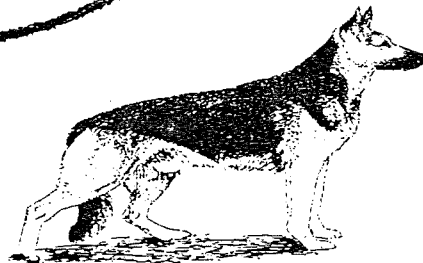
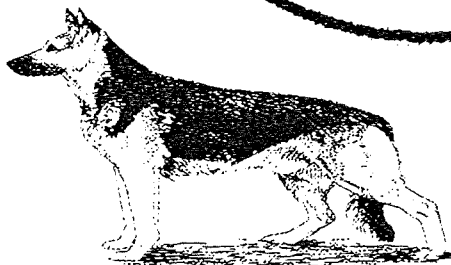
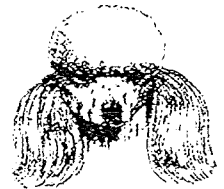
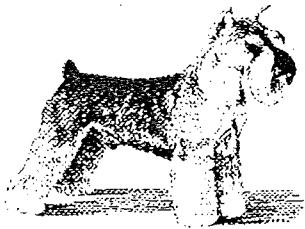
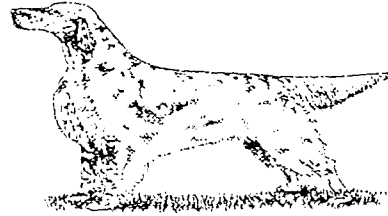
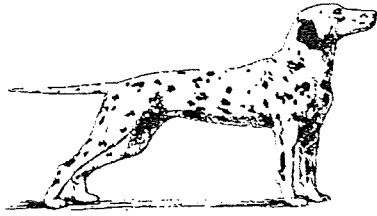
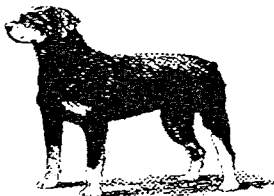


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REPORTS

SECRETARY

Welcome to the April edition of Faithfully Yours. At the last General Meeting it was decided to print a smaller version of the Newsletter monthly, on a trial basis until the end of the 1999 training year, so that you the member can be kept up to date with all the events at the Club. Such things as advertisements, Kidz Corner and the General Meeting minutes will still appear bi-monthly. The monthly Newsletter will be distributed to classes on the last training day of each month or as near as practical where holidays are involved.

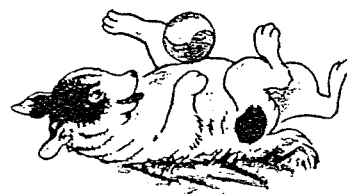
My sincere thanks to Leonie and Janelle for their help at the Walk for Animal Welfare. It was a very long day as we set up the Club information "hut" at 8.30 in the morning and it was after 6.30 that night when we left the Club having returned all the equipment, etc. The "hut" was visited by many people during the course of the day, some even wanting to join the Club on the day and although numbers attending the Walk were down (maybe the camels had something to do with that) financially, the day appeared to be successful for Animal Welfare.

Included in this Newsletter is information regarding the Spirit of the West Challenge. For our newer members, each year Werribee Obedience Dog Club and our Club conducted a Funday, alternating between each Club, and this year it is our turn to host the challenge. The wooden spoon we brought back from Werribee last year is hanging in the clubhouse and we would like to replace it with the shield that Werribee will bring with them on June 6. There are classes available for all members, even our newest puppies, so please take part and enjoy a social day with your dog. Entry forms are in this Newsletter.

For those on the Internet, the Club website has been updated with photos from the Good Friday BBQ and the Walk for Animal Welfare. We have had 154 visitors to the site so far, averaging 5 per day and most have been Australian visitors, although we have had 1 visit from the US government (probably a civil servant with time to spare!).

'til next time

Pam Convery - Secretary



TRAINING SUPERVISOR

This is a very brief report mainly to say a very sincere thank you to the Instructors, stewards, ring preparers and dismantlers, the drinks waiters and anyone else who "aided and abetted" on our recent Promotion Day. To all the people who succeeded - congratulations and to those who didn't - commiserations and better luck next time.

PS - first report for new monthly Newsletter.

Desma Dickeson - Training Supervisor

SOCIAL SECRETARY

Thank you to the members who ordered or sold hot X buns. The Club (your Club) made \$202.40 on sales. Thanks must go to Cath Davies, Barbara Mackey, Cheryl Young, Linda Marfatia and Moira McNair who helped pack orders and special thanks to Fred Lehrmann for taking back the trays.

