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THE GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC
NEWSLETTER NO. 59

Welcome to our new members. May your stay with us be a long and happy one and one that enables you to promote responsible dog ownership wherever your path leads you.

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

THE TRIAL

As one judge said - the grounds were perfect, the weather was perfect and if ever a dog was going to get a pass, today was the day to do it. Hence at our trial we had the highest number of passes recorded for a Geelong trial.

So to the many people who helped make this trial a success thank you. This includes the many kitchen helpers; the folk who prepared and set up the grounds; the members who supplied refreshments to the judges and stewards throughout the day; all those people who provided cakes and craftwork for our stall; the raffle ticket sellers. Well done! Further accolades must go to the bar staff; David and Lisa for running the trial and all its related activities and to those who helped in the catalogue preparation; the stewards and finally, but most importantly, the competitors without whom there would be no trial.

Our club awards went to the following people:

Leanne Gunthorpe	-	Highest Scoring Associate Encouragement
Doug Miles	-	Highest Scoring Registered Encouragement
Bert Bartels	-	Highest Scoring Qualifying Associate Novice
Nicole Dekoke	-	Highest Scoring Qualifying Registered Novice
Jane Arvidson	-	Highest Scoring Qualifying Open

Congratulations to all these people.

INSURANCE

At our last General Meeting in April we had as our guest speaker Mr Graham Hobbs who spoke about the Dog 1970 and the respective penalties for non-compliance under this Act. He also outlined our legal status should our dog cause an accident on our own premises or happen to bitesome poor unsuspecting burglar, and about our personal public liability policies written into our House and Contents insurance policies.

On this subject in the May VCA Gazette, there is a letter from Mr Doug Ford, who was approached to look into an insurance matter for the VCA (reprinted elsewhere in this Newsletter). The fact that the insurance company concerned denied liability on a technical matter (policy not paid up at time of incident), has brought to light the fact that many insurance policies public liability coverage would **NOT** cover your dogs at obedience trials, shows or any other dog related sports should you be the one at fault.

Another point raised was that as two dogs were considered to be part of an average household, based on Council registrations, if you were to have more than that number you would legally be bound to disclose this fact when renewing your insurance policies.

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EDITORIAL Cont/2

So maybe it's time some of us checked our respective policies to ascertain how far our coverage extends.

ELECTIONS

It's time for all members to start thinking about who they would like on Committee for the 1994/95 year. Nominations for these positions must be handed to the Secretary 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting is on October 4, so nominations will close on September 13 (before the next Newsletter). To this end there are nomination slips on the last page of this Newsletter.

Nominations are required for ALL Committee positions. There must be only one nomination per each slip. These can be divided up along the dotted lines.

You must complete the whole of each of these slips, i.e. you nominate the person as an Executive Officer or Ordinary committee member in the Position Section; you have the name of the person you nominate in the Nominee Section; your name goes in the section Nominated by; the Nominee has to sign their name and fill in their V.C.A. membership number; and lastly you get someone to second the nomination and sign the slip.

Currently only members registered with the V.C.A. are eligible to stand for committee positions.

Those members wishing to restand for election must be formally nominated again.

Anyone who is eligible to vote may be nominated, so if you feel you have the strength to make a definite commitment for a 12 month period and you believe you can contribute to the Club, discuss the matter with someone else and have them nominate you. People may be nominated as Executive Officers and if they are not voted in as such, their names can be voted on as committee members. The specific areas of responsibility for the ordinary committee members are decided by that incoming committee after the elections.

Remember being a committee member means you must be available to attend the necessary meetings and you must pull your weight. Anyone wanting to be a committee member for the prestige alone is not wanted as they only place an added burden on the other members of the team. Committee members need to be able to relate to other people, be prepared to act on the best advice available for the task ahead, and to accept graciously that the other person's view points may be more relevant than their own in some matters that may be discussed.

A REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS if you have not renewed your membership by the end of July, you **WILL** incur a rejoining fee. Please ensure you bring current vaccination certificates along with your wallet when seeking renewal. **Plus** Library Memberships of \$1.00 per annum can be paid at the same time. Current Library hours are - 10.15 - 10.45 am.

It has been brought to the Committee's attention that recent privileges extend to club members have been abused by some already. As is always the case, the minority always spoil it for the majority. So to those defaulters you are reminded of two old sayings - "**Don't kill the goose that lays the golden egg**" and "**Don't bite the hand that feeds you.**", or you may find in the end you will have no place to go to.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Blessed by the gods!

Only thus can one explain the weather conditions on our Trial day. Like in Queensland "Perfect one day and raining the next."

I would like to take the opportunity to thank once again all the members who contributed to the running and the success of the day. Some of them were familiar stalwarts, but we also had a lot of new faces, especially as stewards. For our new kitchen manager, Lorraine, it was an enormous start in her new position. Lorraine and some of her helpers were still going at 8 pm. The contributions to the cake stall and the casserole appeal were huge, and well appreciated. The working bees on the previous Saturdays were well attended, but the response to the call for help to dismantle after completion of judging was poor. Come on Geelong competitors, this is **YOUR** Club! Did you put in your share of work? Or did you disappear once you knew your results?

To the office staff a big **"Well done"** as they managed to sort out the result sheets and the 60 - 70 qualifying placings, some of them on countback, within one hour of the last class finishing.

Our own club had quite a few entries with high points and passes. Congratulations to all of them. Now keep up the good work toward our **40th Anniversary Trial** in November. In the meantime have a go at the trial being held on our ground by the Rottweiler Club on August 27, and the **"Challenge of the West"** against Werribee, which is a **Club Match** and open to **EVERY** club member. No need to belong to the V.C.A. for this competition. We are currently holding the trophy, but we must meet the **"Challenge of the West"** with all our strength to prove that we are the **BEST**.

Good training.

