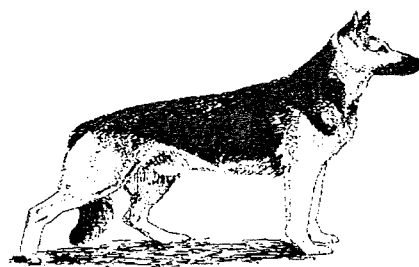
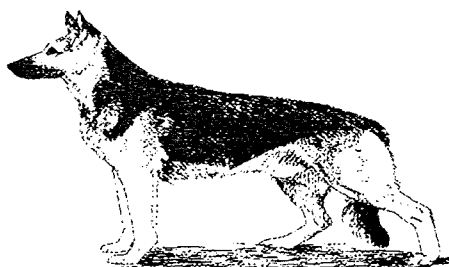
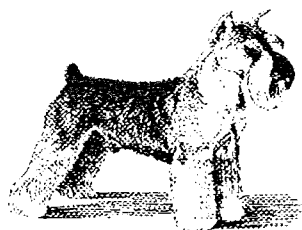
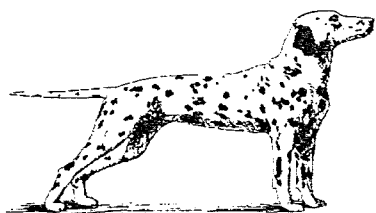
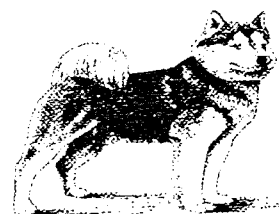
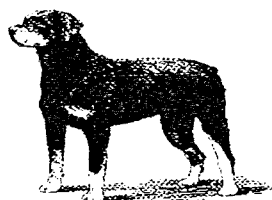


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SECRETARY

As you will see further on in this Newsletter, there are changes about to occur in the Office hours at the Club.

The new hours will commence on Wednesday 3 November through to Thursday 16 December when we will close for the Christmas break. The office will re-open on Wednesday 12 January to commence the New Year. I would encourage all members to conduct any office business either Wednesday or Thursday, as there will only be one Committee member rostered on each Sunday morning to deal with Club enquires, etc.

This change has been necessary to allow the Treasurer and myself time to train our own dogs in class, so please help out by calling into the Office during the week.

Pam Convery – Secretary

GROUNDS MANAGER

Congratulations to the members elected to the Committee to see us into 2000. It looked bleak for a while but a change of minds kept us alive. I hope that all members will help to make the burden lighter.

The November Trial is on us and some work has to be done. The first working bee, to cut the grass, has been called for Saturday 13 November and a second working bee on Saturday 20 November to rope off rings and set up equipment. Both will commence at 9.00 am.

On the day of the Trial I will need helpers for the final preparations, also 4-6 members are required to help visitors with parking. For the duration of judging, I'll need someone to help me check on water buckets and poo buckets and then from approximately 2.30 pm onwards I'll need plenty of helpers to start to dismantle and store away all the equipment, etc.

As you can see there is plenty to do for everyone and I hope to see you there.

Fred Lehrmann – Grounds Manager

TRAINING SUPERVISOR

Time for my annual report again – with the on-going saga of the Water Sports Complex, lack of Instructors and criticism from some sectors, it's been stressful and rather difficult at times this year. What a pity that those who are quick to criticise aren't as quick to help where and when it's needed!

There have been several of the Instructors unavailable this year – some have left for personal reasons and others have been laid low by ill health. Some weeks ago the dreaded flu depleted our ranks even further and the class sizes escalated accordingly as the remaining Instructors worked even harder – as I've said before, we can only use the resources we have and sometimes those resources get very thin on the ground.

Puppy Kinder is rolling along quite well with approximately 70 puppies going to pre-school before joining in the Puppy Class on Sunday mornings. It's great to see current members and Instructors with new puppies' come along so young puppies get a good start – we try to make sure we have lots of fun. Thanks to Kim Ciezarek and Kath Devlin for their help on Thursdays and thanks in advance to Pam Convery who will help out early November while I'm visiting a son in Japan.

We are hoping to get the play area for puppies fenced off and ready for sue in the near future as well as devising other ways to make training even better! The results for the Basic Test held recently were very encouraging – 15 out of 18 people and their dogs passed – a headache for the Instructors of the Class 3's as they work the extra people into their classes. Congratulations to both Kim Ciezarek and Dick Wiltink who instructed this group and helped them reach the standard required. Thank you also to all the Judges and Stewards who have helped on the Promotion Days.

In the Merit Class 8 passed and 11 will revise, while Beginners was a real headache. According to the class roll calls 5 days prior to the test there were 30-33 in number for testing, however, on the morning 50+ people appeared from no-where! It was obvious after testing myself and talking to other testers, that some people hadn't been to Class for quite some time, were not ready and so wasted their own time as well as ours. This area will be looked at to see where it can be improved with responsibility being placed on owners to do their homework and train their dog.

