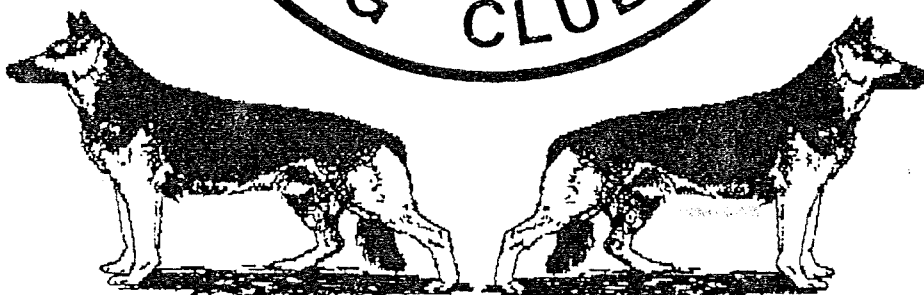
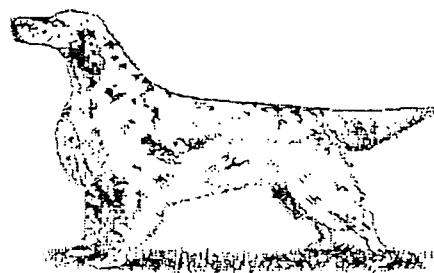
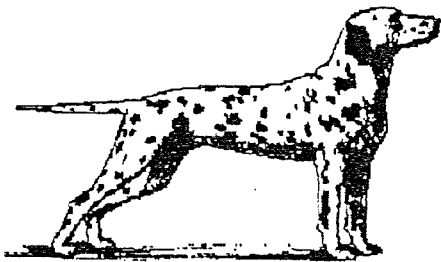
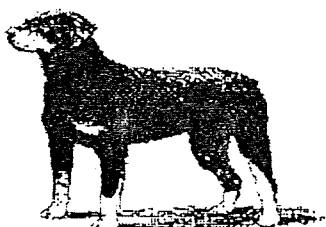


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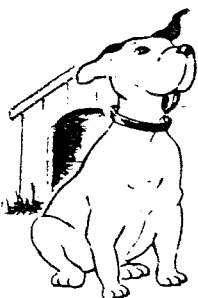
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Advertising copy is accepted at the discretion of the Club Committee

Letter To The Editor

There are often times when you would like to thank someone for an extra effort or a job well done and it is with this in mind that the Letter to the Editor Column has been added to the Newsletter. This is not a complaints column as these should be dealt with at an appropriate meeting. So if you want to show your appreciation or write on general interest subjects be ready for the next Newsletter.

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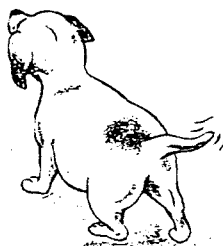
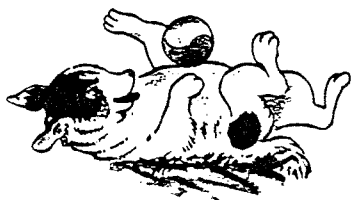
This column is available to members who may have odd items at home they wish to sell or items they wish to buy. Ads will be restricted to 1/3 the width of a page and five lines deep and the cost will be \$2.00 per issue. We will not accept ads for puppy litters or rehousing dogs and the column is not for commercial use. Ads must bear the advertisers name and phone number.

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PRESIDENT

Welcome to the new members who joined the Club in the last two months. I hope that you will enjoy your stay with us and that you will find enjoyment in training your canine friend.

It takes some time and perseverance to train your dog, so don't give up too soon if you find it a bit difficult. Ten to fifteen minutes of training a day works wonders.

If you have any problems with your training please see your Instructor or ask for the Training Supervisor to help you.

On the 7th December it will be Promotion day and I hope that many members will take their tests and that there are many passes.

For the people who are going for their Basic Obedience Certificate and hopefully pass, perhaps you could consider to become a sub-instructor; as you know the Club can do with more instructors.

As I am writing this report, I wish the trialers best of luck with the forthcoming trial i.e., 23rd December.

On the 7th October we had an A.G.M. and a new Committee was elected. There are some new names on the committee as you can see on 2nd page of this newsletter. I hope that we will have a successful year.

As this is the last newsletter for this year and although a bit early, I would like to wish you a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

I wish you all good health and happy training.

Anton Pape

On behalf of the Committee I would like to wish all members a happy and safe Christmas and look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

Pam Convery
Secretary

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

Return to Training

Puppy Kinder - Thursday January 8

All existing Classes - Sunday February 1

Puppy Intake (under 6 months) - Sunday February 1

Class One Intake (over 6 months) - Sunday February 8

REPORTS - REPORTS - REPORTS cont...

TRAINING SUPERVISOR

My first report as the current Training Supervisor, so will try to keep it fairly short.

Next Testing day is on 7th December and by now both instructors and handlers of Class 1's should be aware of the changes in Class 1 testing. This will be implemented for a trial period to see how things work!

As always we are chronically short of sub-instructors and instructors, so if anyone feels they can contribute in that direction feel free to find out more from the Assistant Supervisor or myself.

I hope that everyone and their canine friends enjoy the Christmas break so they can come back refreshed and ready for further successful training in the New Year.

Enjoy your dogs,

Desma Dickeson

DISPLAY TEAM REPORT

Well, Gala Day is over again and thanks must go to the few hard workers who put in the long hours and hard "slog" to make the day a success - it's a great way to meet new people and excellent P.R. for our Club.

Thanks must also go to GREG POHLNER (owned by a big St Bernard name Ebony) for coming along on the evening prior to the parade with a small compressor to blow up lots of balloons - it made life so much easier!

A BIG bouquet to all the dedicated (slightly mad!) people who came along in the absolutely teeming rain to support this outing - a fantastic effort by everyone concerned. It is a pity that that more members don't get involved in this activity and enjoy the outing with their canine companions

On the 7th November we were invited by one of our new members, Clarice Boland, to "display" for a group of people at Newcomb Tennis Grounds. Joan, Peg, Janelle, Pam and I along with our respective dogs spent a pleasant time entertaining the group - in turn we earned a lovely afternoon tea. Thank you to the dogs and handlers and also to Pam for puppy-sitting and minding our car keys.

The Display Team have finally got their new uniforms - bright and cheerful and distinctive and the members at the club on 16th November got their first look at our new gear when we put on a short "display". Anyone who is interested in joining our ranks please come and speak to me.

