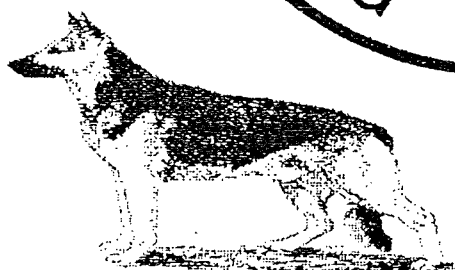
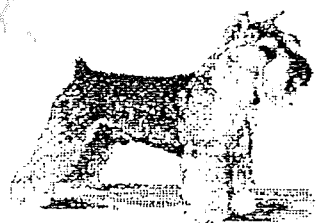
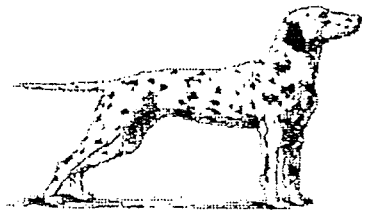
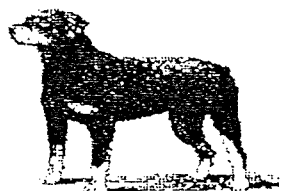


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## President's Report

As usual I would like to welcome the members who joined the Club in the last two months and I hope that you will have pleasure in training your canine friend. In case you have any problems with your training please see your Instructor and ask for help.

We have purchased some new equipment and also some members have been make some and it will be useful with our training.

The day you receive this Newsletter you will have taken your test and I hope that you were successful in gaining your certificates.

As this is the las report from for this current Committee year, I would like to thank those who helped and supported me.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> October we have our "Annual General Meeting" and that's the time when a new Committee will be elected so start thinking who you want to run the Club's affairs next year or if you feel that you are the person to contribute, get yourself nominated.

It is with regret that the Committee has accepted Wendy Ganly's resignation as Newsletter Editor. Wendy has recently passed her Instructor's Exam and wishes to concentrate on teaching and we wish her well. The Committee accepted Pam Convery's nomination to take on the position.

For the meantime, good health and happy training

Anton Pape

**GEE LONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, 6 OCTOBER 1998**

**8.00 PM**

**at**

**The Clubrooms  
Breakwater Road  
Breakwater**

**All members welcome to attend**

# 2 REPORTS

## TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

By the time you read this many of you will have completed your Class test, so congratulations to all who passed and commiserations to those who need to try again – better luck next time!

On our last Promotion Day we achieved just over 50% pass rate in all levels of testing, so hopefully this time we have even improved on that

Special thanks to the Instructors (all voluntary) for their commitment and hard work every week so that every one has the best possible chance to reach their goal. I'm told that those who participated in our recent Fun Day walk enjoyed the break in our normal training routine – thank you to all on the sub-committee for organising the day.

My main report will be at the AGM, so that's all for now.

D Dickeson

## DISPLAY TEAM REPORT

Life has been fairly quiet in recent months but for the team, practice is done regularly and handlers and dogs work hard (they tell me so anyway!) to present a cohesive unit.

On 29 August we displayed at Leopold Arts and Crafts Fair where we found the organisation much improved on last year. Cheryl was our voice and acquitted herself very well, while the entire team "strutted their stuff" and looked great – fantastic effort by everyone involved.

On 4 October, we will rush away from training at 12 noon to attend the Market in Grubb Road by invitation of Ocean Grove Rotary and on 1 November, we will make our debut at St Margaret's School Fete, so come on Club members – get along and support us – we represent all of you by showing the public responsible dog ownership!

Bye for now

D Dickeson

## SOCIAL SECRETARY

On Saturday night, 26 people attended the club for a night of Trivia. It was very disappointing that for without these 26 people the night was very nearly cancelled.

If you didn't come along - you certainly missed a very funny night. There was 6 rounds, each containing 10 questions (that weren't hard) also 2 extra quiz's 1 a dog breed unscramble, the other fill in the spaces of Places.

As I was sitting out the front reading the questions I could hear a lot of giggling and not to mention whispering (sometimes a little loud). Due to the lack of people in attendance there were 5 tables with 5 people on each (instead of the anticipated 8).

Prizes were awarded to the winning 5 and to the 5 that came last, a door prize and also a prize for the winner of heads & tails. Congratulations to those people.

In closing I'd like to thank everyone who came along and supported your club, to Pan and Janelle who helped set up for the night.

The next big function for the club will most likely be the Christmas Party, lets hope there is more in attendance for this function.

If anyone has social ideas - bring them forward.

Leonie Kelleher

# INSTRUCTORS PROFILE

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## LEONIE KELLEHER

Hi, my name is Leonie Kelleher. I have been a member at Geelong Obedience Dog Club since 1988. I joined the club with Shadow my Border Collie cross pup, he was six months old then (sometimes he still behaves like a pup).

Shadow and I enjoyed our classes we went for our beginners test and later our basic (didn't have merit back then), it took us about 14 goes at our basic before we passed. each time we went Shadow would master a silly trick to show the testers on the day.

Shadow then became quite sick with Kennel Cough and while he was recuperating that's when I became a sub-instructor. I have been an Instructor since about 1990. Shadow and I hit the trial circuit and after many, many, many trials we gained our Companion Dog (CD) title. Over the years I've taken all levels of classes and am currently taking class 3 (triallers) and class 1. Each group brings new challenges and rewards (as long as you do your homework).

I used to work with children and often I would compare the dogs I was training to the children I was looking after. Now I have my own business (not with children) with dogs, a Hydrobath and accessories shop in Newtown. (see my ad in the newsletter)



## INSTRUCTOR'S PROFILE – BETTY LAWRENCE

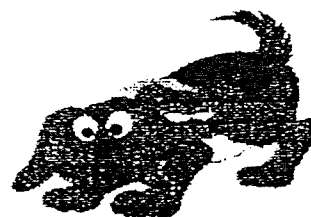
Betty joined Geelong Obedience Dog Club in late 1987 along with a young lass by the name of Natalie, who she had befriended, and two young Boxer pups – TJ and Tamie.

While Natalie trained Tamie, Betty went through the trials and tribulations of training TJ and finally after lots and lots of hard work TJ finally gained his Basic Certificate.

After this success, Betty was coerced (or badgered perhaps??) into joining the ranks of Instructors in 1991

Since then, she has given her total commitment week after week to teaching two Classes and can always be relied on the help out whenever needed on Promotion Days.

Betty has made and donated, many lovely stuffed toys over the years as Raffle prizes and recently presented us with two stuffed mascots for the Display Team – appropriately named TJ and Tamie – thank you Betty for a job always well done.



D Dickeson

## NEW MEMBERS

*The Committee and Instructors would like to welcome the following members and we wish them well with their training.*

### 26 July 1998

Angela Strickland	Liz Silas	Dorothy Sims	Darren Matthews
Jenny Vinnicombe	Stoneham Family	Loreith Meehan	Dorinda Zurawel
Allan Family	Kristy Mika	Robyn Clifford	Seville Family
Wendy Stennett	Alison Cuthill	Wallace Family	Simone Gange
Roland Murrie			

### 2 August 1998

Christine Bromley	Leeson Family	Sharon Madden	Carolyn Hogan
Elizabeth Boswell	Butler Family	Jody Dickson	Karen Baker

### 6 August 1998 (Puppy Kinder)

Narelle Wills	Wendy Gauntlett	Julie Baum	Janine Stern
Heather Long	Ben Loone	Duthie Family	De Vries Family

### 9 August 1998

Criag Martin	Brislane Family	Michael Hodgen	Radnay Family
Callan Family	Quelch Family	Nicki Smigowski/Corey Flanagan	
Meehan Family	McKechie Family	Weyers Family	Kellett Family
Janet Ogilvie/Simon Williams		Turner Family	Penne Harrison
Wright Family	Ljiljana Pap	John Blonk	McCaffrey Family
Fiona Fitzpatrick	Carson Family	Gordon Collins	Liz Ferres
Bernadette Murphy	David Wise	Steve Coultres	Blood Family

### 23 August 1998

Mark Freeman/Heidilee Harmer		Ellis Family	Paul Watts
Dempsey Family	Kjong Wong	Peter Baker	Sean Moore
Watkins Family	Allison Moule	Ryan Agviar	Mirarchi Family
Elena Bridgens			

### 6 September 1998

Graham Richards	Diana Foster	Phillips Family	Jodie Ward
Jeffrey Brown	Willscooke Family	Lily Cavcic	Grose Family
Kelly Family	Grant Hawkins/Jeanette Suters		Margaret Box
Humeniuk Family	Duff Family	Donovan Family	Walsh Family
Crystal Fitzgerald	Margerison Family	Pamela Stevenson	
Ally Welsh/Simon Lofts			

## MOTION TO DELETE BY-LAW 10

Helen Read has moved a motion that 'By-Law No 10 be deleted'.

### By-Law 10 reads :-

'The Committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a meeting of the Committee or a Special General Meeting of members, but meetings shall be held at least bi-monthly, for the Committee on the first Tuesday of the months of January, March, May, July, September and November and for General Meetings of the Members on the first Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, August, October (which shall be the Annual General meeting) and December each year'.

### Rationale

This motion is to save time and allow more flexibility for the new Committee. The Committee would then be free to arrange its meetings to suit the members of Committee. The provision for meetings of the Club are already covered in the Constitution – refer items 12 and 13. Further defining exactly when the meetings are held is unnecessary.

