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GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.
NEWSLETTER NO. 56

Welcome to our new members, may your stay with us prove to be rewarding for both you and your dog. You have already chosen to take one giant step on the path to responsible dog ownership.

This Newsletter is produced bi-monthly and distributed on the last training session of that particular month. If you are unable to attend on that day please see the secretary and she will retain a copy for you to collect.

1993 saw the Club's last social event for the year prove to be a resounding success. Having been to most of the Christmas dinner dances over the years I have been in the club, I would have to say that the food and its presentation was the best we have had, and this was coupled with good music and good company - a great recipe. Credit goes to our new Social Secretary and the team of willing helpers. So make sure you don't miss out on the next social event which is run for the benefit of all members.

The last trial for the year 1993 was yet another success due to three major factors - namely, the work done by the Committee, the many helpers supplied by you the membership and the triallers themselves. To those who were successful, congratulations on a job well done; to the others - "**back to the drawing board**", 1994 is welcoming you to further opportunities.

Special congratulations to -

Frank Mooney & Rambo
John Bell & Bessie
Bill Laing & Marcus

Highest Scoring Registered Encouragement
Highest Scoring Associate Encourager
Highest Scoring Qualifying Utility

To those members who have been maintaining our grounds and club house whilst many other members holiday, thank you for your continued dedication. It is with pleasure that I can report these silent workers have been recognised for this work with **Bert Bartels** as Hall Manager being awarded the **Committee/Instructor Person of the Year** award; and to **Bronco Ivec** goes the **Elsa Dahl** award. Congratulations guys, well done.

This year is the Chinese "Year of the Dog" as well as our 40th Anniversary year, so let's all pull together and make it a most memorable year. We currently have a sub-committee working on our celebrations for later in the year and any suggestions from the membership would be appreciated.

Mention has been made in the most recent V.C.A. Gazette of their stand in relation to the passing of the "Dangerous Dog Act", and of course the greatest worry is that carte-blanche powers will be given to By-Laws officers to enter properties and categorise dogs with or without the owner(s) being there. Under present legislation they are **NOT** allowed to enter properties without the owner's permission. (I found this out when I contacted them recently about a dog on the roof of a neighbouring property when the owners were not in residence). It seems still to be the sublime to the ridiculous in these situations. Let us hope that the **Year of the Dog** is just that and situations like that don't arise by us all acting as responsible owners.

In closing, thanks must again go to the band of workers who help print this Newsletter and to the team of collators.

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OBEDIENCE & AGILITY CALENDAR

OBEDIENCE

	<u>Close</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Melton Dog O.C.	4. 2.94	19. 2.94
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Victoria (R.O.T.)	Closed	26. 2.94
German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria Inc. (R.O.T.)	Closed	6. 3.94
" " " " " "	Closed	7. 3.94
Eastern Suburbs O.D.C.	20. 2.94	6. 3.94
Warrnambool Dog Training School Inc.	26. 2.94	12. 3.94
" " " " " "	"	13. 3.94
Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of Victoria (R.O.T.)	14. 2.94	13. 3.94
Southern O.D. Training Club	5. 3.94	19. 3.94
Victorian O.D. C. Inc.	6. 3.94	20. 3.94
Knox O.D.C.	13. 3.94	27. 3.94

AGILITY

Warrnambool Dog Training School Inc.	26. 2.94	12. 3.94
" " " " " "	26. 2.94	13. 3.94
Berwick O.D.C.	27. 2.94	13. 3.94
Southern O.D. Training Club	5. 3.94	19. 3.94
Knox O.D.C.	13. 3.94	27. 3.94

(Note: R.O.T. = Restricted to that breed ONLY obedience trial)

CLUB CALENDAR

2.2.94	Training Resumes
9.2.94	Class 1 intake (over 6 months of age)
11.2.94	Chinese New Year - YEAR OF THE DOG.
21.2.94	Instructors' Meeting (aspirants welcome)
1.3.94	Committee Meeting
2.3.94	Class 1 intake (over 6 months of age) LAST WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASS
6.3.94	SUNDAY TRAINING RESUMES. Classes 2, 3, Open, UD and Puppy Class 9.15am - 10.15am. Class 1 & Agility 10.45am - 11.30am.
9.3.94	Newsletter Closing Date
13.3.94	NO TRAINING - Labour Day long weekend
27.3.94	Promotion Day
28.3.94	Instructors' Meeting
3.4.94	NO TRAINING - Easter Sunday
5.4.94	General Meeting
10.4.94	Class 1 intake (over 6 months of age)
18.4.94	Instructors' Meeting
24.4.94	NO TRAINING - Anzac Day Long weekend

(Note: GENERAL MEETINGS commence at 8.00pm unless
advised otherwise, and all members are requested to
bring a plate of supper.)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Due to work committments I missed out on conveying my good wishes for the holiday season in our last Newsletter. I shall now catch up on this by wishing you a healthy and successful new year.

