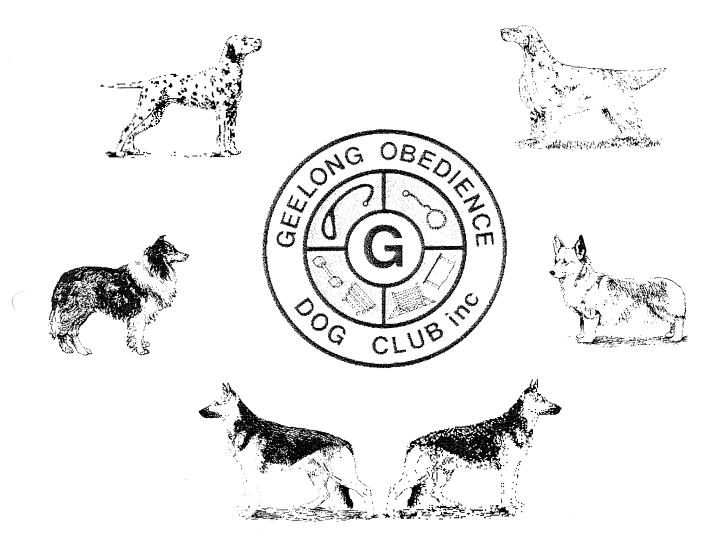
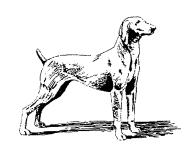
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to all those people reading Faithfully Yours for the first time. The Newsletter is compiled on a monthly basis. I am sure if you have a funny story to tell of your K9 companion, the Editor would love to hear from you. To get in contact with the Editor you can either – e-mail, send snail mail or leave information at the Office on a Sunday morning.

Thank you to the members who stayed back after classes on the 2nd July for the "Clean up your Club Day", your help was greatly appreciated. It was fantastic to see people of all ages pitching in and giving a hand. WELL DONE TO YOU ALL.

Due to the wintery weather we have had recently, our Instructors have been experiencing colds, husky voices and coughing fits. Yes, from time to time we too get sick and as there is already a shortage of Instructors, this makes class allocation a tedious task. Please bear with us, we try hard to organise smooth running Sundays. Have you thought of becoming an Instructor? Then why not see Desma, Betty, John or Arthur or talk to your class Instructor

Until next time
Leonie Kelleher – President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Once again we are heading towards election time at the Club and it just seems like yesterday that we were celebrating the beginning of the new millennium. At our Annual General Meeting in October all positions are declared vacant and I will run "Position Descriptions" in next month's Newsletter (August) for your information. Please take the time to read through them and consider the talents that you possess that you could contribute to the future of the Club.

But also consider that when you volunteer to take on any position, you also take on a responsibility. There may be times when your own dog will take a backseat and times when you are still working when others have headed home for the day, but this is all part of your responsibility and commitment to the Club and it's members.

Of course there is also the very positive side, where a new member is introduced to the Club and with much hard work they come back and thank you for helping them to achieve their goals. Many of our new members are initially embarrassed to bring along their four-legged friend who is totally out of control, but they soon see that we all started in the same situation and there is light at the end of the tunnel for all of us. Some of our newer members came along to our recent Obedience Trial and were absolutely amazed at what could be achieved with a little hard work and patience.

So, do consider your value to the Club. Our Club has a well-respected image in the Obedience world, but this image hasn't occurred overnight, it is an image of long-standing with a lot of hard work by many over the years and we need to maintain that image into the future.

Happy training
Pam Convery - Secretary

TRIAL SECRETARY

Once again we have come to the end of another successful Trial and my thanks must go to all the members who made themselves available to help prior to, and on the day. Some of them fairly new

members, who had never seen a Trial before, and were amazed at the teamwork of many of the entries. A special thank you to those Committee members who worked hard to make this Trial a success and also to Marie Elliott for taking care of the Judges and Stewards on the day.

Normally, our next Trial would be conducted in November, but with dates being revised because of the Olympic Games, etc our next Trial is only 7 weeks away on the 17th September and once again I will be asking for your help. So please keep this date in mind. We will then have a long break to our next Trial in April 2001.

To all our members who are Trialling, don't forget the end of year awards and make sure you hand in your Trial results. Please don't assume that this will happen, it is **YOUR** responsibility to make sure that the Office is aware of Titles gained and Trial Results, otherwise you could be empty-handed on the last day of training.

Thanks again for your support

Janelle Convery – Trial Secretary

CANTEEN MANAGER'S REPORT

Over the last couple of weeks you may have noticed that there have been a few changes in the Canteen. First of all I have taken over the Canteen Manager's position from Kim Ciezarek. For those that don't know me my name is Wendy McCraw. Please feel free to come by and say hello and have a chat at any time. You may have also noticed a few additions to "what's available to eat" at the Canteen and also price differences. The price changes are thanks to the GST.

I would also like to thank those canteen helpers that have helped me over the last couple of weeks and would ask those who haven't yet been rostered to please offer your help between the two classes – 10.15 am to 10.45 am. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

A couple of new items that are available to eat are Pasties, Fresh fruit, toast and Raisin toast. If anyone has any suggestion about the Canteen, please feel free to let me know and I'll see what I can do.

Wendy McCraw - Canteen Manager

GROUNDS MANAGER'S REPORT

Well, another Trial is behind us and with that the preparations. We tried an old idea again and called a "Clean up Your Club" afternoon two weeks before the Trial. Quite a few people stayed back or came 'back after training and enjoyed the sausages, etc. A lot of cleaning up was achieved and with that also some Club spirit. What did you think of that idea?

Saturday before the Trial, not many came to help to set up for Sunday, but they were good workers and all was set by 2.00 pm. On Sunday it was better, sufficient helpers everywhere, which gave me the chance to enjoy the Trial day for a change. Thank you all very much.

So much for the work on the ground, it was also a beautiful day weather wise and no noise from the motorbikes. As I walked around during the afternoon and spoke with competitors from elsewhere, I was always told how much they enjoyed coming to Geelong due to the pleasant grounds and the friendly atmosphere. This is only possible if we all chip in and keep that reputation up there.

