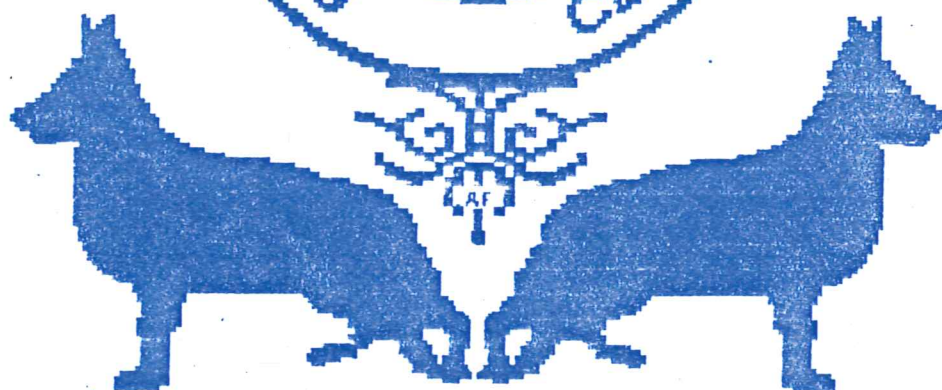


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GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.
NEWSLETTER NO. 58

This Newsletter is produced bi-monthly and distributed on the last training day of that particular month. If you are unable to attend on that day, please see the Secretary and a copy will be reserved for you.

Welcome to all the newer members. May your time with us prove to be prosperous for both you and your dog(s). Things don't happen overnight with training, but when you do have a break through with even one particular exercise the reward is sweet.

As some members will probably have seen in one of our free local papers, it is believed, a member's dog has been attacked by person(s) unknown whilst on their own property. It's obviously a traumatic experience for both the dog involved and the owner. Whatever the motivation behind the attack, we must all keep a close watch over our dogs and continue to show the public that **WE ARE RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS**; and by so doing, try and bring to a halt these Anti-dog people.

Members are reminded that renewal fees fall due on June 1 and you have up until July 31 to finalize this. **ANYONE failing** to do so by the required date will have to re-apply to join the club thus incurring further fees.

One point that must be made is that proof of current vaccination forms part of the Club Constitution and rules. **ALL MEMBERS MUST** produce this proof when paying fees, otherwise they will not get a new membership card and this will prohibit **TRAINING OF ANY SORT**. It will prove most embarrassing when you and your dog(s) are refused entry to the Grounds, whether you wish to train or just socialize.

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE 7 is our next General Meeting and we have as our guest speaker Graham Hobbs, solicitor, who will speak about our legal status as dog owners. I believe this topic is one that **ALL** members should be concerned with no matter what the breed or size of their dog. Each day we hear of more and more restrictions being imposed on us as dog owners! The meeting will commence at 7.30 pm with the speaker and the General Meeting will follow on after this.

JULY 17 is our **OPEN AND ASSOCIATE OBEDIENCE TRIAL** and once again the call goes out to all members to actively participate in making this day yet another successful club day.

To the newer members this is the day to see what you can aim for, so please come along and watch if you can.

Everyone can contribute 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; help with setting up and dismantling the rings. In other words, no special talents are required just a pair of active hands - and as they say, **"MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK"**.

For those interested in stewarding see **DAVID BLACKWELL**: canteen assistance **LISA BLACKWELL** or **FRED LEHRMANN**: ground maintenance **BRONCO IVEC**: hall assistance **BERT BARTELS** and you will be put on a roster according to the time you have available.

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Have a think about **YOUR** contribution and it will certainly lighten the committee work load

To those who are competing, we wish you the success you have worked so hard for, and to those who are unsure whether to enter or not, have a word with your instructor. Remember you have nothing to lose as even if you don't get a pass you have gained valuable experience.

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TITBIT CORNER

Baby boomer! - Yes, our Secretary finally blew the cap on the well and produced a BIG bouncing boy named LIAM (guess they must have doubled the recipe to fully utilize the oven space). Congratulations Lisa & David, Luke & Kaarni.

Seems we have a prospective player for the Socceroos - BESS. (You know, the one who chases all the competitors at Club sporting events and has the males panting for her!)

