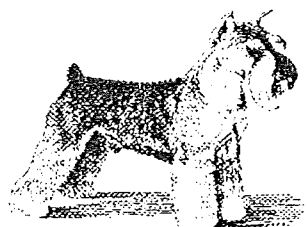
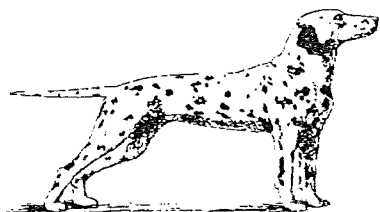
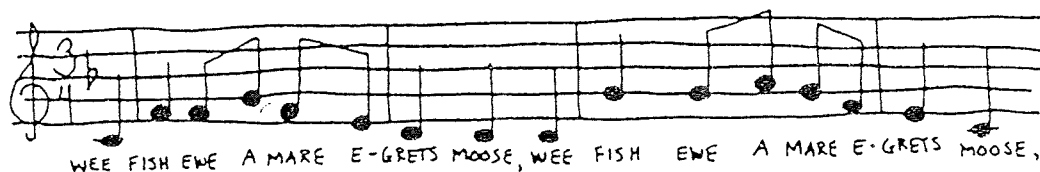


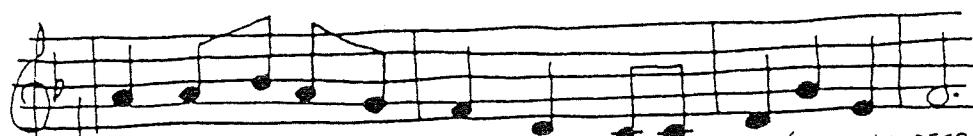
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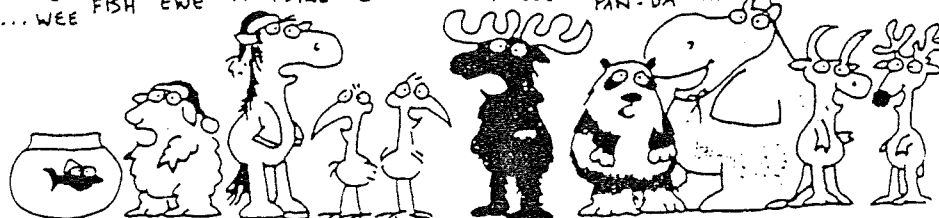
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## OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S REPORT – AGM - 6 October 1998

Dear Members. It has been a difficult year. We started with a full Committee, but it was not very long before members started resigning from the Committee.

I won't go into details why this was occurring, but I can tell you that it did put a lot of pressure on me, infact about a month ago I had to visit the Doctor because I could not sleep very well and experienced chest pains. The doctor diagnosed this as stress and advised me to slow down. That day I decided not to stand for President or any other Committee position this year. I love the Club, but my health is more important to me.



However, with the help of the remaining Committee members, we were able to carry on and I thank them for their cooperation. I would like to thank the following members for the work they have done:-

Kath Davies, Rhonda Sossi and Nicole Dickeson for keeping the Canteen operational and Michael Foord, Gordon McCraw and John Corrigan for making some of the training equipment.

Phyl Bergin and Sylvia Noblett for managing the Library and it seems to me that a lot more members were making use of the Library. Well done. Ray Rogers the Shop Manager, Michael the Raffle Steward and Wendy Ganly the Newsletter Editor.

Cheryl Young for standing in as Minute Secretary for the last two months and Lesley Gaylard for preparing the financial statements, many hours of work have gone into that job.

As I was not able to operate the computer, I could not refuse Pam's offer to keep the Member's Roll up to date. Thanks Pam. Thanks to Desma and her team of Instructors for doing a great job and thanks also to the Demo team members, they are great ambassadors for the Club.

I do hope that I have not forgotten anyone, if I have thank you anyway. Best wishes to the incoming President and the Committee for the coming year.

Thank you - Anton Pape

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## INCOMING PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello and welcome to all new Members and long standing ones alike. This is my first report to you as President of our Club. Firstly, I must thank the out going Committee for the work and time they have put into the Club over the past twelve months. Some of you are staying on for another term and I am sure your experience will prove to be invaluable. To the new Committee members welcome, I hope you enjoy being a part of a team dedicated to running the Club smoothly and successfully.



The festive season is fast approaching which means the Club's Christmas Party will be on again. This year it is on Friday 11 December. It would be great to see the Clubhouse filled to capacity, so get yourselves organised and see Leonie for your tickets. Santa is dropping in for a visit on the last day of training and we will have a treat for all the children in attendance. To avoid any disappointments, make sure you let the Office know if your children will be attending training with you on the 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Our November Trial has come and gone, congratulations to all who were successful in gaining passes and a big thank you to all the helpers who assisted on the day and at the working bees leading up to the Trial.

We have a General Meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> December and all members are entitled to attend and have input into any discussions held, or decisions that are made. I look forward to meeting all that are able to attend.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family, including the four-legged members a safe and happy holiday season.

David Blackwell - President

## TREASURER'S REPORT

I would like to point out to the members that, as the Treasurer, I was very disappointed at the Annual General Meeting to find that no one wanted to stand for this position, as well as that of the Secretary.

I find this very strange in a Club the size of this one that there was no one who wanted to do the job, so it was left to myself and the out going Secretary to stand, so that the club could continue. I would ask that all members give some thought as to what could have happened if we did not stand and to perhaps give some thought as to whether they would like to give it a go next year. The reason I am saying this is due to the fact that I will be overseas for the next A.G.M. and so will not be either here or available.

On a lighter note, since reluctantly taking on the position again, the Club has purchased a copy of Quicken7, an accounting program, for me to use on both my computer and the Club one as well. Since the introduction of this system I spend less time every month working out our expenses and our balances.

**I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH  
EVERYONE, ALL THE BEST FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR**

**Jim Ball - Treasurer**



## TRIAL SECRETARY

My first Trial has been and gone and I thank everyone for his or her help in making the day run smoothly. The day, after some rain turned out to be perfect weather for trialing and all judges and stewards were present.

To those who helped at the working bees, the ground looked as neat as a pin and the clubroom sparkled. The response to the cake stall was overwhelming; we had to add another table for the cakes. The stewards and judges were well fed on the day and the public was well looked after by those in the canteen. The raffle was a good one.

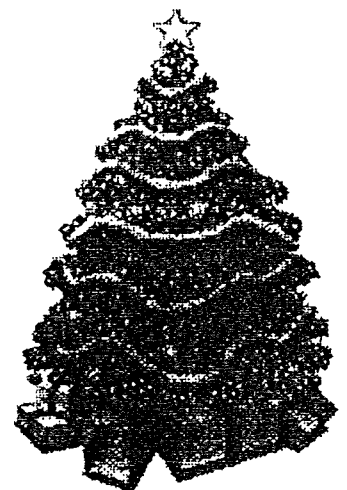
To see how the rings are organised from the entries received is amazing. Janelle switched numbers from here to there and the next thing it was finished. Then the catalogue was to be set up. After that, the numbers of rings are known so the trophy's can be organised. Waiting for the last of the entries to arrive is the worst part of organising a trial.

Congratulations to Tina Camm and Simply Sharne on their UD Title and Brian Voysey on his pass. Two members had to scratch because their bitches came into season.

To the other members who weren't successful on the day:

*Don't give up, keep training each day and when the pass comes you'll be so glad you persevered because it WILL HAPPEN one day.*

**Wendy Ganly - Trial Secretary**



## TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT



It's been a long, challenging and at times a difficult year – the down side is the lack of training for my young dog – something that is overlooked at times by those who do train regularly.

I know I have offended people at times – my apologies. While I try to be as fair as I can, I can't please everyone all the time and I am the one in the hot seat when things go wrong at training.

There have been quite a few changes implemented in the classes in recent months to make training more interesting. It would be much appreciated by Instructors if members would help take the jumps, flags, tunnels, etc out to the classes each week, so that everyone can use the gear to their advantage.

Most sincere thanks must go to the hard-working people who helped build and/or supply the materials so that everyone can benefit from the use of these extras.

So far we have had over 100 puppies attend our Kindy classes where they get a good start in life prior to joining the big kids at training on Sunday mornings. Thank you Kim for your help on Thursday evenings – it's been invaluable and a lot of fun!

Along with the changes, we are updating our Manual so that it matches what is now being taught in training. More on that in the New Year.

We again participated in the annual Gala parade and despite the setback of not getting a truck there were some 40 dogs and their owners who enjoyed walking in great weather (how different to last year could it be????)

Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun and made the day a success.

Good luck to everyone for the upcoming Promotion Day – hopefully you will be able to give yourselves an early Christmas present in the form of a pass to the next level of training.

A huge thank you to all the Instructors who sacrifice their time and the training of their own dogs, to work week after week to ensure that all members are given the best possible chance to succeed in reaching their goals.

I hope you all enjoy the Christmas break – have a happy and safe holiday and I look forward to seeing you again in 1999.

**Desma Dickeson – Training Supervisor**

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## DEMO TEAM LEADER'S REPORT

Our last couple of display outings for the year were on 1 November where a small team attended St Margaret's School Fete. After that display our dogs were presented with a small bag of goodies each.

The following Sunday saw us go to the race-course to participate in the activities there – we were made very welcome by both organisers and crowd alike and the former set up their speaker system for us to use after ours decided not to function yet again!

To the team, thank you all for the hard work put in both at practise and when we are out promoting the Club and responsible ownership.

We are looking for new members to swell the ranks and so far we have 6 prospective members, which is fantastic. If anyone else needs more information about joining the team, please see me.

Have a relaxing holiday break gang, and a Happy Christmas to all the team.

Desma Dickeson – Demo Team Leader



## CANTEEN MANAGER'S REPORT

Dear Members, My name is Kim Ciezarek. I am an Instructor at the Club and have been for 2 ½ years and a Member for 4 ½ years. I am also involved in Puppy Kinder classes.

I have now taken the position of voluntary Canteen Manager. All Club positions are voluntary.

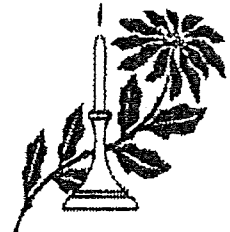
I am sending out a sheet for Members to fill out and return to the Office as soon as possible, these will then be forwarded on to me.

This will enable me to have a roster for Canteen helpers started for the New Year.



Thanking You  
Merry Xmas to all

Kim Ciezarek – Canteen Manager



## SHOP MANAGER'S REPORT

### HELP WANTED

Member who would be prepared to be on standby to work in the shop when I can't make training. Must have phone number for contact. If you can help, please see me in the shop or phone 52 755 271 or Mobile 0414527552

Ray Rogers – Shop Manager

## RAFFLE STEWARD'S REPORT

Thank you to all Members who have supported the Raffles this year and to those who have donated prizes at various times. We have raised

The November Trial Raffle raised and thanks must go to Wendy Mitchell and Ripcurl, Sandra McCarthy and Peg Pope for their donation of prizes.