FRED LEHRMANN
PRESIDENT



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

APRIL 1993/94 session (missed last newsletter)

The Fanaloro Family Marta & Brent Balboni
Peter & Margaret Macauley Yvette & Bill White

The Dower Family

MAY 1994/95 session. (new financial year)

Steve Sesar Peter McBride
The Maddox Family The Hosking Family
Karen Rae The Van Alpher Family
Karen & Ray Zanardo Vanessa Calvert
The Stark Family Jason Hall/Kim Norman
Bonnie & Jenny Dalton The Forshaw Family
Ross Hunter/Bidlo Family
The Baskhann Family Chris Uebrgang/& The Kuenko Family
Sue & Stephen Mase Kim & Tony Field
Melinda & Darrell Waters Lloyd & Sue Pedler
 Libby Booley
Michelle McDonald & Scott Stickland
James Haigh Kristen & Craig Syddall
Marilyn McInnes June Gillham
Angela Gigantelli Tanya Dickson
The Hocking Family Janine Gerdtz
The Monk Family Georgette Berridge
The Young Family Peter Domajenko
Linda Clapinski Lynette Lowcock
Colin McIntosh/Sue Cranney Teh Hughes Family
Leanne & Paul Stevens Diana & Dirk Lutzki
Darryl & Lisa Buchanan Conny Buller
Barbara Hayes Rachael Bond
Stephen Healy Wayne Canming
The Benson Family Alexander Wallman

The Stephens Family
Yvette Sneddon
Michelle Sharrock
Belinda Jennings
Peter Burrill
Sandra White
Therese Aquilina
The Kuenko Family
Lynette Power
The Coyne Family
Kathy Harrison
Lyn Chatham
Jason McDonald
Doug & Lindy Banner
Val & John Telgenkamp
Nancy Bulic
Ian Sutherland
Shirley Hornak
Zanni Dekok
Lucky Laspada
Frank & Shelly Barbagallo
Ian & Gretchen Cooke
David & Michelle Romanis
Therese Henderson/Dave Lewis
Karen & Terry McCormack

JUNE 1994/95

Merryl Beatty Debra Renner
Landra Weeb The Axon Family
Andrea Shea Daren Wekwerth/Aaron Wood
Margaret Drayton Judith & Michael Golebiowski
Brian & Faye Weeks Vicki Davies

Gary Danaher
The Graham Family
Joanne Riches
Robert Kovacic
Carole Witana

JULY 1994/95

Shane & Amanda VanDen Nouwland
Jason Lydom/Melinda Cottam Olga Walker

Samuel & Elle Wood
Brett & Barbara Watson

Pam & Robert Lewis Sally & Matthew Ota
Helen Jager Lorraine Harrowfield
The Simic Family John & Megan Powe
Tammy Esler Sylvia Noblett
Margaret & Stephen Corbett Dennis Peters

Lester & Jean Trelor
Susan Feaver
Debbie McFarlane
Chris & Christine Sherriff
The Drakeford Family

*****Welcome to you all, & remember; you'll get out of training
what you are prepared to put in ! *****

Lisa Blackwell, SECRETARY.

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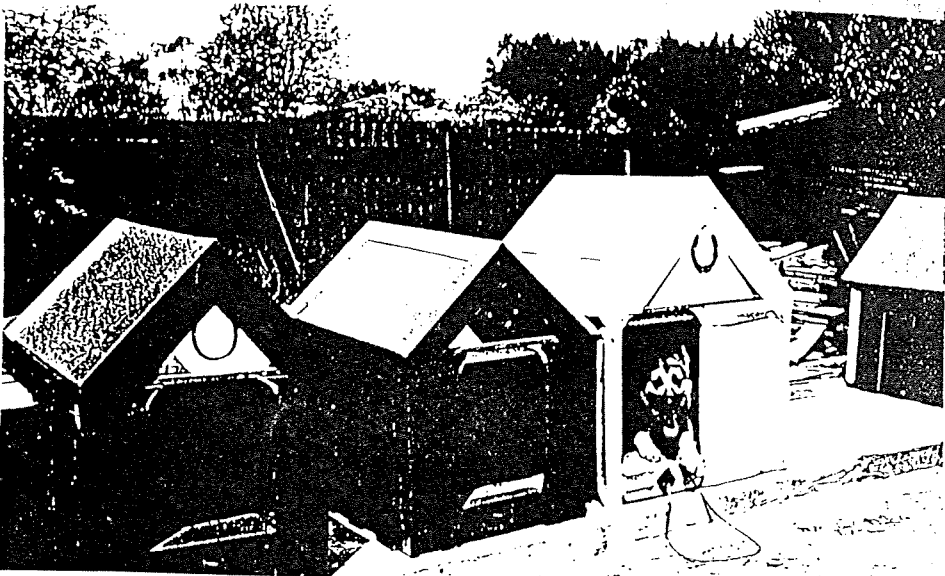
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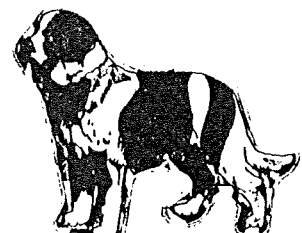
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V A L E

" MISSI "

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You came to us at nine months, in season and looking for
a home,
We took you in, sight unseen and made you a special part
of our family.
You gave friendship, love and joy to many,
But your time came so quickly, our dear old girl,
We only hope you knew, to us you were the best dog in
the whole world.

You'll be so sadly missed
Goodbye beautiful Missi
Rest in peace, Angel.

Memories of you will be treasured forever.

Cheryl, Michael and family



TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

JULY/AUGUST 1994

The sub-instructor's handbook is almost formalized. A lot of work has gone into this project and it will be good when it is finally up and running.

It's great to see so many people have the trialling bug. Trial training class is averaging 15 dogs on a Tuesday night. Instructors are doing a terrific job in promoting trialling. I hope we have some good success stories from our trial in July.

We have decided to print our guide to club tests. It maybe worthwhile to cut them out and keep them handy to have a read through before you go for a test. If you have any queries please ask your instructor or the Training Supervisor.