Guess which Dobermann owner reached the big 50? She made a good night of it mixing drinks of different hues, ie Red, Blue & Green. Her stomach must have been waving a United Nations flag the next morning at training, offering to surrender at any stage. (No! It was not the Editor she crossed the border last year.)

Guess who's dog fell down a trench six feet in front of her 'cause her head was going east and her body north?

Elaine

DID YOU KNOW?

Market research designed to discover the difference between dog and cat owners revealed that dog owners ranked especially high in warm, nurturing qualities and were consistently more "people-oriented". Cat owners, on the other hand, rated higher in intellectual curiosity and inquisitiveness.

An unusual breed of nervous dogs that freeze in fear when humans approach may help scientists discover the factors involved in anxiety disorders.

The dogs are descendants of a champion Pointer that suffered a nervous breakdown. They startle, tremble, cower and avoid eye contact with humans. They have been found to have similar brain-chemical abnormalities to those found in phobia patients.

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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

Pue Hume

Ian Templeton

and also Fred Lehrmann 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*

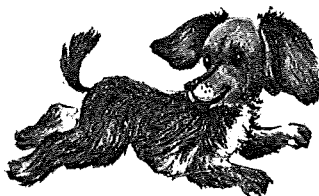
BAYSWATER BANTER - An old patron at the Bayswater Hotel in Bayswater sent us the yam about 'Piddling Pete the Pup'.

A farmer's pup once came to town, his christain name was Pete,
His pedigree was very long, his looks were hard to beat;
And as he trotted down the street 'twas beautiful to see,
He'd been working very hard, he'd worked on every tree.
He watered every gateway and never missed a post.
Piddling was his masterpiece and piddling was his boast;
The city dogs looked on with deep and jealous rage,
To see a simple country dog the piddler of the age.
All the dogs from far and wide were summoned with a yell,
To sniff the country stranger over and judge him by his smell.
They sniffed beneath his stumpy tail, their praise for him ran
high,
But when they sniffed him underneath Pete piddled in their eye.
They smelt him one by one, they smelt him two by two,
And noble Pete in high disdain stood by till they were through.
Then Pete to show the city dogs he didn't care a damn,
Walked into the grocer's shop and piddled on a ham.
He piddled on the onions, then piddled on the floor,
When the grocer kicked him out, he piddled on the door.
Behind him all the city dogs decided what they'd do,
They'd hold a piddling carnival and see the stranger through;
They showed him all the piddling posts around the town,
But Pete just piddled on and on and wore the strangers down;
For Pete was with them every tick, with vigour and with vim,
A thousand piddles, more or less, was all the same to him.
But on and on went noble Pete to water every sandhill,
Till all the city champions were piddled to a standstill;
Then Pete an exhibition gave on all the ways to piddle,
Like double drips, fancy flips, with now and then a dribble,
So he was piddling merrily, his hind leg kicking high,
When most lifted legs in bluff, and piddling mighty dry;
On and on Pete sought more ground on which to lay the dust,
When every other dog went dry and gave up in disgust,
And all the time the country dog did never wink or grin,
But piddled blithely out of town as he had piddled in;
The city dogs said; "so long friend, your piddling did defeat
us",

But no one ever put them wise that Pete had diabetes.

(Reprinted from Bendigo O.D.C. Newsletter, obviously their tales
are set to getting tails wagging.)

DID YOU KNOW - Registration plates on the Los Angeles Police
Department's vehicle used to transport patrol dogs is K-9.
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CERTIFICATE PASSES: from Promotion Day 27th March, 1994

BASIC OBEDIENCE CERTIFICATES were obtained by:-

<i>John Greenhill & Secha</i>	<i>John Bell & Bessie</i>	<i>Kandy Campbell & Christi</i>
<i>Keith Mason & Tramp</i>	<i>Tony Puglisi & Jester</i>	<i>Peter Jensch & Motley</i>
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***Congratulations you now train in Class 3*

MERIT OBEDIENCE CERTIFICATES were obtained by:-

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***Congratulations to you all, training continues in "2"*

BEGINNERS' OBEDIENCE CERTIFICATE were obtained by:-

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*** Congratulations to these people, they now train in class 2 for the Merit certificate.*



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(German Shepherd)

NOVICE
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1st PASS



Congratulations to you both.

♥ According to a recent study in America (outlined in a book, 'Intelligence of Dogs, by US author Stanley Coren) the following is a listing of HOW YOUR DOG RATES in an IQ test.