Before closing I must thank the Committee members for their support and finally my very sincere thanks as always, to the Instructors who work so hard week after week to help ensure that members can achieve their goals.

Desma Dickeson – Training Supervisor

DISPLAY TEAM LEADER

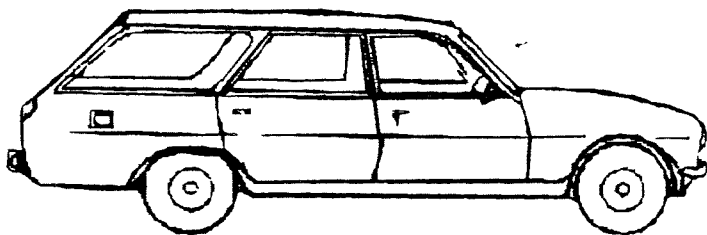
We have had several new members join the group this year and have been practising nearly every fortnight so that the team all works together.

We have had displays at East Geelong Primary, Eric Hart Centre, Pineville and Gala, which was a great day out last year with lots of people wanting to pat our dogs. This year the Gala preparations are in Angie Trueman's capable hands, so I hope everyone gives her full support so we can have lots of members enjoying the last parade of the century.

We went to Ocean Grove market last Sunday, the parking attendants weren't very helpful but we had a large audience and the team worked well.

On the 16th October we will be going to Kardinia International School – the first display we have put on there in a very long time and on the 12th November we will return to Moolap Primary School for their evening fete – this one is a rush to get to as team members have to rush home from work, change into uniform, grab their dogs and rush out again – the effort involved is appreciated gang. I would like to say thank you to the few regular members who join me to visit some to the nursing homes and thank you to all of the team for the time and work they put in to promote our Club.

Desma Dickeson – Display Team Leader



DOGS IN CARS

With summer approaching, please avoid leaving your dog in the car.

Even in the shade, your car can become a furnace and in a matter of minutes your four-legged friend will suffer heat stroke.

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Kidz Corner

Hi kids, welcome back to your page. Today we have a competition for you. In the word search below one of the listed words is missing, when you find it, write the word and your name on the back of an envelope and drop it into the Office. You could win yourself a Basketball. Entries close on Sunday 5 December and the winner will be announced on Presentation Day 12 December.

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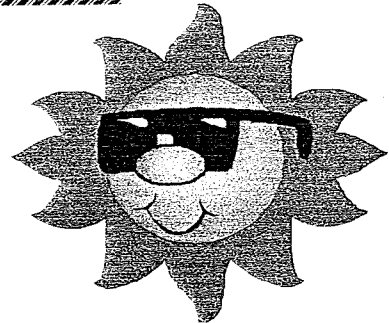
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With no organisation having stepped forward to bring all the flyball groups together, flyball remained, until recently, a demonstration only activity. In an effort to bring these groups together, meetings were held in Queanbeyan (NSW) and they were attended by several canine clubs from the NSW and ACT regions. These meetings led to the formation of the Australian Flyball Association Inc. (AFA) on 13th October 1996.

The object of the AFA is to promote responsible dog ownership through the sport of flyball. Flyball is an exciting spectator sport that can be used to promote responsible dog ownership. When the general public see how much fun the dogs and the handlers are having, it makes it much easier to encourage these people to become involved in organised dog activities, such as flyball, obedience and agility.

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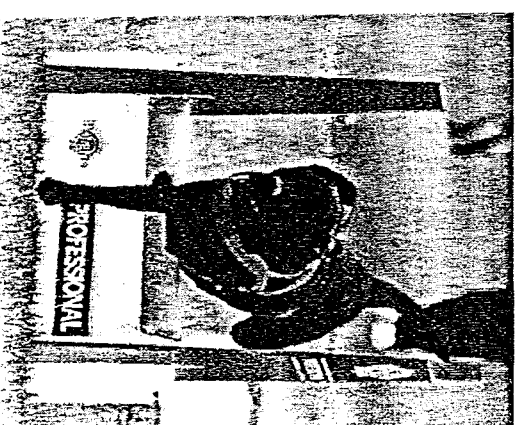
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Introducing Flyball Racing and the Australian Flyball Association Inc.



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What is Flyball?

Flyball is a relay race between two competing teams. Each team has four dogs. One from each team (racing side by side), must go over four hurdles, trigger a flyball box pedal, catch (retrieve) a ball and then return over all four hurdles to the start/finish line where the next dog eagerly awaits.

Flyball is a sport in which any dog can participate - regardless of breed, shape or size. It encompasses all things that dogs love to do - chasing, jumping, catching, retrieving, competing and striving to please their owners. Unlike any dog activity to date, flyball is pure fun for everyone - the dogs, the handlers and the spectators who are encouraged to applaud, laugh and even scream as they cheer on their favourite team.

Flyball does not interfere with obedience training. In fact, the sport reinforces the disciplines taught in obedience class.

