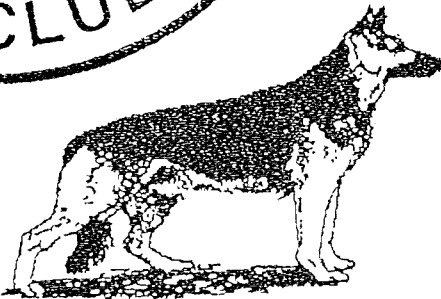
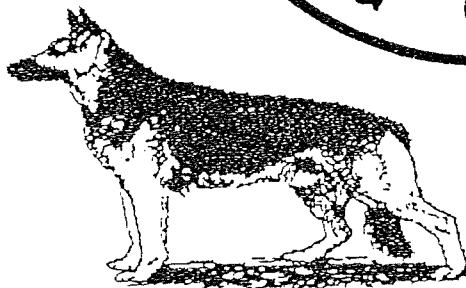
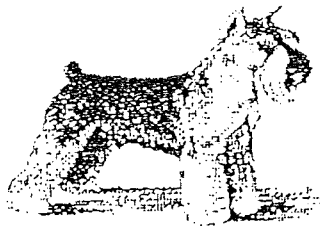
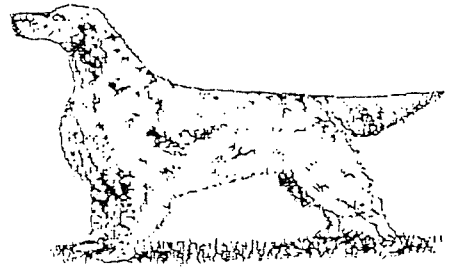
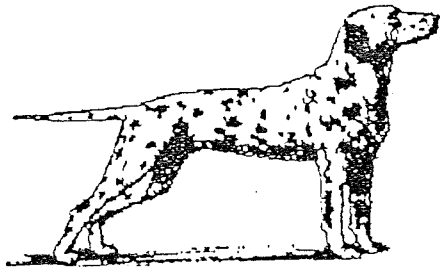
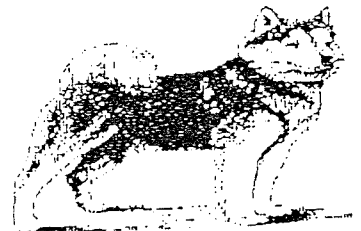
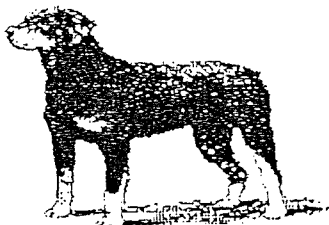


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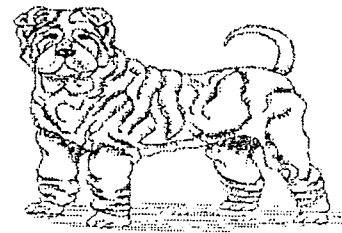
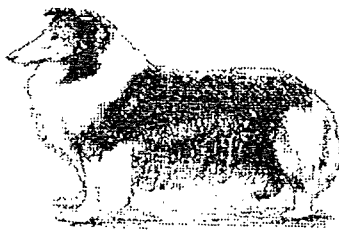
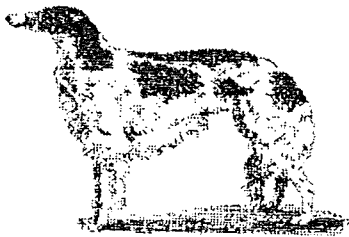
NEWLETTER NO 74

A warm welcome is extended to all our new members and welcome back to everybody. I hope that everybody's Christmas and New Year was a happy and safe one.

This is a bi-monthly Newsletter distributed on the last training day of the odd months (where possible) 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 collect from the office.

The Editor's position is still open to any member who wishes to take it on. I am prepared to fill this position until someone would like to take it over.

Janelle Convery



1996 CLUB AWARDS

Elsa Dahl Award
Committee/Instructor of the Year

Barbara Shell
Cheryl Young

Obedience Dog of the Year (Registered) Kurrawa Mia Casen CDX AD
John & Ann-Maree Corrigan

Obedience Dog of the Year (Associate) Bessie CD AD ET
John Bell

Agility Dog of the Year Kurrawa Mia Casen CDX AD
John & Ann-Maree Corrigan

*Congratulations to all these people. The club is proud to
acknowledge your achievements.*

REPORTS...REPORTS...REPORTS

PRESIDENT

Welcome back to training, I hope that you have enjoyed the break, and a special welcome to the new members who joined the Club in November and December last year. I hope that you will enjoy being a member of the Club and the training of your dog. It takes some time and perseverance to train your dog, so don't give up too soon if you find it a bit difficult. There are people who joined the club and after a few weeks if they don't get results with their training or are unhappy with something or somebody they just leave the club. Please don't do that, if you have any difficulties or are unhappy, please speak to your Instructor, the Training Supervisor or come and see me.

We are starting a new year of training so I hope that everybody can achieve something, may it be obtaining a certificate or for the trailing member a pass or title.