When you read this our summer break will be finished and we are in full swing again for another year of training, competing and mostly enjoying the company of our dogs and each other.

Our committee will do their best to run the Club and all its functions in a friendly and efficient manner. We will once again rely on the dedication of our instructors to pass their acquired knowledge onto you, so that you can achieve sufficiently high scores to obtain the Club Certificates or even V.C.A. Obedience Titles.

As every position in the running of the Club is voluntary we need your help to achieve our targets. We need you to participate in our working bees, our obedience tests and trials, and also in our social functions. But foremost of all, we need you to practice with your dog all the exercises which you are shown by your instructor so you will progress enough to obtain the three Certificates which the Club makes available to you. As every handler and dog is a different combination, so different degrees of training and practice apply. Some handlers are able to absorb instruction and apply this to their dog quicker than others, but also some dogs respond quicker than others. So more time and effort will have to be put in by the slow combinations in order to keep up with the normal progress of the Class.

Another factor is the Instructor. As we are all amateurs and volunteers, we also have various degrees of ability to convey our knowledge and handle people. In order to avoid unhappy relationships between handler and instructor, you have the freedom of asking to be moved if you are not happy for some reason in your existing class, as well as the Instructor having the same privilege. Just ask your Instructor or the Training Supervisor if you have a problem.

The Committee's main objective is that your membership in this Club is an enjoyable and successful one.

Parking problems! Please arrive as early as you can and park as neatly as you can. Hopefully some extra parking space will be available on the ground next to us. This was made possible through contact with the South Barwon Parks Department by Barry Elliott.

Due to the high speed limit on the road we advise you to switch on your indicator long before you approach the gates, giving plenty of warning to the following traffic. We don't want any bingles or worse.

So now I wish a successful year to you all and that you will be the recipient of one of the many trophies presented at the end of the year.

FRED LEHRMANN
PRESIDENT





LAST NIGHT OF TRAINING PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.....1993.



THE ELSA DAHL AWARD:- BRONCO IVEC
COMMITTEE/INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR:- BERT BARTELS.

TRIALLING DOG OF THE YEAR:(REGISTERED):- JOAN BROPHY'S, DASKLEIN PETER
PIPER CD, (BORIS) STANDARD POODLE.
TRIALLING DOG OF THE YEAR:(ASSOCIATE):- BILL LAING'S, MARCUS LAANCOORIE UD
(MARCUS), ASSOCIATE G.S.D.
AGILITY DOG OF THE YEAR:- JOHN VANDEN BERG'S CH. ORMSLEE
RHINE LADY (A) CD, (KESSA) ROTTWEILER



LITTLE MEDALLIONS & PATCHES WERE PRESENTED TO:-

- *ALEC BURGESS', BRUTUS ALEXIS CD, (BRUTUS), COMPANION DOG EXCELLENT TITLE
ASSOCIATE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG.
- * BILL LAING'S MARCUS LAANCOORIE CDX, (MARCUS), UTILITY DOG TITLE
ASSOCIATE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG
- * ANGIE BLOOMER'S, LEBERFELL MONTANA, (LACEY), COMPANION DOG TITLE
GERMAN SHORT-HAIRED POINTER.
- * CHERYL YOUNG'S, AJOJOU JAZZY JOE CD, (DANDY), AGILITY DOG TITLE
TOY POODLE
- * JOHN VAN DEN BERG'S, CH. ORMSLEE RHINE LADY (A) , (KESSA) COMPANION DOG
TITLE, ROTTWEILER.
- * IAN BARNES', IN THE BLACK CD, (BOUNCER), COMPANION DOG EXCELLENT TITLE
ASSOCIATE LABRADOR RETRIEVER.
- * SUE HUME'S, CH. LACEBARK SNO PHANTASTIC, (MAX), COMPANION DOG TITLE
JAPANESE SPITZ
- * HELEN READ'S, ORMSLEE CATIFF RULER (A), (MERLIN), COMPANION DOG TITLE,
ROTTWEILER.
- (LEONIE SHELL'S, MYSTIQUE BELLE, (BELLE), COMPANION DOG TITLE,
ASSOCIATE.
- * JOAN BROPHY'S, DASKLEIN PETER PIPER, (BORIS), COMPANION DOG TITLE,
STANDARD POODLE.
- * JOHN HALLSWORTH'S, SAMSON'S REIGN, (SAM), COMPANION DOG TITLE,
ASSOCIATE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG.
- *JIM & CATHERINE GULLI'S, COUNTESS THERESA CD, (TESS), COMPANION DOG EXCELL-
ENT TITLE, ASSOCIATE BORDER COLLIE,
- * LEONIE KELLEHER'S , SHADOW, (SHADOW), COMPANION DOG TITLE,
ASSOCIATE, KELPIE / LABRADOR RETRIEVER CROSS.
- * FIONA GLENCROSS', ADBROKE CAYARRA YUKANT CD, (UKON), COMPANION DOG EXCELL-
ENT TITLE, GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG.