1. Border Collie
2. Poodle
3. German Shepherd
4. Golden Retriever
5. Dobermann
6. Shetland sheepdog
7. Labrador Retriever
8. Papillon
9. Rottweiler
10. Australian cattle dog
11. Pembroke Welsh Corgi
12. Miniature Schnauzer
13. English Springer Spaniel
14. Belgian Shepherd (Tervuren)
15. Schipperke & Belgian sheep-dog
17. Collie & Keeshond
19. German short-haired pointer
20. Flat-coated Retriever, English Cocker Spaniel & Standard Schnauzer
23. Brittany Spaniel
24. Cocker Spaniel
25. Weimaraner
26. Belgian Shepherd (Malinois) and Bernese Mountain Dog
28. Pomeranian
29. Irish Water Spaniel
30. Vizsla
31. Cardigan Welsh Corgi
32. Chesapeake Bay retriever, Puli & Yorkshire Terrier
35. Giant Schnauzer & Portuguese Water dog
37. Airedale & Bouvier des Flandres
39. Border terrier and Briard
41. Welsh Springer Spaniel
42. Manchester Terrier
43. Samoyed
44. Field Spaniel, Newfoundland, Australian Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Gordon Setter & Bearded Collie
50. Cairn Terrier, Kerry Blue Terrier & Irish Setter
53. Norwegian Elkhound
54. Affenpinchers, Silky Terrier, Miniature Pinscher, English setters, Pharoah Hound & Clumber Spaniels
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61. Dalmatians
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65. Curly-coated retriever & Irish Wolfhound
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76. Siberian Husky, bichon frise & English Toy Spaniel
79. Tibetan Spaniel
80. English Foxhound, Otter Hound & American Foxhound
83. Greyhound & Wire-haired Pointing Griffin
85. West Highland White Terrier & Scottish Deer Hound
87. Boxer & Great Dane
89. Dachshund & Staffordshire Bull Terrier
91. Malamute
92. Whippet, Chinese Shar-Pei & Wire Haired Fox Terrier
95. Rhodesian Ridgeback
96. Ibizan Hound, Welsh Terrier & Irish Terrier
99. Boston Terrier & Akita
101. Skye Terrier
102. Norfolk Terrier & Sealyham
104. Pug
105. French Bulldog
106. Brussels griffon & Maltese Terrier
108. Italian Greyhound
109. Chinese crested
110. Dandi Dinmont Terrier, Vendeen, Tibetan Terrier, Japanese Chin & Lakeland Terrier
115. Old English Sheepdog
116. Great Pyrenees
117. Scottish Terrier
118. Saint Bernard
119. Bull Terrier
120. Chihuahua
121. Lhasa Apso
122. Bull Mastiff
123. Shih Tzu
124. Basset Hound
125. Mastiff & Beagle
127. Pekinese
128. Bloodhound
129. Borzoi

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HOW YOUR DOG RATE/2

130. Chow Chow
132. Basenji

131. Bulldog
133. Afghan Hound

(The author's numbering system, not mine! Would you believe he missed out on one breed that we have training at the Club who is a C.D. titled dog. Let's see if you can work that one out!)



TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - MAY

Well it's been a very busy couple of months. Each week there seems to be 100 new people join. (I know this is not true.)

The Instructors all need to be congratulated, they have graciously taken extra people into their already large classes.

At the moment we have three new sub-instructors who are training up to become instructors. So if you see an extra person in your class please listen to what they say as they might be able to give you an idea that might suit you and your dog.

Seven instructors have formed a sub-committee to look at writing up a handbook for our sub-instructors for guidance and support. I think this will be very beneficial as there has never been any thing for subbies to peruse, up to this time.

Members please remember that all the instructors are volunteers (putting back into the Club what they got out of it) and sometimes are unavailable due to work or family committments. We will however, ensure that someone will be able to come to the rescue of your class. Please be patient with this matter.

Thank you,
Until next time
LEONIE KELLEHER

DID YOU KNOW - Sheepdog trials at the annual Lancaster Agricultural Show were delayed when four-times winner "Bobby" and his shepherd Don Picket were chased from the competition field by a flock of furious sheep.

