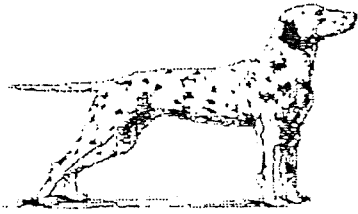
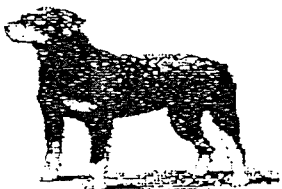


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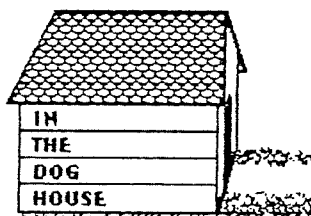
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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Welcome back to all our current members and welcome also, to our new members who have joined us in the New Year. I hope your stay with us is a long and happy one and you achieve success with your four-legged friend.

Late last year, Wendy Ganly and I attended a seminar conducted by Luke Hurah, which we both thoroughly enjoyed. Luke trains dogs and other animals for television commercials and films including a goose he trained to "sleep on command" for a car commercial. Luke will be conducting a seminar at the Club on March after our normal training sessions and I hope you will all consider attending. He is both informative and very entertaining. Listen to announcements for further details as the time draws nearer.

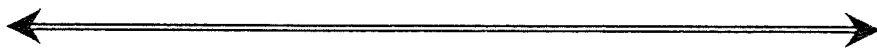
With Mr Kennett adding his seal of approval to the Rowing and Watersports Complex it seemed as though the Complex was a foregone conclusion, but recent reports see some State Government departments in disagreement and even Cr Crutchfield appears to have changed his view. So, once again we wait on the powers that be, for a solution to this ongoing saga. For our newer members, the Club has been allocated grounds at Brearley Reserve, Grove Road, Marshall with the Council providing facilities to the standard we currently enjoy, should the Complex go ahead.

Congratulations to Desma Dickeson on winning the Committee/Instructor of the Year award and to Janelle Convery and "Toby CD AD", Tina Camm and "Sharne UD AD" and Cathy Bond and "Ruff AD" for their "top dog of the year awards". A New Year has begun, so its time to do it all over again. Get those Trial results in to the Office early!

A special thanks to the "Office support group" who worked in the Office for the last few months of '98, your help was greatly appreciated. Both Jim and I attended Class more regularly which was great, considering we both wish to Trial this year. Would all members please remember that it is your responsibility to notify the Office of any changes to your address, telephone number, etc? And if you add a dog to your membership, there is a form to be filled out and the current vaccination certificate for that dog, to be sighted.

Happy training and a successful 1999

Pam Convery, Secretary



TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

My first report for 1999 will be short as training is just starting again. A warm welcome back to all current members and also a warm welcome to our members who are joining classes for the first time.

Good luck to everyone with your training and may the goals are aiming for with your canine companion reach fruition. I am sure that if you are patient, fair and practice regularly, you will achieve – all things are possible!

It would be very much appreciated by all the Instructors if members in their classes would help by carrying out the extra training aids to and from classes so that the workload is more evenly distributed each Sunday.

Thank you all and good luck in 1999

Desma Dickeson, Training Supervisor



SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The date was set for a Friday night, 11th December. The Committee thought a Friday night would be good for the party so we didn't have to get up early the next day for training. Well, it was a good idea, except for those who had to work Saturday.

Ticket sales were slow, in fact up until the 6th December there had only been 37 sold. By the end of training on this day we had reached a total of 61.

Well, the 11th came and so did the heat!!!!!! If I remember rightly, it was in the high 30's. Members began arriving around 7.00 pm, and it was terrific to see so many new faces come along to support their Club. Well done to all.

Victorian Spit Roasters prepared the meal, a spit roast of chicken, lamb and pork, 7 salads and 4 sweets. They arrived at the Club at 3.30 pm to begin cooking the meat, etc. for our meal at 7.30 pm. While we dined on the scrumptious food, we enjoyed listening to the talents of Terry Fielding on guitar. Terry played at the Club a few years ago and it was great having him back. He play music from the 50's right through to present day.

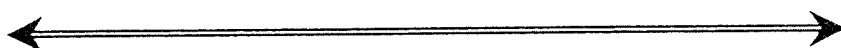
After everyone finished with the food the lights dimmed and the party started, some folks ventured on to the dance floor, while others sat inside or outside.

Over the night, raffle tickets were sold as well as squares on a game called Lucky Box. Prizes for the night were a Door Prize, 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Raffle and a \$66.00 cash prize from the Lucky Box.

In closing I'd like to thank everyone for coming to make the night a success, particularly on such a hot summer night. A few people had paid but didn't arrive (I guess due to the heat). Special thanks must go to Pam who let the caterers in, Wendy Ganly for her fans and selling tickets as well as Angie Trueman, and David for bringing the air cooler down.

On Saturday afternoon, Wendy, Angie, Pam and myself ventured back to clean up and then set up for Sunday.

Thanks again everyone



LAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

What a busy day!!!

After the last two days being rather hot, this one was rather cool and just a little wet.

I arrived at around 7.30 am and gave my dog a short walk, then into the Clubhouse to blow up balloons with the help of a helium cylinder and Janelle, Pam, Kristen and Paul.

Around 10.00 am, I could hear a bell ringing and when I turned around and saw children running from all directions, I knew who had arrived. Yes, you guessed it, the jolly man in red, Santa!

The children went inside and sat on chairs waiting their turn to tell Santa their Christmas wishes, they then sang Christmas carols and Santa handed out lolly bags and balloons. After farewelling Santa, we drew the Children's Colouring Competition, and then it was on to play games with both dogs and handlers. The games included, fastest Good O eater, dog with the waggiest tail, fastest recall, best dressed Christmas dog and dog most like the handler. Thanks and congratulations to the members who came up with the ideas when dressing their dogs for the occasion.

Thanks also to Val Moeller and Saxon and Janelle Convery and Toby for giving children rides in the cart.

I apologise to the people who wanted to stay but couldn't, but it is really hard when you are trying to do 3 or 4 things at once and with only a couple of helpers. Maybe you could become a helper next year!!

Best wishes for the coming year and if you have any ideas for social functions, please jot them down and drop them into the Office or see me on a Sunday morning. I am always looking for new ideas.

Leonie Kelleher, Social Secretary



NEW MEMBERS

The Committee and Members would like to welcome the following new members.

29 November 1998

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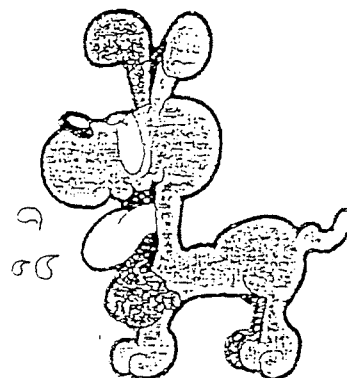
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LUKE HURA SEMINAR

Sunday 14 March 1999

Venue

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Breakwater Road, Belmont Common

Luke Hura, Australia's most experienced and successful film and television dog trainer has had nearly 30 years experience training dogs in all fields from obedience, retrieving, tracking and film and television work. He has personally trained over 300 dogs of all breeds, dealing with many temperaments from nervous, aggressive, neurotic and abused dogs. In 1980 he did his first television commercial and to date has amassed well over 400 TV commercials, numerous television series, films, photo shoots and theatre plays. Although predominantly with dogs many included the training of animals such as rats, chickens, cats, sheep, pigs, cows and many others.

