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GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.
NEWSLETTER NO. 61

Welcome to our new members. May your stay with us be a long and happy 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. (However, the next issue will be distributed on the first training day in February.) 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.

Well only six days to go before our Club's big day of celebrations with the combined Agility and Obedience trial followed by the Dinner Dance to mark our 40th Anniversary. If you haven't submitted your name to any of the committee members to help on that day, or during the lead up, **shame on you!** A successful day depends on a **shared** workload; if each member offers one hour of their time, then each and every member gets to either be a competitor or a spectator at some stage of the proceedings. Remember we are **all** volunteers here - so don't just train and run once a week; give for a day and show our guests you are proud to be a member of this Club.

The Dinner Dance at night is a **"one off"** function for us, so take advantage of the subsidized ticket prices. Make up a table with some of your fellow class members. Make it a joint meeting of the **"old"** with **"the new"**.

As the Newsletter is out earlier this month the Fun Day results are still to come to hand, so all the placegetters, your name will be in **"lights"** in the January edition. Geelong trial results will appear in that same edition. To the successes well done, to the others, you get to have a go at reversing the tables next time. The fact that you **"tried"** is success in itself.

Today being promotion day will again see some successes and failures, but remember if you don't keep trying you will never have the pleasure of displaying that special certificate on your wall. To the disgruntled who always say after the event **"I didn't know you had to do that"**, there is **now** no excuse as the requirements for the three certificates has been published in an earlier Newsletter and copies of each of these tests are available from the Club office.

At our Annual General Meeting two new life memberships were awarded.

The first going to Lisa Blackwell who has been an instructor and a devoted committee member for many years, ably performing as our trial secretary, social co-ordinator and most importantly as our Secretary. As most of us realize, the secretary is the **window of the club**. She is a member who has always willingly stepped into battle on any sub-committee to further promote responsible dog ownership within the community. Well done Lisa.

The second recipient is another instructor who has served on committee and been our Display Team leader for many years, as well as being an Assistant training supervisor throughout this time. Congratulations Desma Dickeson.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

NOVEMBER 26 Our Trial and Dinner Dance.

NOVEMBER 27 No Training - sleep in!

DECEMBER 4 **PROMOTION DAY** and closing date for Elsa Dahl award nominations; committee/instructor person of the year nominations; and also the last date for trial results and title applications to be handed in. **NO LATE** details will be accepted. So it is up to you not to "miss the bus".

DECEMBER 6 Our last General Meeting for the year commencing at 7.30 pm with our guest speaker being **DENIS WALTERS** (no not the singer), the **worm farmer**.

DECEMBER 11 **LAST** training session/day for year and our presentation of club trophies, club medallions and that ever important certificate you earned at the last promotion day. This is a good chance to have funⁱ your class as the Instructors usually have some fun activities for you to do with your dog.

Make this a family day and bring along some food to cook on our "barbie", and some mistletoe to sneak under when your companion is'nt looking.

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

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

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

In closing may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a prosperous new year and remind those members who are in the lower classes to still keep up with your homework over the break. Don't however, do this in the heat of the day, make your training sessions early in the morning or early evening. Don't forget to include your best mate in your Christmas festivities, and we look forward to seeing you all back in 1994 for recommencement of formal training on **FEBRUARY 12**.

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

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COMMITTEE/INSTRUCTOR PERSON OF THE YEAR

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

Dont's just talk about it, submit your nominations on paper.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 1994

It is hard to fathom that 12 months have already passed and once again it is time to reflect on the time gone by. We started with the Committee once again not filled and began 1994 with three short. Meinhard Breiberg was nominated and accepted by Committee as second Vice-President and later the Committee filled on nomination the two vacant positions with Melinda Bradford-Bell and Lorraine Waldron.

Every year it seems to get harder to find people interested to take on a job. The requirement to be a V.C.A. member is a known reason, but there must be others, for a Club of our size to be in this situation. In the early days we had 18, six more than now, on Committee and we had to have a ballot. What is wrong. I could think that maybe everything seems to be running so smoothly that members are happy with the Committee and forget that the same might want a break and this is what is happening now. Nearly half of the present committee are not standing. The time now has come to stand up and be counted. How about it?

