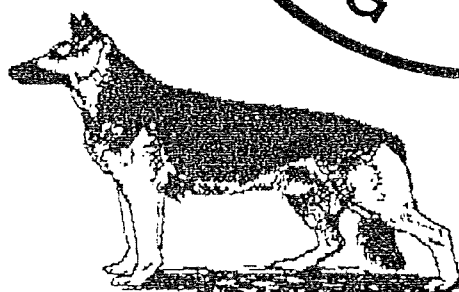
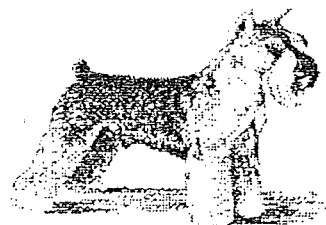
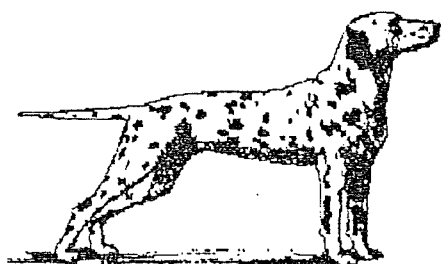
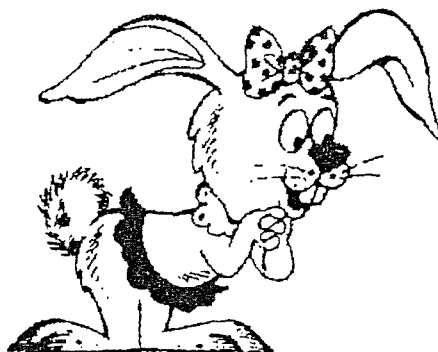
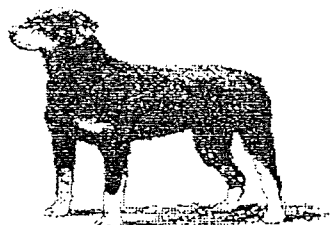


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Happy Easter

# GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC

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## **REPORTS..REPORTS..REPORTS**

### **PRESIDENT**

First of all I would like to welcome the new members who 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. If you find you have any worries about your training please see your Instructor for advice or see our Training Supervisor, Arthur Thorogood.

By now you may have realised that it is not all that easy to train your dog, but stick with it. Ten to fifteen minutes daily works wonders.

We have a nice clubhouse with canteen and bar facilities and we like to see members come in for a drink and a chat before or after training. It is your Club and feel free to use it.

In my last report I mentioned about the Geelong International Watersports Complex on the Belmont Common. The sub-committee have had a meeting with Council Officers and Councillors last month with an update of progress. A wind study is in progress and if the result is not favourable for the complex then the Council will not be going ahead with the project. I don't think a decision will be made until later in the year but the sub-committee will do some forward planning and ask the members for some input for a design of a new Clubhouse at a later date.

In the meantime, I wish you a Happy Easter and good training.

**Anton Pape**

### **SECRETARY**

The next six weeks or so look like being a very busy time for the Club with our annual Fish BBQ, Spirit of the West Challenge and our back to back Agility Trial. We will be looking for plenty of help from all members, so please don't leave it to the few regulars.

We would like to see all our members taking part in the Spirit of the West, including our newest members and those from puppy class. This is primarily a fun day, even though we are competing with Werribee for the shield, and it is a perfect opportunity to meet members from another Club and make new friends all with at least one mutual interest - our four-legged companions.

I wish you a Happy and Safe Easter.

**Pam Convery**

### **TRIAL SECRETARY**

Congratulations and thank you must go to Leonie Kelleher and Frank Valastro on the conduct of the Trial Workshop on Saturday 8 February, it was attended by 35 people on a very hot day. From the feedback we received the workshop was long overdue and well received.

On Wednesday night Leonie, Pam and myself will be conducting Trial Training for the Encouragement and Novice competitors. If you would like to participate see the Instructors involved, the only prerequisite is that you must be a VCA member.

As we look forward to our April Back-To-Back Agility Trial on Saturday 19 April we will be having a working bee on Saturday 12 April. We will also be looking for approximately 10 Stewards, and due to changes in the VCA regulations all Stewards must be VCA Members.

**Janelle Convery**

## REPORTS...REPORTS...REPORTS (con't)

### RAFFLE WRAP-UP

The Christmas raffle was a great success. The lucky winners were:-

1st: Val Moeller

2nd: Angie Bloomer

3rd: Yvette Swan

Many thanks to our sensationally generous members, Barbara McKee, (who donated half a supermarket of goods that made up the huge 1st and 2nd prize hampers) and Better Lawrence, (who donated a beautiful man's watch). Thanks to all the members who bought tickets and helped us raise **\$402.00!!!!!!!!!!**

### EASTER RAFFLE

Don't be a bunny, make sure you hop in for your Easter raffle tickets. Betty Lawrence has been busy with her beautiful handiwork again, so we have a great prize.

The Club runs a weekly raffle from a table on the verandah of the Clubrooms. Tickets are sold from about 9 am until just before the second training session, when the winner is drawn.

