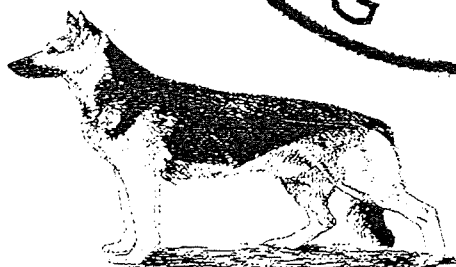
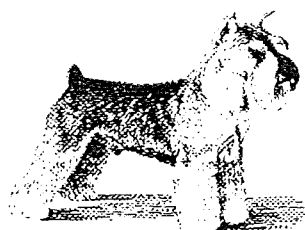
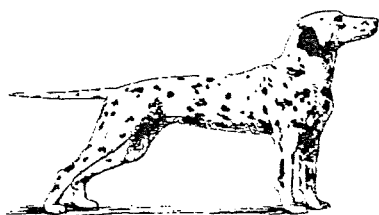
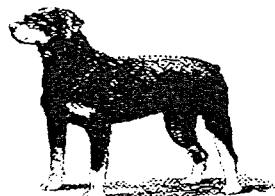


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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to all Members and especially our new Members who will be reading "Faithfully Yours" for the first time. I wish you well in your training endeavours and hope you achieve the standards of Obedience you desire.

The grounds are in excellent condition and are a credit to our Grounds Manager, Fred Lehrmann. Fred is currently looking at the number of boxes we have for putting your dogs in whilst you have a coffee, help set up gear or perhaps train your other dog. These boxes are in constant use on a Sunday, so if you are able to assist Fred in the construction of more, please contact him.

All Trialers should note that there have been changes made to the rules for "Obedience Dog of the Year" and "Agility Dog of the Year". Please read the information further on in the Newsletter or contact the Office for details.

Walk for Geelong Animal Welfare is coming up on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April and whilst training will still be available at the Club on this day, I urge all Members to support the Walk. The positive publicity generated by such days should not be underestimated in helping to maintain the rights and freedom that we currently enjoy owning and exercising our pets. To this end I mean all pets not just our canine friends. More information about the Walk is available in this Newsletter.

Congratulations to those who were successful at Warnambool's recent back-to-back Agility and Obedience Trials. From all reports a great weekend was had by all, both socially and competitively.

If at any time there is something you would like to discuss about the Club or the way it is run, please feel free to approach myself or any of the Committee or come along to our next General Meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April.

Until next issue, good luck with your training and remember "practise make perfect".

**David Blackwell - President**

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hello to all our new Members, I hope your stay with us is very productive and that you achieve all you wish with your four legged companion.

This year seems to be flying, the early months have been so busy and with the holiday weekends coming up in April that to will fly by just as quickly.

The Labour Day weekend this month saw 13 of our Members make the yearly trek to Warnambool for their back to back Agility and Obedience Trials. Warnambool is a fairly small Club but they run a great weekend and this year was no exception. Unfortunately the list of successes is a little short, but congratulations must go to Monica Smith and "George" for their Encouragement pass and Janelle Convery and "Toby" for their first pass in Open.

We also had two Highest Scoring Geelong Member Sashes on offer and the first on the Saturday went to Faye Bolden. Faye is actually the Trial Secretary at Warnambool and a Geelong Member and has been travelling to Geelong each Sunday to rectify some problems she was having with "Lena" her German Shepherd. At the presentations, Faye expressed her sincere thanks to our Club and the Instructors who have helped her overcome her Trial problems. The specialty sash on the Sunday went to John Blonk and his poodle "Tilly" with a non-qualifying 171. Better luck next time John.



The weekend was not only competitive but also a great social weekend with members offering congratulations or sympathy when necessary. It is this type of support that makes Trialing well worth the effort and I'd like to see more of our members testing their skill in the Trial ring.

Sunday 14 March saw 65 people attend the "Luke Hura Seminar" and from all reports the Seminar was very successful. With so many changes occurring in the dog training world it is necessary to broaden our knowledge as much as possible and Luke added yet another dimension to that knowledge.

Best wishes to all members who are being tested at the next Promotion Day. There is a great quote in the Instructor's Manual presently under review, "Failing to plan, is planning to fail" so don't forget to plan a few extra training sessions during the week instead of just relying on one hour each Sunday.

Til next time

Pam Convery - Secretary

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## TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

It's time for my report yet again and Promotion Day is fast approaching once more! I know that testing day has loomed up suddenly – however, due to events beyond our control we simply have to make the best of the situation.

April is a totally drastic month this year with Easter, Promotion Day, Dog Walk and Anzac Day. The last named is not a Public Holiday, but is given the respect it deserves, so everyone just has to make the most of the opportunities presented and put in some extra work at home as well.

Once we have survived April normality should return and those who pass their tests will start a new phase of training, while those who didn't quite succeed this time around will rise to the challenge again.

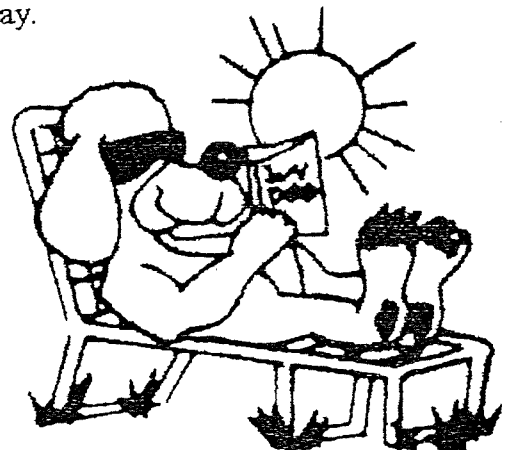
Thanks must go to all the Instructors yet again who give so freely of their time and expertise in order to help each and every member try to achieve the goals they are aiming for at the Club.

It is vital that we have "new blood" to help swell the ranks of the Instructors, so perhaps members could (should) give some thought to becoming an Instructor. If we had more of this rare breed, we could have smaller classes and more individual attention given to members while the willing workers (Instructors) would have time to relax and pursue their hobby along with everyone else.

After Promotion Day all members will return to the current classes until Sunday 2 May when new classes will be allocated. There will be normal training on Sunday 18 April prior to the Dog Walk, so please notify your Instructor if you will be absent on that day.

Good luck all in the up-coming tests – enjoy the Easter Break

Desma Dickeson – Training Supervisor





## DISPLAY TEAM REPORT

Firstly a "BIG" thank you to the team members who attended the Twilight Fair at Grovedale on 16 February and especially to Michael who met me at the Club earlier to help transport the gear we needed. It is very pleasing to have new members in the team – welcome to you all.

We received a very warm welcome at the Fair. Ample car parking close to the area we were to work in, a certificate of appreciation (on display on the notice board) and free drink vouchers – most acceptable as most of the team had hurried home from work, donned uniforms, grabbed dogs and rushed out again. We had an appreciative audience with people staying on to chat and ask questions after our "demo"

The team was very impressed with fellow member John Blonk who showed his versatility and fitness by flitting from line-dancing to the display team and back to line-dancing again – on ya John!!!! There will be regular practise for all members so that we can work as a cohesive unit when we are out in public representing our Club.

Desma Dickeson – Display Team Leader

PS I have sent a thank you note to Sharon on the Fair Committee who made our visit so very pleasant.



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.

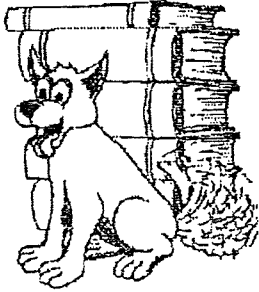
The photographs will be judged to select a winner in each section with numerous consolation prizes for runners up.

**ALL CATS AND DOGS WELCOME**



# EFFECTS OF DESEXING MALE DOGS

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## Behaviour Benefits

Castrated dogs are less likely to roam (90% stop), mount people (60% stop), fight other male dogs (60% stop) or urinate within the property (50% stop). It might take 6 months for these effects to be shown.

The male hormone testosterone, which is produced in the testicles, slightly increases the chances of aggression in general. The loss of that hormone sometimes reduces aggressivity.

Castration does not always stop the sex drive or ability to copulate. Dogs have been known to continue sex activities for at least 2 years after the operation. His brain was exposed to his own testosterone before he was born and his adult behaviour is not necessarily dependent on it.

Some people say that their dogs have generally quietened down after the operation and others have said there has been no change. There has been no survey to see if dogs are less activated after castration. Testosterone is an activating hormone and its loss could account for the quietening effect in some dogs.

There is no evidence that male dogs become lazy, disobedient or less inclined to work after castration. There is no change to the basic temperament of a dog after castration, although he may be generally slightly less activated. As bitches show, it is not necessary to have testicles for a dog to be active, protective, working and playful with plenty of spirit.

The behavioural effects of castration vary between individuals. This is because there are so many factors of breeding, experience and present environment that differ between individuals.

## Health Benefits

A castrated dog cannot have a tumour in the testicles and is less likely to have prostate problems, tumours around the anus or a perineal hernia. There is also less chance of the dog getting injured whilst roaming or fighting another un-castrated male and of having a continuous discharge from his prepuce.

## Disadvantages

The disadvantages of castration are that the dog cannot be used for breeding, he will not develop the secondary sexual musculo-skeletal characteristics if castrated before puberty and he has an increased tendency to put on weight. Any tendency to fatness can easily be controlled by diet.

## Chemical Castration

It is possible to chemically castrate some dogs by using hormones. There are tablets and injections of hormones, which may reduce the chances of aggression for limited periods. The hormones act against the male hormone, which increases the chances of aggression. Side effects have been found in a minority of dogs. The evidence is conflicting about whether or not temporary chemical castration can predict the effects of surgical removal of the testicles. In chemical castration an extra hormone is added to the body, in surgical castration the source of testosterone is removed. Therefore, the effects may not be the same. I believe it wiser to assume that chemical castration will not predict the results of surgical castration.





## POETS CORNER

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### IF YOU CAN.....

