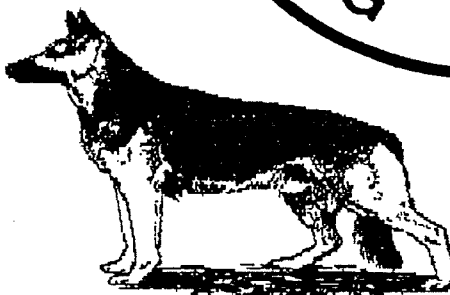
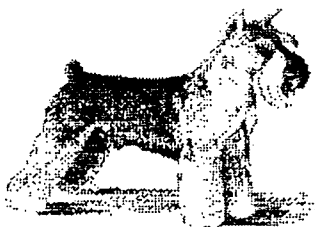
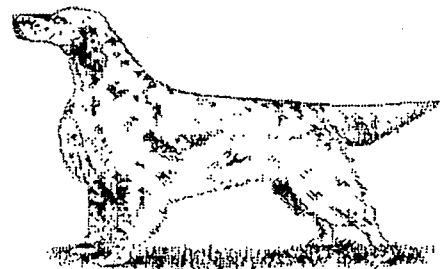
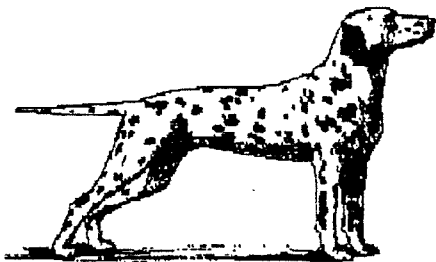
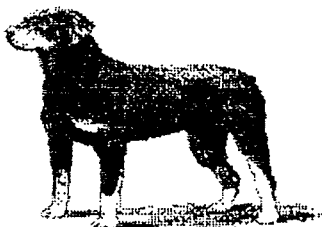


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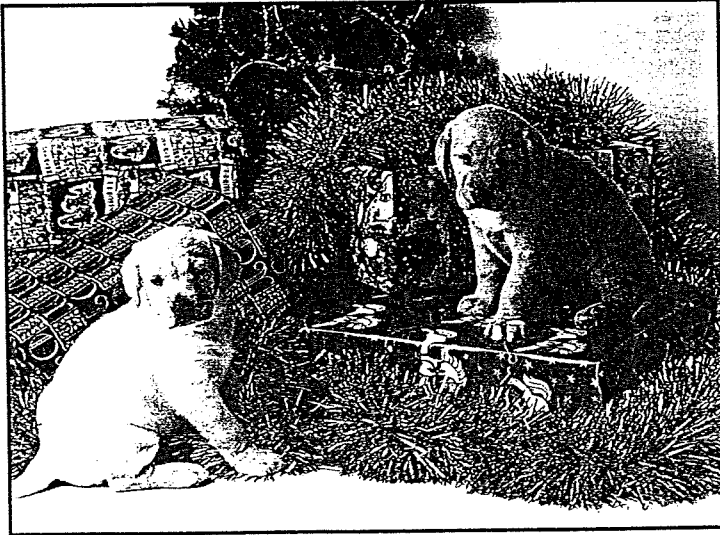
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GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.
NEWSLETTER NO. 73

A warm welcome is extended to all our new members. May your time spent with us be enriching and one that enables you to have a better understanding of man's best friend. YOUR dog.

The Newsletter is distributed bi-monthly on the last training day of the month by way of your Instructor. If you are unable to attend on that particular day, please advise the Secretary and she will retain a copy for you to col-

lect from the office.

The Dog Walk on October 13, although not having the backing of our Club this year, was a resounding success and thanks to the many members from our Club who did participate. From all reports, a good day was had by all.

Busy times lay ahead for our Committee with the ongoing Water Sports Complex feasibility study and alternative venues being suggested to the various Common users. However, nothing has been finalized at this stage.

A vastly different scene greeted the trialling fraternity this year with not a rubber ducky in sight. Last year's water would have provided a ready made rowing course (more like an obstacle course) with no widening required.

Our grounds this year were resplendent for our recent Trial and congratulations to the Grounds Manager and all those folk who helped to present them in this manner. It was heartening to have so many of the newer members at the preceding working bees which were well attended. That's what teamwork is all about when the new and old roll up their sleeves together.

To all those members who volunteered their services for this day in the form of stewards, food makers, bearers, kitchen persons, car parking attendants, raffle sellers, setter-ups of the inside and outside areas, bar persons, cake stall managers and any others I have inadvertently missed, thanks are extended to you all. To our Trial Manager and her Assistants, well done ladies, your expertise and organisation made this day enjoyable for judges and competitors alike. Last but not least, as they are the vital ingredients in this recipe, to our competitors well done. To those who were successful congratulations and to those who didn't quite make it on the day, I am sure your dog(s) gave you a run-down on your mistakes when you got home.

Our Club Awards went to the following teams:-

Highest Scoring Associate Encouragement - Malcolm & Lorraine Waldron
and Tess Meadenhall

Highest Scoring Registered Encouragement - John Quinn
and Breebaron Hy Season

Highest Scoring Qualifying Registered Novice - Jenny Travers
and Seecar Calamity Jane

Highest Scoring Qualifying Open - John & Ann Marie Corrigan
and Kurrawa Mia Casen CDX AD

Congratulations to these folk for their achievements, may you all go on to bigger and better goals.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER 1 Cut off date for Elsa Dahl Award nominations, committee/ Instructor of the Year Award and Title Medallion requests, Trial score submissions for Trial Dogs of the Year Award. So stop talking about it, fill out the appropriate forms you slackies; and get those nominations rolling in!

