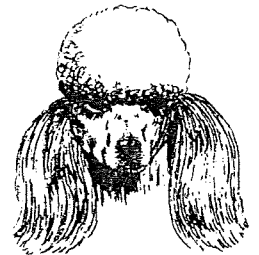
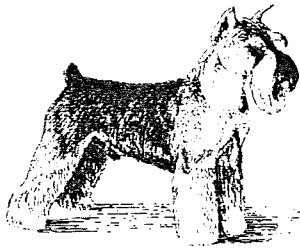
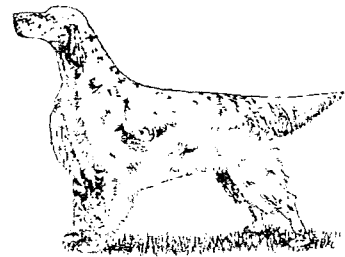
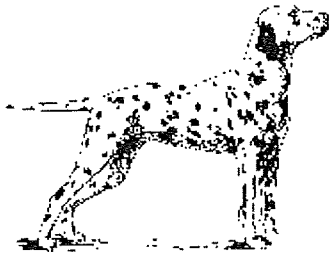
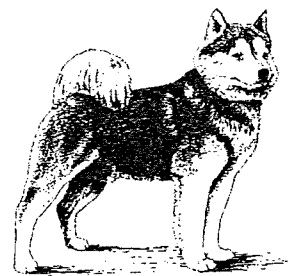
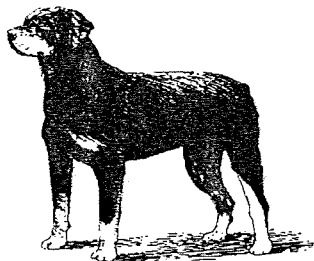


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**PRESIDENT**

Well the new training Year is once again in full swing. On behalf of all members, Committee and Instructor, I'd like to welcome all our new members who have joined us over the last month. May your times with us be enjoyable and rewarding as you reach your goals with your four-legged companions.

Due to the current water restrictions in place our grounds have taken a real battering as we are unable to use the sprinklers. I guess those of you with long coated breeds are busy each Sunday afternoon de-burring your dogs coats.

The Trial season will soon be underway, may I wish you all a successful year as you work towards gaining passes and titles. For the newer Members who would like to find out more about Trials, please see our Trial Secretary Janelle Convery.

Don't forget, the Club holds social functions from time to time, which gives you an opportunity to get to know fellow Club Members. If you have ideas for functions, please see Christine Bromley – Social Secretary or any Committee Member.

Until next issue – keep up your training and you will achieve. **LEONIE KELLEHER - PRESIDENT**

**SECRETARY**

Welcome to all our new members I hope you and your four-legged companions are surviving the heat. Don't forget the comfort of pets at home during the summer – plenty of fresh water and a shady spot are necessities and don't take them in the car unless it is unavoidable. If you have to take them out, remember your car becomes an oven, even on just a warm day in the shade and your pet can suffer heat stroke within a few minutes.

There are lots of things happening during the month of March and early April please check the Club Calendar and listen to announcements. The activities arranged are all part of being a Club member and we really do need your help and support.

Happy training. **PAM CONVERY - SECRETARY**

**TRIAL SECRETARY**

The next competition event for our Members on the Club Calendar is the Spirit of the West Challenge on Saturday 15 April. For our newer members, each year Werribee Obedience Dog Club and Geelong Obedience Dog Club compete for a Shield and a Wooden Spoon. This year Geelong will travel to Werribee in the hope of bringing home the Shield, which Werribee took home with them last year.

So, we need your help..... Classes are available for ALL members including our newest puppies. In the next few weeks Class exercise sheets and entry forms will be handed out to each member, so please talk to your Instructor and see which is the best class for you to enter. We would like to see as many members as possible taking part.