Good Friday BBQ was on again. It was great to see some new faces along this year. It was a lovely sunny day with about 20 members attending. The Annual cricket match got underway after lunch had settled. Dogs vs people. I think the people won this year as we outsmarted the canines and used more than one ball.

WANTED - Eight members to brainstorm on ideas that we could do for social activities for the Club. In this issue of Faithfully Yours is a questionnaire - it would be great if you could take the time to fill it out and return it to either Leonie or the office.

Until next time

Leonie Kelleher - Social Secretary

CERTIFICATE PASSES

Congratulations to the following members who all passed their respective tests at the
Promotion Day on Sunday 11 April.

Beginners Certificate

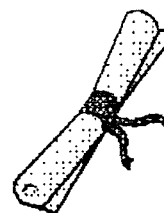
Nicole Edwards & "Honey"
Charlie Cameron & "Tosca"
Renae Nielson & "Cobber"
John & Olga Wallace & "Robbie"
Leanne Travaille & "Bandit"
Brooke Munro & "Cody"
Wendy Woosnan & "Kes"
Tim Wright & "Babe"

Carryn Birch & "Dalcoach Cheyenne Myth"
Vali Betteridge & "Bonnie" Lorraine Miller & "Buddy"
Micole Page & "Max" Marj & "Chelsea"
Sandy Malady & "Casper"
Joe Domotor & "Rusty" Pam Stevenson & "Furgie"
Belinda Burgess & "Lucy" Marj Duff & "Tippy"
Wendy Gauntlett & "Lasiter Astro"
Alan Pescott & "Tiger" Sharlene Hudson & "Marco"

Merit Certificate

Dorothy Mottram & "Moss"
Dorinda Zurawel & "Maddi"
Fiona Bridgens & "Sally"

Fiona Vizard-Sharp & "Guinness"
Sarah Wills-Cooke & "Piglet"



Basic Certificate

Pam Convery & "Brodie"
Derek & Fiona Stamp & "Jessie"
Adam Mehegan & "Skye"

Scott Hibble & "Bridgett" Henny Lynch & "Meg"
Sharon Adamyk & "Lucy"

VALE

"Jasmyne"

1/10/90 – 5/4/99

Jasmyne was my friend and protector for almost nine years. She was the first dog that was really mine, my first German Shepherd and the first dog I had ever trained.

Although Jassy got her Basic Certificate at the club, her stubborn streak soon put an end to any trialing ambitions. She always did things when she was good and ready.

Trial dog she may not have been, family dog and guardian she excelled at. She was always on the alert for strangers – if you didn't belong, you didn't get in! Yet, if we had a BBQ or party, she would greet everyone as though they were long lost friends.

With my boys she was a wizz. She was always patient with them, an ear pull or a horsey ride accepted with great tolerance when they were younger. As they grew she would follow them around the yard, trying to join in on their games (actually, it was probably because she knew they would eventually drop that biscuit or ice cream they were carrying around).

Jassy will be greatly missed by all of my family. She really was loved by us all. She will probably be missed most of all by "Sharne" who keeps expecting her to pop out of her kennel every morning and to bark at the postie every afternoon. I think we all do though.

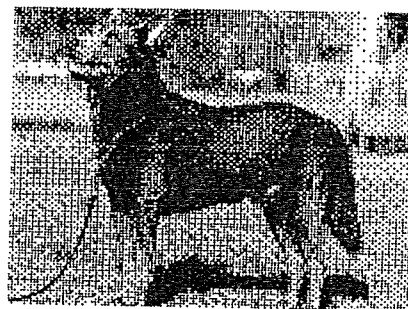
Tina Camm & "Sharne"

DOG BREEDS FROM A TO Z

AUSTRALIAN KELPIE

Height - 17 - 20 in (43 - 51 cm)

Weight: 28 - 33 lb (13 - 15 kg)



The Australian Kelpie is Australia's most popular working dog and is used primarily to control sheep. Like the Australian Cattle Dog, the Kelpie was originally bred to work under the hot dry conditions of the Australian Outback. A well-trained and fit Australian Kelpie can do the work of several people and run 40 miles (60 km) per day. As they are excellent sheep dogs, Australian Kelpies are not only used extensively throughout Australia, but also in New Zealand where the climate and terrain are very different. Australian Kelpies can make excellent companion animals and this is now the task for most of them.