A big Thank You to the team - it's a very cohesive unit - for the hard work through the year. Enjoy the holiday gang before we resume the training in 1998

Merry Christmas and take care of your dogs and yourself

Desma Dickeson

Display Team Leader

Acc: L Kelleher Seconded: J Brophy Carried

General Meeting - 7 October 1997

General Business -

1 P Convery moved 'that we accept new members from the 17 August to 5 October and add their names to the Members Roll'.

Seconded: C Humphreys

Carried

2 P Convery asked that date be set for next Canine Good Citizen Test. Meeting agreed that 1 November was suitable.

3 J Convery requested to run Masters at our Back-to-back Agility Trial on 2 May 1998. If meeting agreed there would be a need to hire equipment and look at a suitable area to run a third ring. Equipment available from Northern Obedience Dog Club - approximate cost \$200.00. After discussion F Lehrmann moved 'that we run Master at the Agility Trial and hire the necessary equipment'.

Seconded: M Foord

Carried.

4 J Convery asked permission to conduct a Mock Trial to be held on Saturday 8 November. Judges available at present F Valastro, F Lehrmann, D Wiltink. Meeting agreed.

5 J Convery suggested that the last Promotion Day 7 December be run as a Fun Day for all members. Test classes as usual. Ribbons and Certificates to be presented on last day of training. A Pape suggested that this be discussed by Committee in conjunction with the Training Supervisor.

6 P Convery asked if it was possible to allow the Lions Club to run the BBQ at Novembers Trial as this was a good public relations exercise and would relieve the work load on members. General feeling was that the Club would loose money and suggested that Lions may wish to run a BBQ on the last day of training.

7 P Convery asked if we could place Guide Dogs Calendars and Christmas Cards in the shop to sell for them. After some discussion F Lehrmann moved 'that we place Guide Dog Calendars and Christmas Cards in the shop for sale.

Seconded: T Camm

Carried.

8 A Pape suggested that it may be time the Club looked into a Computer for the Office. After some discussion P Marfatia said he may be able to help. Further discussion was deferred to next General Meeting when more information is available.

9 F Lehrmann reported that Breakwater Road would be closed from 3 November to 5 December and suggested it may be a good idea to send a notice to Clubs with members possibly attending the Novembers Trial.

10 V Moeller spoke about a forthcoming lecture by Dr Robert Holmes to be held at Highton Hall, on 29 November. Notice to go on Announcement Sheet.

11 Special Meeting Committee Meeting to be held on Tuesday 14 October.

As there was no further business

Meeting closed at: 10.34pm.



Your well earned break will be between December 15, 1997 to January 31, 1998.

During that time I hope that you and your four-footed friend will have had a wonderful time visiting new places or just lazing around at home in the back yard

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!

Club Calendar

Sun 30 Nov Newsletter, Closing date for Elsa Dahl Award, Committee/Instructor of the Year and Trial Awards.
Puppy and Class 1 Intake
Tues 2 Dec General Meeting.
Sun 7 Dec Promotion Day.
Sun 14 Dec **Presentation Day**
**Last day of Training **

1998

Thur 8 Jan Puppy Kinder (approx 8-16 weeks of age)
Wed 21 Jan Newsletter Closes
Sun 26 Jan Instructors Meeting
Tues 27 Jan Committee Meeting
SUN 1 FEB TRAINING RESUMES
Puppy Intake & Newsletter
Tues 3 Feb General Meeting
Thur 5 Feb Puppy Kinder (approx 8-16 weeks of age)
Sun 8 Feb Class 1 Intake

Agility and Obedience Trials

AGILITY

	Closing	Actual
Victorian Canine Association Inc.....	Nov 24.....	Dec 13
Croydon & District Obedience Dog Club.....	Nov 30.....	Dec 14

OBEDIENCE

	Closing	Actual
Victorian Obedience Dog Club.....	Nov 17.....	Dec 7
Victorian Canine Association Inc.....	Nov 24.....	Dec 13
Croydon & District Obedience Dog Club.....	Nov 30.....	Dec 14



Have a Safe and Happy Christmas
and may the New Year be all you want it to be



PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1977

Dear Members,

It is hard to believe that one year has gone by since I was elected as President and a new Committee was formed.

During the year we farewelled two valuable members and friends, it was sad to lose them, but life goes on.

Most members of the Committee worked very hard for the Club and we had a reasonable year, but to be really successful in running the club the whole Committee must be united and work together and that has not been the case.

As yet we have not been able to get enough nominations to fill the committee for the coming year, but hopefully we will be able to do so at this A.G.M..

I would like to point out, that if you wish to be a committee member you have to be committed to do the job for the next twelve months, it is no good being a passenger.

However, I must say that we have had very successful trials, thanks to the trial secretary and her helpers and also thanks to the members who helped at the working bees.

Thanks to canteen manager and the members for supplying the food for the trials.

I would like to thank Pam, our secretary, for her effort, she has worked very hard for the Club during the year. As we all know the secretary's job is not easy. Thanks to all other committee members for their efforts. And a real big thank you to Leslie Gaylard for preparing the financial statements for the Club, as she has done so for many years. And last, but not least, I would like to thank the newsletter editor, raffle steward, shop manager, librarian and their helpers.

As there are no other nominations for the position of President I will be in the Chair for another year and I hope that you as members are happy with that.

I thank the members for their support during the year and I hope that we are able to form a committee and that we have a successful year ahead.

Thank you

Anton Pape





TRIAL RESULTS



Agility

Northern Obedience Dog Club

Open

J & A M Corrigan	Kurrawa Mia Casen UD ADX ET "Jake"	Pass
	<i>Border Collie</i>	

Royal Melbourne Show

Novice

J & P Convery	Diogenes Jackpot "Toby"	2nd Pass
	<i>Golden Retriever</i>	

Southern Obedience Dog Club (Morning)

Open

J & A M Corrigan	Kurrawa Mia Casen UD ADX ET "Jake"	Pass
	<i>Border Collie</i>	2nd Place

Southern Obedience Dog Club (Afternoon)

Novice

J & A M Corrigan	Glentress Storm Rising "Misty"	1st Pass
	<i>Border Collie</i>	

Open

J & A M Corrigan	Kurrawa Mia Casen UD ADX ET "Jake"	Pass
	<i>Border Collie</i>	2nd Place

Working Dog Club of Victoria

Open

J & A M Corrigan	Kurrawa Mia Casen UD ADX ET "Jake"	1st Place
	<i>Border Collie</i>	

Obedience

Rottweiler Club (National Trial)

Novice

D & L Blackwell	Romhund Britta (a) "Kaarni"	3rd Place
	<i>Rottweiler</i>	

Northern Obedience Dog Club

Encouragement

J & S Blonk	Seduisant Fancy That "Chrissy"	Pass
	<i>Poodle (Miniature)</i>	1st Place