When did it begin?

Flyball began in North America in the 1970's when a Californian, Herbert Wagner, developed the first tennis ball launcher for his ball crazy dog. After demonstrations at his obedience club, he gave a demonstration on the Tonight Show.

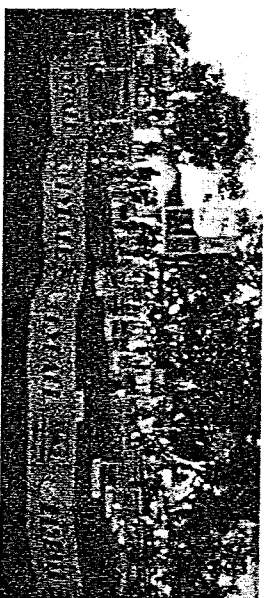
This revolutionary new idea was then introduced into Toronto and Detroit, and after a few small competitions the first full-on competition was held in 1983. The earliest known Australian flyball activity was in 1982 in Perth (WA).

Now North America, Britain, Belgium, Japan, Germany, South Africa, Poland, Netherlands, Canada and Australia have an estimated 20,000+ dogs and 4,000+ teams in active competition.

Flyball Racing is ...

Flyball is a team sport. Each team consists of four dogs racing in each heat, plus up to two reserves. Reserves can be interchanged after each heat. There are between three and five heats to a race, and a team has to win a majority to win the race. Races are run as either single elimination or double elimination, round robin or a combination.

A flyball course consists of two racing lanes, side by side down a 51 foot (15.54m) course. There are two sets of hurdles and flyball boxes.



A typical racing lane set up.

Each team's racing lane consists of 4 hurdles spaced at 10 feet (3.05m) intervals. The first hurdle being 6 feet (1.84m) from the start/finish line and a flyball box is placed 15 feet (4.57m) after the fourth hurdle.

The flyball box ejects a ball after the dog triggers the pedal on the front of the box.

Each dog must run in relay fashion down the hurdles, trigger the box, retrieve the ball and return over the hurdles and across the finish line so that the next dog can be released. The first team to have all four dogs complete the course, without error, wins the heat.

Missed hurdles and dropped balls require the dog to rerun the course after the rest of the team has finished.

Jump heights for each team are set at 4 inches (101.6mm) lower than the shoulder height of the smallest dog in the team. The minimum height is 8 inches (203.2mm) and the maximum 16 inches (406.4mm).

Competitions are run in divisions, based on where the teams are seeded. The fastest teams are put in Division 1 and the slower teams in Division 2 etc. this enables every team to have a fair go and be competitive in their division.

Getting Started in Flyball

- What do we have to do to start a flyball team or club?
- How do we get people involved?
- What equipment do we need?
- Where do we get the equipment?
- How do we train our dogs?
- What do we do after we start a club?

These are a few of the more important questions you will need to consider when starting up a flyball team or club. A detailed information pack is available from the AFA, that we hope will provide ideas and assist you in making the process of starting flyball a simple and enjoyable one.



New members

The Committee, Instructors and members would like to welcome the following new members to the Club.

17 October 1999

Franken/Howard Family
Sandra Oriander/Lousie Oriander
Glenis Cruse/Alan Carter
Natalie Barker/Sandra Barker

Jones Family
Sam Wood
Kirstie Notley

Amanda Taylor
Natalie Nekrep
Welffer Family

7 October 1999

Belinda Dawson
June Rea

Conning Family

Michael Semjaniv

3 October 1999

Quelch Family
Chris Shepherd
Tammy Lawes/Raymond Trait
Stott Family
Russell Brain/Lyndsey Smith
Graeme Todd
Durham Green
Chick Family

James Jelley/Angela Toulas
Lawler Family
Grundell Family
Crowe Family
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Knaus Family
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ALL THE PRESIDENTS' DOGS

by Sharon Hawkins

Reprinted from *Top Dog Journal*, March 1999



Most US Presidents have been dog lovers, having at least one dog living with them at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. President Harry Truman once said "If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog." But dogs have been more than friends to US Presidents. They have improved their owners' images and saved their careers. They have raised money for charity and caused their fair share of headaches and amusement.

When Herbert Hoover posed with his dog, King Tut, in his 1928 campaign picture, some believed that it helped him win the election. And Hoover is not the only President to have used his dog to help him gain office.

Richard Nixon saved his vice presidency and subsequent presidency with his 'Checker's speech'. In a televised speech, he denied he had a slush fund of gifts from supporters. With his voice breaking he admitted to accepting only one gift, a Cocker Spaniel named Checkers. Nixon said even if it was a crime, he wasn't going to give the dog back.

Republicans used Franklin Roosevelt's black Scottish terrier, Fala, as a reason he should not be re-elected. Republicans alleged that a navy destroyer retrieved Fala after being left in the Aleutians. Roosevelt responded that his critics had attacked him, his family, and now his little dog. He added that Fala's "Scottish soul was furious." Being Scotch, he would never allow the extra cost to the taxpayer.

