. I "will" need more help.

Thank you.

LISA BLACKWELL, SECRETARY

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Dr. Ulrike Wurth B.V.Sc. Dip.Ac.
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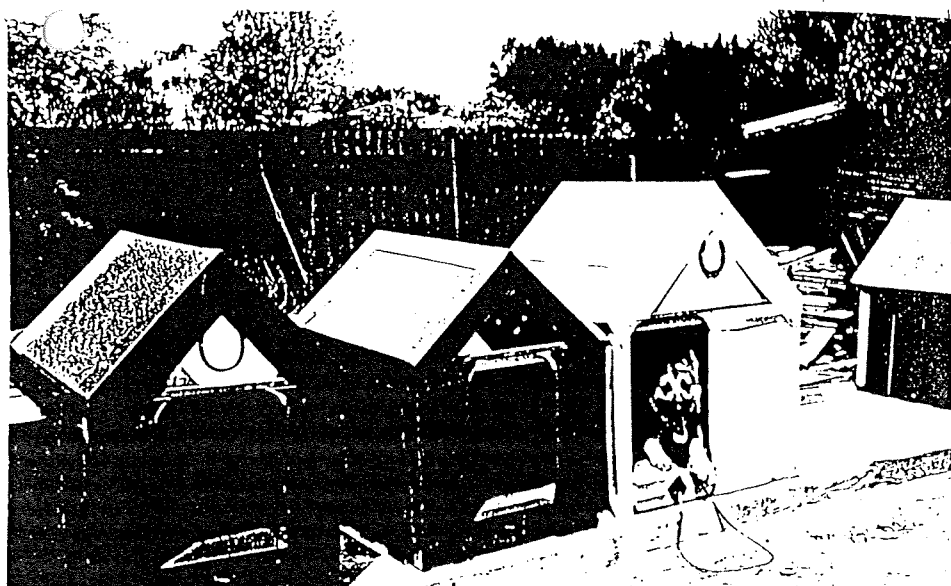
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CLUB CALENDAR

27.12.93	Working Bee
28.12.93	Agility & Obedience Trial
29.12.93	Instructors' Meeting
1.12.93	New Members' intake (dogs over 6 mths)
1.12.93	Closing date for Trial Results, Title Notices; Elsa Dahl Award & Committee/Instructor of the Year Award nominations. NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.
4.12.93	Christmas - Dinner Dance (Spit roast and Entertainment)
7.12.93	General Meeting
15.12.93	LAST training session for year. Presentation Night
15. 1.94	Newsletter Closing date
31. 1.94	Instructors Meeting
1. 2.94	Committee Meeting
2. 2.94	Training Resumes - Intake for Puppies Under 6 months
9. 2.94	Intake Evening - Over 6 months
21. 2.94	Instructors Meeting

All General Meetings commence at 8 pm unless advised otherwise.
All attendees are requested to bring a plate of supper.

REMEMBER 1994 IS THE CHINESE "YEAR OF THE DOG"

ADVERTISING RATES AS FROM MARCH 1993:

All advertisements will be restricted to Half A4 Page
size, with a limit of 12 advertisements per issue.

12 months	\$75.00
6 months	\$50.00
1 edition	\$25.00

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

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Owned by Maria & Barry Elliott

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when we talked,

The one who cheered
our lonely walks,

The one who nuzzled
when we cried,

The one who comforted
when we sighed,

Who else could match
our every mood?

Who else could love
and ask nothing in return

Who else would prompt
this monologue?

Who else but you.....
KELLIE.

OUR LOVING DOG,

MEMORIES

PRESSED BETWEEN THE PAGES OF OUR MINDS.



" IN THE BLACK G.D.X. "

Owned by the Barnes Family

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QUALIFYING SCORES

Peninsula Obedience Dog Club - Score: 186 points

Broadmeadows Obedience Dog Club- Score: 186 points

German Shepherd Obedience Dog Club - Score: 183 points

Bouncer continues to amaze us with his eagerness to please and love of obedience work.

Thank you to all those in open for their advice and support.