The Raffle cupboard is looking very bare to start off the New Year, so if you would like to donate a Raffle prize, please see me any Sunday morning. **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Michael Foord – Raffle Steward



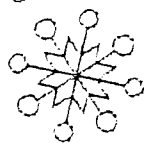
## CANINE TRIVIA

Betty Souder of Los Alamos, New Mexico, was awakened from her sleep by her nine year old Weimaraner. Although she had trouble waking up, the dog persisted until she got up out of bed. By this stage she was extremely dizzy and her dog, Willy, was very wobbly on his legs. It turned out that a faulty furnace had leaked, filling the house with poisonous carbon monoxide gas – and if it hadn't been for the diligence of Willy the Weimaraner they both would have died!

Another courageous canine is Reona, a Rottweiler owned by Jim Patton of Watsonville in northern California. In October 1989, a devastating earthquake hit the area. Hearing screams from across the street, Reona bolted out the door, hurdled three fences (something she had never done) and raced into the home of five year old Vivian Cooper whom she discovered terrified, in the kitchen. Reona promptly pushed her up against the cupboards and sat on her! Seconded later a large microwave oven came crashing down from the top of the refrigerator – in the exact spot where little Vivian had been standing. But for the Rottie's quick thinking response, Vivian Cooper would have been another casualty.

## CERTIFICATE PASSES

Congratulations to the following members who passed their various Certificates on  
Sunday 27 September

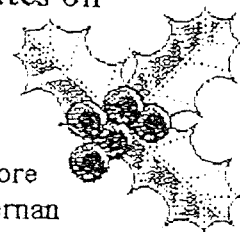


### Beginners

"Midge" & Elizabeth Slade  
"Lucy" & Sharon Adamyk  
"Sally" & Elena Bridgens  
"Storm" & Heather Mehegan  
"Toby" & Kerrin Sweet  
"Ruby" & Georgina Deans  
"Piggy" & Kylie Blackney  
"Apollo" & Dianne Blackney  
"Crownie" & Veronica Hills

"Scooby" & Louise Greenhalgh  
"Meg" & Henry Lynch  
"Bridget" & Cindy Hibble  
"Jonnies" & Scott Hibble  
"Guinness" & Fiona Sharp  
"Bo" & Malcolm Bushell  
"Rajah" & Katie Robinson  
"Sophie" & Carole Birrell  
"Diddle" & Janet Blackney

"Shiva" & Sean Moore  
"Zeus" & Kim Heffernan  
"Monty" & Linda Hunter  
"Bonte" & Gayle Connor  
"Locky" & Anne MacGregor  
"Tarsha" & Linda Garwood  
"Tika" & Sandra Meeke  
"Axle" & David Aird



### Merit

"T J" & Gordon McCraw  
"Queenie" & Leanne Deller  
"Peppa" & Olga Neale  
"Jade" & Sylvia Noblett

"Tara" & Mitzi Clarke  
"Ellie" & Lisa Dahlhaus  
"Max" & Ross Arblaster  
"Jack" & Grant Visser

"Cooper" & Tania Jessen  
"Pye" & Darryl Squire  
"Angel" & Mick Svaljek  
"Chloe" & Jeff Hutchison

### Basic

"Pirate" & Tina Button  
"Grandridge Barkley Boy" &  
"Rose Stephens  
"Scruffy" & Joyce Laidlaw

"Bear" & Vanessa Page  
"Thomas" & Fiona Mackey  
"Angel" & Julie Devlin  
"Sir Basil" & Jeanette Hewitt

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# "HOT DOGS"

By Helen Vnuk

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Summertime.... and the living is easy. Lounging around in singlets, shorts and thongs, sipping an icy cold drink and heading to the local pool for a refreshing dip..... it all sounds fine, unless you're a dog. Trapped in a long coat, left out in the sun and besieged by pesky little critters, summer can be hell for dogs, if their owners don't look out for them.

## BACK TO BASICS

While some lucky dogs get to spend summer days flopped inside an air-conditioned house, most are confined to the backyard. Two things are absolutely vital for every dog left in this situation - shade and water!

In direct sunlight dogs are at risk of heatstroke. There must be shade in the yard throughout the day, whether under a verandah or a tree. And dogs should never be tied up on a hot day, as they may not be able to move to get out of the sun.

A constant supply of clean, fresh water is necessary for dogs all year round, but it's more important than ever in the summer. If your dog is the energetic type who has been known to tip over bowls, try buying a solid, heavyweight water bowl or one of the non-skid variety with a rubber base. To make doubly sure your dog will have water all day, leave two bowls out, so even if one is tipped over, there's still one left. Self-waterers are another idea. The Mister Dew Drop pet fountain, sold at Pet World Stores, is a bowl that connects to the garden hose so the water supply won't run out.

Dogs tend to eat less in hot weather because they're exercising less. If the food you give your dog is likely to go off in the heat, try to make sure it doesn't sit around for too long.

## PLAYING IT SAFE

Some dogs love to play so much that they would be begging you to throw the ball for them if the mercury was bubbling out of the top of the thermometer. But even if your dog seems keen, you should be careful not to exercise it too much in hot weather. This doesn't mean hanging up the leash for three months, but the timing and the type of exercise are important.

Try to avoid exercising your dog in the heat of the day, as this is a common cause of heatstroke. As well, dogs being walked over hot surfaces such as footpaths and sand can burn the pads of their paws. If the surface is too hot for you to touch, it's probably too hot for your dog to walk on.



Early morning and early evening are the best times of day to take your dog for a walk during hot weather. It's also good to give your dog a drink along the way and the fold-up bowls you can carry in your pocket (available by mail order through Mikmac and Canine Company) make this simple.

## IN THE SWIM

Swimming is a great way to exercise you dog and help to keep cool in summer. People assume that all dogs are natural swimmers – or dogpaddlers – but supervision is still needed. Some breeds, such as Labradors and Golden Retrievers will take to the water more easily than others.

If your dog is swimming for the first time, make it a gradual introduction. Get into the shallow water your self and encourage your dog to join you. You might like to have another dog there that has swum before, so your dog can follow its example.



## **HOT DOG by Helen Vnuk**

Remember, dogs can drown. More dogs drown in private swimming pools than children. Puppies and older dogs are especially at risk, but even dogs that are strong swimmers can drown if they can't get out of the water. This is a particular danger in irrigation channels as well as pools.

Check that the water your dog is swimming in is safe. Beware of strong tides and currents, and watch out for pollution such as blue-green algae, which can be toxic for dogs.

Rinse off your dog after swimming in the sea or in any type of water, if it has sensitive skin. And don't let your dog drink too much seawater – it can be poisonous in large quantities.

If you want your dog to swim in complete safety, you may want to visit one of the swimming pools for dogs. You could also buy a small plastic paddling pool for your yard. Turning the sprinkler on for your dog is another cool idea.

## **PARKING PROBLEMS**

The image from the RSPCA's TV commercial is difficult to forget, the dog dazed and suffering after its owner leaves it in a parked car on a warm day. The campaign has done a lot to raise awareness of the dangers of this practice, which is the number one cause of heatstroke in dogs.

Temperatures rise rapidly in parked cars. Even on mild days, when the outside temperature is in the low twenties, the sun beating down on a car can lift the inside temperature to above 50 degrees in a short time.

Leaving the windows slightly open isn't enough, and if the windows are wound down completely the dog could jump out and get run over or lost. Try to avoid taking your dog with you in the car if you're planning to go anywhere dogs aren't welcome.

## **SHORT CUTS**

Short for the summer is the preferred style for many longhaired, woolly and curly-coated breeds of dog. Having their coats clipped short means they will deal with the heat better and can be more active over the summer months. The added bonus is that it will help reduce problems with burrs and fleas.

Shorter doesn't always mean cooler. For breeds such as the Siberian Husky the double coat has an insulating effect and protects the dog from heat as well as cold. But these breeds can shed a lot and you will need to brush regularly to remove dead hair.

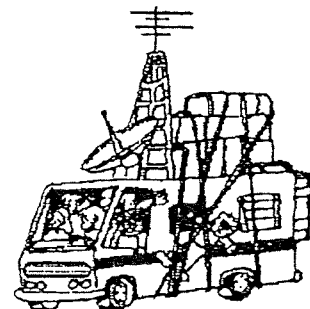
## **SUN SMART**

Just as we have learnt to apply the slip-slop-slap rule to ourselves, some of us also need to apply it to our dogs. Dogs can get sunburnt and develop skin cancer. Most at risk are those with white skin, especially Bull Terriers and Dalmatians.

Owners of these dogs should take the same precautions as parents would with children – use sunscreen on them (Filtabac is a zinc-based cream developed for animals) and limit the time they spend in the sun. Baseball caps as well as looking cute, offer extra protection, while all-over Lycra body suits, manufactured by Sydney Company Hotdogs, may be the best solution for dogs that are most at risk.

## **GETTING AWAY**

Holidaying with dogs can be fun for both you and them, but to avoid any unpleasant confrontations, it's best to check ahead to find out which places allow dogs. An increasing number of accommodation venues are providing for dogs as well as their owners, and several publications, including the *"Life be in it" Holidaying with Dogs Guide* will help you with this. Local councils are a good source of information about which beaches and parks allow dogs.



### HOT DOG by Helen Vnuk

When driving long distances, make plenty of stops so your dog can stretch its legs and have a drink of water. Take everything your dog might need with you, such as bedding and towels, and make sure there are appropriate contact details attached to its collar. Find out where the nearest vet is so you're prepared in emergencies.

New products on the market could help make your trip even better. Dog shoes such as those made by Sydney's *Animate* and distributed through pet stores, could protect paws from being cut while hiking over rough ground, while dog carriers (sold by mail order through *Canine Company*) make it possible for your pet to go with you, even if it is too frail to walk far.

If out camping, be careful of where you tie up your dog. Make sure it can't get tangled in branches, run over or trapped in the heat of the sun as the shade moves.

### LITTLE CRITTERS

Summer means flea season, as the warm weather and humidity trigger the hatching of flea pupae which may have been lurking around your house for months or even years. New treatments are now available which are highly effective in attacking all stages of the flea life cycle and making it possible for your dog to be flea-free. You will also need to treat your dog's bedding and perhaps the whole house. Your vet will be able to help you out with advice on which products to use.



Ticks are also more of a danger in warmer weather, especially with people traveling to areas where ticks are widespread. These include bushland areas along the eastern seaboard (Paralysis Tick) and Western Australia (Brown Dog Tick). You'll need to check your dog daily and use preventatives available from your vet.

And don't forget the life-threatening heartworm, which is transmitted by mosquitoes. Dogs should be on monthly or daily preventatives for this.

Summer can be a great time of year for dogs, with the chance to spend more time with their owners and go on holidays or to the beach. But it's up to owners whether summer means fun in the sun or just plain misery.