Author Unknown

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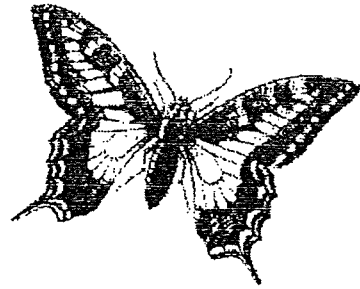
If you can start the day without caffeine  
 If you can get going without pep pills  
 If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains  
 If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles  
 If you can eat the same food everyday and be grateful for it  
 If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time  
 If you can overlook it when those you love take it out on you when, through no fault of yours,  
     something goes wrong  
 If you can take criticism and blame without resentment  
 If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct him  
 If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend  
 If you can face the world without lies and deceit  
 If you can conquer tension without medical help  
 If you can relax without liquor, if you can sleep without the aid of drugs  
 If you can say honestly that deep in your heart you have no prejudice against creed, colour, religion  
     or politics  
     Then, my friend  
     You are almost as good as your dog!

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### *Slow Dance*

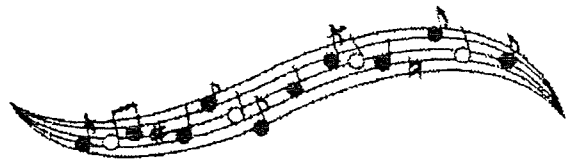
*Author Unknown*

Have you every watched kids on a merry-go-round  
 or listened to rain slapping the ground?  
 Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight  
 or gazed at the sun fading into the night?  
 You better slow down, don't dance so fast,  
     time is short, the music won't last

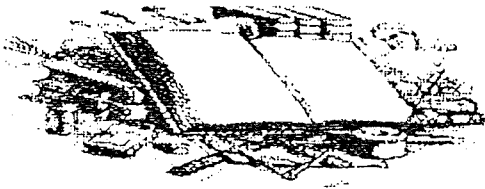


Do you run through each day on the fly.  
 when you ask "how are you", do you hear the reply?  
 When the day is done, do you lie in your bed, with the  
 next hundred chores running through your head?  
 You better slow down, don't dance so fast,  
     time is short, the music won't last

Ever told your child, we'll do it tomorrow,  
     and in your haste, not seen his sorrow?  
 Ever lost touch, let a good friendship die,  
 cause you never had time to call and say, "hi"?  
 You better slow down, don't dance so fast,  
     time is short, the music won't last.







## *Library News* by *Phyl Bergin*

Have you recently inspected the range of books and magazines available for borrowing at Geelong Obedience Club Library.

Annual membership is a mere \$2.00 payable at the Office. Your membership card will be stamped **LIBRARY MEMBER** and you may then borrow 2 books for 2 weeks or dog magazines for 1 week.

Make your own selection, or if requiring advice or assistance an experienced Librarian, an Instructor or dog breeder will assist.

Do not be intimidated by the glass sliding doors. They are not convenient, but are the only option, because of limited space and the need to have shelves well above the floor because of periodic flooding from the Barwon.

Returns may be left on the rack on the table if the Librarian is not on duty.

**Borrowing times – 9.30 am to 11.00 am – Sundays**

**Phyl Bergin - Librarian**

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### **"The Trouble with Harvey" - Tales of an inner city Vet**

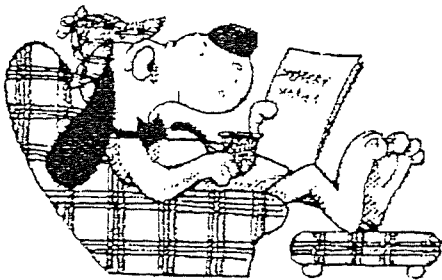
This is a small, highly entertaining, paperback of short stories as seen through the eyes of a city Vet. The human characters who parade through the book are as quirky as their owners

A great inexpensive gift for an animal lover or borrow ours from the library

**NB:** Picture books for small children and stories for more grown up are also available for loan.

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## **GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC**



### **Puppy Kinder**

For puppies 8 - 16 weeks

**THURSDAY EVENINGS - 7.00 pm**

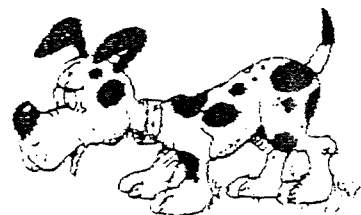
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## SUMMARY OF MAJOR ANKC RULE CHANGES FOR OBEDIENCE AND TRACKING

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A lot of changes relate to refining the wording of the rules and there are changes specifying deductions in some exercises, which were not actually specified before. There will be separate rulebooks for Tracking and Obedience. Titles, eg Australian Obedience Champion and Australian Tracking Champion will appear as a prefix in front of the dog's name. Australian Obedience Champion will be as it appears in the rulebook now, as proposed.

**These Rules come into effect in 2000.**

**NB:** New titles will come into force at this stage. Dogs who are part way through the old OC will not be able to continue using passed towards that title. They will have to work towards one or both of the new titles.

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**Corridors between rings** - Note that it is desirable to have corridors between Obedience rings, especially UD rings, if space permits.

**Measurement of dog's height** - To nearest 10 mm

**Re barking** - Now "barks or vocalises"

**Protective clothing** - May be put on or removed from the dog in the interval between the individual and the group exercises depending on prevailing weather conditions at the discretion of the Judge.

**Entry numbers** - Current words replaced with "only one number to be visible whilst in the ring".

**Withdrawal of a dog** - A dog may be withdrawn before or during judging with the consent of the Judge, but must not take any further part in the class.

**Fouling the ring** - Extended to "while under control of the Judge".

**Use of rings** - Dogs can't use Trial rings, except while trialing or with permission of the affiliate.

**Change of speed (pace)** - Dogs must show three distinct speeds.

**Alternative finish** - As now, current and the "flip" finish. Sometimes called the European finish.

**Return to phrase commands** - Instead of one-word commands from the Judge.

**About turns** - Handlers may do Pivot or U-turns as they see fit

**Order of exercises** - All exercises to be performed in the order printed in the rulebook

**Judges commands** - When Judge asks, "are you ready" the handler must clearly acknowledge the Judge's request.

**Directed Jumping** - Handlers not permitted to send or place their dogs in the box until sent by Judge. If they dog must be penalised under misbehaviour

*Dog must preferably sit in prescribed area with out further command. If it has to be told to sit, it will be a substantial deduction. Prescribed area should be white in colour and be 25 mm to 50 mm high and 25 mm to 50 mm wide.*

**Calculation of jump** - High jump maximum 700 mm (was 900 mm). Distance between first and last hurdle (of broad jump) must be twice the height of the dog at the withers. Maximum distance to be 1400 mm (was 1800 mm).



**Use of Lead** – Lead allowed to be held in either hand

**Bar Jump** – Two uprights, 1200 mm high. Bar approximately 35 mm in diameter. Bar to be painted black and white alternating sections of about 100 mm and be 2 m in length (to make the bar easier to see).

**Number of Broad Jumps** – The formula in the book has to be used. 2 boards for dogs jumping up to and including 700 mm; 3 boards for dogs jumping over 700 mm and up to and including 1200 mm; 4 boards for dogs jumping more than 1200 mm.

**Scent Discrimination** – Handler will supply full set of articles. Metal articles may vary in diameter between 15 and 25 mm. Other articles remain the same.

**Seek Back and Scent Discrimination** – Judge or Steward must not touch article/s.

**Signal Exercise** – Judge to order “normal pace” prior to ordering the individual “stand”. Move forward approximately 5 metres (was at least 5 metres).

**Food Refusal** – Food to be kept in sealed containers on Judges table. To be offered only once in each of the 3 positions. If any word other than “stay” is used, deduction is zero.

**Directed Retrieve** – All gloves to be equally and clearly visible, handler may look over shoulder to see where the gloves are placed before turning to face articles. Gloves to be dropped not placed. Each glove to be used approximately the same number of times.

### Changes to ANKC Tracking Rules

As in Obedience there are some “tidying up” changes, which won’t affect handlers, I have not included them.

**Test 6 Tracking Champion Test** – (to be reviewed in 3 years, if required). Track 6 is similar to current Test 5 in most aspects.

Unknown Tracklayer

Start to be between 2 flags, 20 meters apart.

Handler will be given tracklayer’s article in clean bag 20 meters from the start.

Length of track – 1100 meters.

Number of turns – 6 (2 to be acute).

Articles 3 – (2 to be found).

First turn - minimum 100 meters from start.

Two diversion tracks to be laid by 1 or 2 unknown people (see Test 5).

Time lapse – 90 to 180 minutes.

**Entry Requirement** – Obedience requirement deleted. Tracking completely separate from Obedience. Tracking Qualification test is the entry requirement. Thirty day rule requirements deleted.

**Handlers** – Handler may not carry food, visible or audible aids or training aids on the track. Water only may be offered to dog, with Judges permission.

**Tracklayers** – Unknown tracklayer definition changed from 12 to 6 months. Tracklayer need not remain at end of track but MUST be in position to be found. Articles to be place on the track, but not on a turn or less than 25 meters from a turn.

**Tracks** – Markers or dowels not to be left in the ground. No part of track may continuously follow a boundary. Minimum distance between any part of any 2 separate tracks must be 100 meters.

**Administrative changes** – Changes to ballot for order of tracks and to points system for Judges. Judges must supply a copy of the maps to the affiliate, to be forwarded to control.