Once in office, US Presidents continue to use their dogs to their advantage. President Garfield named his dog, Veto, as a warning to Congress not to pass legislation he did not like. President Ford trained his Golden Retriever, Liberty, to pounce on visitors who stayed too long in the Oval Office. King Charles Spaniel, Rex, pulled so hard on the leash that President Reagan stated he could not stop to answer questions from the media.

The Russians also used a dog to ease US political tensions. Soviet leader Khrushchev gave a mongrel called Pushinka to President Kennedy for his daughter, Caroline. Pushinka was the daughter of Russian space dog, Strelka. But before the dog was handed over to Caroline, it was searched for electronic bugs. Pushinka and Caroline's Irish Terrier, Charlie, produced a litter that President Kennedy called 'pup-niks'.



First dogs live in great comfort. President Calvin Coolidge always fed his dogs before White House guests. His Airedale, Laddie Buck, and two white Collies, Prudence Prim and Rob Roy, were treated to Easter bonnets and ribbons for the White House Easter Egg Rolls.

The Reagans housed Rex in a luxurious white doghouse with red curtains and framed pictures of the President and the first lady on the walls.



President Harding's Airedale, Laddie Boy, had his own hand-carved chair in the Cabinet Room, a personal valet, and birthday parties in the White House. When Harding died, the media showed Laddie Boy looking sad as he stood over a newspaper article about his master's death. In an eerie coincidence, a drunk assassinated Abraham Lincoln's beloved yellow mutt, Fido, less than a year after

the President was shot. Fido had previously been banished to Lincoln's estate, as he could not cope with the Washington hubbub. He was not the only dog to have trouble at the White House.

Theodore Roosevelt's Bull Terrier, Pete, ripped the seat out of the French ambassador's pants.

All the Presidents' Dogs (cont)

When Washington's French hound, Vulcan, seized a large ham during a party, George howled with delight at Vulcan's antics. Llewellyn's Setter, Winks, wolfed down 18 breakfasts of bacon-and-eggs from the White House kitchen. Franklin Roosevelt said, "the only reason he didn't wash it down with coffee is that it hadn't been poured." President Jimmy Carter's dog, Grits, ruined a photo opportunity for heartworm week by ripping off her muzzle and resisting a blood test. Grits did not last long in the White House as she refused to be house broken. She was not the last to be banished for this reason. Lucky, a Bouvier des Flandres, was sent to the Reagan's Californian ranch when he continued to make puddles.

Eisenhower also resorted to exiling Heidi, a Weimaraner, to his farm when she kept relieving herself on the carpet in the Diplomatic Room. This was a relief for photographers whom Heidi would frequently attack. But in the case of Lyndon Johnson and his Beagles, Him and Her, Johnson was the one in trouble. Animal lovers were outraged when he picked up Him by the ears during a ceremony in the Rose Garden. Despite this, Johnson loved dogs. He adopted Yuki, a stray his daughter Luci found at a gas station. Yuki and the President were inseparable. They enjoyed entertaining visitors to the Oval Office with howling duets. Johnson even danced with Yuki at his daughter Lynda's wedding. Theodore Roosevelt also adopted a stray he found wandering the Grand Canon. He named the mutt Skip and it was Roosevelt's companion on hunting trips.

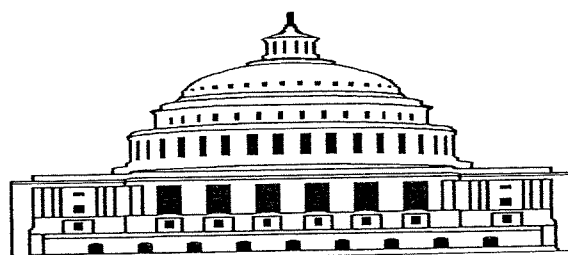
Of all the Presidents, George Washington probably best understood the bond between a man and his dog. During the Revolutionary War, Washington found an injured dog. Examination revealed it belonged to the British commander General Howe. Knowing how grieved he would be if he lost his canine companion - a Foxhound named Sweetlips - he returned the dog to his owner under a flag of truce.

The most recent first dogs have created intense public interest. When Gerald Ford's dog, Liberty, gave birth to puppies he had a stamp of her paw print made to 'autograph' photos the public demanded. First Lady Barbara Bush took advantage of the public's interest in the first dogs for charity. She had the couple's English Springer Spaniel, Millie 'write' a book. Entitled *Millie's Book: As Dictated to Barbara Bush*, it outsold President George Bush's own autobiography and raised nearly \$900,000 for literacy.

The reigning first dog Buddy, a chocolate Labrador, belonging to President Clinton has his own web page and newsletter.

However, according to the White House the most famous and loved first dog remains Fala. He won the hearts of Americans when Franklin Roosevelt taught him to stand on his hind legs when the American anthem was played. Fala is immortalised at the Roosevelt Memorial in a statue, which has Fala sitting at his master's feet.