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## CANS ONLY COLLECTION

**PEPSI**

Thank you for your support of our Can and Bottle Collection

As the Club is now being charged to take away glass we will no longer be collecting bottles, but your cans will still be gratefully received

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Cans can be left at the Compound on the South West corner of the grounds

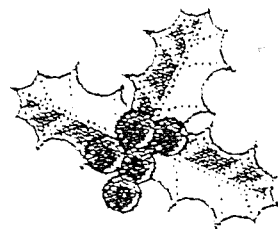
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## "RUFF AD"

by Cathy Bond



Three years ago, having moved from a tiny city unit to a five-acre property, I had the room and lifestyle to own a dog for the first time in my life. I hadn't realized that as Christmas approached, all puppies within a hundred miles of Geelong were for sale at ridiculous prices and all were gone by the time I rang up. Many phone calls and several trips to the lost dogs' home still hadn't resulted in a puppy. On New Year's Eve I happened to call in at the local shop and found eight pups in a cage, waiting for a home and bound for the lost dog's home if they didn't find one. The shop owner thought they were Kelpie/Border Collie cross, but wasn't quite sure.

One particular black and tan pup was the first to rush up to me each time I went to the cage. At the time I thought I was being chosen, and didn't realize that this was a hyperactive, ultra-high energy dog, which would never get tired. Of course I brought him home and asked him what he would like to be called. His response was to look straight at me and reply "Ruff?" I went along with this, but there have been times since when I wished I had called him "Gentle". Gradually I found out about his background. As he grew it was obvious that although his mother was a Kelpie/Border Collie cross, his father must have been a German Shepherd. He had been weaned at four weeks of age and was probably five to six weeks old when I got him. This may have accounted for the neurotic tendencies he has shown in later life.

When he was thirteen weeks old, we began attending puppy classes where he soon settled in and seemed a happy confident pup. At the time I didn't know anything about socialisation and thought that coming to Dog Club once a week would be enough to get him used to other people. Looking back I now realise he spent a lot of time rolling over on his back when anyone approached. At the time I thought he liked having his stomach rubbed and didn't recognise this as a sign of fear. He passed his Beginner's test at eight months of age with no problems, but at about this time began showing shyness when approached by strangers. When standing for examination with a familiar Instructor he was fine, but he ran for his life if someone he didn't know tried to touch him. His training progressed well in other areas.

In class he was full of energy, but the way he spent a lot of time with all four feet off the ground and liked to heel way out in front of me with his nose on the ground, made me wonder if he would be more suited to Agility or Tracking. His fear of strangers continued to be a problem and in a frustrating time he failed at Merit level three times and Canine Good Citizen test twice, because he couldn't cope with the crowds and noise at the supermarket. We then began Agility training. Ruff loved the action and was quite happy to watch me and wait for signals and no one tried to touch him. He finally passed his Merit test and then eight weeks later sailed through Basic and his Canine Good Citizen test within a week of each other. When he turned two I thought he had finally grown up and looked forward to trialing with him. He had already discovered that if he barked loudly at scary people when they approached, they would back off and not touch him, but about this time he realised that if he lunged at the same time as barking, they went away even faster. Although he had never shown any aggression during stand for examination, I decided it wasn't worth the stress to him, the Judges or me and decided to give up on Trial training and concentrate on Agility.

Ruff had his first Agility competition at Sunbury in July and jumped three, five fault rounds and one clear to gain his first pass. He then went to competitions at Moorabbin, Southern and Warnambool where he continued to be consistent with another six, five fault rounds, going so close when jumping clear in the second round, which didn't count for a pass, and when clearing a jump with his feet, only to knock the bar with his tail.

His only really bad round was when a jump blew down with a clatter just as he was approaching a table and he decided the table must have been haunted and refused it. In November at Ballarat, he got it all together and jumped four clear rounds for two passes, a first and a second place and most importantly his title.

I want to give a big thank-you to all the Instructors who have helped Ruff and me and kept encouraging me when I felt like giving up, and especially to Cheryl whose patience and gentle manner have given Ruff such a good and safe start in becoming the happy, confident Agility dog that he is. I'm sure that left to myself I would have let him go around at his own pace and got into heaps of trouble. Now we have to work on getting ready for Open competition next year.



## SOCIAL NEWS

Hi and welcome to the last newsletter for the year.

There are a couple of events coming up to mark on your social Calendar, so let's hope you can make it . I'll be coming around Classes soon so have a think about it, everyone is welcome to attend the festivities.

I'd like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all next year.

Leonie

**SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TRAINING  
ON THE 13TH OF DECEMBER THERE WILL  
MORE INFORMATION AS IT GETS CLOSER  
TO THE TIME**

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## PRESENTATION DAY

DECEMBER 13TH IS OUR LAST DAY OF  
TRAINING FOR THE YEAR BRING ALL  
THE FAMILY DOWN AND JOIN IN THE  
FUN, PRESENTATIONS OF CLUB AWARDS  
AND CERTIFICATES, SANTA

B.Y.O. FOOD TO COOK ON THE BBQ



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*presents*

# "THE CHRISTMAS PARTY"

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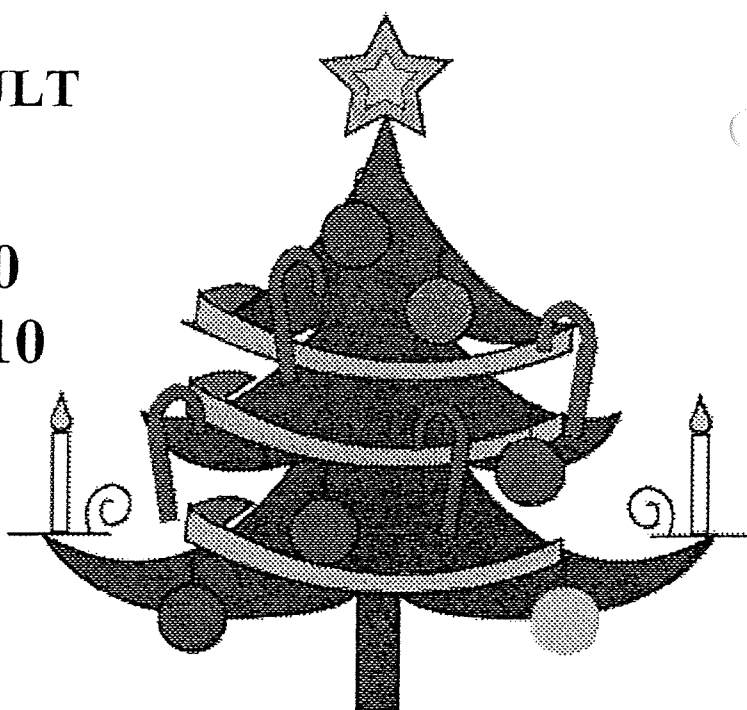
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# MISTER SCOTTY AD

Mister Scotty, the larrikin or the B.... of a dog as he has been called on many occasions has Initials after his name – AD – meaning Agility Dog. HE DID IT, he got through three rounds of Agility with a Qualifying Score. Who'd have thought He'd get through anything let alone get his Agility Title.



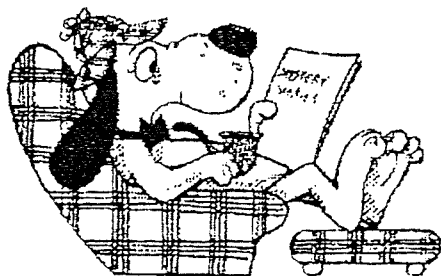
He got his first two passes at Sunbury in July, 1998. (even the President of Agility Club of Victoria was amazed) and then his last one at Warrnambool in October. Silly me allowed him to play in the water buckets (his treat for getting his title). It was a really bad move because in the next trial He thought because he'd gone over some pieces of equipment he was allowed to run out of the ring and play in the water buckets. I still can't believe he wasn't disqualified in that trial.

I started training Mister Scotty at agility three years ago. He was an out-of-control dog in the agility ring so I took him out. We did some training with Colin Humphreys for a while then had a rest and then I took him back into agility training with Cheryl. One magical day he did everything right and I knew he was ready for the Agility ring. He loves Agility. He runs and jumps over whatever he sees even though he's supposed to be going over some other piece of equipment with his tail going ten to the dozen.

Thank you to all my Instructors. This Title is as much yours as it is mine. Without your help and advice I would never have been able to keep Mister Scotty under control to do anything. A Special Thank You to Helen Read who has driven us to a number of trials.

A very happy  
Wendy Ganly

## GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC



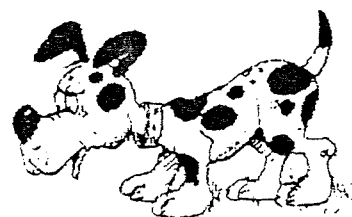
### Puppy Kinder

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Contact: Desma Dickeson 52 789 585

Next Kinder commences 4 February 1999

### *New Members*

The Committee and Instructors would like to welcome the following new Members and wish them every success with their training.

#### **1 October 1998**

Lee Family	Dunoon Family	Lisa Feldman	Vicki Ducan/Phillip Eysers
Grant Dean	Ally Welsh/Simon Lofts		Kate Brown
Tracey Jennings/Jason Vaught			

#### **4 October 1998**

Melissa Bowe	Graham Russell	Narelle Wilkinson/Brett Pekin	
Pamela Bauer	Strong Family	Sharlene Hudson/Ken Kemp	
Bermejo Family	Mulham Family	Rae Freeman	Angela Bartz/Eady Alam Philip
Simunitsch	Cavcic Family	Joyce Mole	Christine Morley
Jennifer Sharrock	Harry Cook	Lila Praszczalek	Liz Coles
Natasha Palin			

#### **18 October 1998**

Joanna Bruce	Jared Arklay/Sarah De Grandi	Greg Pohlner
Simmonds Family	Cornell Family	

#### **1 November 1998**

Debra Neill	Tania O'Brien	Jones Family	Travis Small/Anna Jowett
Andrew Greenwood	Kirily Taylor	Michael Van Der Meer	
Russell Family	Anderson Family	Susan Winsor	Helen Jones
Abbot Family			

#### **5 November 1998**

Young Family	Maryla Perry	Grundill Family	Linley Family
Foreman Family	O'Hara Family	Linda Maskell	Nadoh Family
Krishnan Family			



## **SHOP TALK**

### **Guide Dog Christmas Cards**

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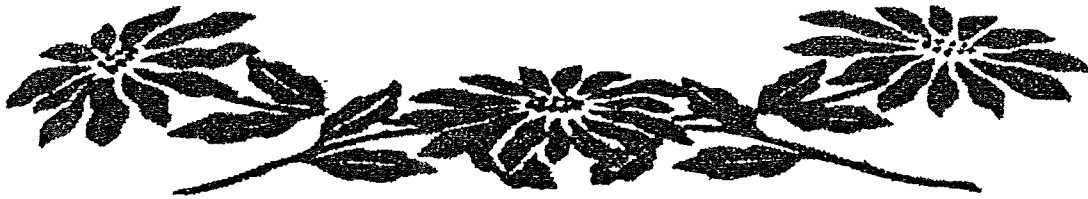


## “SIMPLY SHARNE CDX AD”

Sharne and I originally started training in Agility to alleviate the boredom of obedience work. I soon found that although not fast, Sharne certainly enjoyed all the running and jumping. It was a nice change from heel, down, sit and stand. We continued to train in Agility for a couple of years (just for fun). Then after much prodding from friends and Instructors, I finally entered her in some Trials.