Now back to the year that was. The trials we had in November 1993 and July 1994 were well attended by the Geelong members, and I must say with pleasing results. Trialling and picking up the odd pass or title should be the ultimate aim of all members. Not everyone will get to that standard, but they should be encouraged to try. I am very pleased that our new Class and Certificate system is working well towards this target. Also our test results show that effect. Our new approach in helping aspiring instructors shows promise to be successful.

The preparation for our 40th Anniversary trial and dance is well under way and we hope that all members will support these functions to the best of their ability.

Already the Club has shown it's appreciation to all the people involved during the year by means of a "night out", but may I now thank everyone again for the great job you've done in all departments. You are all volunteers and that was all so often forgotten when you made a mistake, and criticism was levelled at you. But at least you tried and had a go. "Thank you" to all of you in which ever department you helped in.

To those of you who are not standing for re-election, I wish you well. I feel sad and also disappointed that a good team is breaking up. I hope that we find worthy replacements for you, so that the Club will be able to give the same high service to its members and also retain its high standing in the dog world.

As I am unopposed I shall try and lead the new committee with that aim in mind. Thank you!

FRED LEHRMANN
PRESIDENT



SECRETARY'S REPORT 1993/94

Memberships according to the members' roll were down by 28 this year, but when you take into consideration that some 49 memberships were signed up for 1994/95 season in May, instead of 1993/94, memberships were actually up by 21. I found this figure very surprising as many other alternative training activities have started up in Geelong this year. It is obvious to me, that our Club has not been affected. For this trend to continue, we must offer a professional, uniformed approach in our Club. Something that I have strived for, sometimes with little success or support from some of the membership. Information passed on should be accurate and non-personal, so that the correct dates etc. are passed on and the office crew don't end up with red faces, which has happened on all too many occasions this year. If you don't know, find out, don't guess or assume. You know what assume stands for, broken down!

The memberships broken down stand at 227 single, 301 family, 42 dual, 16 junior single, 43 pensioner single, 40 family pensioner, 4 dual pensioner, 27 life members and 1 honorary member. This roughly breaks down to over 1,088 members. I find this very surprising as only a handful seem to be around when there is work to be done. Where are you all? It is an age old problem for Clubs, to get member participation. As the club grows, and resources are stretched to the limit, I have to ask myself what can be done. Maybe, some of the Club's services could be cut, or even membership fees could be increased to pay outside contractors to do the work, seeing members aren't prepared to help out at the working bees etc. Just look at our financial statement to see how much it costs to run the club with volunteers, if all members are not prepared to help out or be accountable for **THEIR** club, can we afford to employ outside help? Obviously the **WORKERS** in all areas are to be congratulated. With this size membership, any wonder the office gets a little tired of members forgetting where their class is, that training times have changed because they didn't know they'd got a certificate, or even remember who their instructor is. All members should be held accountable to read the Newsletter, look at the noticeboard, **LISTEN TO THEIR INSTRUCTOR READING THE ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

It has been a quiet year for me taking on special causes and crusades as the birth of our son has taken up so much of my time, and I have to admit there are days when I just don't cope with the Club and babe, and the latter will always come first. This is why I've found it so frustrating with members hell bent on being difficult either by not following notices of motion, the constitution, or the Chain of Command, or simply not informing the Secretary what is happening. If the same were followed then the Secretary's workload would be lightened. The rules are made by the members, for the members, and for a smooth running club. Not for individuals to bend to suit themselves.

Having said all this, the Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc., should be proud of it's 40 years work in the community, and I wish everyone well for the next 40 years. I wish to thank all the helpers from the newsletter, the shop, the library and with the trials. You are all to be congratulated.

I wish my successor well, and hope they enjoy the position's challenges as much as I have.

LISA BLACKWELL
SECRETARY



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DEMO TEAM REPORT

Our first display in five months was undertaken on September 4 when we made our annual visit to Leopold Art and Crafts Fair. It's always a pleasure to return to this venue as the organizers make us feel welcome every time we visit.

We had four new members and their dogs who made their debut at this outing and all the team looked really great.