There are some great prizes to win, so why not come over and buy a few tickets

*Good luck!*

**Carol Baker**

**RAFFLE STEWARD**

### NEW MEMBERS

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

#### 3 February 1997

Smith Family  
Francis Hooper  
Carr Family

Bloodworth Family    Lindsay Eaton  
Justin Baber/Chris Barrett  
Joyce Laidlaw

Koch Family  
Morgan Family

#### 9 February 1997

Dempsey Family  
Darren Slevin/Janelle Meyrick  
Joshua Field  
Wally Wiggs

Andrea Arkell/Graham Sheppard  
Timothy Kerrison/Anna Rathjen  
Nathan Mayes            Michael Hanley  
Julie Devlin              Greg Pohlner

Panasewycz Family  
Bryant Family  
Alison Wilson  
Simone Mika

#### 16 Februay 1997

Glen Voysey  
Sutherland/Mills Family

Peter Hindson  
Janelle Grass

Ruby Upton

#### 2 March 1997

Poyner Family  
Evenden Family  
Bell Family  
Marjorie MacLeod

Wood Family  
Hewitt Family  
Carol Gillham  
Davies Family

Vallelonga Family    Murray Grills  
Faulkner Family      Zeegens Family  
Jude Strauss/Mary Walker

## GENERAL MEETING

4 February 1997

Meeting opened - 8.07 pm

Apologies - D & L Blackwell, D Brookes, J Convery, W & B Bartels, C Halson, B & A Thorogood, B & M Elliott

Acc: E Longshaw                      Seconded: P Pope                      Carried

Minutes from General Meeting 3 December 1996 were read and accepted as a true and correct record.

Acc: D Dickeson                      Seconded: L Kelleher                      Carried

### **Business arising from the Minutes.**

- 1 Victorian Police Seminar - A report from the Licensing seminar attended by F Valastro and P Convery was placed in the January Newsletter.
- 2 Paul Dickeson Photography - letter Correspondence In
- 3 Dangerous Dogs - letter from VCA Correspondence In
- 4 Trial Workshop - L Kelleher reported that 37 members had requested to attend.
- 5 Hire of Agility equipment - Verbal reply from M Tyler received by P Convery agreeing to the hire of equipment and construction of a see-saw.

### **Correspondence In**

VCA re Dangerous Dogs, Moorabbin & D O D T C re Specialty sashes, Paul Dickeson Photography re Photo CD payment, D Brookes - Motion re Meeting Minutes..

### **Correspondence Out**

St John's Ambulance re donation and Trials, Mr M Tyler re Agility equipment, Uncle Bens re Trial Sponsorship, VCA re Dangerous Dogs, VCA re Schedule July Trial.

### **Business arising from Correspondence**

- 1 Deferred from Committee Meeting 28/1/97 - Moorabbin re Specialty Sashes - After discussion Meeting agreed that original motion should stand and specialty sashes not be accepted.
- 2 Paul Dickeson Photography and D Brookes re Minutes motion deferred to General Business. Meeting agreed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

J Bell read his report and asked that all accounts be passed for payment

Acc: C Humphreys                      Seconded M Foord                      Carried

### **Other Reports**

Canteen Manager - P McCormack read a written report. Report attached.

Grounds Manager - F Lehrmann reported that people were still placing droppings in plastic bags into the sand buckets also that the motor mower had needed some repair.

Social-Co-ordinator - Publicity Officer - P Pope reported that the photos from the Christmas dinner were on the noticeboard and that copies were available at a cost of 80 cents also that she would like some social function ideas.

Relocation Sub-Committee - A Pape reported on the attendance at the Council meeting on 4/2/97. Wind study is in progress and the results plus availability of funding will decide final outcome of Rowing complex. Council said we will not be sharing Brearley Reserve. Area is the same size as we have now but we may also be allocated the rest Brearley Reserve depending on the rental.

Acc: P Pope                      Seconded: L Gaylard                      Carried

### **General Business**

- 1 Paul Dickeson Photography - As the Photo CD's had arrived P Convery asked where they were to be kept. F Valastro moved 'that a safety deposit box or similar be arranged for the Photo CD's at the ANZ bank Highton.'

Seconded: C Humphreys                      Carried

- 2 First Aid Kit - P Convery showed the meeting brochures of various types of First aid kits. Meeting agreed that the Outdoor Kit would cover any emergency likely at the Club. L Kelleher moved 'that the Club

## General Meeting

4 February 1997

purchase the Outdoor First Aid Kit from St John's Ambulance'.

Seconded: C Humphreys                      Carried

C Humphreys was asked to keep the First Aid Kit updated and supplied as required.

3     Trophies - P Convery on J Convery's behalf asked what was to happen regarding the Associate Encouragement and Associate Novice Club Trophies as one was full and the other almost full. After discussion the meeting agreed that as Associate and Registered Trial together and there was only one of each Open and Utility trophies these should be phased out. F Lehrmann moved 'that the Associate Encouragement and Associate Novice be eliminated through natural attrition'

Seconded: L Gaylard                      Carried

4     Paragon Embroidery - P Convery and D Dickeson reported on a recent visit to Paragon Embroidery and asked about the possibility of setting up the Club logo for future use. Sample of their work and various breed designs were passed around. The meeting was also asked about the possible purchase of caps and polo shirts for sale in the shop. Peaked caps would cost the Club \$9.00 with logo and polo shirts \$18.50 with logo. Cost of setting up the logo - \$75.00. F Lehrmann moved 'that we follow up with Paragon Embroidery and order the Club logo to be set up.

Seconded: D Dickeson                      Carried

5     Canine Good Citizen test - F Neeson (OTAC) had been in touch with P Convery and verbally informed the Secretary that the adoption of the Canine Good Citizen Test was a domestic matter. Also said that this would have become the Assessment Test for the VCA except they felt it was a little too complex for the smaller affiliates. P Bergin and F Valastro spoke in favour of the test and suggested a date should be set and advertised in the Newsletter. A fee of \$10.00 had been mentioned previously which is to come to the Club. P Pope moved 'that the Canine Good Citizen Test be adopted'.

Seconded: E Longshaw                      Carried

F Valastro to investigate next proposed date.

6     D Brookes motion regarding all Meeting minutes being published in the Newsletter proved to be unworkable due to Committee Meeting confidentiality and the motion lapsed for want of a seconder. Discussion was then raised regarding the possibility of the General Meeting Minutes being published in the Newsletter. Several members spoke in favour of the idea as it would keep members informed and perhaps get more people involved in the running of the Club. In opposition, members also expressed concern that this may have the opposite affect and members not come because they are informed.

