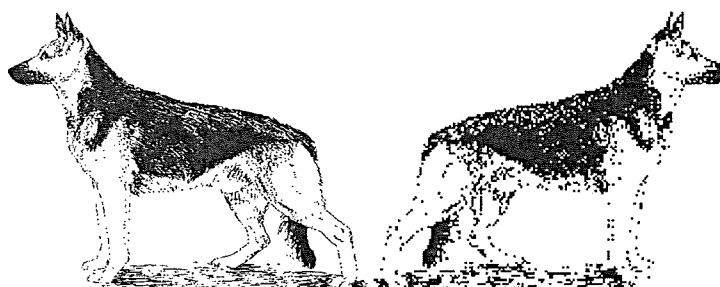
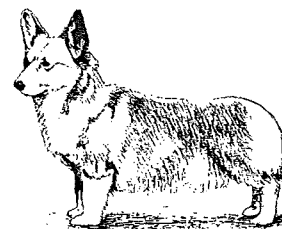
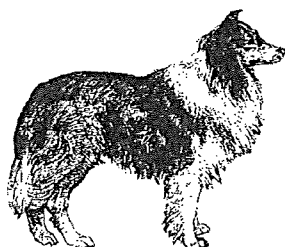
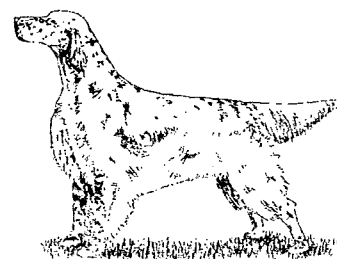
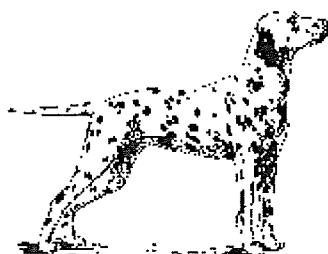


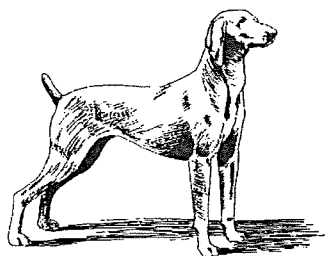
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WANTED

One Committee Member prepared to take on the role of Raffle
Steward/Assistant Social Secretary

One Newsletter Editor prepared to put the Newsletter
together each month. Secretary prepared to print

One Webmaster prepared to keep the Club's Website up-to-
date

Please see our President Leonie Kelleher for further
information

Also required

One assistant Shop Manager

prepared to relieve the Shop Manager if she is away

Please see Karen Hinkley - Shop Manager for further
information

Lots of Trainee Instructors prepared to pass on the knowledge
they have gained. Please see Training Supervisor - Desma
Dickeson or Vice President in Charge of Training - Arthur
Thorogood for further information

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TRAINING SUPERVISOR

This is a brief up date for the month's Newsletter. A big thank you to everyone who aided and abetted in any way on Promotion Day.

The launch of the cards and list of names at the recent Promotion Day was a total success and has been adopted at all future testing days. We have received a lot of positive feed back. Thank you Pam, Janelle and Leonie for issuing the cards and checking names off the lists.

Gala Day is fast approaching and we need lots of support to help make it a success and also promote our Club. This is a great way to walk our dogs out in the main streets of Geelong with lots of like-minded people and their dogs.

Thanks to Kath and Kim who help with Puppy Kinder Classes and also to my able assistants who "held the fort" while I took Dakota to the German Shepherd Club for several weeks so he could gain a Satisfactory Breed Survey rating.

After the AGM I have been re-elected as Training Supervisor, while Betty Lawrence and Kath Devlin are assistant Supervisors.

As always a huge vote of thanks to the Instructors who work so tirelessly every week so that Members may achieve their goals.

Good on you team!!!

D Dickeson – Training Supervisor

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday - 8 December 2000

Just a reminder to put this date in your diary for the Geelong Obedience Dog Club Christmas Party to be held at the Clubrooms



Spit Roast Dinner and Karaoke night

A fun night for all and an opportunity to meet others whether you like to sing along or not. Make up a table with your family and friends or get together with your Class members. Further information regarding tickets and cost, etc will be available soon. Listen to announcements in Class or check the Notice board on the verandah.