The standard northern breeds of sheep dogs were found wanting by the pioneering Australian shepherds. The imported sheep dogs had difficulty coping with the hot dry conditions and the vast distances that had to be covered. It is believed that during the 1880s Smooth Coated Collies (a Scottish breed) were crossed with Dingoes to produce the basic Australian Kelpie. Then it is likely further crossbreeding took place with other Collies to yield the modern dog.

The Australian Kelpie is a symmetrical medium-sized dog with an athletic appearance. The dark almond-shaped eyes show the intelligence of this dog and the straight upright ears complete the impression of being constantly alert. An elegant, slightly arched neck supports the long narrow head over a deep-chested body.

Arched toes with hard pads complement the straight muscular legs. The coat colour varies between black, black and tan, red, red and tan, light or dark brown, and blue.

Some people say that the Australian Kelpie is a difficult dog to control. Certainly the Australian Kelpie is a very confident dog with a strong tendency towards independence. However, just like a high performance motor car, if these characteristics are properly harnessed the Australian Kelpie performs amazingly well. Assertive people find the Australian Kelpie straightforward to train. As it was originally bred from Collie stock, the Australian Kelpie has a very strong chase reflex and a powerful herding instinct. Although it will sometimes defer to larger dogs, if they are slow to move, the Australian Kelpie delight in herding them as it does the sheep.

Generally, the Australian Kelpie is sociable with other dogs, but they do have a very strong sense of dominance hierarchy (who is the boss). If several of these dogs are kept together, it is not a good idea to treat them equally. This human sense of "fair play" only results in fighting when the people have left.

Usually this dog really enjoys the company of people. However, because a trained dog is so valuable, some farmers can not help but allow these dogs to become very dominant. The males in particular can be very aggressive towards people if they think they can push them around. For example, some male Kelpies will not allow workers other than their owner in the same utility truck with them.

If these dogs are socialised with people from the time they are puppies, they can be excellent family dogs. Nevertheless, it is often necessary to sterilise the males before they become too bossy. Although they can be very independent, the Australian Kelpie, like most other dogs, thrives on its owner's attention.

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

These dogs were bred to run all day and it is preferable to provide them with lots of exercise. The Australian Kelpie is an intelligent dog and if it is not being worked, should be provided with lots of interesting things to do. Otherwise, a bored and under-exercised Australian Kelpie can bark excessively and be destructive.

AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD

Height: 18 - 23 in (46 - 58 cm)

Weight: 35 - 70 lb (16 - 32 kg).

Contrary to what its name suggests, the Australian Shepherd is a dog developed in America. The Aussie, as it is affectionately known, was considered by the American Indians to be a ghost dog because of its piercing blue eyes, and it is legend that the Indians left the owners of the ghost-eyed dogs alone.

It is unlikely that we will ever know the exact history of the Australian Shepherd. Dogs very similar in looks and ability to the Aussie have been around since the early 1600s and were used by the Spanish to move and protect the sheep that were shifted from winter pastures. Similar breeds exist around the world - the English Shepherd in America, the Coolie in Australia, the Welsh Bob-Tail in Scotland, and the Berger Pyrenees in France. Any or all of these may be related, and it is most likely that the early Spanish dogs were spread around the world and developed independently.

The similarities between the breeds can be attributed to the similar task for which each of these breeds was used. The Aussie was so named because it was thought that the Basque shepherds who came to America in the early 1900s brought them from Australia along with the sheep that they were tending. Jay Sisler, who used his dogs as rodeo acts and as the stars in a number of Disney movies, *Run* including, *Appaloosa*, *Run and Stub*, *The Best Cowdog in the West* brought Aussies to the public eye. In June 1957 the first Australian Shepherd Club was formed.

The most striking feature of the Aussie is its bob-tail. Roughly 50% of dogs born have a natural bob-tail, and the rest are docked. This gives the dog a characteristic tail-wagging action that Aussie lovers call the "wobble-butt," because the whole rear of the dog gets involved. They come in an amazing variety of coat colours and patterns and can be black, red, blue-merle (black base with a mottled pattern) and red merle, all with or without white and/or copper trim.

The coat is of moderate length with an undercoat that is suitable to the climate in which it lives. It should not be silky or harsh, and is an all-weather coat. Unlike the Border Collie, whom they resemble, Aussies are not known for their ability to "eye" stock. They do, however, have a penetrating and very intelligent gaze from their brown, blue, green or marbled eyes.