Novice

L Marfatia	Jeerawindra Bossonova "Indy"	1st Pass
	<i>Golden Retriever</i>	

Utility

J & A M Corrigan	Kurrawa Mia Casen UD ADX ET "Jake"	Pass
	<i>Border Collie</i>	

Shepperton Obedience Dog Club

Utility

B Laing	Rangerover Laing CDX "Rover"	2nd Pass
	<i>Associate</i>	1st Place

Highest Scoring Dog in Trial - Highest Scoring Associate in Trial

Werribee Obedience Dog Club

Encouragement

L Richards	Biddy "Biddy"	Pass
	<i>Associate</i>	

Novice

A Pescott	Morgan "Morgan"	2nd Pass
	<i>Associate</i>	1st Place

L Marfatia	Jeerawindra Bossonova "Indy"	2nd Pass
	<i>Golden Retriever</i>	1st Place

A Trueman	Kirramist Dark Intrigue "Toby"	2nd Pass
	<i>Shetland Sheepdog</i>	

Open

R Cornell	Zenasar Black Magic "Magic"	1st Pass
	<i>Border Collie</i>	2nd Place

J & A M Corrigan	Kurrawa Mia Casen UD ADX ET "Jake"	Pass
	<i>Border Collie</i>	

Utility

J & A M Corrigan	Kurrawa Mia Casen UD ADX ET "Jake"	Pass
	<i>Border Collie</i>	3rd Place

Warringal Obedience Dog Club

Open

R Cornell	Zenasar Black Magic CD "Magic"	2nd Pass
	<i>Border Collie</i>	1st Place

Northcote Obedience Dog Club

Novice

A Pescott	Morgan "Morgan"	3rd Pass	CD
	<i>Associate</i>	1st Place	

Open

R Cornell	Zenasar Black Magic CD "Magic"	3rd Pass	CDX
	<i>Border Collie</i>		

Altona Obedience Dog Club

Novice

L Marfatia	Jeerawindra Bossanova "Indy"	3rd Pass	CD
	<i>Golden Retriever</i>		

A Trueman	Kirrimist Dark Intrigue "Toby"	3rd Pass	CD
	<i>Shetland Sheepdog</i>		

A Pescott	Morgan "Morgan"	Pass	
	<i>Associate</i>	1st Place	



DIOGENES JACKPOT CD

"TOBY"

GOLDEN RETRIEVER

Owned by Pam and Janelle Convery

Trained by Janelle Convery

1st Pass: 14 April 1996 - Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc

2nd Pass: 20 July 1997 - Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc

3rd Pass: 23 November 1997 - Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc

After 18 months, between 1st and 3rd pass, Toby has finally learnt that Stay does not mean that he can visit every other dog in the line. At 8 months he showed promise early but raging hormones put a stop to an early title. With it now being a month after Toby's 3rd Birthday, a quick snip at the Vets and maybe a home ground advantage it shows that patience pays off.

Thank you has to go to the Instructors of the Club who gladly let me disrupt their classes to practice our Stay exercises over the last 6 weeks.

Ballaarat Dog Obedience Club

Novice

L Richards	Biddy "Biddy"	1st Pass
	<i>Associate</i>	

Open

R Cornell	Zenasar Black Magic CDX "Magic"	Pass
	<i>Border Collie</i>	1st Place
E Hell	Orskia Heavens Solitaire CD "Nikki"	1st Pass
	<i>Poodle (Standard)</i>	

Utility

B Laing	Rangerover Laing CDX "Rover"	3rd Pass	UD
	<i>Associate</i>		



GEELONG.....GEELONG.....GEEELONG.....GEEELONG.....GEELONG

Geelong Obedience Dog Club

Novice

J & P Convery	Diogenes Jackpot "Toby"	3rd Pass	CD
	<i>Golden Retriever</i>	2nd Place	

Open

R Cornell	Zenasar Black Magic CDX "Magic"	Pass
	<i>Border Collie</i>	3rd Place

Utility

J & A M Corrigan	Kurrawa Mia Casen UD ADX ET "Jake"	N/Q
	<i>Border Collie</i>	1st Place



LIBRARY NEWS

by Phil Bergin

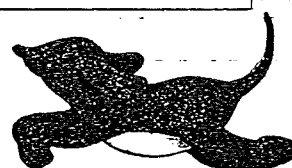
The Club Library has an extensive lot of books covering most aspects of dog ownership.

New Titles available for loan include:-

PARKIN S	Flyball training - Start to finish
CHAPLIN, CLOTHER	Agility training workbook
CECIL & DARNELL	Competitive obedience for small dogs
LUDWIG, G	Fun and games with your dog
START, J.	The mixed breed dog - guide to happy healthy pet

Borrowing time 10am - 11 am
Books are available for 2 week loans.
Joining fee \$2 per financial year.

** If librarian not in attendance, please return to shop **

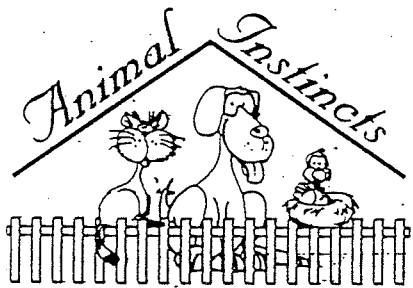


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NEW MEMBERS

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

14 September 1997

Joanne Hill/Craig Norris	Jenny Hearn	McClure Family
Thoman Family	Tracey Coulson	Monica Duggan/Jonathan Smith
Buckingham Family	Thompson Family	

2 October 1997 (Puppy Kinder)

Gerard Callus	Clark Family	Tony Stojcevski	Sahr Family
Christine Music			

5 October 1997

Robert Cuttler	Blood Family	Deborah Johnson	Janet Stephens
Brady Family	Dianne Canny/David Cominie		Judie Murphy
Gange Family	Maria Frazer	Shiona Graham/Terry Long	
Robin Hendriksen/Peter Williamson		Julianne Keaney/Jim Gardner	
David McDonald	Hawians Family	Oh Family	Digby Family
Brett Pollard	Joanne Borg	Miles Family	Claire Boland
Shibata Family	Mitchell Family	Curtis Family	Glenn Peniney
Chris Schumachen	Sarah Rose	Nicole Beck/Justine Barwick	
Drummond Family	Nancye Ball		

19 October 1997

Cowlshaw Family	Leigh Casey	Kolcakovski Family	Fruin Family
Doherty Family			

2 November 1997

Leach Family	Dorothy Aitken	Sheila Raine	Gloed Family
Dean Mann	Jane Halfacre	Glenn Lowrie	Kylie Pope
Nicole Byrne	Cohen Morris	Krystyna Drzewiecki	Debeen Family
Carnaby-Sly Family	Corey Price/Kristen Nankervis	Julie Halfacre	
Wendy Jones	Hannah Gwyther	Jove Manev/Karen Gray	
Susan Hunt	Georgina Van Der Schaven		
Lindgren Family	Armstrong Family		

6 November 1997 (Puppy Kinder)

Larissa Hubbard	Reynolds Family	Kathryn Williamson	Sturrock Family
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16 November 1997

Meddings Family	Sue Wasterval	Marree Yates	Lynne Deans
Paul Field/Fiona Richardson		Jennifer Kloester	

I would like to say thank you to Cath Davies, Marg Wright, Roma Roscoe, Stuart Innes (the last two have since left the club) Colin Humphreys and Bruce Cairns who have always encouraged and supported me during my years at the club.