CONGRATULATIONS TO -
IAN and BOUNCER



THE OLD ENGLISH SHEEPDOG

We want you to know that Old English Sheepdogs are a large breed. Fully grown males will stand at least 22 inches (55cm) at the shoulder and will weigh 35-45 kg (80-100 lbs). Females are slightly smaller/lighter. The Old English Sheepdog has a profuse coat, consisting of a woolly undercoat and a coarse long top coat, which needs considerable care and thorough grooming on a regular basis (at least weekly).

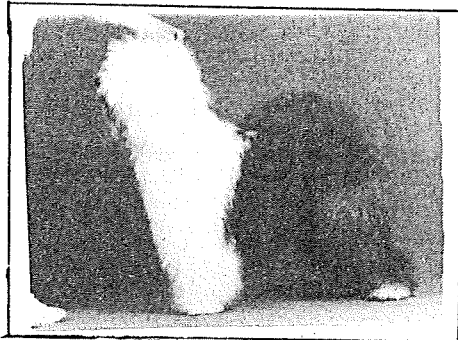
We want you to know that Old English Sheepdogs are wonderful dogs to own, making excellent family pets who love to be indoors with their family, but are also good watch dogs. You should be aware however, that they do involve a lot of work, grooming takes over an hour each week for a grown dog, they require plenty of exercise and must have some obedience training.

These comments are not intended to discourage prospective owners but to make them aware of what they could let themselves in for if they purchased an Old English Sheepdog.

By nature sheepdog puppies are extroverts, very friendly and lovable. Beware of the puppy which snaps.

A healthy dog is a must. Never be tempted to buy a sick or weak puppy in sympathy. Imagine the heartbreak (not to mention the financial loss) of nursing and loving the puppy only to perhaps have it die. A puppy has to have bright clear eyes, a healthy glossy coat, good strong legs and an obvious interest in life. Check to see puppies respond to noise as deaf puppies are occasionally born and are extremely difficult to cope with even as a pet. Remember there is no such thing as a cheap puppy.

(Condensed from a handout compiled by the Old English Sheepdog Club of Victoria Inc.)





DO YOU HAVE

- A few minutes
- A few bob

YOU DO HAVE

- A few friends

So come and join them for a cuppa or a coldie in the club rooms after training.

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THE SECRETARY

9th October, 1993.

Mrs. Lisa Blackwell,
The Hon. Secretary,
Geelong Obedience Dog Club,
P.O. Box 186,
GEELONG.

Dear Lisa,

On behalf of the Geelong Animal Welfare Society, I wish to thank all the Members of the Geelong Obedience Dog Club for their assistance on the 3rd October Dog Walk.

A special "thank you" to you, the President, Mr. Fred Lehrmann, Bronc Ivec, Maynard, Ulrich, Avril, Maureen and Barbara.

The day was a great success due to the combined efforts of so many generous animal lovers. \$2020 wonderful !!!

Regards.

Yours sincerely,
For THE GEELONG ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY

Elm Reeves

PRESIDENT.



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The President,
The Geelong Obedience Dog Club,
P.O. Box 186,
Geelong 3220.

10th October'93.

Dear Fred,

Re: World Animal Day "Dog Walk" held in Geelong on 3rd October 1993

The organising committee of the "Dog Walk" held on Sunday 3rd October, would like to thank you for all the help you and your club members gave us in providing most of the equipment for the day, setting it up, and running the "Dog Walk". Also the enthusiastic support from your members attending the day. This all made the day a great success.

A special thanks to Leslie, Maureen, Bronc Ivec, Maynard, Ulrich, Avril, Barbara who worked very hard on the day, of course Lisa who was on the organising committee and David who put up with lots of extra phone calls.

"Responsible dog owners walk rain, hail or shine and so shall we" was our motto for the day. Despite the wet weather and a venue change because of the floods along the Barwon River, 330 people and 220 dogs came to the Eastern Gardens to join in the fun day. The day was a great success, the atmosphere wonderful, there were no dog fights and everyone had a good time, even if they did have wet feet. Free vet checks were available for all participating dogs. Grooming and obedience demonstrations were interesting, and the novelty events which included owners and dogs created a lot of laughter.

Proceeds of the day which have been donated to the Geelong Animal Welfare Society were \$2621.55. This sum will assist them in the day to day running of their animal shelter. We hope to have a similar event next year on World Animal Day and fine weather.