Signed – Helen Read

## PLANTS THAT ARE HAZARDOUS TO OUR CANINE COMPANIONS

Aloe Vera	diarrhea, change of urine colour to red
Amaryllis	vomiting
Asparagus fern	might cause allergic dermatitis
Autumn Crocus	the leaves cause Vomiting and nervous stimulation
Avocado	vomiting, diarrhea, and possible death
Azalea	depression of the central nervous system and cardiovascular collapse
Bird of Paradise	gastrointestinal disorder, vertigo
Bracken Fern	causes a potentially lethal leukemia
Cyclamen	vomiting, gastrointestinal problems, death
Daffodil	convulsions, vomiting arrhythmia
Dumb Cane	the various dieffenbachia plant can cause oral irritation, leading to suffocation
Easter Lily	kidney failure
Fruit and Nut trees	like apple, peach, almond, cherry and apricot which have stems and leaves with traces of cyanide
Hibiscus	gastrointestinal reactions
Holly	vomiting, diarrhea, and central nervous system depression
Hydrangea	similar to fruit trees
Lilly of the Valley	cardiac failure
Mistletoe	cardiac problems
Morning Glory	depression or hyperactivity
Nightshade	solanine in plant causes salivation, anorexia, gastrointestinal disturbance and depression
Oleander	leaves and stems contain a cardiac poison
Onions	large amounts cause a lethal anemia
Philodendron	calcium oxalate crystals lead to oral and gastrointestinal irritation
Poinsettia	irritating to mouth, stomach, and possible the heart
Rhododendron	same as azalea
Rhubarb	leaves can kill dogs
Schefflera	see philodendron
Tobacco	leaves cause nervous stimulation
Tomato	leaves and stems contain solanine; same as nightshade
Vegetables	such as eggplant, mushrooms, toadstools, and potatoes may cause vomiting and diarrhea

## CLUB CALENDAR

### September

Tuesday 29 September Nominations close for Life Membership

### October

Thursday 1 October New Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks

Sunday 4 October Puppy and Class One Intake

Tuesday 6 October **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Sunday 18 October Puppy Intake

Monday 26 October Instructor's Meeting – 8 pm

### November

Sunday 1 November Puppy and Class One Intake

Tuesday 3 November Committee Meeting – 8 pm

Thursday 5 November New Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks

Monday 9 November Entries close – Open Obedience Trial

Wednesday 11 November Newsletter closes

Saturday 14 November Trial working bee (to be confirmed)

Sunday 15 November Puppy Intake

Saturday 21 November Trial working bee (to be confirmed)

Sunday 22 November **Open Obedience Trial – NO TRAINING**

Monday 23 November Instructor's Meeting – 8 pm

Sunday 29 November Newsletter – Puppy and Class One Intake – Closing date for Elsa Dahl, Committee/Instructor of the Year and Trial Awards

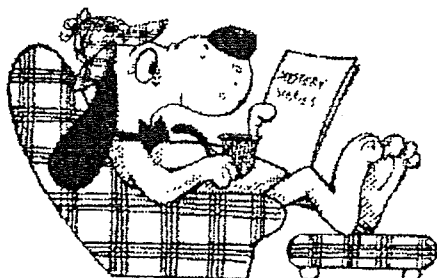
### December

Tuesday 1 December General Meeting – 8 pm

Sunday 6 December Promotion Day

Sunday 13 December Last day of training – Presentation Day

## GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC



### Puppy Kinder

For puppies 8 – 16 weeks

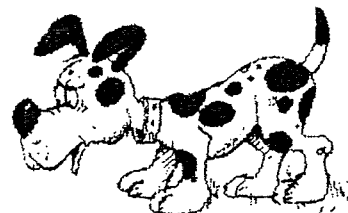
**THURSDAY EVENINGS - 7.00 pm**

Clubrooms, Breakwater Road  
**BREAKWATER**

Bookings essential

*Puppy socialisation  
Owner Education  
And  
Basic Obedience Training*

Contact: Desma Dickeson 52 789 585





## TRIALS AT TRIALS

### 1 August 1998 - Moorabbin Agility Trial

I left Geelong at 6:45 am. I had a good run up the highway until I got into Melbourne. Someone had put up all these detour signs to get to St Kilda Road; they had to have been wrong because it seemed I was driving around in circles. Completely lost, after lots of driving I decided I'd better pull over and look in the Melways, I finally worked out where I was, I was on St Kilda Road, don't know how I got There! I arrived at Moorabbin at about 8.00 am, about an hour early, but it didn't matter, we got really good car parks.

John Corrigan arrived shortly after; he got a really good car park too. At about 9 something, Helen, Wendy and Cathy arrived. We set up our Umbrella Tent so the dogs had a nice warm spot. It would have been a nice place to sit in the tent, but with 5 dogs in there, it was a bit overcrowded, so us humans stood out in the cold.

Wendy had a really interesting way of getting "Mister Scotty" to warm up. Wendy showed Scotty some red gravel with lots of big puddles. Scotty found it very interesting scratching around in it. He even used the new breathing technique Wendy had taught him, ie blowing bubbles with his nose and trying to pop them with his feet.

"Zac" and I were third in the ring – the course was a triple jump, tyre, collapsible tunnel, walkover, table, broad jump, weaving poles, spread hurdle, A frame and then finish.

The first disaster was when Zac refused the first part of the triple jump, next he refused the last part of the triple jump, it was lucky the Judge couldn't hear what I was saying to Zac, I would surely have been disqualified then and there. I continued with the rest of the course.

The next thing was Zac missed the colour on the walkover that he was supposed to touch, never mind, I directed him to jump up on the table, he eventually did after stopping and having a little rest and a bit of a scratch, I was not amused! He completed the broad jump and the weaving poles perfectly. Next was the spread hurdle and surprise, surprise the little ..... refused that too! "Test finished" the Judge yelled out! And that was that.

And so I came to the conclusion that Zac must have taken some "Mister Scotty Pills", as that's what we'd expect from Mister Scotty. I think I'll have to watch what Zac eats from now on and make sure he stays away from those Scotty pills before our next Trial, hopefully Warnnambool.

Rebecca Bohling

### Mister Scotty's owners reply

Mister Scotty being Mister Scotty did his own thing once again or is it me that let's him do his own thing. Anyway he didn't want to go over the walkover, landed on the table and promptly slid off and missed the painted area of the A frame. Cathy was under time and got into the second round but sadly not a pass in this Trial. Cathy says that she doesn't want a Pass, she's not ready for Open. If she could only see how Ruff works she'd be more confident. Helen and Abbot did really well considering Abbot's last Trial where he tried to out-think Helen by jumping any piece of equipment he could see. Needless to say "No Pass" today. John Corrigan and his two Border Collies didn't do as well as they normally do but it was a pleasant day and we all checked on each other's progress during the Trial. It's nice to know we're not alone at a Trial.

Wendy Ganly

## DOG WALK

The Dog Walk on August 30th seemed to have been a success. The weather couldn't have been better.

Some dogs and their handlers walked further than they should have (I might add that I was bu..... trying to keep up with them. I told them not to get too far in front as it was me who was to tell them when to stop). Some said they would have preferred it to have been longer and Arthur was disappointed that the Paramedics weren't waiting at the end of the track to take care of him.

Betty, Moira and I walked the track a few weeks before in the pouring rain (it was the only day free for all of us). We all thought we knew where we were going and got completely lost. We walked and walked finally coming back through the golf course, climbing through a fence and then back to the club rooms. We were drowned and had to wait a while for Anton to open up the club rooms so that we could dry off in front of the heater. Betty's coat was frothing! (you'll have to ask her what that was all about). Joan arrived not long after from her French lesson and we sat down (I didn't, I stood in front of the heater, my pants were dripping wet) and talked about how we were going to organise the Walk. After checking out the Melways the four of us walked the short walk on the following Sunday and Michael agreed with anything we suggested. We thought everything was organised until we were told that the Golf Club was having an Open day and that there was going to be a Mini Marathon as well as Bike Ride.

Anton's phone was running hot. He tried to contact the people concerned with the marathon, the police to see if they could control the traffic and the Water Board to see if he could get some paper bags for the doggy Doo's, all the calls were negative. Desma waited for phone calls too. There wasn't a thing we could do about the Mini Marathon or the Bike Ride, the Police didn't know if they could make it so Anton went to the council and got some Stop signs and jackets.

Bruce's puppies worked harder on that day than they normally do. Bruce with the help of Desma walked them on the outside grounds. The puppies weren't even let off from training (how mean can a person be), Bruce had them working up and down and around. After all that hard work the puppies had to go through they had to go through the Mini Agility course set up for them. Cheryl also helped put them through the tunnel, weaving flags and tyre. The puppies would have slept very well that day.

As the saying goes "It'll be all right on the day" which it was, the Police came, the weather was perfect, the sausages were yummy and the cold drinks helped quell the thirst.

A Special Thanks and Congratulations to all those who helped make the day a success.

Wendy Ganly

P.S.

To those who Jay Walked, you we lucky the Police never booked you.

Who were the Lolly Pop People? I saw them controlling the traffic for some of those who had finished the walk for a short while, where did they go???

Leonie, undisturbed, got a lot of typing done while we were gone.