Timetable for the day

Luke will arrive during training

A BBQ lunch will be available – cost – a gold coin

Seminar will commence at 12.30 pm

A Totally Positive Approach to Dog Training

“When I began training dogs for film and television I became concerned that Obedience Training made the dogs too regimented and mechanical and focussed on me rather than the actors they were working with. This type of work required them to be very natural looking and relaxed. To overcome this problem I began using a technique, which involves teaching, training and testing, incorporating a release command and reward. This is a totally positive method of dog training with similarities to Clicker training. It releases animals by command instead of sound and has a lot of handling with sincere praise.

Working with positive energy we can pass this energy to the animals through our hands which helps to reassure them as well as to calm them, combining mind power, eye contact and training from the heart. This all helps to develop a natural and very positive way of training that I now have incorporated in all of my training, whether for film, home, shows or Obedience Trials”.

Luke Hura

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Pet Registration

Every dog and cat over the age of six months must be registered with their local Council. This must be done by 10 April each year.

While choosing to register your pet with other animal welfare organisations offers you a valuable additional means of identification for your cat or dog, registration with your local Council is mandatory.

WHY REGISTER?

Registering your dog and cat is a safeguard against losing your pet if it becomes lost.

In addition, your registration fees help provide important pet related services within your municipality such as animal control and community education about responsible pet ownership.

REGISTRATION FEES

The types and levels of fees are set by your local Council, and vary depending on a number of factors. Contact your Council to find out which fees apply to your pet.

You are eligible for reduced registration fees if your pet is desexed, has an obedience certificate issued by a government approved organisation, is permanently microchipped or over 10 years of age.

Reduced registration fees also apply if your dog is registered with the Victorian Canine Association or cat registered with the Feline Control Council, the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy Council or the Democratic Cat Council.

Pensioners who have approved concession cards issued by the Department of Social Security and Department of Veterans' Affairs are also entitled to a reduction in their fees.

IDENTIFICATION

When you register your pet, your local Council will automatically give you a numbered registration marker. The marker is required to be on the dog or cat when the animal is outside the owner's premises. If your pet loses its marker a new one can be obtained from your Council.

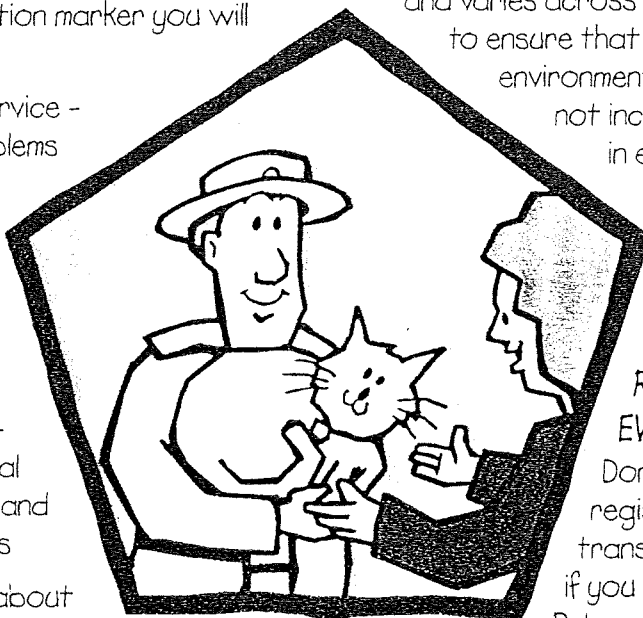


Not only is it a legal requirement for your pet to have identification, but the marker will also assist the return of your pet in the event that it becomes lost. Council Animal Control Officers can look up the number on the marker, and let you know your pet has been found.

It is also a good idea for your pet to wear a separate ID tag with its name, phone number and address, so neighbours and passersby can easily return your pet if it escapes from your property.

WHAT YOU GET FOR YOUR REGISTRATION FEES

- Supply of Council identification markers
- Lost & Found animal service - a guarantee that if your pet is found wearing the Council identification marker you will be notified
- Animal Control Service - responds to problems including reports of dog attacks, or complaints about animals wandering on private property
- Nuisance Service - to help solve animal barking, straying and spraying problems
- Public education about responsible pet ownership
- Council control to maintain minimum animal welfare standards in animal businesses such as pet shops, Council pounds, animal welfare shelters, breeding and dog training establishments
- General advice about pet care



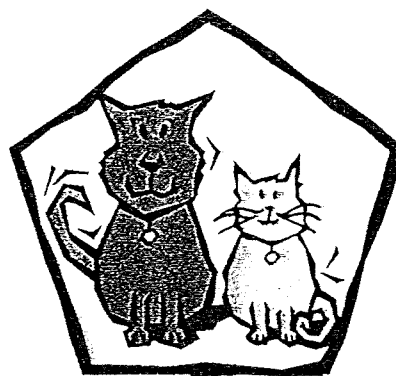
MORE THAN THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF PETS?

Permits are required when there are more than the minimum number of dogs or cats kept in a household. This number is set by your Council, and varies across the State. The number is set to ensure that pets are kept in a healthy environment and that neighbours are not inconvenienced. Cats or dogs in excess of the minimum number can be surrendered to the Council if the owner does not wish to register them.

RENEW REGISTRATION EVERY YEAR

Don't forget to renew your registration each year, and to transfer your pet's registration if you move into a new municipality. Pet owners who do not comply with animal registration laws face penalties.

And remember ... If you really care about your dog or cat, then register it!



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DOGS DON'T PERCEIVE CHILDREN AS PEOPLE

by

Diane Desclos

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We have all been saddened and shocked by the mauling of kids as a result of dog attacks. This has many people now questioning whether dogs in general are safe or deadly pets.

What should be questioned is not which breeds are dangerous, but the current practice of letting children go right up to any dog and allowing children to play unsupervised with dogs present or not.

I am a dog trainer and breeder of Rottweilers, a breed often thought of as being dangerous. However, I have a reputation for dogs that are good with kids. I have a rule that I try to instil into my puppy buyers – never leave a child under seven years old alone with ANY dog and if the dog is very large or the child small that rule is to apply up to age 11. This is to include their own friendly, family dog as well as strange ones.

This may cause people to say – if I can't trust my own dog with my kids, I'll get rid of him.

It's not a matter of trust. Most dogs do not consider small children as they do adults. If they even consider them as people, they look at them as social equals or even subordinates! This means that they will play with kids as they would another dog and they will discipline them as they would any dog that is equal or lower in the pecking order if they perceive a challenge to their dominance or experience discomfort.