***** C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S TO ALL THESE MEMBERS,
WE KNOW HOW HARD YOU ALL HAVE WORKED TO OBTAIN THESE OBEDIENCE TITLES.
ALSO, WELL DONE TO YOUR INSTRUCTORS, YOU'VE ALL DONE THE CLUB PROUD ! *****



LISA BLACKWELL
SECRETARY.

40 th. Anniversary of the Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc.

Did you know that your club in November this year will have been in existence for 40 years and is one of the oldest Obedience clubs in Victoria.

There-for we hope to be celebrating the clubs milestone with a function or functions. A sub-committee has been formed and we would like any suggestions from the members as to what type of function you would like us to arrange.

Sub-committee members are-----

Barry Elliott Chairperson

Maria Elliott

Leslie Gaylard

Sue Hume

Ian Templeton

and also Fred Lehmann being your President is automatically on all sub-committee's.

If you have any suggestions please see any of the above, or jot a few words on paper and give to the secretary of the club, so she can hand on to the sub-committee.

*Barry Elliott
Chairperson*

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

THE BASIC OBEDIENCE CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN OBTAINED BY;
KIM MURPHY & KIRRA NOREEN ARTHUR & PEPI DEBBIE MURRAY & BRUTUS.
Rebecca Warren & Rastus.

* CONGRATULATIONS, THESE PEOPLE NOW TRAIN IN CLASS 3.

THE MERIT OBEDIENCE CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN OBTAINED BY;
LEANNE GUNTHORPE & ROCKHAMPTON DIANE BIRTHISELL & CANDY
MAUREEN FRIARS & MONTY TONY PUGLISI & JESTER TONY ALLEN & SAM
MAXINE BUCHANAN & ROCKY CHERYL JENSCH & HAYLEY DAVID EDEN & ZARA
JEAN GREENHILL & SASHA.

* CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE PEOPLE, THEY CONTINUE TRAINING IN CLASS 2

THE BEGINNERS' OBEDIENCE CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN OBTAINED BY;
NOLA LOWE & REILLY PAT MCCORMACK & WINSTON JULIE O'REILLY & BILLIE
SHIRLEY WELSH & MINDI MISS CAROLLYN LEE & GRACE GAYLE LEE & DUSHKA
BRIAN WISHART & TYLAH.

* CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE MEMBERS, THEY'VE NOW GRADUATED TO CLASS 2

***** NEW MEMBERS *****

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Sarah Paisley
April & Andrew Meddick
The Jacobs Family
Jane & Stephen Toohey
Matthew Fisher
Robert Gillham
The Berger Family
The Adamski Family
Julia Hobbs
Brendon & Kerry Lane
The Saunders Family
Sandra Creighton
Karen Sherry
Nikki Love
Simone & Paul Barras
Felicity & Rob Kranjc.

Shae Uebergang
Jody Barnes
The Johnson Family
Sharon & Alan Peel
Norman & Betty Jeffery
Adrian & Vicki Castven
Aaron Mackay
The Lauder Family
Lyn & Keith Anderson
Marke Bryant
Michael Nicol/Margaret Bulmer
Anita Juffermons
The Bradley Family
Garrit Stegeman/The Schreiber Family
Jacqui Combridge

Roslyn Fitzgerald
The Callahan Family
Carly Hunt
Bruno Sortino
Neils Pritchard
Chris & Janelle Wilkens
D'Andrew/Shakeshaft Family
The Silke Family
Helen Blyth
The Kavenagh Family
Dionne & Keith Humphris
Nicole West
Jayne Evans
The Schreiber Family
Lyn McKiernan



LISA BLACKWELL
SECRETARY.