ALPHA	T R E C A L L A L P H A D S K	HEELING
BALANCE	G N I S A E R C E D O M T N O	HEIRACHY
BETA	I B E T A U L A V E T N J A O	INCREASING
COME	L Q Z M U G N I L E E H P L B	LINE
DECREASING	W Y H C A R I E H C C M R P K	MISTAKES
DROP	O R I N C R E A S I N G O X R	MODE
EIGHT	H E S I C R E X E D A T O C O	NERVES
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FIGURE	R P N S T R A I G H T H G I E	RECALL
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FORWARD	N A S F J Q L E K M R B B O W	SCENTS
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GLOVES	Q F R O N T S A F K F O P S W	SLOW
HALT		STRAIGHT
HANDLER		TEMPERAMENT
HEADUP		WORKBOOK

VALE

JENTAM STOP'N'CHAT (TAMMY) CDX

On 6th September, 1997 I had to make the difficult decision of saying goodbye to my beautiful Tammy. She was a special little dog who spent a lot of her life recovering from operations and hospitalization and general ill-health.

In between these times she gained her CDX title and was trialing in U.D. when it all became too much for her and she retired to a life of luxury and pampering, which she always enjoyed.

My thanks go to the instructors who helped us along the way and to my friends at G.O.D.C. who supported me at training and trials. A special hug to Phyl Bergin who lived through the highs and lows of Open and Utility training with us.

Tammy and I shared a special bond and I will always love and miss her.

Farewell my gentle little Sheltie friend.

Lesley Gaylard

OLIVER (WALLY) BRITFELD ORO

1ST SEPTEMBER 1993 - 4TH NOVEMBER 1997

PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY

His mischievous ways, happy nature, free spirit and friendship
will be sadly missed and never forgotten.

Thank you all for your support on Sunday

Colin Humphreys
and Family

"INDY"

JEERAWINDRA BOSSONOVA CD

owned and handled by Linda Marfatia

Many thanks to all instructors who helped Indy and I get this far. Indy has his CD title and now the hard work begins to get his CDX. I would specially like to thank Leonie, Pam and Janelle for all their patience and guidance to get this handler's act together in the ring. Indy is a wonderful dog thank you.

Linda Marfatia



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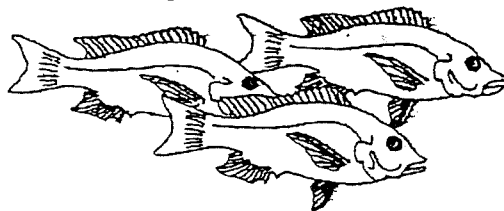
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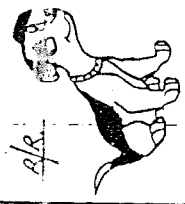
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FOR MY OBEDIENCE PLANS TO BE SUCCESSFUL IT WAS VITAL I HAVE A DOG WITH GENUINE WORKING GENES, AND THE ONLY WAY TO GET THIS TYPE OF DOG WAS TO TAKE A TRIP TO THE SHEEP COUNTRY AND FIND A PUPPY WHOSE PARENTS CONSISTENTLY WORK STOCK. AFTER A LOT OF TRAVELLING WE FOUND SUCH A PUPPY ON A SHEEP FARM AT WARRACKNABEAL. IT WAS IMPORTANT TO ME THAT THE PUPPY CAME FROM A PURE BRED BORDER COLLIE DAM AND AN AUSTRALIAN KELPIE SIRE. THIS SELECTED CROSS BREED WOULD GIVE ME THE INTELLIGENCE AND STAMINA I WAS LOOKING FOR IN A GOOD HONEST WORKING DOG. MY ONLY INTEREST IN OBEDIENCE WORK IS THE UTILITY TRIAL RING, THEREFORE DOING NOVICE AND OPEN OBEDIENCE WORK WERE MERELY STEPPING STONES TO THE ALL IMPORTANT AND DEMANDING UTILITY TRIAL RING. THE TRAINING PROGRAMME I DESIGNED FOR MY DOG IS QUITE DIFFERENT AND FAR MORE ADVANCED THAN MY OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB SOME OF THE TRAINING EXERCISES ARE OF MY OWN DESIGN. I HAVE WRITTEN A TRAINING MANUAL ON ALL THIS WORK WHICH IS NOW IN THE CLUB LIBRARY. MY DOG COULD DO THE DUMBELL WORK BEFORE HIS FIRST NOVICE TRIAL AND WAS LEARNING THE RUN TO THE BOX, SEEK BACK AND SIGNAL EXERCISES BEFORE HIS 1ST NOVICE TRIAL, THIS TOOK THE BOREDOM OUT OF NOVICE WORK AND GAVE VARIETY AND BALANCE. IN OUR TRAINING WE USE NO FOOD REWARDS I USE STRICT CORRECTIONS AND PROPER PRAISE, USE FUN THROWS AS REWARDS I AM VERY STRICT ON MYSELF WITH PROPER FOOTWORK AND HAND SIGNALS AND ALL MY HAND SIGNALS AND FOOTWORK MUST COORDINATE, THEN OUR HEEL WORK IS LIKE DANCING WITH YOUR DOG, A MUST FOR GOOD HEEL WORK. ROVER IS AN EASY DOG TO TRAIN AND HIS KEEN EYES MISS NOTHING. HE TAKES PRIDE IN HIS OBEDIENCE WORK AND HE LOVES TO PLEASE. ROVER IS A GENTLE DOG WHO WORKS BEST TO A SOFT VOICE. HIS WORK IS SMART RATHER THAN FAST. HE WORKS BEST TO A STRICT HANDLER BUT A FAIR HANDLER WHO GIVES LOTS OF PRAISE FOR GOOD WORK. HE RESPONDS MAGNIFICENTLY TO FUN THROWS. A GREAT FAMILY DOG, A TOP OBEDIENCE DOG WITH THE BEST OF ALL TEMPERAMENTS. NO MAN COULD ASK FOR MORE IN A DOG.