With no further discussion T Harvey moved 'that we publish all General Meeting Minutes in the Club Newsletter

Seconded: E Longshaw                      For: 17     Against: 3                      Carried

7     Moorabbin & D O D T C's request for acceptance of special sashes at our November Trial was discussed and the majority of members felt that the original motion should stand.

8     A Pape reported that a new VCR had been purchased, with Committee's approval, as the old one wasn't working after flood damage from 1995. Cost of the new VCR - \$285.00

9     F Lehrmann raised discussion on the Club's recognition of members with 25 years continuous membership. Several members had been recognised in the past but there was no formal motion passed. As the majority of the meeting agreed, F Lehrmann moved 'that an appropriately inscribed memento of a value not less than the family membership at that time, be presented at the end of year Presentation Day to those members who have achieved a continuous, subject to Committee interpretation, membership of 25 years with this Club. This award shall not cancel out or be in lieu of any other award for exceptional service rendered.

Seconded: C Humphreys                      Carried

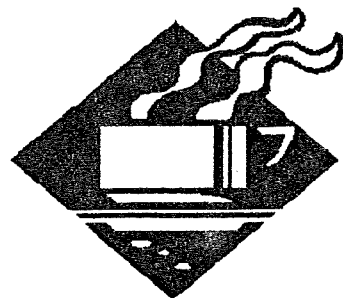
F Lehrmann asked if this could be retrospective to 1996 and the meeting agreed.

As there was no further business

Meeting closed at 9.25pm



# SPIRIT OF THE WEST CHALLENGE



## SUNDAY 13 APRIL 1997

**This will take the place of normal training on this day. A Funday for ALL members.**

**See your Instructor if you are unsure of which class to enter.**

**Entry fee is \$2.00 which includes a Sausage Sizzle lunch. Tea, coffee and drinks will be available at your own cost.**

**Entries close on Sunday 6 April (entries will not be taken on the day)**

**Judging starts at 10.30am (check in 9.45am - 10.20am)**

**We need your help to send the Wooden Spoon back down the highway to the Werribee Club**

**For further information see your Instructor, Janelle (Trial Secretary) or the office.**

### *The Human Factor*

- 5 *I do not have to meet EVERYONE.*
- 7 *I do not need to knock down everybody that steps into my back yard.*
- 8 *I don't need to greet the pizza man personally every time he make a delivery.*
- 11 *I will not attack Daddy even if he is wearing a funny red suit, pillows and a phony beard.*
- 12 *I will not attack Mom's boyfriend when he is tickling her - he isn't really trying to hurt her.*
- 21 *I will not greet the humans at the back door with their personal possessions (retrieved from the closet) in my mouth.*
- 24 *I will not herd my humans out of the hallway and into one room so I can watch all of them at once.*
- 28 *I will not kiss Mommy when she is scolding me.*

## MYSTIQUE BELLE CDX

*Owned by J Shell*

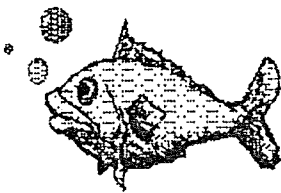
*Trained by L & B Shell*

Well we have eventually obtained our CDX title. You would not believe the hard work I had to do. Leonie and I were doing very well after our CD. We obtained our first pass at Northcote (183) then Leonie had to go overseas and Barbara thought that she would give it a try. The trouble I had working out our signals!!! They were sloppy and I had no idea what she wanted me to do so Jenny (thank goodness) tied me up and trained Barbara. It was a long hard battle but eventually we began to put things together and after a few trials we obtained a pass at Werribee (178) then how wonderful to eventually get our CDX at Geelong (171).

Many thanks to Jenny and Phyl for helping us to achieve our title, without them it would have been impossible. Our thanks also go to the club members for their support through the big "ordeal".

**Mystique Belle CDX**

**Congratulations to Barbara, Leonie and Belle**



## **GOOD FRIDAY Fish BBQ**

**Friday 28 March 1997**

**Easter Egg Hunt  
for the Kids**

**Cricket Match  
After Lunch  
(Dogs Included)**

**From 11.00am on  
the Clubgrounds.  
BYO everything.**





## STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT IN YOUR DOG AND SOCIALIZATION

**Aim of Socialisation:** To teach the dog those things he would not learn unless instructed - ie not to wet in the house, and all other social activities which are not inherent in the dog but necessary for him to fit into our society.

Socialisation is continuous throughout the life of the dog, but the first 16 weeks are vital. Miss taking the time during this period to introduce your pup to various situations in a non stressful way and you will never have the dog you could have had.

To inhibit and channel those natural activities that are instinctive to the dog. Again so he can become a useful member of society and contented to use his instinct in a positive way - ie to fetch articles on command and bring them to his owner, not to drag all the clothes off the line and bury them.

**Critical Periods:** Birth to 7 weeks - puppies learn to accept discipline from their Dam and to interact with their litter mates. They learn to be functional animals within the dog pack. To give the correct signals and responses to other dogs.

**Socialization Period:** 7 - 12 weeks - at this age the dog is capable of learning anything, as its brain has the capacity of an adult dog. This is a valuable period and should not be wasted. Spend as much time as you can introducing your dog to all the things he will encounter during his life with you. Introduce him to other animals that are non-threatening. Things learnt at this time are retained. Concentration is limited so teaching should be short and happy.

**Fear Period:** This period occurs sometimes between 8 and 16 weeks. Things that the pup happily accepted before, may for a short time appear threatening and produce fear in the puppy. Recognize that this is just a stage and will pass. Do not force the puppy to confront the thing he fears. Just be calm and non fearful yourself and treat the thing the puppy fears with disdain and he will take his cue from you. Do not over protect or display too much concern.