The Australian Shepherd is a natural athlete and is a joy to watch when it is working. This is an intelligent dog with a great aptitude for work. The Aussie is determined enough to work stock, but also remains gentle enough to be a companion animal. Its alert manner makes the Australian Shepherd perfect for the role of watch-dog. The insistent bark of the Australian Shepherd serves as a real deterrent to would-be intruders.

The Aussie is one of the few working dogs that make a great companion for singles, couples and families alike. Of course it wise to allow proper socialisation with a range of people when the dog is young. There can be an element of competition between the Aussie and other dogs, but generally it is very sociable.



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AT LAST WE'VE MADE IT!!!! "Valenkar Ruby Valley (Tilly) CD"

We finally gained our third pass to get our CD. After a reluctant start when I inherited Tilly from my middle daughter Elizabeth. I joined Cath Davies in her merit class and much to her amusement the dog knew what to do but the handler didn't, but she set me straight on many things. And all too soon I found myself in the basic class with John Shields. His help was also invaluable. After missing the test day because Tilly was in season I returned to the club after some weeks (with a hang over I might add) to be met by Fred Lehrmann and told, your doing your test today. Whether it was because my head was in a fog or what, I don't know, but to my amazement I passed the test, to be duly sent over to Helen Read for coaching in trialing.

At this stage I still hadn't decided whether to trial or not. But with urging from my daughter Sarah (who was already in the trialing class) I also became one of Helen's pupils. Now Helen is a different kettle of fish to the mild mannered Cath and John. Not one to mince words, she told me directly that I was doing it all wrong and it should be done like "THIS", but please yourself

After some months Helen decided to hand over her class to Leonie. So Leonie inherited me just like I had Tilly. She quickly encouraged us to start trialing and on the 23/3/97 I got my Encouragement pass at Knox, coming third in the ring with a score of 123/130, to be followed on the 26/6/97 by my first Novice pass at Broadmeadows 170/200. In between times, I entered other trials and have many "SAD" doggy stories for each and every one of them. Then I gained my second pass at Warnambool on the 8/3/98 with a score of 179/200.

Then I sort of lost interest when Tilly once again came into season and Sarah had decided that sleeping in Sunday mornings was more fun than getting up at 7am to mix with all the lovely dogs and people down at the dog club. Many months later I decided to return to do what I had started only to be told my membership had expired and I would have to pay the renewal and joining fee. SO BE IT! Paid my money and started back in Leonie's class and after several weeks we had a new intake and then we got a lecture about how some of us should put our bum into gear and get trialing. No way did I take offence, the truth doesn't hurt (much) but I duly started trialing again.

On the 17/10/98 we went to Northcote and gained third place with 163/200 NQ, it was very hot and windy. And on the 18/10/98 it was to Altona to get second place with 161/200 NQ. Would you believe she got blown over in the stand free! OH ME - all these trials!! Next, it was back to Warnambool again and on the Saturday she decided to have a scratch before the stand for examination was over and on the Sunday with a score of 171/200, NQed in the off lead work. BOO HOO.... So, where better to go than back to Knox where I got my Encouragement pass. So off we went, even had the same weather as the first time, raining nearly all day. Tina and Bandit were there for their first Encouragement trial and Fiona and Thomas looking for another pass. A big thank you to Fiona for keeping me company till after the presentation. And we finally did it 176/200 for our third pass, also third place and TITLE!!!!

I need to thank Cath, John, Helen and especially the long-suffering Leonie (for putting up with my class antics) for all the help they have given along the way. Also Fred, Pam and Janelle and lastly but not least, all those people who have attended classes with me. Many that I started with have since left and gone other ways but I must say it's been a pleasure to mix with one and all. If I've forgotten anyone please forgive me.....

Yours in trialing - John Blonk and Tilly

PS. Bad luck Leonie. I'm still in your class with Sarah's dog Crissy.