Thank you again,

Ulrike Wurth B.V.Sc.
Honorary President A.V.A. (Geelong Branch)
on behalf of the organising committee from
the Australian Veterinary Association (Geelong Branch),
the Geelong Obedience Dog Club,
the Geelong Kennel Club and
the Geelong Animal Welfare Society.

W E L C O M E T O O U R N E W M E M B E R S :

Corinna & Peter Spurr	The Lynzaat Family	Vince & Domenica Albanese
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Elaine Longshaw & Tshintia	Peter Jensch & Motley	Graham Ware & Milo
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Melissa Frame & Gemma	Mel Creati & Boris	Tom Bennett & Chips
Anne Archibald & Kelly	Sandra Mc Carthy & Buster	Barbara Farrall Taysha
Penne Harrison & Josie	Andrew Beechey & Max	

***** CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE PEOPLE, YOU ARE NOW PROMOTED TO CLASS 2 *****

MERIT OBEDIENCE CERTIFICATE:

Elaine Longshaw & Tshintia	Karen Parnell & Tesa	Tania Bryant & Spud
Rhonda Ware & Timmy	Lindy Medlyn & Marty	Pam Taylor & Sybil
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John Nilon & Sophie	Fiona Roadley & Tootsie	Kathy Sproat & Harris
Rebecca Warren & Rastus	Noreen Arthur & Pepi	Joan Vlahovic & Sam
Melinda Bradford-Bell & Zachary		Sandra Dewhurst & Bess
Debbie Murray & Brutus	Alex Ferguson & Nicky	Kim Murphy & Kirra

***** CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE PEOPLE, YOU CONTINUE YOUR TRAINING IN CLASS 2 *****

BASIC OBEDIENCE CERTIFICATE:

Bert Bartels & Brandy	Nola Lowe & Gemma	Terry Lee & Tika
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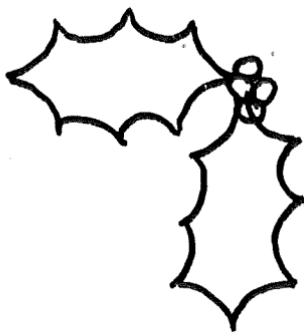
***** CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE PEOPLE, YOU NOW TRAIN IN CLASS 3***

LISA BLACKWELL
SECRETARY





GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB
Presents
1993



Christmas Party

Date: Sat 4th Dec

Time 7.00 pm

Place Clubrooms

Adults \$15.00 each.

Children \$10.00 each.
(Under 13yrs)

BYO DRINKS. Dinner and live entertainment BYO DRINKS.
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THREE PHASES FOR SUCCESSFUL TRAINING SESSIONS

A very dedicated novice handler recently returned for some coaching after the holiday break and as gently as possible, I commented that she didn't seem to have made any progress. "But I've trained every single day," she protested.

I imagine that as Obedience clubs resume operations in the new year, similar conversations will be repeated.

It's difficult to comprehend why, despite our most determined efforts, progress sometimes appears slow or non-existent. Surely if we train consistently, our dogs must learn something! The fact is that whilst most of us spend time with our dogs, very few train (in the true sense of the word) often enough.

To train is to "bring the dog to the desired state or standard of efficiency by instruction or practice." Clearly, we use the word "training" rather carelessly. The only time we do any real training is when **after practise and instruction, the trainer can identify some incremental improvement in the dog's performance.**

This doesn't mean that a dog won't learn anything during an ineffective session. Every time we have contact with our animals, we teach them something. Unfortunately the things they learn are not always productive.

How can we optimise our regular attempts to educate our dogs? The basic requirement is that every session must have a structure consisting of three phases - **preparation, instruction/practice and review.**

Preparation involves having a plan or objective for the session - a clear idea of which aspect of the dog's work needs attention. Otherwise we will tend to concentrate on the things the dog already does well because this requires little thought and is less demanding.

Preparation continues with the selection of a venue which might be secluded or distracting depending upon circumstances. The handler and dog must be comfortable and no time constraints should exist.

At this point, most people launch straight into the instruction/practice phase, which I think is unfair. No-one (dogs included) can effectively accomplish the day's most difficult task without some chance to be mentally and physically ready. The initial part of any session should, therefore, commence with a warm-up designed to promote physical relaxation and mental alertness.