MATCHES:-

CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHAEL OPDAM & AVRIL JOHNSON, WHO RECENTLY TIED THE KNOT ON A TROPICAL ISLAND OFF THE QUEENSLAND COAST. THEIR DOBERMANN, BORIS, HAS TO BE CONTENT AT LOOKING AT THE SNAP SHOTS, & HAS LODGED A PROTEST, AS HE DIDN'T GET TO GO. HE TELLS ME HIS BAGS WERE PACKED TOO!

LISA

HIGHTON VETERINARY CLINIC



Dr. Ulrike Wurth B.V.Sc. Dip.Ac.
Dr Paul Hardy - Smith B.V.Sc Hons
VETERINARY SURGEONS

TOTAL PET CARE

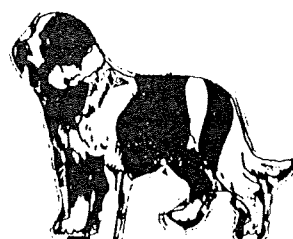
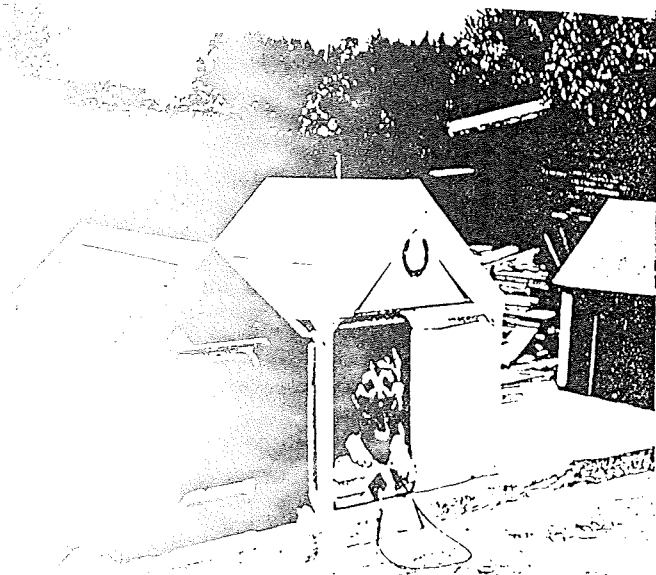
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" MYSTIQUE BELLE C.D. "

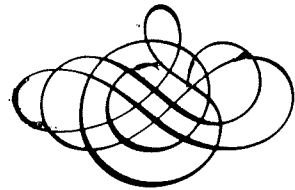
Owned by Janine Shell
Trained by Leonie and Barbara Shell

QUALIFYING SCORES

Bendigo Obedience Dog Club	-	Score: 190 points
Northern Obedience Dog Club	-	Score: 184 points
Werribee Obedience Dog Club	-	Score: 172 points

Many thanks to all the Instructors at Geelong Obedience Dog Club for their advice and support.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
LEONIE and BELLE -



TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT
- 1994 JANUARY -

Another Christmas and New Year have come and gone quickly. I hope each and everyone of you all had a most enjoyable break (I know I did). Plenty of rest and relaxation ready for training in 1994.

For everything to run smoothly I am asking all the people that are training to do an important job for me - PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR INSTRUCTOR'S NAME. You only have to remember one name - your instructor has to remember a lot more than that. Thanks.

While the instructor is taking your class make sure you watch and listen to what he/she is doing as you will have to do your homework during the week. Your instructor is there to help you train your pooch, not to train it for you!!

If any of the Class 3's or Open/UD people are interested in becoming an instructor please come forward we'll be only too happy to have you aboard. Have a think about it.

In closing, I hope we all have a successful and Happy Year - whether you and your dog perfected an exercise, passed a test, or for our triallers, received passes or titles.

Good luck everyone.

LEONIE

THE NORWEGIAN ELKHOUND - NATIONAL DOG OF NORWAY

History of the Breed

The Norwegian Elkhound has existed in Scandinavia for centuries. Well preserved bodies of the breed have been found throughout the country, some estimated to be 5000 years old. They were buried with Viking leaders along with other possessions. Today in his native country of Norway, the Elkhound is used to hunt Elk (Moose).

Characteristics

The Elkhound is a Nordic Spitz breed of dog of medium size. He is compact, square, strong, loyal, friendly and intelligent. He has a double coat of grey, white and black shades.

As a house dog the breed has the advantage of complete lack of doggy smell even when the coat is wet.

Care and Grooming

Arctic dogs amongst which the Elkhound is included, need occasional grooming with a strong brush or comb. He sheds his coat twice a year.

Exercise

The Elkhound loves exercise and requires a regular amount but may be kept quite happily in a normal size suburban back yard.