DECEMBER 3 - GENERAL MEETING. Last for the year, so please attend, support your new Committee, and be a public voice, not just a behind the scenes one.

DECEMBER 15 Last training day for the year and Presentation and family day. This is the day to have some fun in YOUR Class as the Instructors usually devise different activities for you and your dog to participate in.

Bring along some food to toss on the barbecue and have a convivial drink with friends.

FEBRUARY 2, 1997 First day of 1997 training and Puppy Intake for those under six months.

A reminder that snakes are out and about, and already I personally know of three dogs that have fallen victim to them. One of these attacks was undertaken by a snake under the office where I work during the week, and it was a very seedy little dog that felt the full venom. Should your dog be bitten, ring your veterinarian immediately and in the meantime administer treatment as you would for humans. Identify the snake if at all possible as this can expedite treatment. It has been suggested that you carry a small phial of Calcium C (preferably in powder form) which can be administered directly to the dog if they are bitten. This does help to open the airways before further treatment is available. Inexpensive safeguard and obviously no burden for the owner to carry.

After my puppy ingested "The Smiling Budha" and "Reach for the Sky" (higher learning) I boarded up the bookcase (now you know a new Thesaurus definition for Bookworm). So out with the claw hammer to get to the dictionary for this edition. Computers have spell checks! Now you know why I feel redundant! Perhaps I wasn't meant to enjoy life in the fast lane. The tortoise may ultimately win the race, but gee the scenery gets monotonous on the way.

So if there are any new age folk out there among you (computer literate) who would like to fill this vacancy please advise the Committee, as this is my last edition after 12 years.

In closing I wish everyone a Merry and Safe Christmas and a New Year that fulfils your hopes both in training and in life. Remember to enjoy the festive season, but in moderation, as we want to see you and your companions all back here on February 2 rearing to go.

Elaine Longshaw
Editor

P.S. Don't forget to fill your doggy stockings with goodies from our Club shop. Christmas is for sharing and caring.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE AGM - 96

Dear Members

Reflecting on the past year I have very mixed feelings. We started with the highest flood in 42 years that covered our ground and clubhouse to a height of 2.25m. The way so many members rallied to help I rate as the high point of the year for the club. Their combined action saved the club many valued items, even so, it cost us dearly and will for some time yet. As most doors and cupboards will have to be replaced. I'd like to thank the members of our club and those of some of our sister clubs as well as our controlling body, the Victorian Canine Association, for their generous donations towards our recovery. Unfortunately a request for flood relief from the Government or City Council was fruitless. The flood also canceled out our November Trial which was to be our Trial Secretary's first attempt and which caused her a lot of work and expense as all entries had to be refunded, but undeterred she applied for a replacement date in early 96.

We went into summer recess with a well organised and well attended funday. In April we caught up with the lost November Trial and this time it was a great success. The following weeks some changes in committee as we lost our Secretary, Lisa and Canteen Manager, Lorraine through resignations. Pam Convery became the Secretary and Anton Pape the Canteen Manager. The new Trial Secretary was Janelle Convery who followed in her mother's footsteps and equally ran our Trial in July very efficiently. On the Social scene, organised by Joan Vlahovic we enjoyed an Off-Campus Day, a Games Night and a Trip the Werribee Zoo. With all departments, such as the shop, canteen, office and raffle in full swing every Sunday there was a lot of involvement everywhere and I would like to thank all of you for your time.

I left the Instructors last so as to elaborate. What would we do without them? Every Sunday hail or shine they are out there in the elements and they put their time in to teach all the new members as well as some old. Their dedication is often not appreciated when results don't come quickly enough. To organise them is our Training Supervisor Arthur Thorogood's job who also handles most of the queries when people forget which class or the instructor's name. A job he did once again eventhough not in good health himself, with a lot of patience and foresight. He may not be everybody's cup of tea (but who is) but in my book he did an excellent job. Once again he was elected unopposed by the instructors for the next year to lead them. I hope his critics will, for the new committee's and the club's sake, be more constructive and not destructive in future. It certainly has taken the fun out of the game for me which prompted me not seek re-election as President. It seems we are not the only club with this problem as is evident by the "Letter to the Editor" in the September issue of VCA Gazette. I shall now close with a big "thank you" to all of those who were involved in any capacity, big or small, to keep the ship on course while I was captain and I hope that the members appreciate the many hours that are put in by some committee members during the week and after hours.

F Lehrmann
Retiring President

TITBIT

Clever "Grey" dog earned its title. Shame its appendage at the other end of the lead took nearly four months to send in the Title page, THEN forgot to put their name on it!!



SECRETARY'S REPORT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1 October 1996

I would like to open this report by giving a breakdown of the memberships for the previous financial year. Our total membership of 614 consisted of 122 Single , 181 Family, 24 Dual, 18 Pensioner Single, 25 Pensioner Family, 4 Pensioner Dual and 14 Junior Single members. Although the overall figure represents a healthy membership I must admit I was alarmed when the renewals were completed and of those 614 members 386 had not renewed their membership. I realise that many people join the Club with a short term view in mind, but surely this percentage must also reflect members who are dissatisfied in some respect with what we have to offer and I would suggest that this be given some consideration in the coming year.

Since taking on the position of Secretary, my basic role seems to have revolved around the City Council and the proposed Rowing/Watersports Complex. A petition, with 294 signatures, was presented to Councillor Kevin Edwards by a delegation from the Club and copies sent to all Councillors, various Members of Parliament and interested persons and since that time there have been three (3) meetings with Integrated Planning Officers and Councillors. Perhaps the timing was coincidentally and the meetings would have eventuated anyway, but our Petition certainly made people aware that we are more than just a few people training dogs on a Sunday morning. A submission listing the various assests the Club enjoys was presented to Wendy Allen Senior Community Planner recently and now all that remains is the outcome of the Feasability Study. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fred, Barry and Anton for their valuable contribution towards the preparation of the submission.