**Fitting into Position in your Family Group:** 12 - 16 weeks - this is the testing period when the puppy decides whether he is number two in your family or comes after all the other family members as he should. The puppy will test you and the other family members to find his place. Things like biting at the lead or his owner should be discouraged and firmly corrected. All family members should be able to direct the puppy and expect him to comply. Puppy should now be sleeping all night quietly in his own bed and be walking well on a lead.

He should know his own name and what NO means and be able to stay quietly by himself without howling or barking and not destroy things.

**Flight Instinct Period:** 4 - 8 months - testing time when the puppy becomes deaf at convenient times. Make sure that you are in a position to make the puppy listen. This period only lasts a short time but is always sometime between the 4th and 8th month.

**Second Fear Period:** 6 - 14 months - your puppy may suddenly become terror stricken about something he has seen many times before. This is illogical behaviour and like a child having a nightmare. Just be calm and reassuring and avoid confrontation while the puppy is unable to cope. This will soon pass if you don't make an issue of the fear. Work on having the puppy learn to rely on you for guidance and support, while learning to be independent.

**Adolescence:** Sometime between 12 and 24 months. Your puppy begins to assert himself and to regard all other dogs as potential rivals. Concentrate on reinforcing your earlier training and demand respect and attention from your dog.

This behaviour is not cute and is not socially acceptable. don't applaud or condone it. Be firm, fair and disciplined. Distract the dog and avoid confrontation with other dogs which will only reinforce the behaviour. This behaviour will settle if not reinforced.

## Warnambool Report

### *Saturday 9 March & Sunday 10 March 1997*

This was the first year that our member were spread over Warnambool, accommodation was hard to find due to other sporting events on at the weekend but all were very supportive of each other when it came to the actual trials.

Most of the Geelong members travelled up Friday at various times during the day.

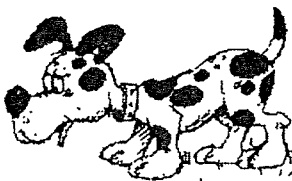
Saturday saw the start of a busy weekend, the weather was cloudy, windy with a small sprinkling of rain from above. The Agility rings were under way at 9.30am. Warnambool was the first Victorian club to hold an Open (ADX) ring which saw challenges arising for all competitors, it also gave Geelong a preview of what was to come for our April Agility Trial.

Obedience started at 12.00 and we had people in all the classes (Encouragement, Novice, Open and Utility). At times it was hard to watch everyone there seemed to be Geelong members in their respective rings at the same time. At the end of the trialling day we had people on highs and lows (see Trial Results elsewhere)

Sunday saw us all once again congregating at Harris St Reserve for day two. The weather was windy and cool which made for good trial weather, once again we had all classes covered and the nerves had settled slightly for some. Although our successes were few and far between everyone would have gained valuable experience over the two days.

Our last night at our caravan park ended up with a sharing of knowledge with other handlers and their dogs from various clubs which brought the weekend to a fitting end.

**Leonie Kelleher**



### Warnambool Titbits

Whose caravan was draped in ribbons and a balloon after a long awaited pass?



There's a Black and Tan dog who thinks the down position requires her on her back with her legs in the air.  
and....

another Black and Tan owner would like a shrine to St Jude (patron saint of Lost Causes) built at the Club when she saw her pass slip away on the first day.

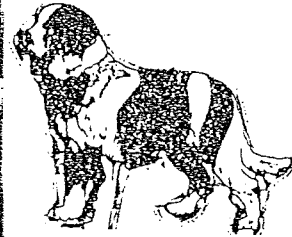
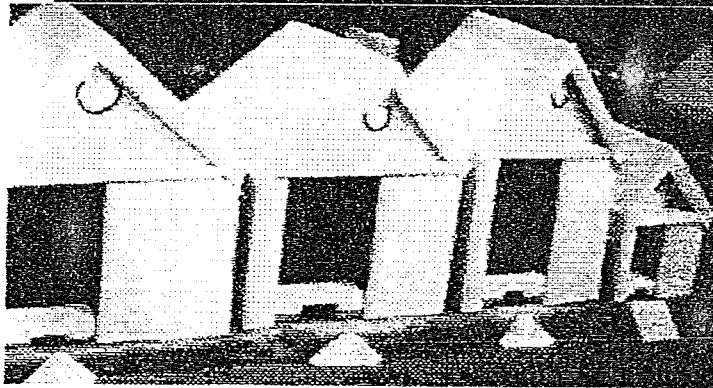
Whose dog tried to dismantle the Agility equipment piece by piece? David Blackwell is your face red.

Obviously the way to get bright eyed and bushy tailed on a Sunday morning is to have a COLD SHOWER!!! Ask Shirley Welsh she's the expert.

What group of people left some visitors from Holland wondering if Australians really are a weird mob??

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**TRAINING ANY BREED**  
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**OF KENNELS**

**CHARLIE BARTOLO**

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**DOG LANGUAGE**

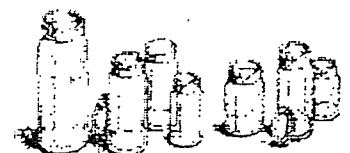
*Ever wondered how to say hello to a Shar-Pei in Shanghai or a Poodle in Paris*

Origin	Dog	Woof woof
Russian	Sobaka	gar gar
Chinese	gou	wang wang
Tagalog	aso	ow ow
Italian	bani	bau bau
Swahili	mbwa	hoof hoof
Arabic	kalb	aao aao
Portuguese	cachorro	uau uau
Gaelic	madra	uf uf

Origin	Dog	Woof woof
Hindu	kutta	bhoam bhoam
Tamil	naaii	vaaww
Japanese	inu	wan wan
French	chien	ouah
Bambara	wowou	woo woo
Spanish	penop	guau guau
German	hund	wau wau
Swedish	hund	voff voff



**Can and Bottle  
Collection**



If you would like to donate your cans and bottles to the Club they can be left at the Compound on the South West corner of the grounds.