This year we were given an area in the midst of activities and this proved to be very successful - lots of people watching us "display", plus three camels and a pony eyeing off the dogs as the latter showed their skills over the agility gear. My thanks must go to several club members who helped with the agility gear, gave support, and helped calm the nerves!

It was great to see a few other club members watching the "demo" - of course it would be even better if a lot more members come along sometimes to cheer the team on - they work very hard at representing the club in public!

To all the team members - people and dogs - my sincere thanks for a great effort. **Well done team!**

Our next outing was the **Dog Day** activities - a cool day but ideal for dogs to perform, so we had an excellent display of obedience and agility by our regular team as well as a "seek back" and **scent discrimination** exercises by two guest handlers and dogs - thank you to all who took part, and it was really fantastic to have a big crowd watching the team go through their paces. It is very disappointing for the team that more members of the club do not come along to some of the venues to support them! How about getting motivated folks!

This year we again promoted the Club and Responsible Dog Ownership by walking with our dogs in the Gala procession. A few of us were at the clubhouse early to get the trailer, gear and lots of balloons plus drinks (non alcoholic). Thanks to the people who inflated all the balloons on Tuesday evening - great effort!

We decorated the float on site while waiting for the procession to get under way - it was a bug boring wait especially for our dogs - thankfully it wasn't a hot day.

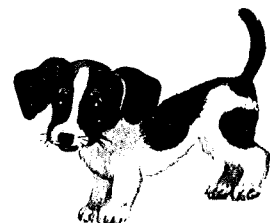
Finally we were mobile and everyone enjoyed themselves - well I think so anyway, because that's what they told me! The dogs certainly did - they were patted, cuddled and applauded as they walked.

A big thank you to those who joined in the fun and to those people who didn't come along you missed a great opportunity to walk in excellent company.

We are already planning bigger and better things for next year's procession.

Bye for now.

DESMA DICKESON
DISPLAY TEAM MANAGER



CONGRATULATIONS

"SASHA CDX"

Pam & Janelle Convery

Melton Obedience Dog Club
... 19.2.94 ... 171 pts.

Rottwieller Club of Vic.
... 25.8.94 ... 185 pts.

Werribee Obedience Dog Club
... 22.10.94 ... 182 pts

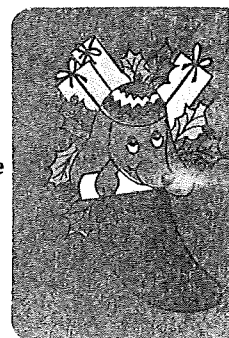
Our \$10.00 Pet Shop Special has finally added her CDX title to her long list of attributes. We started training Sasha when she was 4 1/2 so it proves you can teach an old dog new tricks.

Our thanks to Phyl & Val for all their help and encouragement and our special thanks to Sasha for her loyalty and devotion.



CLUB CALENDAR

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| 26.11.94 | TRIAL HERE - 40TH ANNIVERSARY - DINNER DANCE
BE HIP, BE THERE! |
| 27.11.94 | NO TRAINING - sleep in! |
| 28.11.94 | Instructors Meeting |
| 4.12.94 | PROMOTION DAY
Closing date for nominations for Elsa Dahl Award;
Committee/Instructor Person of the Year; trial
results for end of year trophies; applications for
Title Medallions. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE
PROCESSED! |
| 6.12.94 | GENERAL MEETING - Guest Speaker "DENIS WALTERS" |
| 11.12.94 | Last Training Day for Year
Certificates from Promotion Day will be handed out.
Club Trial Awards presented. Club Title Medallions
presented.
BBQ - Family Day |
| 15. 1.95 | NEWSLETTER CLOSING DATE |
| 1. 2.95 | Instructors Meeting
ALL INSTRUCTORS ARE URGED TO ATTEND |
| 7.2.95 | Committee Meeting |
| 12.2.95 | First Training Day for 1995 and Puppy Intake
(Under 6 months) |
| 19.2.95 | Intake of Dogs 6 months and over |





WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:-

SEPTEMBER;- & OCTOBER;-

ELIZABETH & BENJAMIN STOLK
TATUM & CRAIG STRATTON
ELIZABETH SLADE
GEOFFREY & DENISE HOY
MAREE MAURER
CATHY CROSS
JANET ATKINS/ADRIAN O'KEEFE
THE DEWEKKER FAMILY
THE KRAMER FAMILY
ALYS JACOBS
VICKY SMITH
JOHN & DENISE QUINN
HELEN STOW
CATHERINE RIBTON-TURNER
DEAN WILSON

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JENNIFER & MICHAEL WILLIS
STEPHEN KEOWN
THE TAYLOR FAMILY
KAREN HOSE
MARG & DAVID WILLIAMS
HELEN LIVINGSTON
ELIZABETH PARKER/DARYL DANDO
ANDREW & RENEE HARRIS
THE ANDERSON FAMILY
ROBYN DURRAN
JENNY LOGAN
SAMANTHA MURRAY
DIANNE & BENJAMIN DENOLE

HELEN CHADWICK
ANGELA SZEITLI
CAROLYN & DOMINIC McALINDEN
BRUCE BULLOCK
ZKATKO OBIC
BELINDA & HEATHER BOAL
KIM HOWES
RITA & MARCO PERICH
MAREE SMITH/BILL DIGBY
AMANDA & CHRISTIAN JACKSON
ALLAN & BEV KILPATRICK
TANYA PUKSMANN
RODNEY & VICKI WILLIAMS
HEATHER & DENIS O'KEEFE

CERTIFICATE PASSES FROM PROMOTION DAY, 25T SEPTEMBER, 1994

BEGINNERS' OBEDIENCE:

DOROTHY MOTTRAM & TOYA
MARGARET MC PERSON & BEN
WAYNE CANMING & GUS
RAY & KAREN ZANARDO & SASHA
DIANNE DELLER & LADY
KYLE YOUNG & CHEYENNE
JASON LYDOM & MITCH
LESTER TRELOAR & ZARA
MELANIE BOND & MONTY
WENDY RYLANCE & TASHA

KEN & CONNY BULLER & BEASLEY
FRANK BARBAGALLO & COCO
JOANNE RICHES & BEN
JAN TONKIN & BONNIE
ELIZABETH TINNEY & SHEEBA
STEVE SESAR & JADE
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JULIE WIFFEN & DELANI

SUE CRANNEY & MADDY
DIANA & DIRK LYTZKI & ROMY
LEE CAVCIC & BOWIE
MARIE HOSKING & CASSIE
DEBBIE McFARLANE & TESSA
SANDRA WEBB & TAJ
MATTHEW OTA & PACCA
JACKI HABERMAN & JAKE
TANYA CURYPKO & BENSON

-----THESE MEMBERS NOW TRAIN IN CLASS 2.

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BASIC OBEDIENCE:

RONNA HARRIS & GAFFER
MERNA MOORE & BENSON
KAREN FERGUSON & SPARKIE
JENNY TRAVERS & KIRRA
BARBARA FARRALL & TAYSHA
IVAN SARIC & ZAC
CHRISTINA SHIELDS & ROBBIE

JOHN HARRIS & RALF
DON MOORE & SHAYNE
BRIAN & RHONDA VOYSEY & BRAGS
SHIRLEY WELSH & MINDI MISS
JOHN SHEILDS & HEIDE
MELINDA BRADFORD-BELL & ZACHARY

KERRYIN SCHREIBER & KELLY
SYLVIA NOBLETT & JESTER
TINA CAMM & JASMYNE
TANYA & DAMIAN EGBERTS & GEM
SANDRA GRANT & SHILO

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

MERIT OBEDIENCE:

MAX WEDDING & SHASTA
GEORGE TURNER & AR "J"
PHILIP ANDERSON & TYE
JENNINE REDDEN & BONNIE
GERARD DINGEMANS & NINA (ALSO OBTAINED BEGINNERS' TOO.)
ULRIKE WURTH & ALICE
FAYE PEDRI & TARA

KIM CIEZAREK & HARLET
JEAN-LOUIS BRICARD & TESS
GRAHAM HOBBS & MATT
VAL ALLEN & BLONDIE
PAUL ROCKLIFF & ZOE
JUDY McLAREN & BO.