Thanks once again and remember the next Trial is not far away on September 17th.

Fred Lehrmann – Grounds Manager

TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

To start my report I would like to make a comment re the excellence of an extremely interesting and informative talk given by our guest speaker Senior Constable Robert Burton prior to our last General Meeting. The members who attended on the night really enjoyed themselves - the members who didn't appear, you missed a great opportunity to learn more about the training or our canine friends!

Hopefully we will be able to prevail on Robert to return for another entertaining evening later in the year at a time where there isn't a meeting to curtail things.

Everyone should be well aware of the Beginners, Merit and Basic Test Guidelines that can be purchased from the Equipment Shop for a minimal amount and I feel all of you would be wise to buy the appropriate test sheets to gain extra knowledge into what is required and thus learn and train accordingly, so the chances of success are maximised and chances of failure are minimised.

As is often stated, you only get out of training, what you put in, so the responsibility is ultimately yours!

By the time you read this Promotion Day will be past again so congratulations to those who attained a pass and commiseration's to those who didn't - better luck next time and do keep up the hard work - it will pay off!!

I feel that the time is fast approaching where the Club will have to consider limiting Class numbers to ease some of the stress that the Instructors are under. We are at crisis point with our instructing ranks (actually, we are way past that!). A couple of weeks ago there were only 8 Instructors to cover Classes on that day and all of us had to work extremely hard to cope with 100 + handlers and their dogs.

I feel that a lot of Club members should take a good look at how they can give something back to the Club that serves you all so well - if we don't get Instructors soon this situation could change and that would be sad. As has been said before, all of the Instructors are volunteers and we have our own beloved dogs - most times we are lucky to get any time at training with them - a very unfair thing, as all of us joined initially to train our dogs, the same as everyone else!!!!

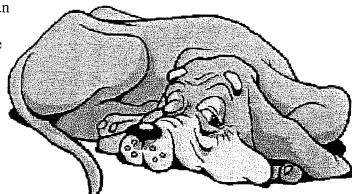
To my ever hard-working small band of Instructors, who give so much time and effort week after week, what would I do without your support? Thank you seems inadequate, but as always I really do appreciate your commitment and you make my job easier.

'Til next time – love your dogs

PS - In all future testing the Judges decision will be final.

PPS - Perhaps this quote from the latest German Shepherd News is well worth remembering. "Time for a whinge - can anyone explain to me why people who are not prepared to accept a Judge's decision enter a competition. I am sick to death of people saying the Judge was wrong. If they can't accept not winning, then they shouldn't enter".

Desma Dickeson - Training Supervisor



NEWSLETTER
ADVERTISING RATES

All advertising is restricted to half an A4 page with a limit of 12 advertisements per issue.

Advertisements are placed in the Newsletter bi-monthly in the odd months of the year.

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A Daily Prayer

Dear Lord,

So far today, I am doing all right I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been nasty, greedy, grumpy, selfish or selfindulgent.

I have not whined, bitched, cursed or eaten any chocolate.

I have not used my credit card.

However, in a few minutes I am going to get out of bed,

and I will need a lot more help after that!!!!

Amen

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Letter to the Editor

There are often times when you would like to thank someone for an extra effort or a job well done and it is with this in mind that the Letter to the Editor Column has been running in the Newsletter.

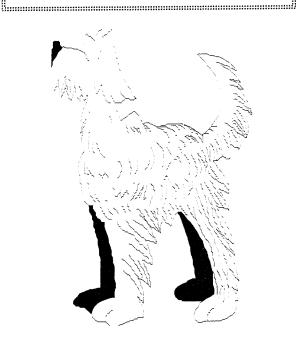
This is not a complaint's column, as these should be dealt with at an appropriate meeting

So, if you want to show your appreciation or write on general interest subjects, August's Newsletter closes on the 15th August.

For Sale/Wanted to Buy

This column is available to members who may have odd items at home they wish to sell or items they wish to buy. Advertisements will be restricted to 1/3 the width of a page and 5 lines deep at a cost of \$2.00 per issue.

We will not accept ads for puppy litters or re-housing dogs and the column is not for commercial use. Ads must bear the advertiser's name and phone number.



TWELVE TIPS FOR A WELL-BEHAVED DOG

by Robin Kovary, American Dog Trainers Network. Visit her website at - http://www.inch.com/~dogs/index.htm

- 1. Start training your puppy early. While old dogs can be taught new tricks, what's learned earliest, is often learned quickest and easiest. Moreover, the older the dog, the more bad habits will likely need to be "un-learned." When it comes to raising and training a dog, an ounce of problem prevention is certainly worth a pound of cure!
- 2. Train your dog gently and humanely, and whenever possible, teach using positive, motivational methods. Keep obedience sessions upbeat so that the training process is enjoyable for all parties involved. If training your pooch is a drudgery, rev things up a bit, and try the play training approach incorporate constructive, non-adversarial games, such as Go Find, Hide 'n Seek, and retrieving, into your training sessions.
- 3. Does your dog treat you like hired help at home? Does he treat you like a human gymnasium when you're sitting on the furniture? Does he beg at the table? Jump up on visitors? Demand your attention by annoying you to death? Ignore your commands? How well your dog responds to you at home affects behavior outdoors as well. If your dog doesn't respond reliably to commands at home (where distractions are relatively minimal), he certainly won't respond to you properly outdoors where he's tempted by, other dogs, pigeons, passersby, sidewalk food scraps, and more.
- 4. Avoid giving your dog commands that you know you cannot enforce. Every time you give a command that is neither complied with nor enforced your dog learns that commands are optional.
- 5. One command should equal one response, so give your dog only one command (twice max!), then gently enforce it. Repeating commands tunes your dog out (as does nagging) and teaches your dog that the first several commands are a bluff. For instance, telling your dog to "Sit, sit, sit!" is neither an efficient nor effective way to issue commands. Simply give your dog a single "Sit" command and gently place or lure your dog into the sit position, then praise/reward.
- 6. Avoid giving your dog combined commands, which are incompatible. Combined commands such as "sit-down" can confuse your dog. Using this example, say either "sit" or "down." The command "sit-down" simply doesn't exist.
- 7. When giving your dog a command, avoid using a loud voice. Even if your dog is especially independent/unresponsive, your tone of voice when issuing an obedience command such as "sit," "down" or "stay", should be calm and authoritative, rather than harsh or loud. **NOTE:** Many owners complain that their dogs are "stubborn," and that they refuse to listen when given a command. Before blaming the dog when he doesn't respond to a command, one must determine whether or not:
 - a) the dog knows what the owner wants,
 - b) he knows how to comply,
 - c) he is not simply being unresponsive due to fear, stress or confusion.
- 8. Whenever possible, use your dog's name positively, rather than using it in conjunction to reprimands, warnings or punishment. Your dog should trust that when it hears its name or is called to you, good things happen. His name should always be a word he responds to with enthusiasm, never hesitancy or fear.
- 9. Correct or, better yet, prevent the (mis) behavior, don't punish the dog. Teaching and communication is what it's all about, not getting even with your dog. If you're taking an "it's-you-against-your dog, whip 'em into shape" approach, you'll undermine your relationship, while missing out on all the fun that a motivational training approach can offer.