All donations raise valuable revenue for the Club.

## A CD title - big deal? by Arleane Blum

### You're Darn Right It Is!!!

The first obedience title that you earn with your dog is special and very important. The CD (Companion Dog) is the prerequisite for the more advanced obedience titles. In order to compete in Open and Utility you must first qualify in at least three Novice trials. Novice work is the foundation of all obedience training, so just how important is the CD? Vital!!!!

It takes a long time to develop a working relationship with your dog. Much more goes into training a dog to the CD level than meets the eye. You do not merely teach your dog to walk nicely by your side, stay still in a stand, sit and down position, and come you when you call.

You also teach the dog how to learn, how to behave among strangers (both human and canine), how to listen for your instruction, how to tune out instructions and distractions from others, how to understand your language (sounds and body signals), how to control his emotions, how to please you (where his advantage lies through rewards and corrections), how to cope with stress and overcome fears.

You may not even realise how much you have taught your Companion Dog, or how much you yourself have learned! In order to achieve the results necessary to pass three Novice trials, a long process of learning (on the part of both handler and dog) must take place. During this period of development you become aware of your dog's individual temperament, you learn to use a number of different methods and techniques in order to teach your dog the basic skills, and you learn to adapt these methods and techniques to suit the temperament of your own dog.

You have taught your Companion Dog to be just that - your companion! You should be very proud of yourself and your dog. If this is the first time you have ever trained a dog, you should take special pride in your CD, regardless of scores.

Once you have trained your dog in the basics, you have prepared him to learn the more difficult

exercises. If you attempted to teach your dog the Utility exercises first, without having taught a proper foundation your dog would become so confused and stressed out that he would never learn.

All obedience training is based on a series of steps. In Novice, the dog works with you, not independently. He heels by your side, he stays (with you in sight), he comes straight to you when you call. He learns to perform one task on one single command from you. Once he has learned these exercises he can perform them better and better through repetition.

In Open, the dog begins to work more and more independently, and learn to perform a series of tasks on one single command from you. For the 'Retriever Over High Jump' the dog must, on a single command, leave your side, jump over the high jump, pick up the dumbbell, come back over the jump and sit in front of you. For the 'Broad Jump' the dog must jump over the hurdles without cutting the corners (while you stand two feet to the side of the jump), turn when he lands and come and sit in front of you.

The reason that Open training is more difficult than Novice for many people is that Open exercises must be broken down into a longer series of steps so that the dog learns the individual parts of the exercises, and then the steps have to be put together so that the dog learns to perform all of the steps on a single command. Again, your foundation work is extremely important. If you've taught your dog the basics of learning, teaching the more complicated exercise merely becomes a series of teaching individual steps.

In Utility, the dog must perform even more difficult tasks with very little instruction from you. In 'Scent Discrimination' the dog must, on your single command leave your side, go out approximately three metres, find the article that has your scent on it, pick it up (without mouthing or playing with the other articles), and bring it back and sit in front of you. Utility exercises

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by Arleane Blum

require a lot of concentration and attention on the dog's part; in most cases the dog has to make a choice between doing one thing or another - take the scented article from among the unscented articles, jump over the correct jump with two jumps in sight, etc.

Everyone who owns a dog should obedience train their dog, at least to the Novice level. Most of us want to take our dog for a walk without being dragged down the street. We should be able to take our dog to the vet and get him to stand still while having his ears examined or getting his annual shots. We should be able to have our dog sit still in front of the Christmas tree while we take his picture. We should be able to have our dog lie down and not disturb us when we have company over.

If you have taught your dog the Novice exercises you should be able to put them into practical use, You have trained your dog to be a good canine citizen, one you can be proud of. There are very few of us who need our dogs to select an article for us that bears our scent from a pile of unscented ones! Unless we have laryngitis or want our dogs to be in 'show biz', most of us can get by with a dog who doesn't know hand signals.

Handlers who go beyond the Novice level with their dogs do so for a variety of reasons. They may simply enjoy the sport of obedience and have made training their hobby. They may thrive on the competition and take advantage of the opportunity to continue to enter trials. Some enjoy the challenge of teaching dogs more complicated exercises which may be a little out of the ordinary. Some seek recognition for their accomplishments.

If you have a happy working Companion Dog you have proven to yourself and the world that you have achieved control over your pet through training with kindness and common sense, so be proud of yourself and your dog. If you have the time and the desire, go for the Excellent and Utility, You will definitely benefit from the experience and so will your dog.

Remember, if you tell someone that your dog has earned a CD and they say "Big Deal!", just say, "You're darn right it is!"

(Reprinted courtesy of the Victorian Rottweiler Club; South Australian Rottweiler Club and originally from the South Western Rottweiler Club.)

## RECIPE FOR A GOOD ORGANIZATION

*The ingredients are as follows:*

*One Enthusiast President  
One Group of Resourceful Officers  
A Few Dozen Good Eggs (Not Hard Boiled)  
A Happy Meeting Place  
Add a Few Mixed Nuts*

Blend the above with enthusiasm and plenty of good common sense, add generous amounts of helpfulness and co-operation, equal amounts of push, pep, pull and participation.

Stir vigorously using a light but firm hand.

Pour into moulds of service and bake until firm at a temperature that will arouse respect.

Serve with hospitality and good will and a big smile.