AUDREY MASON & GALA
JOHN MULLER & HEIDI
SEBASTIAN AQUILINA & JARRAH
CHERYL TAYLOR & MAX

MOIRA McLACHLAN & CALLUM

----- WELL DONE, THESE MEMBERS CONTINUE
THEIR TRAINING IN CLASS 2 FOR THE BASIC.

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*****NOT:- IS YOUR NAME ON THIS LIST, & YOU HAVEN'T PICKED UP YOUR
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LISA BLACKWELL
SECRETARY.

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REMEMBER: OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 6, 1994

Come and hear our guest speaker "Denis Walters" tell you how to do it. Some worms available for purchase on evening, or orders can be taken. (Maybe a Worm farm could be the answer to one of those Christmas presents needed for those 'hard to buy for' people in your family.)

REMEMBER: 7.30PM STARTING TIME.

SEE YOU THERE.



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My Border Collie Jake, my friend,
You got your CD in the end

A dozen trials, a year or so
But it was fun, I'll have you know

Forget Encouragement, straight to Novice
It's easy Charlie Bartolo told us

Altona first, trial No. 1
Our trial career had just begun

Broke a stay, got one-four-nine
Don't worry we'll get a pass next time

Early days we got a pass
We'll get the others thick and fast

Or so I thought, it wasn't so
Another year or so to go

We trialled here, we trialled there
I think we trialled everywhere

He'd lag behind, he'd sniff the ground
Instead of sitting, he'd just lie down

It's not like this in trial class
When will we get another pass?

Eventually, pass number 2
180 points, a good score too

Looking forward to number 3
At our next trial at G.O.D.C.

Heel on lead and exam was fine
I'm sure we'll get a pass this time

We're going well, Jake and me
Just keep it going - we've got C.D.

We're looking good and on a pass
And then he "woopsied" on the grass

Where did he do it, that's the thing
Yes, you've guessed it, in the ring

Geelong again, we're working fine
It's at the Rottie Club this time

Third in the ring - one-eight-three
"Kurrawa Mia Casen - C.D."

WITH GRATEFUL THANKS TO

MARIA, FRED, MEINHARD & HELEN

FROM: JOHN & ANN-MARIE CORRIGAN

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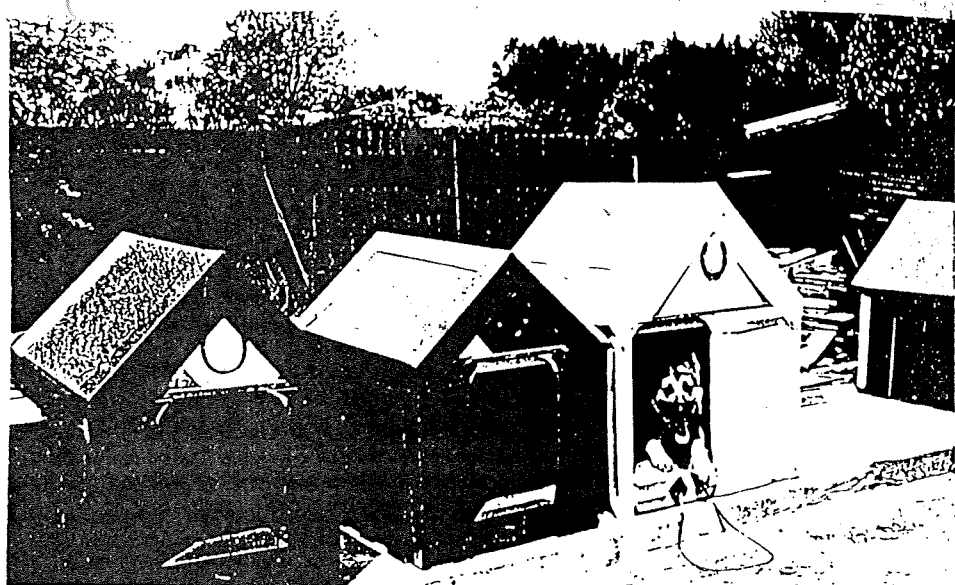
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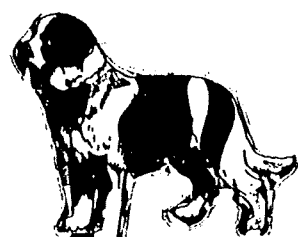
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C/- 88 Barrabool Road,
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The President,
Geelong Obedience Dog Club,
Breakwater Road,
Breakwater. 3219.