Twelve Tips for a Well Behaved Dog - Robin Kovary

- 10. Additionally, after-the-fact discipline does NOT work. When training one's dog, whether praising or correcting, good timing is essential. Take the following example, you've prepared a platter of hors d'oeuvres for a small dinner party, which you've left on your kitchen counter. Your dog walks into the room and smells the hors d'oeuvres. He air-sniffs, then eyes the food, and is poised to jump up. This is the best, easiest and most effective time to correct your dog, before he's misbehaved, while he's thinking about jumping up to get the food.
- 11. Often, dog owners inadvertently reinforce their dogs' misbehavior, by giving their dogs lots of attention (albeit negative attention) when they misbehave. Needless to say, if your dog receives lots of attention and handling when he jumps up on you, that behavior is being reinforced, and is thus likely to be repeated.
- 12. Keep a lid on your anger. Never train your dog when you're feeling grouchy or impatient. Earning your dog's respect is never accomplished by yelling, hitting, or handling your dog in a harsh manner. Moreover, studies have shown that fear and stress inhibit the learning process.



Thankful - the other side of the coin - Author unknown

1 am thankful.

For the teenager who is complaining about doing dishes, because that means he is at home not on the streets

For the taxes that I pay, because it means that I am employed.

For the mess to clean after a party, because it means that I have been surrounded by friends.

For the clothes that fit a little too snug, because it means I have enough to eat.

For my shadow that watches me work, because it means I am out in the sunshine.

For a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing, because it means I have a home.

For all the complaining I hear about the government, because it means that we have freedom of speech.

For the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot, because it means I am capable of walking and that I have been blessed with transportation.

For my huge heating bill, because it means I am warm.

For the lady behind me in church that sings off key, because it means that I can hear.

For the pile of laundry and ironing, because it means I have clothes to wear.

For weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day, because it means I have been capable of working

For the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours, because it means that I am alive.

Quotes to consider when training and trialing

The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain – Dolly Parton

Start by doing what's necessary, then what's possible and suddenly you are doing the impossible –

Saint Francis of Assisi

The greater the obstacle, the more the glory in overcoming it - Moliere



TRIAL RESULTS

Broadmeadows Obedience Dog Club - 25/6/00

Novice

Cyndanz Spring Spice (Brodie) Janelle & Pam Convery

Golden Retriever

2nd Pass – 2nd Place

Open

Diogenes Jackpot CD AD (Toby) Janelle & Pam Convery

Golden Retriever

2nd Pass – 2nd Place

Golden Retriever Club of Victoria – 2/7/00

Novice

Cyndanz Spring Spice (Brodie)

Golden Retriever

CD Title

Janelle & Pam Convery

Sunbury & District Double Agility Trial – 8/7/00

Novice

Thomas

Associate

1st Pass

Fiona Mackey

Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc – 16/7/00

Encouragement

Ruby (Ruby)

Associate

Pass – 2nd Place

Georgina Deans

Milangimbi Power Of Love (AI) (Celine)

Border Collie

Pass

Diane Miller

Novice

Bonnafay Born T Wanda (Venus) Faye Bolden

"Highest Score In Trial"

"Highest Scoring GSD Club of Victoria Member"

GSD

Pass -

"Highest Scoring Geelong Member" "Highest Scoring Warrnambool Member"

Ch Mureybet Touch A Star ET (Tori)

Gaye McKiernan

Border Collie

Thomas (Thomas) Fiona Mackey

Associate

NQ – 3rd Place

Open

Ormslee Austral Abbott UD TD (Abbott) Helen Read

Rottweiler

Pass

Ch Jarrebor Taras Radiance CDX ET (Sorcha)

Border Collie

Libby Hotchin

"Highest Scoring Border Collie Club of Victoria Member"

Ch Jahzorn Brilliant N Blue CD TDX (A) (Rasa) Susie & John Baird

Rottweiler

Pass - 1st Place

3rd Pass – 3rd Place

CDX Title

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NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Included with this Newsletter is the notice for our Annual General Meeting and Nomination Forms to nominate or be nominated for the Committee positions as listed below. All Committee positions become vacant at the Annual General Meeting and those current Committee members wishing to re-stand must nominate again. Nominations close on TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2000. Nomination Forms must be completed correctly (one position per form) and placed in the ballot box in the Clubrooms prior to that date.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1 x President

2 x Vice Presidents

1 x Secretary

1 x Treasurer

1 x Trial Secretary/Assistant Secretary

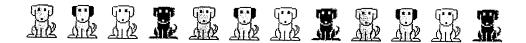
GENERAL COMMITTEE

There are six (6) General Committee vacancies for which you can nominate, but at the first meeting of the new Committee each of those members must be prepared to accept one of the following positions.