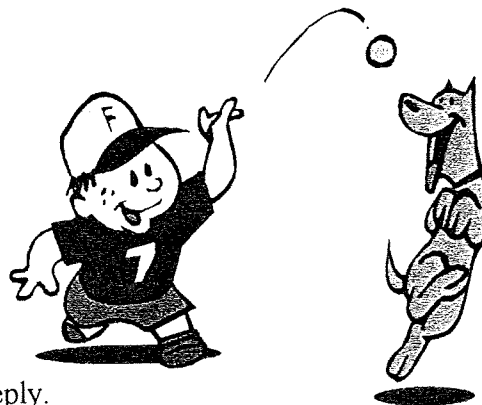
Many dog owners - America has 54 million dog owners - would agree with President Collidge's statement that "Any man who does not like dogs, and does not want them about, does not deserve to be in the White House."



how to deal with PUPPY PLAY BITING

Joan Bell - author of "*The Puppy Training Program*"

One of the most frequently asked questions from puppy owners is 'How do I stop the puppy from biting my hands and the children's ankles, etc?' A simple question, but in need of a detailed explanation rather than a quick one line reply.



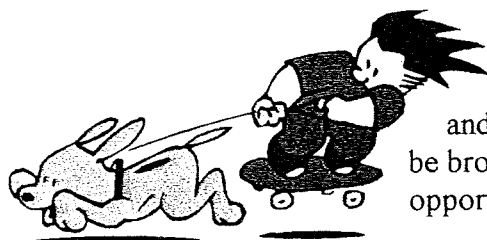
First of all, one must understand why puppies so relentlessly behave like this. During the time a puppy spends with its littermates and dam, the puppy has the opportunity to put into practice a number of instinctive behaviours, one of which is 'play'. Play takes on a number of postures and actions that seem to be linked with a number of recognisable canine behaviours such as stalking, chasing, prey killing, sex play (many an unsuspecting owner has been very embarrassed by the puppy that wraps his legs around a visitor's ankle and begins thrusting to and fro!). Play is absolutely essential for the normal development of any puppy, or child for that matter. Imagine if children were deprived of the opportunity of interacting with other children, nor given access to stimulating and thought provoking toys and games.

A litter of puppies, when playing together, test their strength against one another by shouldering in, jumping on top of, pushing and, most of all, using teeth in a way that doesn't cause retaliation from their opponent. During these play periods, a puppy learns to inhibit the bite so as not to injure his littermate or bring on a full fledged attack should he bite too hard.

So now the time has come and each puppy goes to his new home. What the puppy has learned goes with him. His canine pack has been substituted with a human 'pack'. Owners should realise that play biting is perfectly normal puppy behaviour; however now puppy must be taught what are appropriate chewing objects, and what are totally 'out of bounds' to his mouth. Hence the need for a variety of chew toys.

Physical punishment is not necessary and can even exacerbate the problem, particularly if the puppy has an inherent high level of aggression or, in the case of a very sensitive puppy, he may lose all trust in people.

- **Rule No 1:** Children and puppies **MUST** be supervised by a responsible adult and not be left alone together; children should be taught to respect the puppy and, in turn, the puppy's interaction with children should always be positive. A puppy's learned experiences will have an enormous impact on how that puppy reacts to children as an adult dog.



- **Rule No 2:** It should be explained to the children that running and squealing excite and entice the puppy to grab and bite; they should play quietly with the puppy. If this cannot be brought about, the puppy should be removed and allowed the opportunity to quieten down.

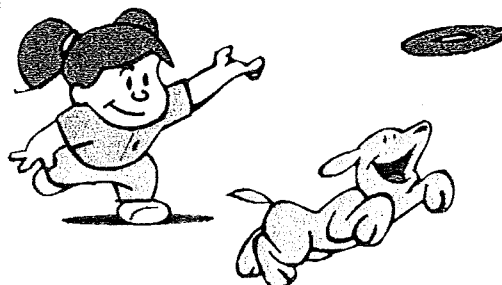
Methods of Correction:

This should be carried out by an adult. At the point when the pup's mouth is in contact with the owner's hand, for instance, that person should freeze, stare directly at the puppy, and give a low

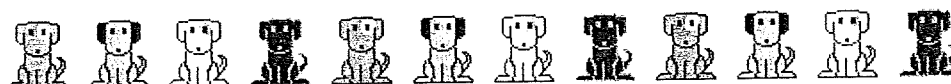
How to deal with Puppy Play Biting - Joan Bell (cont)

'throaty' rumble (imitating a growl). The puppy should, if the rumble was at all dog-like, release his grip. At that precise point, the owner should verbally praise the puppy, and offer one of the puppy's favourite toys to chew. In other words, change the puppy's thought pattern by distraction. Repeat as often as necessary.