Until next time,
Leonie Kelleher
Training Supervisor

BEGINNERS TEST.		
SIT STAY	1 MINUTE 30 sec.	30 POINTS
DOWN STAY	5 MINUTES 90 sec.	30 POINTS
HEEL ON LEAD		30 POINTS
STAND FOR EXAMINATION		20 POINTS
STAND STAY		20 POINTS
MAX TOTAL		SCORE 130

50% REQUIRED FROM EACH EXERCISE. TO PASS.
MUST SCORE 90 TO PASS.

SIT AND DOWN STAYS.

PRINCIPAL FEATURE DOG TO STAY IN THE POSITION LEFT FOR
THE REQUIRED TIME.

THIS IS A GROUP EXERCISE DONE AT BEGINNING OF TEST.

HANDLERS LEAVE DOGS ON COMMAND AND STAND
3 METERS AWAY DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF AND FACING
DOGS. [NO NEED TO TURN THEIR BACKS TO LEAVE].
LEADS ON DOGS, BUT NOT IN HAND OF HANDLERS.
RETURN IS AROUND THE BACK OF DOGS TO HEEL

PENALTIES ZERO POINTS FOR A DOG THAT FAILS TO REMAIN
IN THE REQUIRED POSITION.

MINOR DEDUCTIONS [1-3] SMALL MOVEMENTS, EXTRA COMMANDS.

HEEL ON LEAD

NO FIGURE 8
NO FAST PACE

PRINCIPAL FEATURE, DOG AND HANDLER WORK AS A
TEAM, WITH LEAD LOOSE AND HELD IN ONE OR TWO
HANDS.

TO INCLUDE, ALL TURNS, SLOW PACE, NORMAL PACE.
STAND, SIT AND DROP [TWO OF EACH].

PENALTIES ZERO
MINOR [1-3]

UNMANAGEABLE OR AGGRESSIVE DOG.
POOR SITS, DOWNS AND STANDS, GUIDANCE
WITH THE LEAD, EXTRA COMMANDS ETC.

STAND FOR EXAMINATION ON LEAD 20 POINTS

PRINCIPAL FEATURE DOG TO STAND STEADILY UNTIL END OF
EXERCISE.

ON ORDER THE HANDLER TAKES UP POSITION DIRECTLY IN
FRONT OF THE DOG [nose to knee].
LEAD HANGING LOOSELY.

PENALTIES ZERO
MINOR [1-3] UNMANAGEABLE DOG OR ONE THAT ATTACKS.
OR RUNS AWAY.

EXTRA COMMANDS, MINOR MOVEMENTS.

STAND STAY 20 POINTS

PRINCIPAL FEATURE LEAD MAY REMAIN ON BUT NOT HELD.
DOG TO STAND STEADILY OFF LEAD UNTIL
COMPLETION OF EXERCISE.

ON ORDER THE HANDLER LEAVES THE DOG IN STAND.
[handler may back away or turn and walk away to
stand 5' approximately from the dog].

JUDGE WALKING IN A RELAXED MANNER WITHOUT CROWDING
STAYING FIVE FEET FROM THE DOG AND NOT
OBSCURING THE HANDLER FROM THE DOG.
HANDLER MAY REINFORCE COMMAND WITH SIGNAL OR
VOICE BUT WILL INCUR MINOR PENALTY.

PENALTIES ZERO - DOG THAT LEAVES AREA OR ATTACKS.
MINOR [1-3] MINOR MOVEMENT, EXTRA COMMANDS.

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB

MERIT TEST

ENCOURAGEMENT EXERCISES

50% REQUIRED FROM EACH EXERCISE TO PASS

HEEL ON LEAD	30pts
STAND FOR EXAMINATION	20pts
STAND STAY	20pts
1 MINUTE SIT STAY	30pts
3 MINUTE DOWN STAY	30pts
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	130pts

90pts REQUIRED TO PASS.

All orders and exercises shall be executed according to the Trial Rule Book.

SCORING -

PASS - IF PRINCIPAL FEATURE OF THE EXERCISE HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT.

ZERO - Principal feature has not been performed, or dog is unmanageable, or shows aggression.

MINOR - For each extra command and or signal, poor sits, downs or stands. (1 to 3 pts)

For each refusal to sit, stand or drop in heeling exercise a full (minor) 3 points shall be taken.

HEEL EXERCISE 30pts

Principal Feature - TEAMWORK DOG AND HANDLER -

Loose lead held in one or both hands.

Exercise should include 3 sits, stands and downs.

DEDUCTIONS -

ZERO - Dog is unmanageable.

FAIL - For missing more than two sits, stand or drop commands

MINOR- For extra commands etc.

STAND FOR EXAMINATION 20pts

Principal Feature - DOG STANDING STEADILY WITHOUT RESENTMENT UNTIL HANDLER RETURNS.

DEDUCTIONS -

ZERO - If dog leaves area or attacks

MINOR- For extra signals, minor movements.

STAND STAY

20pts

Principle Feature - AS IN STAND FOR EXAMINATION WITHOUT
USE OF LEAD.

DEDUCTIONS

ZERO - If dog leaves area or attacks
MINOR - For extra signals, minor movements

SIT & DOWN STAYS

Principle Feature - DOG STAYS IN POSITION UNTIL HANDLER
RETURNS.

ZERO - Failure to perform principle feature.
MINOR - Extra Commands, minor movements or if dog drops,
stands, sits as handler is returning, but does
not move from the spot.