On the 18 December the Secretary, Pam Convery, and myself attended a Council meeting to see if the Geelong International Watersports Complex on the Belmont Common would go ahead. Indeed the council has voted to accept the recommendation of the Feasibility Study to go ahead with the project but this depends on a wind study from January to April this year and financial support from the State and Federal Governments. We have been allocated a new club grounds at "Brearly Reserve" in Grovedale if the project goes ahead.

At the last General Meeting a sub-committee was formed to deal with the matter of relocation and to negotiate with the Council. The Committee will keep you informed with any developments.

In the meantime happy training with your canine companion.

Anton Pape

SECRETARY

As the Club heads into a new year I would firstly like to welcome back our 'old' members and also extend a welcome to our new members. I hope your Christmas was happy and safe and that Santa was kind to you.

Early in December, Frank Valastro (Bar Manager) and I attended a Liquor Licensing Commission Seminar at the local Police Station and we both agreed it was a very productive and informative evening. The attendance was amazing with everyone from Geelong Football Club to the local Tennis Club recognising the need to be informed of current Regulations. The speakers were excellent and left us in no doubt with regard to the Laws. This Seminar is to be held annually and we feel it is important for the Club to protect our License by being aware of any changes to the Law.

The coming year could see major changes for the Club with the possible advent of the Rowing and Watersports Complex but regardless of whether it is a major move or just the day-to-day running of a Club such as this, you can play your part in making the job easier for all concerned. This can be as simple as reading the Newsletter, listening to Class Announcements, remembering your Instructor's name or being punctual for Class, it all helps with the smooth running of the Club.

All Committee members and Instructors are volunteers and it is up to you to be a productive Club Member.

Good luck with your training and best wishes to our Trailers who will be taking on new challenges and don't forget, if you have a problem don't keep it to yourself. **All Committee members** are very approachable and in most cases problems can be solved very easily.

Happy training
Pam Convery

REPORTS...REPORTS...REPORTS (CON'T)

TRIAL SECRETARY

Firstly, a big congratulations must go to the 20 new title holders that received their titles in 1996. Going from the records of the past few years this is definitely a remarkable accomplishment.

On Saturday 8 February the club will be running a Trial Workshop (see full details further on in this Newsletter), this will be conducted by Mr Frank Valastro and is aimed at those already trialling but also to those who would like to know more about trialling. Even if you have never contemplated trialling but would like to know more about what actually goes on at a trial you are also welcome to attend. For information or to put your name down to attend you can either see myself or Leonie Kelleher in the Trial Training Ring.

We will soon be making big preparations for our Back-to-Back Agility Trial on Saturday 19 April. Again we will be asking for help from the members during the working bees, to stewards on the day, for food donations etc. This is our first ever Back-to-Back Trial and we will be running the trial under the new Agility rules.

Janelle Convery

TRAINING SUPERVISOR

Welcome and a Happy New Year to all current and new members. This year we will be working on a twelve week cycle for promotion. Due to this system being used class size may have to be increased. With larger classes more strain will be placed on Instructors, so we ask for your tolerance and patience.

With quite a few of our Sub-Instructors passing their tests we are now short on numbers in this department. The requirement for this position is, you must have passed your Basic Level 3. However, anyone keen on helping in this field should contact myself or my assistants (Desma and Colin) and we will discuss your situation.

Due to the large number of titles gained last year we are also looking for more trailers. If interested see Leonie in the Trial Training Ring.

Happy Training

Arthur Thorogood

CANTEEN MANAGER

Well what an introduction to being Canteen Manager. Three weeks after the Annual General Meeting was the November Trial. It was very much like having your child come home from school and saying "I have invited my class for tea what are we having?"

Overall the trial catering was a success although I overordered the BBQ meats but never mind we had a lovely BBQ on the last day of training with over 150 people having a free lunch, I will try to have enough bread next time though.

The canteen needs names of people who can assist for an hour or so each Sunday to enable a roster to be drawn up. Perhaps 2 nominations from each class so most people have a turn.

eg Need 2 people for early session - 8.30 - 9.45

Need another 2 people for between the first and second sessions - 9.45 - 10.45

Need another 2 people for after the second session until stumps - 10.45 - 12.00

This enables regular members to participate in class etc and a roster system would ensure that the canteen is covered whilst members are away at trials, holidays etc.

You don't need to be a "financial planner" as all prices are \$1.00 or below. Spouses could help whilst partners are training the family "pooch". (These positions are not gender specific. C'mon guys - everyone can make a cuppa!!!!!!)

List is on verandah or phone me at home.

Happy training for 1997.

Pat McCormack

Phone:- 52770962

REPORTS...REPORTS...REPORTS (CON'T)

SOCIAL CO-ORDINATOR

Our Christmas breakup was held in the club rooms on 14 December with 69 members enjoying an excellent meal. As the "new chum on the block" I was disappointed there were not more club members attending, but I am hoping that the members who did attend will let their fellow class mates know what they missed.

I thank the members of Committee for their support and also Leonie Kelleher whose idea it was to have the party.

I would like suggestions from club members for future social events. Any suggestions could be put in writing and left at the office.