After many interruptions due to injury and obedience work and with only one more pass needed, I decided to enter Ballarat. Well the day of the back to back was upon us and once more, Ballarat gave us the weather that we come to expect and bucketed down. Our first Trial went well until we came to the spread jump, which she knocked down with her bushy tail. After may jokes about turning her into a Rotti we got into the second round. Wouldn't you know it, she brought down exactly the same jump, once again with her tail!! Now the jokes were looking serious. A German Shepherd without a tail wouldn't look that bad, would it?

Now it was the afternoon Trial and prospects were looking grim. The ground was slippery and the equipment was drenched. Once again we were looking good but, oh no, here comes that jump again (please let her lift that tail). She cleared it! After a moment of shock and thoughts of ‘&#\*%@, what do I do now’, we continued on. Finally after nearly two years, we had our AD title. Thanks to all those who gave up their time, advice and support. Without them I may still be marching around with a very bored dog.



## SIMPLY SHARNE UD AD

Y" 'l, thank heaven, that's over!!!

After months of training and Sharne looking at me like I was some sort of demented lunatic. After numerous “I give up, she doesn't get it!” Sharne finally got it!!!!

A Seek Back went from a baffling mystery to a wonderful game. Instead of crawling out to the box at a snail's pace, she suddenly got a spring in her step. Yes, it finally came together, just in time, as I was seriously considering turning Sharne into a Shepherds Pie.

I have lots of people to thank. First and foremost I have to thank Angie Bloomer for teaching Sharne and I that obedience should be FUN. Thank you to Val Moeller and once again Angie for all those Thursday mornings and also to Janelle and Pam for their constant support.

Of course, I should thank Sharne. Just for being herself. She has been a delight to train and live with. Not bad for a pet shop puppy.

Finally I have to thank my husband Damian, who patiently stayed at home with the children whilst I went gallivanting all over the countryside.

Tina Camm



## INSTRUCTOR'S PROFILE – Kim Ciezarek

**K**im Ciezarek joined Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc in 1993 with a 5-month-old Rottweiler pup by the name of Harley and like every one, also worked long and hard gaining her Basic Certificate with him.

Soon after this Kim decided to join the ranks of Instructors and again with more hard work she achieved her goal in 1996.

She teaches Classes in both sessions every Sunday and takes pride in doing her job diligently every week.

Early this year, Kim and her family suffered the tragic loss of Harley, but Kim has continued to teach each Sunday and has also joined me in the Puppy Kinder Classes where her help is invaluable.

Thank you Kim

Desma Dickeson – Training Supervisor



## QUOTABLE QUOTES

Always live your life with one more dream to fulfill because if you stop dreaming, your life becomes a mundane existence.

Sarah Henderson

## VALE

Sunday, 22 November 1998

### “Peppi”

Faithful, loyal friend and companion of Marj Wright and of more recent times, Joan Brophy and “Boris”.

“Peppi” was found as a young, starving dog tied to a fence at Barwon Heads by Club Life Member, Terhee Gordon and although he never received any formal obedience training, he regularly attended displays with the Demo team together with “Boris”.

We will miss him dearly

Marj Wright, Joan Brophy and “Boris”

# Dangerous Dogs

**Dangerous Dogs are defined by their actions, not by their specific breed.**

If you own a dangerous dog, there are certain steps which you must take by law, under the Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animal Act 1994. If you do not fulfill your legal responsibilities regarding your dangerous dog, you face very severe penalties.

Your neighbours and the wider community have the right to know if they are in the vicinity of a dangerous dog. By fully complying with the legislation, the community is protected, and you provide a clear indication that people should not approach your dog.

## WHAT IS A DANGEROUS DOG?

A dog is declared as dangerous by a Local Council if it has attacked a person or animal without provocation and caused serious injury.

Particular breeds of dogs are not classified as dangerous, however if a dog is trained to attack people or animals, or is kept as a guard dog on non-residential premises, it will also be deemed dangerous.

## HOW TO IDENTIFY A DANGEROUS DOG

All dangerous dogs are required by law to wear a prescribed striped reflective red and yellow collar and their presence indicated by signs at all entrances to where it lives or works. Your Council can inform you where to purchase these items.



In addition, all dangerous dogs must be permanently identified by a microchip implanted under the dog's skin. Most vets can arrange microchipping and your local Council must be supplied with the microchip number for their records.

By fulfilling your legal responsibilities with respect to properly identifying your dog as dangerous and displaying the required signage on the property where the dog lives, you give yourself legal protection in the event that a person enters the property and is attacked.

## WHAT TO DO IF APPROACHED BY A DANGEROUS DOG

There are some important rules to remember if approached by a dangerous dog:

- 🐾 Don't run away - stand completely still
- 🐾 Don't kick at the dog, squeal or jump
- 🐾 Avoid eye contact with the dog - a

dangerous dog might interpret direct eye contact as a challenge

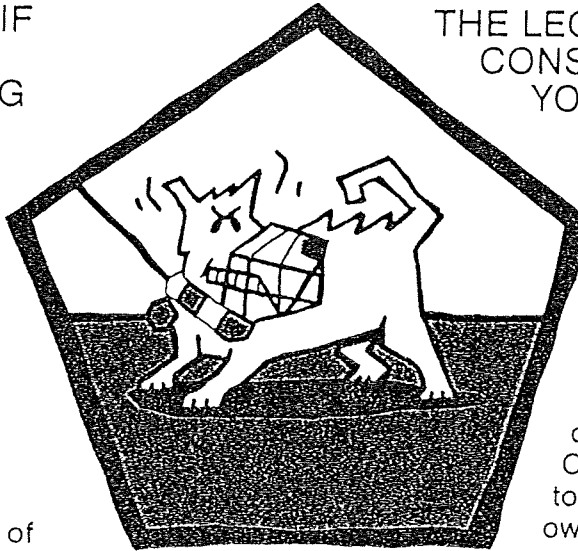
- 🐾 Keep your hands firmly by your sides and don't wave them around
- 🐾 Try shouting at the dog to 'sit' or 'stay' - this asserts dominance. However, if the dog does not respond to this, do not challenge it again
- 🐾 Slowly back away from the dog, and when there is enough distance between you and the dog, walk away

There is a good chance that after adopting these tactics, the dog is likely to just come up and sniff you, nudge you with its nose and leave you alone.

## REQUIREMENTS IF YOU OWN A DANGEROUS DOG

If you commence training a dog for attack purposes, you must advise your local Council. If you own a dog that has been declared dangerous and move to a new Council area, you must notify that Council.

You must also tell the Council if your dog is missing or if ownership of the dog changes.






## THE LEGAL CONSEQUENCES IF YOUR DOG INJURES SOMEONE

If a dog rushes, attacks or worries a person or animal, the owner may be prosecuted. The owner will also be liable for any damage the dog may have caused. A Magistrates Court can order the dog to be destroyed if the owner is convicted of such an offence.

## REQUIRED SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AT HOME

In addition to displaying warning signs on all entrances to the premises, a dangerous dog must also be kept indoors or in a childproof enclosure from which the dog cannot escape.

Outdoor enclosures must be:

-  Fully enclosed
-  Weatherproof
-  Constructed of brick, timber, iron or mesh, of a minimum size as specified by law.

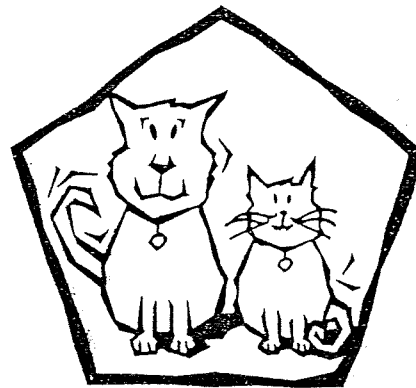
The gate must be locked when the dog is inside the enclosure.

## REQUIRED SECURITY PRECAUTIONS IN PUBLIC

It is a legal requirement that a dangerous dog must be muzzled to prevent biting and be controlled effectively by means of a chain, cord or leash whenever out in public.

It is also worth noting that if your dog currently demonstrates aggressive behaviour such as chasing, rushing or biting people or animals, you could be found liable for its actions and your dog declared as dangerous and/or destroyed. You could also be fined up to \$500.

Phone (03) 9412 4639 for more detailed information on dangerous dogs or consult your local Council.



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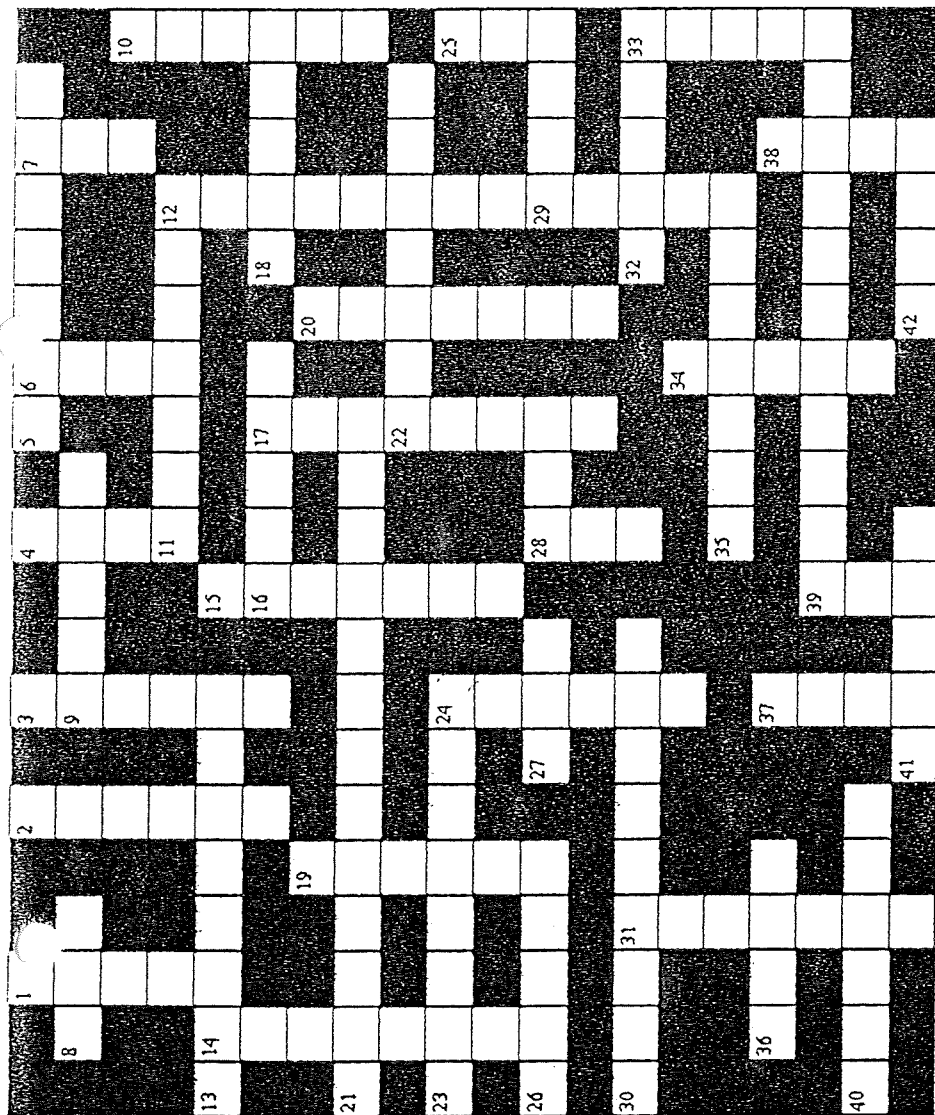


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# TRY THIS TRICKY CROSSWORD OVER THE HOLIDAYS!