16th October '94

Dear Fred,

Re: World Animal Day "Dog Walk" held in Geelong on 2nd October 1994

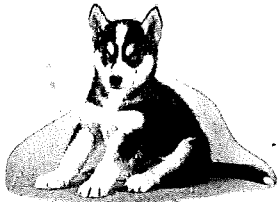
The organising committee of the Dog Walk held on Sunday 2nd October at Queens Park Golf Course would like to thank you for the support of your members and the use of your equipment. Without this help to the day would not have been such a great success. Special thanks to Desma, Bronc and Barry for their sustained efforts throughout the day.

"Responsible dog owners walk rain, hail or shine and so shall we" was again our motto for the day. This year we were blessed with better weather and the day was a great success. The atmosphere was one of enthusiasm with walkers and dogs participating in many events on the program. Free vet checks were available for all participating dogs as well as grooming advice. The dog obedience and agility demonstrations were inspiring, and the novelty events which included owners and dogs created a lot of laughter.

Our figures indicated that 460 people and 335 dogs attended. Proceeds of the day of \$3,535.70 have been donated to the Geelong Animal Welfare Society. This sum will assist them in the day to day running of their animal shelter. We look forward to organising a similar event next year, to celebrate World Animal Day.

Thank you again for your support.

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



A PET FOR CHRISTMAS

As we busily scurry around in the pre-Christmas chaos it's easy to think of a pet as a novel and cute gift for a friend or family member. Think carefully about this choice of a gift. Only give a pet to someone who you know wants a pet and is committed to caring for it throughout its life - not just for a few weeks.

We're all familiar with the sad story a few months after Christmas of puppies and kittens being dumped. Many of them were gifts where the novelty has worn off.

SELECTING A PET:

Put some thought into the most suitable pet for your needs.

- Do you want a small or big pet?
- Do you lead an active lifestyle? If you lead a quiet life then it's not a good idea to get a highly energetic dog. Consider how much time you have to exercise a dog.
- How much time do you have to care for a dog? They need exercise, training and entertainment. Cats on the other hand need less time for exercise but they still need training and entertainment.
- Consider suitable breeds for people with allergies, e.g: poodles.
- Do you live in a flat? Cats, very small dogs, caged birds or fish are suitable pets if allowed.
- Do you live on or near a farm? Avoid breeds of dogs that might chase and injure stock.
- Only choose a long-haired pet if you have time to groom daily and if you are prepared to look after its coat properly for all of its life.
- Owning a pet doesn't just mean buying it the right food to eat. There's regular worming and vaccinations that are needed to maintain its health, not to mention veterinary costs if the animal's health fails: Don't get a pet if you're not able to pay for its health care.

CHRISTMAS HINTS FOR PETS:

- * Beware of Christmas decorations being chewed and swallowed by enthusiastic pets! They can cause tummy upsets and, at the worst, they can block the bowel.
- * Don't overfeed your pet on Christmas treats. Remember that any sudden changes in a pet's diet can cause gastric upsets. Too much rich food could ruin your pet's Christmas. A small treat of a piece of turkey breast is always greatly appreciated though!
- * Don't feed cooked turkey and chicken bones; they can bring disaster. Only ever feed raw bones to your pets.
- * Give your pet a gift! Maybe a box of pet treats, a small toy or a ball. Wrap it up and put it under the tree with all the rest!
- * Cuddle your pet at Christmas!

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- * Keep your dog restrained on Christmas Eve so that he doesn't bark and frighten off Santa's reindeer.

PETS ON HOLIDAYS

Heading off on holidays? Have you thought about what you'll do with your pets? It's important to include your pets in your holiday plans:

1. TAKING YOUR PET WITH YOU

If you're visiting friends or family you may be able to take your pet with you: sometimes part of the joy of having a holiday is being able to spend more time with your pet.

There are a number of holiday homes, caravan parks and camping grounds where pets are allowed. There is a directory available with these places listed.