Whatever the outcome of the Feasability Study the decision will be final and the Club can move on into the coming year with some certainty. Regardless of whether that means relocating the entire Club or looking at an upstairs home for the Photocopier it will require a Committee that works as a united team with the continued success of the Club as its one aim. It would be unrealistic to believe that there will always be agreement, but respect for different opinions and open communication will go a long way to making the coming year a productive one. Its time to leave the power plays and egos at home and get on with the business at hand.

I wish the Club and its members every success in the coming year.

Pam Convery
SECRETARY

DID YOUR HEAR - Pop psychologists have latched on to pooches and hit below the belt, well, collar to be correct.

Dogs enduring the unkindest cut are having artificial testicles surgically implanted where the real things used to be. The idea is to neuter dogs without causing psychological trauma. The polypropylene testes are called Neuticles. (This is what you call "cosmetic" surgery!)

and
A dog sacked by the R.A.F. for not being aggressive enough has sniffed out a nightclub job.

The Nite Klub in London has an airport-style security arch through which patrons have to pass and recently Lex the German Shepherd was also seen to be giving patrons the once over, sniffing for drugs!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to the new members who have joined the Club in the last two months.

I hope that you will have a pleasant time with the Club and that you find enjoyment in training your dog.

We have three levels of Certificates, i.e. **Beginners**, **Merit** and **Basic Obedience** and it does take some time and perseverance to obtain any of them, but it is well worth the effort.

At the time of writing this report it is about four weeks since we had the **A.G.M.** and I was elected as President for the year 1996/1997, and I thank the members who supported me in obtaining this position. I believe we have a good committee together, and I am sure we can instil more harmony into the Club. Weekly notices will only be read out in classes, and will not be repeated in the Club rooms after training.

I would like to see more members coming in for a drink and chat after training each week.

The float we entered for **Gala Day's** procession was very nicely done and I thank the members who organised this float, and the members who walked their dogs for a job well done. I myself enjoyed it very much and so did the children who were watching the procession.

In the meantime Happy Training.

ANTON PAPE
PRESIDENT

“Hayley”

GREYFIRE POACHERS MIST



After a long wait I finally purchased my Weimaraner. Now I would like to thank everyone involved in Hayley's training from puppy class onwards. We have finally obtained our "CD", after heaps of work and encouragement - Thanks heaps Angie.

To anyone who is thinking about trailing, it is a lot of fun, with highs and lows, but at the end, the rewards definitely outweigh those occasional lows. You will find out just how much a team effort it is. Give it a go.

Also a special thankyou must go to Frank Valastro, for his patience and guidance, who gave me the confidence and determination to achieve my first goal.

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DOES YOUR DOG HAVE HEALTHY TEETH?

Because pets cannot care for their teeth the way people do, dental problems for dogs can be extremely severe, expensive and ultimately life-threatening.

Fortunately, most canine dental problems can be prevented - or, if they develop, the problems can be treated by a veterinarian.

WHY SHOULD I BE CONCERNED ABOUT MY DOG'S DENTAL HEALTH?

It's a natural question. Why should you be concerned about your dog's teeth? Isn't it really carrying concern about your dog's health and well-being a bit far?

Your dog doesn't brush its teeth and it uses and stresses its teeth in a variety of ways - everything from chewing on bones to playing tug-of-war with a stick. A dog's very lifestyle makes periodic check-ups and dental procedures necessary for its overall health.

DOES YOUR DOG HAVE ...

Tartar
Gingivitis
Structural Problems

Plaque
Periodontitis
Pulpitis

Bad Breath
Abscesses
Osteomyelitis

HOW COMMON ARE CANINE DENTAL PROBLEMS AND WHAT CAUSES THEM?

Dental disease is the most common health problem of pets. In fact, 85 to 90 percent of all dogs over the age of six years have periodontal (gum) disease.

Most dental diseases in dogs (and in people) are caused by deposits of plaque (an accumulation of old cells, saliva and bacteria) building up on the teeth.

As the plaque hardens, it turns into a substance called tartar, or calculus. The accumulation of tartar can reach such proportions that the tooth becomes lost within a shell of brownish, foul-smelling material. This condition seriously inflames the gums (gingivitis), and leads to the breakdown of the periodontal tissues (periodontitis), which secure the teeth to the surrounding bone and gum tissue. If left untreated, periodontal disease can cause a dog to lose its teeth.

Other dental problems that require treatment include abscesses caused by broken or worn teeth, as well as advanced periodontal disease; structural problems caused by improper tooth alignment and/or abnormal numbers of teeth; pulpitis, which is an infection and deterioration of the inside of the tooth; and osteomyelitis (bone infection), which can affect the jawbone.

HOW ARE DENTAL PROBLEMS TREATED?

Proper treatment starts with proper diagnosis. When you take your dog in for a check-up, have your veterinarian look inside your dog's mouth. Tartar is a very common problem, so don't be surprised if there are signs of this build-up. Another sign of a problem is bad breath.

Even if you don't suspect that your dog has dental problems, it is important that you periodically have your veterinarian examine your pet's teeth and mouth. Professional treatment and proper care can halt or slow down the progression of the disease.

If your dog's problem is tartar build-up with little gum infection, regular, periodic removal (scaling) of the tartar should be done by your veterinarian.

If the tartar build-up is heavy and gingivitis and/or periodontitis is apparent, tartar removal is only the first step in treatment.