Peg Pope

DISPLAY TEAM

The Moolap Primary School display went well and our dogs all received gifts of goodies. Thanks to all team members who attended.

I would like to say thank you to our immediate past President, Fred and our current President, Anton for their support on Gala Day, it was very much appreciated.

Last, but not least, a special thanks to all Display Team members who worked hard all year promoting the club. Thank you all.

Postscript - A postscript to the Display Team Report - we are looking for new members to "swell" the ranks of the team. Requirements for the team - both handlers and dogs should be friendly, sociable and under control on lead and have their Beginners Certificate (at least) to join the team.

New members must be prepared to practice regularly and also attend various venues with the rest of the team when required. We have a lot of fun and meet lots of interesting and interested people in our travels. So if anyone wants to join our ranks or needs more information please see me.

Desma Dickeson

Bad Dog

Internet - Reynolds@geog.utoronto.ca.

First posting: November 22, 1993. Latest update: February 19, 1996. Send more suggestion to Harold Reynolds.

F) Hampering

3. I will never again think that Dad won't mind me climbing behind his seat (since he won't let me sit on his lap) while he's driving down an interstate in a two-seat sports car!
9. I will not jump in the car to go for a ride when Mommy and Daddy are already running late and ready to leave.
11. I will not shift the car into neutral while Mom is driving 65mph in a blizzard.
17. I will not sulk by trying to sleep under mummy's feet while she is making breakfast, washing, going to the toilet, etc just because she slept in, is in a hurry and can't take me for walkies.
21. Mommy knows her way around the house all by herself. She doesn't need me to herd her into the shower, into the bedroom, back into the bathroom and into the kitchen every morning.
22. When Mom is putting on socks in the morning, I will not take this as a sign to start a game of tug-of-war.

- 6 - TITLES FOR 1996

CD - Companion Dog

Lesley Gaylard	Kirrimist Magic Inblack..... Misty	Shetland Sheepdog
John Bell	Bessie	Associate
Alistair Elliott	Judal Manni..... Manni	Associate
Pat McCormack	Sir Winston	Associate
Nicki Hartney	Katydid Special Blend..... Doyle	German Shorthaired Pointer
Tom & Cathy Saleta	Foxy Lady	Associate
Eric & Ida Hell	Orskia Heavens Solitaire..... Nikki	Poodle (Standard)
Tina Camm	Simply Sharne	Associate
Dorothy Mottram	Kellick Brimsmead Heath.... Toya	Flat Coated Retriever
Tony Stewart	Eireannmada O Dea..... Erin	Irish Setter
Jenny Travers	Seecar Calamity Jane	Dobermann
Bill Laing	Rangerover Laing	Associate
Annette Laing	Greyfire Poachers Mist	Weimeraner

CDX - Companion Dog Excellent

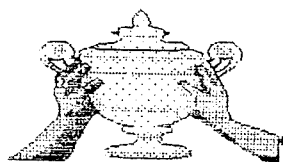
John & Ann Maree Corrigan	Kurrawa Mia Casen	Border Collie
Helen Read	Ormslee Austral Abbot (A) Al.....	Rottweiler
Leonie & Barbara Shell	Mystique Belle.....	Associate
Bill Laing	Rangerover Laing	Associate

AD - Agility Dog

John Bell	Bessie	Associate
John & Ann Maree Corrigan	Kurrawa Mia Casen	Border Collie

ET - Endurance Test

John Bell	Bessie	Associate
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Congratulations to all these teams and we hope to see you back in the Trial ring this year having even more success in your next available class.



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CERTIFICATE PASSES

24 November 1996

Beginners

Elwyn Tomkins & "Gypsy"	Libby Hotchin & "Sorcha"	Chris Meesen & "Tiger"
Greg Grima & "Jackson"	Alison Gowars & "Jemma"	Mark Hunt & "Bess"
Stephen Wright & "Sam"	Alys Jacobs & "Basil"	Georgina English & "Tango"
Alice Davis & "Eddy"	Ann Hill & "Lochlan"	Eric Dixon & "Micah"
Walter Wasylewski & "Spencer"		

Merit

Len Richards & "Biddy"	Liz Wason & "Tillie"	Mary Quelch & "Rolly"
Laurynda Cahir & "Lucky"	Kerri Lee & "Mung Bean"	Alan Pescott & "Morgan"
Jo-Anne Hamilton & "Benton"		
Chris Shields & "Lochbelle Star Sensation - Mac"		

Basics

Elaine Feauer & "Kara"	Karen Sutherlan & "Daisy"	Kevin Wells & "Chelsea"
Colin Humphreys & "Oliver"	Karolina Echter & "Sassy"	
Angie Trueman & "Kirimist Dark Intrigue - Toby"		

TITBITS

It seems that Dobermanns do eventually grow up. Our "past" Editor has unboarded the book case and Yahbini has promised to tackle nothing less than War & Peace. But can we trust the Black and Tans????????



Bed - The official place you have determined to be the resting place for your dog. The bed is used for the first fifteen minutes and the last fifteen minutes of the dog's eight hour sleep - the rest of the time is usually occupied comfortably on the living room couch.