Canteen Manager Publicity Officer Grounds Manager

Hall Manager Social Secretary Assistant Hall Manager/Social Sec

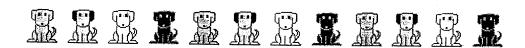
Position Descriptions will be placed in the August Newsletter



Nominations are also called for Life Membership of the Club. If there is someone you think is worthy of Life Membership who meets the criteria, write a brief resume and hand it, in a sealed envelope addressed to "The Chairperson, Life Membership Sub-Committee", to the Secretary no later than

WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2000

Life Membership Criteria – 'Any person, after a period of 5 years continuous membership, may be appointed as a Life Member of the Club in recognition of services rendered to the Club. However, under exceptional circumstances the 5-year period may be waived'.



TRIAL DATES

August Saturday 26 Tracking Tracking Club of Vic Saturday 26 Agility (2) Ovens Valley D C Sunday 27 Tracking Tracking Club of Vic Sunday 27 Obedience & Agility Wangaratta O D C

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2	Obedience	Western Port D C
3	Obedience	Moorabbin O D C
9	Obedience	Sunbury O D C
9	Tracking	Victorian Canine Assoc
		Northern O D C
10	Tracking	Victorian Canine Assoc
		Southern O D C
16	Agility (2)	Croydon & Dist O D C
17	Obedience	Geelong Obed D C
		Southern O D C
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Saturday	23	Prelimin	Tracking Club of Vic

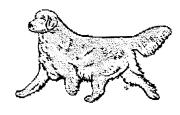
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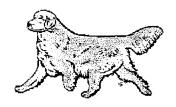
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Sunday	1	Obedience	Shepparton O D C
Saturday	7	Obedience	Murray Valley O D C
Saturday	7	Agility (2)	Knox O D C
Sunday	8	Obedience	Murray Valley O D C
Sunday	8	Obedience	Warringal O D C
Sunday	8	Agility (2)	Berwick O D C
Saturday	14		Southern O D C
Sunday	15		Knox O D C
Saturday	21	Obedience	Northcote O D C
Sunday	22		Altona C D C
Saturday	28	Obedience	Werribee O D C
Sunday	29	Obedience	Gisborne O D C

Cyndanz Spring Spice CD "Brodie"

Owned, loved and trained by Janelle and Pam Convery

This is a tale of a big Golden kid Who wiggled and waggled whatever he did He'd walk by himself with his lead in his mouth And always had toys spread all over the house





Well, now he is Titled, has pass cards and CD You'd think a much more mature dog he'd be But no, not our Brodie, he's still a big clown Whose Golden antics melt the deepest frown

So, we'd like to say thanks to all who have helped Train this bundle of joy since the time he was whelped Now he's heading for Open, "let's kill that dumbbell!" Oh boy, this will sure test the skills of poor Val!!!!

Dog Breed from A to Z

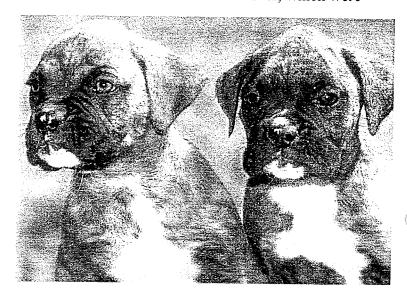
Boxer

Originally from Tibet and more recently from Germany, the Boxer has developed into a popular pet.

The Boxer comes from two German ancestors: the Bullenbeiszer and the Barenbeiszer, which were

used to hunt wild boar and bear, and were then used as cattle dogs. The Boxer breed was established in the mid-1800s, but was not known outside of Germany until after the Second World War when many American and British returning soldiers took them home.

The Boxer is a medium-sized dog with a muscular body. Height: 22.5 - 25 in (57 - 63.5 cm) for the dog; 21 - 23 in (53.3 - 58.4 cm) for the bitch. Under Canadian standards: 21 - 23.5 in (55.3 - 59.7 cm) for the bitch. Weight: 66 - 70 lb (30 - 31.7 kg) for the adult dog and 55 - 60 lb (25 - 27.5 kg) for the bitch. Under Canadian standards, not specified.



The Boxer's head is well-proportioned and square-shaped. Its muzzle is well-developed, with a dark mask. The skull is slightly rounded with a well-defined stop. The jaws are strong and broad with an undershot bite. The nose is broad and black. The eyes are dark brown with a frank, intelligent gaze. The ears, when not cropped, are a moderate size, set high, and hang close to the cheek when in repose. The body is square, below a well-proportioned, long neck. The thorax extends to the elbow, the ribs are curved, but not cylindrical.

The back is short, straight and broad, with good muscle cover. The flanks are short, tight and tucked up, and the belly forms a gentle curve to the rear of the dog. The tail is usually docked, set high, and carried erect. The forequarters are parallel and straight, the hindquarters are parallel also, and are well angulated with broad, round thighs.

The coat of the Boxer is short and shiny, with hard hair very flat on the body. The coat colors are fawn and brindle, with different shades of fawn ranging from yellow through to red. There are white markings on the muzzle, neck, chest, and legs or feet.

The Boxer deserves its popularity as it is an excellent all-round dog. This highly intelligent animal really enjoys its training, and rewards its owner time and again with its playful antics and dedicated loyalty. Although Boxers get along well with people, they may often be shy on first encounter. However they more than compensate for their initial hesitation once they get to know you.

When they are young, Boxers positively bound with enthusiasm and energy. As they mature, these dogs make brave watch-dogs and are quite big enough to double as guard dogs. An alert Boxer makes a great deterrent to would-be intruders. The coat is easy to care for and an occasional brushing will keep its appearance in top form. This dog appreciates a lot of exercise and thrives on the attention it receives from its owner during play time.

Briard

A handsome and rugged working dog, the Briard is intelligent and reliable, and makes a delightful pet.

The Briard is an ancient breed of dog whose origin is difficult to pinpoint. It has been around for as long as nomadic herdsmen moved with the climate and followed the animals they hunted for food. Once nations were established and became more stable, the breeds of Briard were developed to suit the local conditions. There are variations in Russia, Hungary, and Germany. The Briard, to give it its full title, is called Chien Berger de Brie and takes its name from the province of Brie in France.