Scaling, root planing (scraping the tooth surfaces inside the gum), subgingival curettage (scraping the gum tissue that surrounds the teeth) and polishing, which smooths the teeth and slows down the reformation of tartar, may follow.

Root canal work or crowns may save your dog from losing damaged or worn-down teeth. Teeth beyond repair should be extracted by the veterinarian.

Finally, antibiotic therapy is an essential component in controlling advanced dental disease. Periodontitis is caused by bacteria that invade and infect the tissue surrounding and supporting the teeth, so it's important that your dog be treated with an antibiotic that's known to be effective.

ANTIROBE CAPSULES and **ANTIROBE AQUADROPS**, which contain the antibiotic clindamycin, work fast and effectively against bacterial infections associated with periodontitis. Therefore, your veterinarian may prescribe **ANTIROBE** products prior to and/or following corrective dental surgery.

WHAT CAN I DO TO PREVENT FUTURE DENTAL PROBLEMS?

Just as prevention is the best treatment for your own dental problems, the same holds true for your dog. Because periodontal disease is especially a problem in older dogs, it is important to start prevention early. Include food in your dog's diet that encourages chewing and give your dog nylon or rawhide chew toys to play with. Experts disagree on whether or not raw bones should be offered to dogs, as bone splinters can harm the animal's teeth and mouth. If you give your dog bones to encourage chewing, select large bones and knuckle bones.

Also, did you know you can brush your dog's teeth? Just don't try it with your own toothpaste - your dog will hate the taste. Your veterinarian can tell you where you can buy toothpaste for dogs. A small toothbrush is the only tool you need.

Finally, have your dog's teeth cleaned and checked routinely by your veterinarian. Dogs don't have the option of getting false teeth when their own fall out. Therefore, you will want to do all you can to see that your pet keeps its teeth throughout its long and happy life.

Remember : while the effects of advanced periodontitis may be irreversible, they can be held in check with proper therapy.



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DISPLAY TEAM REPORT



This is my last report for the year and true to form I'm nearly running late with it. (The Editor, thanks you, you made it on time!)

As mostly everyone is aware some 40 members walked in the Gala Parade this year. An excellent public relations exercise for the Club and to those who made the effort, congratulations and thank you all for helping to make the day successful.

We had a glorious day, our early berth in the Parade before the day got too hot. Some 40 dogs and handlers walking in the sunshine with lots of children wanting to pat the dogs en route. The Display Team dogs were recognised and greeted warmly by several young students from Holy Family School following our visit there last June.

Special thanks to McColl's for providing the truck for the "non-walkers" and to John Peoples, the driver, who also lent a hand with the decorating of the float. Very special thanks to the small band of daft but willing workers who made themselves available to help with the preparations for the day. A fantastic job everyone!

Although our Training Supervisor and our driver were determined to mow me down with said truck, this Display Team leader is too nimble footed for that , and I stayed out of harms way!!

We have already been promised a truck for next year's procession so look out for bigger and better things to come!

Our last display for the year is at Moolap Primary School on November 22 at 6 pm. A pleasant place to strut our stuff as they really treat us well.

To all the team on ya gang for a great year's work. Have a well earned break over Christmas as there will be more hard work in 1997 - good thought!


DESMA DICKESON
TEAM MANAGER



TITBIT

Seems some owners hands were too stiff to change their watches and clocks over to daylight saving. Stiff luck for the poor dogs - a car ride, but no training!
Seems those living the closest to the Club were the sleepest!!
Ho hum!

BAD DOG!




(Internet/cont..) reynolds@geog.utoronto.ca First posting:
November 22, 1993. Latest update: February 19, 1996. Send more
suggestion to Harold Reynolds.

B. Others/cont.

d)...Food/Water...

- 16) I will not drink the water (and fish) from the aquarium.
- 17) I will not eat (peanut butter, suet,...)because it makes me throw up, even though it usually stays down the second time.
- 18) I will not eat a whole loaf of bread; it only makes doxies look shorter.
- 19) I will not eat an entire stick of butter that the humans carelessly left on the dinner table.
- 20) I will not eat duraflame logs. I already have enough fibre in my diet.
- 21) I will not eat mommy's hair clips for dessert.
- 22) I will not eat my Christmas doggies treats until after they're out of the stocking!
- 23) I will not eat my human's plants.
- 24) I will not eat the baggie of chocolate wafer cookies Daddy left on the coffee table so that Mommy has a big, brown, spot to clean off the carpet when she gets home after a long day at work.
- 25) I will not eat the cats food, before or after they eat it.
- 26) I will not eat the soap.
- 27) I will not get a mouthful of kibble and dribble it all across the kitchen, dining room and, living room floor, just so Mom can watch me eat.
- 28) I will not get caught with my entire head in the dog food bag when Mom is busy cleaning my sister's paws.
- 29) I will not help myself to broccoli off the veggie tray at the Christmas party.
- 30) I will not help myself to the chocolate birthday cake my human threw into the trash last night.
- 31) I will not help myself to the fridge/freezer.
- 32) I will not levitate loaves of bread, pans of brownies, bowls of soup, and other edible things off the kitchen counters.
- 33) I will not lick or steal raw chicken from the grill when Daddy is not looking.
- 34) I will not rummage through grandpa's briefcase and eat classified microfiche.
- 35) I will not sit in the chair at the dining room table while I eat off Mom's plate. That is flagrant disobedience.
- 36) I will not target the most expensive cheese in the platter for eating.
- 37) I will politely refuse when my great-grandmother makes me steak tips and rice, because I know this is not good for me.
- 38) I will quit escaping from the Vet and eating all the other dogs, cats and birds, food.
- 39) If I absolutely must eat all the Christmas baking my Mommy stayed up all night to do, I won't run up to her and burp contentedly in her face.
- 40) If I must slurp from Dad's beer glass, it should be a national brand and not a microbrew.
- 41) Just because I'm spotted like a Holstein does not mean I need to graze like one.
- 42) Just because the human is smaller than me, I cannot have its food.
- 43) Leftover Halloween candy is not dog food.
- 44) Lipstick is not food, even if Mommy eats it. (The effect was a bit frightening!)