## HEARD ON THE GRAPEVINE

Latest grapevine story is of a UD Trialer who has a LEAD FOOT. She has been booked twice in the last couple of weeks for SPEEDING, and we have been complaining about the VCA charging \$10.00 for each Title Certificate, this particular UD title will need to be gold plated.

# GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB (INCORPORATED)

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

The objects of the Geelong Obedience Dog Club Incorporated are:

- (a) to affiliate with The Kennel Control Council
- (b) to promote and raise the standards and exhibition of registered pure bred dogs and Associate Registered dogs.
- (c) to promote the holding of Exhibitions under the KCC Rules and Regulations and to conduct Exhibitions and/or to promote Obedience training and to conduct Obedience Trials, Tracking Tests and Field Trials.
- (d) to foster, promote and protect the interest of exhibitors of dogs at exhibitions
- (e) to collect, verify and publish information relating to dogs and the breeding, exhibition and training of dogs
- (f) to educate and encourage members, breeders and judges to abide by the requirements and standards approved by The Kennel Control Council for the conduct of Exhibitions and Shows
- (g) to promote good fellowship and sportsmanship amongst members and those participating in or attending at Exhibitions and Shows
- (h) to inform members of and make known to them the Laws and Regulations of the State relating to the ownership and care of dogs, and the responsibility of owners for the conduct and actions of their dogs
- (i) to hold functions and lectures relating to dogs and to the purposes of the Club generally
- (j) to provide awards and donate prizes for competition at Exhibitions and for the competition by breeders and exhibitors of dogs
- (k) to foster relations with other Clubs and bodies having similar aims
- (l) to promote and assist worth causes, as agreed at a General Meeting of the members of the Club
- (m) to invest the funds of the Club not immediately required in such a manner as the members/or the Committee in lieu thereof shall determine
- (n) to purchase, hire, lease, etc and do such things as are conducive or incidental to promoting and achieving the purposes of the Club
- (o) to carry on such other activities or promote or encourage interest in the breeding, upkeep and training of and the general well-being and improvement of dogs

.....and to do all such other things as may be necessary or conducive to carrying out the objects of the Club.

"ALL REFERENCE TO KENNEL CONTROL COUNCIL BECOMES  
VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOCIATION" (MOTION 90)

## WEEKEND TASK FOR THE HANDYPERSON – DOG'S BED

Mainly suitable for small and medium dogs

Reprinted courtesy of Tonia Todman, "Healthy, Wealthy and Wise"

Dogs and cats have a habit of finding various places, such as the good lounge suite, to doze off and get away with it. However, we all know it is best for our pampered pets to have a specific bed which is designed with their comfort and health in mind. As Tonia Todman showed, it is remarkably easy to build a bed that does just that.

### The Frame:

By using PVC plumpers' pipe, you can build a bed that keeps your pet warm, dry and off the ground. The pipe, together with the variety of fittings, can be bought from any plumbing supply shop.

Cut 4 main frame pieces (the length is up to you), 8 leg pieces approximately 12cm long and 8 connecting pieces which are 3cm long. These can all be cut with a fret saw, then using a steel brush smooth the cut ends. As for the fittings, you'll need 4 "L" shaped corner pieces and 8 "T" shaped leg holders.

Begin constructing the frame by inserting the small connecting pieces into the "L" corners which will in turn allow the "T" pieces to connect to the corners. (Diagram 1). Next insert the 8 leg pieces vertically into the "T" pieces. Then set all your corners upside down on a large surface (the legs pointing skyward) and insert the four main pieces to complete the frame.

If your pet is considered large and heavy, you simply reinforce the frame with extra piping and fittings. You will require 8 extra of both the leg pieces and connecting pieces and also buy 8 extra "T" shaped leg holders. Attach the extra connecting and "T" pieces to the original "T" piece and you will have 4 legs on each side of the bed, making 16 in total. (Diagram 2)

### The Fabric Bed:

Under the complete and still upside down frame, place a large piece of paper to draw and cut the bed pattern. (Diagram 3). The pipe casing which covers the main support pieces equals the circumference of the pipe, plus 3cm to accommodate for the slack.

Tonia chose a strong cotton corduroy fabric which has no stretch to it and then cut out 2 pieces of fabric from around the paper design. Stitch them together inside out, making sure to leave an opening to turn out the right way, then stitch it closed.

Fold over and stitch the pipe casing. Tonia also suggests top stitching the diagonal edges to give extra strength to the bed. (Diagram 4).

Pull apart the main support pieces of the frame and slide them into the pipe casing of the material. Finally reassemble the frame. Then it is a matter of training your dog to sleep there and only there. (Diagram 5).

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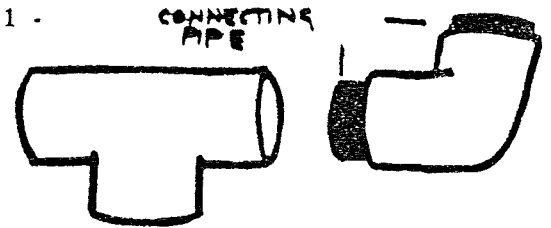


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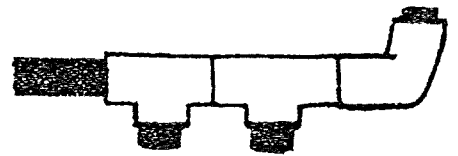


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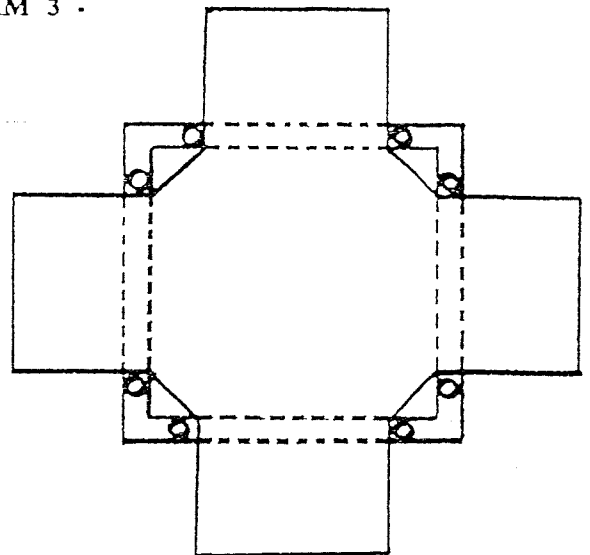


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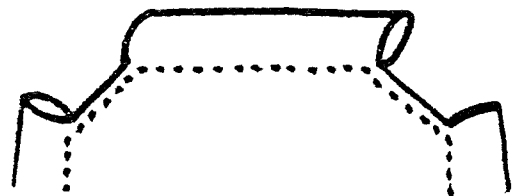
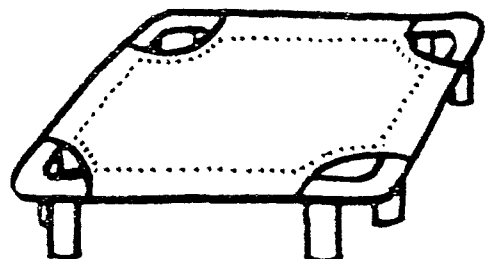


DIAGRAM 5 -



## DOG RULES – THE FULL CIRCLE

1. *The dog is not allowed in the house*
2. *Okay, the dog is allowed into the house – but only in certain rooms*
3. *The dog is allowed in all rooms, but has to stay off the furniture*
4. *The dog can get on the furniture only*
5. *Fine, the dog is allowed on all the furniture, but is not allowed to sleep with the humans on the bed*
6. *Okay, the dog is allowed on the bed, but only by invitation*
7. *The dog can sleep on the bed whenever he wants, but not under the covers*
8. *The dog can sleep under the covers by invitation only*
9. *The dog can sleep under the covers every night*
10. *Humans must ask permission to sleep under the covers with the dog*
11. *Humans can sleep on the bed whenever they want, but not under the covers*
12. *Okay, humans are allowed on the bed, but only by invitations*
13. *Fine, humans are allowed on all the furniture, but are not allowed to sleep with the dog in the bed*
14. *Humans can get on the old furniture only*
15. *Humans are allowed in all rooms, but have to stay off the furniture*
16. *Okay, humans are allowed in the house, but only in certain rooms*
17. *Humans are not allowed in the house*

## SHOP TALK

Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc is proud of its long association with the Guide Dogs Association (Geelong Auxiliary) and once again with Christmas on the way, the Equipment Shop has some special items for sale, with all proceeds going to the Guide Dogs.

Puppy Clip ons	\$ 2.00
Calendars	\$10.00
Tea Towels	\$ 8.00
Christmas Cards	\$ 6.95
Hand Towels	\$ 8.00
Pens	\$ 6.00

**CHRISTMAS**



**CALL IN AND SEE RAY FOR ALL YOUR TRAINING  
NEEDS AND THOSE EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENTS**

## CRITICAL PERIODS IN YOUR PUPPY'S LIFE

*"What the puppy learns now will shape him into  
the kind of dog he will be forever"*

Acquiring a puppy at the right age and providing it with the proper atmosphere during the critical periods of its life (when its character and personality are being formed) is the only absolute way that the man-dog relationship, character traits, and trainability can be predetermined and preordained!

Many people who acquire dogs at the age of six months, eight months, a year or even two years, are perplexed to find that their dogs just can't seem to demonstrate much of an emotional bond to their owner. Sometimes, they are shy - which usually results in a characteristic known as fear biting - or perhaps the reverse is true; over aggressiveness and bullyish tendencies.