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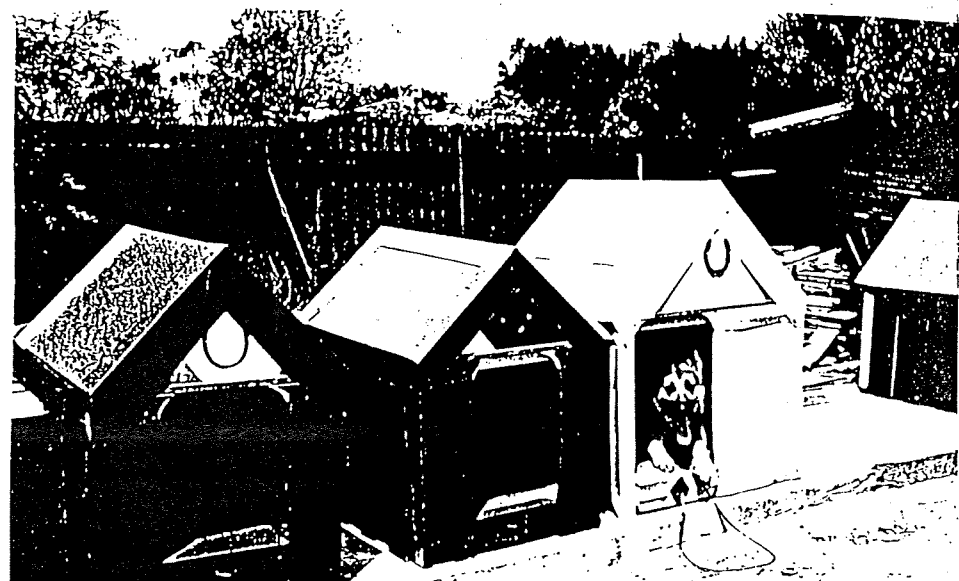
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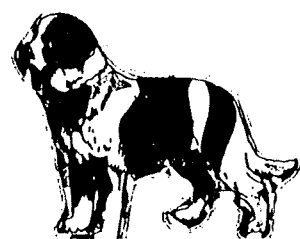
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TAKE A BUCKET OF WATER AND A SHOPPING TROLLEY

A different approach to dog obedience by Peter Kennon

It is probably no secret to regular readers of my columns, that in addition to a life-long fascination with the training of dogs, I am also involved with horses.

Let me hasten to add that the "Man from Snowy River" I definitely am not. In fact my only claim to competence as a horseman is that I usually manage to avoid falling off.

My association with horses, and the people who educate them, has several advantages. It exposes me to a similar yet different set of philosophies and techniques which allow me to question and critically examine some of my ideas on dogs. Also by handling an animal of such tremendous strength and potential trouble, I have come to better appreciate many aspects of animal psychology.

Whilst those of us in the dog world tend to believe we have some exclusive insight into animal behaviour, it is true that in the horse world there exists a source of parallel knowledge and experience from which we can learn a great deal.

The horse people are very good at sharing knowledge. On almost every weekend, one could attend a seminar conducted by a leading authority on some equine subject. Why doesn't this happen in our sport? Are we afraid to express an opinion or are we reluctant to listen to those who might know more than we do?

I am reminded of the words of Burney Chapman (a Texan hoof specialist) who says "knowledge is sort of like a big pile of manure. If you leave it piled up in one place, it just kills the grass under it. But if you spread it out, everybody benefits."

There is no doubt that we could more effectively spread the collective knowledge on dog training. Perhaps our budgets won't run to inviting international experts as the horse folk do, but there are many ways we can better use the locally available expertise.

For example, the equestrian club to which I belong recently invited a guest instructor. This is an idea that could easily be adopted by obedience clubs to inject fresh viewpoints, provoke thought and generate discussion.

As it happened, our guest instructor took a quite different approach to dressage (horse obedience) and used a series of practical exercises which challenged everyone's riding skills.

To demonstrate how knowledge can be shared, I have borrowed one of the methods which can be applied to dog training. You might like to try this either privately or in a club environment.

The equipment is easily obtained and the objective is to provide an interesting and enjoyable departure from the usual training systems.