NEW MEMBERS

The Committee and Member would like to welcome you to the Club. We hope your stay with us is long and happy

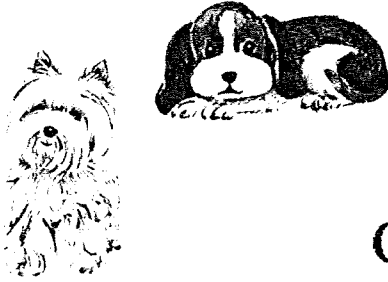
17 November 1996

Treize Family	Freeman Family	Henderson Family
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1 December 1996

Rebecca Agg	Michael Fatone	Nora McDonald
Sally Crockett	Jason Tournier	Jackson Family
Bate Family	Bromley Family	Northover Family
Andrew Thompson & Katie Cuthbertson		Horan Family
Squire Family	Voogt Family	Donna Perceval
Lawrence Family	John Lidgate	

TRIAL WORKSHOP



Saturday 8 February 1997

1.00pm - 5.00pm (approx)

at the Clubhouse

Conducted by Mr Frank Valastro

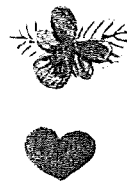
Discussion will start from selecting a trial from the Gazette to applying for your title from the VCA Inc. This particular seminar is primarily for Encouragement and Novice, and those who are thinking about trailing. Those attending will be asked to bring a plate of food for afternoon tea.

RSVP: Wednesday 5 February 1997

Any enquiries please see:

Leonie Kelleher 52431277

Janelle Convery 52290145 or 0419518994



DOG BISCUITS

The recipe is:

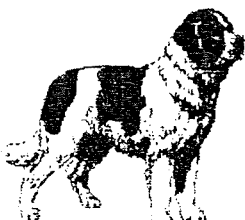
- 4 cups wholemeal flour
- 1 cup skimmed milk powder
- 1 cup rolled oats
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup dripping
- 1 tbl vegemite
- 2 eggs
- water to mix

Dissolve dripping and vegemite in one cup of hot water. Mix dry ingredients together, add eggs and liquid. Mix thoroughly to form a dough adding more water if necessary.

Roll to quarter of an inch thickness and mark into squares. Place on greased tray and bake in moderate oven for about 40 minutes or until golden. Allow to cool.

This recipe is adaptable and can be adjusted to suit the likes and dislikes of your dog, ie

beef or chicken cubes may be added or brown sugar or honey for the sweet tooth!



Hard Dog Biscuits No. 1

- 60gm shortening
- 1 small tin meat or fish paste
- 120gm plain flour
- 1 tbl gravy mix
- Gravox (opt)
- milk to mix

Cream shortening and meat or fish paste.

Add dry ingredients and mix to a firm dough with a little milk.

Roll in balls and press flat with a fork on to the baking tray.

Bake biscuits at 325° for 15 - 20 minutes.

Remove from the oven and cool, then place the biscuits back in the oven at the same temperature 5 - 6 minutes. When cold the biscuits should be hard.

Hard Dog Biscuits No 2

- 500gm bran
- 500gm pollard
- 250gm meat meal
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 cup powdered milk
- 360gm grated suet or dripping

Using a knife, mix dry ingredients with powdered milk dissolved in warm water until you have a stiff paste.

Press into a well-greased baking dish, mark deeply the shape a size you require.

Bake in a slow oven.



BEACHES WHERE DOG RESTRICTIONS APPLY

The following specific prohibitions/restrictions apply:

Balyang Sanctuary

Dogs on leads are permitted

Bancoora Beach

15 December 1996 - 31 January 1997

Dogs not permitted on beach within 500 metres of beach access in front of the Life Saving Club

Barwon Heads Beach

Dogs not permitted on beach between 15 December 1996 - 31 January 1997 inclusive between Ozone Road and Point Flinders (The Bluff)

Dogs on leads only between 1 February - 30 April 1997

Barwon River Walking Path

Dogs on leads are permitted

Eastern Beach and surrounds

Dogs not permitted between 1 December 1996 - 31 January 1997 inclusive between Bellerine & Garden Streets - back to Eastern Beach Road

Indented Head Beach

Dogs not permitted on beach between 1 December 1996 - 31 January 1997 inclusive between Hood Road and McDonald Street

Ocean Grove Beach

Dogs not permitted on beach between Hodgson Street & the East Bank of the Barwon River between 15 December 1996 - 31 January 1997 inclusive

Dogs on leads only between 1 February 1997 - 30 April 1997 inclusive

13th Beach

Dogs not permitted on beach between 1 December 1996 - 31 January 1997 between beach markers 34W and 35W and between beach markers 40W and Black Rock

Portarlington Beach

Dogs not permitted on beach between 1 December 1996 - 30 April 1997 between Point Richards Road - Fisher Street

Rippleside Park

Dogs not permitted on beach between Liverpool Street & Bell Parade between 1 December 1996 - 30 April 1997 inclusive

St Helens Park

Dogs not permitted on beach or within 200 metres of shore between Bay Street & north end Cliff Street between 1 December 1996 - 30 April inclusive

St Leonards Beach

Dogs not permitted on Beach between Second Avenue & Trewin Street between 1 December 1996 - 30 April 1997 inclusive