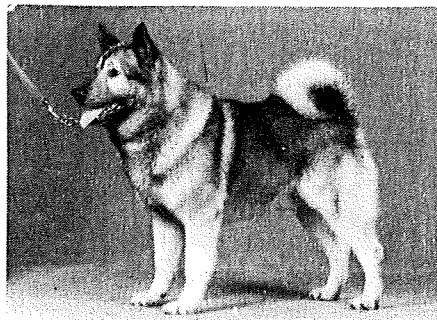
Training

A very intelligent breed who will readily learn anything he can see a purpose for particularly if it involves some sort of work. However, he dislikes learning and performing tricks. It is a good idea if you can take your puppy to an Obedience Club to socialize him with people and other dogs.

Common Ailments

None, as this dog was bred to have a very hardy physique.

(Copied from a handout from The Norwegian Elkhound Club of Vic. Inc.)



TRIAL RESULTS

WERRIBEE OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB

Bill Laing

Marcus
German Shepherd

Highest Scoring Veteran Dog

UTILITY

1st Place
5th Pass &



THE AFGHAN HOUND/2

On the other hand, the **Afghan** if started early in life is generally, without any complicated training, and normally without the use of the "choke" collar so beloved in many breeds, a pleasure to walk on his lead, and there are very few breeds of his size in which one could out walk four adults, and this is quite common in many **Afghan** kennels, admitted the sight of a cat in such cases does tend to complicate matters, but we survive.

Another point in favour of the **Afghan** as an indoor town dog is his complete absence of "doggy" smell, and providing he is kept well groomed, very few hairs are obvious in the **Afghan** household. Any smell at all is extremely pleasant, in some cases quite pronounced, leading to discussion in the past in the canine periodicals about "perfumed" **Afghans**.

Although not a quarrelsome dog, in fact few dogs are better mixers and certainly none is better with children or small dogs, the **Afghan** is possessed of great courage, said to be the only dog willing to tackle the leopard. Indeed, as mentioned elsewhere in this book, **Khan of Ghazni** was noted for having killed three in his native country before being imported here.

(This information has been taken from a most informative booklet compiled by the Afghan Hound Club of Victoria Inc. The history is one of the most interesting and well researched I have come across since doing these breed articles. This can be run at a latter date.)



DISPLAY TEAM REPORT

This is the last report for this year (1993) and I am late again - I apologize and will definitely do better next time - my New Year's resolution!!

Since the last report we have been to several displays at various venues and also walked in the annual Gala Parade with some other members of the Club. This was, as usual, a huge success as it promotes responsible dog ownership and children of all ages delight in patting our dogs, and they in turn love all the attention!

A few weeks ago four team members accompanied me to Drysdale Cub group to promote pet care and basic obedience, after which the Cubs were encouraged to meet the team and dogs. We were later treated to a lovely supper including a delicious homemade cream sponge - special thanks to Cheryl and Michael for both the visitation and the supper.

Thanks team for all the hard work during 1993 and we can all look forward to more of the same in 1994.

DESMa DICKESon

TEAM LEADER

"THE AFGHAN HOUND"

Most people have an immediate response to the **Afghan**, repulsive or fascinating, a thing of beauty or a monstrosity, there are no half measures which is as it should be, love him or leave him.

As with his appearance the above applies equally to the **Afghan's** character. If you desire a servile creature, obedient to your every whim then the **Afghan** is not for you, but, if you are prepared to treat him as an equal, willing to let him display his keen sense of humour, a lovable clown one minute, an elegant aristocrat the next, then the **Afghan** can be a fascinating companion.

The **Afghan** is most certainly not a breed to give unlimited freedom, his great sense of independence makes it difficult for him to understand that he must respond immediately to a recall to heel.

All the "sit, stay" etc. instructions so beloved of the Canine Obedience Schools are lost on our eastern friend and any attempt at obedience normally ends in the owner feeling foolish and the session ending up in a friendly truce.

The reason for the **Afghan's** independence of character is not hard to find when one considers the life of the breed in its native country, where, apparently, all restrictions were unknowns. All his guarding, shepherding and most of his hunting was carried out with the minimum of interference from his owner. Travellers returning from abroad have written of the Hounds of Kabul, maintaining that they kept their own rota system of patrolling the ancient wall of the city working in pairs at regular intervals, entirely without human guidance.

Dogs reared for many generations in this manner know instinctively what to do and what not to do, to chase domestic livestock in their case would just not occur to them and be below their dignity.