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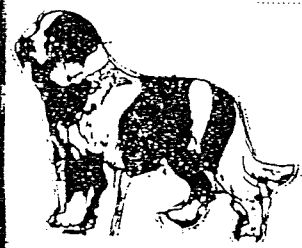
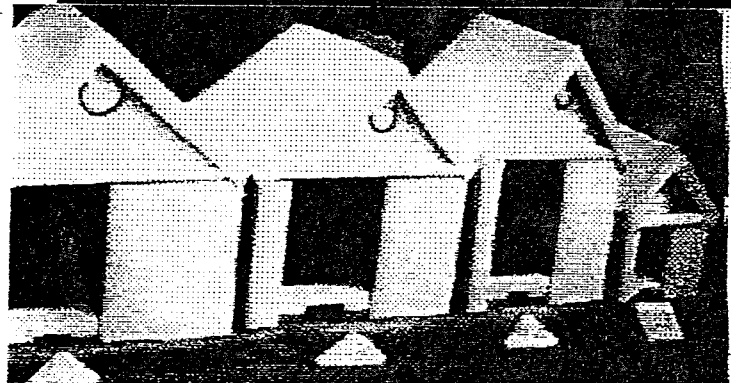
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3. No Sir or No Madam - Plate of food on the floor. Dog on lead. Walk towards the plate as soon as dog notices the plate snap the lead and firmly say "NO Sir" walk past the plate.
Tools and firmly say "NO Sir" walk past the plate.
Food Repeat. until dog shows no interest.
Chair Table Repeat daily and make sure the snap and the verbal command are given simultaneously.
Once dog understands the command use for meal times, bicycles joggers, friends calling. No eye contact just the snap and the command given together. Praise for compliance.
4. Sit and Stay: Used for meals treats, toys, greetings.
Give sit command, gently positioning the dog.
Introduce "Stay" command. Pause and release.
Next pivot directly in front. Step back to dogs side and release.
Increase distance and add distraction as dog catches on.
5. Wait and OK - stand still and wait to be released.
Doorway. - Pick a doorway or threshold, holding the dog on the lead.
Walk to the doorway and stop abruptly and say "Wait"
Pull back if he bolts ahead and repeat "Wait".
Repeat pull and command until dog pauses and looks at you.
Say OK and lead dog through the opening.
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6. Down. So useful and applicable in all situations.
Take out food or treat and hold on the ground [palm down], slightly in front of the dog. Let the dog take his time working it out.
When he lowers himself down praise and reward. Release.
Down from the standing position is next. Left hand signals, right has reward.
7. Excuse Me - Said with attitude. Ecc Cuse ME. Doglish meaning respect the owner. Used to communicate leadership. Used when dog impringes the 3" exclusion zone and if he does not get out of your way. If dog leans on handler, crosses in front of you.

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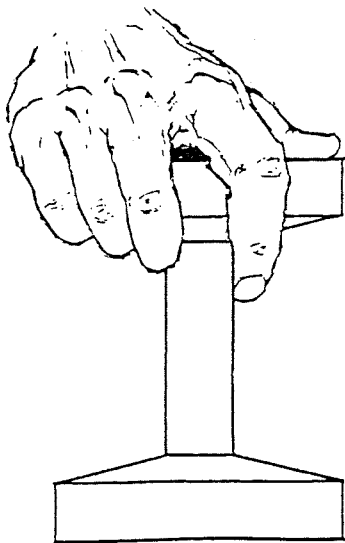
by Bill Munsey

Throwing the Dumbbell

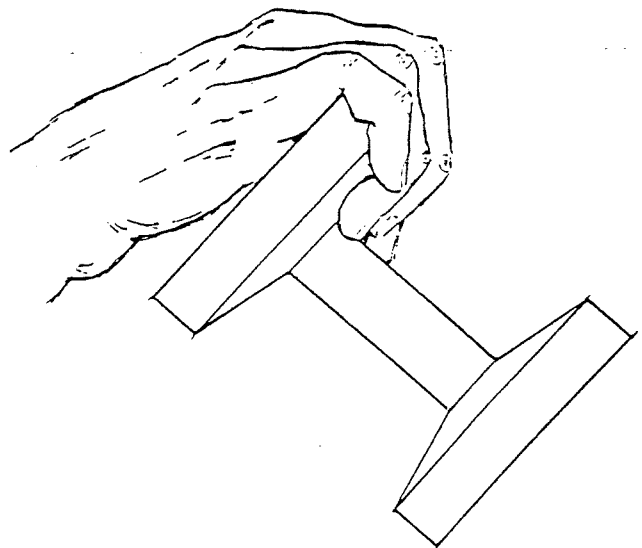
Throwing the dumbbell can be as easy as throwing your clothes on the chair or your shoes on the floor, if it was practiced as much. This is what it takes, much practice. Not just when working with your dog but all the time. I feel that all people should throw the dumbbell the same way . . . underhanded and with back spin. The var-

iations come in with the height of the high jump, *not* the "retrieve on the flat." On the flat all dogs should retrieve an equal distance and the dumbbell should be thrown the same way. In the case of the high jump, different arcs should be used depending on the height of the jump.