Scientific studies have shown that there are **five critical periods** in a puppy's life. That is, five phases of mental development during which adverse conditions could cripple a dog emotionally for life. Conversely, positive conditions during these five phases will produce dogs of the highest calibre - mentally and socially. So important were these scientific findings that the Guide Dog Foundation instituted these "positive conditions" for puppies being raised to become guide dogs for the blind. These dogs received the most rigorous and exacting training of any dogs and therefore must be perfectly adjusted.

Dr J Paul Scott, Director of Animal Behaviour Laboratory at Roscoe B Jackson Memorial Laboratory at Bar Harbor, Maine, directed a project to determine just when these critical periods take place in a puppy.

An example of a person's failure to acknowledge and respond to these critical periods is shown in one particular test - extreme though it may have been. A puppy twenty-one days old, was removed from the litter and completely isolated. Although he was carefully fed and watered, his caretaker was careful not to play with him or even speak to him. The only toys the experimental puppy had were his water bucket and food dish. By sixteen weeks of age, he had had no contact with other dogs (except during the first twenty-one days of his life) and no human contact except for being fed and watered by a caretaker who barely acknowledged the pup's existence.

At four months of age, the experimental puppy was once again placed with his littermates. He didn't recognize them, either as littermates OR AS DOGS. His isolation during the critical periods of his life - his complete removal from the companionship of other dogs and humans - had developed his character to such an extent that he never would adjust to society of either. He had passed his period of being capable of adjusting socially.

As a result of many years of scientific research, it has been determined that **the first critical period** covers the entire first three weeks of the puppy's life zero to twenty-one days. During this period, the puppy's mental capacity is nearly zero, and the puppy reacts only to its needs of warmth, food, sleep and its mother.

Tests were conducted to determine whether a puppy was capable of learning anything at all during the first critical period, and it was determined that it was not. It WAS determined, however, that something nearly miraculous occurs on the twenty-first day and that it occurs in ALL dogs, regardless of breed. On the twenty-first day, ALL of the puppy's senses begin to function. The senses were present in the puppy during the first critical period, but were DORMANT. The twenty-first day of the puppy's life is like an automatic switch that "turns on" the puppy: it also turns on the second and possibly the most important critical period in the pup's life.

During the twenty-first to twenty-eighth day, the new puppy needs its mother more than any other time. The brain and nervous system begin to develop. Awareness begins to take place, and in this mental state a new puppy finds the world that surrounds him rather frightening. Things that happen can become frightening experiences.

A puppy removed from its mother during this **second critical period** will NEVER attain the mental and emotional growth that he COULD and WOULD have had if left alone! The social stress of being alive - and the awareness of it - has its greatest impact during this second critical period in the new puppy's life; that is, between the third and fourth weeks.

It may seem peculiar to some that no other times in a dog's life presents the same proneness to such emotional upset, and that such upsets could have such a traumatic and permanent effect on his social attitudes. It is during this second critical period that the characteristic of nervousness can generate shyness and other negative qualities in a puppy. Once adverse and negative conditions have been allowed to develop - during this second critical period - no amount of re-conditioning or training later in life will alter or significantly modify the resultant negative characteristics.

The **fifth to seventh week** must be considered as the **third critical period** in the puppy's life. The puppies will venture away from home -not very far - and do a little exploring. At the beginning of the sixth week, the awareness of society will dawn. That is, the society of man and the society of dog. The puppy's nervous system - AND TRAINABILITY - are developing and by the end of this critical period, will have developed to capacity.

During this third critical period, your puppy will learn to respond to voices, and will begin to recognize people. It is during this third critical period that a social "pecking order" will be established among the puppies in the litter. Some of the puppies will learn to fight for food - they'll learn to be bullies. The littermates that are cowed by the aggressive tendencies of the others will become shy.

The scientific tests at Hamilton station have shown that it is advantageous for a puppy to remain with the litter long enough to acquire a little competitive spirit, but that TOO MUCH IS DETRIMENTAL to the puppies emotional growth. Puppies that remain with litter mates after the seventh week will develop bullyish or cowed tendencies which will remain with them into adulthood.

The third critical period ends during the seventh week, and the puppy is now considered emotionally developed and ready to learn. The "trainability system" within the dog is ripe and is operating to capacity. What he learns during the **fourth critical period** will be retained and become a part of the personality and characteristic of the overall dog. If the puppy is left with the mother, its emotional development will be crippled. It will remain dependent upon her, but in her will find very little security, since she will begin to totally ignore the puppy. If the puppy remains with the litter beyond this point, and without adequate human contact, its social adjustments to human society will be crippled, and what it learns will be learned from its littermates. The optimum time for taking the puppy into a new household is at the end of the seventh week and the beginning of the puppy's fourth critical period. **The fourth critical period extends into the twelfth week** of the puppy's life. Since the puppy's trainability - or learning facilities - are operating at full capacity now, it's better that he do his learning from his new owner. And learn he will! The fourth critical period marks a period of time when the puppy will learn at a fast and furious pace. It's much better that the things the puppy learns at this point - and this important period of his life - be CONSTRUCTIVE. **WHAT THE PUPPY LEARNS NOW WILL SHAPE HIM INTO THE KIND OF DOG HE WILL BE FOR EVERMORE!**

The puppy's character traits and personality will develop so rapidly during this fourth critical period, that what he learns will become PERMANENTLY FIXED, and will influence his attitude toward people and other animals for the duration of his life.

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Through the first three critical periods, no significant brainwaves from a puppy can be recorded on electro-encephalographs, but the fourth critical period is different. The first actual, and highly significant, brainwaves can be recorded. It is during this fourth period that a bond will be established between dog and man that will have a lasting effect upon the puppy. DURING NO OTHER PHASE IN HIS LIFE WILL HE HAVE THE ABILITY TO ACHIEVE A STRONGER BOND THAN DURING HIS FOURTH CRITICAL PERIOD. His contact with people during this phase is the whole key to his emotional and social success with the human society.

In the tests at Bar Harbor, puppies were isolated at various intervals during the five critical periods and it was determined that isolation from human society had its greatest effect on the puppies during this fourth critical period. The results were puppies which became incapable of being trained, and incapable of being companions to men.

It is during this fourth critical period that the puppy should be socialized with the human element. Not just with the new owner, but other humans as well. The puppy should be taken for walks out in public. He should meet people, be allowed to play with children and other animals (under controlled supervision).

It is during this critical period that simple commands should be taught. There should be gentle discipline. Forceful corrections during this period could adversely tip the scales on which the puppy's emotional development now rests. He's learning to live in human's world. he's learning to trust in, and have confidence in human beings. A puppy this age does not DELIBERATELY get into mischief! He doesn't know he's doing anything wrong. A physical and forceful correction could result in complete and utter confusion within the mind of the puppy. Faith and trust in his new human friends could be quickly shattered. Discipline should be confined to verbal scolding, whenever it's necessary. Verbal scolding does not include shouting.

Commands such as "sit", "stay", "come" should be taught in a "game-like" atmosphere. Housebreaking should be instituted in a gentle manner, ensuring that PRAISE is used as a reward - the primary training tool - rather than forceful correction. During this fourth critical period, the ABSENCE of praise serves as a meaningful correction. It is during this period that puppies can develop what we generally refer to as "hand-shyness". The puppy at this age is learning about human beings and what he learns about them should always be constructive. Children should not be allowed to scare the puppy, or handle him without being closely supervised. The puppy's environment should be such that he develops a sense of security. The mild restrictions we impose upon him, ie not allowing him to chew furniture, shoes, etc., will have the additional value of helping the puppy develop proper tolerance levels. Tolerance levels are so important that the US Army institutes carefully controlled tests on puppies for the purpose of raising these tolerance levels.

In our human society, we have what is known as kindergarten in our public schools. The purpose of kindergarten is to PREPARE the child emotionally for the learning that will take place later. Kindergarten and pre-school classes are, in effect, a training ground to teach children HOW TO LEARN. Likewise, is the fourth critical period in the puppy's life, the eight to the twelfth week.

If he is taught how to learn during the fourth period, his actual formal schooling (which should take place during the fifth and final critical period) will be so successful that he will learn much more easily and readily. He will also be able to learn more than a puppy that does not have pre-school experience.

Although the "come", "sit", "stay" and "no" commands are invaluable if taught during the fourth period, perhaps the most important single response during this period is learning to fetch. At first glance, this may sound unnecessary and unimportant. It should be pointed out however, that puppies who cannot learn to fetch are dropped from the Guide Dog Program. Moreover, adult dogs being trained as Marijuana Detector Dogs, and Bomb Detector Dogs, must learn to fetch. A dog that cannot learn to fetch or refuses to learn, will not become a detector dog, or guide dog. The significance of fetching cannot be over emphasized. How

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such "game" expands the puppy's mind, and what such willingness to fetch reveals about the puppy, would require an article in itself. Learning to fetch in the fourth critical period can spell success or failure in your dog's desire and ability to work for you.