**Additional grade of pass** – eg, Pass, Good, Very Good, Excellent.



## New Members

*The Committee and Instructors would like to welcome the following new members to our Club*

### **31 January 1999**

Justine Stephen	Skye Keller/Peter Ritter	Lynda Burrett
Carolina Echter	Nunan Family	Lord Family
Bruce Cock	Jocelyn Brackenbury	Came Family
Michell Family	Sedgwick Family	Faye Bolden
Tennant Family	Loats Family	Martin Family
Jan Winstanley	Leslie Family	

### **4 February 1999**

Pam Filippi	Millar Family	Flowers Family
Karen Lemin	Lochrie Family	Kristi Milley
Jodie Griffiths		

### **7 February 1999**

Hayes Family	Gill Family	Wendy Rogers
Alex Hartwell	Henderson Family	Kelly Inglis/Andre Biscan
Carryn Birch	Blazevski Family	Cronk Family
Nicole Page	Gwlad McLachlan	Charles Cameron
Andrew Goldine	Patrick Farrow	Kerry Short
Tan Sing Family	Danielle Zampatti	Scarsi Family
Isabel Vivian	Corica Family	Krystal Close
Charlie Restifa	Len Henderson	Chris Rogers/Trudy Erler
Natasha Venuto/Frank Pino	Bartolo Family	Terri Osburn
Keith Rouse/Sandy Malady	Verhoeven Family	Patricia McCulloch
Anne Romeril	Weaver Family	Fitts Family
Heather Karin		

### **14 February 1999**

Jacqui Pitcher	Jay Morse/Samantha Field	Doug McVean
Kerry Zurawel	Good Family	George Jones
Justine Chisholm	Miranda Vrymoet	Wills Family
Bartlett Family	Hetty Desmond	Susan Graham/Peter Guntrip

### **4 March 1999**

Briony Larcombe	Gizella Palicko	Paul Roadley/Melinda Huber
Anne Salaviejus	Kay Larcombe	McDonald Family
Harris Family	Pam Blair	

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## FOR SALE

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## DOG BREEDS FROM A TO Z

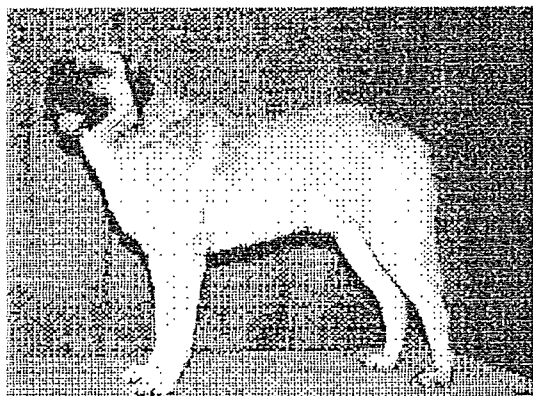
### ANATOLIAN SHEPHERD DOG (Anatolian Karabash Dog)

*Height - 27 - 31 in (68.5 - 79 cm)*  
*Weight - 85 - 150 lb (39 - 69.5 kg).*

Originally a working sheep dog, this powerful animal now usually serves as an excellent guard dog.

The Anatolian Shepherd Dog undoubtedly originated from the ancient Mastiff. Large working dogs have certainly been around central Asia for hundreds of years. In Roman times this dog was used as a hunter of large game and even as a gladiator. The Anatolian Shepherd Dog has emerged as perhaps the most successful, and certainly the most famous, of Turkey's working dogs.

The Anatolian Shepherd Dog is a large and sturdy working dog. Although it is quite muscular it



remains well proportioned and moves with a stylish grace. Muscular jaws complement the broad head. The well-set eyes look over a medium-length muzzle. This dog has a straight back and a well-defined waist. The mid-length tail has a slight upward curve.

This large and powerful dog is very confident and has a most determined character. Its alert manner and strong sense of territory make the Anatolian Shepherd Dog an excellent watchdog. Its large size and formidable presence acts as a real deterrent and means that this dog also makes a wonderful guard dog.

Generally the Anatolian Shepherd Dog gets along very well with other dogs, but it is important that it should be well socialised as a puppy. Its sheer size can provoke fear and aggression in other dogs. Wise owners will not allow their dog to run at others, even in play, until the dogs are better acquainted. Initially, owners of the Anatolian Shepherd Dog should be very assertive and continue until the dog clearly understands its position in the owner's family. Its large size makes this dog unsuitable for small children, but with firm handling the Anatolian Shepherd Dog can become a very loyal companion.

Given sufficient exercise, this former working dog will thrive. If allowed to become bored it may become snappy. The Anatolian Shepherd Dog has few common ailments but its ears should be checked regularly, particularly during hot weather.

### AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOG

*Height - 18 - 20 in (46 - 51 cm) for the male and 17 - 19 in (43 - 48 cm) for the female*  
*Weight - about 33 - 51 lb (15 - 23 kg).*

Also known as the Blue Heeler, Queensland Heeler, and the Australian Heeler, the Australian Cattle Dog was especially bred to move cattle over long distances in the rugged Australian Outback. The Australian Cattle Dog has been selectively bred for its bravery and to have a strong biting instinct. These characteristics were necessary for snapping at the legs of the cattle it was driving. The Australian Cattle Dog is now very popular as a companion animal. Australian bush cattle had rarely, or never, seen people and dogs, so the early Australian stockmen needed a really brave dog



*Dog Breeds from A to Z (con't)*  
*Australian Cattle Dog*

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to move their cattle. Also, it was necessary to drive these wild cattle over long distances in the extremely hot and dry conditions of the Australian Outback.

The Australian Cattle Dog was therefore custom-bred. A stockman called Timmins is credited with starting the breed by taking a tough breed of working dog called a Smithfield and crossing it with a Dingo. This dog, known as the Timmins Biter, was very useful in some ways but difficult to control and very vocal. The breed was improved for control, by crossing with Collies, but this over-emphasised barking, so it was necessary to cross the breed again with Dingoes. To further modify behaviour, the breed was said to have then been crossed with the Dalmatian, and more recently the Australian Kelpie. This especially bred dog was originally called the Queensland Blue Heeler, then later renamed the Australian Cattle Dog.

The Australian Cattle Dog has a rugged and sturdy appearance with a symmetrical body. The head is wedge-shaped and can be very broad in some dogs. The brown, oval eyes are of medium size and are matched with upright, medium-sized ears. The body is muscular but proportionate with a straight back and legs. The coat is short, straight, and quite dense. It is coloured either blue or red and may have tan colouring and white speckled markings.

The Australian Cattle Dog is only a medium-sized dog but it behaves, as though it is very large. This breed is tough and very determined. Generally speaking, the Australian Cattle Dog are slow to excite, well balanced, and often very independent.

The Australian Cattle Dog makes an excellent watchdog as it has a strong sense of territory. This dog will readily bark at any potential territorial incursion from another dog, a person or even a teasing cat, so it should be encouraged to bark at the sounds and events that you consider important, such as burglars. From the beginning, you should reprimand your dog for barking when you are sure the disturbance is not important.



As the Australian Cattle Dog is only of medium size it is not generally used as a guard dog, as it has a limited deterrent value. However, in reality its strong sense of territory can make it a formidable guard dog.

Care must be taken to adequately socialise the Australian Cattle Dog with other dogs. Allowing it to freely mix with other puppies and older dogs dramatically reduces the potential for later problems. The characteristics of chasing and biting have been bred into this dog, so poorly socialised Australian Cattle Dogs that are fearful of other dogs will sometimes attack first.

In the majority of cases the Australian Cattle Dog gets along with people of all ages. However, these dogs are not for the faint-hearted. Both the bitch as well as the dog can be very dominant animals. If people are assertive towards their

Australian Cattle Dog from the start, they will get on really well.

As long as the Australian Cattle Dog are not allowed to regularly win all the games it plays with people, it can make an excellent family dog. Tug-of-war and chasing are games to be avoided. The dog's powerful jaws and excellent manoeuvrability mean it will usually win. Such play is similar to arm wrestling in people and is taken very seriously by the dog.



## TRIAL RESULTS

### Agility

#### Northern Obedience Dog Club

J & A M Corrigan	Glentress Storm Rising AD "Misty"	3 <sup>rd</sup> Pass	ADX
	Border Collie		

### Obedience

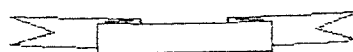
#### Victorian Obedience Dog Club

F Mackey	Thomas "Thomas"	1 <sup>st</sup> Pass	Novice
	Associate		

#### Melton Obedience Dog Club

J & P Convery	Diogenes Jackpot CD AD "Toby"
	Golden Retriever

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#### Warrnambool Dog Training School (Sat)

M Smith	B Kissthegirls "George"	Pass	Encouragement
	Poodle (Standard)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	

J & P Convery	Diogenes Jackpot CD AD "Toby"	1 <sup>st</sup> Pass	Open
	Golden Retriever		

F Bolden	Bonnafay Elena 'AZ' CD "Lena"	3 <sup>rd</sup> Pass	CDX
	GSD	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	

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#### Warrnambool Dog Training School (Sun)

J Blonk	Valenkar Ruby Valley "Tilley"
	Poodle (Miniature)

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## TRIAL DATES

### Agility

Saturday	10 April	Border Collie Club of Victoria Inc
Saturday	17 April	Southern Obedience Dog Training Club
Saturday	1 May	Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc
Sunday	2 May	Altona Civic Obedience Dog Club
Saturday	8 May	Bendigo Obedience Dog Club Inc
Saturday	15 May	Ovens Valley Canine Club Inc
Sunday	16 May	Wangaratta K & O Dog Club Inc
Sunday	16 May	Berwick Obedience Dog Club
Saturday	22 May	German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria Inc
Saturday	29 May	Berwick Obedience Dog Club

Restricted to breed  
State teams Agility  
Competition

### Obedience

Saturday	10 April	Border Collie Club of Victoria Inc
Sunday	11 April	Moorabbin and District Obedience Dog Club Inc

Restricted to breed  
Highest Scoring Geelong  
Member sash available



## Trial Dates (continued)

Sunday	18 April	Warringal Obedience Dog Club
Saturday	24 April	Red Cliffs District Kennel Club Inc
Sunday	25 April	Red Cliffs District Kennel Club Inc
Sunday	25 April	Croydon & District Obedience Dog Club Inc
Sunday	2 May	Ballaarat & District Obedience Dog Club
Saturday	8 May	Murray Valley Obedience Dog Club Inc
Sunday	9 May	Murray Valley Obedience Dog Club Inc
Saturday	15 May	Ovens Valley Canine Club Inc
Sunday	16 May	Wangaratta K & O Dog Club Inc
Sunday	16 May	Berwick Obedience Dog Club
Saturday	22 May	German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria Inc
Sunday	23 May	Keilor Obedience Dog Training Centre Inc
Saturday	29 May	Weimaraner Club of Victoria Inc
Sunday	30 May	Mornington Obedience Dog Club Inc

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## HOW MANY DOGS DOES IT TAKE TO CHANGE A LIGHT BULB?