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TAKE A BUCKET OF WATER AND A SHOPPING TROLLEY/2

1. From a start peg, the handler and dog (on lead) proceed to a chair on which is placed a bucket of water. The dog should complete an automatic sit while the handler picks up the bucket in the right hand.
2. The team then proceeds through a simple obstacle course to a gate. The obstacles can consist of anything available such as elements of a broad jump, etc. A "stand" and "down" must be completed at designated points along the way.
3. Still holding the bucket (and trying not to spill the water), the handler must negotiate the gate, leaving it shut, then proceed to another chair where the bucket is deposited.
4. The handler then collects a shopping trolley, pusher or pram, half full of empty drink cans (or anything that will rattle) and returns along the previous route.

This all sounds simple until you try it! (It is definitely much easier with a dog than a horse.) A time element can be introduced to add a sense of urgency and the amount of water left in the bucket can also be a measure of success.

If you think about it, the bucket of water serves several purposes. Firstly it occupies the right hand and more significantly divides the handler's attention.

The trolley or pram bouncing noisily along not only distracts the handler but also the dog.

To make the whole thing a little harder, a short piece of cotton can be tied between the lead and collar. Any major error will break the fragile link. A suitcase or handbag could be used instead of a bucket, although the water makes it more fun.

Any disobedience by the dog can be corrected. This is difficult to do with only one hand.

The same level of obedience demanded during a formal training session should be achievable. However, when required to apply their dog's obedience in this unusual manner, many handlers demonstrate for themselves where their training has been inadequate.

There are any number of variations possible to the course and these are only limited by one's imagination. Open standard dogs could be left outside a building (out of sight stay) whilst the handler enters to exchange the bucket for the trolley.

Having stated that this is an unusual application of dog obedience, I must point out that being able to control one's dog during typical everyday activities is what obedience training is all about. Obedience is not the ability to march in straight lines and complete manoeuvres on instruction.

In equine circles the type of activity described is known as a "handy horse" event. The principles apply equally to dogs and present an enjoyable alternative to regular training classes.

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TAKE A BUCKET OF WATER AND A SHOPPING TROLLEY/3

Most importantly, a relatively simple idea developed by others and adapted for our own purposes, provides an opportunity to show handlers that there is a practical application for the time and effort they devote to the training of their dogs.

(This is the last article in the series that I have had permission to run from both the author, and National Dog Magazine, in which they were originally published. This is certainly a different note to end on, but one which I am sure could be persued in the Merit and above classes which would indeed demonstrate the purpose of all our training - an acceptable companion dog to share our daily lifestyles with.)



OBEDIENCE AEROBICS

What exercise does every dog have to do in an obedience trial, whether it is competing in Novice. Open or Utility? Answer: **HEEL**. What is the best exercise for teaching a beginning dog concentration and self control? Answer: **HEEL**. On which exercise do dogs lose the most minor points? Answer: **HEEL**. Why do so many dogs lag? Answer: They are bored and discouraged.

Which exercise do handlers spend the least amount of time working on? Answer: **HEEL**. Why? It's boring.

Often, daily training sessions become patterned. The handler starts out with some warm up heeling on lead, followed by a session of heel free, then on to the more interesting exercises. Without realising it, most handlers follow the same pattern day after day. Start, halt, a couple of turns, some changes of pace, a couple more turns and halts and that's all. For both dog and handler, the heeling routine becomes a boring ritual. Good heeling should be a creative, rewarding, enjoyable experience of two creatures, human and dog, working together with that perfect communion of minds and bodies that is such fun to experience and so beautiful to watch.

The following routines are suggested as ways to make your heeling practice more interesting for you. Beware of letting them become ritualised. Do only a few of them each day and don't do any one of them more than two days in a row. It is up to you to help your dog be a good heeler. Talk to him, praise him, use food rewards or carry a ball or other toy that he is allowed to chase from time to time. Simple games can be fun if you don't get too serious. Work on lead most of the time with short free periods.

GOTCHA. The handler makes sudden turns, changes of pace, goes from halt directly into an about turn, etc. If the dog is caught not paying close enough attention he gets a jerk on the lead accompanied by the handler's laughingly saying "Gotcha". If the dog does stay in position, he is rewarded with praise. It is important to maintain a spirit of fun during this game, as it could otherwise become very discouraging for the dog. It is important for the dog to win as often as possible.