GOOD FRIDAY BBQ

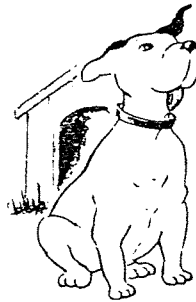
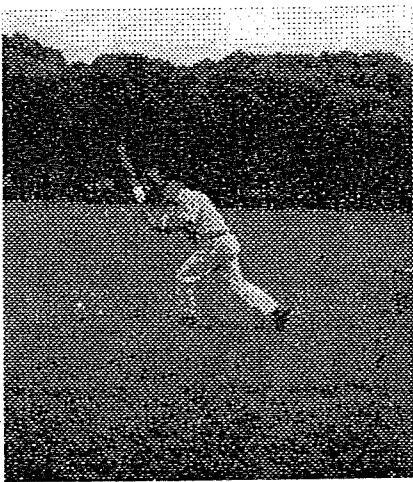
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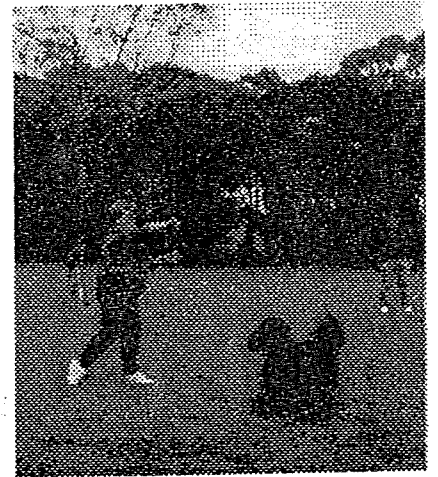
Resting before the big match



Mark Waugh's position under threat



Too slow "George"!



Just let me catch 40 winks before the next innings!!!!!!



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WALK FOR ANIMAL WELFARE – 18 April

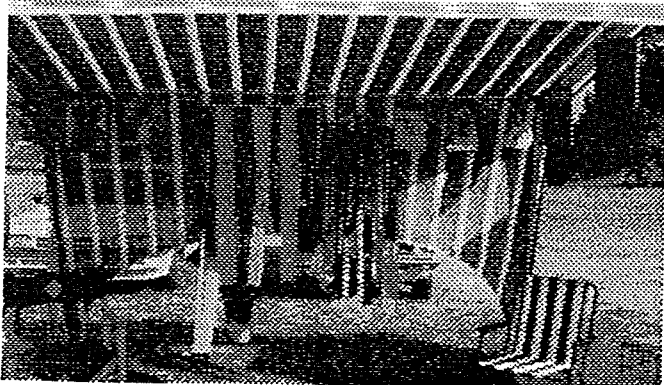
Receiving final instructions from the Town Cryer



Some of the Geelong Obedience Dog Club members who attended the Walk



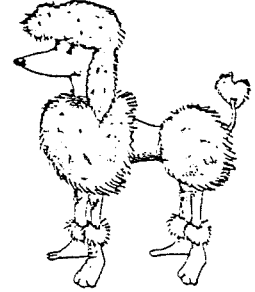
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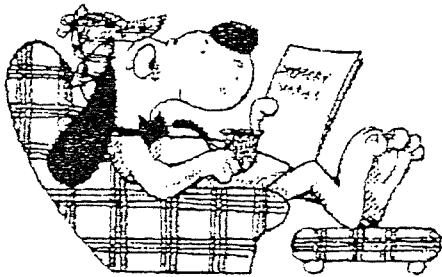
Saturday	1 May	Back to Back Agility Trial
Sunday	2 May	Puppy and Class One intake – April's Newsletter distributed
Tuesday	4 May	Committee Meeting – 8.00 pm
Thursday	6 May	Puppy Kinder - puppies approx. 8 - 16 weeks
Sunday	9 May	Mother's Day. Training as usual
Wednesday	12 May	Newsletter closes
Sunday	16 May	Puppy Intake
Monday	17 May	Instructor's Meeting
Sunday	30 May	May's Newsletter distributed



June

Tuesday	1 June	General Meeting - 8 p.m. – Membership renewal open (post only)
Thursday	3 June	Puppy Kinder - puppies approx. 8 - 16 weeks
Sunday	6 June	Puppy and Class One Intake – SPIRIT OF THE WEST CHALLENGE (see details this newsletter)
Sunday	13 June	Queen's Birthday weekend – NO TRAINING
Sunday	20 June	Puppy Intake – Membership renewals (accepted at training until the end of July)
Monday	21 June	Instructor's Meeting
Sunday	27 June	Stock take for all departments - end financial year. June's Newsletter distributed

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC



Puppy Kinder

For puppies 8 – 16 weeks

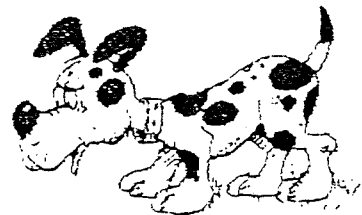
THURSDAY EVENINGS - 7.00 pm

Clubrooms, Breakwater Road
BREAKWATER

Bookings essential

*Puppy socialisation
Owner Education
And
Basic Obedience Training*

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DANGER RESULTING FROM BAD PRACTICES!