Rottweiler	Just one. You want to make something of it?
Dobermann	Immediately decides to change the brand of light bulb and find a more efficient form of lighting, perhaps a fluorescent bulb
Jack Russell Terrier	Two but the job never gets done... they just keep arguing about who is supposed to do it and how it's supposed to be done
Pomeranian	Don't change light bulbs although sometimes their agent will get a German Shepherd in to do the job for them while their out.
Golden Retriever	The sun is shining, the day is young, we've got our whole lives ahead of us and you're inside worrying about a stupid, burnt out light bulb!
Afghan	Light bulb? What light bulb?
Poodle	Sorry I just had my nails done.
Beagle	How many Goodo's do I get?
Labrador	Why change it? The darker it is, the longer I can sleep.
Chihuahua	LIGHT BULB!! We don't change no steenking light bulb!
Malamute	Malamutes aren't afraid of the dark!
Boxer	If I could stop wiggling my butt long enough to quit falling off the chair.....
Corgi	I can't reach the stupid lamp!
Springer	Light bulb! Light bulb. That thing I just ate is a light bulb!
Border Collie	Just one? And he'll rewire the house while he's at it.
German Shepherd	I'm kinda busy right now! I have to chase the cat, protect the kids, herd the horses, beg for food and take a nap. I'll add the light bulb to my "to do list".
Irish Setter	It only takes one, but it will put in a really dim bulb.
Pit Bull Terrier	Jump and take hold of the light bulb. Now, let go of the light bulb...I said "LET GO OF THE LIGHT BULB. Please ??????????"

AND WHAT ABOUT CATS?

I don't waste MY time with these childish jokes

Submitted by "Yahbini". Reprinted courtesy of Bellarine Veterinary Practice

*Coca-Cola*

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**PEPSI**

**7up**

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**Coca-Cola**

**Sprite**



## A SIMPLE "THANK YOU"

The following letter was received by one of our members at Christmas. Would it not be nice if more of this took place? Let's help each other and also show our appreciation more often. It would make the Trial scene so much friendlier.

Dear .....

You will probably not be able to remember me. Last year, December to be precise, I was Trialing my Cattle Dog for the first time at Victorian Obedience Dog Club in Novice. On coming out of the ring after a poor showing you came up to me and had a chat with me; giving good advice and lots of encouragement. It had quite an affect upon me ..... and I made it a point to find out your name and address to write to you and say "Thank you". It's taken me 12 months to do this and when I found your name in my diary today I have put pen to paper immediately.

I continued working with my dog and got passes in the next 3 Trials, getting our 3<sup>rd</sup> pass in Moorabbin. I have got her up to Open standard, but I ran out of puff in August and decided to hang up my lead. Since then I feel my dog has matured quite a lot and I feel rested and you will be pleased to know I have taken the lead down and feel in myself I am ready to accept the next challenge of Open.

I work at my own pace and hope to start Trialing in Open when Warringal have their fun day in March.

A bit of trivia ..... I am 75, had a minor stroke in 1990 and am a firm believer in the motto "Move it or lose it".

I hope this letter finds you in good health and that our paths will cross again. Perhaps one day I might be able to Trial at Geelong.

Thank you once again and I take this opportunity at wishing you and yours a very happy Christmas and a great 1999.

With very good wishes

Yours truly

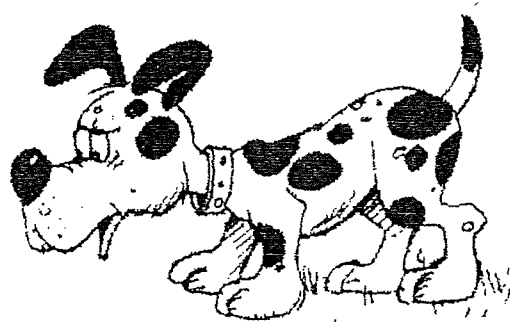
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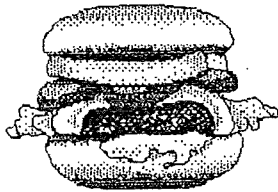
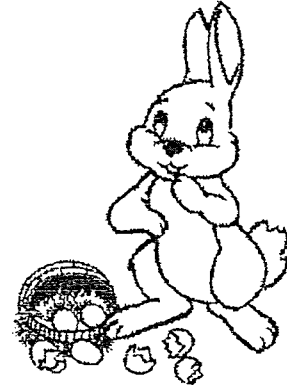


# GOOD FRIDAY BBQ

(Fish or burger)

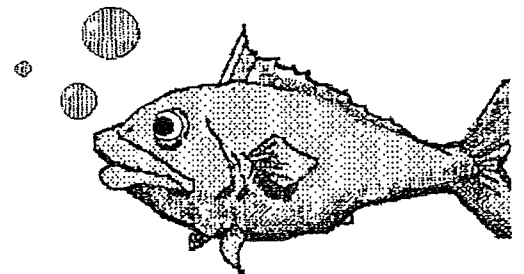
## Friday 2 April

Commencing at 11.00 am  
On the Club grounds



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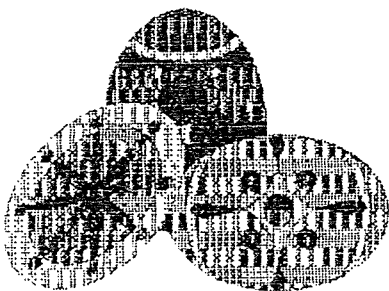
*Easter egg hunt for the kids*



*Candler and dog Cricket? Match to follow lunch*

**Come along and join in the  
fun**

**Everyone welcome  
dogs included**





## DOG ATTENTION IS FUNDAMENTAL TO ALL TRAINING

By PETER KENNON

All good educators possess the ability to capture and maintain the attention of their pupils. As teachers (trainers) of dogs we would be well advised to follow their example

Dog attention is fundamental to all training. When we have it, everything is so much easier. Despite this, many of us launch into our lessons with inattentive dogs and wonder why we encounter problems. Our difficulties are not necessarily due to inexperience, poor methods or lack of effort but rather to our failure to teach our pupils to pay attention.

When I watch some of the better trainers working their dogs, this matter of dog attention becomes so obvious, it's not accidental that the animal's entire mental energy is focused on its handler, nor is it hard to explain why their performance is so pleasing.

There are of course some dogs, which are naturally attentive, although these treasures are relatively rare. Most of our canine mates must be taught to give their undivided attention and whilst I have often stated there is no magic in training, the difference this can make is quite astounding.

I should note that dog attention on its own is not the sole reason for the superbly trained animals we occasionally see. Affection and trust are also essential elements. Attention can be gained by cruelty and fear but the result is in stark contrast to a happy, willingly obedient dog.

There are two levels of attention to aim for. The first is general attention and consists of creating an awareness in the animal of the need to maintain contact with its human partner. Even if out for relaxed, free exercise, I feel it is my responsibility to remain aware of my dog's movements. I expect the dog to reciprocate.

This is encouraged by a carefree game of hide and seek. When the dog is off in a world of its own, I hide behind the nearest obstacle. Eventually my companion realises it is alone and

before it becomes unduly concerned or agitated, I reappear as though nothing had happened. Usually the dog's reaction is one of "Thank goodness I've found you, I thought you were lost." It doesn't take long for them to learn that keeping an eye on the boss is useful.

With more aloof, independent dogs, it may be necessary to remain concealed for a longer period, but never to the points where the animal is frantic with worry. We don't want the dog to think we are deliberately trying to avoid its company. The procedure should be as natural as possible and the dog should be gently praised for 'checking in' so that its diligence is rewarded. Undue fuss is not necessary.

The second and maximum level of attention is essential for intensive training. No dog can sustain this level indefinitely so we must be able to turn its attention on and off with verbal cues.

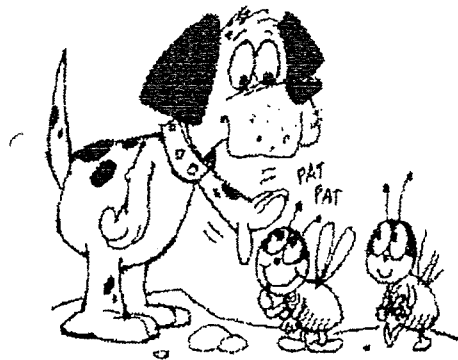
The words used for this purpose are a matter of personal preference. Having selected something appropriate ("watch" and "hey" are often used to gain attention) we need to teach its meaning.

Basically, the idea is for the dog, having received the turn-on cue, to understand it is time for work.

Hopefully, eye contact will have previously become a rewarding experience for both parties because we must have this form of communication for full attention.

With the dog at heel in the sit position, the verbal turn-on cue is issued and the dog encouraged to establish eye contact. The word may be enough to get attention but initially it will probably be necessary to physically raise the dog's head, either by tapping it between the ears or tilting its muzzle. Food can be usefully employed but remember that the objective is have the dog watching the handler (not the food).

In the early stages the dog should be positively reinforced as soon as it offers attention. It is then





immediately turned-off or released. Again, a special word should be chosen and reserved for release of attention – not used for normal praise. Terms such as “Free”, “Away” or “Off” are suitable.

The turn-off cue signifies the end of work and can be given with considerable enthusiasm so that the dog clearly understands it is “free”, can go “away” or is “off” duty.

With practise, we reach a point where the dog’s attention can briefly be turned on and off as we require. This foundation is built upon by gradually extending the period of full attention and ensuring the dog will comply in each position, sit, stand and down. All this is done whilst stationary. There is no need to make the lesson any harder than necessary.

Obviously we want the dog to remain attentive when mobile, so this is the next logical progression.

‘Watch’ can now be followed by ‘Heel’ and the dog taught to keep looking up and watching the handler. A few paces are sufficient to start with, followed by a halt, sit, praise and release.

## UNDERSTANDING

When the dog acknowledges the need to be

attentive, its understanding can be strengthened with simple manoeuvres.

The trainer should wait until the dog is distracted before asking for attention, then rapidly moving forwards, backwards or sideways. If the dog complies immediately, no correction will result. If it doesn’t, if quickly discovers that inattention will incur some penalty. Approached in the right spirit, this becomes a game most dogs enjoy, particularly when they are allowed to win regularly.

Eventually the dog that has learnt to be attentive is difficult to distract. Success in all training is assured when the dog considers every distraction to be a stimulus for more attention to its trainer.