Cont....



BAD DOG/Cont..

- 45) Mommy can have her own food without feeding me.
- 46) Old cooking oil in the deep fryer is not a tasty drink.
- 47) Petroleum products, anti-bacterial or not, should not be consumed.
- 48) Rolling Stone magazine, is a **READING** supplement, not an **EATING** one.
- 49) The computer's mouse is, unlike a real mouse, inedible.
- 50) Wallpaper, drywall, and fibreglass insulation is a three-course meal that gives me a tummyache.

e)...Gross!...

- 1) Drooling on guests is not a social skill.
- 2) I do not need to immediately find Mommy and give her all kinds of kisses when I have just had a drink from my favourite bathroom water bowl.
- 3) I will not belch loudly, then smack my lips and smile when Mommy and Daddy have guests.
- 4) I will not breathe on Mommy after "recycling" the poop in the backyard.
- 5) I will not catch mice and run around the yard while they're squeaking in my mouth playing Catch the Dog with Mommy. Further, I will not regurgitate them whole, re-eat them and play Catch with Mommy again.
- 6) I will not chew crayons or pens, specially not red ones, or my owner will think I am haemorrhaging.
- 7) I will not chew my human's toothbrush and not tell them.
- 8) I will not drool onto the dinner table or my Mom's plate.
- 9) I will not drop gooey slimy rawhide chews into Mom's lap.
- 10) I will not eat any more socks and then re-deposit them in the backyard after processing.
- 11) I will not eat dead worms or crickets from the driveway.
- 12) I will not eat mice which the cat has caught for me, or roll on them until they are squashed flat or sit looking through the glass door with a rodent tail hanging from my mouth while Mummy is eating dinner!
- 14) I will not eat other animals poop.
- 15) I will not hide soggy rawhide chews in the toe of the shoe my human is about to put on.
- 17) I will not lick Daddy's face after I've cleaned my private parts.
- 18) I will not lick Mummy and Daddy's feet (after they remove socks/tights) after they have been to the Gym and haven't showered.
- 19) I will not lick my human's face after eating animal droppings.
- 22) I will not lick up garbage drippings in the street.
- 23) I will not roll in dead seagulls, fish, crabs, etc.
- 24) I will not roll my head around in other animals droppings.
- 25) I will not run over to my master after eating and burp in his face.
- 26) I will not shake my head, causing large gobs of dog slime to land on people's bodies/papers from work/food.
- 27) I will not spray my Mum anymore when I have a big sneeze.
- 29) I will not try to convince the person who **ALWAYS** gives me cookies that I love her new silk dress by covering it with doggy drool.
- 30) Just because I'm feeling ill does not mean I need to crawl into Mom's lap everytime I'm going to chuck.
- 32) Kitty box "crunchies" are not food.
- 33) I do not need to thank Mum and Dad after my meal by placing my food-water-and-drool-covered chin in their laps.
- 34) Mum doesn't like it when I put a coyote skull on her pillow.
- 35) The diaper pail is not a cookie jar. I will not eat disposable diapers, especially dirty ones.
- 36) We can't dig nice, warm, winter nests in the big pile of composted horse manure and still expect to be allowed inside the house.

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BAD DOG/Cont.

(There are eight more pages of these, and as this is my last Newsletter I have skimmed through the remainder, just in case the incoming Editor doesn't wish to utilize any more.)



Hampering...

1. I cannot type, and even if I could, I am barely able to speak English. Therefore, I will refrain from trying to help Mum at the keyboard.
6. I will not eat my human's mail, especially the bills.
7. I will not eat the envelope with my human's cashed paycheque in.
8. I will not help Mummy by digging up all those tasty bulbs she buried for me.
14. I will not steal the dishes from the dishwasher and hide them in my kennel.
19. I will stay out of the garden. Mum does not need help weeding or planting out new plants. (It's OK to help with pruning, though. I can grab the branches and take them all over the yard!)



The Human Factor....

1. Although I am a red blooded Aussie Male Rottweiler, I will refrain from becoming "excited" when my female vet examines me.
6. I do not need to bowl Mum over in Doggy Schook, thereby covering her in mud and fracturing her wrist (yes - it happened)!
9. I shall bark like a German Shepherd at burglars, instead of offering help.
14. I will not attack the toll attendants for taking Mommy's money.
17. I will not bite my Mum's nether-end when she is trying to rescue my toe from the grips of the evil screen door.
18. I will not drop my human's pager in the toilet, even if he told me to "drop it".
20. I will not go into the back seat and cover my eyes with my paws just because Mom's driving.
36. I will realize that everyone knows I am a neglected dog because my parents throw me outside to wee late at night, and will therefore refrain from announcing it by barking non-stop.
41. If Mum is lying on the floor because she has a sore back licking her face will not help.
44. It is not necessary to lick Mum's legs dry when she steps from the shower.
49. My human's toes should not be in the socks I choose to chew on.
54. When Dad's stomach growls in the middle of the night, it is not necessarily directed at me, and I do not need to respond by attacking his midsection.

Mess Making/Destroying....

