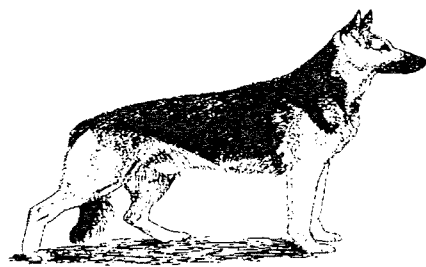
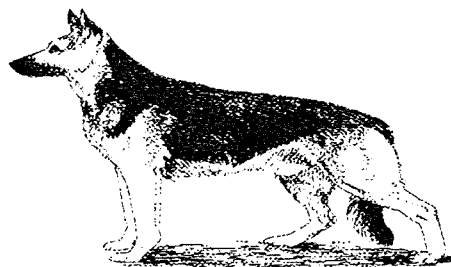
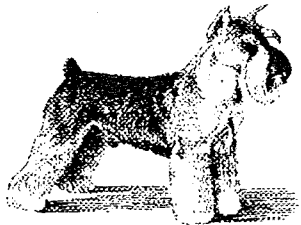
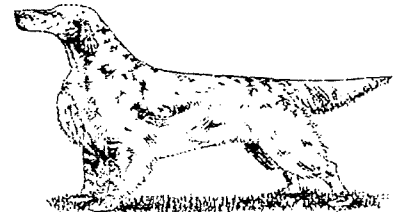
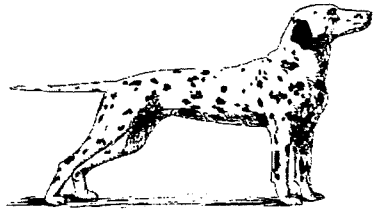
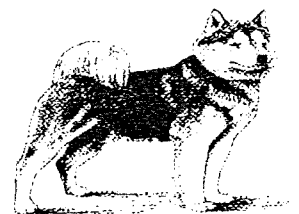
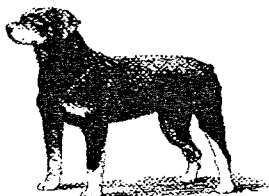


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REPORTS

SECRETARY'S REPORT

I wish I could say I have been inundated with offers to take on the Secretary's position at the Club but unfortunately this is not the case at all. The Annual General Meeting is getting closer and it really is time for someone to consider taking on this and other positions on Committee.

There is a copy of the Duties of the Secretary available from the Office as there are for most other positions on Committee, so if you are tempted, perhaps reading those guidelines will help with your decision.

The Secretary's position is very rewarding particularly if you enjoy dealing with the public as you are often the first contact many people have with the Club and now the Office is computerised it has certainly decreased the workload and the system is very simple to use.

Committee nominations close on Tuesday 14 September, so please give it some serious thought, the Club really needs you

The passing of two members in recent weeks has saddened the Club. Firstly, Marj Wright, a long-standing Instructor in Puppy Class and Life Member of the Club and also Eric Hell a trialing member who many may remember with his dog "Nikki", a white standard Poodle. They will both be sadly missed and our sympathies go to the families.

Just a brief report on our website, which is also looking for a manager, we have had some really great comments in our guest book recently, with interest expressed by other Obedience Clubs who are also looking to add their own pages to the Internet. We have had just over 600 visitors to our site since its inception in March this year.

'Til next time – happy training.

Pam Convery - Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Well renewals are finished for this year. I hope everyone has been thinking about the Annual General Meeting, which is on the 5th of October.

As you will recall I stated in the July newsletter that I would not be standing for re-election to the Committee this year. As of yet, no one has come forward to ask me about what is required for the position of Treasurer and I hope someone does. I would not like to see another repeat of last years AGM when the Secretary and I were forced to re-stand because no one wanted the positions. With a bit of luck I hope these will be filled prior to the meeting so as to avoid this problem. Please remember that this club needs the in-put of the members to function properly and efficiently.

Please if you wish to nominate or you know some one that would be of a benefit to the club in some position ask them if they would stand.

Remember it is YOUR CLUB and without your input or help it could collapse.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE ON 14th September

Jim Ball - Treasurer

TRAINING SUPERVISOR

A reasonably brief report this month – not much time for anything more due to the busy life around the Club.

In recent weeks, we have had one Instructor take extended leave, while several others have been attacked by the flu virus as have some members of Committee which has put serious pressure on the few remaining workers at the Club.

I have been told of several complaints regarding the merging of Classes, and also that some people have had 3-4 Instructors over recent weeks. This is totally unavoidable in the present climate at the Club where people want instant success without too much effort on their part or they don't want to be involved in helping out at all.

Please, please remember that the Instructors are all volunteers and that they joined the Club for the same reasons as everyone else – to train their dogs.

Before closing, I would like to welcome 2 new sub-Instructors to our ranks – Barbara Mackey and John Cameron - who have both "bitten the bullet" and are learning the ropes.

Finally thank you to the Instructors who stepped in and took huge classes to ease the strain even though almost all, should have been home and tucked up by the fire.

D Dickeson – Training Supervisor

SOCIAL SECRETARY

The Mars fundraising drive has recently finished. Unfortunately we didn't meet the desired profit of \$1,000.00 as anticipated. However, a profit of \$873.00 was achieved from selling 45 boxes and on top of this, we also received some incentive prizes that can be used later for raffles.

A special thank you to the members who took a carry pack to sell or bought single boxes from the renewal table.

It is now time to start putting some thought towards the Christmas party, so if you have suggestions please let me or a Committee member know.