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OBEDIENCE AEROBICS/2

TRADE. The handler carries a toy the dog wants. After a short time the dog is allowed to carry the toy through a turn or change of pace, then without stopping, the handler takes the toy back and carries it a while before giving it to the dog again. A variation of 'Trade' is to slip a glove on the left hand and let the dog pull it off while heeling. Yes, this does encourage the dog to play with your hand and it is best not done by dogs who are moutheaters. As in any type of training, what works well for one dog may not work at all for another, and may even make some dogs worse. Finding out what works well for your particular dog is part of the fun of training.

WARM UP. With the dog on the inside, walk slowly round a large circle 25 to 30 feet in diameter. On the next time round speed up to normal pace, then to fast, then run as fast as you can. Go around again, changing from slow to fast to normal, etc. Make an about turn and repeat with the dog on the outside this time. Use lots of encouragement to prevent lagging.

STOP AND GO. Take one step and halt. Take two steps and halt. Take three steps and halt. About turn and repeat.

BOX. Walk in a square making four left turns, then make another square with four right turns.

Courtesy of OFF-LEAD and Bendigo Obedience Dog Club.



CLUB CALENDAR

The next GENERAL MEETING will commence at 7.30 pm as we have a Guest Speaker. All members are reminded to bring a plate of supper.

30. 5.94	Instructors' Meeting
1. 6.94	Membership renewals may now be paid
7. 6.94	GENERAL MEETING - Guest Speaker
27. 6.94	Instructor's Meeting
3. 7.94	New Members Intake - over 6 months
5. 7.94	TRIAL entries close
9. 7.94	Committee Meeting
13. 7.94	Working Bee
16. 7.94	Newsletter Closing date
17. 7.94	Working Bee
	Open & Associate <u>GODC TRIAL DAY</u>
	No training.
24. 7.94	Promotion Day
25. 7.94	Instructors' Meeting
31. 7.94	Memberships must be renewed by this date, otherwise you will have to REJOIN the Club.
2. 8.94	GENERAL MEETING
7. 8.94	New Members Intake - over 6 months
29. 7.94	Instructors' Meeting - Nomination night for Training Supervisor, Assistants & Training Manager

LIBRARY NEWS



The Hidden Life of Dogs - Author: Elizabeth M. Thomas

Living in a society where canine behavior is increasingly being regulated, we tend to forget the real nature of our dogs - their natural instincts, emotions, desires and hierarchies.

The Hidden Life of Dogs is not a truly scientific experiment, but the author's observations over a period of 30 years are most interesting.

Beginning with Mishka a husky which nightly roamed a location of 160 square miles, she gathered and bred a collection of huskies, wolves, and various other dogs of differing breeds and temperaments, 12 in all.

She made no attempt to train them in obedience, housebreaking, not even to come when called. The old dogs trained the young. They formed themselves into the equivalent of a domestic wolf pack and settled into a life unregulated by humans. The thousands of hours the author spent observing their behavior makes interesting reading.

Obviously the dog rangers in her area were not as vigilant as in ours.

A second bestseller in U.S.A.

The Loss of a Pet - human/animal bond - Author: Wallace Sife

In many ways a pet becomes an extension of our humanity fulfilling a basic human need to love and nurture, and engendering in us stability, purpose and personal richness in a demanding critical world.

Time increases this unique bondage, but unfortunately makes us more vulnerable in our bereavement. The pain experienced at the loss of a loved pet is real and sometimes debilitating. We actually grieve for a close family member.

We at Geelong Obedience Dog Club are fortunate to have caring understanding friends to support us. Many others are left to mourn alone.

The Loss of a Pet meets a special need in an area that in the past has been sadly neglected.

PHYL BERGIN
LIBRARIAN

Would the member who borrowed SMALL DOG OBEDIENCE (FOREMAN) please return to the Librarian, as an Instructor wishes to borrow same.

Thank you.



They first met at a social cricket match over the Easter break and from there on the romance has blossomed.

My Dearest Darling Bess,

From the first time I saw you, I knew it was the real thing for me and hopefully for you to!?

I want to see you again.
How about we get together and share a bone or two!

Please, please say you will.

Waiting anxiously,

Woof
Harpo



slurp slurp



Dear Harpo

While being flattered by your words, I am a little doubtful about your intentions. Are they wholly honourable?

I am not a lady to be trifled with. Are you prepared to make this a committed and long term relationship?

I get the impression you are after one thing, and one thing only. I hope I am wrong!