Joan Bell - Author of THE PUPPY TRAINING MANUAL

It is easy for bad practices to become established when rearing young dogs, and these, although perhaps not unwelcome to the dog, may actually endanger him and even the owner. For example, by allowing a dog to jump from the owner's car immediately the door's opened, could put the dog and others in danger from passing traffic. Instead, it would be advisable to teach from early puppyhood, the meaning of the command 'WAIT' when the door is opened by not permitting the puppy to move from the car until commanded OUT. This would allow the owner time to fix the lead, and check out safety aspects.

Allowing a puppy to run off immediately the lead is removed in a public place similarly could be potentially risky. Again, the puppy should be required to 'WAIT' until the release command is given when safe and prudent to do so. In this situation the owner should always have the puppy sit before attaching or removing the lead (or both collar and lead), hold the puppy in this position for the count of say, four, then release from command with "FREE" or "OFF YOU GO" in an excited tone of voice. As in the earlier example, this approach also helps consolidate the role of the owner handler as controller in the dog's mind.

In public places generally

Many owners take their dogs on lead to the local park or beach or the like and, although this type of outing is highly desirable, owners should be encouraged to allow their dog some freedom off lead. Certain areas are out of bounds to dogs, particularly off lead. The owner should always be on the lookout when exercising his/her dog off lead so as not to cause any distress to any person or other animal. To avoid this happening it is wise to recall the dog or puppy and affix the lead when others come on the scene. In order to have a very reliable adult dog that comes when called, I advise that owners practise recalling their puppies three or four times during any outing, each time rewarding the puppy with pieces of food, (ie sausage, cheese, dried liver, etc.) as well as an enthusiastic greeting, then sending them off again.

I further suggest to owners, when they embark on such an outing with their puppy that they apply the following procedures:

1. On arrival, check out the area for safety and check for any council signs prohibiting dogs. Be well away from roads, other dogs and dangers of any description.
2. Have puppy sit, remove his lead, hold him there for a few seconds, then release him with a command such as 'FREE', encouraging him to move away. (The teaching of a release command eventually, over time, signifies to the dog, he is free to move from position).
3. During his free time and whilst he is distracted, call him using his name, eg. "FIDO COME" being sure to utilise all of your best noises, etc. to tear him away from things puppies like to do in unexplored new environments. Have some tidbits ready and lavish him with praise on arrival (N.B. DO not repeat the command if you are sure he heard the first one. Instead go to him, touch him lightly to get his attention, then run backwards using 'COME' etc.). Here again, reward, then use the release command 'FREE', sending him off again to enjoy his freedom.
4. Repeat the procedure in (3) two or three times more during the outing then, on the last recall, have the puppy sit, affix the lead, release him from position with 'FREE' in an excited tone of voice and walk on.

If an owner were to consistently adopt the procedures set out in (3) and (4), the puppy would soon come to realise that being called to come does not necessarily mean an end to his freedom and he will never quite know when the lead is going to restrict him again.

Editors Note: This article was reprinted courtesy of Joan Bell and April's "Top Dog Journal", which is the final issue of yet another dog magazine.





Names of Crossbreeds

Submitted by Elaine Longshaw

Pointer X Setter	Poinsetter, a traditional Christmas pet
Kerry Blue Terrier X Skye Terrier	Blue Skye, a dog for visionaries
Great Pyrenees X Dachshund	Pyredachs, a puzzling breed
Pekingnese X Lhasa Apso	Peekasso, an abstract dog
Irish Water Spaniel X English Springer Spaniel	Irish Springer, a dog fresh and clean as a whistle
Labrador Retriever X Curly Coated Retriever	Lab Coat Retriever, the choice of research scientists
Newfoundland X Basset Hound	Newfound Asset Hound, a dog for financial advisors
Terrier X Bulldog	Terribull, a dog that makes awful mistakes
Bloodhound X Labrador	Blabodor, a dog that barks incessantly
Malamute X Pointer	Moot Point, owned by oh, well, it doesn't matter anyway
Collie X Malamute	Commute, a dog that travels to work
Deerhound X Terrier	Derriere, a dog that's true to the end

Funny Bones - <http://members.rofl.com/ftmybones/cross.html>

TRIAL RESULTS

Moorabbin	11 April	Susie Baird & "Rasa"	3 rd Pass	Novice	170pts	
				TITLE		
				Highest scoring Geelong Member		
				Highest scoring Rottweiler		
Ballaarat	24 April	Helen Read & "Abbott"	2 nd Pass	Utility	187pts	
				Highest scoring Geelong Member		
		Malcolm Waldron & "Tess"	2 nd Place	Novice	NQ	

Altona 24 April
 Congratulations to Cathy Bond & "Ruff" and Libby Hotchin & "Scorcha" on gaining their ET Titles at Altona, (no, not extra terrestrial, they passed their Endurance Test).