Thank you

Leonie Kelleher – Social Secretary

CANTEEN MANAGER

All is running smoothly in the Canteen, thank you to those people who have helped out during the last six months Sunday training, Special days and Trials. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Spirit of the West Challenge 6 June 1999

Income	Entries	\$300.00	Expenses	\$187.00
	Canteen Sales	\$150.20		
	Total	\$450.20	Profit	\$263.20

Sausage Sizzles – Last sausage sizzle was on 4 July which made a profit of \$51.65. The total from our sausage sizzles at the end of July is \$213.70

Obedience Trial 18 July 1999

Income	\$292.25	Expenses	\$115.53	Profit	\$176.72
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Kim Ciezarek – Canteen Manager

TEN COMMANDMENTS FROM A PET'S STANDPOINT

Reprinted from the "Croydon Capers" and "Bendigo Recall"

1. My life is likely to last 10-15 years. Any separation from you will be painful for me. Remember that before you get me.
2. Give me time to understand what you want from me.
3. Place your trust in me.
4. Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, entertainment and friends. I only have you.
5. Talk to me sometimes. Even if I don't understand your words, I understand your voice.
6. Be aware that however you treat me, I'll never forget it.
7. Please don't hit me, I can't hit back, but I can bite and scratch and I really don't want to do that.
8. Before you scold me for being uncooperative, obstinate or lazy, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right foods or I've been out in the sun too long or my heart is getting old and weak.
9. Take care of me when I get old. You too will grow old.
10. Go with me on difficult journeys. Never say "I can't bear to watch" or "let it happen in my absence". Everything is easier for me if you are there. Remember that I love you.

NEW MEMBERS

The Committee would like to welcome the following new member to the Club

1 August 1999

John Grinter	Belinda Boal	Sharon Savickas	Gecsek Family
Godwill Family	Lamb Family	Jennifer Sharrock	Bissell Family
Michelle Blacklock/Aaron Barnett	Myers Family	Chantel Thornley	
Chris Mulholland	Stephens Family	Diane Collett	Anne Gourley
Marles Family	Miriam Jurado	Olga Jurado	Sandy Crameri
Peter Williams			

5 August 1999

Leonie Clements	Renee Lestrangle/Shawn Colley	Debra Hamilton
Jones Family	Colleen Kelly/Ossi Anttila	

DEBARKING ISSUE

As the Club would like to establish a member's view on the debarking of dogs, the Committee would be interest in hearing your opinion. Either, drop a note into the Office, speak to a Committee member or attend the next General Meeting which will follow the Annual General Meeting on 5 October.

MEMBERS PHOTOS FOR THE WEBSITE

If any members have photos of their dogs they would like added to a new page we are creating on the website please drop them into the Office including the member's name and the dog's name. These photos can be cute, amusing or just a photo of your four-legged friend.

NEXT PROMOTION DAY
Sunday, 26 September 1999

You can now win a ribbon for First, Second and Third place in the ring on a Promotion Day

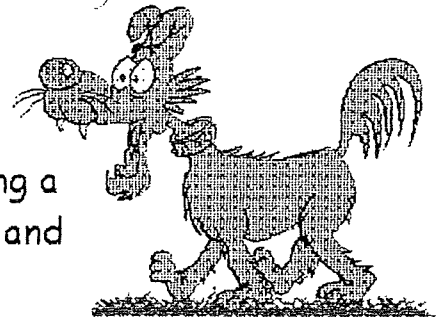
The ribbons will be presented, along with Certificates for those who pass, on the next training day following the Promotion Day

Test Guideline sheets for all Certificate levels are available in the Club Shop. Cost – 50 cents



We need Instructors!

The Club is in need of Instructors who are interested in offering their services to help others achieve their goals. Instructing is a rewarding challenge with the final outcome being a dog and handler living in harmony both at home and in the community



Trainee Instructors will be asked to take part in the following program

- 2 lectures on dog Psychology and Behaviour
- 6 practical lectures on training methods

At the completion of which, there will be an assessment

Trainees will then spend, depending on experience, approximately

- 2-4 weeks observing and assisting in Class 3
- 2-4 weeks observing and assisting in Class 2
- 2-4 weeks observing and assisting in Class 1

Followed by a practical assessment

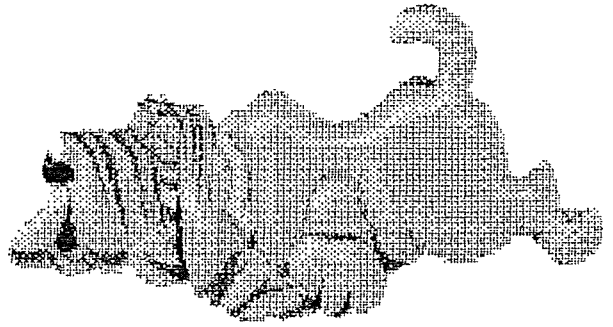


"MY CLASS"

(Dedicated to Ron and his dog "Sam")

Written by Sandra McCarthy

*M*Y CLASS is different to all the other classes in the Club, we don't specialise in Trialing, Agility, Tracking or receiving certificates; we don't have to because "WE DO IT ALL".



The class was originally started in early 1994 for people with dogs who had passed all their certificates and didn't want to Trial, but still wanted to socialise with other people and their dogs. Club members with aging dogs also find this class suitable to their needs as it allows them to work their dogs at a more relaxed pace, without having to worry about keeping up with everyone else, or their aging dogs becoming overworked.

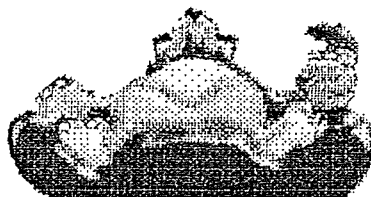
Class activities can vary from week to week, sometimes we use the agility equipment, the fly ball box, or if Michael our instructor isn't there, we take turns in running the class ourselves (thanks Wendy for the tracking lesson the other week). Other things we do can include; walking around the club grounds checking out the new intake of puppies, group recalls, socialising and trying to teach our dogs new skills such as rolling over and playing dead. But the best thing about "MY CLASS" is that it is fun and is like an extended family.