Yours (with reservations)

Bess

THE BLOODHOUND

For the newer members of the Club, we have been running articles in the Newsletters on a variety of different breeds to enable instructors to have a better understanding of the many dogs they are confronted with. It also give you as pupils enlightenment on the nature of your classmate's dog. This is the 34th breed covered and at this stage we HAVEN'T sighted one of these lining up at the Secretary's office. This is also the final breed to be featured, but if you missed out on reading about your own breed we can re-run any of these on request.

The **Bloodhound** is a scent hound of great size and strength with a noble, dignified expression. He has abundant loose skin which falls into loose, pendulous folds especially noticeable around the head and neck. Although his beginnings are left to speculation we owe his development to St Hubert, the patron saint of the hunter. It was believed he originally obtained his stock from southern France. This breeding was carried on after his death by the Abbots, who succeeded him. Not everyone should own a Bloodhound. The swing of a **Bloodhound's** head can spread saliva across a twenty foot room. His enormous size, food requirements, veterinary bills and short life span can make him a questionable companion for the average person.

If you live in a flat, look into something smaller. An eight week old 30lb puppy will fit into a flat when it's purchased, but a **Bloodhound** puppy grows 4-7 lbs per week and $\frac{1}{2}$ -1" in height per week. He will very shortly outgrow your lovely "little flat". A **Bloodhound** requires a fenced yard and room to grow.

TRACKING or TRAILING - This is the breed's main purpose and intent. **Bloodhounds** are the only ones with a "nose that has eyes". Field work can be most fulfilling and exciting as you and your dog work as a team. But field work requires a lot of hard work, time and patience. This work is not for everyone and for every dog.

PROTECTION - Is he a watch dog? **YES!** Is he a guard dog? **NO! NO!** **NO!** Guard dogs and watchdogs are not synonymous. The end result of people who try, end up with a vicious, unpredictable, and potential four-legged lawsuit in their backyards. The **Bloodhound** is a very sensitive breed. He is extremely intelligent and quick to learn if the owner is patient and capable of communicating to him and his needs.



Condensed from The Bloodhound Association of Victoria handout.)

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Tehree and Hamish Gordon are pleased to announce the appointment of Miss Romina Mierla as Pet Boarding Supervisor for Jirrahlinga All Pet Boarding Centre.

Romina, internationally trained and experienced has attained National Small Animal Care Certificates, vocational qualifications recognised by the Training Agency in the United Kingdom.

Romina is available to cater for your pet's every needs including Bathing, Grooming and Conditioning which are several of her specialised areas.

Pets with medical conditions are also well catered for as along with Romina's experience, Jirrahlinga also boasts, as support, a Fully Qualified Veterinary Nurse in its employ.

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— Large Dogs \$20.00

Grooming rates — from \$10.00

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We believe Romina with her experience will become a great local asset to all Pet Owners.

Tehree and Hamish Gordon

OBEDIENCE, AGILITY & TRACKING CALENDAR

OBEDIENCE

	<u>Closing</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Mornington O.D.C.	Closed	5. 6.94
Bairnsdale Dog Obedience	Closed	11. 6.94
Goulburn Valley O.D.C.	Closed	11. 6.94
East Gippsland Obedience	30. 5.94	12. 6.94
Gippsland O.D.C.	Closed	13. 6.94
Murray Valley O.D.C.	5. 6.94	19. 6.94
German Shepherd Dog Club	19. 6.94	3. 7.94
Geelong Obedience D.C.	3. 7.94	17. 7.94
Victorian Gundog (R.O.T.)		30. 7.94

AGILITY

Bairnsdale Dog Obedience	Closed	11. 6.94
Goulburn Valley O.D.C.	Closed	11. 6.94
East Gippsland Obedience	30. 5.94	12. 6.94
Gippsland O.D.C.	Closed	13. 6.94
Sunbury & District O.D.C.	2. 7.94	16. 7.94
Victorian Gundog (R.O.T.)		30. 7.94

TRACKING

German Shepherd Dog Club		11. 6.94
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Southern O.D.C.	29. 5.94	25. 6.94
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Eastern Suburbs O.D.C.	29. 5.94	2. 7.94
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Murray Valley O.D.C.	19. 6.94	9. 7.94
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Gippsland O.D.C.	17. 6.94	16. 7.94
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Warringal O.D.C.		23. 7.94
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