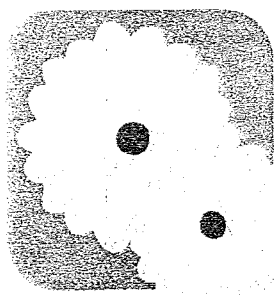
1. If the puppy is biting the hand or ankle of a child or the leg of a table or the like, the owner should either place a cupped hand over the puppy's head and eye area or take the puppy by the scruff of the neck (do not lift) and, *depending on his age and sensitivity*, give a little shake, 'growl' and vocalise with "uhh bad dog!"



Important... Owners can learn to imitate dog behaviour, particularly that pertaining to discipline. These examples attempt to imitate how a dam would discipline her pups if they were to bite her too hard. Puppies need clear guidelines.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

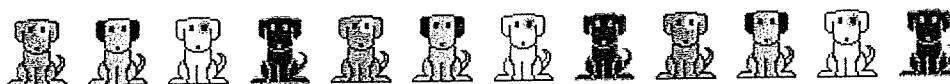


On Sunday 3 October we were presented with flowers from people in our previous respective classes.

This shocked and stunned us, but it let us know that the members concerned really appreciated our efforts in their classes, (we must be doing something right).

It is also very rewarding when a member comes up, with a bright and happy face to say – “thank you for everything, we passed”. This in itself shows how much we are appreciated.

Two hard-working Instructors.



WANTED TO BORROW

Early November to early December

Toys suitable for a 2 year old and a 4 year old, particularly push along or ride on type toys.

If you can help out, please see Pat McCormack or call into the Office

Certificate Passes

Sunday 26 September 1999

Beginners Certificate

Gwlad McLachlan & "Max"	Helen Dole & "Precious"
Judy Flanders & "Lucy"	Joy Wilkinson & "Miffy"
Nicole Senftleben & "Earnest"	Sarie Lowdon & "MacGregor"
Nola Appleton & "Ben"	Chris Lamb & "Monte"
Peter Brooks & "Phoebe"	Vicki Eyers & "Gabe"
Bernadette Murphy & "Oscar"	Peg Pope & "Laddie"
Wendy Ganly & "Annabell"	Trish Gavaghan & "Meg"
Jayne Wheeler & "Newfriend Black Is Back"	
Katie Robinson & "Anefald Cloud Danca"	

Sally McGown & "Bonnie"
Doreen Pearson & "Shannon"
Rhonda Ververs & "Jedda"
Marene Turnley & "Casey"
Ash Marfatia & "Curly"
Dorinda Zurawel & "Charli"
David McKechnie & "Kes"
Philip Duncan & "Shar"
Susie Baird & "Flynn"

Merit Certificate

Aileen Phillips & "Pepper"	Vivian Langham & "Toby"
Jenny Vizard & "Brodie"	Fran Wedding & "Jazz"
Brooke Munro & "Cody"	Sally McGown & "Teddy"

Gaye McKiernan & "Tori"
Dorothy O'Donell & "Lurgan"

Basic Certificate

Wendy Gauntlett & "Astro"	Carole Birrell & "Sophie"
Olga Neale & "Peppa"	Colin Humphreys & "Sally"
Cindy Hibble & "Jonnie"	Michelle Jackman & "Molly"
Fiona Sharp & "Guinness"	Elena Bridgens & "Sally"
Anna Smith & "Tee"	Sylvia Noblett & "Jade"
Wendy & Gordon McCraw & "TJ"	

Darryl Squire & "Pye"
Sandy Malady & "Casper"
Matthew Jackman & "Wilbur"
Christine Bromley & "Arnie"
Lesley Gaylard & "Jordie"

END OF YEAR AWARDS

Once again we are coming to the end of the year and time to think about our Presentation Day and the End of Year Awards which include, the Elsa Dahl Award and the Committee/Instructor of the Year Award.

Below is a brief description of each for our newer members, so if there is someone at the Club you consider worthy, then write a brief resume, seal it in an envelope and drop it into the Office marked Elsa Dahl or Committee/Instructor of the Year. These nominations must be received by Sunday 28 November.

ELSA DAHL AWARD

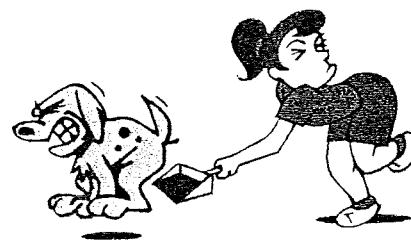
This award is available annually in memory of a Life Member of our Club. The award is made to a person who has contributed to, or achieved something outstanding, during the course of the year. It may be for skills associated with owning and training dogs, or it may be an administrative or functional achievement that goes beyond day to day endeavours. This need not necessarily relate to time spent at the Club, but in the achievement itself. So remember, closing date Sunday 28 November.

COMMITTEE/INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

This award is for the person that you feel has a commitment to the position they hold and a genuine interest in the members with whom they come in contact. If there is someone out there you admire and wish to congratulate, then write a brief resume and hand it, in a sealed envelope marked "Committee/Instructor of the Year", to the Office by Sunday 28 November.

