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GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.
NEWSLETTER NO. 64

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.

Well by the time you get to read this **"The Spirit of the West"** trophy will have been won. Did we do it? If not who stayed home? Remember it takes a full crew to row the boat! Whatever the outcome, the Geelong results will be published in the next Newsletter.

In the last Newsletter I made mention of the World Champion Disabled Water Skier and his faithful friend who was always there to tow him safely back to shore when he had completed his run. Since then, I like many other people have received a letter from the Guide Dog Association of Victoria and I think this is one of the more special stories about the dogs they train.

"Can you imagine saving your best friend by pulling him from a river and guiding him safely to the shore?

I can. Because I do it all the time.

My friend, Kevin, lost his sight after a car accident 14 years ago when he was only 25 years old. Before the accident he owned his own restaurant and was also the chef. He did lots of fun things like playing tennis and squash and going to the beach.

The loss of his freedom was hard to accept. Kevin had to learn a whole new way of living. He gave up the restaurant and went back to Deakin University to study for a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in psychology. Now he is an intern psychologist and the Student Advisor on disabilities.

Kevin and I became **"friends for life"** when we met at the Guide Dog Association of Victoria six years ago. I am the only greyhound/labrador cross working as a guide dog. Kevin thinks my breeding is responsible for my sensitivity and fitness. But I know all Guide Dogs are pretty smart.

When he was a child, Kevin learnt to water ski. He didn't develop any great confidence or skill, but he could **'stay up'**. A few years ago Kevin decided to take up water skiing in earnest.

Now he is a champion!

He has worked his way through the ranks and in July 1993, in France, he was the proud winner of the World Water Ski Championship for **'trick skiing'**. He says he loves the exhilaration of water skiing and he enjoys the exercise.

Until he falls off - and he can't see where he is.
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That's where I come in.... as soon as I see Kevin fall into the water, I jump in, swim out and guide him back to shore. He thinks I'm a champion too. Even when I'm not wearing my Guide Dog harness and I'm officially "off duty" I'm always ready on the alert watching for Kevin when he's skiing. A Guide Dog never really stops working: it's a life-time commitment.

With me beside him Kevin feels confident and free. He is able to do all the things he loves like going to the beach, going jogging and swimming. We travel to Melbourne on the train and I guide him through the traffic and noise to the Uni."

Makes you stop and think about how remarkable man's best friend really is. It also brings home the message of teamwork. For those of us struggling to get our dogs to an acceptable standard we must remember our dogs DO want to please us. And when they don't, we should question whether we are consistently conveying to them what we would like them to do. Once this is clarified to the dog, we can become a TEAM not two separate entities. We need to remember, there are no bad dogs only bad handlers.

DATES TO REMEMBER

TUESDAY, JUNE 6 - General Meeting. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Ulrike Wurth whose topic will be First Aid for our dogs. The meeting will commence at 7.30 pm and there will be time for questions at the conclusion of the talk. After a short break, the General Meeting will then proceed.

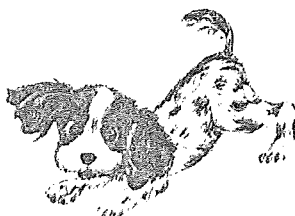
SUNDAY, JULY 16 - OUR TRIAL. By the time the next Newsletter is published OUR trial will have been and gone. So once again we ask all members to play a part in the successful running of our Trial. As I've said many times before all members can and should participate by giving an hour of their time, either at the preceding working bees, or on the day. The is a job for each and everyone, so please leave your name at the office as to when you are available and nominate the area you are willing to assist in.

ALL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE TO BE RENEWED PRIOR TO JULY 31 AND MONIES CAN BE PAID AT THE OFFICE FROM JUNE 4 ONWARDS. (REMEMBER PROOF OF CURRENT VACCINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED AT TIME OF RENEWAL).

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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 if applicable; 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 results will be accepted by telephoning the Editor.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi there everyone! A special "Hallo" and "Welcome" to all the new members who joined recently.

Please be aware of all the Club regulations and privileges such as speed limits, cleaning up after your dog soils the grounds etc. etc., but also make use of this **YOUR** ground any time, use the barbecue area, come have a cuppa in the Clubhouse and meet the other half.