This is all well and good to other dogs; they instinctively know how to act to turn off the dominant dog's aggression. But when kids are attacked they run, fight and scream. Dogs interpret this in one of two ways -

1. All of a sudden this child is acting like a prey animal would and the hunting instinct comes out
2. They feel the child is fighting them for dominance.

Either way the child loses.

In the case of infant attacks it is simply and tragically mistaken identity. Infants do not

look; smell or act like a person or even a small child. They actually appear more like a little animal to the dog. Most dogs just don't know how to respond to a baby.

The scariest and saddest part to all child attacks is that most children go up to the involved dog! Most dogs that attack are either confined or tied. If these children had been closely supervised, as their ages indicate that they should be, these tragic attacks would never have occurred.

Children should be taught to never, never go up to a dog unless an adult is with them, and even then they should not get within biting distance of strange dogs. Children under 11 years old must be supervised at all times, indoors and outdoors, especially when a dog is nearby. Any of these kids could just as easily have been run over. Would you then fight for laws to ban that sort of vehicle? Of course not!

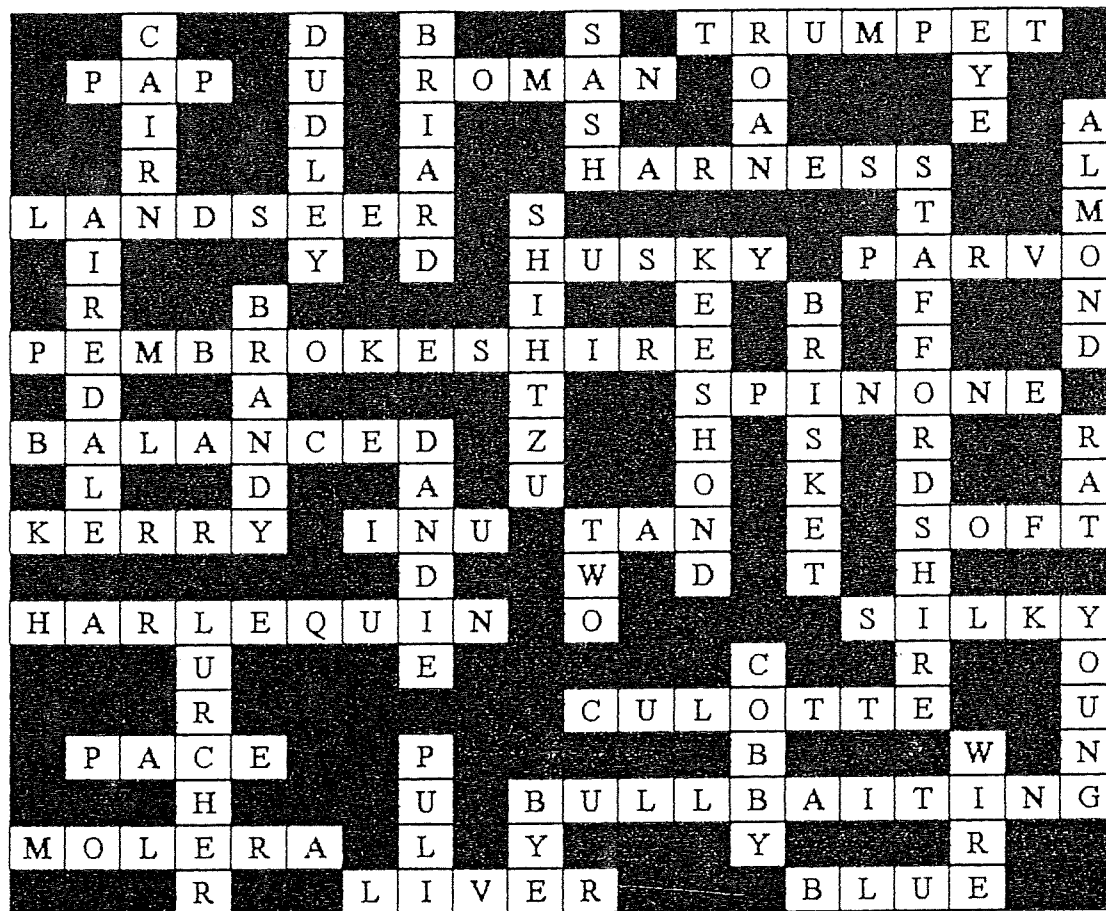
Dogs are not toys and children must be supervised when near them. Dogs don't always know how to act around kids and conversely, kids do not always act properly around dogs. Babies should **NEVER** be left alone in a room or vehicle with a dog – even for a minute.

Children must be taught how to act in the event of a dog attack. They should never run, scream or fight. If possible they should back away from the dog. The child should never make eye contact with the dog, as this is an aggressive action. If a dog starts to growl and jump on the child with or without biting, the child should lie face down on their stomach with their hands over the back of their neck. The child shouldn't move until the dog is gone.

Remember, parents must take responsibility for supervising their children. Don't blame the dog, blame yourself. Because, except in a very few cases, dog attacks are the result of child guardian neglect. Yes, the dog is in the wrong, but it wouldn't have had the opportunity to make such a tragic mistake had the child been supervised properly.

CROSSWORD SOLUTION
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NOVEMBER'S NEWSLETTER

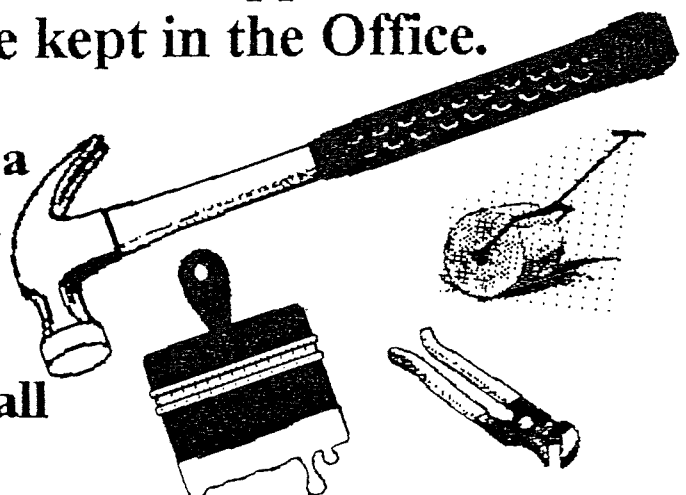
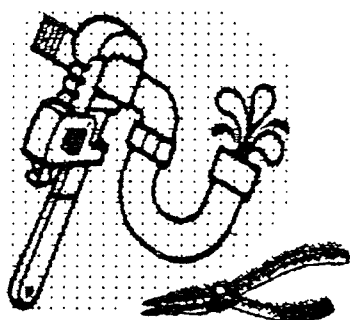
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The Committee would like to hear from any member wishing to be part of a Preferred Suppliers list, which will be kept in the Office.

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.



DOG BREEDS FROM A TO Z



ALASKAN MALAMUTE

Height - 58 - 71cm (23 - 28in)

Weight - 39 - 57kg (85 - 125lb)

This large and very powerful animal was once a working dog and a constant companion for the North American Inuit.