For the majority of **Afghan's** kept under domestic conditions the sight of livestock, particularly frightened livestock running at their approach, the temptation is too great, the old instincts return and the dog is out of control, and whether or not the dog intends to harm them the farmer with his shot gun is not prepared to find out.

A dog living in town as one of the family has a far more interesting life with regular exercise being necessary the majority of country people on the other hand are not used to walking dogs on a lead and keeping them in the living rooms, and being kept outside in a pen however hygienic it may be, is a very boring existence for a breed with such intelligence.

I know quite well that what I have written will be condemned by the few "obedience" enthusiasts in our breed and I do admit that there are exceptions. I have owned **Afghans** that would walk along a busy street off the lead but they are certainly exceptions to the general rule.

Many **Afghans** respond at first to training but unless one is prepared to keep him very subdued and lose the charm of his independence of character, sooner or later, in common with the majority of the hound breed, the **Afghan** decides that pleasing himself is much more fun.

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ENCOURAGING ENJOYMENT ACCORDING TO THE RULES (Cont.)

When judging emphasises technical correctness and when enjoyment and willingness count for little or nothing, trial competitors are naturally inclined to follow suit.

"Enjoyment and willingness is best measured by evaluating not just the technical correctness of the exercises but also the quality of the performance as a whole."

Of course, technical correctness must be evaluated, but not to the exclusion of everything else. What value is there in a technical perfection if there is no joy in the performance?

It could be argued that evaluating the quality of the whole performance is too difficult. This is simply not true. Every judge was at some time a dog trainer, and every trainer can sense when a dog is enjoying its work. Even if this eludes them, they can at least detect the opposite for a dog that dislikes its work is painfully obvious.

A dog should give the impression of cheerfully doing exactly what the handler requires. Such a dog does not need exaggerated signals, excessively loud or threatening commands and other additional aids. Indeed the whole performance should proceed without any apparent effort from the handler to coerce the dog's co-operation.

The quality and thus the final score of any trial performance should reflect both the technical correctness of the movements and the dog's enjoyment and willingness to work..

There is no doubt that unless we all strive to observe the spirit of part 9A of the rules, trial dogs will get technically better and better whilst the total quality of dog training generally and trial performances specifically, will decline to a highly undesirable level.

by Peter Kennon

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TRIAL RESULTS

BALLARAT

Bill Laing

Frank Mooney

John Bell

Alex Burgess

Bill Laing

G
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N
G

Marcus

Seecar Furst Ambition(AI)
(Rambo) Dobermann

Bessie

Brutus CDX

Marcus

UTILITY

1ST Place

6TH PASS

ENCOURAGEMENT

1ST Place

ENCOURAGEMENT

2ND Place

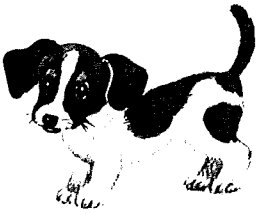
OPEN

3RD Place

UTILITY

1ST Place

7TH PASS



ENCOURAGING ENJOYMENT ACCORDING TO THE RULES

The Book of "Rules for the Conduct of Obedience Tests" is an excellent guide to those who participate in the sport.

It does however, have one serious deficiency. Of the 48 pages devoted to the subject, there is only one sentence to indicate precisely that this is an activity involving animals capable of enjoying their lives and prepared to willingly co-operate with their human partners.

The sole reference to this matter is contained in part 9A Guide to Judges which states: "Enjoyment and willingness to work is to be desired; fear and dislike of work shall be penalised."

I can appreciate the problems of defining objectively, such highly subjective matters. To correct the omission and in the absence of any other written guide, I shall take the liberty of providing my own thought for judges and competitors to consider.

"Enjoyment and willingness to work are of the greatest significance, for without these features the dog becomes little more than a machine and the much vaunted relationship between human and dog becomes irrelevant."

If in the training and judging of obedience dogs we concern ourselves only with technical correctness, machine-like or robotic performances will inevitably result. Taken to an extreme, we might as well exclude dogs from the sport altogether and use mechanical devices instead! Foolish as this suggestion may seem, the technology exists to produce a Digitally Operated Gismo (DOG).

The vast majority of competitors and judges do, however, enjoy a highly valued relationship with their dogs. Loyalty, devotion and desire to please are proudly extolled. Yet at the highest level of dog-person interaction (as represented by obedience trials), we choose to largely ignore these qualities in favour of technicalities.

"A dog's enjoyment and willingness to work determines the image of obedience training and trialling."