The Briard is a superior sheep dog and courageous guard dog. It can run all day and control a large herd of sheep with authority, without the need for nips at the sheeps' hocks. The Briard was known mainly only in France until the First World War, during which it served to carry ammunition, locate wounded soldiers, and patrol the front lines. At this time the Briard became noticed by the American and British troops, who then enabled the breed to flourish in their countries.

A well-proportioned, supple and muscular dog, the Briard is lively and intelligent. Height: 23 - 27 in (58.4 - 68.6 cm) for the adult dog, 21 - 25 in (53.3 - 63.5) for the bitch. Canadian standards for the bitch: 22 - 25.5 in (56 - 64.8 cm). Weight: not specified.

The Briard's head is large and fairly long, with a visible stop. The muzzle is long and square with a clearly defined stop and a scissor bite. Lips and nose are black. The eyes are large and dark with a gentle expression, although the eyebrows do cover the eyes slightly. The ears are set high and are covered with long hair falling gently down the side of the face. The body is well-proportioned, with a



broad chest and a level back. The tail is long and carried low with ample feathering, and curls up at the tip. The forequarters are well-muscled with strong bone structure. The hindquarters are well-muscled also and have double dew claws. The coat of the Briard is slightly wavy, around 3 in (7.6 cm) long and is stiff, dry, strong, and goatlike. The color is solid and ranges from fawn to dark.

The Briard has a very aristocratic air about it. Indeed, this dog does have a very noble spirit. Yet it is far from being aloof. The Briard is a very sociable dog and loves the company of both other dogs and people. If allowed to go unchecked, it will sometimes rush up to other dogs and can give them quite a fright. The Briard soon develops a strong sense of territory and will happily guard its owner's property against all intruders.

Jew Members

The Committee, Instructors and Members would like to welcome the following new members. We hope your stay is a long and happy one.

7 May

Baldwin Family

Cooper Family

Craig Ben/Breed Amanda Deglaitis Kim/Shields Ann

Dunbar Family

Fletcher Family Kelly Michelle

Gibson Paul Lower Family Greene Manley Carmel

Jolly Lisa Meagher Amanda/Ibbetson Scott

Nankervis Brenda

Panckridge Michael

Vanderpligt Michelle

21 May

Rietman Marc/Crossland Tess

1 June

Loone Ben

Sheridan Vivienne/Heine Carl

Whitehand Family

4 June

Elevato Shane Neill Yvonne

Godycki Family Robertson Graeme Graham Family Sands Family

Martin Family Sing Andrew

St Quentin Marian

Timberlake Family

Underwood

West Robyn

18 June

Bowker Family

Foord Family

Gibbons Tiffany/Ball Adam

McKee Family

Savage Melissa/Williams Scott

Towell Family

2 July

Brereton Family

Clayten Family

De Beer Anne

Griffin Family

Heppell Jessica Marsden Family

Humm Michelle/McKnight Johnson Matthews Joshua Sexton Family

Jenning Family Sorgiovanni Fernando

Tait Family

Watts Family

Tilbrook Julie/Egberts Hendrik

Watson Maureen

Wilson Laureen

Wilson Rod/Martin Deb

Wong Family

6 July

Colla Audrey

Dekoke Nicole

Down Patricia

Gemmill Ross

Goddard Family McGrath Family

Priddle Family

Smith Ryan/Harkness Rachelle

Vale Skye/Cook Tony

TRIAL SPONSORS

The Club would like to thank the following sponsors for their support at our Open Obedience Trial on Sunday 16 July 2000

North Geelong Veterinary Clinic, Cnr Church Street & Vines Road, Hamlyn Heights

Kardinia Veterinary Clinic, 355 Moorabool Street, Geelong

Grovedale Veterinary Clinic, 304 Torquay Road, Grovedale

Family Pet & Aquarium, 26 Dorothy Ave, Belmont

Corio Veterinary Clinic, Bacchus Marsh Road, Corio

Bellarine Animal Hospital, 65 Coppards Road, Newcomb Highton Veterinary Clinic, 88 Barrabool Road, Highton

Geelong Pet Supplies, Cnr Marshalltown & Torquay Roads, Grovedale

Robin Ave Pet Food Supplies, 68A Robin Ave, Norlane

Tsu Lin Boarding Kennels, 295 Banks Road, Mannerim

South Eastern Pet Supplies, 33 Leather Street, Breakwater

Puss 'N' Pooch Grooming Salon, Shop 2/37 Walsgott Street, North Geelong

Pets Paradise, Shop 6 Market Square Shopping Centre, Geelong

CLUB CALENDAR

August Tuesday Thursday Sunday Monday Tuesday Sunday Monday	1 August 3 August 6 August 7 August 15 August 20 August 21 August	General Meeting - 8 p.m. Puppy Kinder – for puppies approx. 8 - 16 weeks Puppy and Class One Intake – for fully vaccinated puppies & dogs CPR Course Newsletter closes – for all articles, reports and Trial results Puppy Intake – for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months Instructor's Meeting - nomination night for Training Supervisor and 2 Assistant Training Supervisors August Newsletter available
Sunday	27 August	August Newsletter available
September		a and the first term of the second
Sunday	3 September	Puppy and Class One Intake - for fully vaccinated puppies & dogs.
Monday	4 September	Trial entries close – Open Obedience Trial
Thursday	7 September	Puppy Kinder – for puppies approx. 8 - 16 weeks
Saturday	9 September	Working bee - Open Obedience Trial
Tuesday	12 September	Nomination for all positions close
Friday	15 September	Newsletter closes for all articles, reports and Trial results
Saturday	16 September	Working bee - Open Obedience Trial
Sunday	17 September	Open Obedience Trial - NO TRAINING
tonday	18 September	Instructor's Meeting - Election night
Wednesday	20 September	Open Day for Juniors
Sunday	24 September	Puppy Intake – for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months.
•	-	September Newsletter available
Wednesday	27 September	Life member's nominations close

CERTIFICATE PASSES

Congratulations to the following members who were successful on the last Promotion Day – 9 July 2000