The Alaskan Malamute is one of the Spitz-type dogs that have been used for centuries by the North American Inuit. The Alaskan Malamute was bred to be hardy enough to withstand the extreme cold and strong enough to drag heavy sleds across the frozen wastes of the Arctic. Records reveal that Alaskan Malamutes sometimes carried packs as heavy as 50 pounds (22.5 kg). It is likely that the Alaskan Malamute is a direct descendant of the boreal wolf. The present-day characteristics of stockiness and muscularity have been selectively bred over the generations, while the Alaskan Malamutes' other traits of stamina and height can still be seen in its ancestor, the wolf.

The modern-day use of motor sleds has meant that the Alaskan Malamute is now called to be a sled dog only during displays and competitions. Yet this incredible dog is still loved by the people of the Arctic Circle, as it provides both protection for their property and excellent companionship for their families.

The Alaskan Malamute is a large solid-looking dog that resembles a very stocky wolf. Small upright ears are set far back on a proportionately large and broad head. The small triangular eyes are deep-set and fix you with a penetrating gaze over a thick muzzle containing powerful jaws. The muscular body slopes straight back from high shoulders towards rugged thighs. A thick bushy tail is carried high and curved over the back. The Alaskan Malamute has a double coat: the inner coat is thick and woolly and covered by a coarse outer coat. The most common coat colours are usually light grey or black and white.

As an adult, the Alaskan Malamute is a tall dog, and so is usually also very confident. The Alaskan Malamute is normally good-natured with other dogs and can be extremely playful, although owners should be aware that other smaller dogs could sometimes become fearful and aggressive the first time they meet an Alaskan Malamute. However, once they see the Malamute remaining calm, the fear goes away.

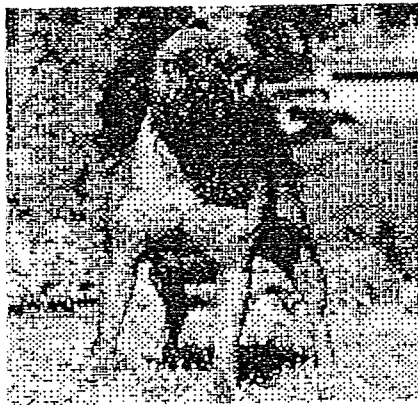
When you look into the eyes of an Alaskan Malamute you are met with the steady gaze of a very intelligent dog. This dog has a tenacious spirit that allows it to overcome many difficulties in life. Their keen sense of hearing makes it an excellent watchdog and its size and power means it really can act as a true guard dog.

If you intend to keep your Alaskan Malamute around people, then the dog must be adequately socialised. The dog must be allowed to learn that people are not harmful to it, and should also not be pushed around. The Alaskan Malamute can make a wonderful family dog if it is kept under strict control from the beginning. Care should be taken that the dog does not accidentally knock over small children, and rough play should be inhibited.

As this dog thrives on the attention it receives from people, it can be readily trained and most certainly enjoys the work. This intelligent dog requires the stimulation of regular activities and exercise to maintain it in peak condition.

Traditionally, this dog has been kept in cold or temperate climates where it still often prefers to sleep outside. Where this dog is kept in hotter climates, it should only be given intensive or sustained exercise during the cooler parts of the day so as to avoid heat exhaustion.

If the Alaskan Malamute is exercised regularly it will require quite a lot of food to keep it in top form. Usually an Alaskan Malamute that receives little exercise will moderate its own diet, and leftover food should be discarded. The thick double coat should be brushed several times a week to keep it in top form, especially when moulting. The Alaskan Malamute is rarely ill and makes an excellent companion.



AMERICAN STAFFORDSHIRE TERRIER

Height - 43 - 48cm (17 - 19in)

Weight - 18 - 23kg (40 - 50lb)

The American Staffordshire Bull Terrier, or AmStaff, radiates power from its relatively small frame.

The AmStaff is not a relative of the Pit Bull Terrier, which it resembles, but is an offshoot of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier developed in England. The American fanciers of this breed desired specific traits in their dogs that differed to the parent

strain. They wanted a taller, heavier dog that had a more defined and differently shaped head. They selectively bred this dog until by 1936, the AmStaff was recognised as a separate breed.

The AmStaff is muscular and stocky. They are slightly longer than they are tall, and there is no softness or excess in any part of the dog. The broad head has massively powerful jaws that are clearly prominent. The small eyes have a penetrating gaze and the ears are usually cropped to enhance the fierce countenance. The strong back is slightly arched for strength, and the legs are thick and brawny underneath a broad chest.

The American Staffordshire Bull Terrier is a powerfully built and very confident dog. It gets along very well with people and makes a marvellous companion. It is not normally hostile to people and if it is well trained; this dog is a positive joy to be with. Wise owners will not allow this dog out into the streets alone, as it will quickly develop bad habits and become a nuisance or a danger to people and other animals.

The AmStaff makes a superb watchdog and will vigorously defend its owners property. However, it is not always the best as a guard dog due to its size. To maintain its predictable, even temperament, it is best to provide this dog with a lot of exercise.

CANINE TRIVIA

It's a dog's life

Eleanor E Ritchey, an oil heiress, died in 1968 leaving 150 dogs and \$4.5 million. Five years later, after litigation by relatives, a Florida Court determined that Auburn University's School of Veterinary Medicine could receive the bulk of the estate, but only after it carried out Mrs Ritchey's directive to find a good home for each of her pets.

"MORGAN CDX"

Morgan is quick to learn and responsive. A wonderful dog for trialling and as we had already started open training before she got her CD she learned most of the exercises quickly and was soon perfect - I thought. As could be predicted we failed our first trial at Geelong when I entered her too soon without adequate proofing. What's good at home in the garden invariably doesn't work first time in the trial ring.

Some minor disruptions at home including sickness and fostering a relative's dog put the CDX campaign on the back burner until October when we picked up two passes and won the ring each time. Various tips were tried, adopted and forgotten under ring conditions at this time. The one I liked best, was a small sip of whisky to calm my nerves. In fact I liked it so much that I tried it a few times at the same meeting although I can't remember if it worked or not.

The advice was starting to sink in and some things improved rapidly but others were worse. The problem of why they were getting worse was solved at the Werribee Animal Hospital. Morgan had developed cataracts in both eyes and become almost completely blind.

I had already entered a trial at Croydon but now decided to withdraw. After some thought however I decided to try her out at home and, if successful, go ahead with what would probably be her last trial. After all, being diagnosed as blind hadn't made her any blinder than she'd been in the past month.

Croydon was a perfect day for Morgan - cold and pouring with rain. She performed well until my big worry - the retrieve over the jump. She hesitated, then walked slowly out to the jump until she'd located it (nose about a six inches away) and leaped over. She then ran to where she'd heard the dumb bell land, cast around for it and picked the dumb bell up. The return to the jump and clearance were as hesitant as before but once over the jump she ran back to me. Under the circumstances I could forgive the slow retrieve and crooked front. She amazed me by winning not only her ring but getting highest marks in the trial.

Getting a CDX with Morgan has been a marvellous experience and thanks to all those people who gave help and support with advice and encouragement, and a special thanks to Val, Angie and the triallers.