There are a couple of traps to avoid. Many dogs, especially smaller ones, find it easier to pay attention by sitting crooked so this should be anticipated and prevented. Others learn to lean against the handler so they are not caught unawares. This should also be discouraged.

It’s an inescapable fact that dogs (and people) can’t learn effectively until they pay attention to their teachers. Therefore it seems reasonable to conclude that training a dog to be attentive is not optional, it is absolutely essential.

## CANINE TRIVIA

One of the most famous psychic dogs of all time was a bitser named Chris from Rhode Island in the United States. By pawing out words – using one tap for A, two taps for B, and so on – Chris predicted the winning horse at a daily double, and then managed to convince a team of parapsychologists of his ability. He was only one day off predicting his own death in 1950, at the age of 10.

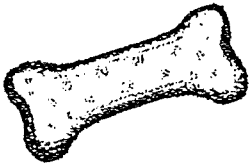
The average lifespan of a dog is still less than 3.5 years, according to the Animal Management Resource Extension programme in Western Australia. AMREX says between 40 and 50 percent of cats and dogs are put down because their behaviour is considered inappropriate, unmanageable or dangerous, often without any attempt to treat the problem.

Ever wondered how much you really spend on your dog’s food bills each year? The RSPCA

estimates the basic costs, not including buying and desexing, are small dog, \$3.00 a day; medium dog, \$5.00 a day; large dog, \$7.00 a day. These costs include food, vaccination, worming, flea control, grooming, registration, collar, lead, bowls and a bed. The RSPCA says a good rule of thumb for the annual cost of food is your dog’s weight in kilograms, multiplied by 30.

One of the most famous trademarks in the world is that of ‘Nipper’ the Fox Terrier, listening to ‘his master’s voice’. It was painted by the dog’s owner, Francis Barraud, in 1900. Unfortunately Nipper died before he became famous. His body was wrapped in a blanket and buried under a Mulberry tree in Kingston-upon-Thames. In 1960 his portrait was incorporated into the coat-of-arms of Sir Joseph Lockwood, chairman of the giant EMI group which by then owned His Master’s Voice.





# KIDZ CORNER



Welcome to Kidz Corner. Don't forget we are looking for a name for your page or if you would like to write a story about your dog or send in some jokes we would love to hear from you. Just deliver items to the office in an envelope marked "Kidz Corner" on a Sunday. Until next time .....

Which word is missing? (Answer at the bottom of the page)

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Chihuahua  
Collie  
Corgi  
Dachshund  
Dalmatian

Great Dane  
Greyhound  
Husky  
Irish Setter  
Kelpie  
Poodle  
Pug  
Spaniel  
Terrier  
Whippet

Test your General Knowledge  
(Answers at the bottom of the page)

How many teeth should an adult dog have?

- a) 24    b) 42    c) 64

Which worm is the biggest danger to dogs?

- a) earthworm    b) heartworm    c) glowworm

From which country does the Lhasa Apso come from?

- a) Ireland    b) Chile    c) Tibet



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 go ..... WOOF".

(c)  
(b)  
(b)  
Test your knowledge

Which word is missing?  
Dalmatian

ANSWERS



# Responsible Pet Ownership

## THE BENEFITS OF OWNING A PET

Pets provide love and companionship for people of all ages and add pleasure and enjoyment to life for millions of Australians.

Australians are well known for their love of pets - we have the highest rate of pet ownership per household in the world!

These days, around 42 per cent of Australian households have a dog, and 29 per cent own a cat.




Studies over the last 20 years show that pet owners are generally healthier than non pet owners - they suffer fewer minor illnesses and complaints and have a better overall feeling of "wellbeing".

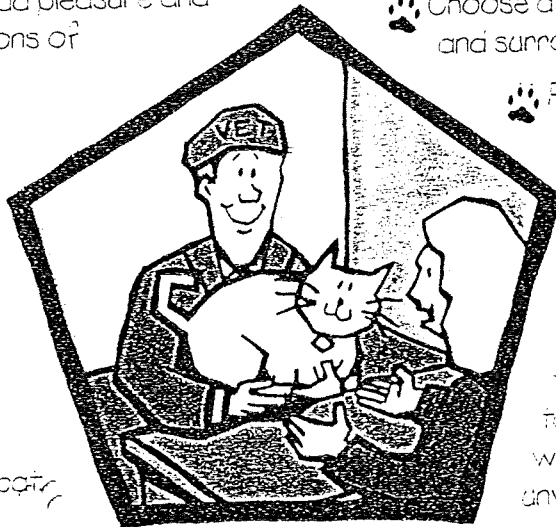
Owning a pet is extremely rewarding, and will bring hours of joy, but it is also a full time responsibility. The decision whether to own a pet is a very serious one, and one that needs to be properly considered and researched (see sheet on "Choosing a Pet").


## THE GOLDEN RULES OF RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP


If pets could only talk, they'd tell us what they need. Much of being a responsible pet owner is knowing what your pet actually needs, and what is expected of you.


Following are some simple hints for being a responsible pet owner:


-  Choose a pet to suit your lifestyle and surroundings
-  Register your pet with your local Council to increase the likelihood of return when lost
-  De-sex your pet preferably before 3 months old if it is not going to be used for breeding, or take steps to ensure that it will not be able to breed unwanted litters




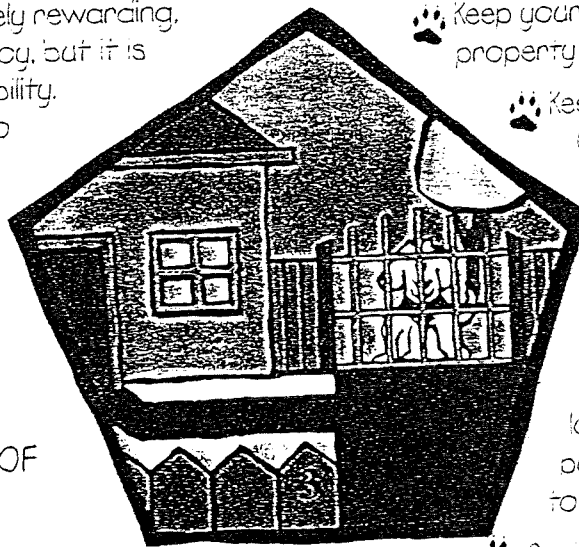
-  Provide an adequate balanced diet and clean, cool water at all times


-  Teach your family, friends and children how to interact with your pet

-  Keep your pet confined to your property at all times


-  Keep cats indoors at night (house, shed or garage)


-  Find suitable accommodation for your pet when on holidays i.e. boarding kennels or catteries that are registered with their local Council (ensure your pet's vaccinations are up-to-date)




-  Socialise your pet with other animals and people, particularly during the formative 3 - 16 week period




 Respect the rights of non pet owners by keeping your pet under control while in public

 Protect your pet's health including:


 Required vaccinations


 Regular worm control including heartworm for dogs

 Control of fleas and ticks

 Regular check-ups from your local vet

 Train and regularly exercise your dog

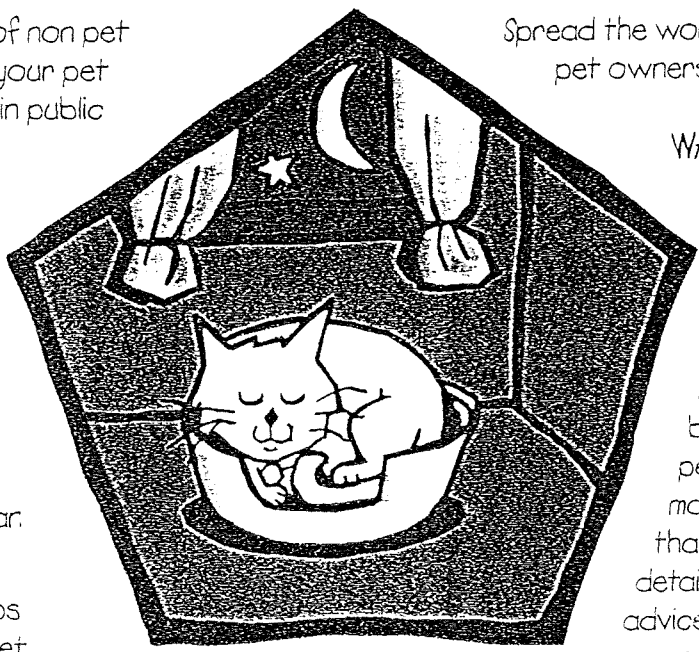
 Share responsibility for looking after your pet amongst all family members

 Shower your pet with love and attention

Unfortunately, when people don't care for their pets responsibly, the end result is suffering for unwanted animals, burden on welfare shelters to re-house the animals and financial cost for the community. It can also have an impact on our environment and wildlife through unwanted pets being dumped and joining packs of stray animals.

Like most things in life, if you put in the time to be a responsible pet owner, you will reap the rewards through a healthy, well behaved, happy and loyal pet.

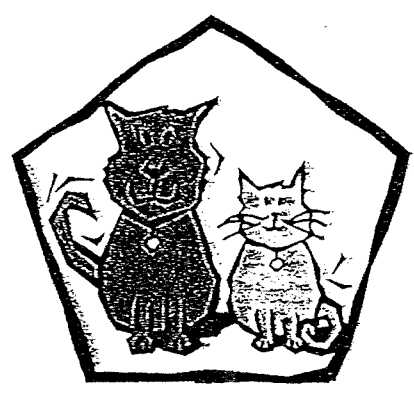
Spread the word about responsible pet ownership!



### WANT TO KNOW MORE?

The above information provides you with some basic golden rules to follow in being a responsible pet owner. There are many organisations that can provide more detailed information and advice on taking proper care of your pet.

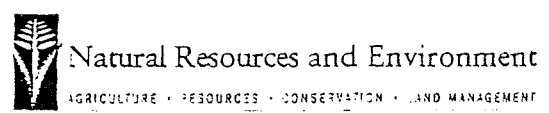
These organisations include your local Council, welfare agency, vet, pet shops, dog and cat associations and obedience clubs (see "Pet Industry Players" sheet).