*The following dates are Promotion Days for 1997.*

*Normal class times apply.*

*Sunday 27 April*

*Sunday 13 July*

*Sunday 28 September*

*Sunday 7 December*

**Test guidelines for each level are available  
from the Club Shop at a cost of 50c.**

## **SNAKE BITES**



If your dog is bitten by a snake the treatment you give on the way to the vet could make the difference between life and death.

### *Signs to look for:*

- trembling, sweating, enlarged pupils, drooling saliva, vomiting, excitability, collapsing a few minutes after being bitten. Death may occur from a paralysis of breathing. Urine may turn red at a later stage.

- venomous snakes usually leave 2 puncture marks at the sight, non venomous

snakes will leave a row of small teeth marks.

### *What to do:*

- identify the snake if at all possible, if you can't, assume its poisonous.
- restrict movement as much as possible - carry the dog - don't walk it (impossible if you have a wriggle dog or St Bernard!!)
- wash wound with cold water to remove any surface venom.
- if the limb is bitten apply a bandage from top to bottom, not just the wound site. Make sure it is firm, not too tight.

Seek veterinary treatment immediately, it is best to ring ahead if at all possible to ensure that the correct antivenom is available.

Most snakes are more active at dawn and dusk - when there is more food available ie mice, frogs etc.

As a rule most snakes are not aggressive and will not go out of their way to bite, unless they are protecting a nest. They would prefer to retreat and be left alone.

Take caution when walking your dog/self by waterways and in long grass - best to avoid these area's during high snake season - usually late October/November to Winter, when they hibernate. Also don't forget that snakes can swim and snakes, like the Red Bellied Black Snake - which is fond of well watered areas, can stay submerged for lengthy periods.

*"Every Dog" - E Allan and R Bloggs*

The area surrounding the Club is a haven for snakes especially the brown snake which is the most common to bite dogs.

## TRIAL WORKSHOP REPORT

### Saturday 8 February 1997

On the above mentioned date 35 braved the extreme heat to attend a Trial Workshop. The event started at 1.00pm and finished at approximately 5.00pm. The afternoon was planned and aimed to reach out to those of Encouragement and Novice standard and also to those who really just wanted to know more.

Mr Frank Valastro was the speaker for the day and he covered a wide area of the trailing world from joining the VCA to applying for your title. At the end of the inside lecture we proceeded outside for a practical demonstration with the help of "Toby" and "Shadow". They both did a great job as it was still very hot to be out working a dog.

I would like to thank Janelle for coming to Altona's trial with me, as the idea for the workshop came to mind when we were watching the Encouragement ring and also on the day of our November trial when people from other clubs came up to our window and asked "What do we do know?" Thanks for all you did Janelle. Special thanks to Pam for sitting with the video camera and for all you did before the day. To the members that came down that afternoon, I certainly hope you all went away thinking and encouraged to go further.

It was great the day after though when 4 people from the Saturday came over to the trial training ring.

If anyone would like one of the Information Sheets that were handed out or would like to know about trialing please feel free to speak to me (Leonie) or Janelle our Trial Secretary.

Thank you

Leonie Kelleher

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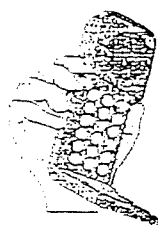
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# OBEDIENCE TRIALS

Obedience Trials are held in each state and territory of Australia. These trials are open to any person owning a pure-bred registered dog or an unregistered (Associate) dog, providing the owner is a member of the Canine Control Council in his/her state.

The function of Obedience Trials is to demonstrate the usefulness of a trained dog in society. A trained dog can be taken anywhere and will obey it's owner and not be a nuisance to other people.

As well as this, Obedience Trials are a wonderful way of making friends with people with the same interests as yourself and provides an absorbing hobby.

In trialling different titles are awarded for different levels, also sashes and trophies are given to the winner of each class. There are also many ups and many, many downs on the road to gaining that elusive title but that's what makes trialling all the more interesting.

*Titles to be gained are:*

CD - Companion Dog  
CDX - Companion Dog Excellent  
UD - Utility Dog

*Classes in Obedience Trials are:*

Encouragement (no title available for passing this level)  
Novice  
Open  
Utility

The following is a list of relevant exercises for the Encouragement and Novice classes:

Encouragement	Max Points	Novice	Max Points
Heel on Lead	30	Heel on Lead	30
Stand for Examination	20	Stand for Examination	20
Stand Stay	20	Heel Free	40
One Minute Sit Stay	30	Stand Stay	20
Three Minute Down Stay	30	Recall	30
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>130</i>	One Minute Sit Stay	30
		Three Minute Down Stay	30
		<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>200</i>

Out of the 130 points available you must get a score of 115 or better to qualify for the Encouragement class. Once you have qualified once or gained a 1st Place in the Encouragement class you must move on to Novice.

This class is basically for inexperienced dogs/handlers and there is no title available for this class.

Out of the 200 points available you must get a score of 170 or better to gain a qualifying score. You must get 3 qualifying scores under 2 different judges to obtain the title of CD.

Once this title is achieved you then move on to the Open Class.

So new members this is what you can set your sights on if you wish to have your dog's photograph displayed on our clubroom walls. It is not easy, but the reward at the end of the day is well worth it.

*If you have any queries about Obedience Trials talk to your Instructor, Leonie Kelleher (Trial Training Instructor) or myself (Trial Secretary).*



## Book Review

### "The Dogs Who Came To Stay"

Author: George Pitcher

George and Ed, two middle aged scholarly professors at Princeton University, had no intention of changing the staid, settled routine of their academic and domestic lives, but the discovery of a neglected Black and Tan dog which had tunneled under an old shed to give birth to her puppies was to change their lives completely.

This is a delightful, true, man-dog love story, beautifully presented and enhanced by the illustrations.