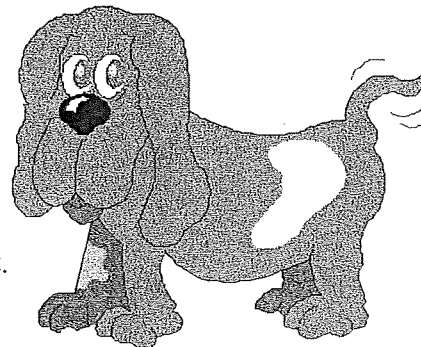
ATTITUDE!

Dogs Ability and Intelligence vs Apathy and Attitude of Carers Janet Crease – Top Dog Journal April 1999

Attitude: Pet or Friend! We do not own our children, we are their caretakers, also we do not own our dogs, we are their caretakers too. Dogs have feeling, intelligence and receptiveness, and in their ability to be receptive they also have needs, just like our children.

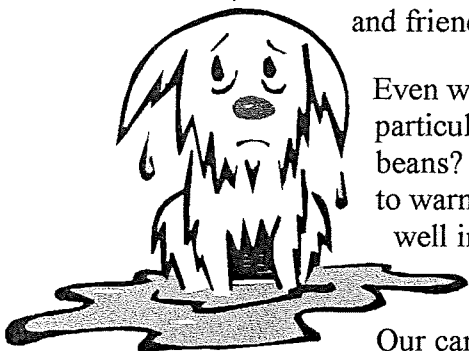
Dogs are not human, but we are fellow animals, and in that we should treat them with respect as we do our fellow human counterparts. Humane, as described in the Oxford Dictionary is benevolent, compassionate.

Giving our family and friend's credit, praise and recognition for their intelligence and achievements, their skills and personal motivation comes naturally. What about giving some of this praise, respect and recognition to our canine companion? How many times do you hear someone say, "Goodness, what a stupid dog, she just doesn't have any road sense". Did we come with road sense, or were we taught? Finding fault with our canine companion seems to be much easier than giving credit. Would this be that by recognising the intelligence and skills of this wonderful creature, we would have to treat them differently?



May be we could not live with tying them on a chain at the back door, leaving them in hot cars, feeding them tinned or dried dog food, allowing them to roam the streets in danger of being hit by a car or picked up by the dog catcher, left neglected in a backyard for ten or twelve hours whilst the owner leads his "busy" life, ignoring the needs of their dog. But on arriving home feeding it to capacity so the dog becomes obese, health problems present themselves and never exercising the dog.

Attitude? It has a big backyard, what more does it want? May be we, these humans, compassionate and benevolent people, would have to take better care of these four legged furry creatures, these animals who give so much to humans. If we think about the phrase, "treated like a dog", how does that make us feel? Not real good about ourselves, so, why do we ignore the skills and intelligence of the dog? Not recognising or believing that they are more intelligent in some areas than we are? It would put them on an equal footing with us, that's why! And there are not too many people who would want that, but there are of course some who appreciate the canine as a companion, workmate and friend.



Even with today's advancement in technology, can humans detect a particular scent weeks old? Detect narcotics smuggled in cans of coffee beans? Find a missing body that has been buried for any years? Be able to warn their epileptic companion that they are about to have a seizure, well in advance of it occurring? No, we can't. Our canine friend can with the right handler and training.

Our canine's needs are not dissimilar to the needs of our children: education, social skills, routine, discipline and respect

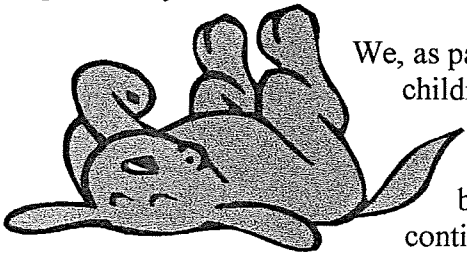
Being the caretaker of a canine we must acknowledge the responsibilities that go along with that role: those of educator, caretaker and companion. Otherwise, why bother bringing a dog into our

ATTITUDE! Janet Crease – Top Dog Journal, April 1999 (cont)

lives. We see around us the results of those who take on dogs that they don't care about, thousands of dogs a year put down, killed, destroyed, because of human irresponsibility. By changing our attitudes these dogs could have led happy, healthy and satisfying lives, being companion, friends and educators to us and our children, instead of being throwaways due to the fact we did not understand the dog's behavioural and physical needs, we did not take the time to learn to speak dog and enjoy the fruits of a unique relationship.