## responsible pet ownership

*Responsible Pet Ownership Starts with You.*

For More Information Visit: [www.pets.info.vic.gov.au](http://www.pets.info.vic.gov.au)



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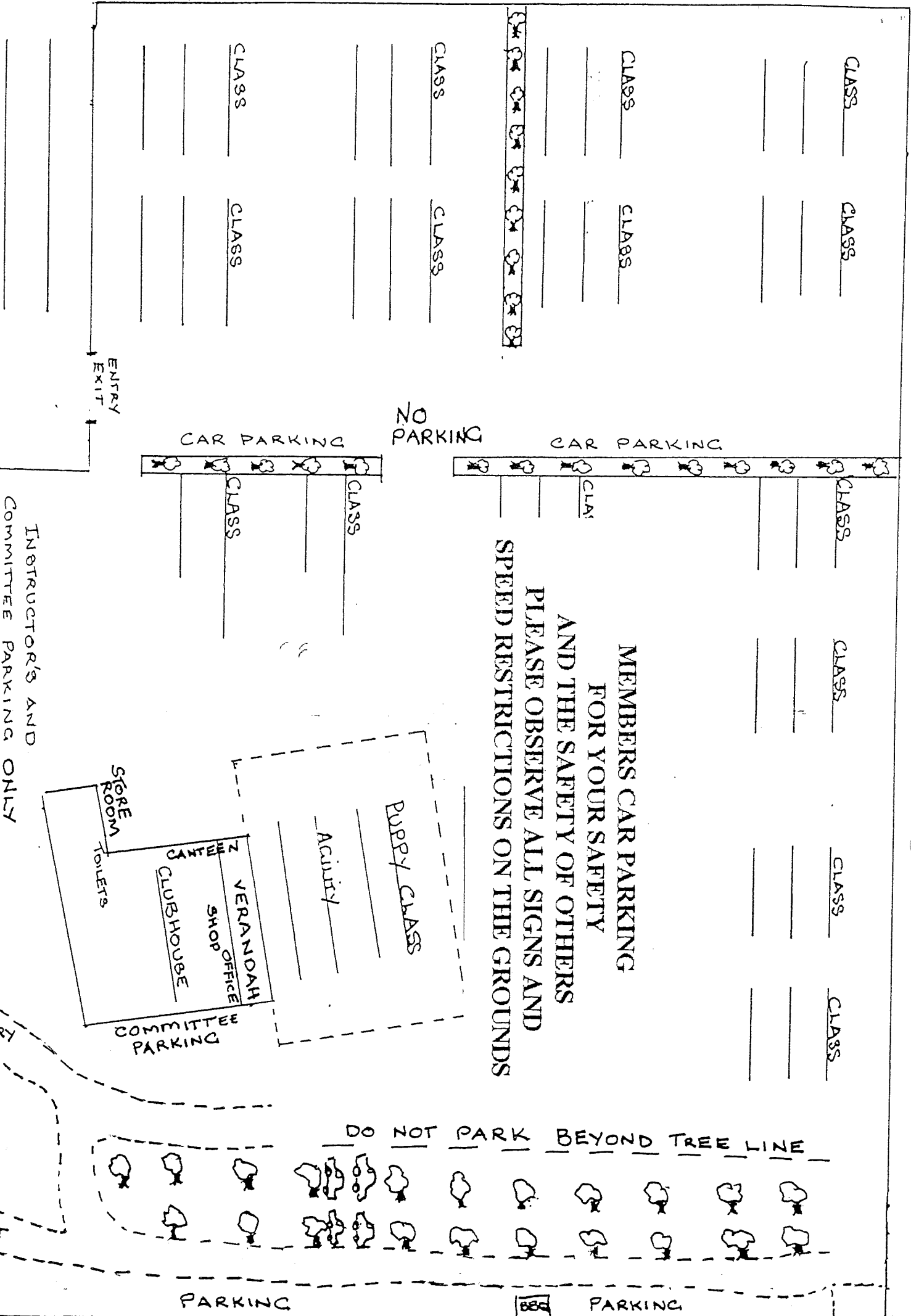
## TEN COMMON SENSE RULES FOR DOG TRAINING

by Kaylan Read

*Reprinted from Off-lead magazine – September 1993*

1. Make sure you have a happy attentive dog. Use the stimuli necessary to get the best attitude from your dog on that day.
  2. Make a promise to yourself – and your dog – that you will not lose YOUR attitude. Take the extreme emotion out of training. Try to make it matter-of-fact and fair. Work on controlling any negative body language or harshness in your voice.
  3. Prevention is always better than correction. This is especially true in the teaching phase. When the dog makes a mistake, put the dog back on leash, and help the dog be successful for several training sessions. If the dog was on leash, try again, this time get help in correcting your timing, not the dog.
  4. Make sure your dog understands when he is working and when he is free. If you are unavoidably distracted during training make sure there is a clear release for the dog. Most dogs work best when given active, free time between the teaching of different exercises. Start with a fun, easy task after the break.
  5. Punishment and fear are not teaching tools. Don't undo all the good creative training you've put in with one training session on a bad day. Don't get caught up in trying to permanently "fix" a problem in one day. Every performance is not a reflection of you as a trainer, or your dog's ability. Find one thing during an "off" session that you can reinforce positively or reward and quit.
  6. If one training method is not working, do something different! It is unbelievable how people become pattern trained. We will sometimes stick with something for months without seeing any improvement. To hope that drilling and repetition will eventually get results is not realistic.
  7. Introduce tough or new exercises early in the training session. Having a dog attempt a new or difficult task when he has given his best attention and energy earlier, means that your training session may end with a poor performance. Don't let confusion, negative reinforcement, or absence of reward be the last thing the dog remembers.
- Always break an exercise down into separate tasks, then put it together, like a puzzle, when all the pieces are as good as they can be. Sometimes trainers add formal turns in heeling before attention and heel position are correct. Another example would be adding distance to the retrieve before a quick grabbing pick-up and a fast spin return are perfected up close. Don't expect a straight sit at the end of a recall until the recall is fast and consistent and the front is perfected up close and separately. Always perfect and proof drops before adding gradual distance or incorporating it in the recall.
9. When you think your dog is ready to show, try a test of three fun matches at different locations. If the dog's performance at each match met your expectations, you're probably ready. But you might be more pleased and the dog would suffer less stress, if you took more time to shape a higher level of performance in very unique and unusual situations. By then, the mostly consistent and structural environment of the ring is a piece of cake!
  10. **HAVE FUN!** Don't always take yourself or the dog too seriously. Consistent correct practice combined with a spirit of fun and play will produce an outstanding performance. The frustration of poor performance can damage the bond between you and your dog. This bond is necessary to make the training and showing experience fun for the dog and rewarding for you.





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FOR YOUR SAFETY  
AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS  
PLEASE OBSERVE ALL SIGNS AND  
SPEED RESTRICTIONS ON THE GROUNDS



## TO ALL MEMBERS ATTENDING TRIALS

The following changes have been made to the selection of "Obedience Dog of the Year" and "Agility Dog of the Year" Awards. Please read them carefully.

### CHANGES TO "OBEDIENCE DOG OF THE YEAR" AWARDS

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2. The highest total of all three (3) scores will be the winner'.

### CHANGES TO "AGILITY DOG OF THE YEAR" AWARD

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Dogs do not have to get a pass to obtain placing points, but a pass must be obtained in the award year to win the award'.

### CHANGES TO AWARDS AND TROPHY RECIPIENTS

'that all recipients of Club Trialing and Agility Awards/Trophies have to be active Club members and their dog shall have been trained on our grounds under supervision of authorised Club Instructors'.

If you gain a Title, the Secretary or Trial Secretary can give you the appropriate paper work to fill in for the VCA.

All dogs that achieve a Title are entitled to have an 8" x 10" vertical photo on the Clubhouse wall. The Club supplies frames, but there is a \$3.00 charge so your photo can be added to the Photo CD for storage.

For Trial Results to appear in the Newsletter, it is up to YOU to notify the Editor in writing or by phone.

Provision has been made for all Members and their dogs that gain Titles, to place a HALF PAGE summary of their feat in the Newsletter. Once again, it is up to the Member to notify the Editor in writing, including a copy of your "Ad".





# DOG WALK

Queens Park

18th April 1999

11.00am - 4.00pm

Gates open 10.00am

Adults - \$8.00 Children - \$2.00 Family - \$20.00  
Dogs - free!!



all proceeds go to the Geelong Animal Welfare Society

displays	vet derby	high jump
novelty events	dog snacks	flyball
vet check	grand muster	obstacle course
sheep dog demonstration		stunt dog demonstration

*great food and much much more - be there!!*

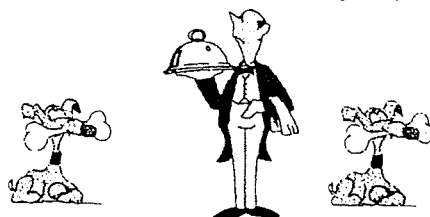
## LONG WALK -

7kms along the Barwon River (1 - 2 hours)

## SHORT WALK -

2kms around Queen's Park (30 - 35 minutes)

*Or just come along and enjoy a great day out!!*



responsible dog owners walk through rain, hail or shine and so will we!!





# PAWS

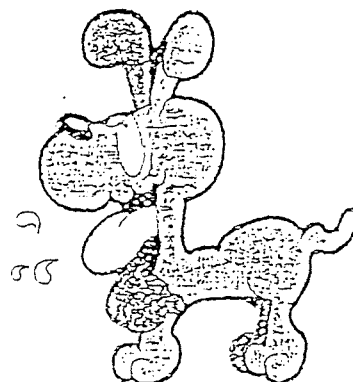
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Leonie Kelleher



ALL BREEDS WELCOME  
BOOKINGS REQUIRED FOR  
BATHING

## RABBIT BAITS

Please be aware when you are out walking your dog/s that rabbit baits have been laid in the following areas.

Buckley Falls  
Highton/Fyansford  
Osborne Park, North Geelong  
Bellarine Railway  
Curlewis

## WARRNAMBOOL TRIVIA

You really have to wonder about Poodle owners !!!!!!!

There was a Poodle owner member who forgot to take soap down to Warrnambool so he showered with Shaving Cream for that "shaved down look". Then complained on Sunday because he had to buy a two pack of Palmolive Gold because they don't sell single cakes of soap.

And yet another Poodle owner who wore her "lucky pig socks" in the ring on Saturday and was very successful but couldn't understand why they didn't work on the second day. Perhaps she should have washed them on the Saturday night, George probably has a sensitive sense of smell!!!



# PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CLUB CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR MEMBERS CONSIDERATION

Compiled by the two Vice Presidents - Helen Read and Arthur Thorogood

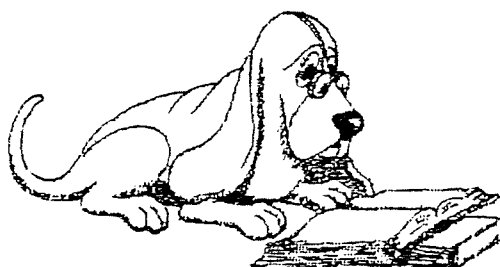
Section No.	Content
<b>Statement of Purposes</b>	(a), (c), (f) Change KCC to VCA
<b>2. INTERPRETATION</b>	
Junior Member	<b>EXISTING</b> - Means a person under the age of eighteen years who has been admitted as a member of the Club and who shall not be entitled to hold office or to vote at a General Meeting of the Affiliate but shall otherwise be entitled to enjoy all the other privileges of membership
By-Laws	<b>CHANGE TO</b> - Means a person under the age of eighteen years. Rest is covered under 7(2)
By-Laws	<b>EXISTING</b> - By-Laws means the By-Laws in force for the time being of the Club as approved by the Committee of the Kennel Control Council and shall form part of and be deemed to be incorporated in the Rules of the Club.
By-Laws	<b>REPLACE WITH</b> - By-Laws means the By-Laws in force for the time being of the Club and shall form part of and be deemed to be incorporated in the Rules of the Club..
By-Laws	<b>DELETE</b> - KCC means Kennel Control Council and insert Victorian Canine Association
KCC Regulations	<b>EXISTING</b> - Regulations means either the Associations incorporation Regulations Act 1983 Or the regulations of the Kennel Control Council as specifically referred to in either case in the Rules of the Club
KCC Regulations	<b>REPLACE</b> - KCC with VCA
Words or Expressions	<b>EXISTING</b> - Words or expressions contained in these Rules shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of the Acts Interpretation Act 1958 and the Act as in force from time to time.
Words or Expressions	<b>REPLACE</b> - date with 1984.
<b>3 Application for Membership</b> 3 (9)	<b>EXISTING</b> - A member, upon election to any category of membership, shall strictly observe and act in conformity with and not otherwise than in accordance with the Act and the Rules and Regulations of the KCC in so far as they shall relate to him and will uphold the honour of, and use his best endeavours to further the objects of the club.
<b>3 Application for Membership</b> 3 (9)	<b>REPLACE WITH</b> - A member, upon election to any category of membership, shall strictly observe and act in conformity with and not otherwise than in accordance with the Act and the Rules and By-Laws of the Club in so far as they shall relate to him and will uphold the honour of, and use his best endeavours to further the objects of the Club..
<b>6 Classification of Members</b>	<b>EXISTING</b> - Classification of Members (see by-law No. 2) 6. Membership of the Club may be divided into the following categories: (1) Members (Ordinary) (2) Dual member (3) Life member (4) Honorary Member (5) Junior Member (6) Any other class of member and every person admitted and/ or elected to membership shall be and be deemed for all purposes to have agreed to be bound by the Constitution and Rules and Regulations of the KCC in so far as they shall relate to him and the Rules and By-Laws of the Club respectively for the time being in force
<b>6 Classification of Members</b>	<b>DELETE</b> - all after "Any other class of member " as this is a repeat of 3 (9)



9.(1) (c)	<b>EXISTING</b> - 9. (1) (c) fine a member in accordance with Regulation 13 of the Association Incorporation Act
	<b>REPLACE WITH</b> - 9: (1) (c) fine a member in accordance with Regulation 14 of the Associations Incorporation Act.
9 (3) (d) (ii)	<b>EXISTING</b> - 9. (3) (d) (ii) give to the Committee before the date of that meeting a written statement seeking the revocation of the resolution
	<b>REPLACE WITH</b> - 9: (3) (d) (ii) give to the Committee before the date of that meeting a written statement seeking the revocation of the resolution: <b>and</b>
11 Notice of Annual General Meetings	<b>EXISTING</b> - 11 (1) The notice convening the annual general meeting shall be given to each member not less than 21 days before the date of the meeting and shall be accompanied by a form of Nomination of Committee of Management (see Clause 25(1) (b))
	<b>REPLACE WITH</b> - 11.(1) The notice convening the annual general meeting shall be given to each member not less than 30 days before the date of the meeting and shall be accompanied by a form of Nomination of Committee of Management, (see Clause 25 (1) (a). <b>Such notice shall specify the business to be conducted at the meeting in accordance with Clause 10 (4) and (5)</b>
13 Notice of Special General Meetings	<b>EXISTING</b> - 13 (1) Every special general meeting convened by the Committee shall be convened by notice given by the Secretary to each member of the Club specifying the date, time and venue of such meeting as prescribed in Sub-Clause (3). The signature to any such notice may be written, stamped, impressed, typed or printed.
	<b>REPLACE WITH</b> - 13 (1) Every special general meeting convened by the Committee shall be convened by notice given by the Secretary to each member of the Club specifying the date, time and venue of such meeting as prescribed in Sub-Clause (3). Such notice shall specify the business to be conducted at the meeting. The signature to any such notice may be written, stamped, impressed, typed or printed
19 (2)	<b>EXISTING</b> - 19 (2) All votes shall be given personally
	<b>REPLACE WITH</b> - All votes shall be given personally, except as provided for in Clause 25 (50) (b)
<b>COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT</b> 23 (2) 23 (4)	End sentence with number 23 (1) instead of (1) First sentence Sub-Clause 23 (1) not (1)
24 (1)	<b>EXISTING</b> - 24 (1) Subject to section 23 of the Act, the Committee shall consist of:- (a) the Officers of the Club and (b) 6 ordinary member, each of whom shall be members of the KCC and shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Club in each year.
	<b>REPLACE WITH</b> - 24 (1) Subject to section 23 of the Act, the Committee shall consist of:- (c) the Officers of the Club and (b) 6 ordinary member
<b>ELECTION OF COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT AND VACANCY</b> 25 (4)	<b>REPLACE</b> - 5 (b) with 25 (5) (b)  <b>This would then read:-</b> 25 (4) If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot shall be held, for the purpose of Clause 25(5)(b) the Secretary shall, upon closure of nominations of candidates for election to the Committee of Management when a ballot becomes necessary under this Clause send forthwith to all members entitled to vote a list of all nominees in alphabetical order in respect of each position on the Committee of Management for which they have been nominated.
26 (e)	<b>Existing :-</b> 26 (e) if as a member of the KCC he is disqualified or suspended by the KCC whilst the Club remains an affiliate of the KCC



	<b>REPLACE - KCC with VCA</b>
<b>27 Voting of Members</b>	<b>CHANGE TO - Nomination and Voting</b>
<b>27 (2)</b>	<p><b>EXISTING -</b> <i>Every Member who was a financial member of the Club for not less than three months of the financial year preceding the annual general meeting and is currently a financial member shall be entitled to vote at the annual general meeting and shall be eligible to nominate or be nominated as an Office bearer or member of the Committee. Unless the Club's By-Laws provide otherwise a member may be nominated for and hold more than one position on the Committee</i></p> <p><b>Replace with words in VCA recommended rules 27 (1) which state</b>  Every Member who was a financial member of the Club for not less than three months of the financial year preceding the annual general meeting and is currently a financial member shall be entitled to vote at the annual general meeting and shall be eligible to nominate or be nominated as an Office bearer or member of the Committee. Unless the Club's By-Laws provide otherwise a member may be nominated for <b>but not</b> hold more than one position on the Committee, except for the position of Public Officer.</p>
<b>28 MEETING OF COMMITTEE</b> <b>28(5)</b>	<p><b>EXISTING –</b> <i>The President, or in his absence, or if he is unwilling to act, then a member of the Committee elected by the members thereof present in person shall be the Chairman of a meeting of the Committee.</i></p> <p><b>CHANGE TO:-</b> At meetings of Committee-  (a) the President or in the President's absence the Vice-President shall preside; or if the President and the Vice-President are absent, such one of the remaining members of the Committee as may be chosen by the members present shall preside</p>
<b>Add to 28 and call it</b> <b>28 (9)</b>	<b>NEW CLAUSE:-</b> 28 (9) Subject to Clause 28(3) the Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy on Committee.
<b>29 DUTIES OF SECRETARY AND/OR PUBLIC OFFICER</b> <b>29(1)(b)</b>	<p><b>EXISTING</b>  29 (1) (b) <i>Minutes of all proceedings of meetings of the Committee, and of the Club:</i></p> <p><b>CHANGE-TO:-</b> Minutes of the resolutions and proceedings of each general meeting and each committee meeting in books provided for that purpose together with a record of the names of persons present at committee meetings.</p>
<b>31 REMOVAL OF A MEMBER OR COMMITTEE OR PUBLIC OFFICER</b> <b>31(1)</b>	<p><b>EXISTING - 31(1)</b> <i>The Club in general meeting may by resolution remove any member of the Committee before the expiration of his term of office and appoint another member within fourteen days in his stead to hold office until the expiration of the term of the first-mentioned member, however</i></p> <p><b>REPLACE WITH -</b> The Club in general meeting may by a resolution, passed by three-fourths of the members voting in person, remove any member of the Committee before the expiration of the term of office and appoint another member within fourteen days to hold office instead until the expiration of the term of the first-mentioned member, however</p>
<b>AUDIT and AUDITOR</b> <b>35</b>	<p><b>EXISTING 35</b> A person shall not be appointed or act as Auditor of the Club if he is an Office Bearer or an ordinary member of the Committee or an employee of the Club</p> <p><b>ADD THE FOLLOWING –</b> or any person with a perceived conflict of interest. Such Auditor to be a person suitably qualified to conduct the audit and their qualification to be included in the Auditor's Report</p>
<b>CUSTODY OF RECORDS</b> <b>39(2)</b>	<b>REPLACE -</b> reference to sub-clause (1) with correct number 39 (1)