The "Challenge of the West", a Fun-day competition against Werribee is soon, so please participate and get the feel of the very large obedience fraternity. There are close to 40 Clubs in Victoria alone. We, like all Clubs, are always looking for new blood, so if you feel that you have something to contribute, please let us know. I heard that there is some talk about a "Social Night" in the Clubhouse so keep tuned. May I congratulate the three new instructors Tina, Karen and Craig, who passed their exams recently. Well done!

Our July trial is approaching fast, and we need a lot of helpers for that. We're also looking for ring sponsors, cost is \$50.00. Do you know anybody interested?

That's all folks! Good training.

FRED LEHRMANN



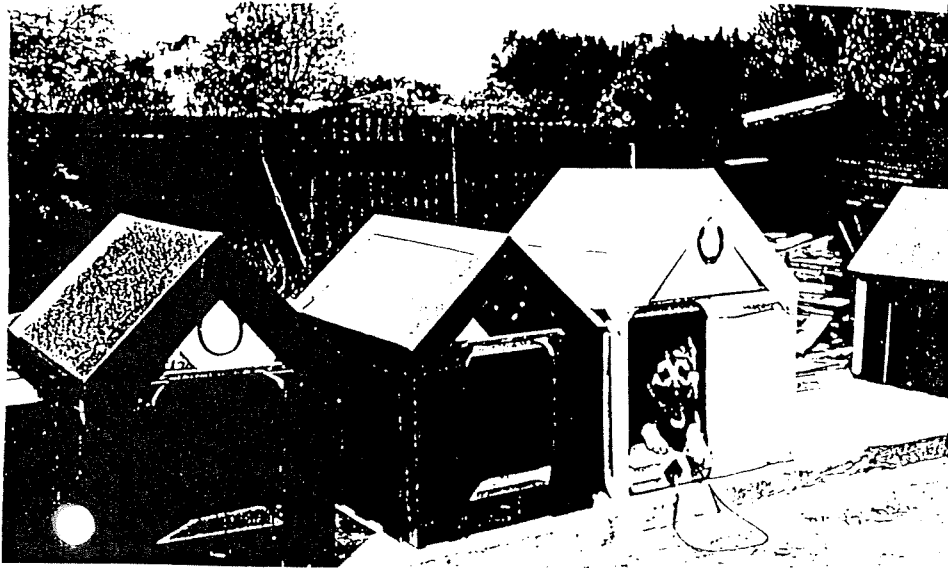
STORK ATTACK

In the storks' latest fly-by (fly buys if you are into that aspect of the air wing) he made an evening drop for Debbie and Craig Bartlett of a wee one called Jeremy Luke. Congratulations all round. Good to see the whole family come to trial training still. Wonder if they will need a "halti" for Jeremy or whether he can be lead trained adequately. Socialization will certainly not be a problem.

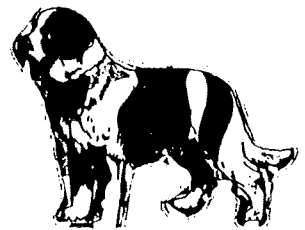
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LIBRARY NEWS



In future the library will be open for borrowing from 9.30 am to 11 am each Sunday.

This extended time is available because three ladies have volunteered to assist. **Judy Jones** and **Judy Collins** will be in attendance weekly, and **Nella Ivec** will assist as emergency.

Over 300 titles cover most aspects of dog ownership with special emphasis on care and training in obedience, tracking, agility and herding.

Copies of *National Dog* are available for loan.

Borrowing period is two weeks, with extension at librarians discretion. Suggestions are welcome.

Joining fee \$1.00 per year.

Recent Additions to Library

5.5 NEV	Neville	<u>Dog Behaviour Explained</u>	Donated V. Moeller & H. Read
5.0 FOG	Fogle, B.	<u>Complete Dog Training Manual</u>	
2.6 ROT	MacPhail, M.	<u>The Rottweiler</u>	Donated by Rottweiler Club
2.5 KCC		<u>Dogs of Australia</u>	Donated by Rottweiler Club
5.0 BAU	Bauman, D.	<u>Beyond Basic Dog Training</u> (2nd copy)	Donated by John Bell
WRE	Wrede, B.	<u>Civilizing Your Puppy</u>	Donated by Pam & Janelle Convery
R.DEN	Denis, P.	<u>Camping & Holidaying with Dogs</u> (new revised edition)	

(Life, Be In It' Directory to camping & caravan parks, farms, cabins, motels in Australia.)