Alan Pescott

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A MAN AND HIS DOG

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Thousands and thousands of years ago the world was a very funny place. God had finished making everything and He'd handed the earth, full of all its good things, over to Man to see what he could make of it. There was only one Man and he was a bit lost and puzzled with such a wonderful toy to play with. He was rather lonely too, because he was the only one of his sort and he knew he was different from the other animals. There was one of each animal too and one of each plant and one of everything. The animals all stuck together, though there was a bit of quarreling of course, but they wouldn't have anything to do with the Man because he was different. Well, one day, because the world was very new there was an earthquake. First it was dark and still and the animals all crowded together, forgetting to quarrel because they didn't like the feeling in the air. Then there was a low, deep rumble and all the animals began to shake and quiver, partly because they were so much afraid and partly because the ground was trembling under their paws and claws and pads and hooves. It is a very terrible feeling when the whole earth trembles.

Even the Man, who wasn't frightened of anything, felt his legs were a bit wobbly and he went to the open place where all the animals were crowding together, because he wanted company. But still they wouldn't be friendly; they looked at the man with big, reproachful eyes, as though it was all his fault. So he stood a little apart from them and waited while another louder roaring sound filled the air and the earth shook violently, so that some small trees fell down and the giraffe's neck wobbled like a tree in the wind.

The sheep bleated and the elephant trumpeted with fear and there was such hubbub that the man shouted, "BE QUIET!" And they were all quiet at once, staring at him with fear because they realised he was a master and was not shouting with fear as they were. And then the earth gave a tremendous shake and with a horrible grinding roar, a crack appeared. At first it was no more than a foot across, but gradually it grew wider and deeper, until it looked as though the whole world were breaking in two.

It started almost at the Man's feet and he drew back a pace so that he was one side of it and the animals were huddled together on the other side. It was separating them and the Man felt it would separate them forever and he would always be alone. And then he was frightened and he called out aloud to the animals, "Come on some of you! Come this side!" But none of them would stir because they were as frightened of Man as they were of the earthquake. The horse or the tiger could have jumped over the crack easily, or the camel could have strode across, or any of the birds could have flown over, but they wouldn't.

"Just one of you!" called the Man. "Won't even one of you come and be my friend?"

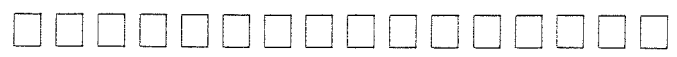
The lion snarled and the snake hissed. They would never be a friend of Man.

The crack was getting wider. The Man looked across and felt very lonely and he saw one animal standing a little apart from the others and watching him with anxious brown eyes. It was the Dog.

The man looked at him and smiled, "Come on!" he called and he whistled. The Dog walked slowly to the edge of the crack, which was really too wide to be called a crack. It was six – seven – eight feet across and very deep and dark and frightening.

The Dog whined and walked up and down. "Come here!" shouted the Man. "Jump!" And at once, the dog crouched – paused – and jumped. He landed with his front paws on the ledge and his hind feet scrambling for a foothold down the face of the cliff.

The Man ran forward and caught him by the scruff of his neck, just in time, for the earth gave itself a last shake and the crack widened into a tremendous valley with the animals on top of one mountain and on the other – the Man and his Dog. They were to be friends and comrades forever!



Certificate Passes

Congratulations to the following teams on gaining passes at the last Promotion Day on Sunday 6 December 1998.

Beginners

Robert Posterino & Tyson	Kylee Blackney & Kadee	Marliesje Brislane & Tina
Mary Quelch & Rocky	Sarah Wills – Cooke & Piglet	Diana Foster & Zoe
Vivian Langham & Toby	Gerry Oliver & Rasha	Wolly Humeniuk & Emma
Chris Revie & Jackie	Dorothy Sims & Bonnie	Megan McKechnie & Bix
Nicole Noblett & Abby	Janet Blackney & Diddle	Ann Burleigh & Goldie
Tahlia Sossi & Lucky	Dorinda Zurawel & Maddi	Kiong Wong & Velvet Nicole
Naylor & Nikeeta	Jenny Sharrock & Laila	Helen Laybourne & Nerran
Karen Knuckey & Lucy	Sharon Attwood & Milly	Robert Turner & Chuppy
Kylie Pope & Danté	Nicole Noblett & Ozzy	Pam Convery & Brodie
Dorothy Mottram & Moss	Angie Bloomer & Freya	Tina Button & Bailey
Lesley Gaylard & Jordie	Robert & Natasha Migliorelli & Coco	

Merit

Colin Humphreys & Sally	John Cameron & Skeeta	Scott Hibble & John
Louise Greenhalgh & Scooby		Helen den Hartog & Shae
Elizabeth Slade & Midge	Henny Lynch & Meg	Lawrence Butler & Punch
Sharon Adamyk & Lucy	Georgina Deans & Ruby	Heather Mehegan & Storm
Christine Bromley & Arnie	Ian Hamilton & Arnie	Anna Smith & Tee
Matthew Jackman & Wilbur	Dianne Blackney & Apollo	Pam Convery & Brodie
Cindy Hibble & Bridget	Adam Mehegan & Skye	Kylee Blackney & Piggy
Elizabeth Broadfoot & Bronte		

Basic

Jim & Nancye Ball & Sandy Girl	Monica Smith & George
Nicole De Koke & Chance	



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 1998 AWARD WINNERS

Associate Dog of the Year

“Simply Sharne UD AD (Sharne)” – Tina Camm

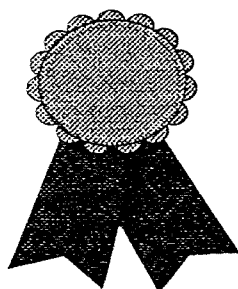
Registered Dog of the Year

“Diogenes Jackpot CD AD (Toby)” – Janelle Convery



Agility Dog of the Year

“Ruff AD” – Cathy Bond



Committee/Instructor of the Year

Desma Dickeson

SAFETY FIRST

The 5 most common emergencies and how to treat them Reprinted with the kind permission of "Pedigree Pal Breeder"

What should you do if your dog is hit by a car or swallows snail bait?
The following simple first aid tips could help you save his life.

A veterinary emergency is something every dog owner dreads because, short of memorising the vet's phone number, we feel helpless when a pet is injured or falls sick. A basic knowledge of first aid will prepare you and could make the difference in a life-threatening situation.

The Animal Emergency Centre in Mount Waverley, Victoria is an after hours and weekend veterinary service. "Pedigree Pal Breeder" spoke to Director Dr Matthew Retchford, about the five most common canine emergencies treated by his team and what an owner can do to help their injured dog.

Trauma

According to Dr Retchford, up to one quarter of all dog injuries treated at the Animal Emergency Centre are trauma related, including lacerations, stake wounds, bite wounds and most often, trauma caused by a road accident.

Symptoms

Trauma injuries such as lacerations are generally self-evident. A dog hit by a car will suffer injuries ranging from mild shock and bruising (when hit at low speed) to major internal injuries and broken limbs or back. In all cases, a vet should examine him.