The fifth critical period is from the thirteenth to sixteenth week of the puppy's life. A highly significant thing will happen during this critical period, and the owner should be prepared for it and ready to handle it smoothly and with confidence. The puppy will make his first attempt to establish himself as the "dominant being" in the "pack" (family). It is here - in this fifth critical period - that the puppy will learn whether he can physically turn on his owner and GET AWAY WITH IT! It would be well to point out here that if he is allowed to get away with it, he will lose the confidence and the RESPECT for his owner that developed during the fourth critical period. The tolerance level toward his owner will be narrowed. He'll learn that by rebelling, he'll get things his way. It is during this fifth critical period that absolute authority will be challenged. It is here that the challenge must be met, head-on, by the dog's owner. Instructing people as to the best method of dealing with the problem is difficult, because no two dogs are exactly alike. Disciplinary measures for one dog are not necessarily suitable for another.

In dog training schools, the question is often asked: "what shall I do if my dog bites me?" My answer usually goes something like "what would you do if your CHILD hit you?" Suffice to say that the new puppy will CHALLENGE YOUR AUTHORITY during the fifth critical period and try to establish himself as the dominant being. He should be shown swiftly and firmly that though you love him implicitly by all that's holy, YOU are the dominant being, and there's only room at the top for ONE.

Formal obedience training should begin during this fifth critical period if the full potential of the puppy's intelligence and companion-ability is to be realised. It should be pointed out that trainers should be selected with GREAT CARE.

Being aware of the five critical periods, and providing the correct environment during these periods - as well as instituting proper learning techniques - will allow a puppy to develop emotionally and socially to full potential. Each time you marvel at a guide dog, leading it's blind owner through busy traffic, you can be assured that the five critical periods in that dog's life were handled with great care. The proper emotional and environmental factors during the critical periods were the criteria for the successful performance of the dog.

When you bring your puppy home, the critical periods which will follow will be critical periods in your life as well. The way you handle those critical periods will determine what kind of dog you will have in years to come. It may, however, determine what kind of dog SOMEONE ELSE will have. If the puppy you acquired doesn't grow up to what you wanted him to be - if he has strange quirks in his behaviour which embarrass or distress you - he may end up being passed around from home to home. Chances are, no-one else will be satisfied with those quirks either. Who can enjoy the dog who rolls over on his back and wets at the approach of a stranger? Who can be satisfied with the dog who wants to bite anything that moves? And perhaps, most important of all, who can be satisfied with the dog that refused to give of HIMSELF, his devotion, his loyalty, and his love?

The puppy you acquire can grow up to be all the rings you want and desire him to be - if - you acknowledge and adhere to the critical periods of his life. These are the periods which shape and mould his character and personality. He is in your hands. What he is to become, he will become during those critical periods.

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By Mr Bruce Sessions for "Dog Fancy"  
May - June 1972

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Submitted by: Jenny Ralph

## "AROUND THE TRIALS"

Often you hear members say, "my dog will never get it right" or "he's never done that before" and a thousand and one other classics we have all used at various stages. Often the Instructor consoles by adding that the 4 P's, practice, praise, patience and persistence will make it right and it usually does in the end.

Well, next time patience and persistence are in short supply think of Tom and Elaine Harvey and 'Our Sal' - 'Sally' to her friends. To me, they optimise the spider story of, 'if at first you don't succeed, try, try, again'. Tom and "Sally", after some 40 Trials (give or take a few) finally achieved their AD (Agility Dog) Title. They have been so close on many occasions.

For the uninitiated, an AD Title consists of 3 passes under 2 different judges, a pass meaning to complete an Agility course of 12 obstacles cleanly, within a set course time. Doesn't sound too complicated!! But, all it takes is a toenail to bring down a bar jump, a colour to be missed or a momentary lapse in concentration, and that elusive pass is gone. So, you pack up all your gear, get in the car, drive for an hour or two to get home, only to turn around and do it all again at the next Trial. And in saying that, I hope you haven't been deterred from Trialing.

Val Moeller has been heard to say that, "Trialing is character building". Well, you know, they said that about the rock pile at San Quentin too! But, we keep coming back for more in the hope that one day, both handler and four-legged friend will get it right on the same day!!!!

Congratulations Tom, Elaine and "Sally" your Title is richly deserved!!!

Another success story is Susie Baird and "Jahzan Brilliant N Blue (A), Rasa". They have had a great year with 2 Novice passes towards a CD (Companion Dog) Title and just recently, have added a TD (Tracking Dog) Title. Well done, and I believe this is Susie and John's first dog and as "Rasa" is an incurable sticky beak, she is well suited to tracking. Shows you what you can do if you set your mind to it.

But to add more to the frustration's of Trialing. Bendigo conducted their Obedience Trial in July and several of our members made the long trek northwards. The success of the day was a first Utility pass to Tina Camm and "Simply Sharne" but the frustration was for Helen Read, as Bendigo hadn't received her entry and she drove all that way to be a spectator. Certainly goes to prove that putting a stamped, self-addressed envelope in with your entry can save you a long trip. This was also the day Susie Baird achieved one of her Novice passes and highest scoring Rottweiler in Trial.

If Bendigo was a successful day then Moorabbin in August must be called the day of near misses. Tina Camm and "Sharne" missed the Seek Back and hence a pass, Val Moeller and "Saxon" had a puzzling experience with the Scent Discrimination, no pass, but a third in the ring and Janelle Convery and "Toby" ended the day with a Non-Qualifying pass after Toby decided that sitting in the sun was better than jumping the Broad Jump. Better luck next time.

Lot's of Trials coming up in the near future, before the weather gets too hot. The Club's Trialing numbers are quite depleted at the moment, so give it some thought. It really is a challenge, but there is plenty of support around and always someone to help you celebrate or console you and the Trials are good social events. If you want to know more, talk to your Instructor or Val, Angie or Leonie and they will help you all they can.

Pam Convery

# OPEN DAY

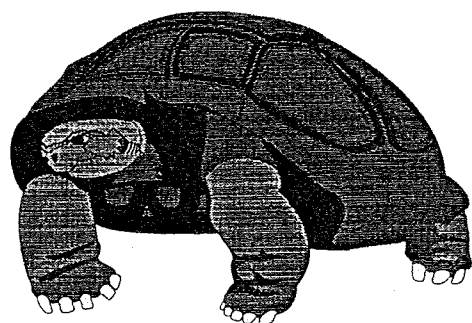
## HIGHTON VET CLINIC

Sunday 11th October 1998. 11am - 4pm



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Meet some unusual pets like snakes, lizards, spiders, birds, ferrets, rats, guinea pigs & tortoises. Clinic tours, meet the staff, pet care talks, free sausage sizzle, competitions, prizes, lots of give aways, competitions, tortoise races and lots more.



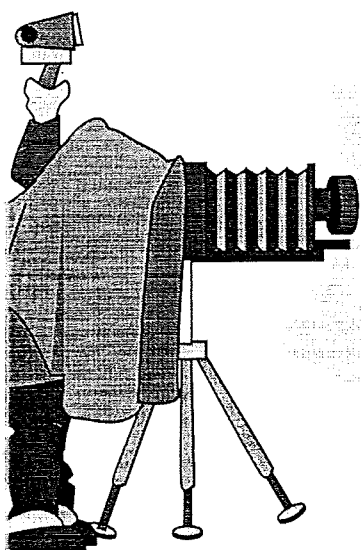
### Photographic Competition

1. The funniest pet photo
2. The best kept bird
3. The most unusual pet

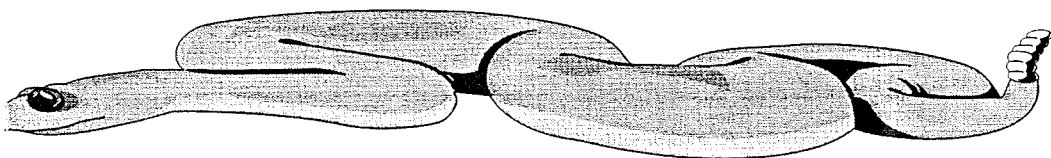
**Closing Date:**

**Friday 2nd October 1998.**

**Winners announced  
at open day.**



A Family day to celebrate  
10 years at  
88 Barrabool Road  
and 20 years of the  
**Highton Vet Clinic.**



## GENERAL MEETING

4 August 1998

Meeting opened: 8.00pm

Apologies: P Convery, J Convery, L Kelleher

Acc: W Ganly

Seconded: L Marfatia

Minutes of the General Meeting 2 June as distributed in the Newsletter were taken as read

Acc: T Harvey

Seconded: C Humphreys

Business arising from the Minutes

1. A Pape thanked C Devlin, N Dickeson and R Sossi for their help in the Canteen
2. T Harvey's chair is still missing

Correspondence Out:

Victorian Canine Association re Conference

Correspondence In:

Northern Obedience Dog Club Inc, C of G G re information night, Department of Justice, Wendy Ganly

Acc: L Marfatia

Seconded: F Lehrmann

Business arising from Correspondence

1. L Gaylard was asked to look into Incorporation letter sent to the Club

Treasurer's Report

J Ball read report and asked that the report be accepted and all accounts passed for payment

Acc: F Lehrmann

Seconded: C Devlin

Other Reports

Canteen Manager - Written report attached

Publicity Officer - H Read showed an article taken from the Geelong News thanking the Club for the service provided. H Read also asked if members could check with their vets to see if they had brochures as there were more in the Office that they could give them.

Raffle Steward - Written report attached

Training Supervisor/Demo Team Leader - D Dickeson reported that the pass rate at the last Promotion Day had been up by 50%. Also reported that the Demo team members weren't all attending practice and this was necessary. Also spoke about Leopold Demo - that they needed to improve their manners.