PHYL BERGIN
LIBRARIAN



DID YOU HEAR that an exclusive party held in Washington DC in 1991 to mark the Queen's state visit to the USA went horribly wrong when the guests - 25 **Corgis** - got into a scrap. What was supposed to be a sedate afternoon tea party, complete with dainty garlic croissants, carrot bunnies and gingerbread treats turned into a free-for-all as the fur flew. Fortunately Her Majesty was not in attendance - but the Buckingham Palace spokesman said that the Queen would undoubtedly be interested to hear of the right-royal doggy dust-up!

(Reprinted courtesy of Pedigree Pal Digest compiled by Judy Chapman)

HANDLING DOG FIGHTS

The great leveller



The recent incident which involved the fight between royal corgis has led to many dog owners asking what they should do if their dog is involved in a fight. The following advice, by Dr Roger Mugford who is an animal behaviourist at the Company of Animals, Surrey, England was published in UK's Pet Business World as advice on the problem. We sought a reaction from the Palace to the article and below is its response to Dr. Mugford's advice and comment from a "Royal corgi expert".

We frequently hear of dogs which will fight to the death and situations where only physical extraction of combatants from the melee can save lives.

However, if owners drag the dogs apart, they run the risk of worsening the bite injuries by turning punctures into elongated gashes.

The risks of bites to the hands are considerable and makes the shaking of many hands on State occasions an unbearable occupation, even with the added protection of long, white gloves.

If that disastrous situation arises where intervention requires extreme tactics, Dr. Mugford recommends the use of the nearest gas-filled (CO²) fire extinguisher (!) - the sort used to control electrical or petroleum fires. The combination, says Dr. Mugford, of chill, noise and inert gas '**reliably interrupts dog fights**'.

But if it happens that a fire extinguisher is not one of the many items you take to the park for your twice-daily exercise routine, then what should you do when all hell breaks loose (apart from yell, scream and jump up and down and call for the nearest footman)?

The good doctor recommends one or more of the following as procedure:

- (a) be watchful, spot early signs of threatening behaviour, intervene and separate the dogs.
- (b) change the context; leave the room and walk to the garden (hopefully they'll have it sorted out by the time you get back); run away (even better); throw a ball or make a noise (you may have to pull out your cannon for this one - fighting dogs do a pretty good job of making a noise themselves); or use a thing called **Dog Stop alarm** which is effective at doing the job properly.
- (c) be prepared, equip yourself with devices and equipment (the Grenadier Guards or local Air Force) that will help you separate the dogs. Another of Dr. Mugford's ideas is to keep on hand a one-metre square board (easily held under the arm of the pack-gorilla you would need to take along on your doggies' walks) with a handhold fitted which can be used to separate the two dogs visually, while someone else (presumably the gorilla) removes them; other items might include a blanket to throw over the offending animals (particularly if they change their minds and engage in more intimate activities).
- (d) keep a tub or bath of water full at the ready so that small dogs can be dunked in it (large dogs will dunk you); or alternatively, have a bucket of water at hand to be thrown at the dogs or a hose which can be easily turned on them.
- (e) disaster management: all the above may still not work (or if it has, you've probably killed the dog) you just might have to

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HANDLING DOG FIGHTS (Cont/2)

(e)....physically intervene. Oh dear.

Revolting people who are 'professional' dog-fighters use something called "break sticks" which they use to separate their poor, wretched animals, and such things are probably not available to passive pooch lovers like you and me. These low-life use the sticks to prise open the dog's jaws - not for us, thank you very much.

When you do finally get so fed up that you just take the dog by the collar and pull him/her away, make sure that the collar is a strong, wide leather one that won't let you down; grasping for a hold on a flying piece of leg, testicle or tail (and slippery one at that) will not do. Your dog will not be amused.