Canines have personality, temperament and behavioural and genetic traits: not dissimilar to us humans! When we or our children behave in an anti-social way do we tie them up in the backyard or send them to the pound?

Your reaction may be, "There is no comparison". WELL there is. You as a dog owner can and must change your attitude, open your eyes and see the situation for what it is, it is your responsibility.



We, as parents, are responsible for the basic program that goes into our children; we are also responsible for the program that goes into our canine companion. It is an assumption on our part that the dog will develop without any physical or mental stimulation, but it is our duty when we take on an eight-week-old puppy to continue the pup's education where its mother left off. Humanising the pup is not the way to go, but for us, to gain an understanding of canine behaviour before we get the puppy will only benefit the relationship between dog and carer greatly.

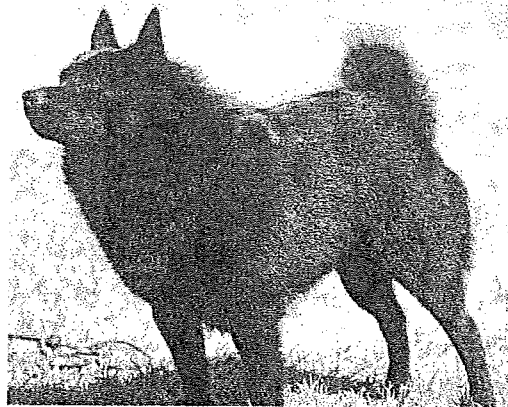
Dogs are not throwaway toys, they are living, breathing, intelligent beings, intuitive and loving. Our attitude towards them can be positive, which would give an insight into their behaviour, which is the key to a more harmonious and friendly relationship, not a life of misery and frustration. A life with love and respect will provide a harmonious and satisfying existence, for dog and carer!

CH SCHIPWRECK YARRA TD

"Yarra"

At the VCA Tracking Trial held at Haddon recently Yarra obtained his Tracking Dog Title. To think this all started with a Tracking workshop at Ballarat in January when I chose Yarra as the guinea pig. Thank you to my track layers, friends who offered their land as training grounds, and fellow trackers for their support, without you we may not have achieved this title. I am proud to have the opportunity to say "I have bred, own, and handle the first Schipperke in Australia to achieve

this title". I am also awaiting confirmation on Yarra's achievements from an international perspective.



Necia Lynch

VALE

"BEN"

12/2/87 – 21/8/2000

In loving memory of "Ben", faithful, loyal, loving companion and friend of Margaret Plunkett-Martin. My gentle giant, how you loved our games on the beach.

The tide recedes, but leaves behind
bright sea shells on the sand
The sun goes down, but gentle warmth
still lingers on the land
The music stops
and yet it echoes on in sweet refrain
For every joy that passes
something beautiful remains



Thank you my dear friend for all the joy and happy memories you gave me
Margaret Plunkett-Martin

NEW MEMBERS

The Committee, Instructors and Members would like to welcome the following new Members who have joined the Club recently.

8 October 2000

Wright Family	Croft Sue	Pickett Family	Graham Glenda
Kiddle Family	Kisielis Megan	Varenica Family	Craddock Family
Dunstan Angela	Leahy Katrina	Medew Michelle	Jones Chris
Franklin Joanne	Pickert Ross	Bird Simon/Richmond	Michaela
Hanley Family	Bride Shannon	Black Family	

5 October 2000

Valmadre Family	Vuckovic Stephanie/Sweeney Daniel	Swan Yvette
Chase Family	Preston Helen	

24 September 2000

Collier Bridget	Nuessler Family	Leishman Penny	Bartlett Family
Lloyd Family	Dixon Tam/Pedri Michael		Belousoff Family
Van Loo Donna-Marie/Adcock	Jacqui		

END OF YEAR TITLE MEDALLIONS

The following members have listed their Title achievements with the Office, if you have achieved a Title and your name is not here you have until 26 November to notify the Office. Trial results also close on 26 November for the end of year awards.