#### Librarians comments

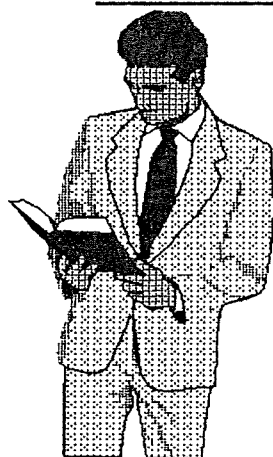
Lest, having twice adopted victims of mans neglect I may be considered biased, I include comments from literary critics - USA.

"Most delicately done and excellently written" - John Gielgud

"A fascinating heartwarming memoir of real people and real animals" - Joyce C Oates

"Unforgettable and inspiring" - Seattle Times

Phyl Bergin



#### LIBRARY NOTICES

"Picture your dog in needlework" is overdue. Would borrower please return to library as another member urgently needs it. There will be no overdue charge.

If librarian is not in attendance please leave book in shop or in kitchen or on library table.

Is there some generous member who would occasionally assist with a very simple task in the library for half an hour from 10.05am? Free cuppa, biscuit or soft drink go with the job. See Librarian or leave name at kitchen if you can help.

Phyl Bergin  
Librarian

## DEFINITIONS

<b>Alarm clock</b>	that which is needed when you don't own a dog or cat
<b>Begging</b>	a procedure exercised most successfully by dog's with sad eyes
<b>Boxer</b>	a type of men's underwear the elastic of which any puppy will love to chew upon and consequently ruin
<b>Choke Chain</b>	a dog collar which develops strict discipline in any canine. This device can teach your animal neat tricks like bulging his eyes out of his head and hanging his tongue out of his mouth.

The Committee and Members would like to thank

**SHIRLEY AND NOEL WELSH**

for all the work they have done in the garden bed beside the Clubhouse

During our recent hot weather they were often down watering and weeding and as a result it really looks great



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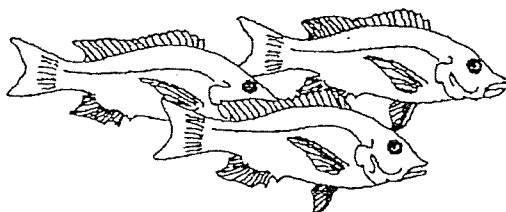
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## BACK-TO-BACK OPEN AGILITY TRIALS

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SATURDAY 19 APRIL 1997

Entries to be sent to Janelle Convery, 247 Shannon Avenue, Manifold Heights 3218.

Phone: (03) 52290145.

### JUDGES:

Morning Trial

Open - Mr E Hewden

Novice - Mrs P Howard

Afternoon Trial

Open - Mrs P Howard

Novice - Mr E Hewden

Refer March's Gazette for full details.

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## PEKINGESE

*Height: 15 - 23 cm (6 - 9 inches)*

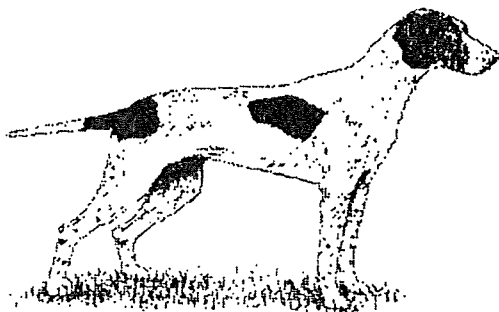
*Weight: 3 - 6 kg (6 - 14 lbs)*

The Pekingese has a long, profuse coat and is short legged and small. The tail is heavily plumed and carried over the back. The foreshortened head gives the breed its unique expression. All colours are found.

The Chinese apparently classified the Pekingese into 3 types: lion dog, named for their massive fronts and heavy mane; sun dogs, with striking, golden red coats; and sleeve dogs, the smallest specimen which were readily carried in the sleeves of their masters garments.

Until 1860, when the British looted the Imperial Palace and stole 4 Pekingese, these popular toys belonged exclusively to Chinese royalty. The Palace dogs were coddled by 4000 of their own slaves and were carried in the sleeves of silken robes. A pair were situated at the hem of the Emperor's robe and another pair heralded his appearance. No dogs ever led more pampered lives - but when their mates died, Pekingese were put to death.

The Pekingese is the real-life replica of the mythic Foo Dog, a lionlike creature that Chinese legends credit with warding off evil spirits and bringing good fortune. Pekingese were so honoured in China that stealing one was punishable by death. When the British invaded in the 19th Century, nobles killed their Pekingese dogs so that they wouldn't fall into the hands of "foreign devils".



## ENGLISH POINTER

*Height: 61 - 69 cm (24 - 27 inches)*

*Weight: 20 - 30 kg (44 - 66 lbs)*

The pointer is a large sporting dog possibly originating in Europe but refined to its modern form by English breeders. It was the first breed developed to point game. One of the most popular of all bird dogs, the pointer is a fast, far-ranging hunter.

The origin of the Pointer, a type of hunting dog, is uncertain. The consensus is that it was derived from the Spanish pointer, which is said to have been brought to England in 1713. Others believe that the Italian pointer or the French pointer was a major contributor to the breed. Whatever the Pointer's ancestry, its development was entirely British. It was developed from hounds that showed a tendency to pause before concealed game rather than flushing and chasing it. In the 1700s the Pointer was crossed with Foxhounds and other breeds, among the most likely being the Greyhound.

The Pointer has a long, rectangular head, hanging ears and a long tail. Its coat is short, hard and glossy and may be liver, lemon, black or orange, either solid or mixed with white. The breed stands between 58.5 to 71 centimetres (23 to 28 inches) high at the shoulders and weighs from 20.5 to 34 kilograms (45 to 75 pounds).



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1 edition	\$25.00

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Advertising copy is accepted at the discretion of the Club Committee.