The number of dogs that are in "MY CLASS" can vary from time to time; there are those dogs who are there long term and those who are only there for a brief visit. Some dogs are in "MY CLASS" because they have become bored with regimented training and need a break or dogs that no longer require training but their owners still want to have fun with them. These dogs include, Codie, Riley Crash, Lass, Misty and Buster.

Then there are those dogs who have been there since time began (I mean the class began), Floyd (teacher's pet), Chips, Bo and Sam. Whenever someone leaves our class their absence is felt by all, as is the case with "Sam". His health has been declining slowly over the last 6 months and his owner Ron was always there with "Sam" every Sunday, that is until about a month ago.

If it wasn't for dogs like "Sam" and volunteer Instructors like Michael, then "MY CLASS" would not have been created and probably other club members and myself would have left a long time ago.

Editor's Note – I am pleased to report that Ron and "Sam" still take their daily walk around St Joseph's football ovals weather permitting. Ron is well and "Sam" still enjoys sniffing at all the trees.



INSTRUCTOR'S COURSE

**The Club will be commencing a new Instructor's
Course in October 1999**

**If you are interested in offering your services and passing on the
knowledge you have gained or would just like further information
please see**

**Desma Dickeson
Training Supervisor
or
Helen Read
Vice-President**



CRITERIA FOR TRAINEE INSTRUCTORS

1. Basic Obedience
2. Reasonable term of commitment
3. Willingness to attend Trainee Instructor's meetings (as per program) and also Instructor's Meetings
4. Ability to communicate with people and impart knowledge clearly to a Class
5. Realise that this is a commitment and your dog will receive a little less attention

For Your Information

The following information was taken from the Membership Renewals just completed and recent new members

Breeds training at the Club

Cross-breeds.....	67	Akita.....	2
German Shepherd Dog.....	32	Bull Terrier.....	2
Border Collie.....	27	Cairn Terrier.....	2
Golden Retriever.....	25	Curly Coated Retriever.....	2
Labrador Retriever.....	19	Maltese.....	2
Rottweiler.....	17	Pointer.....	2
Shetland Sheepdog.....	17	Pomeranian.....	2
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel.....	9	Tibetan Spaniel.....	2
Poodle (miniature).....	9	Australian Shepherd.....	1
Dobermann.....	8	Australian Silky Terrier.....	1
Jack Russell Terrier.....	8	Beagle.....	1
Australian Cattle Dog.....	7	Bichon Frise.....	1
Poodle (toy).....	7	Border Terrier.....	1
Boxer.....	6	Daschund.....	1
Collie (Rough).....	6	English Mastiff.....	1
Dalmatian.....	5	English Springer Spaniel.....	1
German Shorthaired Pointer.....	5	German Koolie.....	1
Staffordshire Bull Terrier.....	5	Gordon Setter.....	1
Alaskan Malamute.....	4	Irish Wolfhound.....	1
Poodle (standard).....	4	Kerry Blue Terrier.....	1
Australian Kelpie.....	3	Lhaso Apso.....	1
Flat Coated Retriever.....	3	Neopolitan Mastiff.....	1
Fox Terrier.....	3	Newfoundland.....	1
Hungarian Vizsla.....	3	Schnauzer.....	1
Irish Water Spaniel.....	3	Shih Tzu.....	1
Rhodesian Ridgeback.....	3	Welsh Springer Spaniel.....	1
Weimaraner.....	3	Whippet.....	1
Welsh Corgi (Pembroke).....	3	Total.....	346

Types of Memberships

Single.....	113	Pensioner Family.....	15
Family.....	82	Pensioner Dual.....	7
Pensioner Single.....	23	Junior.....	5
Life Member.....	22	Total.....	288
Dual.....	21		

Some Junior members training dogs are also included on Family memberships

Most common dog's names

Lucy.....	7	Abby.....	4	Max.....	4
Ben, Benjamin.....	6	Beau, Bo.....	4	Oscar.....	4
Bonnie.....	5	Cody.....	4	Sally.....	4
Monty.....	5	Jessie.....	4	Toby.....	4

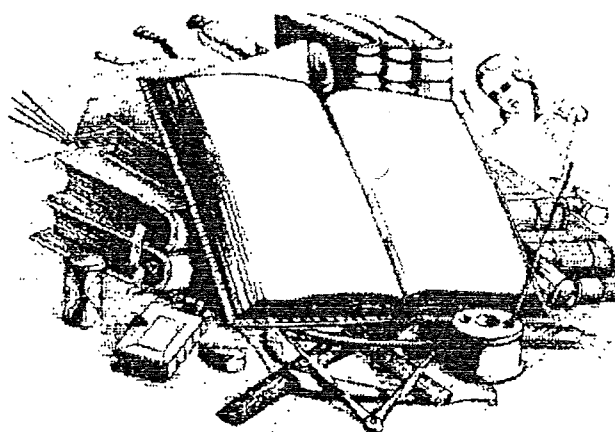
For your information (Continued)

Where you all live		
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3219.....39	3225.....5	3230.....1
3220.....19	3328.....3	3232.....1
3215.....18	3213.....2	3233.....1
3214.....17	3280.....2	3240.....1
3228.....17	3321.....2	3241.....1
3224.....15	3060.....1	3249.....1
3218.....13	3102.....1	3264.....1
3222.....10	3111.....1	3331.....1
3226.....10	3122.....1	3332.....1
3221.....9	3147.....1	3357.....1
3227.....7	3211.....1	3550.....1



Library News

Although I have recently retired as Librarian at Geelong Obedience Dog Club I would like to share with readers my enjoyment in reading a special book with an interesting history.