J & P Convery & Cyndanz Spring Spice (Brodie) CD
J & P Convery & Diogenes Jackpot (Toby) CDX
Libby Hotchin & Ch Jarrebor Taras Radiance (Sorcha) CDX
John Blonk & Valenkar Ruby Valley (Tilley) AD
John Blonk & Seduisant Fancy That (Crissy) AD
Necia Lynch & Jasper Flash (Jasper) AD
Necia Lynch & Schipwreck Yarra (Yarra) TD

WEDDING

Congratulations to Nicole Noblett and Chris
Champion on their recent marriage. Best wishes
from all at Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc



KEEPING LIFE IN PERSPECTIVE

Eleonor Rosevelt wrote

Many people will walk in and out of your life
But only true friends will leave footprints in
your heart

To handle yourself, use your head
To handle others, use your heart

Anger is only one letter short of danger

If someone betrays you once, it is his fault
If someone betrays you twice, it is your fault

Great minds discuss ideas
Average minds discuss events
Small minds discuss people

He, who loses money, loses much
He, who loses a friend, loses much more
He, who loses faith, loses all

Beautiful young people are accidents of
nature
But beautiful old people are works of art

Learn from the mistakes of others
You can't live long enough to make them all
yourself

Friends, you and me
You brought another friend
And then there were three
We started a group
Our circle of friends
And like that circle
There is no beginning or end

Yesterday is history
Tomorrow is mystery
Today is a gift

"LIVER AND CHEESE" - Author unknown

Three handsome male dogs are walking down the street when they see a beautiful, enticing, female Poodle. The three male dogs fall all over themselves in an effort to be the one to reach her first.

Aware of her charms and her obvious effect on the three suitors, she decides to be kind and tells them, "the first one who can use the words 'liver' and 'cheese' together in an imaginative, intelligent sentence can go out with me."

The sturdy, muscular black Lab speaks up quickly and says, "I LOVE liver and cheese". "Oh, how childish", said the Poodle.

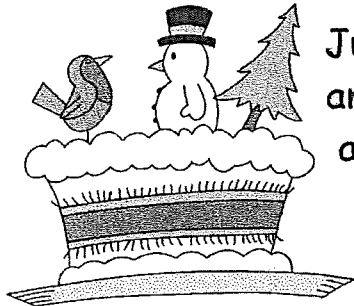
She turns to the tall, shiny Golden Retriever. "Um..... I HATE liver and cheese", blurts out the Golden Retriever. "My, my", said the Poodle. "That's really dumb".

She then turns to the last of the three dogs and says, "How about you, little guy"?

The last of the three is the Taco Bell Chihuahua. He gives her a smile, a sly wink, turns to the Golden Retriever and the Lab, growls and says, "Liver alone. Cheese mine".



SOCIAL SECRETARY/ACTING RAFFLE STEWARD



Just a reminder that Christmas is not very far away and therefore our Christmas Party and breakup are also looming.

With this in mind, I would appreciate any donations of non-perishables or items with long use by dates so these can be made up into a Christmas Hamper.

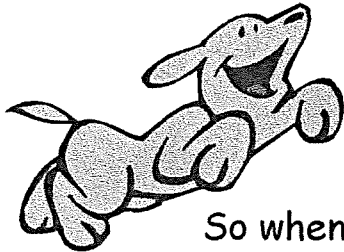
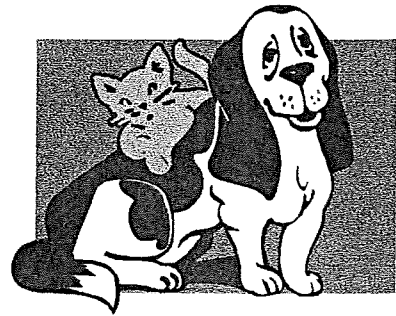
All donations will be gratefully received and can be placed in the box in the corner of the Clubrooms.



With thanks
Fiona Mackey
Social Secretary/Acting Raffle Steward

LOST DOG'S HOME DONATIONS

Each year the Club collects tinned and dry dog and cat food items as a special Christmas treat for those pets that are not so fortunate as our companions.



Once again we are looking for your support for this worthy cause.

So when you are out shopping add an extra can or packet to your purchases. A box will be available in the Clubrooms for your donation and all donated items will be presented to Animal Welfare on the last day of training - 17 December.