In summary, Dr. Mugford, says that dog fights are best avoided by adopting sound principals of management, including good socialization of puppies to tolerate and enjoy the company of other dogs. He adds that one should construct sensible social orders (perhaps etiquette training by butlers) within dog packs.

(Reprinted courtesy of the Rottweiler Club of Victoria from their Newsletter.)

TRIAL RESULTS

<u>WARRNAMBOOL</u> 11.3.95	Marcus Laanecoorie (German Shepherd)	<u>UTILITY</u> 2nd Place
Bill Laing 12.3.95	Marcus (German Shepherd)	<u>UTILITY</u> 2nd Place
<u>MT. GAMBIER</u> 15.3.95	Marcus (German Shepherd)	<u>UTILITY</u> 1st Place
Bill Laing 16.3.95	Marcus (German Shepherd)	<u>UTILITY</u> 2nd Place
15.3.95	Marcus (German Shepherd)	<u>VETERANS</u> 1st Place
16.3.95	Marcus (German Shepherd)	<u>VETERANS</u> 1st Place
<u>ALTONA</u>		
Pauline Naudi	Brandy	<u>NOVICE</u> 1st Place
Janelle Convery	Sasha	1ST PASS
Leanne Gunthorpe	Roma Round	<u>OPEN</u> 4TH PASS
		<u>NOVICE</u> 1ST PASS



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CONGRATULATIONS: YOU NOW TRAIN IN CLASS 3.

***** NEXT PROMOTION DAY IS SUNDAY, 25TH JUNE, 1995. NORMAL CLASS TIMES APPLY.

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LISA BLACKWELL, SECRETARY.

ALAS, POOR NELSON

(Another gem from Dr. David Hill writing Pet Topics for the Sun)

As I finished writing last week's column preaching the benefits of feeding bones, Nelson arrived in the clinic to remind me nothing that is to do with animals is ever predictable or straightforward.

Nelson the Labrador was feeling a bit poorly, was reluctant to run and had a very tender tummy.

When I examined him there was a suspicious swelling in his stomach that Nelson did not like me pressing. A few questions soon elicited that Nelson had chomped up a "Superball" that the boys next door had the misfortune to hit over the fence. Some types of hard sponge balls cause enormous trouble if swallowed by a dog. When exposed to the gastric juices inside the animal they expand greatly; quite often resulting in a blockage that needs surgery to correct.

As a general rule, what will fit down the front end of a dog will slip out the back end again. For "Superballs" that rule frequently does not apply.

So we treated Nelson with antibiotics and some drugs to assist him in getting rid of any rubber. An arrangement was made to see him each morning and evening until the problem was either resolved with medication or surgery became necessary.

Over the next couple of days Nelson's condition fluctuated from good to tired. During this time he got rid of just enough rubber pieces to keep me satisfied that my diagnosis and treatment were correct.

When he continued in slow decline we decided to operate and remove the offending rubber ball. The surgery was a great success and Nelson has now gone home looking fit and well, with all systems working and he is starting to put the weight back on.

The only problem with the surgery was that there was no rubber ball causing the problem, rather a nasty piece of bone was the villain. This star shape, with four sharp points, had been slowly "walking" its spikey way towards Nelson's tail punching a series of holes in his intestine as it went. I removed a 30cm length of perforated bowel. An injury the likes of which I have never seen before.

His owner has for 30 years fed his labradors marrow bones with never a problem and tremendous general health benefits. Nelson just had to be the rule-proving exception.

He showed us that, although rare, serious problems can occur from eating bones. He also clearly demonstrated that having enough information to reach a diagnosis is not reason enough to close ones eyes to other possible causes. By producing little bits of rubber he demonstrated just how easy it is, once a diagnosis has been made, to find evidence to support one's opinion.

Nelson is now home and very well.



TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Well another series of Class Tests have passed and congratulations to all who passed. Remember, all those who have not picked up their Certificates to collect them at the Secretary's office.

The Instructors have had a hard time this year with large classes, but with their usual co-operation we have not had any class left without instruction.

Congratulations go to Craig Cogger, Karen Parnell and Tim Camm who have passed their Instructors Test. Their availability will take the pressure off their fellow instructors.