1. Even though it hisses, the garden hose is not a snake, and so does not need to be chewed every six inches along its length to keep it from attacking me.
6. I will not bite my human's mobile phone every time it rings. (This dog destroyed three phones this way.)
8. I will not chew or shake full cans of beer.
9. I will not chew the dog training book, especially when it is a library book and my mother is a librarian.
10. I will not dig in the potpourri bowls.
18. I will not eat the couch cushions.
25. I will not make big splashes in mud puddles when heeling beside my human.
28. I will not peel wallpaper off of the walls.
32. I will not steal my Mum's underwear and dance all over the back yard with it.
34. I will not try to eat the rear windscreen wiper in my Mum's car, thus smearing the inside of the window worse than the outside was.
35. I will not unwrap all the Christmas presents while Mum and Dad are away at work.

Cont...

BAD DOG/Cont

38. Just because the remote-control turns on the TV when I chew it does not qualify it as a "squeaky" toy.
41. Throwing all of the cushions off the couch does not make it significantly larger; however, digging at the cushions and pulling the stuffing out does. I will refrain from doing this.

Miscellaneous....

4. I cannot decide when to take a break during agility training.
13. I will not search the Christmas presents under the tree looking for mine.
18. The doggie door is my friend.

Misuse/Misappropriation of Items....

3. I do not have a little Scrabble board in my tummy. Eating a letter when Mummy and Daddy play does not score me any points.
5. Mummy is not a salt lick.
6. My head does not belong in the refrigerator.
9. Tennis balls do not belong in the dishwasher.
11. The agility field is NOT a doggy social meeting place.
12. The balls on the Christmas tree are not dog balls.

Not-All-There....

3. Flatulence is noisy but will not hurt me.
6. I do not need to be dominant over the vacuum cleaner.
9. I must face the same direction as the other dogs when I am harnessed with them or I will get dragged.
13. I will not chase the laundry down the laundry chute, because I get stuck EVERY time, and Daddy has to pull me through to the basement, and that hurts my tummy.
14. I will not chase the shadows on the wall because Mum and Dad will think I am nuts. (But they don't hear the voices...)
17. I will not do a "hold and bark" at the plastic Santa Claus on the neighbour's front lawn. He's not wearing a sleeve, anyway.
25. I will not stick my head into a lit candle, thereby curling my mouth whiskers and eyebrows.
28. I will not walk under the big dog when he is peeing.
33. Lying on top of them does not help the potted plants grow.
37. The bright, coloured lights outside do not signal landing UFO's, so I will stop barking at them whenever they are turned on.
39. The feather pillow is not a bird, I will not flush it out of its hiding place.

Other Critters....

4. I am a 125lb St Bernard. I will not allow the neighbour's 2lb kitten to beat me up.
5. I am a Corgi; I am not bigger than the Dobermann and German Shepherd.
6. I am a German Shepherd, and a Highland Terrier puppy is SMALLER than I am.
7. I am bigger than the cat next door and should not be afraid of it.
9. I will leave the old dog alone when it doesn't want to play.
12. I will not bring live frogs and lizards into the house.
33. Possums are meant to be chased, not caught.
34. Size matters, I will not chase full grown German Shepherds, then run away from 8-week old puppies.
39. The horses are not my personal hot-lunch wagons.

Personal Comfort....

11. I will not crowd my human in bed.
12. I will not dig more than one new "cool earth wallow" per day.
23. When I am lying on the sofa, Mummy can lie on the other side; I know how to share.





NEW MEMBERS

The Committee and Members would like to welcome the following new Members, we hope your stay with us is a long and happy one.

1 September 1996

Jenny Hume	Lyn Daw	Kim Ingles
Steven McNally	Julie Pollock	Mary Quelch
Daryl Pye	Jennifer Sharrock	Janet Evans
Paul Savi	Colin Allchin	Jillene Delahunty
Guinevere Smithers	Trish Brice	McCran Family
Jim Jelley	Llatse Family	Lowndes Family
Karen Plunkett & Craig Morresey	Joy Schmidt	Westhorpe Family
Margot Read & David Guthrie	Ainsworth Family	Halsen Family
Anderson Family		

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Muraoa Family	Jayne Wheeler	Colin Walker
Lambert Family	Eaton Family	

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Jean Carson	Denise Rogers	Melinda Buckland
Cathryn Hastie	Stephen Wright	Kim Hall
Mark Kennedy	Georgina English	Judy Paech
Birrell Family	Richards Family	Henry Family
Barker Family	Naylor Family	Schreurs Family
Roland Family	Donald Family	Bitton Family
Shakespeare Family	Sinclair Family	Veronica Klaasen
Jan Read & Bruce Potgieter	Walker Family	Beasley Family
Julie Quinn & Stephen McPherson	Sim Family	

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Linda Thrussell	Sitar Family	Hunt Family
Leigh Challaner & Nicole Henwood	Shayne Hope	Kim Wood
Janet McDonald	Mark Family	Smith Family
Claudia Morsch	Young Family	David English
Mavis Webb	Hannah Bowles	Pook Family
Ray Casemore	Pamela Raine	Beard Family
Dianne Hughes	Ross Gniel	Kim Chandler
Toulas Family		

TITBIT

Did you hear about the "Shady" black character recently competing in an Open ring at one of the trials? Seems the weather was warm and the sun was in his eyes, so he politely marched out of the ring after the handlers and decided if they could stand out of the sun in the tent so could he! Didn't want them talking about him behind his back it seems. His owner is going to buy him a shade hat for Christmas and has promised to take him camping!

"KELLY BRIMSMEAD HEATH CD (TOYA)"

Owned and handled by Dorothy Mottram.