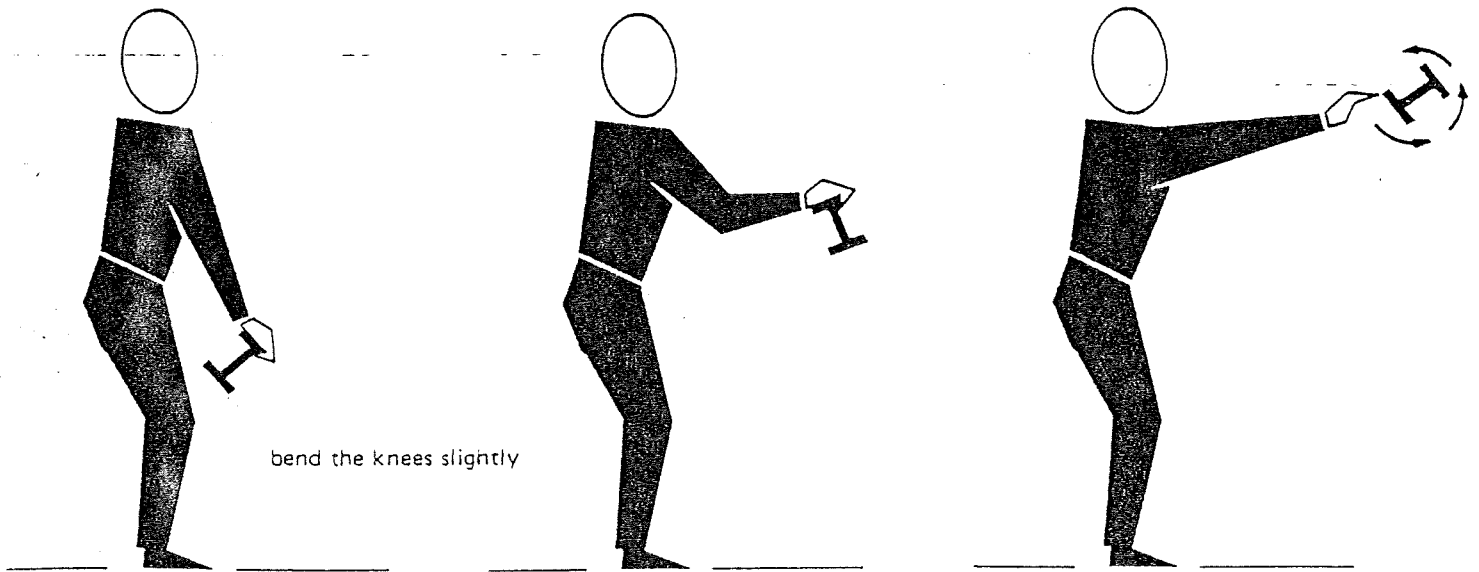
Holding the Dumbbell - hold it loosely, curling your fingers around the end, place the bar between your index and middle fingers.



loosely wrap your hand around the end



hold the bar between the index and middle finger

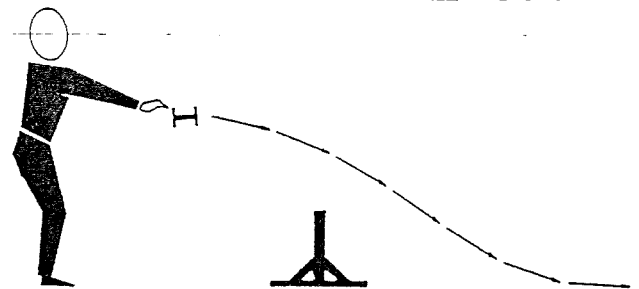


bend the knees slightly

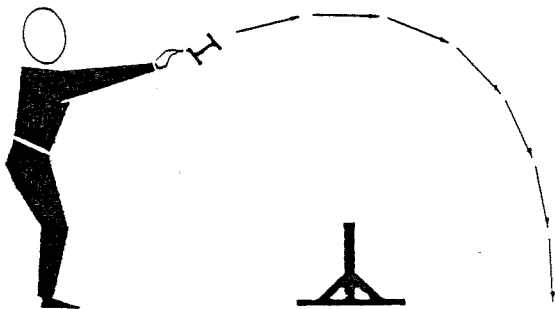
dumbbell always spins counter-clockwise

Throwing the Dumbbell - dip slightly in the knees, like throwing horseshoes. Swing your arm in a smooth, easy motion. The dumbbell should have backspin on it.

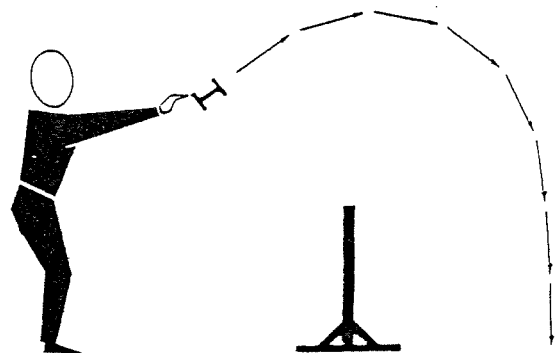
The Arc - the height of the solid jump determines the arc you should put on your throw. Too straight or horizontal a throw travels too fast and, therefore, when the dumbbell comes to rest it is often not where you want. The direction the dumbbell should be going when it touches the floor is straight down.



too fast and straight



right for a low jump



right for a higher jump



Every dog should be taught to come when called

by Peter Kennon

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THERE ARE a few things more frustrating, annoying and potentially dangerous than a dog that won't come when it is called. Anyone who has tried to catch an animal that ignores all instructions or remains just out of reach will surely agree. Therefore, if a dog is taught nothing else, it must be trained to return when required for its own wellbeing and its owner's peace of mind.

In fact, the recall is so important, I don't believe a dog is properly trained until it will return immediately to its handler on a single command. Unless a dog meets this critical requirement, it cannot be considered truly companionable.

The average dog owner often has great difficulty with this exercise and unfortunately this limits both their own and their dog's enjoyment. One of the greatest pleasures we can give our animals is the freedom to explore open spaces but this freedom can only be granted when the owner has taken measures to ensure the dog can be reliable "summons to come back from a place or different occupation" (Oxford's definition of recall).

Whilst the recall is actually an easy lesson to teach, it does contain some traps which need to be avoided. Many of the mistakes made by novices are easily prevented and, like most things in dog training, are perfectly obvious when explained. The recall command is a good example. People use the dog's name when they want it to return, yet in general communication with their canine pal they use the animal's name hundreds of times without enforcing the recall. This the dog learns that coming back when its name is heard is optional and, in the majority of cases unnecessary

'The basic principle of an unfailing recall is to convince the dog ... that the trainer is capable of enforcing the command'

The dog's name can be used to attract its attention but must be followed by a specific command such as "Come". The word should be spoken only as loudly as necessary and never shouted, except perhaps in an emergency. If you are entertaining guests in your home and wish to terrify your friends by screaming at the top of your voice to get a response. The dogs have superb hearing and react better to tone than volume.

Although not permitted in competition and rarely mentioned in obedience literature, I have found in everyday situations the use of a whistle to be more effective as a recall command. The sound produced appears to be most distinctive and penetrating and is used extensively by gun-dog trainers and people working their dogs on sheep and cattle. With much practice, it's possible to whistle loudly without artificial aids but a mechanical device, like an umpire's whistle, is more reliable. I obtain great satisfaction from being able to stop and recall a dog using a soft whistle instead of the human voice, so my dogs are trained to obey either.

Whatever the command is chosen, we need to understand that the basic principle of an unfailing recall is to convince the dog that no matter where or when, the trainer is capable of enforcing the command. If we don't succeed in this, the dog will know it has a choice and the recall will be unreliable. This then is the task we face, to demonstrate to a free, fast and agile animal that we are in total control, when in most cases we have no physical control at all.