In 1987, on the occasion of Marj Wright's 77th birthday I was asked by Committee to select a gift to be presented to Marj who was one of the early members of the Club and also a long term Instructor in Puppy Class.

My choice was a selection of the best of James Herriott dog stories taken from his 5 books about his experiences with dogs while working as a country Vet in the beautiful Yorkshire downs. He writes, not only about the dog's ailments, but the different personalities of both dog and owners.

This is truly a book that is hard to put down

Note

Sadly, Marj passed away recently and the book has been returned to our Club to be shared by members.

Our thanks and fond memories to a Life Member who gave so much of her time to the Club

Phyl Bergin

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**TUESDAY
5 OCTOBER 1999**

Commencing

8.00 pm

The Clubhouse
Breakwater Road
Belmont Common

Nomination forms for all Committee positions are available in July's
Newsletter

**A list of members eligible to vote at the
Annual General Meeting will be placed on
the Noticeboard**

Pam Convery - Secretary

WAGGING TAILS AND SMILING FACES

With Sheila Bailey

CANINE COMMUNICATION

Dogs have a very wonderful and involved method of communicating with each other. The language of *Canis Familiaris* is understood by dogs all over the world. But it's when we misinterpret what our dogs are saying to us that problems can arise.

An English dog taken on a world trip would have no difficulty communicating with the dogs in each and every country to which he was taken. Quite a sobering thought when you consider the difficulties human animals have when trying to communicate with each other – in spite of having the benefit of verbal language and possessing the most developed brain of any animal on the planet.

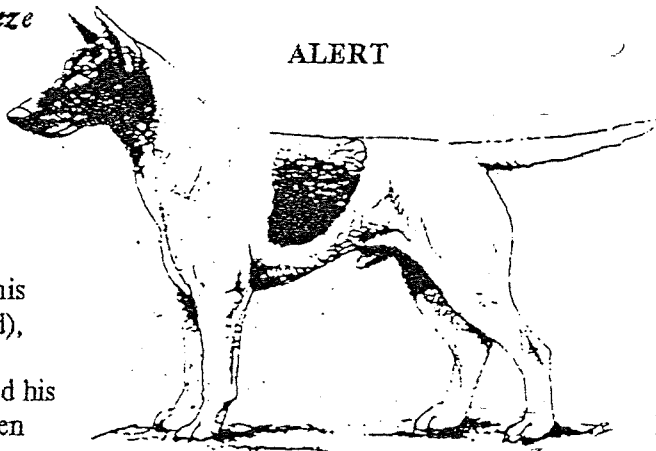
A puppy learns *Canis* whilst in the nest, during interactions with his mother and littermates. To develop a mutually enjoyable

relationship with your dog there are certain characteristic postures which all owners should learn to recognise. So often owners say, "if only you could speak", but if we learned to observe our dogs more closely, we may come to realise that sometimes 'actions speak louder than words'.

You must learn to read the signals your dog is giving you. All dogs are different so you need to recognise and bear in mind your own dog's individuality but, in general terms, the following descriptions are applicable to all dogs to a greater or lesser degree.

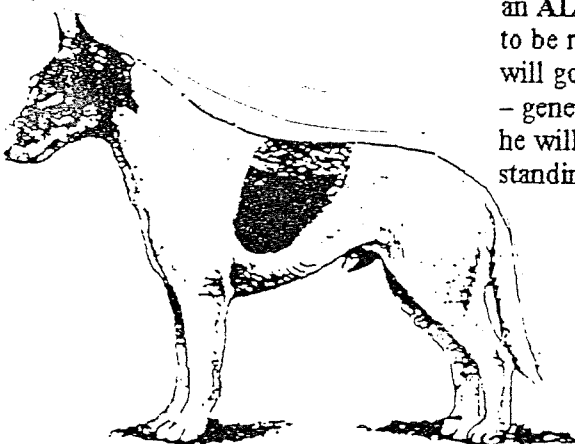
Illustrations by Dianne Breeze

ALERT



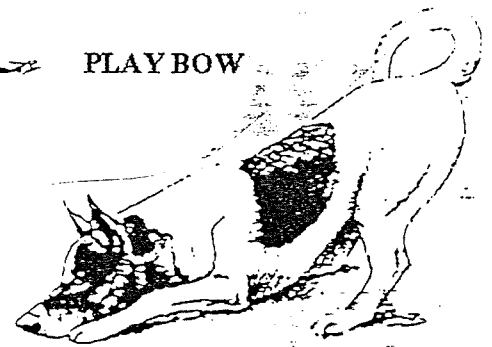
A **RELAXED DOG** will have his tail down, ears up (if prick-eared), his head moderately high, the corners of his mouth relaxed, and his weight evenly distributed between all four legs.

RELAXED



If this relaxed dog then hears or sees something to take his attention, he will change his posture into that of an **ALERT DOG**. His tail is likely to be raised or straight out, his ears will go forward, his lips will tighten – generally closing his mouth – and he will bring his weight forward, standing tall on his toes.

PLAY BOW



If what alerted him was another dog and he decided to invite the dog to play, he would go down in a **PLAY BOW** – front end lowered with front legs forward – generally bent at the elbow, not straight forward as when he is stretching – ears up and tail up, generally wagging.

However, if the dog did not like the look of the dog approaching him and wanted to frighten him away, or if the dog had an Active Defence Reflex where he believed the best form of defence is attack, ("I will get him before he gets me"), he may go into AN **OFFENSIVE THREAT POSITION**. The tail will be up and stiff, probably trembling and wagging slowly at the tip, his hackles will be up, the ears forward, forehead and nose wrinkled, with the upper lips curled up and lower lips curled down. The corners of his mouth will have come forward and he will increase his apparent size by bringing the weight of his body forward and standing on his toes.