Bellarine Dog Activities Group/
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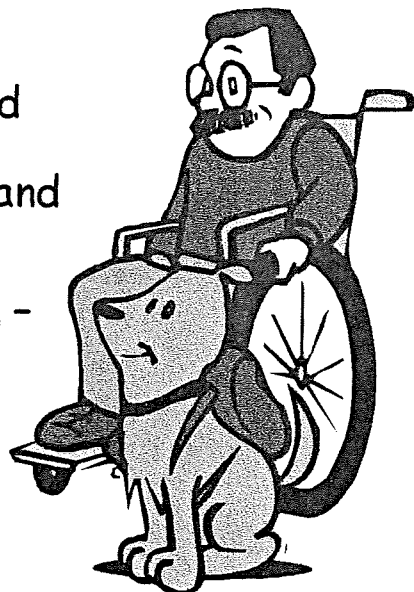
"Trivia Night"

Friday 24 November 2000

Commencing 7.00 pm
GODC Clubrooms, Breakwater Road

Tickets \$10.00 per head, BYO nibbles and drinks. Tickets available from GODC Office. Make up a table and join the fun - 8 people to a table.

Proceeds to "Assistance Dogs for Independence"



Dog Breeds from A to Z

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

This is a small-sized Spaniel which is affectionate and intelligent and a popular choice with families with young children, but equally popular as a companion for the elderly.

Cavalier King Charles Spaniels were bred from King Charles Spaniels crossed with Cocker Spaniels to recreate the Spaniels depicted in paintings of the 1600s by Gainsborough, Rubens, and Rembrandt. The breed was developed in 1920 and was recognized in Great Britain by 1945, and then other kennel clubs. King Charles Spaniels are thought to have originated in China or Japan, and then became a popular favorite with European royalty. They first appeared in Great Britain in the 1500s.

Although popular as a sporting dog, they were often used by the ladies of the court as comforters and warmers, said to have kept them warm under their enormous skirts. They were most popular by the reign of Charles II (1660-85), and his passion for this breed gave rise to the present name. The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel was bred from two exhibitors, and went from strength to strength until 1973, when one became Supreme Champion at Crufts.

The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel is stocky, compact, and has a well-proportioned

body. It is taller than the King Charles Spaniel. Height: 14 in (36 cm). Weight: is 12 - 18 lb (5 - 8 kg). The eyes are large and round but not prominent or bulging. The head is flat on top with no dome, and the muzzle is long, with the mouth having a correct scissor bite and a slight stop. The ears are set high. If required, the tail could be docked by the breeder. The feet are round and firm with plenty of padding.

Four distinct color ranges are seen in the Cavalier King Charles Spaniels: black with tan markings on the chest, legs and underside of the tail, above the eyes and inside the ears; tri-color: black and white broken with tan as above; Blenheim: rich chestnut markings on a white background; Ruby: a rich chestnut red wholly covering the dog.

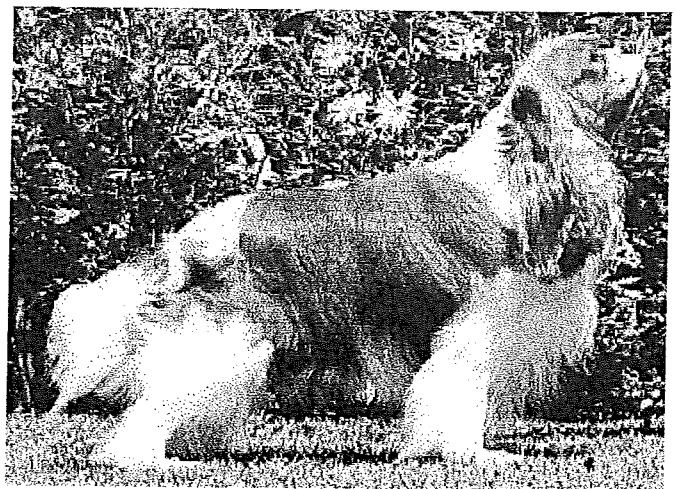
The coat is long and silky and may have a slight wave, but is not curly. There is plenty of feathering on the legs, ears and tail.

Cavalier King Charles Spaniels are generally noble-spirited animals that can have highly individual characters. Their personalities range from quietly confident to highly exuberant. Some owners say their Cavalier King Charles Spaniels can be very excitable. This is because some display a very enthusiastic greeting when their owner returns, particularly after a long absence. These dogs are most anxious to please and if given lots of attention, will truly delight their owners. Cavalier King Charles Spaniels can make excellent watch-dogs and enjoy warning their owners of the slightest disturbance. However, it is wise to harness this enthusiasm, by training the young dog to respond to sounds of concern to you.