The best way to start is with a long, light, check lead such as a four-meter length of rope with a snap clip fitted to one end. The dog should be allowed to wander on the lead until it runs in the direction of the trainer, at which time the recall command is given and the check lead used to gently bring the dog in. Praise, and, if desired, an edible reward is then offered. Initially, the lead must not be jerked for a correction. The dog must understand the command and respond before it is corrected. At this stage the lead is only used as a guidance. For the same reason, it's important to

only give the command when the dog is already moving in the return direction.

This procedure often goes so smoothly, trainers are tempted to dispense with the check lead prematurely. to do so is a serious error and only encourages disobedience. What happens if the lead is removed and the dog decides not to come? The handler has no control of the situation and invariably resorts to repeating the verbal command which immediately teaches the dog that response to the first instruction can be avoided.

In the next stage, the trainer should wait until the dog is mildly distracted (preferably standing still and looking away) before moving the command. If the earlier lessons have been understood, the dog should immediately return. Assuming it doesn't, the handler should remain silent (don't repeat the command) and use the check lead to gently start the dog in the desired direction. I usually find that only one such response is possible in a session for the dog is not only learning the recall but also discovering the need for attentiveness at all times.

When consistently quick response is achieved, the level of distraction must be increased and it may be necessary to set up situations in which the dog is strongly tempted to ignore the recall command. the check lead is still only used for guidance, not correction. Throughout this whole process, the dog must not be allowed free exercise without a check lead.

'The first correction with the check lead is always the most crucial and effective. It must be carefully planned and implemented'

At this point, the dog should understand the required response to the command and can be corrected for not complying. the first correction with the check lead is always the most crucial and effective. It must be carefully planned and implemented. Don't rush this actin, be patient and wait for the right opportunity. Select an occasion when the dog's full attention is on a strong distraction and it is moving away from the handler. Issue the command and pause. If the dog acknowledges the instruction by slowing or stopping, give it the benefit of any doubt and guide it back with the lead. If it totally ignores the command, remain silent and apply a really strong correction, sufficient to pull the dog off its feet.

A dog's reaction is often one of amazement as though they are thinking "How did the boss manage that from 'so far away?'" Such corrections must be well timed and used sparingly. Usually the dog will scamper back and should be praised profusely. Until such a correction is successfully achieved, the lesson is not learnt.

For the next few weeks, the dog can be exercised with the lead trailing on the ground so that the trainer can stand on the end to recover control, if the dog's obedience lapses. Over time, the lead can be shortened until only 30cms is attached to the collar and brushing against the animal's legs as a reminder of the trainer's remote capabilities. the dog can never be certain whether or not the handler has hold of the other end and will not risk a correction. Eventually the check lead can be removed completely.



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OFF—LEAD
WRITING COMPETITION
2nd Place

THE PLAYFUL RETRIEVE

by Rebecca K. Whitmeyer



The author has been involved in dog training since 1968. She has trained and handled Labrador and Flat-Coated Retrievers in obedience and field trials, and has taught dog obedience classes both in New England and the Midwest. She presently lives with two sons, a Golden and a Flat-Coated Retriever in Atkinson, NH.

All obedience trial exercises, indeed all aspects of dog training, can be divided into three categories: restrictive routines, active ones, and those which are a combination. The sit-stay, down-stay, and stand for examination are wholly restrictive, jumps and retrieves are active, while heel and recalls are a combination. One problem with the usual sequence of exercises in obedience training is that we typically start and concentrate almost exclusively on restrictive or combination routines in that most active period of a dog's life, the first year. This practice has two disadvantages; it fails to take into account the puppy's natural tendencies — to be active, to be playful, to have a very limited attention-span — and, it introduces a puppy to training with exercises which he finds unpleasant, thus hindering our attempts to build a positive attitude toward work with his handler.

By contrast, I feel that the most appropriate "first" in training, as well as one of the most valuable exercises throughout a dog's life, is the retrieve. Introducing a puppy to playful retrieving of a tennis ball can be done effectively as soon as he is introduced to his new home. In contrast to the restrictive routines, retrieving is accepted readily by nearly all puppies. It plays upon puppy's natural tendencies. This play is the beginning of a strong human/canine bond, thus developing the positive attitude so desirable for future training.

Teaching retrieving first also has benefit for a beginning trainer. I have found that the typical first-time trainer is too demanding, too harsh and too formal. To many people "training" means correcting, punishing, or hollering, and they entirely neglect playing, praising, and rewarding. By beginning with a play

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The Playful Retrieve

HOW TO BEGIN

exercise the trainer learns to be happy and encouraging to his puppy, thus developing an attitude which is so necessary later when praise is needed.

In addition to its use as a first exercise, retrieving is invaluable throughout a dog's life. It is an excellent form of both play and exercise for the dog and can be done in a controlled or restricted area, such as a yard or park. After a formal session of heeling, etc. you can end on a happy note by throwing a ball for your dog, somewhat as a reward. I have found ball retrieving invaluable also when travelling. After dogs have been confined to a car for several hours, I take them out at a rest area, field, or whatever is available, and throw a ball (sometimes for several dogs together). After this period of fun and exercise they are satisfied to return to the confines of the car for more driving.

For those who plan to do advanced obedience, this early training will be an asset in several ways. Not only has retrieving correlation with the dumbbell exercises in Open and Scent Discrimination and Directed Retrieve in Utility, but it also has a less apparent benefit in these classes. The entire Novice routine is restrictive to a greater or lesser extent. At no time is the dog called upon to leave his handler, go out and do something on his own, or even show much liveliness or activity. Then, when you begin Open, this pattern changes and many dogs (and handlers) never do adapt to the change. On the other hand, dogs who have learned to love playing ball seem to make the transition to the more formal retrieving exercises very easily and, in addition, have acquired attitudes and habits which can help in learning jumping and the Go Away. In general, they have a great advantage when they approach the active routines of Open and Utility.

I like to begin with a tennis ball (if the puppy is large enough to hold one in his mouth) when the pup is first brought home at seven weeks old. (This can be done even earlier if this is a pup of your own breeding). Nearly all puppies will chase a moving object such as a ball. Begin in the house and roll it only as far as your puppy can follow with his eyes. Resist the temptation to bounce the ball or throw it a long distance. He will probably chase it eagerly and maybe pounce on it. If not, try to interest him in it some more, then roll it again. Remember that puppy's attention span is very short so only play a very few minutes at this time.

Once puppy has learned to enjoy this game of chasing the rolling ball, while you are sitting on the floor clap your hands and encourage puppy to bring it back. By sitting rather than standing you are at the puppy's level, in a perfect position to welcome him and fuss over him if he does return, and also you are curbing your own impulse to go toward him. If he comes back, praise him and act as if the ball he brought you is solid gold. If not, do not scold or act displeased, but don't chase him. Keep encouraging him to bring it, and, if he doesn't, nonchalantly move toward him to get it and try again.