PROPOSED BEACHES **(to be declared)**

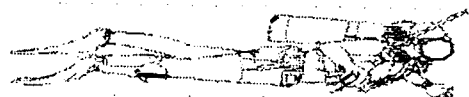
Clifton Springs Beach (the Dell)

Dogs not permitted on beach for a distance of 140 metres to the west of emergency beach marker 44B between 1 January 1997 - 31 January 1997

Avalon Beach

Dogs not permitted on beach for a distance of 750 metres to the east and 750 metres to the west of the boat ramp between 16 January 1997 - 31 January 1997

Dogs on leads only between 1 February 1997 - 30 April inclusive

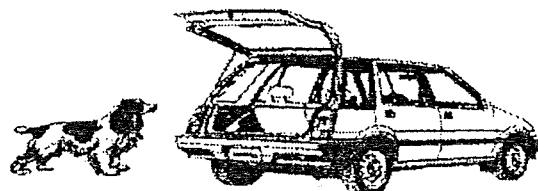


Dogs are welcome in other areas provided that they are under complete, effective control of the owner. Council does expect the owner to remove animal excrement.

The Council is well aware of the effort to keep the family unit together, and this often includes a dog or other animal to which the family has become attached.

Jump in My Car

Kath Williamson



It's always a joy to see a happy, well cared for dog enjoying a ride in the car. Dogs really relish going places and doing things with their owners. It is a shame to see a dog being forced, pushed and pulled to get into a vehicle when the animal is cringing with fear and has no knowledge of what is happening. A little patience and common sense is required when introducing a dog to the idea of riding in a car. As the majority buy a pup when getting a new dog, I have written about introducing puppies to vehicles but my comments apply equally to the older animal.

Firstly, the pup should be allowed to sniff and explore around the vehicle a few times, to get him used to the strong smell of petrol, grease and residual exhaust fumes. Do not have the motor running at this stage. Progress to lifting the pup into the car, sitting there with him for a few minutes, maybe with a ball or toy. At all times you should be speaking to him in a happy, relaxed manner - if you sound happy and at ease, the pup will feel reassured. Encourage the pup to stay only in the area of the car you want him to be in whilst travelling. No dog, especially a young pup, should ever be allowed to travel in the front of a car - the risks are far too great for driver, passengers, and dog.

LIFT the pup out of the car. Firstly, he is clumsy and awkward and is still too young to effectively gauge distance and the chance of injury is high if he jumps. Secondly, by lifting him out, you are deciding when he can leave the car, which will be of great importance later.

After he has accepted the idea of sitting in a car and staying in one area then try starting the motor after you have put the pup in the car. With station wagons and the like, always put your dog/s in the car prior to starting the motor - no-one likes a faceful of exhaust fumes, which is what your dog will get if you start the motor while he is waiting at the back of the vehicle for your command to hop in.

Don't drive anywhere for the first few times, just put puppy in the car, play some games and then start the motor. After a couple of times, your pup should be totally at ease and beginning to understand that he is not to leave the back seat or back of the wagon.

Next of course, is to start moving. Start with a trip to the end of the street. then call it a day. Repeat this over a week, the puppy should be, while perhaps still a little apprehensive, accepting that trips in the car are a fact of life. Classical music, played at low volumes on the radio, can help calm animals that don't enjoy travelling.

Make him associate his first few trips with having a good time - go and visit a friend's dog, go to the park, or the beach, or go and visit some children. Try to avoid having his first big trip a stressful one, like going to the vet's for an injection.

From the very first time you start to familiarise the pup with the car, use commands such as "UP" or "IN" when you want him in the vehicle and "OUT" when you want him to leave the vehicle, even if you are lifting him out. Another command this writer uses in a number of situations is "WAIT", and I use this when I open the car door, but do not want the dogs to get in or out immediately. Basically, I am telling the dogs to *WAIT* until invited *IN* or *OUT*.

Some dogs do get car-sick. The best way to prevent this is to introduce the young dog to vehicles in the manner described.

Other helpful hints are:

- *do not feed your pup a large meal within 12 hours of a long car trip*
- *discourage the dog from looking out the side windows - the rapid eye movements required to focus on the scenery rushing by can cause nausea*
- *try to get the dog to lick at an ice cube or drink a small amount of icy water prior to departure*
- *some people recommend feeding one or two junket tablets, but I have not tried this method and cannot be sure of its effectiveness*