Please remember to assist your instructors by following their directions as they are volunteers giving up their time to assist you and your dog.

Till next time, good training.

ARTHUR THUROGOOD

CLUB CALENDAR

29.5.95	Instructors' Meeting
1.6.95	Membership Renewals will be accepted (See form)
4.6.95	Puppy Intake & Class 1
6.6.95	GENERAL MEETING - SPEAKER ON BASIC FIRST AID
18.6.95	Puppy Intake
25.6.95	Promotion Day
26.6.95	Instructors' Meeting
2.7.95	Puppy & Class 1 Intake
4.7.95	Committee Meeting
8.7.95	Working Bee
12.7.95	Newsletter Closing
15.7.95	Working Bee
16.7.95	<u>GDC - Obedience Trial</u>
23.7.95	Puppy Intake
24.7.95	Instructors' Meeting
31.7.95	<u>MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS CLOSED</u>

DID YOU HEAR - A troop of ten performing Pit Bull Terriers - called **Crufts on Acid** - were impounded by Customs at Dover while setting off on the first leg of their European tour.

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GOURMET COOKING FOR CANINES.....

Ingredients:

500gm wholemeal plain flour
500gm ox liver (par-boiled)
500gm carrots
125gm wheatgerm
125gm bran
500gm quick oats
250gm dripping
2 eggs
½ cup full cream dried milk powder
600ml water or stock

Melt dripping in water or stock. Liquidize liver and grate carrots finely. Beat eggs. Add all together. Mix well. A small amount of extra water may be needed if the mixture is too dry. Press into a biscuit or Swiss roll tin about 15 to 20mm thick. Press in firmly. With a Pizza cutter, roll out marks to enable the biscuit to be broken to the right size for your dog after cooking. Bake in oven at 170°C for 2.5 hours. Remove and turn over. Return to oven, set at 100°C for a further two hours.

Because ox liver has a strong smell, it is better to cook this at night if possible. The second cooking can be done in daytime. Store in the freezer in small, usable amounts.

(Perhaps these could be made for your dog's special yearly day.)

effective in absorbing a number of chemicals and poisons, including insecticides, rodenticides, household chemicals, toxins formed by eating fermented garbage, as well as some bacterial toxins which result from gastro-intestinal infections.

Although beneficial in many cases, it should not be administered to animals which have swallowed caustic substances. It should also not be given to dogs that are vomiting or seizuring, nor to dogs who are on other medications.

The activated charcoal should be given with a saline cathartic mixed with water and administered with a stomach tube. It usually comes either as tablets or capsules which are available at chemists and can be broken up to make the solution. Charcoal cooking briquettes **should not** be used. A dog with mild flatulence can be given the tablets without dissolution and the gas often will be dispelled. A dog with symptoms of
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BITS & PIECES

Ear Infections - It is astonishing how many supposedly knowledgeable breeders, owners and exhibitors of long eared breeds neglect their dogs' ears. A great deal of attention is paid to the obvious coat and condition, but despite warning signs of head shaking, face rubbing and scratching, owners seldom lift the ear flaps to peer inside. The ears are very sensitive, so any accumulation in the ear canal will cause distress. In addition to these signs, the dog may become head-shy, not wanting his face or ears to be touched, or he may even show personality changes.

To determine a bacterial or yeast infection, look for color changes in the ear.

Caring for ears - If necessary, clean inside the ear flap with a small pad of damp, absorbent cottonwool.

Never poke anything in the ear canal - that's a job for the veterinarian. See your vet also if your dog is scratching at its ears.

ACTIVATED CHARCOAL - Activated charcoal is a substance which should be in every dog owner's medicine cabinet. Yet, it has fallen into disuse, perhaps being considered a folk remedy. Activated charcoal absorbs chemicals or toxins and helps to dispel them from the body through the faeces. It is

BITS & PIECES Cont. 2/
ACTIVATED CHARCOAL Cont

bloat should be taken immediately to the veterinarian, and **not** given the charcoal as a wait-and-see measure.

DID YOU HEAR - When dogs in the United States get in trouble with the law, who do they call?