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## TRIAL RESULTS

### *Warnambool Dog Training School*

#### SATURDAY

##### *Encouragement*

Angie Trueman	Kirimist Dark Intrigue (Toby)	Shetland Sheepdog	Pass 2nd Place
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##### *Novice*

Shirley Welsh	Tornadic Mindi Miss (Mindi)	Welsh Corgi (Pem)	1st Pass
Dianne Miller	Ch Trupoint The Diplomat (Matt)	GSP	2nd Pass
Dianne Miller	Milangimbi Trya Lil Luv (Candy)	Border Collie	1st Pass

##### *Open*

Bill Laing	Rangerover Laing CDX (Rover)	Associate	Pass 3rd Place
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#### SUNDAY

##### *Encouragement*

M & L Waldron	Tess Meadenhall (Tess)	Associate	Pass 1st Place
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##### *Novice*

Dianne Miller	Milangimbi Trya Lil Luv (Candy)	Border Collie	2nd Pass
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##### *Open*

Val Moeller	Ormslee Austral Amigo AI CD (Saxon)	Rottweiler	2nd Pass
Bill Laing	Rangerover Laing CDX (Rover)	Associate	Pass



## Correct Slip Chain Use

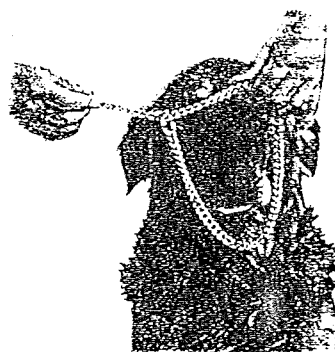


Slip chain can be useful to stop a dog pulling on a lead, or for training.

However, the choker is only a tool and should be used as such. There is nothing to be gained by simply pulling on a choker as this often leads to a tug of war.

Slip chains are designed to be quickly jerked and released, not pulled. Properly applied, they release immediately you stop pulling. At the same time you jerk, you tell your dog to "heel".

Remember then to praise the dog for a job well done. The aim is to have the dog walk level with you, on your left-hand side.



"CORRECT"



"INCORRECT"



# FIND THE DOG

## BREEDS

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REXOB  
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MATILFBLLFS  
UNSCADDHH  
LATADAIMN

DORUHNDEE  
ORMNAEDNB  
NOHXOUFD  
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EEKNOHDS  
EWONHCL  
ALMTSEE  
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PUIL  
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ASKUIL  
AESMDOY  
RHEIKECSPP  
HRAUCZSNE  
EAEMNIRWAR  
HPIWPTE

# WHAT'S ON.....

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## Club Calendar

Monday	24 March	Instructor's Meeting	Saturday	19 April	BACK-TO-BACK
Friday	28 March	GOOD FRIDAY - Fish BBQ			AGILITY TRIALS
Sunday	30 March	Easter Sunday	Sunday	20 April	Puppy Intake
		NO TRAINING	Monday	21 April	Instructors Meeting
Tuesday	1 April	General Meeting	Friday	25 April	Anzac Day
Sunday	6 April	Puppy & Class 1 Intake	Sunday	27 April	Promotion Day
		Working Bee (if required)	Sunday	4 May	Puppy & Class 1 Intake
Monday	7 April	Trial Entries Close	Tuesday	6 May	Committee Meeting
Saturday	12 April	Working Bee	Wednesday	7 May	Newsletter Closes
Sunday	13 April	SPIRIT OF THE WEST CHALLENGE	Sunday	11 May	Mothers Day
			Sunday	18 May	Puppy Intake
			Monday	19 May	Instructor's Meeting

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 Trial Calendar

	<i>Closing</i>	<i>Actual</i>
<b>Agility</b>		
Border Collie Club	Closed	12/4/97
<b>GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB (2)</b>	7/4/97	19/4/97
Dalmatian Club of Vic	4/4/97	25/4/97
Southern Obedience Dog Training (2)	11/4/97	26/4/97
Bendigo Obedience Dog Club (2)	26/4/97	10/5/97
Berwick Obedience Dog Club	28/4/97	11/5/97
Ovens Valley Canine Club	26/4/97	17/5/97
Wangaratta Kennel & Obedience Dog Club	5/5/97	18/5/97
Altona Civic Obedience Dog Club	4/5/97	18/5/97
<b>Obedience</b>		
Rhodesian Ridgeback Club (ROT)	Closed	6/4/97
Moorabin & District Obedience D T C	Closed	6/4/97
Border Collie Club (ROT)	Closed	12/4/97
Welsh Corgi Club (ROT)	Closed	13/4/97
Peninsula Obedience Dog Club	2/4/97	13/4/97
Croydon & District Obedience D C	6/4/97	20/4/97
Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club (ROT)	Closed	25/4/97
Dalmatian Club of Vic (ROT)	4/4/97	25/4/97
Red Cliffs District Kennel Club	11/4/97	26/4/97
Red Cliffs Ladies Kennel & Obedience Club	11/4/97	27/4/97
Ballarat & District Obedience D C	7/4/97	27/4/97
Warringal Obedience Dog Club	21/4/97	4/5/97
Murray Valley Obedience Dog Club	28/4/97	10/5/97
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Berwick Obedience Dog Club	28/4/97	11/5/97
Ovens Valley Canine Club	26/4/97	17/5/97
Labrador Retriever Club of Vic (ROT)	28/4/97	18/5/97
Wangaratta Kennel & Obedience Dog Club	5/5/97	18/5/97
Altona Civic Obedience Dog Club	4/5/97	18/5/97
German Shepherd Dog Club (ROT)	20/4/97	24/5/97
Keilor Obedience Dog Training Centre	11/5/97	25/5/97
German Shepherd Dog Club (ROT)	20/4/97	25/5/97