An interested observer generally cannot distinguish between a minor or substantial error, an average or excellent performance. Their opinion of the sport is based entirely on what they see as a whole.

The show handler who watches a dog from which all enthusiasm has been removed cannot be blamed for thinking that intensive training should be avoided.

Perhaps this is the basis of the erroneous myth that showing and obedience cannot be combined.

Confident, joyful dogs displaying enjoyment and willingness, are our best advertisements.

"Obedience judges are the custodians of the art of dog training and should heavily penalise those performances in which the desire enjoyment and willingness to work is not evident."

Whilst the leading trainers set the trends in techniques and attitudes, they are influenced by what judges will or will not accept and by what style of work produces the highest scores.

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TITBIT CORNER -

HATCHLINGS

Seems some people know how to fill in their break from training. Jim and Cath Gulli have found a daughter in a left-over Christmas stocking called CAITLIN. Good year to be born in, Chinese star signs indicate a prospective Instructor has been baked in this oven!

Seems a bit of one upmanship went on in one of the Classes of 1993. One of the Instructors had a Great Dane as a pupil and much to the chagrin of the owner persisted in referring to it as "Horse" rather than by its right name. Imagine the Instructor's embarrassment when the handler walked up to him one night in class complete with said dog who had a saddle on, and suggested he might like a ride.

Seems there are club members of long standing who lose keys with frequency around the Club and they are often seen "heads down, tails up", crawling in and out of cars with sheepish looks!

Who dropped their wife off at Christmas Party then left and went and picked up another lady. That saying comes to mind "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush".

Whose favourite music is the "Teddy Bears Picnic"? If you guess right maybe they'll show you their etchings!

Saudi visitors are obviously used to a dark world now, notice they both wore black at the Christmas Party.

Who was the nimble limbo King whose agility demonstration left most other competitors staying at the tables?

Who pulled the knob off of the hall door when going to the loo?

Who is the pro-dancer who casually throws his leg over a passing chair. Be careful, usually little boys don't do this, only little dogs. The chair wasn't actually passing (it was left in a stand stay position).

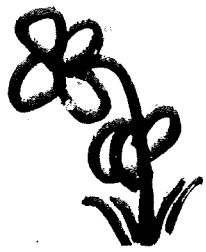
Who is the young lady who is vying for a part in the NO KNICKERS advertisement, and practising to be a flasher in public places?

You've heard of upside down cakes? Well which two people at the Christmas Party were trying hard to create their own "Pavlova Magic"? Still tasted the same, but you eat the bottom first!

It may be the "Year of the Dog" as it certainly isn't the Year of the Owners. Seems a certain female got into car to race off to a special meeting of a breed club at the V.C.A. one evening and found after depositing her body plus dogs in car there was nothing to ignite her transportation with. Dodo left keys inside house.... First step was to climb over one of the full height padlocked gates on either side of house, at the same time as trying to avoid sticky goo on top deployed to keep birds off. Then to the door - key would not shake out, so picking the lock with a piece of wire seemed the next best bet to no avail; attempting to unscrew the knob and related apparatus proved to no avail; then tried to jemmy it open with tomahawk - still to no avail so had to chop lock out with tomahawk. Hiawatha's ancestors need not worry, there was no competition. This indian only came to a splintering end !

(If you can't figure out all the contestants on this page, look elsewhere in Newsletter for the answers.)

Elaine



Can You Help?

*The Committee is calling for volunteers from the membership to help out in some areas of the Club. The members previously filling the respective positions are now no longer available to continue due to a variety of reasons.

1. The Dog Equipment Shop ...
Audrey has had heart surgery and currently cannot work in the shop. GET WELL SOON!!
2. Raffle Stewards....
As work and family committments have forced Tom and Charlie to resign we need replacement sellers and screwers. One person to sell and one person to screw up the ticket stubs for the barrel. Thanks for your help guys.
3. There is one person short on Committee still.
4. Instructors
Many of our instructors through interstate moves, work rosters, family committments and the need to train their own dogs, have had to resign from permanent Classes; meaning some can only help out spasmodically. So please consider becoming a sub-Instructor and helping more people along the Obedience trained road.

We'd love to hear from you if you can help in any of these areas. Make your presence felt at the office even if it is only for a short term project.