OBEDIENCE & TRACKING CALENDAROBEDIENCE

	<u>CLOSE</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
SHEPPARTON & DIST. OBED.	22. 7.94	7. 8.94
RED CLIFFS DIST. KENNEL	31. 7.94	13. 8.94
RED CLIFFS DIST. KENNEL	31. 7.94	14. 8.94
BENDIGO O.D.C.	7. 8.94	21. 8.94
ROTTWEILER CLUB OF VIC. INC.	14. 8.94	27. 8.94
MOORABBIN O.D.C.	7. 8.94	28. 8.94
SUNBURY & DIST. O.D.C.	20. 8.94	3. 9.94
NORTHERN O.D.C.	14. 8.94	4. 9.94
ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW	CLOSED	15-24. 9.94
SAMOYED CLUB (R.O.T.)	19. 8.94	18. 9.94
WESTERN PORT OBED.	11. 9.94	24. 9.94

TRACKING

	<u>CLOSED</u>	
GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB	CLOSED	6. 8.94
GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB	CLOSED	7. 8.94
EASTERN SUBURBS O.D.C.	17. 7.94	13. 8.94
EASTERN SUBURBS O.D.C.	17. 7.94	14. 8.94
TRACKING CLUB OF VIC. INC.	13. 8.94	27. 8.94
TRACKING CLUB OF VIC. INC.	13. 8.94	28. 8.94
V.C.A. (OTAC)	26. 8.94	10. 9.94
V.C.A. (OTAC)	26. 8.94	11. 9.84
SOUTHERN OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB	26. 8.94	24. 9.94
SOUTHERN OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB	26. 8.94	25. 9.84

TRIAL RESULTS (Cont/2)

GEELONG	GEELONG	GEELONG	GEELONG	GEELONG	GEELONG	GEELONG
Ian Barnes		In The Black C.D.X. (Bouncer)			<u>UTILITY</u>	
					3rd Place	

Well done!

CARE OF YOUR OLD PETS

As our pets grow older they need extra care and we should be aware of their special needs. Some things we should consider include:

- * Older pets are more susceptible to the effects of extreme weather conditions. In the hotter months ensure they have shade and plenty of water; in the colder months ensure they have warm shelter out of the wind and rain.
- * Many old pets suffer from arthritis of the joints. They have trouble getting up, especially first thing in the morning, and are generally stiffer and slower when they move. Arthritis is often exacerbated by too much exercise.

Arthritis is a progressive condition and can't be cured. It's course can be slowed, however, by keeping your pet at a healthy weight and providing regular gentle exercise. Swimming is excellent exercise for dogs with arthritis.

There are a number of medications available to relieve the pain associated with arthritis.

Providing your pet with soft, dry bedding also minimises discomfort.
- * Old dogs often develop a doggy smell. It's a good idea to bath them every 2-4 weeks to help control this.
- * Mouth and dental problems are common in old pets and can be prevented by good dental care throughout your pets life. Bad breath and reluctance to eat are common signs of dental problems. If this occurs veterinary attention should be sought.
- * Erratic behaviour in old pets, such as barking at the wind, is often due to senility. This is where patience and understanding is important in the care you provide your pet.
- * Old pets often become hard of hearing (not to be confused with selective deafness which is easily diagnosed by tapping the food bowl!) and may lose some vision. Many people notice their pet's eyes developing a bluish appearance. This is due to the lens of the eye losing its transparency as part of the normal aging process.
- * Urinary incontinence is common in old female dogs and can be treated with drugs available from your vet. Sometimes old pets aren't able to hold on to their urine and faeces for as long as when they were younger and need to go to the toilet more often.
- * As pets become older and weaker they are more prone to other diseases. This is why preventative health care, such as regular worming, annual vaccinations and good quality nutrition, is so important with the older pet.

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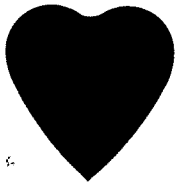


CARE OF YOUR OLD PETS Cont..2

- * Watch your pet for early signs of disease and consult your vet if you suspect an illness - the earlier diseases are diagnosed the better the chance of successful treatment.
- * Quality of life: Even though old pets are less active and can't manage very long walks they still get bored. Be sure to spend lots of time with your old friend - gentle exercise, patting, talking, brushing, rides in the car and family trips will all make his or her life more stimulating.
- * The question of euthanasia: When is the right time to put your pet to sleep? This might be one of the hardest decisions you'll have to face in your pet's life. In our next article we will talk about euthanasia and losing a pet.

With the huge advances in veterinary science over the past decade our pets are living longer. The average lifespan for cats and small dogs is 14-16 years and for larger dogs: 11-13 years. There is so much we can do as vets and owners to ensure our pets have long, happy and healthy lives; and it's the care you give in those final years that will make the relationship with your pet so special to remember..

(Reprinted courtesy of the Bellarine Veterinary Practice.)



V A L E

MALLORENE MINDELLE C.D.

"Mindy"

Shetland Sheepdog

Passed away 16.5.94

"Mindy" a gentle dog, lovingly owned and trained by the
late Maria Breiberg

Ever loyal companion to Meinhard

Silent thoughts of time together
Hold memories that last forever.

INSURANCE

The following advice is offered by the V.C.A. Insurance Consultants - Ford Kinter & Associates Pty. Ltd.

\$50,000 AWARDED FOLLOWING DOG BITE

On the 8th March, 1994, the "Today Show" on Channel 9 reported the courts awarded a lady \$50,000 against the owner of a dog, who's dog had bitten her on the leg.

The events that occurred were, the lady was walking her dog on a lead when the other dog, off lead, but with its owner, began to chase her and her dog. She took fright and ran around a corner. The unrestrained dog followed and a dog fight took place, in which the lady was severely bitten on her leg by the loose dog. Consequently legal action took place and she was awarded \$50,000.

Then the story was basically repeated on the 9th March, on the same show. However, this time a Solicitor made various comments. One comment was, that had the owners of the loose dog had Home Contents Insurance then they would have been covered under the liability section of the policy. However, the owners' policy had lapsed and they had no cover.

This general statement in relation to the Home Insurance gravely concerned me, as it could give other dog owners a false sense of security that just because they have a Home Contents Insurance policy would be covered in a similar scenario, or other incidents involving their dogs.

Let me explain, I looked at one of Australia's largest Home Contents Insurers actual policy wording in regards to the liability section.