Solution will be printed in January's Newsletter



## ACROSS

- 5 Hollow on either side of skull behind eye
- 8 Butterfly dog (abbr)
- 9 A high bridged nose
- 11 Equipment for a sled dog
- 13 An artist renown for his paintings of dogs
- 16 From cold regions
- 18 A canine virus
- 21 Corgis come from here
- 22 An Italian gundog
- 23 All parts in harmony
- 26 An Irishman
- 27 Japanese for dog
- 28 A common colour is black and .....
- 29 Wheaten coats are this
- 30 This canine colour is named for a mute dancing lover in a pantomime

## DOWN

- 1 Shortlegged Terrier
- 2 A nose with incomplete pigmentation
- 3 French working breed
- 4 Hang it on the wall
- 6 A mixture of white and coloured hairs
- 7 A good sheep dog gives this
- 10 Shape of a Collie Eye
- 12 A game terrier
- 14 King of the terriers
- 15 Chrysanthemum-faced dog
- 17 A barge dog
- 19 Spirit of the Saint
- 20 Forepart of the body between the forelegs
- 24 A long low terrier
- 25 A terriers quarry
- 28 A brace
- 31 The gypsy dog
- 33 Not old
- 34 Thickset
- 37 Has a corded coat
- 38 Dachshunds, Fox Terriers and German Pointers can have this coat
- 39 At field trials, an odd dog remaining after drawing for pairing

# TRIAL RESULTS

## Obedience

### Nothcote Obedience Dog Club

#### Novice

John Blonk Valenkar Ruby Valley (Tilley)  
Poodle (Mini)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
NQ



### Altona Obedience Dog Club

#### Novice

Brian Voysey Grafbar Aleta (Brags)  
Labrador Retriever  
John Blonk Valenkar Ruby Valley (Tilley)  
Poodle (Mini)

1<sup>st</sup> Pass

3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
NQ

### Werribee Obedience Dog Club

#### Open

Alan Pescott Morgan CD (Morgan)  
Associate

1<sup>st</sup> Place  
1<sup>st</sup> Pass

### Ballaarat Obedience Dog Club

#### Utility

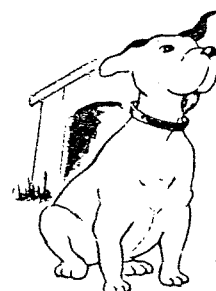
Tina Camm Simply Sharne CDX (Sharne)  
Associate

2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
2<sup>nd</sup> Pass

#### Open

Alan Pescott Morgan CD (Morgan)  
Associate

1<sup>st</sup> Place  
2<sup>nd</sup> Pass



### Geelong Obedience Dog Club

#### Encouragement

Lynne White Triseter Ebonie Nevada (Darcy)  
Gordon Setter  
Craig McLennan Valcraig Anns Gift (Leia)  
Collie (Rough)

1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Pass  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### Novice

Brian Voysey Grafbar Aleta (Brags)  
Labrador Retriever

2<sup>nd</sup> Pass

#### Utility

Tina Camm Simply Sharne CDX AD (Sharne)  
Associate

2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
3<sup>rd</sup> Pass UD



## Agility

### Warnambool Obedience Dog Club

#### Novice

Wendy Ganly Mister Scotty (Scotty)  
Associate  
Cathy Bond Ruff (Ruff)

3<sup>rd</sup> Pass AD

2<sup>nd</sup> Place



### Melton Obedience Dog Club

#### Open

J & A M Corrigan Kurrawa Mia Casen UD ADM ET (Jake)  
Border Collie

1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Ballaarat Obedience Dog Club***Novice*

Tina Camm	Simply Sharne CDX (Sharne)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Pass AD
	Associate	
Cathy Bond	Ruff (Ruff)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pass
	Associate	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Cathy Bond	Ruff (Ruff)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Pass AD
	Associate	1 <sup>st</sup> Place

*Open & Masters*

J & A M Corrigan	Kurrawa Mia Casen UD ADM ET (Jake)	Pass
	Border Collie	

**Club Awards****Open Obedience Trial – Sunday 22 November 1998****Highest Qualifying Encouragement**

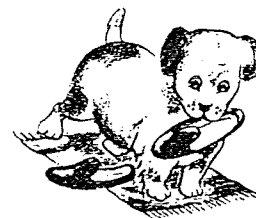
Lynne White	Triseter Ebonie Nevada (Darcy)	122pts
	Gordon Setter	

**Highest Qualifying Novice**

Brian Voysey	Grafbar Aleta (Brags)	180pts
	Labrador Retriever	

**Highest Qualifying Utility**

Tina Camm	Simply Sharne CDX AD (Sharne)	180pts
	Associate	

**VALE****ROMA ROSCOE**

Roma joined the Club in 1976 with her Sheltland Sheepdog "Poppy" and she was later to train Collie Roughts and a Bearded Collie called "Topsy". Roma was granted Life Membership in 1991 for her work for the Club as an Instructor and member of the Display Team.

She is remembered by long standing members of the Club as a person who enjoyed a good laugh and one who shared her knowledge willing, always looking for the cause of a dog's problem before suggesting a solution.

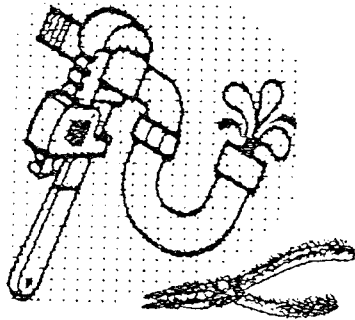
Our sympathy to Jack and family

**CANINE TRIVIA**

In 1959, a three-year-old black Dachshund name "Mozart" was the beneficiary of the \$70,000 estate of the late Mrs Clara Sammis Cole. Income from the estate was directed to go to "one who would give loving care to "Mozart".

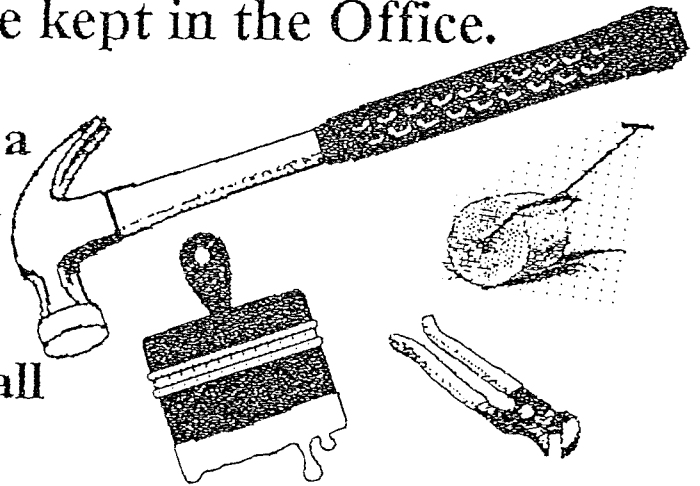
A Somerset, UK, woman was granted legal aid for a court case to decide whether she or her ex-husband would get custody over their 8 year old "bitsa", Rusty.

## PREFERRED SUPPLIERS LIST



The Committee would like to hear from any member wishing to be part of a Preferred Suppliers list, which will be kept in the Office.

If you own a business or provide a service, or perhaps are employed by someone with a business or service and would like to be included on the list, please leave all relevant details at the Office on Sunday mornings.



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# YOU AND DOG COMPETITIONS

By

Peter Kennon – Bushman Kennels



When you acquire your first dog, your goals are usually fairly simple. Hopefully, you can learn to manage and train your new mate so it becomes a respected companion and integral family member.

As you master these basics, your ambitions become much grander. You also realise that they hold competitions for dogs. Trophies and ribbons can be won! A whole new world unfolds.

Competition is a test of your technical skills and self-control. Whilst there are many 'experts' keen to provide advice on your skills, only rarely, does anyone bother to explain the less obvious, but really important things you need to know and learn.



Every time you compete, you must consider three main things –

## Your dog, other people and yourself

**Your Dog** Your must always place your dog's safety and comfort first and the blue ribbons last. Never allow competition to damage your friendship. It's amazing how often a much loved canine friend suddenly becomes a "stupid mongrel", just because it fails to perform in competition. If things go wrong, don't punish your dog for mistakes that were probably your fault anyway. Can you imagine how a dog must feel when it is given an unnecessarily hard time, for reasons it cannot understand, by a person it thought it could trust?

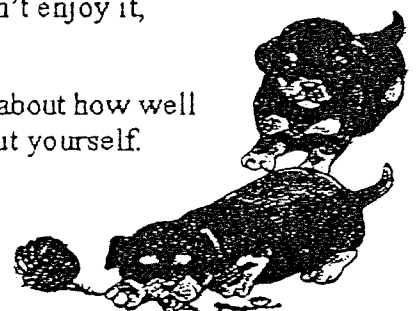
**Other people** You will meet all types of people in competition. Most are pleasant and helpful, some you don't want to know and a few will be quite special. Be courteous to all, nasty to none and choose your close friends carefully. Avoid the whingers and troublemakers. Your responsibility to Officials and other competitors is to learn and observe the rules, be consistently punctual and accept decisions with good grace.

**Yourself** Make competition a personal experience. Concentrate on achieving your own personal best performance and you will have much to be proud of, regardless of the result. Be patient with yourself. Competition teaches you many lessons about life in general, but you cannot learn it all in five minutes. Try never to lose your temper. Anger directed at your dog or the people around you, is inexcusable.

When you win, treasure your moment of glory, but remain humble. When you fail, be positive. You have, if nothing else, identified which aspects of your performance require more practice.

Ensure that competition is above all else – good fun. If it's not, find something else to do. Not everyone can be a great competitor so if you don't enjoy it, why bother?

Remember that true success has little to do with trophies and ribbons. It is all about how well you protect your dog, how others regard you as a person and how you feel about yourself.