Beginners Certificate Deborah Canty & "Kira" Ash Swayn & "Casey" Kim Inturrisi & "R.B." Naomi & David Greaves & "Mis Sandy Crameri & "Oscar" Lee McKenzie/Connie Enders & "fitzi Clark & "Penny" .ack Ververs & "Ned" David Foulkes & "B.J." Beryl & Bill Jackson & "Kelly" Andrew Bryant & "Occy" Chris Shepherd & "Misty"	Beverley McIntosh & "Maggie"	Brett Diamond & "Molly" Michael Inturrisi & "Jess" Nora McDonald & "Romy" John Gates & "Beau" Jacinta Harding & "Buddy" Tara Middleton & "Scout" Margaret Martin & "Beau" Andrea Certoma & "Oliver" Gordon Giblin & "Nell" Amanda Fiolet & "Koby" Wendy Gauntlett & "Ezri"
Merit Certificate Tom Hinkley & "Zac" Rhonda Ververs &"Jedda" Rose Daniel & "Mishka" Jim Ball & "Duke"	Deborah Canty & "Lizzy" Marj Turner & "Chelsea" Kerry Jones & "Nikita" Rob Lochrie & "Max"	Slava Diamond & "P.J." Peg Pope & "Laddie" Angie Trueman & "Ebony"
Basic Certificate Nola Appleton & "Kityees Ben" Brooke Munro & "Cody" Ray Trait & "Bonnie"	Julie Makin & "Murphy" Andrew Wallace & "Misty"	Narelle Wills & "Cocoa" Tammy Lawes & "Sandy"

Letters to the Editor

23 July 2000

The Secretary Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc

Dear Pam

Would you please convey my thanks to all Club Members for their kindness to me during the period following my dog Saxon's untimely death.

The cards, notes, calls and personal expressions of sympathy were greatly appreciated.

Only dog people truly understand the bond that was broken

My sincere thanks to everyone for their support during a very sad time.

Yours faithfully Val Moeller



An Appreciative Competitor

I would just like to say a big thank you to Janelle Convery for the efforts she put in organising the Obedience Trial on the 16th July. As a participant I really appreciate the effort she put in.

I would also like to thank everyone that helped on the "Clean up the Club Day" and working bees held, as many hands did, in fact, make light work. And to those who brought raffle tickets and were unsuccessful, keep buying.

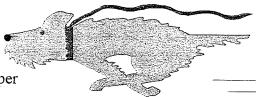
I might have to find another toaster to raffle since so many of our members are in dire need of one!!!

Bye for now - Fiona Mackey & Thomas



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.



Aust. Champ. Jahzorn Brilliant N Blue (A) CDX TDX "Rasa"

When we first got Rasa our aim was to have a pet that was well behaved and do a little obedience just to keep her in control. We're not sure how it happened, but along the way we started showing, obedience trialling and tracking.

When she achieved her Companion Dog title last year, I was not sure if Rasa would be able to go on to the next level of Open work for her CDX. However I found that in her case the novice work is harder, as



there is double the amount of heeling etc., and once we started doing the dumbbell and jump work she was much more motivated. Going into Val Moeller's Open Trial class, she gradually introduced us to all the fun stuff and Rasa & I had a great time learning the ropes. I decided to enter her in the Rottweiler Club of Victoria Restricted Trial; Val thought that she wasn't quite ready yet, but as we were going to be there anyway I decided to give it a shot. Besides, as I knew we would fail, Val would not be any the wiser.

WRONG!! Always ready to throw a surprise, on the 26/2/00 she gained her 1st pass with 180 pts. I'm not sure if it was because I was more relaxed expecting to fail, but she worked really well, and I was left to explain myself to Val that night! Fortunately she was so pleased she easily forgave me.

Her next pass came on 4/6/00 at the Keilor Obedience Dog Club trial with 183 pts, and I was thinking that perhaps the first one wasn't a fluke after all.

I was brought back down to earth for the next 2 trials. At the National Rottweiler Specialty in Adelaide she was sitting on a good pass but decided that it would be much easier to run around the jump instead of going over it; ah well maybe next time. Next trial no problems with the jump, this time she moved 5 feet on the stand for examination.

By the time we got to the GODC trial on 16/7/00 I was convinced she wouldn't get a pass as she was going through a phantom pregnancy and certainly "not in the mood". So of course she decided to trick me again and managed a pass of 179 pts and achieved her Companion Dog Excellent title. Maybe I need to think negatively, as it hasn't hurt so far!

Extra special thanks to Val for all her knowledge, support and humorous words of wisdom. We look ward to starting to play at UD in the future. Also many thanks to Pat and Angie who assist Val, and all others at the club for their encouragement.

To those of you thinking of starting to trial, give it a go! Above all enjoy working as a team with your dog and make sure you're both having fun.

Susie & John Baird

CLUB TRIVIA

Who was the Instructor who rang and said he was dressed ready to come down and take his Class on the day of the Obedience Trial, but then remembered there wasn't any training? He ended up helping at the Trial. Well, we couldn't have him get out of bed early for nothing, could we?

And who was the Trainee Instructor who was going to the Grovedale Hotel for tea prior to the member's Tenpin Bowling night, but was sprung by her husband when he came back from Eildon early? When the cats away the mice will play!!!!

Dogs and Public Open Space

VCA POSITION STATEMENT

There has been much debate about dogs and their access to public places since the introduction of the Victorian Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act in 1996.

Section 26 of the Act allows Councils to impose a range of conditions on dogs' access to public places (mostly on- and off-leash areas and areas from which dogs might be banned).

The Victorian Canine Association Inc (VCA) is the peak body representing owners of dogs in Victoria. The VCA is concerned that some Councils have imposed unduly onerous restrictions on dogs in public places without fully understanding the role and place of dogs in modern society and ways to manage their interaction with other humans and animals.

The VCA recognises that a balance must be struck between the needs of dog owners and non dog owners and that every community must decide this balance for itself. However the VCA believes there are a number of common principles applicable to all decisions made about dogs and their access to the public realm.

The following statement is the VCAs position on the question of dogs and their access to public places in Victoria.