The following exclusions could effect whether or not cover would be granted.

1st exclusion: "No liability cover is granted where liability arises from a result of acts or omissions done with reckless disregard for their consequences."

I ask the question, is a dog in a public place, off lead a reckless disregard for the consequences?

2nd exclusion: "No cover, where liability arises from any sporting activity - including professional, recreational or amateur sport."

Therefore, no cover whilst at a dog show, under this Home policy. Thank heavens the V.C.A. has had the foresight to cover the Dog Showing fraternity, whilst at these events.

3rd exclusion: "No liability arising out of any business, trade or profession."

I would suggest any breeder who sells their excess stock, could be deemed to be running a business. Secondly a number of breeders have their Show Kennels registered as a business and do Tax returns for same. This is definitely a business.

Well there are just three exclusions under one Company's policy. Each Insurance Company may have these, variations to these, or entirely different ones.

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INSURANCE Cont/2

Next problem under the "Insurance Contracts Act 1984", you have a Duty of Disclosure. That is, you are obligated to advise your Insurance Company of any matter you could be reasonably be expected to know is relevant to the Insurers decision whether to accept the risk of the insured, at the time you take out the policy, renew, extend, vary or re-instate the policy. Failure to do so may entitle the Insurance Company to reduce his liability under the policy in respect of a claim, or may cancel the policy.

Now, with dogs it is reasonable to expect any home to have up to two dogs. However, three or more dogs, would not be regarded as normal, and could evoke the duty of disclosure clause, if you have not disclosed this fact to your Insurance Company.

Now I have probably pressed your panic button and you are all off looking for your policy wordings etc. What you can do to avoid these pitfalls - Well lucky there are simple solutions. Firstly there are Insurance products on the market which can take care of these problems.

I suggest you contact an Insurance Broker, make sure his Firm is a member of the National Insurance Brokers Association, this will ensure his professional standing, explain your activity in dogs and the policy you have. He can make sure that you comply with your duty of disclosure, and your policy adequately covers all situations with your dogs.

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TRIAL RESULTS

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB

Bill Laing

Marcus Laanecoorie U.D. UTILITY
(Marcus) German 2nd Place
Shepherd Dog 8th PASS

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Monica Smith

Blackrussian Rajah ENCOURAGEMENT
(Rajah) 3rd Place

Leanne Gunther

Roma Round Rockhampton ENCOURAGEMENT
2nd Place

K & B Mason

Kurrawa Mia Trekin NOVICE
Border Collie 1ST PASS

Nicole Dekoke

Singithi Shanti (A) NOVICE
Rottweiler 1ST PASS

Bert Bartels

Sharna Bartels (Sharna) NOVICE
German Shepherd 1ST PASS

Fiona Glencross

Adbroke Camarra Yukant OPEN
C.D. (Ukon) German 3rd Place
Shepherd Dog 1ST PASS (official)

Jane Arvidson

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German Shepherd Dog PASS

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SWIMMING TALES (TAILS IF YOU HAVE ONE)

My mum, together with my grandpa, drove us to this place down the highway a bit and we pulled up in front of this big shed. I remember we came here last week but I had to stay in the car while everyone else got out including my second best friend, who travelled there with us. Seem to recall that last time my friend and our mum came out slightly wet. Must be a big puddle in that shed - guess the roof must leak.

Anyway this time my mum offered to take me inside. Walked through the door and immediately thought this place was promising - toys on one side of me and big bags of food in front of me PLUS other dogs I could play with if only my mum would let go of this lead and stop telling me I'm not allowed to play. Can't understand why she's got to keep hanging on to me and yelling at me every time I show some enthusiasm over something or some one.

Oh gee, some of those other dogs are really wet. Did they roll in the puddles on the floor mum?

Mum gives a tug and suggests I go with her through the gate in front of us. Grandpa said he didn't want to come through with us, but I can see him on other side of the fence.

Wow, look at all that water mum. A girl could make a big splash in here!

Gee, there's a big Rottweiler motoring around in this BIG puddle, but he's not splashing so he can't be having any fun, especially when he's by himself.

Two other people (related to mum of course 'cause they have front legs they don't touch the ground with) start to lift me up with mum still attached to me on the other end of the lead. What on earth are they doing with me, my feet still work!

Over the little wall I go and they put me into the BIG PUDDLE. So what! Whoops, hey guys I love water usually, but where's the BOTTOM gone? Help, there's been some mistake! I can't stand up!

Gee, if I belt away at this gi-normous puddle like mad maybe I can displace some of it and stand up.

Now three of those people are tugging at my lead and telling me to come along. It's okay for them, they are standing on something! I'm not! One's tugging this way and another on the other side of this horrendous puddle and I just notice a funny thing. They, together with my mum are dripping water everywhere. Can't understand it THEY aren't in this puddle! Splash, splash, I'm trying to walk on it, but it's not working! Glub, glub. Now they are running back the other way and calling out for me to follow and hey, the water is over my head. I'm no fish, this isn't funny, splash, splash, splash, splash.

HEY, I've just felt something under the water. It's like a little shelf - wow, that's better I'm out of that bottomless stuff. Now it's only just up to my knees. Have to have a shake, those two legged bodies don't look wet enough. Oh, no! Is there no end to this. Now I'm getting another collar put on and they've hooked a great long stick to it and pushed me back in the puddle, yuk!

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SWIMMING TALES (TAILS IF YOU HAVE ONE) Cont/2

Splash, splash, glub glub, they're trying to turn me into a fish again, can't see where I'm going, stupid piece of wood. I'll get it, if I can just tip to the side. Got it! They're now reaching down and telling ME I'm naughty. Me! They're the ones who put me in in the first place.

Splash, splash - I've just managed to throw one leg over the stick and yes, I've done it over the lead. What's this I'm being towed to the side - yipee! Oh, oh, they just untangled me and pushed me back away from the little shelf.