This is a fun day for members and their families, so make it a day out, besides bringing the Shield back to Geelong, you and your four-legged friend may bring a ribbon home. It will also give you an insight into Trialing and maybe a few will be bitten by the bug!!!!

For those members who are interested in Stewarding at Obedience/Agility Trials, Ray Hanson will be conducting a Steward's Seminar on Sunday 26 March commencing at 11.30 am. As usually, we will be needing Stewards for our Trials later on in the year and this Seminar will answer all your questions for you.

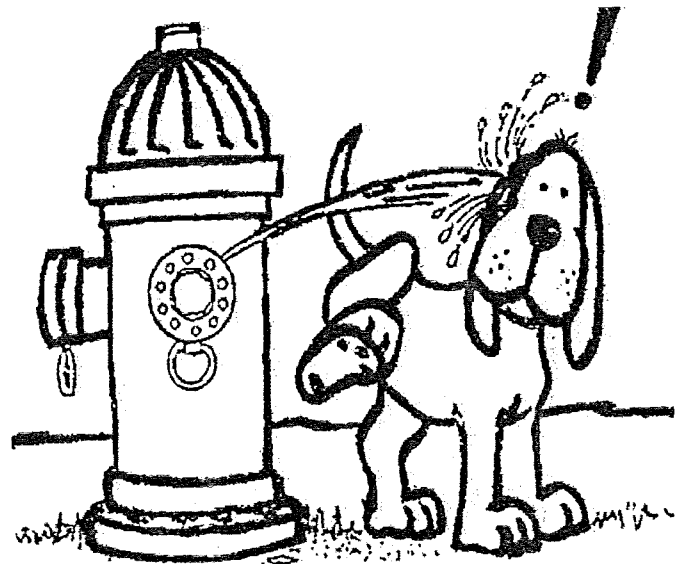
Cheers. **JANELLE CONVERY – TRIAL SECRETARY**

## WORD SEARCH

My first is in RABBIT but not in HARE  
My second is in KOALA but not in BEAR  
My third is in OYSTER but not in EEL  
My fourth is in OTTER but not in SEAL  
My fifth is in TOAD but not in FROG  
My sixth is in DASHUND but not in DOG  
My seventh is in DOLPHIN but not in WHALE  
My eighth is in SLUG but not in SNAIL  
My ninth is in KITTEN but not in CAT  
My tenth is in RODENT but not in RAT

By circling the appropriate letters in the first column of animals you will uncover the name of a breed of dog.

Answer next Newsletter!!!!!!



HAVE YOU EVER HAD ONE OF THOSE  
DAYS WHEN NOTHING WENT RIGHT!

### IF IT SHOULD BE.....

*If it should be that I grow frail and weak,  
And pain should keep me from my sleep,  
Then you must do what must be done  
For this the last battle, can't be won.*

*You will be sad, I understand,  
Don't let the grief then stay your hand,  
For this day more than all the rest  
Your love and friendship stand the test.*

*We've had so many happy years,  
What is to come can hold no fears.  
You'd not want me to suffer so;  
When the time comes, please let me go.*

*Take me where my needs they'll tend  
And stay with me, if you can, to the end,  
Until my eyes no longer see  
Hold me firm and speak to me*

*I know in time, you will see  
It is a kindness you do for me.  
Although my tail its last was waved  
From pain and suffering I've been saved.*

*Don't grieve that it should be you,  
Who must decide this thing to do,  
We've been so close we two, these years,  
Don't let your heart hold any tears.*

*Smile, for we walked together for a little while.*

**CH. ELSHADDAI JOSHUA CD**

**(SAADI) 11.9.84 – 11.1.2000**

You enriched my life  
beyond all expectations, and  
your paws will forever leave  
tracks across  
my heart.

**ELAINE LONGSHAW**



## OUR CRAZY WORLD

Legal disclaimers and warnings are often important, because they point out things that may not be immediately obvious, limiting legal liability for mishaps. But, some statements really make you wonder...