If, after several days, the pup hasn't gotten the idea of bringing the ball to you, try playing in a hallway with all doorways closed. Roll the ball down the hallway and as soon as puppy gets it, clap your hands and encourage him to return. Here, if he runs at all, he has no choice but to come to you. Then, when he gets to you, you can hug him and fuss over him so that he gets the idea that this is what you want. Don't be in a hurry to leave the hallway, thus giving puppy a chance to go elsewhere than to you. Also, be sure to do only a few retrieves at a time. Stop while puppy is still eager rather than bore him.

The next step, after puppy is enjoying retrieving in the hallway, eagerly running after the ball and bringing it back to your awaiting arms, is that of returning to a less confined room of

the house. Hopefully, here puppy will go after the ball and return to you as he did in the hallway. However, he may not! If, despite your calling and clapping your hands he does not return, you have two choices: 1) you can return to the hallway for a few days and then try the room again, or 2) attach a very light rope or thick string to his collar and let him drag it. Once he has the ball in his mouth, call and encourage as above but also give short GENTLE tugs on the rope to get him back. I emphasize "gentle" because if your tugs are too strong, he may drop the ball or, what is worse, lose interest altogether. Remember, this is supposed to be fun for both of you — no corrections, no punishment, only gentle, playful encouragement to puppy to do what you want.

Stay indoors until puppy eagerly runs after the ball and returns to you with it WITHOUT the rope. Don't be in a hurry to go outdoors as that is a big transition. You want your puppy to really enjoy this game, but also to know the rules of the game before you add further distractions.

Now you are ready to move outside, but **ONLY ADD THAT ONE VARIABLE**. For the first day outside put the drag line back onto puppy's collar (or put one on now if you didn't before) so he will do the routine correctly the first time. Throw the ball **NO FARTHER THAN YOU DID IN THE HOUSE**, and assume your familiar sitting position.

From here on you can gradually proceed to longer retrieves without a drag line and to a standing position. You are now also ready to begin further obedience training but with these advantages: You have learned how to play with and praise your puppy. Your puppy has learned that doing things with you is very enjoyable, he has learned to keep his attention on you, and he has learned to play your way. Yes, it is a game, but a controlled game. He now has a better readiness for formal obedience routines.

I think that you will find retrieving a most appropriate exercise to teach first, as well as a fun and useful bit of knowledge for your dog throughout his life.



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

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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.

House-Training Dogs

by Robert Holmes

AVOID NOXIOUS TREATMENT

Scalding, hitting or rubbing the dog's nose in its urine or faeces after it has eliminated in an undesirable place is notoriously ineffective at house-training. In many cases it makes matters worse, probably because the dog can become anxious, and it learns to do it in the owner's absence.

FEEDING & DRINKING ROUTINE

Feed the dog at regular times. For a dog which defecates at night it is better to feed it one meal first thing in the morning. For a healthy dog which urinates at night, stop all water access from 6 p.m., except when the night is very hot and water is needed for cooling. Take it out for an empty out last thing at night.

REWARD ELIMINATION IN CORRECT PLACE

Dogs tend to eliminate away from their nest or bed, in areas where they or other dogs have eliminated, against structures like trees and fences, and in long grass.

A dog is most likely to eliminate straight after sleep, meal or play session. At these times the dog should be taken to the place where the owner wants the dog to empty out. Wait with the dog and reward it (tit-bit, praise and pat) for eliminating there. It may take from a few minutes to an hour after the meal before defecating. As the dog becomes conditioned it will do it sooner after the meal.

Once the dog is eliminating consistently in the required place, the owner can stop rewarding every time. Thereafter only random rewards should be given as they are more powerful at maintaining behavior.

If it shows pre-elimination behavior (restlessness, sniffing, circling, squatting or cocking) in the house immediately take it without reprimand to the desired place.

RESTRICT ACCESS TO HOUSE

When the owner is absent the dog should be either kept out of the house but with free access to the elimination area, or confined in a small area in which the dog eats and sleeps. Elimination is unlikely in the nest or near food.

CLEANING UP

Clean up any urine or faeces in the house when the dog cannot see it being done. This sops attention being drawn to the urine or faeces and it becoming a significant item for the dog.

"THANKS DESMA"

October 26, 1997

Yours Truly, Ray Rogers, turns up for Training and asks has anyone seen Desma? When he finds her he starts telling her of a Dream he had the night before and that she was the lead female of the dream. He thanks her for passing "Lady" (malamute) for her Merit with a score of 102 out of 100.

Over-hearing the two talk some un-named people were heard saying "You sure that was an ironic or "Erotic" Dream you had?" The faces, a bit red, the pair dispersed into the crowd while others thought it was very funny and having a good laugh.

P.S. Shame it was only a dream

MORGAN CD

owned and handled by Alan Pescott

When we were given a 12 month old Border Collie x GSD who showed talent only at running away and chasing horses and kangaroos, I was somewhat despondent. She responded well to training however and after passing all her club certificates I thought that the Novice ring would be a place of fun where we could easily get a CD in three attempts.

This notion was quickly dispelled after 2 failures in three trials so back to the drawing board.

Eventually all the advice I received started to sink in and with a head full of "Walk quicker, walk straighter, don't look at the dog, be confident (ho ho), don't worry (ho ho ho)" we got our act together and in two weeks won our ring three times with scores of 194, 191 and 191.

Many thanks to all my class instructors, to the trial trainers and fellow trialers. Also thanks to Sue and the kids who helped provide much needed proofing when training at home.

For the future, things will go much quicker if my instructors tell Morgan directly what to do. She takes it in much quicker than the fool on the other end of the leash.

KIRRAMIST DARK INTRIGUE "TOBY" C.D.

Yes, we got our C.D. title at last. After doing reasonably well in our classes at the club I thought trialing would be a breeze. Boy was I wrong!!! Toby decided that he didn't like working in a ring, he didn't like certain male judges, and it was good fun making mistakes to see how nervous I would get. Finally, after 6 months of hard work and lots of help I worked out the secret formula to get one bored sheltie through novice. Now we have to work harder for open and agility.

Thank you very much to all my instructors, the Wednesday night crew, fellow trialers, and the members at the club who have wished us well. Special thanks to my Mum and Sylvia for coming to the trial with me (whether they wanted to or not). Also thanks to my hubby for buying me my best Christmas present ever (a beautiful, clever, silly, lovable, tri-colored sheltie with tons of personality).

Angie Trueman