TRIAL DATES

<i>Obedience</i>		<i>Entries Close</i>
Keilor Obedience Dog Training Centre Inc	Sunday 23 May	10 May
Mornington Obedience Dog Club Inc	Sunday 30 May	14 May
Weimaraner Club of Victoria (restricted to Gundogs)	Saturday 29 May	9 May
Bairnsdale & District Dog Obedience Club Inc	Saturday 12 June	21 May
East Gippsland Dog Obedience Club Inc	Sunday 13 June	21 May
Gippsland Dog Obedience Club Inc	Monday 14 June	21 May
<i>Agility</i>		
Croydon & District Obedience Dog Club Inc	Sunday 6 June	24 May
Gippsland Dog Obedience Club Inc	Monday 14 June	21 May

AUST CH. JAHZORN BRILLIANT N BLUE (A) CD TD "RASA"

proudly owned and loved by Susie & John Baird



Originally we entered novice trials to gain a pass so that we could enter tracking trials. Rasa obliged us with this on our first trial, and we thought this is easy, lets keep going and get her CD. Wrong!!! On her next trial she crept forward, rolled over and kicked her legs in the air with only seconds to go on the drop stay. And so we learnt that nothing can be taken for granted, not even the exercises you "know" the dog is stable on. But we persevered with her mood swings and in the meantime she gained her Tracking Dog title, Australian Champion title and over Christmas had 10 puppies. Having a break from training seemed to make her work livelier, and on 11/4 at Moorabbin Obedience Dog Club she gained her 3rd novice pass (170 points) and added a CD to her name. Luckily I didn't know it was going to be such a warm day as I probably would not have gone, but although her performance was certainly marred by the heat, she still did it! And a lovely surprise was the two beautiful sashes she was presented with for highest scoring GODC member, and highest scoring Rottweiler Club of Victoria member in trial.

Many people have helped us along the way, in particular Leonie in the GODC trial class, and Helen Read & Paul Metcalfe at BDAG.

Now we have come full circle from being in Val Moeller's puppy class to her open class, and after one session I already know we will have a great time and will find it challenging and rewarding.

Many thanks to Pam and Janelle Convery for their support at every trial, with either commiseration or congratulations, and for kindly waiting with me at Moorabbin for the presentations, so that I wouldn't be on my lonesome!

Without the support, encouragement and experience of all these people I'm sure we would not have even dreamt of coming this far.

Submitted by a very new member with a sense of humour

Lady took her dog to the Vet, the Vet looked at the dog and said, "this dog is dead!"
 Lady said, "I want a second opinion". The Vet went out the back and came back with a Labrador.
 The Lab looked over the dog from head to foot and walked out.
 The Vet went to another room and came back with a cat.
 The cat looked the dog over from head to foot and walked out of the room.
 The Vet then gave the Lady a bill for \$650.00 dollars.
 The Lady said, "what's this for?"
 The Vet said, "well your dog had a Lab test, and a Cat Scan".

Web Sites for those lucky enough to be on the Internet

www.vetinfo.com/dogindex.html.

Vet information for all types of illnesses

www.dogzonline.com.au

Contains lots of breed information, breeders, and clubs. It also contains Select-a-pet so you can find the perfect breed for you.

www.padache.com.au/kaynine

Lots of doggy stuff. Great links

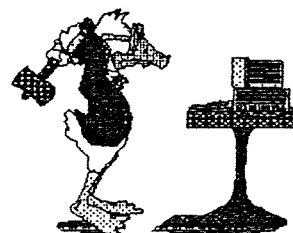
<http://www.ludin.com.au/~hollow/dogrec~1.htm>

Microwave treats for your dogs and other recipes

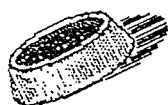
www.pets.info.vic.gov.au

Responsible pet ownership information site

And don't forget to check the Club's website which is updated at the end of each month



SPIRIT OF THE WEST CHALLENGE



Sunday 6 June 1999
commencing 12.30 pm



Geelong Obedience Dog Club, Breakwater Road
Belmont Common

Classes are available for ALL members, including puppies

Entry fee - \$2.00, which includes a BBQ lunch commencing at 11.30 am.