I'll kill that stick if I can just get it again. It makes my head go completely under when they try and turn me. Splash, splash I'm trying so hard to get all of this water out of here and yipee, I've got the stick down again and I've hooked the other lead and I'm coming to that shelf again and they're letting me STAND up, and boy am I out of here. Have to have a couple of big shakes first, just to make sure the puddle is reducing.

Mum's taken me and tied me up on flat ground and is spraying warm water over me just like when I get in the bath at home in preparation for a show. Believe me that feels pretty good not having to pump water any more. Next comes a towel down and I always reckon that part is really good. Now I can have a chat with some of the other dogs here who were watching me. Guess I must be pretty good as most of them stood up in their boxes to watch me. Grandpa is just shaking his head and muttering. My mum is dripping water everywhere as are the other two relatives who were tugging me through the big puddle.

Oh boy, mum's let me off the bench and I'm trying so hard to get out of the door and back to the car so I can tell my mate about the big stick and how I tried so hard to get rid of that puddle!

What a day! Just heard my mum say we'll be back during the week, hope she leaves me at home, I'm exhausted.

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TITBITS

Who is the absent minded professor always leaving something different behind at training each week, and when asked whether she had everything, answered in the affirmative saying she had made sure this time and toddled off to her car. Went to drive away when she was reminded by a member that she had left her dog tied up to the veranda!

Seems watching the leader of the pack for some dogs is an ongoing learning experience. One black and tan specimen watched her pack leader each night carefully, and when it was suggested she was to be introduced to a certain male for a mating she took matters into her own mouth. After nabbing the packet from the bedside dressing table, she carefully peeled back the silver outer covering and popped, not **ONE**, but **THREE** contraceptive pills. A girl has to be sure, for sure! She can only live in hope they weren't placebos!

Old saying "You can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink". Seems it applies to dogs and water too. You expect the dog that plays in water in summer and winter to take to swimming like a duck; and the other dog who doesn't go in over his knees to be reticent about swimming, or in fact be a non-swimmer. Wrong on two counts. Dog No.1 tries to walk on water and Dog No.2 takes to swimming with a hairy splash. So just goes to show, "You CAN teach a dog new tricks!"

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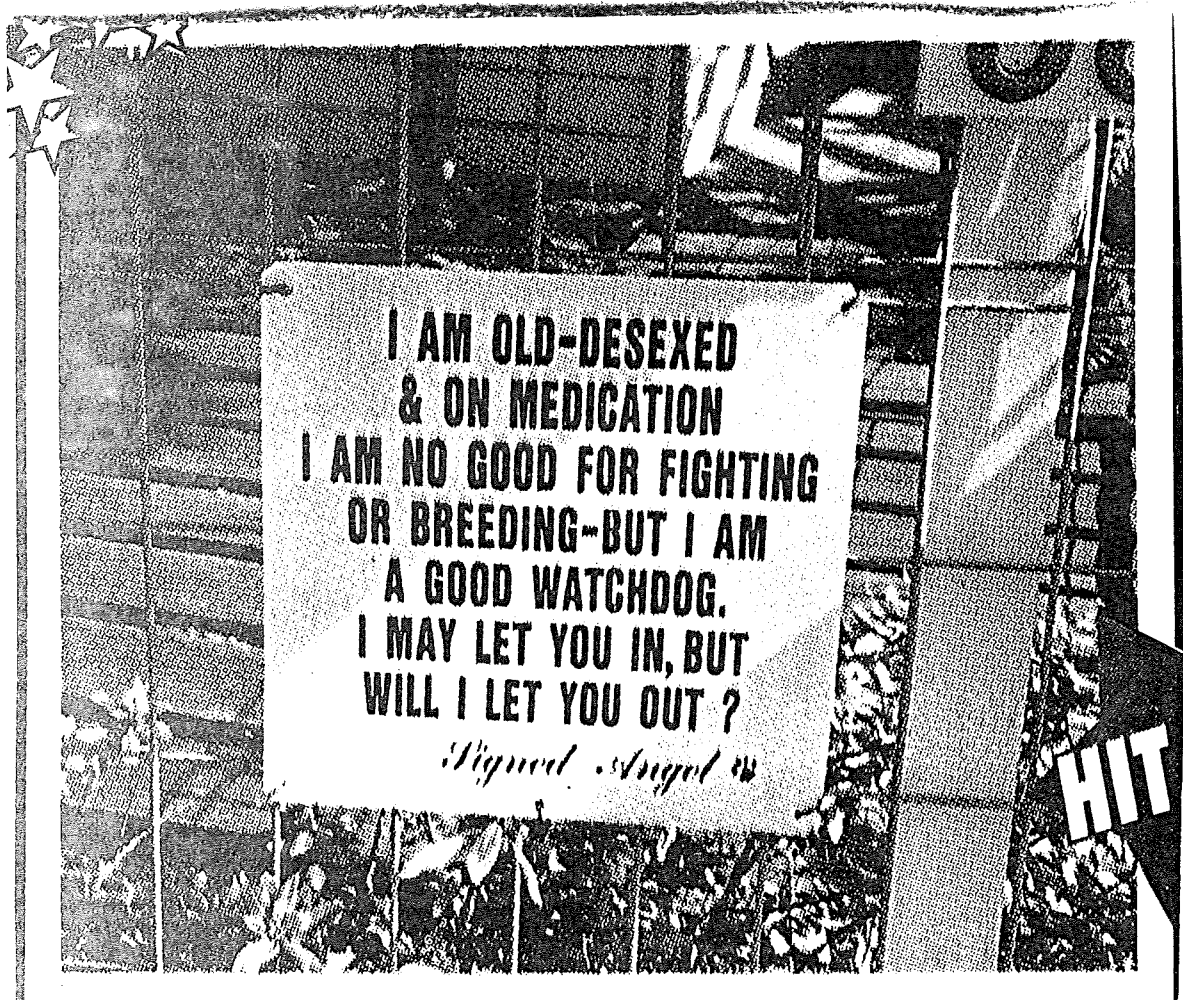
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OUR PETS GET COUGHS AND COLDS TOO!