What you should do

"With any type of major trauma," says Dr Retchford, "the ABC of care applies – airways, breathing and circulation. First, clear the dog's airways. If the dog is unconscious and isn't breathing, check for a pulse around the bottom of the sternum (on both sides of the chest, just behind the elbow)".

"If his heart is beating but your dog isn't breathing, you can ¹'breathe for him' by closing the mouth, ensuring it is sealed and breathing into his nose so that his chest expands. Allow him to exhale and then repeat at regular breathing intervals. The procedure will have to be repeated en route to the vet".

If your dog has been involved in a car accident, approach with caution – an injured dog will lash out in pain and distress, especially if semi-conscious. To avoid injury while giving first aid, muzzle your dog using panty hose or a strip of soft cloth. Make a loop with the cloth and slip it carefully over his muzzle. Tie it firmly across the top and bring it around the muzzle again, tying with a single knot underneath. Bring the two ends up around the neck and tie behind the head. If you don't want to apply a muzzle, wrap the upper part of your dog in a sturdy blanket so your hands are protected from his bite.

To prepare the injured dog for transportation, slide him carefully onto a flat, rigid board by grabbing him at the scruff of the neck and with the tail or skin over the rump. Try to keep his back straight and allow any broken limbs to dangle naturally rather than awkwardly. Rolling a thick wad of newspaper around the limb and securing it with tape can quickly splint a broken distal leg (from the elbow or knee down). If the dog is struggling, wrap him in a heavy blanket or secure him to the board with masking tape and then cover in a blanket.

¹ Comment from North Geelong Vet Clinic, "this is not recommended as it can be extremely dangerous".

If your dog is bleeding profusely, bind a clean handkerchief or dressing over the wound. When the blood soaks through the dressing, do not remove – simply apply more dressing. When your dog is safe and secure, take him straight to the vet.

Poisoning

The Animal Emergency Centre sees about 600 cases of poisoning a year and, says Dr Retchford; household chemical poisons, such as snail and rat bait cause the majority of these.

The symptoms

Snail baits such as ²Baysol and Defender are usually acute toxins and thankfully, signs of poisoning will appear rapidly. Because these poisons are neurotoxins, there will be obvious symptoms like agitation and slight excitement leading to tremors, shaking, diarrhoea, vomiting, salivation and seizures.

“Rat bait,” says Dr Retchford, “can be more sinister because it has a delayed onset. Rat poison is an anti-coagulant, which will stop your dog’s blood from clotting and it can take from two to four days (or longer) for symptoms to appear, if at all.”

Symptoms that your dog has eaten rat bait may include bloody urine, moist soft cough, breathing difficulties and, in the later stages, collapse with increased respiratory rate and white gums.

What you should do

Symptoms of poisoning with snail bait may not appear for up to half an hour. If you know your dog has eaten snail bait but he is not showing any symptoms, make him vomit by placing a “rock” of electric soda (washing crystals) at the back of the mouth (can be repeated twice).

Your dog should vomit within 10 minutes. When this happens, ring your vet for further advice. If your dog doesn’t vomit or if you notice symptoms of poisoning, take him straight to the vet, along with the packet of bait or details of what he has ingested.

Baysol snail bait (blue pellets) is insidious in small dogs. It creates thick, tenacious phlegm in the dog’s airways, which can cause asphyxiation long before the toxin would kill the dog. If your dog has eaten Baysol and lost consciousness (gone limp and soft) turn him upside down and use your finger as a hook to clear his throat. If necessary, start breathing for him and head for the vet.

When rat bait is the culprit, don’t attempt any treatment at home. Take him to the vet, where he will be put on a course of antidote. If you know what your dog has eaten, take the packaging or details with you.

Canine Bloat - (Gastric dilatation volvulus)

This dangerous condition has mysterious causes but occurs most often in older, large breeds, such as Great Danes and Weimaraners and those with deep chests, such as Boxers and Basset Hounds. While it is impossible to predict the onset of canine bloat, in most cases the dog has eaten in the last two to four hours and may have been exercised following the meal and/or had a large drink of water.

The symptoms

These include restlessness, agitation and pacing. Your dog may be salivating and trying to retch and, says Dr Retchford, “they look like they have swallowed a basketball”. Onset can be as rapid as 15 minutes and may quickly progress to a state of collapse.

What you should do

Bloat is a life-threatening condition so transport your dog to the vet immediately. A rapidly, appropriately treated dog has more than a 90 percent chance of survival.

² An antidote is available for Baysol (blue pellets) but not for Defender. Dog repellent snailbait is still toxic if ingested.

TRIAL DATES

Obedience

Saturday 13 February	Melton Dog Obedience Club Inc	Closed
Sunday 28 February	Eastern Suburbs obedience Dog Club	14/2/99
Saturday 6 March	Warrnambool Dog Training School Inc	18/2/99
Sunday 7 March	Warrnambool Dog Training School Inc	18/2/99
Sunday 14 March	Peninsula Obedience Dog Club Inc	24/2/99
Saturday 20 March	Southern Obedience Dog Training Club	6/3/99
Sunday 21 March	Victorian Obedience Dog Club Inc	1/3/99
Sunday 28 March	Knox Obedience Dog Club Inc	14/3/99

Agility

Sunday 21 February	Northern Obedience Dog Club Inc	8/2/99
Saturday 6 March	Warrnambool Dog Training School Inc	18/2/99
Sunday 7 March	Warrnambool Dog Training School Inc	18/2/99
Saturday 13 March	Knox Obedience Dog Club Inc (2 Trials)	28/2/99
Saturday 20 March	Southern Obedience Dog Training Club	6/3/99
Saturday 27 March	Gisborne & Dist Obedience Dog Club Inc (2 Trials)	5/3/99

TRIAL RESULTS

Ballaarat	15 November	Fiona Mackey & "Thomas"	Encouragement Pass	2 nd place
Croydon	13 December	Alan Pescott & "Morgan"	Open Pass Third Pass - 194 Highest Score in Trial	1 st place Title



Pedigree
PAL "Best Dog"

"Top Cat"



180 McCurdy Road, Herne Hill, 3218. Ph: 5229 9375

This is a competition to find the PAL "Best" Dog and WHISKAS "Top" Cat in the Geelong Region.

The \$5.00 entry fee will be a donation to the Geelong Animal Welfare Society.

All you need to do is -

RING PAW PRINTS PHOTOGRAPHY on 5229 9375 and organise an appointment to have your Pet photographed for entry into the competition. The photographs will be judged to select a winner in each section with numerous consolation prizes for runners up.

ALL CATS AND DOGS WELCOME

TWENTY POINTERS FOR SUMMER CARE

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1. The dog run should be shaded with shade cloth and/or fast growing vines, for example, pumpkins or chocko

2. Sand, earth and grass runs should be kept constantly damp to prevent them becoming dustbowls. The dampness will help to keep the dogs cool and discourage fleas.

3. A tough shrub in the dog run under which the dog can lie; this may be in a tub or in the ground.

4. Check the kennel temperature at all times for signs of intense heat. If it is hot give it more shade and some roof insulation.