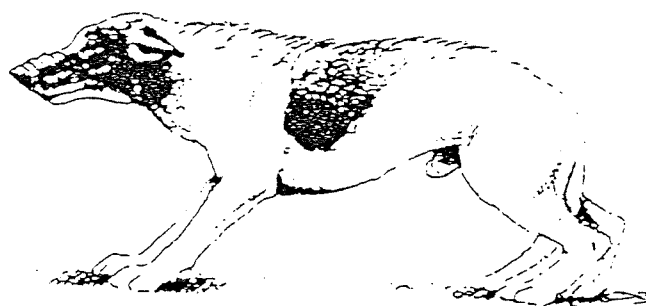
An aggressive response such as this is commonly misinterpreted. Generally, if a dog is actively aggressive, then it is because he is afraid. Afraid of loosing his territory, of loosing a possession, of loosing his pack status or even afraid of loosing his life! I see many dogs that are 'nervous aggressive'. They have generally be made much worse by the advice given to their owners in, "Check him hard and shout "No" every time he does it".

If a dog is aggressive because he is frightened and he then also has to cope with the fear of his owner's aggression, he is very likely to associate the aggression of his owner with the appearance of his own particular fear - which then causes him even more fear!

If however, the dog is worried about the approaching dog, he could go into A **DEFENSIVE THREAT POSITION**, where he will lower his body posture, lay back his ears, dilate his pupils, wrinkle his nose, put the corners of his mouth back and tuck his tail between his legs. A dog, which displays this type of behaviour, has a Passive Defence Reflex and will generally prefer to flee rather than to fight.

If however, a dog showing this kind of behaviour feels trapped in any way, either by being restrained on a leash or literally being cornered, his preferred option of fleeing is being denied to him and he will then be forced into an attack. He can then become a very dangerous animal, striking out in all directions in a state of panic, ie the fear biter.

DEFENSIVE THREAT



If the dog realised the approaching dog was a higher-ranking animal; he would then try to convince the dominant dog that he was no threat to him by at first displaying **ACTIVE SUBMISSION**. He would approach at an angle - not head on - with his head down and avoiding eye contact. His body would be lowered to reduce his apparent size; his ears will be back and his forehead smooth. His tail will be down, the corners of his mouth back and he will be making groveling, puppy-like movements, licking at the mouth of the higher-ranking animal, often with a paw raised.

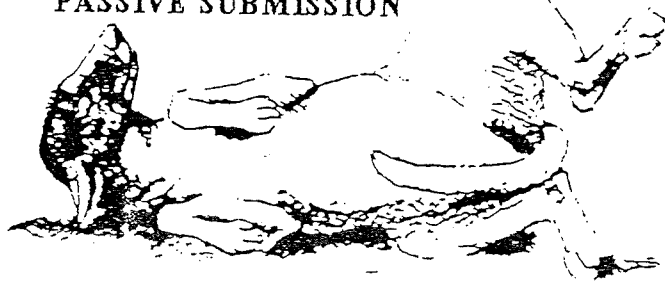
ACTIVE SUBMISSION



If the dog was still worried about the higher rank of the other dog he might then display **PASSIVE SUBMISSION**, in which case he will roll onto his back, tuck his tail tightly into his body (to mask his individual scent to prove he isn't a threat) and avoid eye contact. In extreme circumstances he would submissively urinate.

Owners can easily mistake submission for guilt. "He knows he's done wrong", say the owners who return to find that the dog has once again trashed the house after being left alone. The owners see what the dog has done and immediately show their anger in their body language. On seeing this anger the dog immediately reacts, as is correct in *Cants*, by groveling, tucking his tail and making appealing gestures. He is trying to communicate to his owners, that he realises he is subordinate to them and that he poses no threat.

PASSIVE SUBMISSION



If *Canis* had been understood, then the action would have appeased the owner's anger, but the owner did not follow the rules of *Canis*. Instead the submissive action brought further wrath on the hapless dog and the more submissive he became the more angry the owners became as they took it as further proof of guilt.

If, in a slightly different context, the dog was put (or kept) in an environment in which he felt threatened and with which he could not cope – for example a nervous young dog taken for the first time to a large noisy dog club, or a sound sensitive dog on the 5th November – he would start to show signs of stress. In **PASSIVE STRESS**, typically the dog's tail will go down, the body is lowered and the ears are back. The pupils will dilate and he will start to panic increasingly quickly and sweat through his pads – the telltale damp patches left on the dog club floor.

Although passive stress is generally recognised, though often not early enough, **ACTIVE STRESS** often goes unrecognised. In active stress, the dog often fools around, jumps about, runs in circles and

generally gives the impression of behaving like a hooligan! It is probably the equivalent of the way in which some people talk too much when nervous and under stress, as opposed to others who respond very passively by going very quiet and feel that they just want to 'curl up and die'.

If the owner responds to a dog showing active stress by shouting and grumbling at him then, of course, it will only exacerbate the behaviour. Not only is the environment causing the dog stress, but so is the owner. The behaviour will not improve until the stress level has been reduced.

So, now we can see that the misreading of *Canis* can lead to all kinds of problems. As we are supposed to be the more intelligent of the two species, it behooves every dog owner to make a great deal of effort to learn the language of *Canis Familiaris* and not to interpret the dog's actions by the 'rules of *Homo Sapiens*'. If we only made half the effort to learn our dog's method of communicating with us, as our dog does in trying to interpret our method of communication, there would be many more happy dogs – and humans!