It's that time of year again when many of us succumb to the snuffles and sniffles of the winter months. Dogs and cats get coughs and colds too; the causes of these signs are many and varied, but in most cases veterinary attention is necessary to ensure a speedy recovery and to make sure there's nothing more serious going on.

COUGHING IN DOGS:

A common cause of coughing in dogs is the Kennel Cough Complex which is very infectious (hence its association with dogs kept in close confinement). It's characterised by a harsh persistent cough due to inflammation of the trachea and bronchi and is caused by a combined viral and bacterial infection. While most dogs eventually get better, recovery can be sped up by a course of antibiotics prescribed by your vet which fights the bacterial infection. Vaccination against the viral component of the disease is also recommended as it reduces the likelihood of infection and greatly reduces the severity of disease should it occur.

There are other infectious and allergic causes of coughing too which can be effectively treated by your veterinarian.

Coughing is often the first sign of heart disease and is characterised by a hacking cough which is often worse first thing in the morning. If diagnosed early, therapy can successfully alleviate symptoms and slow progress of the disease.

Another common cause of coughing is tracheal collapse. This is characterised by a honking cough and is caused by weakening of the cartilage rings in the trachea which allows it to collapse and restrict the airway. It's not life threatening, but it does cause discomfort; relief can usually be provided by anti-inflammatory drugs.

SNEEZING AND NASAL DISCHARGE:

The other cold-like signs which your dog might get are sneezing and runny nose. Again there are many causes of these signs. Often the cause is viral or bacterial infection or less commonly a fungus. If a discharge is only present in one nostril or the discharge is mainly blood, other causes such as a foreign body or tumour need to be considered. In all cases a check by your vet is advised.

(Reprinted Courtesy of Bellarine Veterinary Practice.)

HATCHES

Kim Keys and Chris Convery recently introduced a new face to the world, a boy "MATTHEW LEIGH".

It's a Boy

MATCHES

Congratulations to Linda Baldwin and John McKenna on tying the knot recently. Similar well wishes are extended to Damian Robertson on his recent coupling.





SHOULD WE HAVE DONE THAT ?

Hi there many of you will not know or even have heard of the Deane family but my association with the Geelong Club goes back to 1966 when I started to train my first dog and from there on and off to the present. Our recent venture into the dog world which brought us as a family back to the Geelong Obedience was the arrival into the house of a beautiful Australian Cattle Dog (not one of them Blue 'eelers) called Cindy.

As we had never had a breed female before and our children had never seen a litter of pups brought into the world, we thought maybe it would be a good idea to let Cindy have a litter of pups. Boy have things changed since then.

After successfully getting a Class 2 pass at the Dog Club (one litter of pups) and then the required three passes in Novice to gain a C.D. the family, namely Lesley and I looked for wider pastures and finished up here in Bransholme. Now after 9 months, "Should We Have Done That?" Answer YES.

We have 0.8 hectares of land in an enclosed triangle of three roads around us, so no neighbors fences etc. and a very old house in which the floor is not straight or level (fall out of bed and roll into the wall) poor lights, not enough tanks to collect the water required to last the summer and all the other problems of shifting house. But we love it and would not move back to the City for Quids.

The Dog runs have been built, floors put into the Kennels, nearly 200 hundred trees planted, gardens started and tons of rock and garden fill put in, a paddock rotary hoed and seeded for an Obedience Ring. Now with the oncoming of winter and the start of rain the ring is greening up and we have people coming with their dogs for Obedience after work in Hamilton we can see the results of all those hard days, the sore hands and back, the splinters and the time apart.

The Obedience side of the Hamilton Cub has shut down and there is no other Club close by so this has pushed us into action to get together people with the same interests as us with our dogs as far as obedience. The number is building up and as more people hear about what we are doing we hope to help train more handlers work their dogs successfully. The Vet keeps recommending us to some of his clients whose dogs (he really means the owners) give him a hard time.

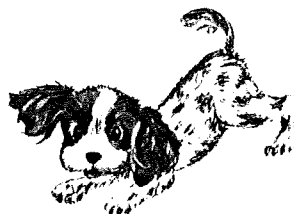
Well, three litters later and now five adult dogs with us in Bransholme, one still in Ocean Grove and two small pups which we hope to show soon our life has become anything but routine. Our day starts with feeding the two pups after bringing them from their night quarters to their day yard, feeding and letting out our chooks and chickens into their yard along with the two ducks and finally walking the five adult dogs on their 3 kilometer morning walk. It's then their feed time, yard, kennel and feed dish cleaning time. Now the chooks are allowed out to free range and the two cats are allowed out of the house to roam free for a while while the trees are watered if needed or some other farm

yard type job is done. Collect the cats and go inside. Now into the car to collect rocks from up the road or go the shop to collect the papers, milk and bread if needed. Next stop the Post Office (part of the pub in this town) and home for breakfast (it's now about 10.00 am) to read the paper and the mail (Oh look the news letter from the Geelong Dog Club has come this morning, thanks Lisa). Boy now for a rest.

Later in the day move those rocks to form up the gardens and put an edge to the D.C.G (for the uninitiated that means the Deane's Cricket Ground, named by one elder son who helped level and seed the Obedience ring) along with any other hard work my wife can dream up for us both to get on with. Its about 4.30pm and time to feed the adult dogs. forgot to mention the pups have been fed at some time during the afternoon, and after a rest out to give the dogs their evening walk. (always late during the hot weather) Before we leave the chooks, chickens and ducks are put away (the dogs love to stir them up given half a chance especially Jess, ask Lisa about Jess 'cos she's a very special obedience trained dog), in the run and watered before we go. On return the dogs are either put back in their runs if it is early and or hot or put into their kennels for the night. Now the chooks, chickens and ducks are fed and tucked up in the chook pen (yes we have Foxes about) for the night. It's inside to watch the News. Tea come anytime between 5.00 and 9.00pm. If there's nothing to watch on the giggle box it's off to bed to read then sleep. And so tomorrow.