IMPORTANT THINGS OUR DOGS SHOULD TRY TO REMEMBER

1. The garbage collector is NOT stealing our stuff
2. I do not need to suddenly stand straight up when I'm lying under the coffee table
3. I will not roll my toys behind the fridge
4. I must shake the rainwater out of my fur BEFORE entering the house
5. I will stop trying to find the few remaining pieces of clean carpet in the house when I am about to throw up
6. I will not throw up in the car
7. I will not roll on dead seagulls, fish, crabs, etc
8. I will not eat any more socks and then redeposit them in the backyard after processing
9. I will not chew crayons or pens, especially not the red ones, or my people will think I am haemorrhaging
10. When in the car, I will not insist on having the window rolled down when it's raining outside
11. I will not steal my Mum's underwear and dance all over the back yard with it
12. The sofa is not a face towel. Neither are Mum and Dad's laps
13. My head does not belong in the refrigerator
14. I will not bite the officer's hand when he reaches in for Mum's driver's license and car registration



YIPEEEEEEEEE!

SEDUISANT FANCY THAT CD (Crissy)

First a big thank you to Leonie for putting up with me for an extra 7 months after getting my CD with Tilly and while attaining a Title with Crissy.

I took on Crissy late last year after my daughter Sarah decided that Sunday morning rest was more important than getting up at the crack of dawn to watch her dad practice with the Demo Team. So after all of Leonie's Class copped a serve from her about being slack and not trailing, I entered them both in Altona in October 1998. Tilly got blown over in the Stand Free – NQ and Crissy and I just never got it together that day and we scored a whole 55 points. But we got better and a year later back at Altona – 16 October 1999 – we obtained our CD Title. And I say OUR CD because I was the one that had to learn, she knew it all, I just had to put it together and learn to handle a more timid dog.

So, on the 23rd of May 1999 we obtained our 1st pass and 2nd place at Keilor with a score of 176/200 followed closely by a 2nd pass at Broadmeadows on the 27th of June with a score of 172/200. We then missed a couple due to Crissy being in season and got our CD Title a year after our first Trial back at Altona with a score of 177/200 and 2nd place on the 17th October 1999. And just to prove a point we got our 4th pass a week later at Werribee with a score of 176/200, 3rd place and "Highest Scoring Geelong Member".

We are not going into open and have branched off into Agility. She already has one pass after two Trials and I'll take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help and the friendliness shown to me along the way. I have had many enjoyable hours at the Club and at Trials with the members of my Trial Class and hope there are many more. THANK YOU ALL.

John Blonk

Vaccination Certificates still required

"Motion No 1" of the Club's Notice of Motion Book requires that a current Vaccination Certificate must be sighted when you join and again when you renew your membership. If your name is on this list and you are currently training, please bring your certificate to the Office the next time you are at the Club.

Sandra & Louise Oriander	Kirstie Notley	Maria & Ian Lewis
Jason Carroll & Jacinta Slaymarer	Christian Romanelli	Debbie Schroer
Renee Lestrangle	Shaun Colley	Leonie Clements
Darlene Gecsek	Antoni Gecsek	Michelle Blacklock
Aaron Barnett	Paul Dakin & Frith Firman	Rachel & John Edge
Danielle Marshall & Peter Kenyon	David Wintershoven	Margaret Plunkett
Tara Roberts & Anthony Mangelsdorf	Brett Davis	Maria Versace
Carolyn & Jarrod Kingsbury	Teresa & Paul Hanlon	Kathy Sproat
Lucas King & Stacey Gilbert	Dennis & Barbara Walker	Pamla Saunders
Judy Flanders & Rachel Jamieson	Jacinta Harding	Justine Chisholm
Jay Morse & Samantha Field	Vivien Hayes	Maria Corica
Jenny Cock	Marjorie Grundill	Helen Jones
Vicki Duncan & Phillip Eysers	Diane Miller	David Wise
Nicole Noblett & Chris Champion	Wendy Gauntlett	Gerry Oliver
Lorraine Miller	Walter & Rhonda Sossi	Darryl Squire
Anna & Mike Smith	Victor Douglas	Libby Hotchin
Ray & Cheryl Rogers	John Quinn	Sylvia Noblett
Dorothy & Brian Mottram	Joanne & Brendan Heatlie	

NEW OFFICE HOURS

From Wednesday 3 November the Office will be open mid week at the times listed below. It is hoped that all members will take advantage of the new hours, which will allow Committee members to attend classes with their dogs.

Wednesday afternoon 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Thursday evening 4.00 pm to 8.00 pm

TRIAL RESULTS

Obedience

Northern O D C	Tina Buttons	"Pirate"	3 rd Pass	170 pts	CD TITLE
					Highest Scoring Geelong Member



Agility

Knox	Tina Buttons	"Pirate"	Novice	1st Pass
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COL'N's Letter of Application

Sent in by Leonie Kelleher

Dear Sir

I respectfully apply for the job of plant manager which you put in the paper. I would be very good at this job, because I used to look after my brother Peter's plants until the police took them away. I would also like to work in the hosiery business as hoses have been of particular interest to me. In fact, I used them to water the plants.