Social Secretary - No report available

## GENERAL MEETING

4 August 1998

Hall Manager - Nothing to report

Acc: F Lehrmann

Seconded: W Ganly

**General business**

1. Flyball letter - It was suggest that the Club speak to John Corrigan re making the Flyball jumps.
2. Sporting Club Info night - C Humphreys and A Pape are to attend
3. F Lehrmann reported that the bottle merchant does not pay us for the bottles now. Alcoa will send us a can crusher.
4. F Lehrmann suggested that we should let the Classes know about the possibility of flooding and that we require all hands on deck to move our ever expanding equipment. List of helpers needed and will be placed in next Newsletter. A Pape will investigate the cost of short term storage
5. W Ganly requested to put the names of all Instructors in the next Newsletter. It was suggested to ask the Instructors at their next meeting
6. F Lehrmann reported that the Broad Jumps were not all the correct length and that the Trial ones and the 6 foot ones can be used for training
7. C Humphreys request that a small lightweight trolley be acquired to help with new equipment, etc being taken to Classes e.g. brickies trolley. A Pape to check into cost. T Harvey suggested All Tools in Fyans Street could be the cheapest
8. A Pape reported on the current situation re equipment purchase and asked about the Beginners height for the new Walkover. Suggested that Beginners - 750 mm and normal height - 1200 mm
9. F Lehrmann said he will not be here for the next General Meeting and hoped that everyone rallies around to bring in new members and that everyone should work together. Also stated that we have been in the Clubhouse 25 years in November which should be noted at the Trial
10. C Devlin asked if F Lehrmann would consider nominating for Committee even if he wasn't present for the AGM. F Lehrmann said he would consider it

As there was no further business

Meeting closed at: 9.10 pm

# FOR SALE

Anyone interested in clippers for their dogs.  
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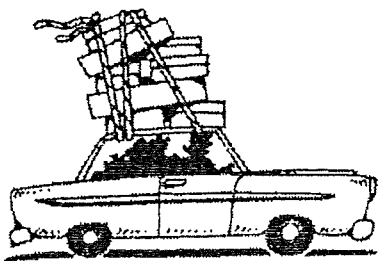


**MUST PRESENT COUPON**

## CAR SICKNESS

*From "The Puppy Training Program" by Joan Bell*

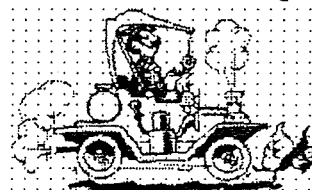
A dog that is both quiet and well behaved whilst travelling in a car and is completely trustworthy when left in a car unattended for any length of time makes for a wonderful and safe travelling companion. This does not come about by chance, but with training and it begins in early puppyhood.



Unfortunately, in the early weeks, some puppies suffer motion sickness ranging from mild salivating to severe salivating and ultimately vomiting. This of course makes the puppy feel very unwell and can lead to his displeasure at the prospect of car travel in the future.

Usually this condition improves, then ceases altogether. In the meantime, the following suggestions may be of assistance.

- ✓ Have puppy sit in the stationary vehicle with the engine running. Talk happily to pup. Repeat daily for about a week.
- ✓ First few outings to be short and the driver should take care to make turns slowly
- ✓ The puppy that suffers sickness may be more comfortable if confined in a small crate, or placed initially, in the well of the car where he is unable to see outside movements.
- ✓ For travel in the back of a station wagon, place a thick non-skid mat on the floor so puppy can keep his footing and prevent him sliding when the car stops or turns corners, etc.
- ✓ Advisable to carry newspaper, towel/s and a bottle of water and dish, to deal with any emergencies.
- ✓ If a puppy continues to be sick, Ginger or Junket tablets given half an hour before travelling are known to settle queasy stomachs (dose according to the age of the pup).
- ✓ Puppy not to be given food under two hours before travelling.



If all else fails, seek Veterinary advice.

## Birth Notices

*Lisa and David Blackwell* are proud to announce the arrival of  
**CONNOR RYAN** on 28 July 1998 (2 weeks early)  
 Weighing 8lb 2oz. Brother for Liam

**And**

*Brad and Pam Cassidy* also proudly announce the arrival of  
**CLAIRE RENAE** on 7 September  
 Sister for Alisha

'An aspiring Instructor'



### "SORCHA - A/C JARREBOR TARAS RADIANCE CD"

After two straight passes in encouragement at Warringal and the Border Collie Club trials, Sorcha and I have finally ironed out the heel free problems to complete the three passes required to get our Novice Title. She got passes at:

Croydon (Betty Tulloch)	181 (3 <sup>rd</sup> in ring)
Broadmeadows (Maude Ashman)	186 (2 <sup>nd</sup> in ring)
Geelong (Peter Greenland)	182 (1 <sup>st</sup> in ring)

If there is anything better than getting a Novice Title, it must be getting it 'at home'. It was just lovely to achieve our final pass at Geelong and receive the congratulations of so many people.

Thanks to Janelle and Pam Convery for their warm welcome from my very first day at Geelong, almost exactly two years ago. Special thanks to all Instructors, both at Geelong Obedience Dog Club and Bellarine Dog Activities Group (Bruce, Mitzi, Desma, Brad, Wendy G, and Leonie) and an extra special thanks to Helen Read for your wonderful, gentle, fun approach to training and for your time, patience, encouragement, great ideas and letting me know when I was getting it wrong, (whether I would listen or not). And appreciation also to all the folk and dogs we have gone through classes with these last couple of years – it's been a lot of fun and good learning.

Sorcha is already dead excited about being in Val's class – dumbbells and jumping and only ONE lot of heeling!

Libby Hotchin

# PAWS

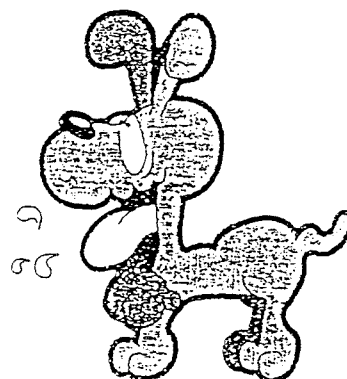
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## DOG BREEDS - FROM A TO Z



### AFFENPINSCHER

Height - 25 cm (10 inches)

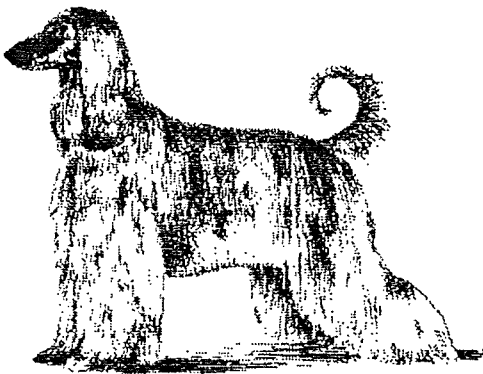
Weight - 3.6 kg (6 lbs)

The French know them as "mustachioed little devils". The Germans call them "monkey dogs". The Affenpinscher doesn't care what you call it, just so long as you call it with respect. These little dogs take themselves very seriously, as is only proper for so venerable a breed. It is a toy breed

that resembles the terriers. The name comes from the appearance of the Affenpinscher's head. It has bushy eyebrows that hang down over large black eyes, a moustache, and a slightly protruding lower jaw that bears a hair-tuft. Its stiff, wiry coat, more abundant on the face and legs is usually black but may have tan, gray or red markings. The tail is usually docked.

The Affenpinscher was recognised as a separate species as long ago as the 17th century in Europe and at present is gaining popularity. Originating in the 1600s, the Affenpinscher may be the ancestor of the Brussels Griffon and possibly the Miniature Schnauzer as well.

### AFGHAN HOUND



Height - 61 cm - 71 cm (24 inches - 28 inches)

Weight - 22kg - 27 kg (50 lb - 60 lb)

The Afghan Hound, a hunting dog and pet, originated in ancient Egypt but developed its present traits in mountainous Afghanistan, with wide-set prominent hipbones, it can run easily over rocky and hilly terrain with powerful leaps and quick turns. A large and slender dog.

It is one of the few hounds that hunts by sight rather than scent. Long silky hair, which may be of any colour, grows in a topknot on its head and also covers its body, legs and long, drooping ears. The comparatively hairless tail is held in a high, tight curve. It is much admired for its regal stance and fluid, graceful movements.

## SNAKE BITES



If a snake bites your dog 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 in later stages.

Venomous snakes usually leave two puncture marks at the sight; non-venomous snakes usually leave a row of small teeth marks.

### What to do

Identify the snake if at all possible, if you can't, assume it is poisonous

Restrict movement as much as possible – carry the dog – don't walk it (difficult if you have a wriggler or a 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 possible, to ensure that the correct antivenene 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 bit, unless they are protecting a nest. They would prefer to retreat and be left alone

Take caution when walking your dog or walking yourself by waterways and in long grass – best to avoid these areas during high snake season – usually late October through to Winter, when they hibernate. Also, don't forget that snakes can swim and snakes, such as the Red bellied Black snake, are fond of well-watered areas and can stay submerged for lengthy periods.