During a warm-up, we should not be seeking technical perfection, rather we are reminding the dog of what it already knows and gauging its readiness to polish a response or learn something new.

Warm-ups, in whatever form they take, need to be relatively easy so that the dog's confidence is boosted, not crushed by unexpected corrections. Throughout the process the trainer can mentally note the quality of the dog's responses and confirm or alter the original plan for the session.

At some time (usually between one and five minutes of warming-up) the trainer will feel the dog is ready for some intense work. The transition is much like changing up a gear and I find it helps to pause and even verbally tell the dog "OK mate, now we get serious."

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THREE PHASES FOR SUCCESSFUL TRAINING SESSIONS Cont..d

We can then demand maximum concentration and technically correct responses in whatever we are trying to achieve.

Instruction/Practice - in this phase of the session, the trainer must take full advantage of the dog's relatively short concentration span in which useful learning will occur. This varies for every animal and it is vital to recognise when the dog has had enough - or more precisely when it has reached the limits of its ability to absorb information. It is here that the value of many sessions is destroyed by trainers who persist beyond the dog's capacity to be receptive.

Whether we instruct or practice depends on what we observed during the warm-up, when we effectively asked "Do you remember this and that from previous sessions?" If the dog doesn't demonstrate the desired level, we must try again (practice). If, however, we are satisfied with the response, we can attempt something new (instruct).

After a period of intense concentration and physical effort, it is unwise to abruptly change or halt proceedings. How we finish the session is important.

I have mixed feelings about the free exercise or ball games used by some people to conclude training. Dogs often see this as the best part and thus conditioned to anticipate the ending instead of enjoying the training as an experience in itself. On the other hand, if the training is neither enjoyable nor stimulating, a care-free romp might help the dog (and the person) forget the whole affair.

It makes more sense to conduct a controlled wind-down with a relaxed walk on lead and a quiet rest. This represents the start of the **Review** phase.

Whether or not dogs reflect on their experiences is a matter of debate. I don't believe they do, at least not to the extent of thinking through the details of a training session. However, there is no doubt they do retain a strong impression of the feelings generated during an experience. Accordingly, the trainer should provide a quiet period during which these hopefully positive feelings can be absorbed and prolonged.

From the trainer's viewpoint, the review phase is used to mentally store useful data on the session and to ask the question "Have I trained - improved my dog's performance, or just spent time?".

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TRIAL RESULTS



NORTHERN SUBURBS

Kath Devlin

Sheena
(German Shepherd)

ENCOURAGEMENT
1st PLACE

NO OTHER RESULTS SUBMITTED -

FUN DAY RESULTS

Class 1 -Judge:- Janelle Convery

1. Jenny Travers - Kirra
2. Monica Smith - Rajah
3. Annette Laing - Hailey

Class 2 -Judge:- Arthur Thorogood

1. Chris Shields - Robbie
Equal
2. Lauren Hodgson - Tyler
Equal
2. Harry Broughton - Mitzy
3. Carollyn Lee - Grace

Class 3 -Judge:- Sue Hume

1. Kim Keys - Sartu
2. Nola Lowe - Reilly
3. Val Moeller - Saxon

Class 3 -Judge:- Paul Metcalff

1. Leanne Jackson - Benson
2. Andrew Frame - Jarrah
3. Valda Haby - Prince

Class 4 - Judge:- Cath Davies

1. Tom Bennett - Chips
2. John Shields - Basil
3. Harry Lakey - Drac

Class 4 -Judge:- Charlie Friggen

1. Andrew Beechey - Max
2. Penne Harrison - Josie
3. Barbara Farrall - Taysha

Class 5 -Judge:- Leonie Kelleher

- Equal
1. Rebecca Warren - Rastus
- Equal
1. Debbie Murray - Brutus
- Equal
1. Kim Murphy - Kirra
 2. Alex Ferguson - Nicky
 3. Kathy Sproat - Harris