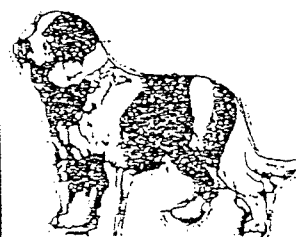
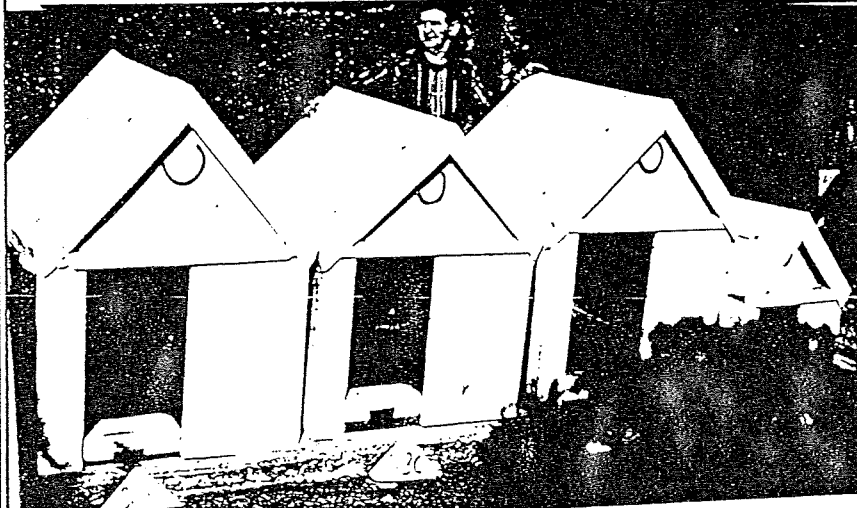
These tips should also be useful for those dogs that travel in floats and trailers.

The most important thing to remember is that the dog should enjoy his car trips - it is upsetting for both you and your dog if you arrive at your destination with a distressed, anxious dog. If you take the time to slowly accustom your dog to car travel, you should find your dog will happily accompany you and 'jump in your car' whenever the opportunity arises.

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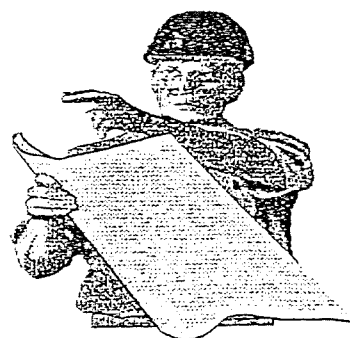
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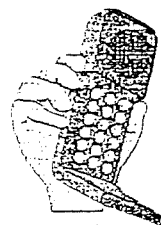


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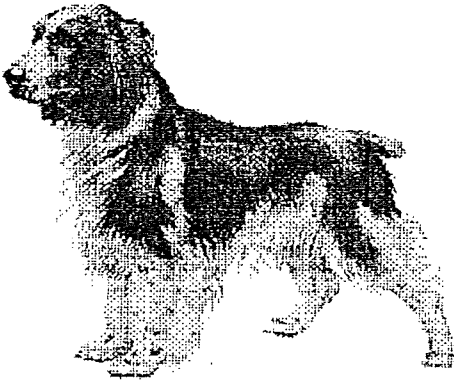


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WELSH SPRINGER SPANIEL

Height: 46 - 48cm

Weight: 16 - 20kg



The Welsh Springer Spaniel is a medium-sized, red and white dog with the coat, feathering, and pendant ears characteristic of spaniels.

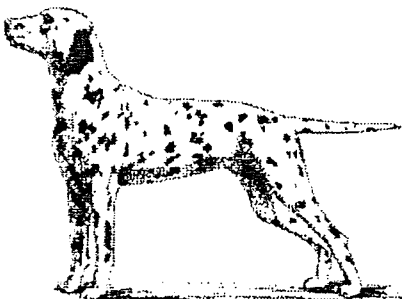
In Wales, where they originated Welsh Springer Spaniels are often called "Starters" because of their ability to flush game. Although Springers and Cocker Spaniels weren't actually declared separate breeds until around 1900, very old paintings of red and white Spaniels suggest that dogs like the Welsh Springer have been around for a long time. The distinctive coat is more than decorative - it also repels dirt and water and acts like insulation.

Because they're so responsive and adaptive Welsh Springer Spaniel's make wonderful household pets, they're as happy to romp with children as to stroll with old people. Their main concern is to be included. If you leave the Welsh Springer alone too often, they're prone to barking. These dogs are naturally distrustful of strangers, so they make excellent watch-dogs. Choose the Welsh Springer Spaniel only if you're willing and able to let it run, since lots of exercise is essential for physical health and well being. The silky coat needs regular brushing.

DALMATIAN

Height: 56 - 61cm

Weight: 23 - 25kg



The Dalmatian is a shorthaired dog with distinctive black or liver-coloured spots on a white coat. The breed is believed to have originated in Dalmatia, now a part of Yugoslavia, where it was used as a general-purpose hunting dog. In the mid 1800s, the breed was brought to England, where it became known as a carriage dog because it was trained to trot alongside a horse and carriage or sit beside the driver. This association led to its fame as a firehouse dog in the United States, where it accompanied the fireman and their horse-drawn fire engines.

Some legends say that gypsies brought the Dalmatian to Eastern Europe from India long ago. Others point to ancient Egyptian engravings of a spotted dog following a chariot as proof of the breed's African roots. But no matter where this dog originated one thing is certain: the Dalmatian's history is as unique as its spotted coat.

No dog bred to run with coach horses and fire engines should live with a couch potato. Deprivation of exercise may cause the Dalmatian to expend their excess energy chewing up your shoes or furniture. Matched with families that live to be in motion as much as they do, Dalmatians make wonderful pets. Their fine memories and eagerness to please are great assets in training and they'll take a lot of roughhousing.