I am a keen worker and in the past year I have only been off work twice, once for 5 months and once for 6 months. I think I would be good at personnel development as I have been developing my own personality for some years and studying levitation and meditation. I am also really interested in the part about future activities.

I have always been fascinated with the future. Who knows, one day we might even put a man on the moon.

You mentioned an attractive salary package but I will not require this as I've already got a wallet that my girlfriend gave me.

As to my education details I have a leaving certificate asking me to leave school. One day I hope to go to university and become epidemic. I'd tell you more about myself but I want to give those other dorks who are applying for this job a chance, I am sure I would like working for you as long as you're not one of those places where they get on your back and tell you what to do all the time.

Please advise if my application has been successful, but don't ring because we've been disconnected.

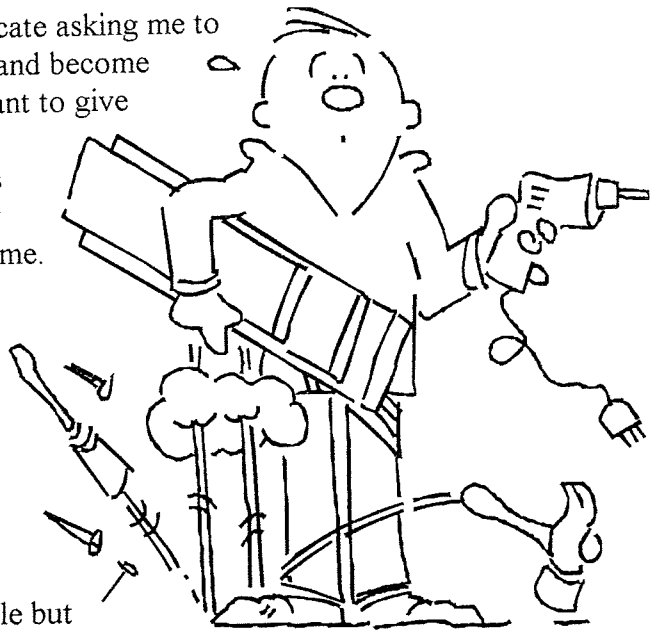
Yours sincerely
X
Col'n

PS Thank you for the offer of a commuting vehicle but if it's all right with you I'd rather have a car. One of those new Falcons with the quad cams and the GT stripes would be excellent. I am a really good driver and the only reason I wiped out Trevor's Monaro is that some guy in a car ran a green light.

PPS I enclosed a recent photo as you asked.
It's of my dog Butch.

For the benefit of students of his technique, Col'n comments

"Notice how my letter covers all the points in the ad and also contains a few personal touches. This is the perfect application letter, I should know. I've written thousands of them."



CLUB CALENDAR

November

Thursday	4 November	Puppy Kinder - puppies approx. 8 - 16 weeks
Sunday	7 November	Puppy and Class One Intake
Monday	8 November	Entries close - Open Obedience Trial
Wednesday	15 November	Newsletter closes – please have all articles, reports, Trial results, etc in by this date
Saturday	13 November	Trial working bee
Saturday	20 November	Trial working bee
Sunday	21 November	Open Obedience Trial - NO TRAINING
Sunday	28 November	New Newsletter. Closing date for Elsa Dahl, Committee/Instructor of the year and Trial Awards
Monday	29 November	Instructor's Meeting – 8.00 pm

December

Friday	3 December	Christmas Dinner – Karaoke night. Listen to Announcements for further details and ticket sales soon.
Sunday	5 December	Promotion Day
Tuesday	7 December	General Meeting - 8 p.m.
Sunday	12 December	Last day of training - Presentation day

Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc

Open Obedience Trial

Sunday 21 November 1999

Entries Close: Monday 8 November 1999

Entries to:

Janelle Convery, 247 Shannon Avenue, Manifold Heights, 3218

Judges

Encouragement:	Mr C Gibson
Novice:	Mrs M Ashman
	Mr P Greenland
	Mr D Wiltink
	Mr F Tipping
Open:	Mr R Edwards
	Mrs L Klecka
	Mrs A Adams
	Mrs M Deakes
Utility:	Mr F Neeson
	Mrs U May
	Mr W Gilmour

Entry Fee: \$8.00

Check in: 10.00am to 11.30am

Judging Commences: 12 noon

Speciality Sashes

Highest Scoring Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc member

Highest Scoring Werribee Obedience Dog Club Inc member

Highest Scoring Ballarat Obedience Dog Club Inc member

Highest Scoring Bendigo Obedience Dog Club Inc member

Highest Scoring Warrnambool Obedience Dog Club Inc member

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training your dog,
dog problems
or
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sessions each Sunday morning and they
will help you*