Cavalier King Charles Spaniels are normally very sociable dogs, and

owners should resist the temptation to always pick them up. When young, they should be given the chance to mix with

both large and small, friendly dogs, thereby avoiding an aggressive fear response in later life. In most cases, the Cavalier



King Charles Spaniel makes a perfect companion and is marvelous with children.

As these dogs are incredibly cute to look at, they can be cuddled and kissed and treated as a toy. Caring owners will

provide their Cavalier King Charles Spaniel with plenty of activities and prevent them from becoming bored. During play, do not encourage your dog to spin around and chase its delightfully feathered tail; this can develop into problems later.

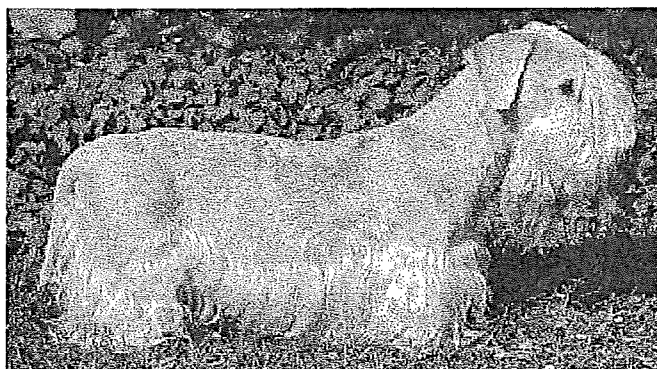
The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel's magnificent coat will benefit from regular brushing.

Cesky Terrier

Although originally bred as a hunter, the Cesky Terrier's good looks and character make this breed an excellent home companion.

The Cesky Terrier, or Bohemian Terrier as it is also known, is a breed that was developed in Czechoslovakia in the 1940s. Czechoslovakian sportsmen were not satisfied with the abilities of the German Hunt Terrier and set about to create their own ideal breed. They wanted a dog that was able to go to ground, but was also strong enough to deal with either fox or badger. Overseen by geneticist Frantisek Horal, they crossed Scottish Terriers and Sealyham Terriers to generate the Cesky Terrier. Superficial resemblance to the Dandie Dinmont Terrier suggests that this breed might have been incorporated at some time, although it may just be another example of two breeds with similar purposes. The Cesky Terrier was officially recognized as a breed in 1963, and so is a relatively new breed.

The Cesky Terrier is a striking-looking dog, resembling both the Scottish Terrier and Sealyham Terrier from which it was developed. It is a long-bodied dog. Height: (25 - 32 cm). Weight: (6 - 10 kg). The breed has a long head with moderate forward-folding ears. The face is generously covered with eyebrows, whiskers and moustache, usually of a lighter color than the rest of the coat. The head, ears and neck have short hair and the coat along the back is usually clipped, further



accentuating the facial hair. The coat can be either blue-gray or light coffee, and is profuse on the legs and underbelly. The breed's short sturdy legs ideally suit it to going to ground after its quarry.

This feisty little Terrier has the spirit of a much larger dog. The Cesky can be very protective of its family and so makes a great watch-dog. The endearing expression and amazing sense of play go together to make a

cheeky little dog. Owners are advised to be quite strict with this dog while it is young, as it will further develop into its strong-willed character as it gets older.

TORQUAY/JAN JUC BEACH DOG CONTROL ORDER

Congratulations to the members who worked very hard to have the Dog Control order in the Torquay/Jan Juc area reviewed last year.

The new order reads:

That on leash walking is allowed from 1st December to 28th February and the proclaimed holiday of Easter prior to 9.00 am and after 8.00 pm.

Hopefully by next Newsletter we can publish a complete list of beach restrictions for the holidays.

WHEN BLOAT HIT

By Pamela Flynn

Reprinted from the German Shepherd Dog Club Magazine

Guinness hadn't eaten since Sophie had arrived. I put it down to the excitement and novelty of a new playmate and female too. It was a hot and humid day and they were off lead finally and comfortable in each other's presence. I was concerned about his lack of rest, as he would not settle; he was panting and pacing incessantly. So I made the decision to give him half an Avil tablet. I had used Avil before to combat carsickness when he was a pup and just hoped that it would just make him relax a little, which he did. Or so we thought.