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NAME OF DOG	OWNER	BREED	POINTS
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Zeus UD AAD	Mrs S Camassa	Associate	73
Bushland Ringer	Mr & Mrs Barnes	Australian Kelpie	65
Rocky Specht GDX AD	Ms E Specht	Associate	60
Kurrawa Mia Casen CDX AD	J & AM Corrigan	Border Collie	55
Tess Woods CDX AD	Miss M Woods	Associate	52
Roxanne CDX AD	S & L Stoddart	Associate	49
Dalwood Iowa Blu CDX AD	Tallara Kennels	Collie (Rough)	37
Beaumarchais Mystic Wind CDX AD ET	Miss D Merrilees	Collie (Rough)	37
Ch Chezvistra Undacova Girl UD TD AD ET	Mr & Mrs Staniforth	Poodle (Standard)	30
Ch Fieldrua Bernard AD	A & J Toth	Epagneul Breton	24
Ch Lacebark Sno Roundellay CD AD	Tallara Kennels	Japanese Spitz	24
Toto CDX AD ET	Bel Adele Kennels	Associate	22
Fantasi Midnight Delight	Tallara Kennels	Afghan Hound	20
Werlak Bonnie Jedda CD AD	Mr J Miller	Border Collie	20
RESERVE DOGS			
Scout CD AD	Ms S Marchesani	Associate	19
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DOGS ON THE 'NET'

Here is an example of training information for dogs available on the Internet.

Training the Dominant Dog

What is a dominant dog? Male Alaskan Malamutes and Rottweilers obviously spring to mind as being in this category. Many people attend a training club for the first time because they have a dog which has taken over their household.

He may, for instance, be one of the above, but he is just as likely to be a Yorkshire Terrorist. The dominant dog is not necessarily a big powerful dog. Think of all the many dogs who make the decisions about who may or may not enter a room or when it is time for tea.

And don't believe that just because a breed has evolved for the express purpose of serving man that all of this breed are born submissive. I have owned two Border Collies who were definitely dominant. This breed does not always come trained ready to do whatever you want. In fact the dominant dog can appear in almost any breed.

You may be feeling a bit stupid because your neighbour's Animal Shelter reject never pulls on the lead, always comes when called and rarely needs training. You, on the other hand, may find that your carefully chosen companion with the extensive pedigree takes hours of your time every day but still manages to make you look like a gibbering idiot in public.

Do not despair. Help is at hand. Your canine thug can be turned, if not into a saint, at least into a dog of great character. And one day you may well be proud of him.

The first essential is to convince you dominant friend that you are

the pack leader, the senior partner, his god, idol, reason for living, call it what you will. If he has been in charge for some considerable time he will be reluctant to relinquish his position. But it can be done.

Over the years many methods have been developed to control the dominant dog. You can force your intentions on him. This may work if he is not too large and you are wearing suitable padding. Many trainers can force any dog to submit. But we are talking here about ordinary people who may be afraid of being bitten and just want a friend not the canine equivalent of Attila the Hun.

At least for the foreseeable future he must be restricted to a small section of your home. He is probably used to sleeping on the bed, for instance. This little habit should be nipped firmly in the bud. Only the pack leader, (you) is allowed the best place to sleep. Fido may not encroach on your territory without permission. So until you have firmly established yourself as leader it is best to restrict his access to certain areas. You, however, can occupy his space whenever you like. But do be sensible and allow him some peace and quiet.

Establish certain rules that he must obey. He will want to dash through every door ahead of you. Make him wait and then call him through only when you are ready. If this means putting a lead on him then do it. Enlist someone's help is necessary or just tie the

lead to something safe. Sometimes you may be tempted to relent. But remember that training takes time. Just remind yourself that it is in your dog's interests not to be in charge. Have patience and you will succeed. Nothing worthwhile is ever easy.

Another favourite dominant dog trick is to jump up and prod you with his paws. Most people would see this as a friendly act. And so it is. But only you can decide when your dog is allowed to jump up. In his eyes you may be subservient if you allow him to put his paws on you. It is after all, one of the ways he would indicate his dominance to a lesser being within the pack. I should mention that my dogs are encouraged to jump up and play. But I am the pack leader. With the dominant dog who has been allowed to get his own way for too long, remedial action must be taken and stopping this behaviour is just another way of doing this. Train him to sit give him the command whenever he jumps up. Praise him for obeying, perhaps a food reward. He will soon learn what you want.

The dominant dog's method dealing with humans is often very subtle. He may ask to be let out into the garden then refuse to go once he has got you out of your favourite chair. He may paw at your knees for attention, or push your paper away when you are trying to read. Such behaviour and many more are all part of the dominant dog's way of establishing himself as leader. If he is otherwise obedient and

Training the Dominant Dog (Con't)

perfectly controlled when necessary you may just find such mannerisms endearing. But we are talking here about the canine hoodlum who is anything but endearing.