PASSIVE STRESS



ACTIVE STRESS



TRIAL RESULTS

Shepparton 14 August

W & G McCraw "Lass"
T Button "Pirate"

2nd Pass
1st Pass

4th Place

Bendigo 15 August

M Smith "Brittanique Kiss the Girls"
W & G McCraw "Lass"

3rd Pass

3rd Pass

2nd Place

CD Title

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T Button "Pirate"

Highest Scoring Geelong Member
2nd Pass

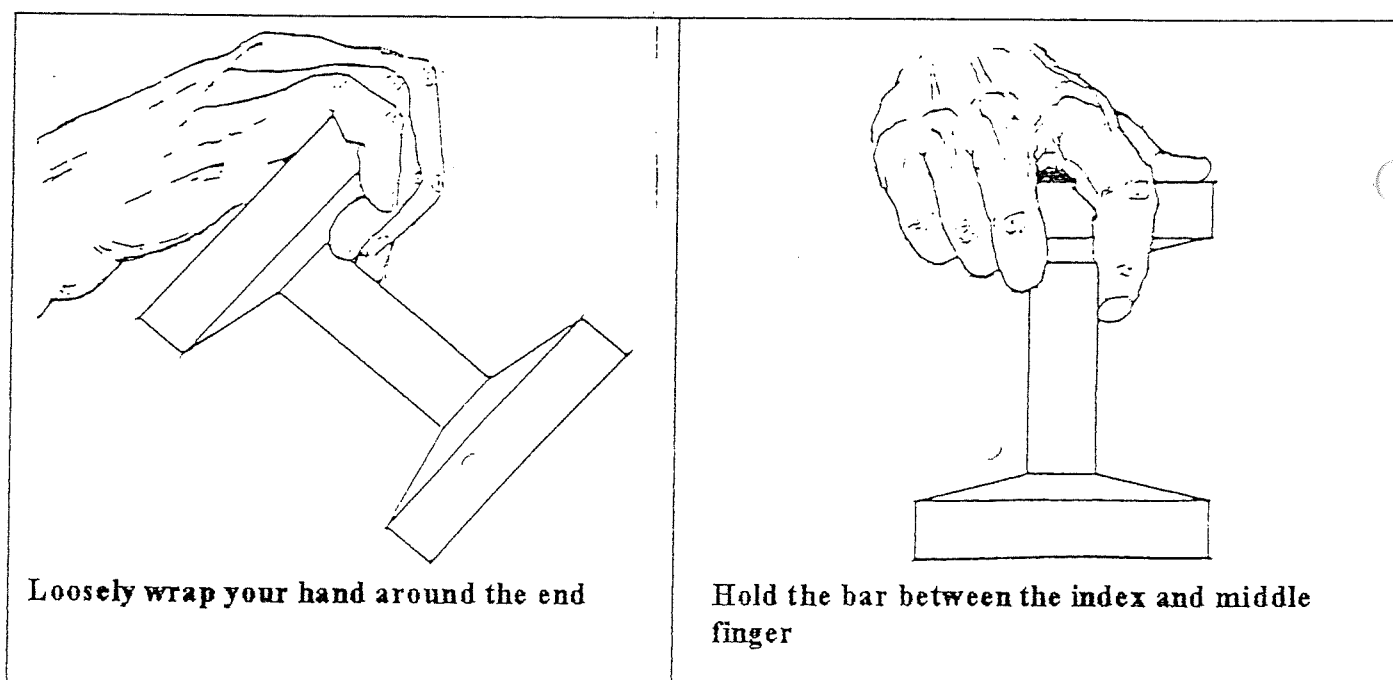
THROWING THE DUMBBELL

Off-Lead – July 1982

Throwing the dumbbell can be as easy as throwing your clothes on the chair or your shoes on the floor, if it is practised as much. This is what it takes, much practise. Not just when working with your dog but all the time.

I feel that all people should throw the dumbbell the same way ... underhanded and with back spin. The variations come in with the height of the high jump not the 'retrieve on the flat'. On the flat all dogs should retrieve an equal distance and the dumbbell should be thrown the same way. In the case of the high jump, different arcs should be used depending on the height of the jump.