I can still remember the time frame of the horrifying sequence of events. From here on, everything just went NUTS!!!

7.30 PM: I fed Guinness and Sophie. Luckily for Guinness it was a light meal, biscuits with a bit of tinned PAL and water. At first he refused, but I insisted! I was worried he hadn't eaten since the day before and he had spent so much energy today. Guinness ate about half, and I was satisfied, "at least he had eaten something!"

8.00 PM: Guinness was looking a bit drowsy. I put it down to the Avil tablet, he looked much better, relaxed and wasn't pursuing Sophie. He lay down to rest. We all breathed a sigh of relief, and hoped he would sleep it off.

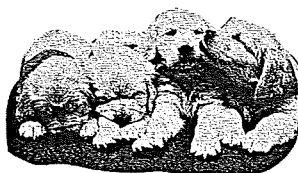
8.30 PM: He started to look uncomfortable, and tried to be sick with no results, then he started to salivate. We let him outside and within two minutes he had dug a two-foot deep hole and tried to bury himself. Something was wrong, but what? The tablets shouldn't have made him sick. I kept going over what I had fed him, thinking did I poison him?

8.45 PM: I decided to ring the vet. I went inside to make my call when my husband yelled "why is he so FAT!!!" Finally the penny dropped, "Oh my GOD". I immediately phoned Narelle Loos and in her frankest (pardon the pun) tone she told me to get him to the vet - NOW!! I had 30 minutes, it sounds like BLOAT!

9.00 PM: I rang the Corio Vet and got the emergency number, Graeme (the Vet) said get him to Werribee Vet Hospital ASAP but ring before you go. We rang and was told, don't come unless you have cash and expect to pay \$1000 plus. We knew that there was no way we could get that cash at this time of night, my husband tried to change their mind, but to no avail. At this stage I was nearing hysteria. I rang Graeme again, by this time it was 9.15 pm, Graeme said get to the clinic, I'm on my way.

9.30 PM: We arrived at the clinic, Graeme was not there yet, he had a longer journey. I can thank God for the obedience training; Guinness was well enough behaved to allow us to get him into the car, a lot of dogs don't make it to surgery, as they become too dangerous to handle in this situation. I opened the back of the station wagon and Guinness was defiantly standing there, despite the fact I had dosed him with Avil and I realised that I had never loved an animal more than at that moment, he looked up at me with complete trust and love. I don't want it to end this way.

9.40 PM: Graeme came screaming around the corner took one look and Guinness was under anaesthetic within minutes. I cannot stress how well Graeme handled the next few minutes, he used



When Bloat hit - by Pamela Flynn

us both to make sure of his diagnosis and advised the choices, costs and stressed, there were no guarantees. We were then ordered out of the surgery and relegated to the bench to wait. As I sat there, I yelled obscenities to the sky, to myself. It is my fault, I should have known, I know the signs and why didn't I pick this up. He was not expected to live, how could I live with myself.

Luckily he survived the night and through the next day, he was not giving in. Guinness is a fit and healthy dog in excellent condition and against all odds he was hanging in there. Guinness, I am happy to say is still surviving, he has slowed down heaps and his relationship with Sophie has changed completely. They are inseparable mates that wrestle and play, along with their Maltese refereeing every morning. I have read numerous articles on "Bloat" and I thought I knew enough to recognise the signs. You have probably already picked out the signs and know the steps you would have taken; one thing that I have learnt is there is no set formula that causes bloat. A lesson well learnt.

Factors that I believe contributed to Guinness' survival.

1. He is a strong, fit and healthy dog.
2. Training. Guinness was approachable and followed instruction even though he was in considerable distress
3. The small meal, that did not contain bone or hard to break down contents
4. We didn't leave him alone for a moment
5. Quick diagnosis
6. Help reached quickly by an excellent vet
7. We had the money
8. After care (no, this is another story)
9. Guinness' strong will of character
10. PURE LUCK



CANS ONLY COLLECTION

Thank you for your support of our
can and bottle collection



As the Club is now being charged to take away
glass we will no longer be collecting bottles, but
your cans will still be gratefully received



Cans can be left at the
Compound on the
south west corner of the grounds