Dogs are an integral part of the Australian way of life

Owning dogs has long been integral to the Australian way of life. In 1998/1999 there were 967,000 owned dogs in Victoria¹. Across Australia, up to 42% of households own one or more dogs². This makes us one of the largest pet owning communities in the world. If Councils are truly committed to catering for the diverse recreation

needs of all members of the community then they should be providing for dog owners' needs as well.

There are many benefits from owning dogs

Aside from their popularity is our accumulating understanding of the health and companionship benefits of owning dogs:

- Dog owners have been found to have lower risk factors for cardiovascular disease than non dog owners.
- States have been found to make fewer doctor visits than non dog owners.
- A national Australian study showed dog owners make fewer annual doctor visits and are less likely to be on medication for heart problems and sleeping difficulties than non owners.

Most of the reports relate to a reduction in cardiovascular disease. However a growing body of research also indicates an association between pet ownership/attachment and psychosocial wellbeing. The psychosocial impacts could help facilitate normal child development, ameliorate loneliness and depression and provide social support and interaction.

As the evidence continues to mount, many local government authorities are establishing health, leisure and community services programs that harness the benefits of owning pets. Provision of areas where people can exercise their dogs is an integral component of this.

Councils need to provide areas where dogs can be exercised

The reasons why Councils should provide areas where dogs can be exercised are well documented and include:

- The popularity of dogs. As stated above, a large proportion of Victorian households own dogs.
- 2. Exercise and Socialisation. Dogs need regular exercise for good health and as a way of keeping unwanted behavious at bay. Dogs also need to be socialised around other dogs and humans which is best achieved by exposing them to regular outings to the public realm.
- 3. Benefits for humans. Dog owners exercise more. They also talk to strangers more often than non dog owners. In many areas, offleash parks are central to people's daily recreation and social life. This has important social benefits especially for people with limited social contacts.
- 4. Urban consolidation. As the effects of government policy begin to be felt and more people move to homes with smaller back yards, the need for access to public open space becomes greater for all users of the public realm, including dog owners.
- As a compliance tool. If Councils provide good off-leash opportunities they can expect greater compliance with leash laws applying in other areas.

The VCA believes Councils should move away from the notion of planning for dogs and start thinking of it as planning for *people* with dogs; a significant group in the population with legitimate needs for access to public open space. This distinction is very important.

A range of on- and off-leash areas should be provided

Few dog attacks occur in off-leash areas³. Most occur in and around the family home where issues of dominance and territorality issues

come into play. The recent Dog Attacks in Public Places 1997/1999 report of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment found that victims of dog attacks tend to be walking near the offending dog's property. Dog attacks are less likely to occur in the more neutral territory of a public park where dogs are likely to be engaged in 'joyful play'.

Nevertheless some people are frightened of or don't like other people's dogs so in most cases it is appropriate that a mix of on- and offleash areas be provided.

Free running off-leash areas

Free running areas are important for training and play without the restrictions of a leash. Naturally all owners need to retain effective control of their dog in free running areas,

Th /CA believes free running areas should be significant in number and include centrally located areas that have history of use by people and their dogs. As dog owners walk at all times and in all weather, effort should be made to select areas that stay reasonably dry in winter. Good lighting is also important.

The VCA believes it is mostly inappropriate to establish free running areas in picnic grounds and playgrounds, although the presence of such infrastructure does not mean there should be no free running areas provided within that particular park.

More opportunities exist to provide good free running areas in new and do oping municipalities than in older established areas with limited open space.

Areas where dogs are banned

Exclusion zones where dogs are not permitted should be kept to a minimum in accordance mainly with criteria of very high environmental sensitivity.

Dogs should be banned from ovals during time of organised play.

Areas where dogs should be leashed

The VCA believes it is generally appropriate for dogs to be leashed in areas of high human activity, where

there is moderate environmental or botanical sensitivity and in the vicinity of moving objects such as bicycles. The VCA also believes dogs should be leashed on public streets and footpaths for their own safety and to reduce potential traffic hazards.

Councils might choose to require dogs to be leashed in the vicinity of picnic grounds and play grounds as an alternative to banning them in these places.

Timeshare

Timeshare arrangements where dogs are allowed off-leash for part of the day are effective in some circumstances, eg beaches. However the VCA believes timeshare is inequitable when applied to all public places in a municipality as it does not suit all members of the community. The VCA also believes timeshare is relatively difficult to enforce.

The VCA notes the new NSW Companion Animals Act requires every Council to have at least one offleash area available at all times.

Adopt a strategic area-wide approach

The VCA believes Councils should make decisions about dogs and their access to public places on an areawide not a peacemeal basis using sophisticated techniques of community consultation whilst taking into account characteristics of the local dog owning population and availability of public open space within the municipality generally. The VCA believes it is the number of opportunities that exist overall that is important not whether an individual park is declared on- or off-leash.

Implementation

Once established off-leash areas should be protected from incompatible park activities and new facilities. The VCA believes the best way to do this is to feed the off-leash policy directly into the Open Space Plan and master planning process.

Over time, Councils should aim to augment good free running opportunities through reviews of the Open Space Plan, especially in heavily built-up areas where such opportunities are scarce.

Councils should consider purpose designed facilities for dogs and their owners eg agility courses. These are popular in other parts of the world. They can be a focus for Council's education and responsible pet ownership activities.

Councils should implement on-going education programs about responsible pet ownership in the public realm (including the removal of dog faeces).

Councils should focus on encouraging people to train their dogs so they can retain effective control in public places. The VCA would be pleased to work in partnership with Councils to ensure appropriate training is carried out.

The VCA believes Councils should review their leash requirements every 5 years at least to accommodate changes in community attitudes and demographics. The VCA believes the best way to do this is through the development of a comprehensive Domestic Animals Strategy that addresses all aspects of dog and cat management, enforcement and education.

Finally, the VCA believes Councils should encourage dog owners to get out and enjoy the outdoors. It will help owners, it will help their dogs and it will help the surrounding neighbourhood.

The VCA would be pleased to elaborate.