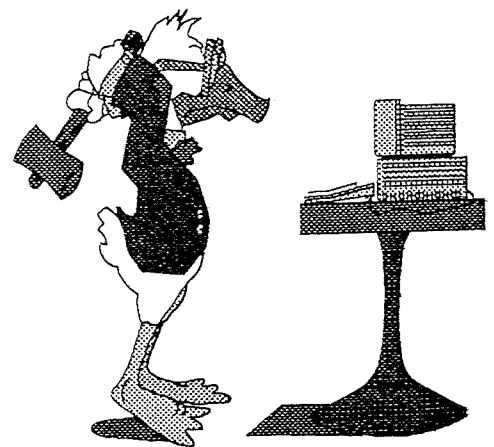


BY-LAWS 44	CHANGE - KCC to VCA in first line of 44 and 44 (f)
45 DISPUTE and MEDIATION	<p><b>ADD</b> - dispute clause as per model rules</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 The grievance procedure set out in this rule applies to disputes under these Rules between-             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) a member and another member; or</li> <li>(b) a member and the Club</li> </ol> </li> <li>2 The parties to the dispute must meet and discuss the matter in dispute, and if possible, resolve the dispute within 14 days after the dispute comes to the attention of all of the parties.</li> <li>3 If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute at the meeting, or if a party fails to attend that meeting, then the parties must within 10 days, hold a meeting in the presence of a mediator.</li> <li>4 The mediator must be-             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) a person chosen by agreement between the parties</li> </ol> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(b) in the absence of agreement-                 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) in the case of a dispute between a member and another member, a person appointed by the Committee of the Club; or</li> <li>(ii) in the case of a dispute between a member and the Club, a person who is a mediator appointed or employed by the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria (Department of Justice)</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>5 A member of the Club can be a mediator.</li> <li>6 The mediator cannot be a member who is party to the dispute.</li> <li>7 The parties to the dispute must, in good faith, attempt to settle the dispute by mediation.</li> <li>8 The mediator, in conducting the mediation, must-             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) give the parties to the mediation process every opportunity to be heard; and</li> <li>(ii) allow due consideration by all parties of any written statement submitted by any party; and</li> <li>(iii) ensure that natural justice is accorded to the parties to the dispute throughout the mediation process.</li> </ol> </li> <li>9 The mediator must not determine the dispute.</li> <li>10 If the mediation process does not result in the dispute being resolved, the parties may seek to resolve the dispute in accordance with the Act otherwise at law.</li> </ol>

## NEW COLUMN

With so many people on the Internet now, it could be of interest to members to publish Internet address of dog related pages found on the web.

If you come across anything you think worthwhile, please leave the address at the Office to be published in the next Newsletter.





## GENERAL MEETING

09/02/99

This Meeting is the rescheduled Meeting from 02/02/99

Meeting opened: 8.06 pm

**Apologies:** J Convery, S Noblett, L Marfatia, P Bergin, J Brophy, L Gaylard, B Lawrence. K Ciezarek

Acc: C Davies

Seconded: D Dickeson

Carried

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

Acc: H Read

Seconded: A Pape

Carried

**Business arising from the Minutes**

1. D Blackwell to discuss Motor Mower with F Lehrmann and assess need for replacement
2. A Pape's query re expenditure on equipment. List was available and approximately \$3,400 has been spent on equipment to date.
3. New PA system has been purchased and tested by Display Team and is working well.

**Correspondence Out – Nil**

**Correspondence In** – Roscoe Family – thank you, VCA re Incorporation Seminar, Walk for Animal Welfare, D Simms, D Dickeson – thank you – card mislaid.

Acc: W Ganly

Seconded: L Kelleher

Carried

**Business arising from Correspondence**

1. D Blackwell and P Convery to attend VCA Seminar
2. Discussion re Walk for Animal Welfare. Walk Committee to be asked to notify the Club of date for the following year prior to our Club calendar preparation. This year, training at the Club for those members wishing to attend. Notice for helpers for Walk and helpers for Club Tent to be placed on Announcement Sheet.
3. D Dickeson wished to thank members for the flowers she received during her hospital stay. Card, which had been left in the Office, had been misplaced.

**Treasurer's Report**

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

Acc: W Ganly

Seconded: C Young

Carried

**Other Reports**

Canteen Manager: P Convery asked, on behalf of K Ciezarek, if the Kambrook Urn could be repaired or replaced as it was leaking badly. A Pape will check of possible repair.

Grounds Manager: F Lehrmann read a written report. Report attached

Social Secretary: L Kelleher thanked all members who had attended the Christmas Party. Next social event is to be a "Period Walk" with Kerry Lee. Date and time yet to be arranged.

Raffle Steward: M Foord read written report.

Reports Acc: C Humphreys

Seconded: A Pape

Carried



## GENERAL MEETING

09/02/99

**General Business**

1. Committee recommendation – That the Spirit of the West Challenge date be changed to Sunday 6 June commencing at 12.30 pm. Puppy and Class One Intake to go ahead as planned. Other training to take place as Spirit of the West Challenge.
2. H Read spoke about Alpine Magic Seminar. F Lehrmann suggested that if members wished to go it should be at their own expense.
3. P Convery had been contacted by Geelong Advertiser for permission to photograph a few dogs and handlers on Sunday 21/02/99 for a competition promotion Meeting agreed
4. F Lehrmann expressed his disappointment that the equipment, which had been cleared from the storeroom, had been left out in the compound exposed to the weather. He then made an offer to purchase the equipment. H Read moved 'that as F Lehrmann had done so much work for the Club, he should be given the equipment.  
Seconded: P Convery Carried
5. D Dickeson asked if anything had been done to anchor the collapsible tunnels instead of using witches hats. M Foord to look into.
6. P McCormack asked if there had been a report on the cost of the Judges lunches at the November Trial. Accounts had been read as part of Treasurer's Report at December's Meeting. Itemised account to be prepared for next General Meeting.
7. The following Motions were recommendations from the Committee Meeting held on 26/01/99 and agreed to by the members present at this General Meeting.

**CHANGES TO "OBEDIENCE DOG OF THE YEAR" AWARDS**

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2. The highest total of all three (3) scores will be the winner'.

Moved P Convery

Seconded L Kelleher

Carried

**CHANGES TO "AGILITY DOG OF THE YEAR" AWARD**

'that any previous Motions are rescinded and the following point's table be used for the selection of Agility Dog of the Year award.

	<b>AD Level</b>	<b>ADX Level</b>	<b>ADM Level</b>
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Moved H Read

Seconded W Ganly

Carried



GENERAL MEETING

09/02/99

**ELECTION OF TRAINING SUPERVISOR**

'that any previous Motion is rescinded and the following procedure adopted for the election of Training Supervisor

1. Nomination forms be distributed to Instructors at the August Instructor's Meeting or on the training day following the Meeting for those who are absent.
2. Nomination forms to be placed in the Ballot Box and nominations to close on the Wednesday preceding the September Instructor's Meeting
3. Nominees to be posted on the Notice board on the training day prior to the September Instructor's Meeting.
4. Voting by ballot paper to take place at September's Instructor's meeting in the presence of two Committee members not involved in the election.
5. If only one nominee, member is duly elected.
6. If no nominations are received, nominations called from the floor and proceed with points 4 or 5.

Moved H Read

Seconded L Kelleher

Carried

**ELECTION OF DISPLAY TEAM LEADER**

'that any previous Motion is rescinded and the following procedure adopted for the election of Display Team Leader

1. Nomination form and criteria for the position, to be placed in July's Newsletter
2. Nominations to be placed in the Ballot Box and to close the same date as Committee nominations.
3. List of Nominees to be placed on the Noticeboard, as for Committee nominations.
4. Vote by ballot paper to take place at the October General Meeting following the Annual General Meeting.
5. If only one nominee, member is duly elected.
6. If no nominations are received, nominations called from the floor and proceed with points 4 or 5.

Moved W Ganly

Seconded J Ball

Carried

8. F Lehrmann spoke regarding members needing to be active members to receive awards and moved the following motion 'that all recipients of Club Trialing and Agility Awards/Trophies have to be active Club members and their dog shall have been trained on our grounds under supervision of authorised Club Instructors'.

Seconded C Davies

Carried

As there was no further business

Meeting closed at: 9.45 pm



# Back to Back Agility Trials

**Saturday 1 May 1999**

*Trials commence at 9.00am and 1.30pm*

**Trial Working Bees – Saturday 24 April – 9.00am to 12 noon**

**Friday evening 30 April – 6.00pm to 8.00pm**

Our Club's first Trial for the year is nearly upon us and a lot of things need to be organised before hand so that nothing is left to chance on the day. Please make every effort to assist where you can.

1. The grass and trees need to be trimmed as well as other areas of the ground need to be tidied up.  
CAN YOU HELP FRED for an hour or two at the Working Bee on Saturday 24 April?

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No \_\_\_\_\_ Time/s \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No \_\_\_\_\_ Time/s \_\_\_\_\_

2. The Trial equipment needs to be checked and the trial rings set up on Friday evening 30 April commencing at 6.00 pm. CAN YOU HELP MICHAEL for an hour or two?

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No \_\_\_\_\_ Time/s \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No \_\_\_\_\_ Time/s \_\_\_\_\_

3. The Club Rooms need to be "Spring Cleaned" on Friday 30 April commencing at 6.00pm. CAN YOU HELP for an hour or two?

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No \_\_\_\_\_ Time/s \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No \_\_\_\_\_ Time/s \_\_\_\_\_

4. The canteen needs helpers on the day, Saturday 1 May from 7.30am. CAN YOU HELP KIM for an hour or two or more?

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No \_\_\_\_\_ Time/s \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No \_\_\_\_\_ Time/s \_\_\_\_\_

5. VCA members are needed as Stewards on the day. CAN YOU HELP WENDY on the day commencing at 8.30am until approx 1.00pm or approx 1.30pm - 4.00pm or both times, if possible?

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No \_\_\_\_\_ Time/s \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No \_\_\_\_\_ Time/s \_\_\_\_\_

6. Our Cake Stall will need someone to take care of it from approximately 10.00am until sold out. PLEASE HELP OUT IF YOU CAN or perhaps you can contribute to the stall on the day.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No \_\_\_\_\_ Time/s \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No \_\_\_\_\_ Time/s \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to the Office as soon as possible**