If travelling by car ensure you have regular breaks for your pet to have a drink and go to the toilet. If your pet gets travel sickness consult your vet about travel sickness medication.

If your pet is to travel by train or plane ask your vet for advice on sedation; as a rule most animals don't need sedation to travel.

2. BOARDING YOUR PET

There are a number of excellent boarding kennels for dogs and cats around Geelong. Book well in advance as they get very busy during the holiday season. It's also a good idea to arrange to have a look at the kennel before you leave your pet there.

Most dogs and cats seem to enjoy their stays at boarding kennels; it's a holiday for them too! It's usually possible to arrange for special requirements such as diet preferences and medications.

Your pet needs to be up to date with vaccinations and worming before staying in a kennel: All reputable boarding kennels will require a current vaccination certificate for your pet signed by a veterinarian.

3. LEAVING YOUR PET AT HOME

Sometimes the easiest thing is to leave your pet at home, especially in the case of caged birds, fish, guinea pigs and rabbits. There are a number of options for ensuring your pet has adequate care while you're away:

Ask a friend or neighbour to check and feed your pets once or preferably twice a day.

Arrange for a friend or family member to house sit for you. This has the added advantage of better security while you're away as well as having someone to empty the letterbox and water the lawn.

There are a number of professional house and pet minding services operating in the Geelong area. These people will either visit your house daily or occupy the house and charge a very reasonable fee to take care of your pets and garden.

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PETS ON HOLIDAYS/2

HOLIDAY HINTS FOR PETS

- * If taking your dog on outings in the car, be sure to provide plenty of drink breaks: heat stress can occur easily in the warmer months. Carry a bottle of water for the dog with you in case you can't find a tap.
- * If walking your dog along the river or beach, be on the lookout for dead fish: if your dog eats one he'll end up with a very sore tummy. Blow fish are poisonous and can kill a dog if ingested.
- * Also be on the lookout for discarded fish bait attached to a hook! Dogs will grab the bait and end up with a fish hook caught in the mouth. This usually requires a trip to the vet for removal. If a dog swallows the hook the situation is more serious!
- * Only take your dog to beaches where dogs are allowed. Be alert to strange dogs: Most dogs will interact happily when they meet outside their home territory i.e.: the beach or park, but unfortunately we see too many injuries from dog fights that occur between unrestrained dogs. Be alert to this.
- * UV radiation affects the skin of animals just as it affects humans: it causes sunburn, dermatitis and eventually skin cancer. Use zinc cream or blockout for babies on any unpigmented skin, such as ears, nose and belly.
- * If you're on holiday with your pet, make a note of the local vet clinic in case of an emergency.

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TRIAL RESULTS

KNOX

Angie Bloomer	Leberfell Montana C.D. (Lacey)	<u>OPEN</u>
	German Shorthaired Pointer	1st Pass

ROTTWEILER CLUB

Kath Devlin	Sheena Devlin (Sheena)	<u>NOVICE</u>
	German Shepherd Dog	3rd Place
		2nd Pass

Keith Mason	Kurrawa Mia Trekin	<u>NOVICE</u>
	(Tramp) Border Collie	2nd Pass

WERRIBEE

Daniel Bartels	Brandy	<u>ENCOURAGEMENT</u>
	German Shepherd Dog	2nd Place

Bill Laing	Marcus Laanecoorie U.D. (Marcus)	<u>UTILITY</u>
	German Shepherd Dog	1st Place
		<u>10TH PASS</u>

ALTONA

Keith Mason	Kurrawa Mia Trekin	<u>NOVICE</u>
	(Tramp) Border Collie	2nd Place
		3RD PASS <u>C.D.</u>

Bill Laing	Marcus Laanecoorie U.D. (Marcus)	<u>UTILITY</u>
	German Shepherd Dog	3rd Place

Daniel Bartels	Brandy	<u>ENCOURAGEMENT</u>
	German Shepherd Dog	1st Place

Congratulations to all these folk.