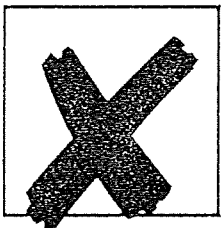




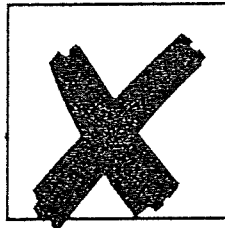
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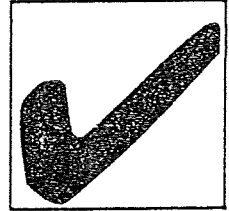
**Who is Responsible for  
Cleaning up after your DOG?**



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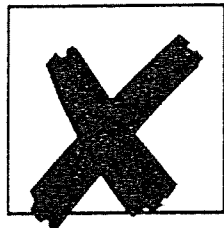


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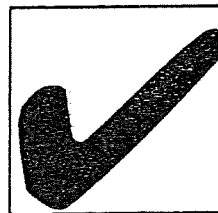


DOG OWNER

**Can a Dog Owner be Fined?**



NO



YES

**How Much? \$** heaps

**!! DON'T PUT YOUR FOOT IN IT !! — PICK IT UP NOW**  
Hint: The droppings you leave may find there way to childrens  
fingers, eyes and mouth exposing them to diseases.

## POETS CORNER

The following poem is originally a reprint from Bendigo Obedience Dog Club Newsletter and then Faithfully Yours – May 1994.

Editor's Note: - I hope this is seen for its humour and that no one is offended

"Bayswater banter – An old patron at the Bayswater Hotel in Bayswater sent us this yarn about ....."

### "Piddling Pete the Pup"

A farmer's pup once came to town, his christian name was Pete  
His pedigree was very long, his looks were hard to beat;  
And as he trotted down the street 'twas beautiful to see,  
He'd been working very hard, he'd worked on every tree.  
He watered every gateway and never missed a post,  
Piddling was his masterpiece and piddling was his boast;  
The city dogs looked on, with deep and jealous rage,  
To see a simple country dog, the piddler of the age.



All the dogs from far and wide were summoned with a yell,  
To sniff the country stranger over, and judge him by his smell.  
They sniffed beneath his stumpy tail, their praise for him ran high,  
But when they sniffed him underneath, Pete piddled in their eye.  
They smelt him one by one, they smelt him two by two,  
And noble Pete in high disdain stood by till they were through.  
Then Pete to show the city dogs, he didn't care a damn,  
Walked into the grocer's shop, and piddled on a ham.

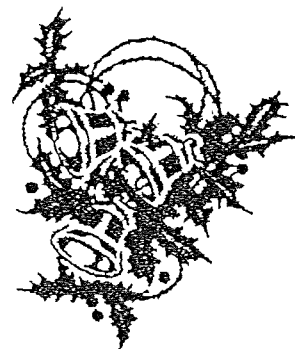
He piddled on the onions, then piddled on the floor,  
And when the grocer kicked him out, he piddled on the door.  
Behind him, all the city dogs decided what they'd do,  
They'd hold a piddling carnival and see the stranger through.  
But Pete was with them every tick, with vigor and with vim,  
A thousand piddles, more or less, was all the same to him  
So on and on went noble Pete to water every sandhill,  
'Til all the city champions were piddled to a standstill.



Then Pete an exhibition gave on all the ways to piddle,  
Like double drips, fancy flips, with now and then a dribble.  
So he was piddling merrily, his hind leg kicking high,  
When most lifted legs in bluff, and piddling mighty dry;  
On and on Pete sought more ground, on which to lay the dust,  
When every other dog went dry and gave up in disgust,  
And all the time the country dog did never wink or grin,  
But piddled blithely out of town as he had piddled in.

The city dogs said, "so long friend, your piddling did defeat us".  
But no one ever put them wise, that Pete had diabetes!

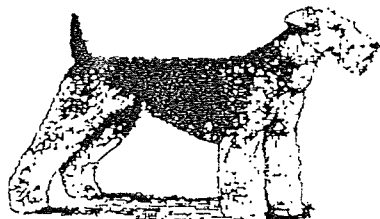
# DOG BREEDS - FROM A TO Z



## AIREDALE TERRIER

Height - 57 - 59 cm (22 - 24 inches)

Weight - 17 - 22 kg (30 - 50 lbs)



The Black and Tan Terrier of mid-19th century Britain possessed many worthy sporting traits, such as powerful ears and courage. It lacked, however, good swimming skills and a keen sense of smell. The deliberate introduction of Otterhound blood enabled the dog to hunt in the water. The canine result, called an Airedale Terrier, borrowed the best qualities of both ancestral breeds and took its name from the Aire Valley.

Because of their dependable natures, Airedales served the English war effort, often returning to service after an injury. Their active dispositions requires daily exercise, but they make amiable and loyal pets today.

The Airedale Terrier, the largest of the terriers, is a wiry-coated black-and-tan dog that has a muscular, compact body and a docked tail. It has a square muzzle, upright but fold ears and keen, intelligent eyes. It is classified as a long-legged terrier and is a good swimmer and runner.



## AKITA

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

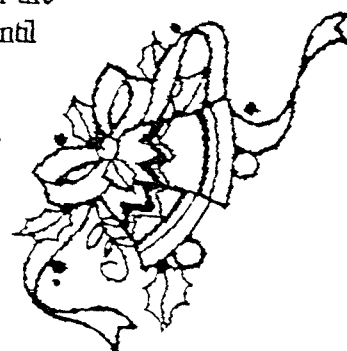
Weight - 35 kg - 55 kg (80 lb - 120 lb)



For centuries, only Japanese royalty and nobility were permitted to own this breed, but the Akita is now used throughout the world as a guard dog. In July 1931, the Japanese government declared the breed a national monument and a national treasure.

An Akita named Hachiko symbolises this breed's loyal character. Hachiko continued the habit of meeting his master every night at the train station even after the owner's death. The dog waited each evening until midnight and continued this practice for nine years, until the dog also died.

The Akita, a working dog originally from Japan, has a large, sturdy body, a broad head with erect ears and a curly tail. It has a stiff topcoat of fur and a soft woolly undercoat, developed to withstand the harsh climate of northern Japan. It hunts large game and retrieves waterfowl by using its keen sight and smell as well as its strength, endurance and speed.



## IMPRESSIONS OF AGILITY AT THE "ROYAL"

An Entry Fee of \$15.00 for an Agility Trial is a bit expensive compared to \$8.00 for a Trial during the year, but it was the "Royal Melbourne Show".

Parking is not a problem but you need to pack light, as it's a decent walk to the entrance. Enter the gate, turn left and enter the pavilion, find a bench and set up. A rope is strung in front of the benches but it doesn't stop big/little hands/fingers from touching/patting the dog. The area for the dogs to exercise is very small and it's a good idea to have your dog trained to relieve itself on command and watch out for trains!

Time to walk the course, no problems, nice flowing course, then you wait your turn. The dog needs to be focused on you not on what is happening around the ring. OOPS, missed a pole, then a jump. Oh well, \$15.00 down the drain in a few seconds, back to the bench.

Take your dog for a walk. "Wow! What's that big round thing in the air, take me back to the bench pleaseeeeeee." Then the puffing, panting and shaking starts. Take him for a walk and a train goes by.

"Take me back to the bench." More puffing, panting and shaking! Time for a ¼ valium, didn't work, another ¼ given, no good, time to ask for permission to go home. Given. Bye!

Never again will Mister Scotty go to the Royal Melbourne Show to compete either in Obedience or Agility.

Wendy Ganly – GODC first time Royal Competitor

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When the Agility trials were to be held at Melbourne Show, and Cheryl our agility instructor suggested that we cancel classes and go and watch the show instead, I was happy to take up her offer. We headed off to Melbourne at the usual early hour that seems compulsory at all trials. After visiting the Geelong competitors in the pavilion where their dogs had to be "benched" all day, we went and looked at the course. The obstacles in the Novice Class seemed fairly basic, but the small area, the increasing noise from the nearby rides, the wind gusting around the buildings and the closeness of the spectators really added to the degree of difficulty. Most Novice dogs didn't seem to mind the distractions and went as if stray balloons blowing around were part of a normal course, but not many passed. There were plenty of people watching, more than the usual collection of friends and family who attend most trials. The commentary on the newspapers being handed out were helpful and explained clearly what was going on.

The Open class was more difficult but the experienced dogs and handlers generally managed well and more dogs gained passes. It was the first time I had been to trial as a spectator and not as a worker or a competitor and I enjoyed being able to concentrate on watching the different handling techniques. The best handlers didn't seem to be going fast, but gained excellent times through their amazing control and accuracy. In the Masters class the ring seemed to be full of obstacles. I don't know how competitors managed to remember the course and then find their way around. Some were disqualified for taking obstacles out of order, but a few passed.

The day was a thoroughly worthwhile experience and I learnt a lot from watching both the successful handlers and from seeing the mistakes people made. I can't imagine ever wanting to compete at Melbourne, as I don't think my dog would cope with the noise. Running the gauntlet of screaming people on rides and at the sideshows when trying to get between the dog pavilion and the car park would be his worst nightmare. I think I'll stick to the calm atmosphere of country trials when competing but I would certainly go back as a spectator.

Cathy Bond – GODC Spectator (on that particular day)



## Impressions of Agility at the "Royal" – continued

At the Royal there are many unusual things your dog needs to get use to, things like trains arriving and departing and sideshow rides that are noisy themselves, without their screaming occupants. Also, it's an early 'check-in' and the dogs are required to be 'benched' until required in the competition ring.

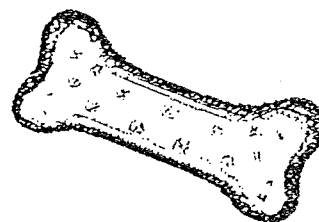
There were five dogs from Geelong spread over all three levels of Agility. Although passes were not obtained on the day there were a few near misses

Walking the course by the competitors to check the equipment and work out a quick and safe way around the numbered course, created a bit of laughter from a crowd that, on the whole, had not seen a Trial before. Seeing people running, issuing commands and hand signals to their invisible dogs before the real competitions began looked quite funny to them.

It is a long day, but a great experience with a very appreciative, large crowd.

The Geelong contingent did us proud

Cheryl Young – GODC Agility Instructor




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This was my second trip to the Royal as an Agility competitor and had previously shown Toby in confirmation, so I guess I was prepared for the early morning start, the 'benching' situation for Toby, the noise and the general atmosphere that can only be found at the "Royal".

When you attend Club Trials most of the "audience", are themselves Trialers, and they applaud your successes and commiserate when it is not one of your better days. But at the Royal the "Oooh's" and "Aaaah's" of the crowd, many of whom probably have a four-legged friend at home, creates an air of anticipation and expectation.

When it was time, I walked the course, which was a nice flowing course. Then it was my turn and I entered the ring with Toby on his toes. He was certain the crowd was there just to watch him and only him and does he perform for the crowd. First half of the course going well, the crowd is cheering, spurring Toby on. Next obstacle - the flags, Toby decided that he would show those Border Collies how it should be done and left his handler for dead. On we went to the end. We had missed a tyre and were 13 seconds outside the course time, but we had entertained the crowd.