For further enquiries, please contact Mr Roger Hampson,

Executive Officer,

Victorian Canine Association on

Tel: 9376 8259

- 1. Petcare Information and Advisory Service
- 2. ibid
- 3. Dog Attacks in Public Places 1997-1999

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BONNAFAY BORN 'T' WANDA "AZ" CD

(Venus)

Proudly Owned and Bred by Faye Bolden Bonnafay Kennels - Warrnambool

German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria

12 March 189 points 1st Place

1st Pass

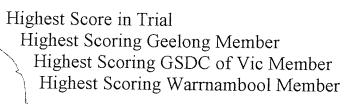
Broadmeadows Obedience Dog Club

25 June 194 points 1st Place 2nd Pass

Geelong Obedience Dog Club

16 July 198 points 1st Place 3rd Pass

CD Title



Congratulations Faye and "Venus"



A DOG'S LIFE

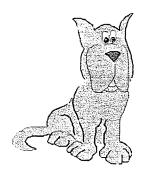
I have often heard it said by the human race today
Isn't it a dogs life when things don't go their way
Do they know what they are saying, they do not you can be sure
For I am speaking from experience, so I will tell you more

I wake up in the morning and rise up from my bed Then stroll around the garden until my breakfast I am fed After that I have a walk, this could be long or short Depending on the weather, should it rain I won't get caught

When I get back my coat is brushed, and made to look quite smart Is this then that dog's life that was mentioned at the start I then find myself a quiet spot and settle down to sleep For soon there'll be another walk, an appointment I must keep

Sometimes in the car I go and walk around a wood
It appears it is the thing to do, they say it does me good
Then home once more, its time by then to be served up with my tea
This of course is brought to me, they always wait on me

Another snooze and then we're off to stroll around once more That ends the day with nowt to do but lay around and snore So when they say it's a dog's life, and as they weep and wail There is one thing that's quite certain, that dog is no Airedale.



GENERAL MEETING

Senior Constable Robert Burton from the Police Dog Squad spoke to members prior to the meeting commencing.

Meeting opened: 9.15 pm

Apologies: J Convery, B Cairns, S Lowdon, A Trueman, S Noblett

Acc: D Dickeson Seconded: E Longshaw Carried

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

Acc: M McNair Seconded: S Baird Carried

Business arising from the Minutes

- 1. Discussion regarding Photocopier deferred to General Business
- 2. L Kelleher asked if a date could be set for a second Open Day for Juniors. Members agreed on Wednesday 20 September 2000
- 3. D Dickeson has requested to attend Dr Robert Homes/Ruth Weston lecture at the showgrounds in lieu of Delta Society Seminar as she feels this would be more beneficial to the Club. Members agreed.

Correspondence Out - Surfcoast Shire,

Correspondence In – A Thorogood, C of G G, C of G G, Royal Agricultural Society, Ray Rogers, Geelong Citizens Guide, Trialing Club, Walk for Animal Welfare, Recreation Link, Berwick Obedience Dog Club, Geelong & District Drivers Association

Acc: E Longshaw Seconded: K Devlin Carried

Business arising from Correspondence

- 1. Members discussed C of G G Charter and agreed to register the Club
- 2. C of G G letters regarding Microchip scanners was discussed and it was decided to send a second letter to Surfcoast Shire requesting reply. F Lehrmann also asked if a copy of the C of G G letter could be sent to the VCA.
- 3. F Lehrmann moved 'that we accept the resignation of Ray Rogers with regret'.

Seconded: C Shields Carried

- 4. Members decided not to advertise in the Geelong Citizens Guide.
- 5. H Read moved 'that we donate \$100.00 to Berwick Obedience Dog Club for the Agility Team to travel to Western Australia'.
- 6. F Lehrmann moved 'that we accept Geelong and Districts Drivers Association request to hire the Club grounds for their children's Christmas Party on Saturday 2 December 2000'.

Seconded: C Humphreys

Carried

Treasurer's Report

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

Acc: A Thorogood

Seconded:

Carried

Other Reports

Grounds Manager/Equipment Manager - F Lehrmann asked if Utility scent discrimination mats could be replaced. J Ball moved 'that F Lehrmann purchase four new Utility Mats'.

Seconded: J Baird

Carried

Hall Manager - Written report attached to Minutes Book

Social Secretary - Written report attached to Minutes Book

Trial Secretary - Written report attached to Minutes Book

Training Supervisor/Demo Team Leader - Written report attached to Minutes Book. Discussion was held regarding requirement for Police Check for any volunteer entering Institutions, etc. P Convery to make enquiry's if this is necessary for the Display Team. H Read moved 'that if Police Checks are required that members who take part in the Display Team have Police Check Fees paid for by the Club'

Seconded: S Baird

Carried

Sub-Committee Reports

L Kelleher read written report from Trialing Club Meeting. Written report attached to Minutes Book

Acc: H Read

Seconded: J Brophy

Carried

General Business

1. Recommendation from Committee regarding the future of the Club's Back-to-Back Agility Trial was discussed and A Thorogood moved 'that the Committee recommendation to cancel future Back-to-Back Agility Trials be accepted'

Seconded: P McCormack

Vote was LOST by majority

2. H Read moved and extension of time of 30 minutes

Seconded: P McCormack

Carried

3. P Convery read second quote for the Lease of new photocopier. H Read moved 'that we accept Ryrie Office Machines quote for the Lease of a photocopier'

.Seconded: F Lehrmann

Carried

As there was no further business

Meeting closed at: 10.30 pm

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING - 25 June 2000

Attendance as per Attendance Book

Meeting opened 10.30 am

G McCraw moved 'to rescind the Motion re the lease of a photocopier from Ryrie Office Machines as decided at the General Meeting 20 June'.

Seconded: M McNair

B Voysey moved 'that the Club accept the lease proposal of Ricoh Business Centre'

Seconded: D Dickeson

Meeting closed 10.45 am

NOMINATION FORMS

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC NOMINATION FORM

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Members can complete one or all of the above nomination forms, but if not completed correctly (one position per form) the nomination will be invalid. VCA Membership No is required for all Executive Committee positions. Nominations close on

Tuesday 12 September 2000.