LISA BLACKWELL
SECRETARY



TITBIT ANSWERS -

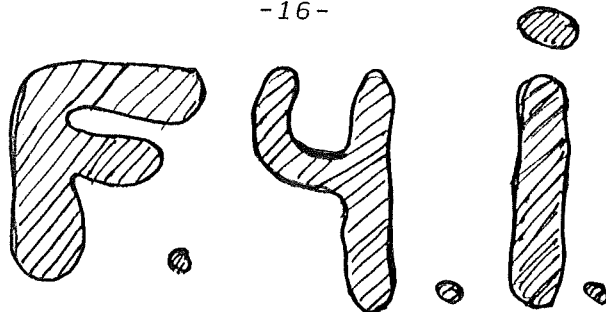
suffering from mid-life crisis)
(some of these people are obviously
The Editor
Margaret & David
Miss Metcalfe
Charlie
The Editor
Bronco
Graham & Lennis
Nella
Not telling
Phyl & Lesley
Rebecca, Paul & Otis

Answers by paragraph -



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TRIALLERS:-



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- * THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME CONFUSION AS TO WHAT IS REQUIRED FROM TRIALLERS AND OUR CLUB AWARDS. SO HERE ARE SOME POINTERS WHICH SHOULD CLEAR UP THE CONFUSION.
- * KEEP A RECORD OF ALL YOUR TRIAL RESULTS -EVEN THE "BOMBS" AND HAND THEM TO THE SECRETARY ONCE YOUR SHEET(S) ARE FULL. THE SECRETARY KEEPS EVERYONE'S RESULTS IN A FOLDER. AS ALL TRIALLERS (REGISTERED AND ASSOCIATE) ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR THE TOP TRIALLING DOG OF THE YEAR, THE ONUS IS ON **YOU** TO HAND IN **YOUR** RESULTS. ALL YOUR SCORES ARE AVERAGED AND FIVE POINTS IS THEN ADDED FOR EACH TRIAL ATTENDED. RECORD SHEETS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE.
- * WHEN YOU OBTAIN A TITLE WITH YOUR DOG, THE ONUS IS ON YOU TO NOTIFY THE SECRETARY SO YOU AND YOUR DOG CAN BE PUT DOWN FOR A TITLE MEDALLION AND SEW-ON PATCH AT THE END OF THE YEAR PRESENTATIONS.
- * ALSO ONCE YOU HAVE YOUR TITLE, THE SECRETARY/TRIAL SECRETARY WILL NEED TO GIVE YOU THE APPROPRIATE PAPERWORK TO NOTIFY THE V.C.A. (VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOCIATION) OF YOUR TITLE.
- * ALL DOGS WHO RECEIVE A TITLE ARE ENTITLED TO HAVE AN 8"x10" VERTICAL PHOTO OF THEIR TITLED DOG ON THE CLUB HOUSE WALL. FRAMES ARE SUPPLIED BY THE CLUB. (NOTE: THERE ARE SEVERAL MEMBERS WHO HAVE TAKEN FRAMES IN THE PAST 18 MONTHS THAT STILL MUST PRODUCE THE FRAME AND PHOTOGRAPH FOR THE CLUB WALL.)
- * FOR TRIAL RESULTS TO APPEAR IN THE NEWSLETTER, THE ONUS IS ON THE MEMBER TO NOTIFY THE EDITOR IN WRITING OR BY PHONE.
- * PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE FOR ALL DOGS WHO OBTAIN A TITLE TO PUT IN A HALF PAGE SUMMARY OF THEIR FEAT (OWNERS CAN WRITE A COUPLE OF LINES TOO) IN THE NEWSLETTER. ONCE AGAIN IT IS UP TO THE TRIALLER TO NOTIFY THE EDITOR IN WRITING AND DESIGN A "BLURB".
- * ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR DOGS CAN TRIAL AS LONG AS THE MEMBER IS A FINANCIAL MEMBER OF THE VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOCIATION AND THE DOG IS REGISTERED EITHER ON THE PUREBREED (DOGS WITH PAPERS), OR THE ASSOCIATE REGISTER, (CROSS BREED OR PURE BREED WITHOUT PAPERS). ASSOCIATE DOGS MUST BE SPEYED OR NEUTERED AND A PHOTOCOPY OF THE VETERINARY CERTIFICATE IS TO ACCOMPANY THE REGISTRATION APPLICATION. THE SECRETARY/OR TRIAL SECRETARY CAN HELP YOU WITH ALL THE APPROPRIATE FORMS DURING OFFICE HOURS.

NOW THAT ALL THIS HAS BEEN EXPLAINED, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE TRIALLERS TAKING CONTROL OF THEIR RESULTS ETC, AND MAKING USE OF WHAT THE CLUB PROVIDES FOR YOU, INSTEAD OF HAVING TO BE "CHASED" UP. SO GET THOSE RESULTS IN!!

LISA BLACKWELL
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