Holding the Dumbbell



Throwing the Dumbbell

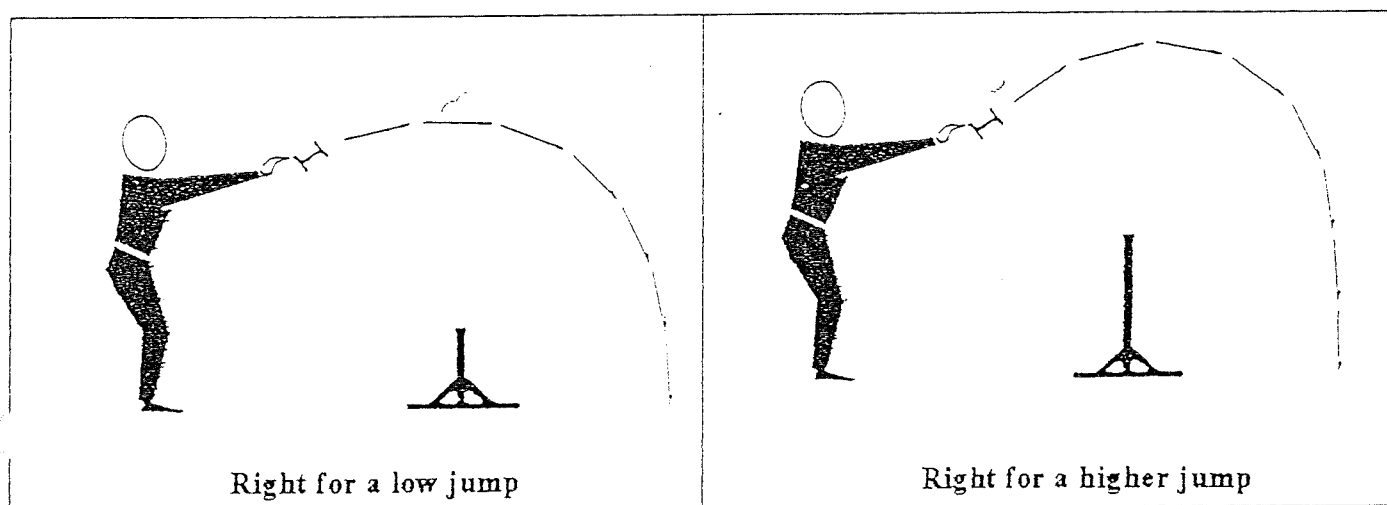
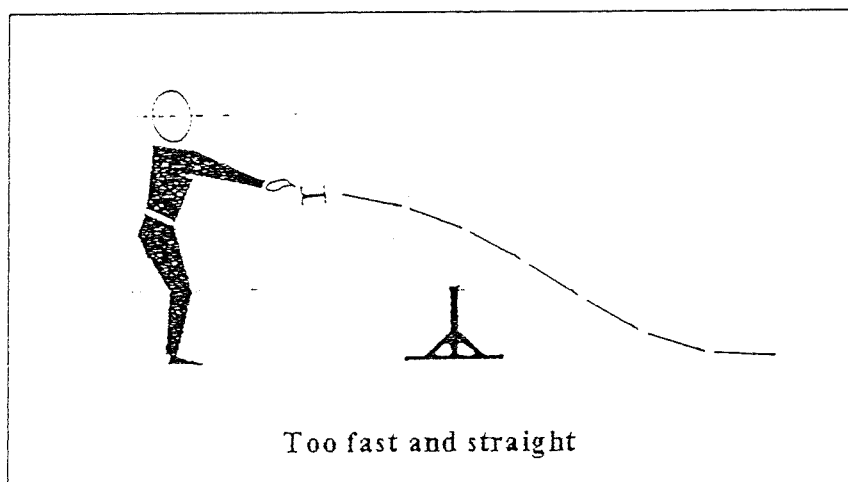
Dip slightly at the knees, like throwing horseshoes, swing your arm in a smooth, easy motion. The dumbbell should have backspin on it and should always turn counter clockwise.



THROWING THE DUMBBELL

The Arc

The height of the solid jump determines the arc you should put on your throw. Too straight or horizontal a throw travels too fast and therefore, when the dumbbell comes to rest it is often not where you want. The direction the dumbbell should be going when it touches the floor is straight down.



CLUB CALENDAR

September

Thursday 2 September
 Sunday 5 September
 Wednesday 8 September
 Tuesday 14 September
 Sunday 19 September
 Monday 20 September
 Sunday 26 September
 Tuesday 28 September

Puppy Kinder - puppies approx. 8 - 16 weeks
 Puppy and Class One Intake - Father's Day
 Newsletter closes
 Committee Nominations close - notice date of AGM
 Newsletter - Puppy Intake
 Instructor's Meeting - Election night
 Promotion Day
 Life member's nominations close

October

Sunday 3 October
 Tuesday 5 October

Puppy and Class One Intake - World Animal Day
 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

IT'S ALL IN THE SPELLING OF THE NAME OF THE BREED

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Quite often, when members join up or pass a Certificate, a problem arises when it comes time to write the breed of dog. The recognised breed's list in order of Groups may be helpful and here are a few points often found to be a problem.

Group 1

Notice that there is in fact a "Cavalier King Charles Spaniel (CKCS) and a "King Charles Spaniel" – two different breeds, but commonly mixed up. The "Chihuahua" has a long coat or a smooth coat. Note the Maltese is just that and not a terrier.

Group 2

This section is very interesting. There are two types of "Bull Terrier" – the Bull Terrier and its little mate the miniature. Note :- the "American Staffordshire Terrier" is a different breed to the "Staffordshire Bull Terrier". The "Fox Terrier" comes in a smooth and a wire coat and the "Parson Jack Russell Terrier" is different to the "Jack Russell Terrier". The "Australian Terrier" is different to the "Australian Silky Terrier" which is classified in the Toy section (Group 1).

Group 3

The main problem in the Gundogs is that the "English Springer Spaniel" is a different breed to the "Welsh Springer Spaniel", so Springer is not sufficient information. The once called "Brittany" (not Spaniel) has now reverted back to its country of origin name, "L'Epagneul Breton". Even the breed Club has changed its name. "German Shorthaired Pointer (GSP)" is different to the "German Wirehaired Pointer". The "Weimaraner" comes in a long haired variety, but never spelt Whymariner!!! Obviously, calling your breed a Spaniel, Pointer or Retriever would make life difficult when typing up your certificate.

Group 4

Very rarely does a problem arise with the Hounds Group. Maybe the occasional Boyzoy instead of "Borzoï" and which "Dachshund". Even I get a little confused with S or C before the H.

Group 5

This Group causes lots of headaches. The "Australian Cattle Dog" is the CORRECT name for the good ol' Heeler, whether it's red or blue, it is an "Australian Cattle Dog". The "Kelpie" should have "Australian" before it, something I've only recently realised. The "Australian Shepherd" is a totally different breed to the "German Shepherd Dog". The "Belgian Shepherd Dog" comes in four varieties. The Scotch Collie is really called a "Collie (Rough)" or "Collie (Smooth)" and never a Lassie dog!!

Calling a "German Shepherd Dog" an Alsation is taking your life into your own hands. They are the same breed and are no long called Alsation. Even the Breed Club in England changed its name to the GSD Club of GB. The other problem with this breed is the spelling of Shepherd. Variations I have seen are – Sheppard, Shepperd, and Shephard. The easiest way I found was to remember, this breed herds and protects the flock: a Shepherd. My other pet hate is – what type of "Corgi"? A "Corgi (Cardigan)" or (Pembroke) and always put a "Welsh" in front of it.