Linda Cawley - she settles dog disputes, defending both biters and 'bitees', and arranges dog visitation rights for divorced canine owners. As the only lawyer for dogs in the U.S., she tackles about 100 cases a year. Wonder if she accepts payment in Meatybites?

(Editor's note: If you suddenly find your Mobile phone bill is higher than last months statement, perhaps you had best take the Directory away from yourwoofie as I am sure they would be clamouring to get this lady on their side.)

CARING FOR YOUR DOG

Eyes - To clean around the eyes, use a damp cloth or cottonwool to wipe away foreign matter.

Nose - A hot, dry nose does not necessarily mean illness; however, a dog's nose will normally be cool and damp.

Breath - Inflamed gums or tartar build-up on the teeth may be the cause of your dog's bad breath. Chewing helps to prevent this build-up - large raw bones, dry food, biscuits or rawhide chews help to keep teeth clean. It's worth having the veterinarian examine the teeth annually at vaccination time and at any time you suspect there are problems - for example, if your dog has trouble eating.

Coat - Frequent grooming (daily for long-haired breeds, once or twice a week for short-haired), combined with correct nutrition, regular worming and regular bathing, will help keep your dog's coat gleaming.

NAILS - Regular walks on hard street surfaces usually keep a dog's nails nice and short; otherwise they may require clipping. This job is best done by your veterinarian. The dew-claws - those little nails part way up the inside of the legs - should be checked as they are not worn down by exercise and can grow into the skin, causing considerable pain.

TEETH - It's a good idea to check your dog's teeth every couple of weeks. Raw bones (never feed cooked bones) and hard biscuits are good for teeth and help to keep them clean.

TRIVIA - An American airline, US Air, was sued by Ari, a fifteen year old crossbred dog, for being left circling around on an airport luggage carousel.

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TRIALERS:-

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

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

LISA BLACKWELL
SECRETARY

THE LITTLE DOG'S DAY

All in the town were still asleep,
When the sun came up with a shout and a leap.
In the lonely streets unseen by man,
A little dog danced. And the day began.

All his life he'd been good, as far as he could,
And the poor little beast had done all that he should.
But this morning he swore by Odin and Thor
And the Canine Valhalla - he'd stand it no more!

So his prayer he got granted - to do just what he wanted,
Prevented by none, for the space of one day.
'Fam incipiebo,¹ sedere facebo²,
In dog-Latin he quoth, "Euge! sophos! hurray!

He fought with the he-dogs, and winked at the she-dogs,
A thing that had never been heard of before.
'For the stigma of gluttony, I care not a button!' he
Cried, and ate all he could swallow - and more.

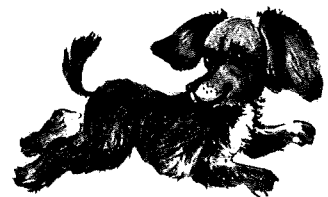
He took sinewy lumps from the shins of old frumps,
And mangled the errand-boys - when he could get 'em.
He shammed furious rabies, and bit all the babies,
And followed the cats up the trees, and then ate 'em!

They thought 'twas the devil was holding a revel,
And sent for the parson to drive him away;
For the town never knew such a hullabaloo
As that little dog raised - till the end of that day.

When the blood-red sun had gone burning down,
And the lights were lit in the little town,
Outside, in the gloom of the twilight grey,
The little dog died when he'd had his day.

1 Now we're off
2 I'll make them sit up.

by
RUPERT BROOKE



TITBIT

Potty training takes on a whole new meaning in a certain household where a youngster in training waits until the largest dog feeding bowl in the house is emptied by its equally large owner, and he then throws his weight into the bowl.

Next night's menu for large dog is then called "Toddler A-Go-Go!

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FAILURE TO RENEW BY 31/7/94, W I L L INCUR PAYMENT OF THE JOINING FEE
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ALL MEMBERS MUST REPRESENT VACCINATION CARD/S UPON RENEWAL. (NOTICE OF MOTION
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WITH THE BUILD UP AT THE WINDOW, WE HOPE).

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F O R M.

LISA BLACKWELL
SECRETARY.



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2) _____
3) _____
(PLEASE INDICATE 4) _____
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6) _____

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