5. Exercise the dog/s after dark and in the early morning.

6. Use sunscreen with insect repellent on the dog's ears and nose.

7. White dogs and dogs with light coloured skin should be kept out of the summer sun.

8. A shallow toddler's wading pool is often much appreciated.

9. Water supply should be fresh and cool at all times. It should be constant. Elaborate methods of fixing the water dish/bucket may need to be implemented.

10. Brush and comb daily to keep the skin clean, cool and aerated.

11. Ensure the dog has access to a snug, dry, draught free bed in case of sudden weather changes.

12. Check dog/s for overheating. This is expressed by excessive panting, prior to cessation of panting when heat stroke (sunstroke) sets in.

13. Concrete and other impervious runs should be wet down regularly to moisturise the atmosphere and to cool the surface.

14. Do not take the dog/s out in the car unnecessarily.

15. Never, never leave dogs in parked cars even for short periods.

16. All food should be moist and in a heat wave, easily digestible.

17. Neither food nor drink should be iced. It should be cool but not iced.

18. There should be darkened areas for the dog to like in away from flies.

19. The dog area should be well ventilated and it should catch any cool breeze. It should be protected from the hot northerlies.

20. Pig waterers (such as Lixit) do not provide adequate water for dogs. Dogs need to be able to put their mouths and often their whole muzzles into their water supply.



CANINE TRIVIA

Supreme Court Judge Ward J Herbert of Newark, New Jersey, ruled in 1964 that 83 year-old Mrs Geraldine Rockefeller Dodge could, in spite of her guardians, continue to feed her 49 dogs \$50,000 worth of choice-cut meat each year.

As part of a research experiment, a dinner plate was wiped with a tea towel, another was left to drain and one was licked by a dog. Tests revealed that the latter method was the most hygienic of the three.

TORQUAY & SURFCOAST VETERINARY CLINICS

Dr Neil A. Howard B.Sc., B.V.Sc(Hons)., M.V.Sc

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59 Mountjoy Parade, LORNE

NASAL DERMATITIS

We often see a dog where the bridge of the nose, between the eyes and the end of the nostrils looks as though there is some horrible 'bubbling' going on. (The bridge is the haired area on the top of the nose, as distinct from the planum, or unhaired area). Circular raised areas appear in the haired area, and sometimes around the lips. The dog is intensely irritated by this and scratches at the affected areas madly, sometimes rubbing it's face on the ground and walls to get some relief. Quickly, the raised areas commence to exude a clear fluid, and then become red and raw with hair eventually falling out. The whole process can take less than 12 hours, and your dog can progress from appearing perfectly normal at dinnertime, to being an unspeakable mess the next morning. It is one of the more spectacular types of dermatitis seen by vets, and one of the most horrifying to the owner.

What is happening? In most cases the dog is suffering from a condition known as Nasal Pyoderma. This occurs when a small wound becomes infected with a bacteria, usually a Staph (and more particularly, a bacteria called *Staph. intermedius*). This is a bacteria which is commonly found somewhere on the body of dogs, often in the ears, nose, mouth – or just on the skin. In the normal animal, it is not associated with disease, and lives quite happily as a commensal, in company with all of the other bugs found on the skin of normal dogs.

However, this Staph readily infects small wounds – and where is a very likely place for a small wound to occur? Dogs being what they are, sticking their noses into all sorts of places, through fences, into holes, into other dogs faces during play – the skin on the nose is commonly broken. Even mosquito bites or spider bites can be the culprit, although very few spiders has sufficient biting power to penetrate a dog's skin (including the much-maligned White-tailed spider, which I believe is blamed for doing a lot more damage than is the actual case).

Whatever the reason for the wound, an infection has now been established, and the Staph is flourishing. The infection is intensely irritating to your dog, and the scratching and rubbing now taking place spreads the bacteria beautifully as well as damaging neighbouring skin areas. A vicious circle is established, with the infection causing irritation and self-trauma further spreading the infection.

This is now really a problem only your Veterinarian can solve. You will be given antibiotics, the areas of infection may be shaved, you may be given a bactericidal skin wash and perhaps some soothing cream. If the infection is particularly irritating to your pet, you may have to put a bucket over the head for a couple of days. Depending on the depth of the infection – and this can vary from being quite a superficial infection of the topmost layers of the skin, to a deeper folliculitis and perhaps furunculosis, treatment may take from 10 days to 3 or 4 weeks. In some nasty cases, where there is a deep infection (furunculosis) there may be residual scarring and permanent loss of hair. It is therefore important to commence treatment as soon as possible.

How to prevent this? – very difficult to define. Your dog may scrape it's nose a thousand times, yet only suffer from Nasal Pyoderma once in it's life. Other dogs regularly suffer the condition, and these dogs may have an underlying problem with their immune system. Preventing your dog from scratching to excess by flea control, washing and grooming is a good start, as these dogs will not be damaging their own skin leading to infection.

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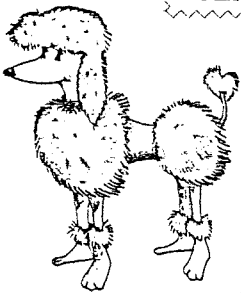
Welcome again to Kidz Corner. Don't forget, we are looking for a name for our Junior's page, so if you have any great ideas, let's know!!

If we have any budding writers out there, maybe you would like to write and tell us about your special furry four-legged friend and if you would like to include a photo, we can print that too.

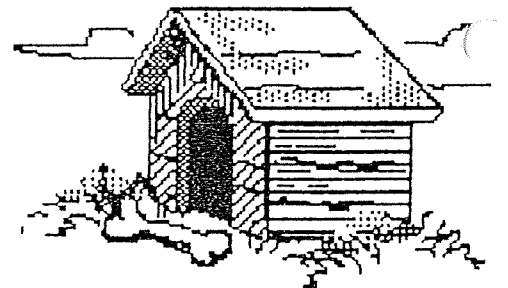
Anything you would like to include in your page can be left at the Office any Sunday morning. Our next newsletter closes on 10 March. Until next time

Congratulations to Kristen Ware - winner of our Christmas Colouring Competition.

A man went into a pet shop and asked, "Do you have any dogs going cheap?"
"No, I'm sorry sir," said the shop owner.
"All our dogs goWOOF".



FIND THE DOG NAMES



D S S W W
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WORDLIST

Bonnie
Boomer
Jake
Jasper

Jessie
Kirra
Lexi
Lucy

Max
Oscar
Sadie
Sally

Tyson
Velvet
Zoe

WISE REMEDIES

The 10 Commandments of Stress Management... (Author unknown)



1. Thou shalt not be perfect, nor even try to be
2. Thou shalt not try to be all things to all people
3. Thou shalt leave things undone that ought to be done
4. Thou shalt not spread thyself too thin
5. Thou shalt learn to say, NO
6. Thou shalt schedule time for thyself and thy supportive network
7. Thou shalt switch off and do nothing, regularly
8. Thou shalt be boring, untidy, inelegant and unattractive at times
9. Thou shalt not even feel guilty
10. Especially, thou shalt not be thine own worst enemy, but thy best friend!