*"Every Dog – E Allan and R Bloggs"*

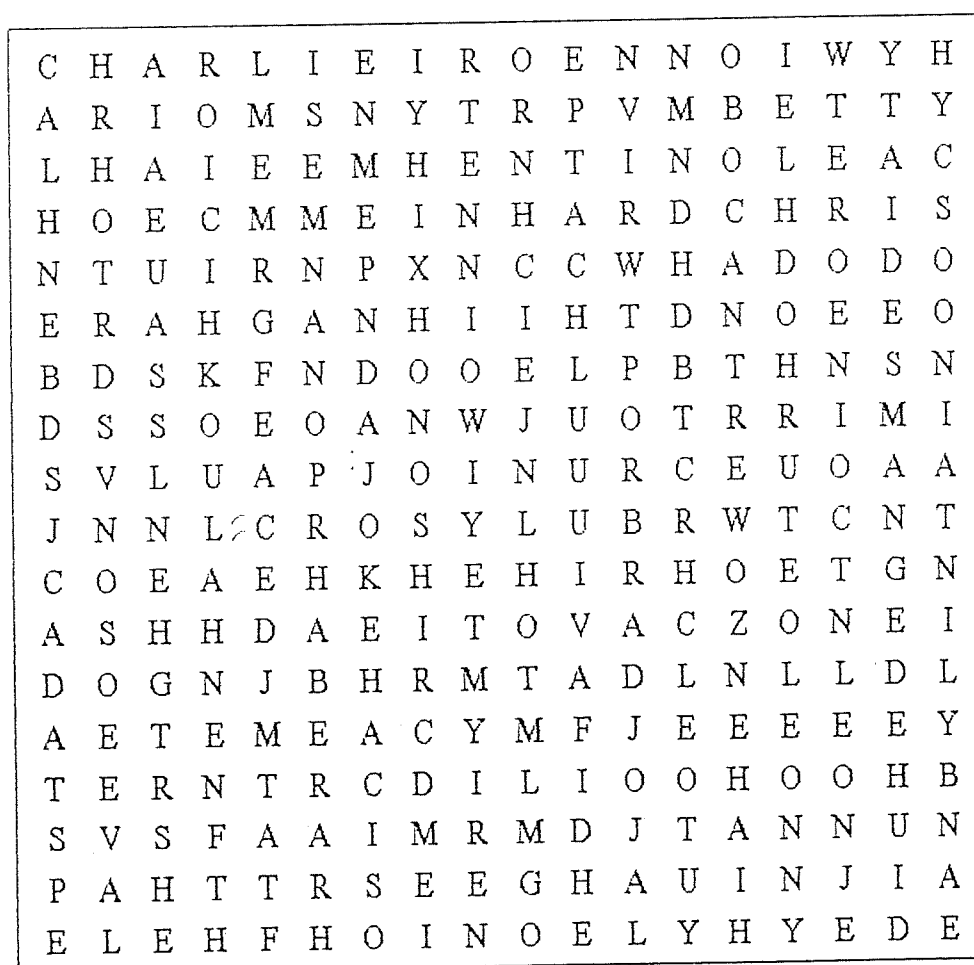
### EDITOR'S NOTE

With the weather warming up, please be aware when you are out walking. The area surrounding the Club is a haven for snakes, especially the brown snake, which is the most common snake to bite dogs.

**FROM A HOSPITAL WAITING ROOM – Author unknown**

**"God put me on the earth to accomplish a certain number of things  
Right now, I'm so far behind, I will never die."**

# Can you find the First Names of our Committee and Instructors?



The words in the list below are scrambled.

IAGNE  
NTNAO  
RRUAHT  
YBTET  
RDBA  
BURCE  
CHTA  
CRHIEAL  
HLEYRC

HRSIC  
ONCLI  
MDSAE  
REFD  
LHENE  
MLJ  
OJNA  
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IKM  
LINEEO  
IADNL  
HANDERIM  
ICLEAHM  
AROMI  
AULP  
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YDWNE

## Red Cordial Kid turns good!

by Susie Baird.

Earlier in the year, thanks to Helen Read's offer of assistance, I started to introduce tracking to my Rottie bitch Rasa (Jahzorn Brilliant N Blue (A)).

And so we started. From short straight double layed (walking back along your track) tracks frequently leaving little bits of food along the way, then gradually making it harder. Single laying the track, lessening the frequency of food, and longer tracks, always leaving a large article of your clothing to simulate a person and a larger amount of food at the end. Then the hardest of all, the dreaded corners and letting the track "age".

To my delight it seemed that Rasa had a natural ability to do this, and what's more, loved it so much that it was all I could do to restrain her before we would start a track. Helen advised me that she thought Rasa was doing so well that I should consider trialing her - that is entering tracking trials with the aim of getting her Tracking Dog Title.

Obstacle number one: the rules as they stand at the moment meant that we needed to get a pass in an Obedience Trial in the Novice Class. I thought this might be a big ask, although we had passed our Basic and were in Leonie's trialing class, Rasa wasn't the most enthusiastic worker in the world at times, finding the novice work boring compared to the other things we do. But ever the optimist, I entered 3 trials and thought we'd give it a shot. If we got 1 pass out of the three I would be rapt and we could start tracking. So along came the first trial and shock of all shocks we passed with a score of 180 and I felt she worked very well. Yippee - now we can start tracking and my first entry was out in the next mail! Rasa obviously felt that she had done her bit for me and flunked the next 2 novice trials. No matter, we'll get there one day. Newsflash! She has since managed to get one more novice pass.

So, we set out to Morwell one freezing, foggy morning for our Preliminary Tracking Test (300 metres). By the way, if you are not a morning person then forget tracking trials - they are usually a couple of hours drive away and with a 7 am check in! Helen and I laid tracks for each other and we both managed a pass, with both dogs seeming to find it easy. None of the training we did prepared me for the real feel of a trial. The judge points in the direction of the starting flag and from there you are on your own - feeling completely vulnerable. You have no choice but to put all your faith in your dog. **Tip:** don't ever try to outguess your dog, all you can do is trust them completely and try to not miss the signals they give you - not easy sometimes when your dog has no tail and their ears aren't the pointy variety!

Then came Test 1 (800 metres) at Hadden Rifle Range in a bush setting, having worked mainly in grassy areas this would really test her. Again, Helen was the known tracklayer, and we had another pass. Five metres from the start the first obstacle to overcome was a rotting kangaroo tail (!!!) but I told her to track on and she did! I missed a signal Rasa gave at a corner thus missing the first article, but still a pass and I had learnt much more that day.

Now we were up to Test 2 at Talbot. Again 800 metres but this time she would be tracking an unknown person for the first time. The weather was not ideal - gusting 40 knots and all over the place. We really had our work cut out for us. But I felt I had learnt to read her a lot more by then and thanks to all the tips I had picked up such as, backing up to where you know the dog was right, we found the tracklayer and the judge congratulated us on passing. She now had her tracking title!

I would have to recommend this activity as one of the most rewarding things you could do with your dog. Even if you are not interested in Trialing it is still a fun thing for you both. There are some tracking books in the GODC library, which I found quite helpful, outlining several different training methods, although I still believe the food method is the one to go for.

I would also like to thank Helen Read for all her time, advice and motivation and to everyone else who gave me encouragement.

The tracking season has almost finished for this year, but we'll be back next winter to try for her TDX so stay tuned!

(For further info please contact the Tracking Club of Victoria on 9741 6378)

## CRITERIA FOR SUB-INSTRUCTORS

We are always very short of Instructors, but in the last couple of years and with the on-going increase in membership, the situation is reaching crisis point.

The Instructors work hard – very hard – voluntarily, week after week and we too would like to be able to put in some training with our dogs.

Perhaps its time for members to take stock and think about giving some time and effort back to this fine Club in exchange for the benefits they gain.

Please everyone, read the criteria for Subbies and give serious consideration to becoming a Sub-Instructor and thus make life easier for everyone so that we can all enjoy our hobby!

### Criteria

- ✓ Basic Obedience Certificate
- ✓ Reasonable term of commitment required
- ✓ Willingness to attend Sub-Instructor's Meeting and also Instructor's Meetings
- ✓ Ability to communicate with people and impart knowledge to a class clearly
- ✓ Realisation that it is a commitment and your own dog will receive a little less attention

Sub-Instructors are placed with experienced Instructors and even newly tested Instructors spend time with experienced Instructors.

PS We are a pretty fantastic group of people!!

For further information please see Desma Dickeson, Training Supervisor

## OUR SAL GD AD

### "SALLY"

Owned by Elaine and Thomas Harvey  
Trained by Thomas Harvey



First Pass	Sunbury and District O D C	12 July 1997
Second Pass	Croydon and District O D C	14 June 1998
Third Pass	Dalmatian Club	9 August 1998



Sally was adopted from the Geelong Animal Welfare centre at approximately 6 months of age. We are delighted this wonderful little girl at 9 years of age gained her Agility Title after many attempts.

To anyone losing hope, don't give up and have lots of fun.

We wish to thank all those that have assisted us over the years and have helped to make this dream come true.