Return entries, with your entry fee, to the Office. Entries close at the end of classes on

Sunday 30 May 1999

Come along enjoy a social day with your dog, maybe win a ribbon and help us win the Shield back from Werribee. Please ask your Instructor if you are in doubt as to which class to enter. This will take the place of your normal training for that day only and is good preparation for the next Promotion day.

PUPPY CLASS	EXERCISES	POINTS
Heel on lead	Includes a sit and stand. Corrections permitted	50
Right about and Right turn	Are done in heeling pattern	20
Sit Stay	Individual exercise - 10 seconds only	20
Handler Control	Voice, praise, correction & pace	10
		100

CLASS ONE (Puppies over 6 months)

Heel on lead	Includes a sit & stand. Corrections permitted	50
Right about and Right turn	Are done in heeling pattern	20
Sit Stay	Individual exercise - 10 seconds only	20
Handler Control	Voice, praise, correction & pace	10
		100

CLASS TWO

Heel on lead	Includes all turns, sit, stand, drop from sit position & slow pace	50
Stand Stay	Individual exercise - 10 seconds only	10
Sit Stay	Individual exercise - 10 seconds only	10
Recall	(on lead with automatic sit or on handlers command. Handler return to dog)	20
Handler control	Voice, praise, correction & pace	10
		100

CLASS THREE

Heel on lead	Includes all turns, sit, stand, drop while heeling, fast & slow pace	50
Stand for Examination	Light examination - head and back only	10
Recall	On lead with automatic sit. Handler return	20
Sit Stay	Group exercise - 30 seconds - lead on ground	10
Drop Stay	Group exercise - 1 minute - lead on ground	10
		100

CLASS FOUR

Heel on lead	All turns, sit, stand, drop, fast & slow pace & figure 8	40
Stand for examination	Full exercise	20
Recall	Off lead - 10 metres - handler around dog	20
Sit Stay	Group exercise - 1 min - off lead - half width	20
Drop Stay	Group exercise - 2 min - off lead - half width	20
		120

CLASS FIVE

Heel on lead	All turns, sit, stand, drop, fast & slow pace & figure 8	30
Stand for examination	Full exercise	20
Stand Stay	Full exercise - off lead	20
Recall	Full exercise plus finish	30
Sit Stay	Group exercise - 1 min - off lead - full width	30
Drop Stay	Group exercise - 3 min - off lead - full width	30
		160

CLASS SIX

Full Novice exercises for untitled dogs

CLASS SEVEN

Full Novice exercises for titled dogs who have not entered an Open Class

CLASS EIGHT

Full Open exercises for untitled dogs

CLASS NINE

Full Open exercises for titled dogs who have not entered a Utility Class

CLASS TEN

Full Utility exercises



CLASSES ELEVEN AND TWELVE – points do not count towards Shield. Classes will be conducted while scores from the Obedience classes are being tallied

CLASS ELEVEN

Agility class – to be conducted at Novice level with a time handicap for AD, ADX and ADM titled dogs

CLASS TWELVE

Junior handlers – two age groups – 7 to 12 years, 12 to 18 years. Juniors must handle the dog they normally handle in Class. Exercises as per Class One.

GEEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB SOCIAL QUESTIONNAIRE

How long have you been a member? _____

Is your membership ☐ Single
☐ Junior
☐ Family/Dual
☐ Pensioner

If you have been a member for a while, have you attended any functions?
 Yes ☐ No ☐

What type of function/s would you most likely attend?

Please tick one or more of the following

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| <input type="checkbox"/> BBQ | <input type="checkbox"/> Car Trial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dinner out | <input type="checkbox"/> Trivia night |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cheese and Wine night | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Party |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Film night | |

If you have any other suggestions, please list below

Any other comments - _____

Please complete and return to Leonie (Social Secretary) or the Office. Thank you

"SPIRIT OF THE WEST" ENTRY FORM

HANDLER'S NAME _____

DOG'S NAME _____

CLASS ENTERED _____ Height at shoulder (Classes 8, 9, 10, 11) _____

INSTRUCTOR'S NAME _____

If you are not entering but would like to Steward or Judge, please complete the form below and circle whether stewarding or judging

NAME _____ Phone No _____

STEWARD

JUDGE