Class 5 -Judge:- Maria Elliott

1. John Shields - Heidi
2. Wendy Mitchell - Jessie
3. John Bell - Bessie

Class 6 -Judge: Maureen Friars

1. Bert Bartels - Brandy
2. Nola Lowe - Gema
3. Kathy Sproat - Cait

Class 7 -Judge:- Bruce Cairns

1. Michael Foord - Floyd
2. Terry Lee - Tika
3. Lee-Ann O'Brien - Jarrah

Class 7 -Judge: David Blackwell

1. Terry Lee - Kip
2. Thomas Harvey - Sally
3. Leonie Shell - Belle

Class 8 -Judge: Charlie Bartolo

1. Jim/Catherine Gulli - Tess
2. Ian Barnes - Bouncer
3. Alec Burgess - Brutus

Class 9 -Judge: Charlie Bartolo

1. Bill Laing - Marcus
2. Lesley Gaylard - Tammy

Class 10 -Judge:- Tom Arnott

1. Gerry Dyst - Boz
2. Jo-Anne Hamilton - Bella
3. Cheryl Young - Dandy



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NOVELTY EVENTS

Instructors Class

Equal

1. Gerry Dyst - Shona

Equal

1. Maria Elliott - Winston

Equal

1. Maureen Friars - Billie

Child Handlers 4-11 years

1. Rachael McQuire- Shona

2. Joshua Donaldson- Annie

3. Larissa Fry - Jackie

Child Handlers 12-16 years

1. Priscilla Ward - Tamie

2. Cara Lee - Tika

3. Natalie Hinchcliffe
- Shadow

SPECIAL MENTION: TIM WARD

FASTEST GOOD-O EATER

1. Lee-Ann O'Brien- Jarrah

2. Julie O'Reilly - Billie

3. Michelle Ward - Ben

DROP ON THE SPOT

1. Cheryl Young - Dandy

2. John Hallsworth- Sam

3. Angela Bloomer - Lacey

FANCY DRESS

1. Lee Family - Grace

2. Betty & Natalie- Tammy & T.J.

3. Robin Ward - Ben

3. Melinda - Kessa

The Baby
Jack & Jill
The Pirate
Darth Vader

HANDLER & DOG LOOK-A-LIKE

1. Jessica Foord - Mishi

2. Robin Ward - Ben

3. Tom Bennett - Chips

FASTEST RECALL

1. John Hallsworth- Sam

2. Julie Poole - Mishi

3. Lee-Anne O'Brien-Jarrah



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO WERE SUCCESSFUL IN GAINING THEIR CERTIFICATES AND TO ALL OUR PLACE GETTERS.

THANK-YOU TO ARTHUR THOROGOOD AND BETTY LAWRENCE FOR ALL THEIR HELP IN ORGANISING AND JUDGING OUR NOVELTY EVENTS.

THANKS TO PHYL BERGIN AND BILL LAING FOR DONATIONS FOR OUR RAFFLE AND NOVELTY EVENTS.

THE TOTAL MONEY RAISED FOR GUIDE DOGS WAS \$287.00, A TOTAL EVERYONE IN THE CLUB SHOULD BE PROUD OF.

DAVID BLACKWELL
TRIAL SECRETARY





Sam was purchased as a puppy in November 1990. Becoming an integral part of the household Sam started to learn the rules of the house early. We joined the G.O.D.C. as soon as we were allowed and began training in earnest. First was puppy class, not realizing the importance of puppy class I was keen to progress to Class 1 but we stayed our allotted time. Once in Class 1 Sam progressed at a good rate learning all the way, passing the Beginners Certificate in June 1991. Training regularly, our sights were set on the next level of training, this is where the wheels fell off. It took five attempts but we finally passed the Basic Certificate in November 1991. Class 3 was a real eye opener, finding ourselves doing things that other people would have been sent to the funny farm for, but this was called training.

After nine trials the title of Companion Dog was attained. I would like to thank all members and instructors for their valuable time and efforts over the years of training.

SEE IT WASN'T A WASTE OF TIME!

THANKS

J. Hallsworth



" UKON C.D.X. "

Owned by Fiona Glencross

QUALIFYING SCORES

Werribee Obedience Dog Club	-	19.10.91
Score: 170 points		
Broadmeadows Obedience Dog Club	-	27. 6.93
Score: 188 points		
Sunbury Obedience Dog Club	-	11. 9.93
Score: 183 points		



Ukon was one of those dogs that could do the exercises so well, except when it came to doing the stays. With lots of help from my fiancé Gerald and Phil and after a few trials Ukon finally put everything together.