Thomas and Elaine

## AGILITY AND OBEDIENCE TRIAL DATES

Obedience	Closing	Actual
German Shepherd Dog Club .....	27 September .....	2 October
Murray Valley Obedience Dog Club.....	closed.....	3 October
Murray Valley Obedience Dog Club.....	closed.....	4 October
Warringal Obedience Dog Club.....	closed.....	4 October
Knox Obedience Dog Club .....	.....	11 October
Northcote Obedience Dog Club .....	4 October.....	17 October
Altona Civic Obedience Dog Club.....	4 October.....	18 October
Werribee Obedience Dog Club .....	9 October.....	24 October
Gisborne & District Obedience Dog Club .....	16 October.....	25 October
Working Dog Club .....	2 October.....	31 October
Eastern Suburbs Obedience Dog Club .....	18 October.....	1 November
Sherbrooke Obedience Dog Club.....	.....	3 November
Bairnsdale Dog Obedience Club .....	27 October.....	7 November
Gippsland Obedience Dog Club.....	23 October.....	8 November
Ballaarat & District Obedience Dog Club.....	30 October.....	15 November
Southern Obedience Dog Training Club .....	.....	21 November
Geelong Obedience Dog Club.....	9 November.....	22 November
Portland Dog Obedience Club.....	.....	29 November
<b>Agility</b>		
Knox Obedience Dog Club .....	.....	3 October
Southern Obedience Dog Club.....	closed.....	10 October
Warrnambool Dog Training School.....	.....	31 October
Warrnambool Dog Training School.....	.....	1 November
Melton Obedience Dog Club.....	18 October.....	3 November
Ballaarat Dog Obedience Club.....	23 October.....	7 November
Bairnsdale Dog Obedience Club .....	.....	7 November
Gippsland Obedience Dog Club.....	23 October.....	8 November
East Gippsland Dog Obedience Club .....	1 November.....	14 November
East Gippsland Dog Obedience Club .....	1 November.....	15 November
Southern Obedience Dog Training Club .....	.....	21 November
Portland Dog Obedience Club.....	.....	28 November
Portland Dog Obedience Club.....	.....	29 November

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### GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB



## OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIAL



**Sunday 22 November 1998**

See October's VicDog Magazine for further details

**Listen to announcements and watch for handouts to see how  
you can help make this Trial a success**





## END OF YEAR CLUB AWARDS FOR 1998



Once again we are drawing toward the end of the year and time to think about our Presentation Day and the End of Year Awards which include, the Elsa Dahl Award and Committee/Instructor of the Year Award.

Below is a brief description of each for our newer members, so if there is someone out there you consider worthy then write a brief resume, seal it in an envelope and drop it into the Office marked Elsa Dahl or Committee/Instructor of the Year. These nominations must be received by Sunday 29 November.

### ELSA DAHL AWARD

This award is available annually, in memory of a Life Member of our Club. The award is made to a person who has contributed to or achieved something outstanding during the course of the year. It may be for skills associated with owning and training dogs or it may be an administrative or functional achievement that goes beyond day to day endeavours. This need not necessarily relate to time spent at the Club, but to the achievement itself. So remember, closing date - 29 November

### COMMITTEE/INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

This award is for the person that you feel has a commitment to the position they hold and a genuine interest in the members with whom they come in contact. If there is someone out there you admire and wish to congratulate, then write a brief resume and hand it in to the Office by Sunday 29 November

## TRIAL AWARDS



### **Trialing members, please note –**

Sunday 29 November is also the closing date for all your Trial results for the past year. Result sheets are available from the Office or on the table on the verandah and all results, good or bad count toward the Trialing Dog of the Year Award.

Also, don't forget to notify the Office if you have achieved an Agility, Obedience or Tracking Title during this year so Title Medallions can be ordered. Make sure all names are spelt correctly.

### **"CUT OVER HANGS"**

Reprinted courtesy of "Geelong News – News Mail" Tuesday, 8 September 1998

Hi, it's me! Dave the dog!

With Spring here, it's that time of the year again when I come out and ask you all to do me a big favour. It's those trees and bushes of yours, the ones that hang over the fences and stick out on the footpath. They are nice to sniff but they make my work harder than it should be.

You see, I lead Ian around, he's blind, so I have to make sure he doesn't knock himself around too much.

So, what about it folks? Do your bit for working dogs like me. Blind and vision-impaired people depend on clear paths close to fences.

Signed – "Dave the Dog"

### **Editors Note**

Hopefully our members will do the right thing by "Dave" and please check your fence lines.

## REPRESENTATION OF BREEDS ATTENDING THE CLUB

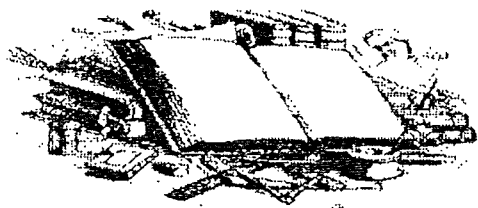
Below is a list of breeds currently listed, as of 10 September, on the Membership of the Club. Each Sunday morning, approximately half of those listed attend classes. With a Club such as this, there is a large transient population ie, members who join for a short period of time and leave for various reasons but their membership is still current. Many come with the intention of just having a sociable companion and some stay on for years and become involved in Obedience Trialing. Needless to say, if all 442 dogs appeared at the one time our Training Supervisor and Instructors would be stretched beyond the limit!



Cross Breeds	100	Poodle (Standard)	3
German Shepherd Dog	38	Poodle (Toy)	3
Golden Retriever	33	Pug	3
Rottweiler	29	Weimaraner	3
Border Collie	27	Welsh Corgi (Pembroke)	3
Labrador Retriever	23	American Pit Bull Terrier	2
Poodle (Miniature)	15	Bernese Mountain Dog	2
Shetland Sheepdog	12	Cairn Terrier	2
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	9	Maltese	2
Dobermann	9	Schnauzer	2
Jack Russell Terrier	9	Welsh Springer Spaniel	2
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	9	Whippet	2
Cocker Spaniel	8	Australian Shepherd	1
Collie (Rough)	8	Belgian Shepherd	1
Australian Cattle Dog	7	Border Terrier	1
Dalmatian	7	Brittany	1
German Shorthaired Pointer	6	Bull Terrier	1
Fox Terrier	5	English Mastiff	1
Alaskan Malamute	4	English Setter	1
Boxer	4	English Springer Spaniel	1
Rhodesian Ridgeback	4	Gordon Setter	1
Shih Tzu	4	Great Dane	1
Siberian Husky	4	Hungarian Vizsla	1
Akita	3	Irish Wolfhound	1
Australian Silky Terrier	3	Labradoodle	1
Beagle	3	Newfoundland	1
Bichon Frise	3	Old English Sheepdog	1
Dachshund	3	Papillon	1
Flat Coated Retriever	3	Scottish Terrier	1
Kelpie	3	West Highland White Terrier	1







## *Library News*

*By  
Phil Bergin*

### THE TRACKER DOG

By E Weinand

How valuable this book would have been to me many years ago when I decided to do Tracking with my dog. To me now, it seems almost foolproof. That is what I needed!

Detailed instructions, which do appear to be foolproof, are complemented with twelve diagrams meticulously labelled.

The compiler, Eddie Weinand is a member of a Gippsland Obedience Club. He is a very experienced dog handler, Instructor and Judge of both Obedience and Tracking.

The original book was in upper case and not really easy to read. Thanks to Pam Convery, who kindly retyped the text, it is now not only a most helpful manual, but is also "reader friendly".



Do you have a problem with your dog?

Or

Perhaps your dog has a problem with you?

Or

Maybe you just want to improve your skills as a handler or trialer.

Whatever information you require, try the Club Library. With over 300 titles on most aspects of dog ownership, I hope we can satisfy your needs.

The Librarian Phyl Bergin has had many years' experience, having been the first owner of a dog without a pedigree to obtain all the Obedience Titles. Phyl has had many years' experience as an Instructor of Open and Utility Classes and Agility, as well as some Tracking experience.

Sylvia Noblett, her assistant, is a breeder of Shetland Sheepdogs and has a CD Title with one of them.

These ladies will assist you with your selection of material, if required.

**Library joining fee - \$2.00 per year (incredible)!**

Books may be kept for two weeks and magazines for one week.




The Library operates from 10.00 am to 11.30 am and returns may be left in the rack on the table if the Librarian is not in attendance.



**TRIAL RESULTS****Tracking****Gippsland**

Helen Read Ormslee Austral Abbot (A) CDX (Abbott) Preliminary Track Pass



Susie Baird Jahzorn Brilliant N Blue (A) (Rasa) Preliminary Track Pass

**GSD Club**Susie Baird Jahzorn Brilliant N Blue (A) (Rasa) Track One Pass **Tracking Club**Susie Baird Jahzorn Brilliant N Blue (A) (Rasa) Track Two Pass **Tracking Dog Title (TD)** **Obedience****Bendigo**

Susie Baird Jahzorn Brilliant N Blue (A) (Rasa) Novice Second Pass

Tina Camm Simply Sharne CDX (Sharne)  Utility Highest scoring Rottweiler in Trial

First Pass

First Place **Moorabbin**Val Moeller Ormslee Austral Ascot (A) CDX (Saxon) Utility  NQ third place**Sunbury**Tina Camm Simply Sharne CDX (Sharne)  Utility Second Place**JAHZORN BRILLIANT N BLUE (A) TD****"Rasa"****Owned by Susie and John Baird****Trained by Susie Baird**

Preliminary Track – Morewell, Gippsland

Track One – Hadden Rifle Range, GSD Club

Track Two – Talbot, Tracking Club

**Congratulations Susie and "Rasa"**

For more information about Susie's adventures in Tracking, read her article titled "Red Cordial Kid turns good! – Page 26 this Newsletter."

**GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.**  
**TRIAL RESULTS**

**Handled by:** .....

**Owned by:** .....

**Dog's Kennel Name:** .....

**Dog's Pet Name:** .....

**Breed:** .....

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