One helpful exercise which is relatively easy is the long down. This is not a stay exercise. No words of command are necessary. All you do is place your dog in a down and keep him there for as long as you decide. If he is very dominant he will resist but you must persevere. This exercise is done on the lead. So you can run the lead under your foot or some sturdy piece of furniture until his head is down. The rest of the dog will eventually follow. Then, ensure he stays down for about half an hour. If all this sounds a bit boring, try to combine it with your favourite TV programme. Establish a regular routine and before long you will find you are winning the battle. But do be sensible and don't do this with a very young pup. If handled correctly from the start you will never need such remedial training.

I am a great believer in training through play but games must be carefully controlled. Never allow the dominant dog to win a game of tug. If he is extremely dominant this game should be avoided altogether. Seeking games are great fun just as long as he always brings his toy back to you. If he doesn't then he must go back on the lead until his manners improve. Freedom has to be earned.

Run through the various obedience exercise with him. Try to give him at least ten minutes of concentrated effort every day, more if you are able. Everything is done at high speed. On the lead and under control though the momentum must never be lost. Obedience can be fun but it takes a lot of energy and total concentration, not recommended for a crowded room. Find a quieter place. If you are not exhausted and ready for a break after ten minutes then you are either super-fit or you are not working hard enough. You cannot expect your canine partner to give you his total allegiance if you are not prepared to put in the time and effort to obtain it.

I have known of many canine sinners reformed by sheer hard work. One particular dog I knew, attacked every male who approached his beloved mistress. And he was a big dog who really meant business. He made her life a misery even though she loved him dearly. She took steps to lower his status. It wasn't easy but she worked hard and trained him for competition. He won a couple of classes. But the real success was that once he had relinquished his pack leader status he became a much happier dog.

Apart from the intensive training, the long down and restriction of access to your sleeping area, there are a few other things to remember when attempting to reform the dominant dog. From now on, he owns no property.

You are in charge of all the toys and only you can decide when he is allowed to play. And on no account allow him near the table when you are eating. He can be fed separately afterwards. The pack leader always eats first and has the tastiest morsels.

From now on you must try and ignore all his attempt to attract your attention. You must be the one to initiate all contact. This is probably the most difficult part of the whole process. But it is for your dog's benefit so you must harden your heart. And there is nothing to stop you cuddling him as much as you like, just as long as you make the first move.

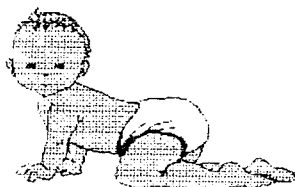
Not everyone is cut out to deal with a truly dominant dog but nobody need despair. And the rewards are great if you succeed. Just tell yourself that he will be much happier once he knows exactly where he stands. And many dominant dogs have such engaging personalities. Imagine this channelled into obedience and all under your control. The sky's the limit. Go for it!

NB - Occasionally you may have problems with a dog that is too submissive. Here it is just a question of reversing the advice given above. This type of dog would most definitely benefit from a rise of status. It is all just a matter of common sense. But striking the right balance is what makes dog training such an all absorbing pastime.

BY BARBARA COLLEDGE

Hatchings.....

Ray Casemore & Christine Bowles on December 4 1996 had a baby boy, Darcy, at the Mercy Hospital in Melbourne. Darcy is a brother for Hannah.



Spot The Dog Words

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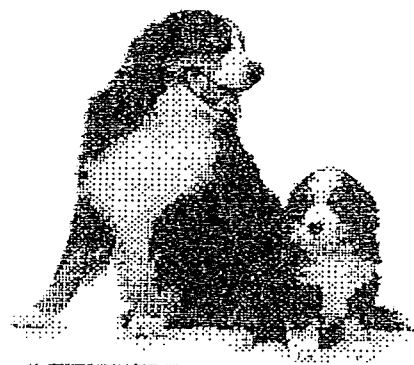
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WHAT'S ON.....

Club Calendar

Sunday	2 February	Training resumes Puppy Intake Newsletter
Tuesday	4 February	General Meeting
Saturday	8 February	TRIAL WORKSHOP
Sunday	9 February	Class 1 Intake
Sunday	16 February	Puppy Intake
Monday	24 February	Instructor's Meeting
Sunday	2 March	Puppy & Class One Intake
Tuesday	4 March	Committee Meeting
Wednesday	5 March	Newsletter closes
Sunday	9 March	Labour Day weekend NO TRAINING



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

Obedience & Agility Calendar

	<i>Closing</i>	<i>Actual</i>
Agility		
Gisborne & District Obedience Dog Club	Closed	15/2/97
Warmambool Dog Training School (Sat)	16/2/97	8/3/97
Warmambool Dog Training School (Sun)	16/2/97	9/3/97
Knox Obedience Dog Club	9/3/97	23/3/97
Obedience		
Melton Dog Obedience Club Inc (Twilight)	Closed	15/2/97
Non Sporting Dog Club of Victoria (ROT)	16/1/97	16/2/97
Eastern Suburbs Obedience Dog Club	16/2/97	2/3/97
German Shepherd Dog Club of Vic Inc (ROT)	22/2/97	8/3/97
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Victorian Obedience Dog Club Inc	2/3/97	16/3/97
Southern Obedience Dog Training Club	8/3/97	22/3/97
Knox Obedience Dog Club	9/3/97	23/3/97