Group 6

The Utility Group causes much confusion. Firstly, the "Malamute" is an "Alaskan". The "Bullmastiff" is a totally different breed to the "Mastiff" or the "Neapolitan Mastiff". The "Dobermann" has two n's, a thorn in the side of the enthusiast. They spend their lives adding the extra "n" (not really). But I suppose it's like calling a "Rottweiler" a Rockweiler or a Rotwheeler or a Rockwheller or even a Rotwieller. The other one is the poor "Siberian Husky"! So often spelt without Siberian and ie instead of y – "Siberian Husky".

Group 7

Always causing confusion is the "Shih Tzu. Quite often spelt Shit Zoo or Shizu. "Keeshond causes a queried brow, Keeshund or Keyshund. The "Shar Pei" another with many incorrect variations – Shar Pay, Sharpay or even a Sharpie! And always, what type of "Poodle"? A Standard, Miniature or a Toy? Of course, the "Schipperke", I always look this one up – 2 "p's" or not 2 "p's"! But, never a Skipperkey, although they are Belgian barge dogs.

IT'S ALL IN THE SPELLING OF THE NAME OF THE BREED - L Blackwell (cont)

Keep your recognised Breeds Group handy and use it as a reference, that's how I got the hang of it and even today I still look to use it, if unsure.

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RECOGNISED BREED - GROUPS



GROUP 1 - TOYS

Affenpinscher
Australian Silky Terrier
Bichon Frise
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
Chihuahua (Long Coat)
Chihuahua (Smooth Coat)
Chinese Crested Dog
English Toy Terrier (Black and Tan)
Griffon Bruxellois
Italian Greyhound
Japanese Chin
King Charles Spaniel
Lowchen
Maltese
Miniature Pinscher
Papillon
Pekingese
Pomeranian
Pug
Tibetan Spaniel
Yorkshire Terrier

GROUP 2 - TERRIERS

Airedale Terrier
American Staffordshire Terrier
Australian Terrier
Bedlington Terrier
Border Terrier
Bull Terrier
Bull Terrier (Miniature)
Cairn Terrier
Cesky Terrier
Dandie Dinmont Terrier
Fox Terrier (Smooth)
Fox Terrier (Wire)
Glen of Imaal Terrier
Irish Terrier
Jack Russell Terrier
Kerry Blue Terrier
Lakeland Terrier
Manchester Terrier
Norfolk Terrier
Norwich Terrier
Parson Jack Russell Terrier
Scottish Terrier
Sealyham Terrier
Skye Terrier
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier
Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Welsh Terrier
West Highland White Terrier

GROUP 3 - GUNDOGS

Brittany
Chesapeake Bay Retriever
Clumber Spaniel
Cocker Spaniel
Cocker Spaniel (American)
Curly Coated Retriever
English Setter
English Springer Spaniel
Field Spaniel

Flat Coated Retriever
German Shorthaired Pointer
German Wirehaired Pointer
Golden Retriever
Gordon Setter
Hungarian Vizsla
Irish Red and White Setter
Irish Setter
Irish Water Spaniel
Italian Spinone
Labrador Retriever
Large Munsterlander
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever
Pointer
Sussex Spaniel
Weimaraner
Welsh Springer Spaniel

GROUP 4 - HOUNDS

Afghan Hound
Australian Dingo
Basenji
Basset Fauve de Bretagne
Basset Hound
Beagle
Bloodhound
Bluetick Coonhound
Borzoi
Dachshund (Long Haired)
Dachshund (Min. Long Haired)
Dachshund (Smooth Haired)
Dachshund (Min. Smooth Haired)
Dachshund (Wire Haired)
Dachshund (Min. Wire Haired)
Deerhound
Elkhound
Finnish Spitz
Foxhound
Greyhound
Hamiltonstovare
Harrier
Ibizian Hound
Irish Wolfhound
Otterhound
Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen
Pharaoh Hound
Rhodesian Ridgeback
Saluki
Sloughi
Whippet

GROUP 5 - WORKING DOGS

Australian Cattle Dog
Australian Kelpie
Australian Shepherd
Bearded Collie
Belgian Shepherd Dog (Groenendael)
Belgian Shepherd Dog (Leekenois)
Belgian Shepherd Dog (Malinois)
Belgian Shepherd Dog (Tervueren)
Border Collie
Bouvier Des Flandres
Briard

Collie (Rough)
Collie (Smooth)
Finnish Lapphund
German Shepherd Dog
Komondor
Kuvasz
Maremma Sheepdog
Norwegian Buhund
Old English Sheepdog
Polish Lowland Sheepdog
Puli
Pumi
Shetland Sheepdog
Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog
Swedish Vallhund
Welsh Corgi (Cardigan)
Welsh Corgi (Pembroke)

GROUP 6 - UTILITY

Akita
Alaskan Malamute
Anatolian Shepherd Dog
Bernese Mountain Dog
Boxer
Bullmastiff
Central Asian Shepherd Dog
Doberman
Dogue de Bordeaux
German Pinscher
Leonberger
Mastiff
Neopolitan Mastiff
Newfoundland
Portuguese Water Dog
Pyrenean Mountain Dog
Rottweiler
Samoyed
Schnauzer
Schnauzer (Giant)
Schnauzer (Miniature)
Shiba Inu
Siberian Husky
St. Bernard
Tibetan Mastiff

GROUP 7 - NON-SPORTING

Boston Terrier
British Bulldog
Chow Chow
Dalmatian
French Bulldog
German Spitz
Great Dane
Japanese Spitz
Keeshond
Lhasa Apso
Poodle (Miniature)
Poodle (Standard)
Poodle (Toy)
Schipperke
Shar Pei
Shih Tzu
Tibetan Terrier

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