Ukon and I would like to thank Phil Bergin for her patience and assistance over that long time and to the Geelong Obedience Dog Club.

CONGRATULATIONS TO -
Fiona and Ukon

ELSA DAHL AWARD

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

COMMITTEE/INSTRUCTOR PERSON OF THE YEAR

This award is for someone who you feel has gone beyond the call of duty for the club and its members throughout the year. If you admire a Committee Person or Instructor, please nominate them.

Give the two awards some consideration, and don't just talk about them, submit your nominations on paper.

TRIAL CALENDAR

For some obscure reason the V.C.A. is late in distributing this month's Gazette, and as they have stated in earlier publications that they are **NOT** doing the normal Royal Melbourne Show supplement because of the cost factor, the reason **IS** very obscure.

Hence the December trials listed in the October Gazette have all closed other than for this one:

	<u>CLOSING</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
CROYDON & DISTRICT O.D.C. INC.	28.11.93	12.12.93





TITBIT CORNER



Who's the Dodo that planned an entry into a tracking trial for several months (same plan being arrangements for one dog to go elsewhere to a show for the day as only competing dogs permitted at the tracking site) and then blew it by having an alarm clock failure. Same clock is deeply religious as works for six days then has one day off on alternating rosters.

Who's the black and tan owner who locked herself out of her vehicle **NOT ONCE; BUT TWICE** on same nite at a club function. More importantly who's the guy with an arm like greased lightning who conquered where all others had failed. Definitely a handy tool to have around the house.

Who's the Dodo who was displeased with a motorist's manners while on their way to trial training and gave them a serve on the CB; only to arrive at training and find that said CB wasn't switched ON;

One guess!

(Etiquette deemed I hang it on myself for last issue of year.)

With both our Treasurer Margaret and our Shop person Audrey occupying hospital beds, we wish them both a speedy recovery and hope that 1994 is a better year for them both.

THE PYRENEAN MOUNTAIN DOG

The **Pyrenean Mountain Dog**, known in America as the Great Pyrenees, and in France as Le Grand Chien de Montagnes des Pyrenees, invariably inspires any number of superlative comments. The majestic beauty, dignity, regal bearing and aura of self-confidence, which are characteristic of the breed, cannot but make a lasting impression on the viewer. Only after one has come to know the **Pyrenean Mountain Dog** and his unique history does it become apparent that the breed's true and greatest value is not in beauty but in the admirable and unique character of the dog.

The **Pyrenean Mountain Dog** is a native of The Pyrenees Mountains between France and Spain. The breed's association with man dates back many centuries. The physical and mental characteristics of the **Pyrenean Mountain Dog** have remained virtually unchanged down through the years, and it is one of the few breeds with no extant ancestor. Just as he did in the 16th century, so today the **Pyrenean Mountain Dog** guards the sheep high on the mountain slopes.

In the 17th century the strikingly beautiful mountain dogs became popular with the French court. Louis XIV made the breed the official court dog. Certainly it takes very little imagination to look at a **Pyrenean Mountain Dog** in your home to envision him patrolling the prerevolutionary chateaux of France and consorting with the lords and ladies of the French Court in its most glorious years. No doubt, then as now, he was king of all he surveyed and probably little impressed with his bewigged and bejeweled masters. That the **Pyrenean Mountain Dog** has always appealed to royalty is illustrated by the fact that both Queen Marie Antoinette and Queen Victoria favoured and owned them. It is typical of these dogs to be equally at ease in either an atmosphere of supreme luxury or on a peasant doorstep high in the mountains where life involves arduous work, extreme weather and inadequate diet. Here he is called a "mat dog" by the peasant farmers.

The **Pyrenean Mountain Dog** possesses:

1. Breath-taking beauty.
2. A wonderful disposition
3. Stately bearing
4. An air of quiet confidence
5. A love for small animals and small children
6. Love and admiration for his masters.

His judgment can be relied on.

(Taken from a Pyrenean Mountain Dog Club of Victoria's handout.)



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