Who would have thought Toya and I would get her CD - certainly not me this time last year! We started going to Dog Obedience mainly for fun, and to have a happy, fun loving "reasonably" obedient dog. I use to think there were 'our' classes and then the 'other elite' group of people who actually went on and trialled their dogs - quite separate really.

We were both extremely happy in 'our' classes and made lots of friends - but gradually we seemed to move up through 'our' classes and then lo and behold we landed in one of the 'other' classes, for those who were trialling their dogs. OOPS! - should we really be here we thought at first. However, we seemed to fit in OK and still had friends from 'our' classes with us plus new friends who were also starting to go to Trials.

With so much encouragement from the Instructors, mainly Helen Read in the Trialling Class and Leonie Kelleher in 'our' earlier classes, we just seemed to slip into entering some Trials (nerves and all) and now Toya has her CD. Hopefully, we can carry on to the next step and see if we can get our CDX (after maternity leave - Toya's, not mine!)

Thank you again for such a friendly Club and for all the encouragement you give to your members.

Dorothy Mottram

Katydid Special Blend

"Doyle"

German Shorthaired Pointer

Doyle started his obedience career, quite by default, 12 months ago. My husband's working dog, he knew the 'basics' and when my bitch and his kennel mate/surrogate mother 'Dele' developed arthritis and retired, he was thrown onto the obedience stage.

I am blessed with a dog who doesn't require repetition to the point of screaming!! His motto 'Teach me, show me, show me again--I know it!!'

He sailed through his CD over 5 trials (one in the slush of Broadmeadows--YUK!! NQ!!) with scores of 186, 186, 185! Can't complain about inconsistency.

I would like to thank Doyle for the honour of being at the other end of his lead. This was truly his title, with very little work on my part (shame Nicki Shame!)

Congratulations Doyle!!!

Nicki Hartney

TRIAL RESULTS



AGILITY
GEELONG

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John & Ann Marie Corrigan and
Kurrawa Mia Casen CDX AD - Border Collie PASS

John Bell and
Bessie CD AD ET PASS

OBEDIENCE

Ballarat O.D.C.
Joan Brophy

Dasklein Peter Piper CD (Boris)
Standard Poodle OPEN
1st PASS

Ballarat
German Shepherd Dog Club
Angie Bloomer

Leberfell Montana CDX (Lacy)
German Shorthaired Pointer UTILITY
1st Place
1st PASS

Geelong Geelong Geelong Geelong Geelong Geelong Geelong

John Quinn Breebaron Hy Season
German Shepherd Dog ENCOURAGEMENT
3rd Place

John & Ann Marie Corrigan Kurrawa Mia Casen CDX AD
Border Collie OPEN
PASS

Tina Camm Simply Sharne CD OPEN
3rd Place
1st PASS

Dianne Birthisell Ch Trupoint The Diplomat
German Shorthaired Pointer NOVICE
1st PASS

Jenny Travers Seecar Calamity Jane (Kira)
Dobermann NOVICE
2nd Place
2nd PASS

Congratulations and well done to these teams.

TITBIT

Editors Wipe Out!

Tshinta has done it again. This time chasing "birds" and has undergone her second knee reconstruction for the year and had to cope with a litter of puppies in between these surgery sessions (other knee this time). Maybe in 1997 the sun will really shine on her. (Tshinta is an Aboriginal word for the sun.)

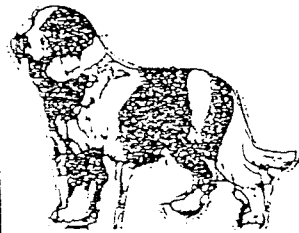
Worms - The shy little pet that you sometimes feed when you think that you are feeding Fido. This pet has intestinal fortitude.

Veterinarian - A person who spends seven years at University and still winds up going to the dogs.

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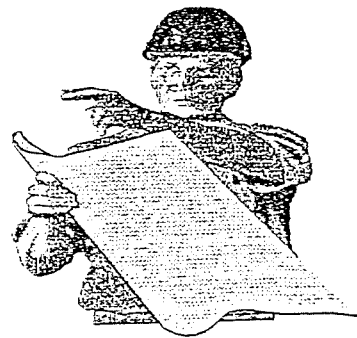
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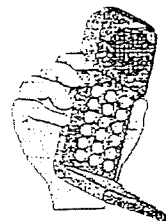
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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - The following paragraph was in a recent Newsletter, and I have reprinted same for general information.

"**PET DOORS** - Some pet doors are large enough to allow the entry of an adult or allow the manipulation of your inside locks; check and find out. Pet doors should be restricted to cats or small dogs only."

Note: I have recently installed a Pet Door and it is only accessible **WHEN** the dogs are home! I know a lot of my friends wouldn't crawl through it, so no enemy would want to try it on and face three Dobermanns, especially when the property has signage that these dogs reside on the premises. Well at least, no sane enemy!

FIRST AID TIPS

Snake bite - Treat as you would for any bite to a human. If possible identify the snake, and seek immediate veterinary treatment.

Burns - If more than a very minor burn, seek immediate veterinary treatment.

Choking - Open dog's mouth and remove the object, which may be wedged across the roof of the mouth. If unsuccessful, seek immediate veterinary assistance.

Fits/Convulsions - Don't handle the dog while it is fitting - this will not make the fit stop. Make sure the dog is not able to injure itself on objects around it. Contact your veterinarian urgently, especially if the fit last longer than five minutes - the cause may be poisoning. **RAT POISONS** are dog poisons and there have been cases recorded of poisoning after a dog had eaten poisoned rodents. Take extreme care in placing baits, and stay friendly with neighbours so they will tell you when they have laid baits too. Their dying rodents could easily migrate into your dog's home area.