So its back to the bench we go. But of course, this is where Toby is in his element. He loves the cuddles, kisses and sticky fingers of kids and those lovely chin scratches make it impossible to stay on the bench, so he spends most of the time on the floor.

As he was the only Golden Retriever at the Show on this particular day it was also a great opportunity to promote the breed. Will we return to the Royal in '99? Most definitely!

Janelle Convery – GODC Agility Trialer

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## QUOTABLE QUOTE

If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything!

Mark Twain



## A VERY IMPORTANT PERSON PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK

Our Club was saddened to hear of the passing of its most valuable member "SOMEONE ELSE".

Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with our Club since it's beginning and did far more than a normal person's share. Whenever there was a job to do, rallies to arrange or just washing up the dishes after the meeting, one name was on everyone's lips, "SOMEONE ELSE".

It's common knowledge that "SOMEONE ELSE" was the largest contributor of their time to our Club. Whenever there was a need for a volunteer, everyone just assumed that "SOMEONE ELSE" would of course, volunteer.

"SOMEONE ELSE" was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing to be a superhuman. But a person can only do so much, were the truth to be told everyone expected too much of "SOMEONE ELSE".

Now "SOMEONE ELSE" is gone, who is going to do the things that we all expected of "SOMEONE ELSE"?

Now when we are asked to help, remember that we cannot depend on poor old "SOMEONE ELSE" any longer. Isn't it about time that we really stopped volunteering "SOMEONE ELSE" to do the job?

## TITBIT CORNER

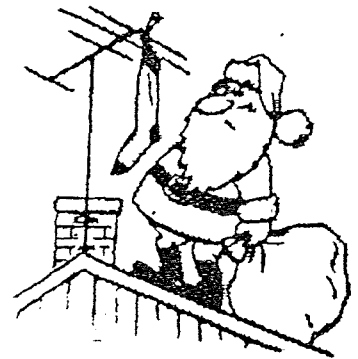
First there were the **Ghostbusters** – now along comes a new team called the **Glassblasters**. Seems two of our "Open" dog owners have earned new titles now!

One swatted at a mosquito and met the wrath of a glass door –  
Score: Stitches in thumb

One was cleaning out the fish tank and met the wrath of the glass cover –  
Score: Stitches in wrist.

### Moral:

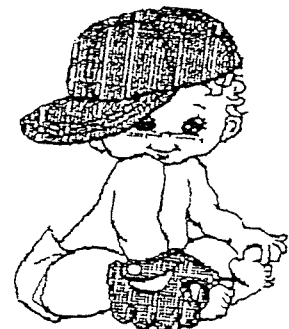
What you see on the other side of the glass isn't all it's cracked up to be!!!!



## BIRTH NOTICE

To Wendy and Gordon McCraw  
On 18 September  
A daughter - Skye Alexandra

## CONGRATULATIONS



# AROUND THE TRIALS – by Rebecca Bohling

Southern Obedience Dog Club

Double Agility Trial – Saturday, 10 October 1998



**W**ell I managed to do it again!!!! But this time I got completely lost.

I left home at 6.00 am. I had a good trip through Geelong and a great trip up the highway, apparently passing Cathy and Wendy along the way and then it happened. I don't know how it happened, but I did it again. I got completely lost!

I was following these signs saying "To St Kilda": and all was going well until I realised I was on Alexandra Ave, next to the river and driving past Swan St bridge. There was a bit of traffic for that time of morning, so I got a brain wave to turn up the next street to the right (at least heading in the right direction). After turning right I managed to find a side street with a street sign and pulled over. I checked the Melways and worked out I was on Chapel Street Prahran.

After stopping at nearly every set of lights along Chapel Street I finally made it to Nepean Highway. At least I knew where I was now!

Along Nepean Highway I saw a very strange sight. There was a Toyota 4WD Troop Carrier lying on its side with the headlights on and the motor running with everything in the back turned topsy-turvy. There were 4 or 5 guys failing to tip it back upright again, but luckily no one was hurt. It took me another half-hour to get to Southern O D C where I met Cathy and Wendy in the car park.

The morning Trial was judged by Mr Murray Tyler. The course was the tyre, A frame, weaving flags, tunnel, table, triple jump, spread hurdle, walkover, and broad jump with a course time of 60 seconds. Easy we all thought!!!!

"Zac", my miniature Poodle, ended up with 20 course faults. We missed a weaving flag, the red colour on the up and down side of the walkover and then refused the table. Something he has never refused before.

Cathy and Wendy didn't do very well either with Cathy's dog "Ruff" refusing the table as well. During the lunchtime break, Wendy and "Mister Scotty" found a bath tub for dogs in which Wendy allowed Scotty to practise his new found breathing techniques (refer last Newsletter).

In the afternoon Trial our Judge was Mr Neville Kay with a more complicated course, which consisted of the broad jump, tyre, spread hurdle, weaving flags, walkover, table, A frame, tunnel, triple jump with a course time of 45 seconds.

"Zac" and I bombed out again. He missed the red colour on the down side of the walkover, then refused the A frame, because I cut him off, and then refused the tunnel. We had a course time of 71 seconds!

Cathy got into the second round with "Ruff", but unfortunately didn't get a clear round. As for Wendy, well all I can say is that "Scotty" had those pills again! Wendy and "Scotty" were disqualified for doing an obstacle out of order.

John Corrigan did really well. He got his third Title, which is as high as you can go in Agility and his dog was also the second Border Collie to ever get this Title in Australia, but first in Victoria. Congratulations John and Anne-Marie!!

The trip home was fairly uneventful, I followed Cathy and Wendy some of the way but ended up passing them. I managed not to get lost on the way home and arrived back about 4.30 pm.





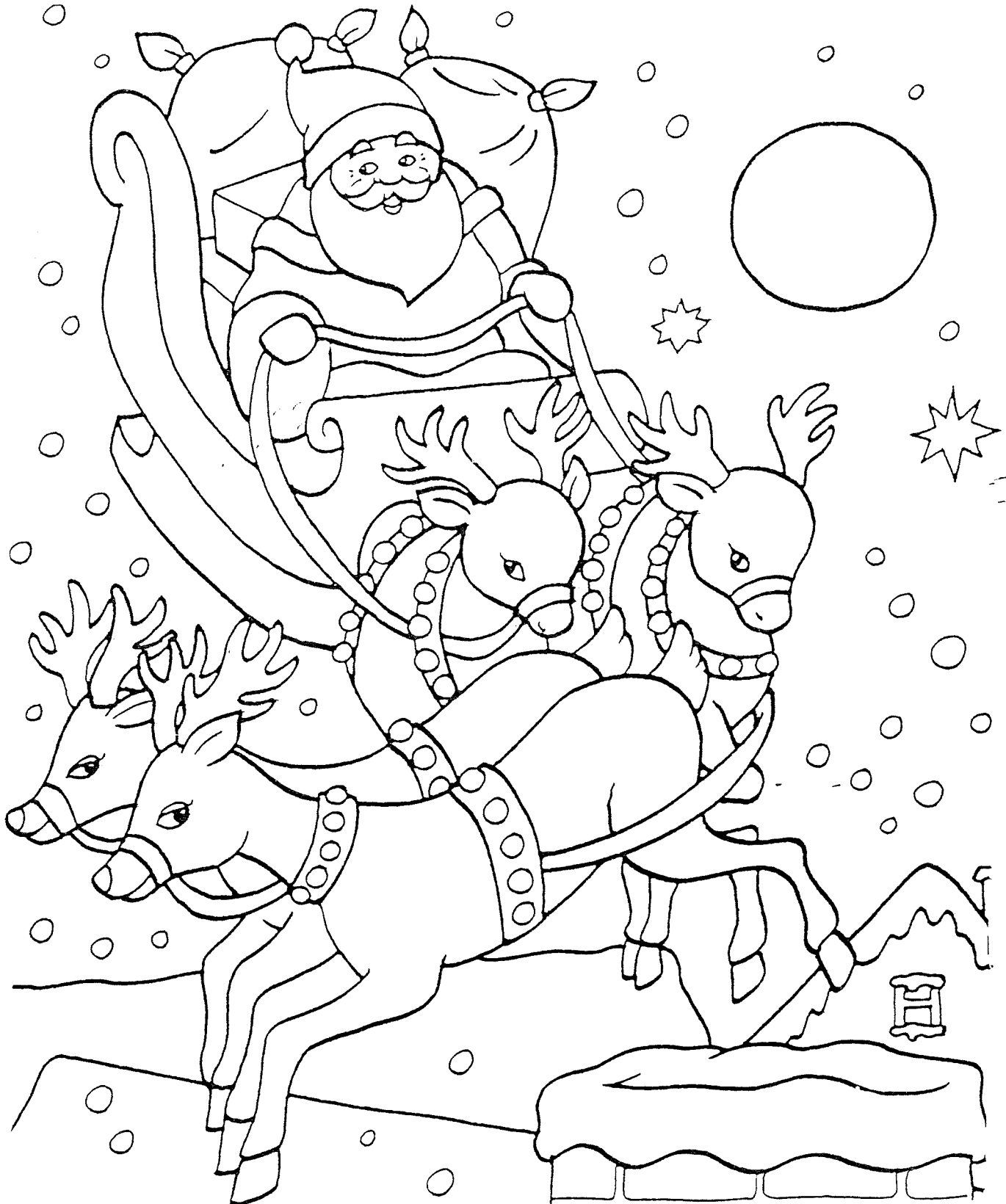
## KIDZ CORNER



Welcome to a new page in the Faithfully Yours Newsletter. It seems to me that there are many young members around the grounds and it was time that you had your own page in the Newsletter. If you would like to write a story about your dog or send in some jokes I would love to hear from you. Just deliver items to the office in an envelope marked "Kidz Corner" on a Sunday. Perhaps you could make some suggestions for a really great name for your page. Until next time .....

**COLOUR IN THIS CHRISTMAS PICTURE AND BRING IT WITH YOU ON 13 December**

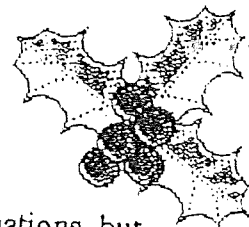
**There will be a prize for the winning entry**





# WHY DO WE VACCINATE OUR DOGS?

**Dangerous infectious diseases that could affect your dog**



Responsible pet care requires puppies to be taken to the vet for their initial course of vaccinations, but these cannot protect them for the rest of their lives. The immunity weakens over time and your pet can again become susceptible to disease. Should your pet become infected, treatment can require frequent visits to your vet and possible hospitalisation. Not all diseases can be cured and disability or death often results. "The only practical means of protection is vaccination".