Have we enjoyed the move, in one word "YES"

Stan Deane
P. O. Box 7
Bransholme Vic 3302



FOOTNOTE: Jess the cattle dog is deaf
and has been trained with
food and hand signals.



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*

CERTIFICATE PASSES:- FROM PROMOTION DAY 29TH MAY, 1994.



BEGINNERS' OBEDIENCE CERTIFICATE:-



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***** CONGRATULATIONS, THESE MEMBERS NOW TRAIN IN CLASS 2

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TADEUS WINIEKI & JACK	JANEANE LEE & JENNY	KYLIE DEPPLER & BUFFY

***** WELL DONE TO THESE PEOPLE, YOU NOW CONTINUE YOUR TRAINING IN CLASS 2.

BASIC OBEDIENCE CERTIFICATE:-



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***** CONGRATULATIONS, THESE MEMBERS NOW TRAIN IN CLASS 3.

NOTE: IF ANY MEMBERS' NAME APPEARS ON THESE LISTS, & YOU HAVEN'T COLLECTED YOUR CERTIFICATE, PLEASE DO SO FROM THE OFFICE.

A TRIBUTE:

As you read the list of certificates above, you would have read the name "LEANNE JACKSON." A quiet achiever who never complained, but enjoyed training her shetland sheepdog, Benson. Just fifteen days after passing her merit certificate, Leanne lost her battle with cancer, and passed away on the 13th of June, 1994.

Her determination & courage is something we should all aspire to.

Lisa Blackwell
SECRETARY.

THE AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD

A PIECE OF OUR HISTORY COMING HOME

CHARACTERISTICS

The **Australian Shepherd** is a dog of medium size and bone slightly longer than tall with a coat of moderate length. Males should range in height from 20 - 23" and bitches 18 - 21". He very much resembles a border Collie but is slightly larger and has a wide variety of colours. These include Blue Merle, Red Merle, Solid black and Solid Red. These colours can be varied with white and/or copper trim. The **Aussie** is also unique because the standard allows blue or red merles to have blue eyes, one blue and one brown eye or marbled eyes. It is also allowable to have up to 25% of the nose unpigmented. He is a natural or docked bobtail. The **Aussie** gait is smooth and free.

The **Australian Shepherd** is primarily a working dog of strong herding and guarding instincts. He is intelligent, devoted to his family, very agile and can work with style and enthusiasm. I have found my dog very responsive to training and quick to learn. He accepts correction without resentment or shyness and is very people originated. He is outgoing but will sit back and analyse new situations before plunging in. He is a very active pup and needs to be provided with toys to prevent him destroying my belongings. Also the topography of my dog yard is slowly being re-arranged. House-training has not been a problem.

While **Aussies** are known for their ability in the obedience ring they are a slow maturing dog and owners in America and England recommend serious training does not start until the dogs are a year old.

HISTORY

The **Australian Shepherd** was actually developed in America using dogs which were imported from Australia in the 1900s. These dogs travelled over with flocks of Merino sheep and the Basque Shepherd who tended them. There is much debate about the origins of these dogs. Some contend they originally came to Australia from Spain when the first Merino sheep came here. Others believe they were **Australian Sheepdogs** derived from the Smithfield and some type of Collie, possibly the German Coolie or it's ancestor. The truth is possibly a combination of the two.

Once in America they were used to work sheep and later cattle, developing quite a reputation as a working dog. Legends have it that these dogs were held in reverence by the Indians because of the dog's blue eyes. They were called the "ghost-eyed" ones and it was thought the Indians left these "spirit" dogs and their owners unharmed. Nowadays they are very popular as a family pet, an obedience and agility dog and now as a show dog.

THE PRESENT

In America **Aussies** have recently been recognised by the American Kennel Club. The delay in recognition has been caused by the fear that the dogs will be bred for the conformation ring only, which could lead to a loss of their working ability. The issue finally

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THE AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD Cont/2

lead to a split in the American club with the newly formed United States Australian Shepherd Association Inc. applying for recognition of the breed. On January 1, 1993 **Aussies** will compete in the Herding group for the first time after being in the miscellaneous class for a year.

The breed is now being established in England and presently there are 160 animals in the country. Australian Shepherd Club of the U.K. is currently conducting conformation classes and many dogs are competing in obedience, agility and working trials.

In Australia the breed is in it's infancy. Mrs Shirley Ford re-introduced the breed in 1990 when she emigrated from England with family and four **Aussies**. She has bred one litter of five pups at the time of writing and is planning more in the future. Currently there is one bitch pup in the Northern Territory, a dog pup in Victoria and the rest reside in Queensland. Both these animals have gone to working homes. Recognition in Australia is now being sought and it is hoped that the May meeting of the A.N.K.C. will give the go ahead for the **Aussies** to compete in conformation shows and the obedience ring.

(This pamphlet on these dogs was given to me together with some other literature on the breed by Bill Laing, and he has obviously met handlers of this breed in his interstate travels. So for further information please see Bill. As I usually obtain my photographs from the VCA Gazette for breed summaries we print, as we haven't seen any to date in past Royal Shows your imaginations must be put into overdrive.)

CLUB CALENDAR



2. 8.94	GENERAL MEETING
7. 8.94	New Members Intake, Class 1
29. 8.94	Instructors' Meeting - Nominations close for Training Supervisor, Assistants & Training Manager
4. 9.94	New Members Intake, Class 1
6. 9.94	Committee Meeting
7. 9.94	Newsletter Closing date
13. 9.94	Closing date for Committee Nominations
25. 9.94	Promotion Day
26. 9.94	Instructors' Meeting, Election night for Training Supervisor, Assistants & Training Manager
28. 9.94	Closing date for life membership nominations
4.10.94	<u>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</u>
24.10.94	Instructors' Meeting
30.10.94	Funday & Promotion Day

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