Rat poison can be active within your dog for up to six weeks, so constant monitoring is required. Rat poisons cause bleeding, this bleeding is usually internal and not very obvious. Signs you may see are bruises or slight traces in droppings, possibly in the urine. Bleeding from around the gums and profuse bleeding from cuts can occur. A coagulant type injection can be administered only by a veterinary surgeon. Internal bleeding can lead to shock, faintness, dizziness, or lack of spark.

If you suspect poisoning at any stage, if possible, take the poisonous substance in its container to the vet. with you.

Shock - Shock normally occurs after accidents or in medical emergencies. A dog in shock collapses, breathes shallowly and has pale gums. Keep the dog quiet, lay a thin blanket over it and seek help from your veterinarian as soon as possible.

Sunstroke - Keep the dog in shade, continuously sponging or hosing with cold water; contact your veterinarian.

Tick Paralysis - Remove the tick from the animal and contact your vet. Do not give liquids to the dog especially if it is becoming paralysed or cannot bark properly. (Found mostly in Gippsland district



SUMMONS UP THE CHEFS!

Royal Rump

1 Lean piece rump steak
½ grated carrot

2 rashers bacon (cooked)
chopped parsley

Cut steak into bite-size pieces, then sprinkle with the grated carrot, crumbled bacon

and chopped parsley. Arrange neatly on your best china plate. Presentation is all important!



Liver is Wurst

1 calf liver
chopped parsley
polyunsaturated oil

Smear oil generously over liver, then place on a baking tray. Bake in a moderate oven for approximately 30 minutes, but if still pink, return for a little longer - all offal should be well cooked, and liver is no exception,. Chop into bite size pieces and neatly arrange, then garnish with parsley and serve. Larger dogs dinners can be supplemented with dried food.

TERRIER'S TRIPE & SHEPHERD'S SAUCE

tripe according to appetite
small quantity beef mince
1 tablespoon fat

½ grated carrot
1 egg

Simmer tripe for 20 minutes in water; retain one cupful of the resulting liquid and drain off the excess. Chop the tripe into bite size pieces and place in a dish to cool. To make the sauce, lightly brown the meat in the fat. Remove the mixture from the stove, and add the grated carrot and lightly beaten egg to the meat before stirring in the cupful of liquid. Pour the sauce over the tripe and serve.



CERTIFICATE PASSES

29 September 1996

Beginners

John Consedine & "Monty"
Jeff Hutchison & "Misty"
Alan Pescott & "Morgan"
L Waldron & "Val"

Daniel Hannan & "Tiara"
Dianne Miller & "Dougie"
Alan Rahofer & "Bonnie"
Liz Wason & "Tillie"

Jo-anne Hamilton & "Benton"
Glenis Murray & "Zak"
L Richards & "Bidy"
Anne Withell & "Bindi"

Merit

Karolina Echter & "Sassy"
Diane Miller & "Candy"
Angie Trueman & "Toby"

Grant & Katrina Hore & "Jessie"
Toni Newell & "Beijin"

Yvette & Brett Swan & "Braeden"

Basic

John Blonk & "Tilly"
Colin Halson & "Stryder"
John Randall & Jean McGowan & "Kate"
Elizabeth Slade & "Jessa"

Maria & Barry Elliott & "Georgie"
Alan Kilpatrick & "Turbo"
Rosemary Tomkins & "Oscar"

Sandra O'Hara & "Holly"
Stan Rogers & "Pepper"

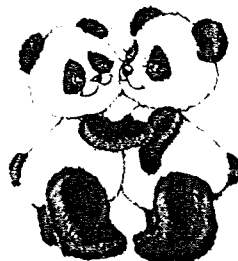


THANKS FOR HELPING!

A few months ago we started collecting PAL labels as part of a promotion PAL conducted to raise money for training Guide Dogs. What a success! Over 550 labels were sent in. That should mean that \$225.00 was donated to the Guide Dogs in the name of Geelong Obedience Dog Club. Thank you to all members who collected labels, you made a brilliant effort.

Now we are starting to collect non-perishable dog items for our Christmas Hamper donation to Geelong Animal Welfare. If you can spare a can of dog/cat food, a packet of dry food, or similar, please leave it in the box marked "Geelong Animal Welfare Christmas Hamper Donations". The box will either be on the raffle table outside the Clubrooms or inside the Clubrooms. Many animals will thank you for your caring generosity.

Carol Baker
RAFFLE STEWARD



OBEDIENCE & AGILITY CALENDAR

<u>AGILITY</u>	<u>CLOSING</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Croydon & District O.D.C.	24.11.96 (Today)	8.12.96
<u>OBEDIENCE</u>		
Victorian O.D.C.	Closed	1.12.96
Victorian Canine Association	Not listed	7.12.96
Shetland Sheepdog Club (R.O.T.)	Closed	8.12.96
Croydon & District O.D.C.	24.11.96 (Today)	8.12.96



CLUB CALENDAR



1.12.96	Puppy & Class I Intake Closing date for Elsa Dahl Award, Committee/Instructor of the Year Award & Title Medallion requests, Trial Score submissions for Trial Dogs of the Year Award
3.12.96	GENERAL MEETING
15.12.96	Last training day for the year. Presentations and break-up (games)
2. 2.97	TRAINING RESUMES
9. 2.97	Puppy Intake - under 6 months Class I Intake - Puppies and dogs over 6 months
16.2.97	Puppy Intake - under 6 months

GENERAL MEETINGS commence at 8 pm, unless otherwise advised.
 ALL attendees are requested to contribute to the supper table,
 otherwise you will be relegated to kitchen duties!