" KURRAWA MIA TREKIN C.D. (TRAMP) "
Border Collie Dog

Owned by Keith and Brigidene Mason
Trained by Keith Mason

QUALIFYING SCORES:-

Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc.	17. 7.94	174 points
Rottweiler Club of Victoria	27. 8.94	170 points
Altona Civic Obedience Dog Club	23.10.94	176 points

Tramp became a member of our family in November '92. True to the Border Collie traits, he became a special companion to myself as well as my wife and son. But I had no idea how very special he would become to me. To satisfy his ever increasing need for exercise, I naturally exercised myself, and because of this, I was able to successfully overcome a severe medical problem. As a result of this, I nicknamed him "my little saviour" and a special bond was formed. He is now my constant companion, after work and at weekends, where I go, he goes. He became a familiar sight on the golf course, a game that he grew to love. He can't see anything silly about chasing a little white ball all over the fairways. This companionship is enhanced by the training we do together at the Obedience Club.

Sincere thanks to Fred Lehrmann and all the other instructors for their dedicated tuition. We both enjoy the challenge of the trials and on October 23, Tramp became a "Companion Dog" in every sense of the word.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
KEITH, BRIGIDENE & TRAMP

TRIALLERS PLEASE NOTE

Highest Scoring Registered and Highest Scoring Associate for Year

A record must be kept of all the trials you entered this year and the relevant score. They don't have to be brilliant scores (nor qualifying) but your average is calculated and then five points for each trial is added to your average score. It could be you taking off this award if you care enough to keep records. Forms for tallying these points on are retained in the Secretary's office.

NEWSLETTER INCLUSION OF TRIAL RESULTS

All results to be published in this Newsletter must be submitted in writing to either the Secretary or myself (the Editor) stating name of trial; registered name of your dog; ordinary name of your dog; breed of dog; what class you entered in and whether you gained a place and/or a pass. Alternatively these details will be accepted by telephoning the Editor.

TITLES GAINED IN OBEDIENCE, AGILITY AND TRACKING

If you wish to receive a medallion at the Presentation Night, you must hand in details of your obedience, agility or tracking titles gained for the year to the Secretary. These results must be in writing.

For those gaining such titles, you are entitled to submit a half page resume of your dog's achievements which will be published in the Newsletter free.



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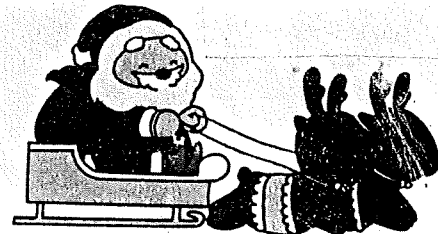
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ADVERTISING RATES AS FROM MARCH 1993:

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

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

Half page "Vale Notices" and "Title Notices" are free with the
owner supplying the print.



TITBIT CORNER

HATCHES

To Craig and Kristen Sydall a boy - Alexander Craig on 3.9.94.
Congratulations to you all.

Seems a fat Dobermann named Kaarni really DID have a bun in the oven. However, she took the old adage to heart of "putting all your eggs in the one basket" and produced ONE puppy. Mother and puppy coping. Grandmother neurotic!

NIGHT OUT

Who was the person whose life was going up in smoke and yet was too intoxicated to know she was going out with a big bang. Same bird who had a feather in their cap at Sunday training and looked a bit "cocky".

Who was the person who had trouble holding his drinks all night; kept chucking glasses of beer around his end of the table.

Who has the inebriated husband who was still trying to trip the light fantastic when he arrived home and broke his ankle whilst engaging reverse.

Yuppie puppies in Japan can now dine at the same restaurant as their owners. Their menu choice is substantial and they are separated from the two-legged diners in a fully glassed room so that owner and dog can still check on each other's menu. The model they showed on the news was await for it!a Japanese Spitz. Maybe the dogs of the Hume and Templeton crew will now be urging a return to the Motherland when a special occasion needs to be celebrated!

Did you hear about the Rottweilers who decided it was a bit warm in the car when visiting a friend. Threw the car into gear and just mosied on into the garage (door and all). Skinny Rottweilers would have just turned on the air conditioning!

Did you know

A life-size bronze sculpture of a Dobermann was unveiled recently at the Pentagon in honor of the hundreds of dogs which died helping US troops during World War II.

It will be moved to the Pacific Island of Guam, site of an official war dog cemetery.

Elaine

ELSA DAHL AWARD

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