SHOP TALK

Puppy Chews - \$4.50 – per 100 gm bag

When teething, give your puppy something to chew on other than the furniture

Denim Rope Frisbees for cool summer evenings at the park. Your dog will love it!
\$11.20

Car Harness – available to fit all sizes and keep your four-legged friend safely anchored in the car when traveling

Ray, our Shop Manager, is looking for someone to help him out with the shop. Ray works shift work and is occasionally unavailable on a Sunday. Everything is priced, so all you would need to do is take money for purchases and we can all do that! Call in and see Ray if you would be prepared to help

Guess Which Shop?

There's a lovely lad that shops for his dog food in Norlane. A character of a lad, always looking for fun and mischief. There is also a small child in this shop at times, who he loves very much and always take her to buy a chocolate frog.....And this is where the fun started!

Upon entering the shop, he saw that Zoe was standing in a corner very upset. He said that he would fix it and laid down on the floor beside her to cheer her up so they could go and buy the chocolate frog as usual. Upon tickling her to make her laugh, Cheryl, who was standing on the other side of her said that she didn't think Zoe was going to talk today.

Ray said, "yes she will" – only to discover he has been had by a doll!!

Fancy talking to dummies
 But then that's our Ray
Got ya good!

For those who didn't guess, the shop is Robin Ave Pet Supplies..... Author unknown

GENERAL MEETING**Tuesday 1 December**

Meeting opened: 8.00 pm

Apologies: J Convery, F Lehrmann, T Camm, K Ciezarek, B Elliott, M Elliott, L Gaylard,
M McNair, L Marfatia, E Harvey, P Bergin

Acc: D Dickeson

Seconded: E Longshaw

Carried

Minutes from the previous General Meeting 6 October as distributed in the November Newsletter
taken as read:

Acc: T Harvey

Seconded: E Longshaw

Carried

Business arising from the Minutes

1. Motion as per October General Meeting was read and members spoke for and against the motion. After discussion the following motion was put to the vote :-

H Read moved 'that an honorarium be attached to the position of Secretary of Geelong
Obedience Dog Club Inc. The amount of which to be decided by Committee each year prior to
the Annual General Meeting.

Seconded: W Ganly

Carried by majority

2. P Convery thanked the members for the purchase of the new stapler. Much easier to use.
3. D Blackwell reported on the recent service and repair of the ride-on mower, but said the hand mower needed replacing. Quotes had been received on replacement, but meeting asked that further quotes be sort.
4. P Convery said the typewriter had been repaired and serviced. A member had offered a second electric typewriter.

Correspondence Out – Letter to Stewards re Trial, VCA Representative re Trial, Howard Smith re
Pal sponsorship

Correspondence In – VCA Rep's Report, VCA re Financial Reports, Tracking Club training flyer

Acc: D Dickeson

Seconded: C Davies

Carried

Business arising from Correspondence

Nil

Treasurer's Report

J Ball presented written report and asked that all accounts be passed for payment

A Pape queried the cost of equipment from Murray Tyler and asked that the original quote be
checked

Acc: A Thorogood

Seconded: L Kelleher

Carried

Other Reports

Bar Manager: A Thorogood said that more 'freebies' had been dispensed from the bar at the Trial
than drinks purchased

Canteen Manager: In the absence of K Ciezarek, P Convery read written report. In her report K
Ciezarek had asked to purchase a Straw Dispenser at a cost of approximately \$64.00. Meeting
agreed. K Ciezarek had also asked to purchase a small electric hand beater.

GENERAL MEETING**Tuesday 1 December**

K Devlin may have one at home, but if this is not suitable, meeting agreed to purchase a new one.
Report attached

Equipment Manager: M Foord read written report. Report attached

Grounds Manager: In the absence of F Lehrmann, Ass Grounds Manager read written report.
Report attached

Hall Manager: Nil

Publicity Officer: A Trueman read written report. Report attached

Social Secretary: L Kelleher said Christmas Dinner ticket sales were slow, but hoped for an influx this Sunday. Lollies for children on last day for Geelong Confectionery - \$1.70 but if 50 or more purchased \$1.40

Raffle Steward: M Foord reported on Raffles. Report attached

Trial Secretary: W Ganly thanked all members who had helped at the Trial

Training Supervisor/Demo Team Leader: Reports as per November Newsletter

Sub-Committee Reports:

Report from members who attended Beach restriction meeting with Council

Report from Constitution Sub-Committee – revision of Constitution ready for next Committee Meeting

Report from Instructor's Manual Sub-Committee – Final draft copy distributed to Committee members to be discussed and ratified at next Committee Meeting

Acc: R Rogers

Seconded: P McCormack

Carried

General Business

1. As Secretary and Treasurer's positions were minuted as temporary at Annual General Meeting, P Convery suggested that these positions should be minuted as duly elected.
Treasurer – J Ball – Nominated T Harvey – Seconded R Rogers - Carried
Secretary – P Convery – Nominated – W Ganly – Seconded L Kelleher - Carried
2. W Ganly asked if we could advertise our May back-to-back Agility Trial in the NSW and SA equivalent of Vic Dog. Meeting agreed.
3. A Pape asked that the Committee and members consider the possible relocation when spending Club funds
4. C Davies said the Lost Dogs Home were in need of Christmas food donations. P Convery apologised for missing this on the Announcement Sheet the previous week but had asked D Dickeson if she could mention it as she went around the Classes.
5. A Thorogood asked if arrangements for Presentation Day could be made available for next Sunday as members were asking

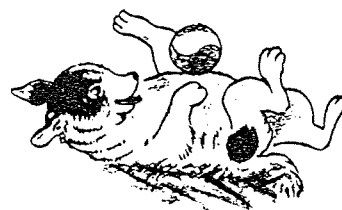
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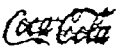


Tuesday 1 December

6. R Rogers asked if he could use the Secretary's car park as it made delivery of goods to the shop easier. Meeting agreed
7. W Ganly asked if the meeting would reconsider the use of Specialty Sashes at Trials. After some discussion, H Read moved 'that the motion regarding Specialty Sashes be rescinded
Seconded: W Ganly Carried by majority
8. T Harvey raised discussion regarding amount of Specialty Sashes to be accepted and moved 'that we limit Specialty Sashes to one (1) per Club'
Seconded: J Brophy Carried
9. Discussion took place regarding the amount of Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc Specialty Sashes to be distributed to other Clubs. W Ganly moved 'that the Club give out twelve (12) 'Highest Scoring Geelong Member' Specialty Sashes. Clubs to receive sashes to be decided by Committee each year'
Seconded: L Kelleher Carried
10. D Blackwell spoke regarding possible replacement of the PA system used by the Display System as the old one had failed on several occasions. Members agreed that money could be taken from the Raffle Account. A Pape moved 'that the Committee looks into the possible purchase of a suitable PA system up to the value of \$1,300.00.
11. W Ganly moved 'that if nothing suitable is found in the storeroom that we purchase a suitable 'hide' to be used for the Trials, in place of the tent'
Seconded: L Kelleher Carried

As there was no further business

Meeting closed at: 9.15 pm



CANS ONLY COLLECTION

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

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