## CANINE DISTEMPER

Distemper is a highly contagious viral disease that can affect dogs of any age with young puppies being of highest risk. Symptoms vary but can include fever, coughing, sneezing, nasal discharge, vomiting, diarrhoea, and loss of appetite and depression. Muscle tremors, fits and paralysis usually occur later in the disease. Treatment is usually ineffective and the recovery rate is very low. Dogs that do recover may have permanent brain damage. **Vaccination recommended.**

## CANINE HEPATITIS

A viral disease which, like distemper is extremely contagious and often fatal. Dogs of any age can become infected, however severe cases are rare in dogs over 2 years of age. Symptoms include high fever, depression, loss of appetite, vomiting, diarrhoea and acute abdominal pain. In severe cases death can occur within 24 to 36 hours. Dogs that recover may develop long term liver and kidney problems and can act as carriers spreading the disease to other dogs for many months. **Vaccination recommended.**

## CANINE PARVOVIRUS

Canine Parvovirus is a disease that affects dogs of all ages but is more serious in young pups and older dogs. Death can occur within 24 hours. In young pups, death may occur without any warning with the virus attacking the heart. In older pups and dogs the virus attacks the intestines causing blood stained diarrhoea, uncontrollable vomiting and severe abdominal pain. The virus is so persistent that the dog's environment needs to be thoroughly cleaned with a potent disinfectant to prevent spread to other dogs.

Outbreaks occur regularly throughout Australia, especially in summer. **Vaccination recommended.**

## CANINE COUGH (TRACHEOBRONCHITIS), (KENNEL COUGH)

Canine Cough is a condition produced by several highly infectious diseases, which can be easily spread wherever dogs congregate, such as shows, obedience schools and boarding kennels. Among the infectious agents associated with Canine Cough are the bacteria known as Bordetella bronchiseptica and the canine viruses Parainfluenza, Infectious Laryngotracheitis and Distemper. Affected dogs have a hacking cough known to persist for several weeks. It is distressing for pet dogs and their owners and can disturb neighbours. It is a major problem for working and sporting dogs. **Vaccination recommended.**

## THE TWO MOST COMMON VACCINES ARE LISTED BELOW

### Websters

#### Protech Vaccines



6 - 8 weeks Protech CST  
12 weeks Protech C4  
then yearly CST

T = Trachgard vaccine - an intranasal spray for the bacterial strain of Canine Cough

The C4 part of the vaccine contains the viral protection of Canine Cough

### CSL

6 - 8 weeks DHPKC  
12 weeks DHPKC  
16 weeks P booster  
then yearly C5B



The CSL vaccine requires a course of 3 injections one-month apart. The first two vaccinations protect against, Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus, Canine Cough (Kennel Cough) both viral and bacterial.

A parvo booster is required at 16 weeks

## GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, 6 October 1998

In the absence of the President, H Read as First Vice President took the chair.

Meeting opened at: 10 pm

F Lehrmann moved an extension of time of 30 minutes.

Seconded: A Pape Carried

Apologies as per Annual General Meeting

Acc: A Pape Seconded: K Ciezarek Carried

Minutes from the previous General Meeting 4 August, as distributed in the September Newsletter taken as read.

Acc: P Pope Seconded: J Ball Carried

#### Business arising from the Minutes

- 1 F Lehrmann asked for an error in the previous Minutes to be altered
- 2 A Pape asked if K Devlin could be changed to C Davies in his report.

#### Correspondence Out - nil

Correspondence In - H Read, C of G G, Karen Damiani, Delta News, C of G G, Ballarat D O C, Carolyn Hogan

Acc: A Pape Seconded: P Pope

#### Business arising from Correspondence

- 1 H Read's motion was deferred to General Business
- 2 H Read read proposed options for beach restrictions from C of G G. Discussion took place re best option with Option 4 being selected. Three members to represent the Club at the meeting on Tuesday 13 October - A Pape, J Brophy and D Blackwell.
- 3 Ground allocation from C of G G requires no change.
- 4 Letter from C Hogan was read and deferred to next Instructor's Meeting.

#### Treasurer's Report

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

Acc: K Ciezarek Seconded: C Humphreys Carried

All other reports as per Annual General Meeting

#### General Business

1. F Lehrmann moved a vote of thanks to A Pape for his service to the Club. Seconded L Gaylard. Carried
2. P Pope moved a second extension of time for 10 minutes. Seconded C Humphreys. Carried
3. H Read's motion was read. 'That an honorarium be attached to the position of Secretary of Geelong Obedience Dog Club. The amount of which, to be decided by Committee each year prior to the Annual General Meeting'.
4. P Convery stated that although she was quite happy to take care of the administration of the Club, she was unwilling to be tied to the Office every Sunday morning as she had a

## GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, 6 October 1998

young dog to train and Trial. S Noblett suggested that a roster be drawn up for Office helpers.

5. P Convery asked if the Club could purchase a 50 page stapler for the Newsletter. Meeting agreed.
6. P Convery asked if she could send a letter to prospective advertisers in the Newsletter, with first time advertisers being offered a special rate of \$60.00, as there were only three current advertisers. Meeting agreed.
7. A Pape said the two push mowers needed servicing and were possibly even in need of replacement. Also the ride-on mower needed servicing.
8. P Convery said the typewriter, used for the Certificates, needed repair and service. After speaking to Ryrie Office Machines it was possible that it couldn't be repaired, as they are no longer made.
9. First meeting of new Committee set for Tuesday, 20 October 8 pm.

As there was no further business

Meeting closed: 10.40 pm

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**MUST PRESENT COUPON**

Jan 1999

## CLUB CALENDAR - 1999

*January*

Wednesday	20 January	Newsletter closing date
Tuesday	26 January	Committee Meeting
Wednesday	27 January	School resumes
Sunday	31 January	Training resumes - Newsletter - Puppy Intake

*February*

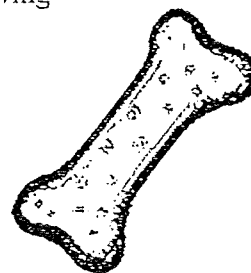
Tuesday	2 February	General Meeting - 8 pm
Thursday	4 February	Puppy Kinder - puppies approx 8 - 16 weeks
Sunday	7 February	Class One Intake
Sunday	14 February	Puppy Intake
Monday	22 February	Instructor's Meeting

*March*

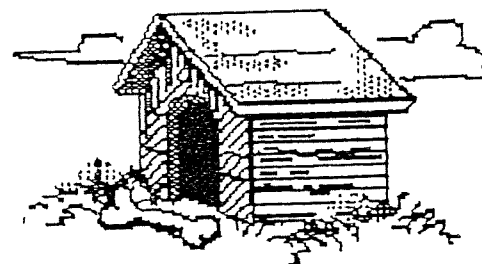
Thursday	4 March	Puppy Kinder - puppies approx 8 - 16 weeks
Sunday	7 March	Labour Day weekend - NO TRAINING
Wednesday	10 March	Newsletter closing date
Sunday	14 March	Puppy Intake and Class One Intake
Monday	22 March	Instructor's Meeting
Sunday	28 March	Puppy Intake - Newsletter - end of Daylight Saving

*April*

Thursday	1 April	Puppy Kinder - puppies approx. 8 - 16 weeks
Friday	2 April	Good Friday Fish BBQ - to be advised
Sunday	4 April	Easter Sunday - NO TRAINING
Tuesday	6 April	General Meeting - 8 PM
Sunday	11 April	Puppy Intake and Class One Intake
Monday	12 April	Instructor's Meeting
Sunday	18 April	Promotion Day - Walk for Animal Welfare
Monday	19 April	Agility Trial entries close
Saturday	24 April	Trial working bee - to be advised
Sunday	25 April	Anzac Day - NO TRAINING
Friday	30 April	Trial working bee - to be advised

*May*

Saturday	1 May	Back to Back Agility Trial
Sunday	2 May	Puppy and Class One intake
Thursday	6 May	Puppy Kinder - puppies approx. 8 - 16 weeks
Sunday	9 May	Mother's Day
Wednesday	12 May	Newsletter closes
Sunday	16 May	Puppy Intake
Monday	17 May	Instructor's Meeting
Sunday	30 May	Newsletter

*June*

Tuesday	1 June	General Meeting - 8 p.m.
Thursday	3 June	Puppy Kinder - puppies approx. 8 - 16 weeks
Sunday	6 June	Puppy and Class One Intake - Membership renewals open
Sunday	13 June	Queen's Birthday weekend - NO TRAINING
Sunday	20 June	Puppy Intake
Monday	21 June	Instructor's Meeting
Sunday	27 June	Stock take for all departments - end financial year

Spirit of the West Challenge - proposed date Sunday 30 May 1999 - to be confirmed

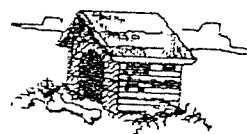


*July*

Thursday	1 July	Puppy Kinder - puppies approx 8 - 16 weeks
Sunday	4 July	Promotion Day
Monday	5 July	Entries close - Open Obedience Trial
Wednesday	7 July	Newsletter closes
Saturday	10 July	Trial working bee - to be advised
Sunday	11 July	Puppy and Class One Intake
Saturday	17 July	Trial working bee - to be advised
Sunday	18 July	Open Obedience Trial - <b>NO TRAINING</b>
Monday	19 July	Instructor's Meeting
Sunday	25 July	Newsletter
Saturday	31 July	Membership renewals close - new joining fee applies

*August*

Sunday	1 August	Puppy and Class One Intake
Tuesday	3 August	General Meeting - 8 p.m.
Thursday	5 August	Puppy Kinder - puppies approx. 8 - 16 weeks
Sunday	15 August	Puppy Intake
Monday	16 August	Instructor's Meeting - nomination night - Training Supervisor, 2 Assist Training Supervisors

*September*

Thursday	2 September	Puppy Kinder - puppies approx. 8 - 16 weeks
Sunday	5 September	Puppy and Class One Intake - Father's Day
Wednesday	8 September	Newsletter closes
Tuesday	14 September	Committee Nominations close - notice date of AGM
Sunday	19 September	Newsletter - Puppy Intake
Monday	20 September	Instructor's Meeting - Election night
Sunday	26 September	Promotion Day
Tuesday	28 September	Life member's nominations close

*October*

Sunday	3 October	Puppy and Class One Intake - World Animal Day
Tuesday	5 October	<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b>
Thursday	7 October	Puppy Kinder - puppies approx. 8 - 16
Sunday	17 October	Puppy Intake
Monday	18 October	Instructor's Meeting
Sunday	31 October	Daylight Saving commences

*November*

Thursday	4 November	Puppy Kinder - puppies approx. 8 - 16 weeks
Sunday	7 November	Puppy and Class One Intake
Monday	8 November	Entries close - Open Obedience Trial
Wednesday	10 November	Newsletter closes
Saturday	13 November	Trial working bee - to be advised
Saturday	20 November	Trial working bee - to be advised
Sunday	21 November	Open Obedience Trial - <b>NO TRAINING</b>
Sunday	28 November	Newsletter - Closing date for Elsa Dahl, Committee/Instructor of the year and Trial Awards
Monday	29 November	Instructor's Meeting

*December*

Sunday	5 December	Promotion Day
Tuesday	7 December	General Meeting - 8 p.m.
Sunday	12 December	Last day of training - Presentation day