On a blanket from Taiwan - NOT TO BE USED AS PROTECTION FROM A TORNADO.

On a helmet mounted mirror used by US cyclists - REMEMBER, OBJECTS IN THE MIRROR ARE ACTUALLY BEHIND YOU.

On a New Zealand insect spray - THIS PRODUCT NOT TESTED ON ANIMALS.

In a US guide to setting up a new computer - TO AVOID CONDENSATION FORMING ALLOW THE BOXES TO WARM UP TO ROOM TEMPERATURE BEFORE OPENING. (Sensible, but the instruction was INSIDE the box.)

On a bag of Fritos - YOU COULD BE A WINNER! NO PURCHASE NECESSARY DETAILS INSIDE. (The shoplifter special!)

On Tesco's Tiramisu dessert (printed on bottom of the box) - DO NOT TURN UPSIDE DOWN. (Too late!)

On a string of Chinese-made Christmas lights - FOR INDOOR OR OUTDOOR USE ONLY. (As opposed to use in outer space?)

On a child's superman costume - WEARING OF THIS GARMENT DOES NOT ENABLE YOU TO FLY.



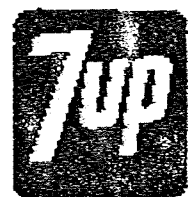
### CANS ONLY COLLECTION

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



# THE DOG IN THE HUMAN PACK

Author Unknown

Dogs are such a part of all our lives today that little thought is given to dogs as a separate species to man.

For 15,000 years, man and dog have been associated to the benefit of both species. The dog obtains his food; a place to sleep and serves a useful purpose in his adopted family unit as an early warning system, protector and companion.

From the earliest ancestor of today's dog – THE WOLF, all dogs inherited the instincts and social behavior that they use in their everyday life.

Over the years man has adapted the shape and size of dogs but the basic behaviour remains the same, with only the fear of man removed.

However, leave a litter without contact with man for the first 16 weeks of their lives and those dogs seldom form a satisfactory bond with man, and are nervous and unreliable. This indicates that the empathy with man is not hereditary but the result of early contact.

Over the years man has adapted the shape and size of dogs to his own purposes, but the basic behaviour remains the same. The domestic dog mated to any wild dog will produce fertile offspring. Dogs all behave as dogs. They will hunt and kill, chase and BITE.

**EVERY DOMESTIC DOG IS A PACK ANIMAL.**

A pack works because there is one leader and a strict social order to ensure harmony and an effective working unit. This pecking order is strictly adhered too and the higher the rank held in the pack the more privileges that dog is granted.

A dog thinks like a dog and uses its knowledge of the dog pack to find its position in the human pack that it joins as a puppy.

To live safely with out canine companions we need to have a basic understanding of how a dog uses this inherited knowledge to assess its position. When the pup joins our human family, his place is after ALL the other family members. As the lowest member he is then of lower social standing to all the family. As the lowest member he then behaves as subservient and loyal pet and will take directions from all the family.

Many dogs today are child substitutes and for a number of years, allowed privileges that elevates him as a dog of high social standing

So we must learn to THINK DOG.

Most dog bites occur in the family home involving the family dog or a dog known to the person. By learning to THINK DOG these situations need never occur.

There are five main areas that dogs use to evaluate their position in their new pack – YOUR FAMILY.

## **SLEEPING**

If he sleeps in the most comfortable place for as long as he likes and no one is permitted to sleep on his bed, he will consider that he is clearly of high social standing.

## **MANNERS**

If he enters the den (house) first, he must have high social standing. If he is groomed for as long as he wishes and when he wishes he must be a leader.

## **STRENGTH GAMES**

If he wins all strength games, he must be the strongest and therefore the leader.

## EATING

If he eats first, he is the most important and therefore the leader.

## YOUR MAJESTY GAMES

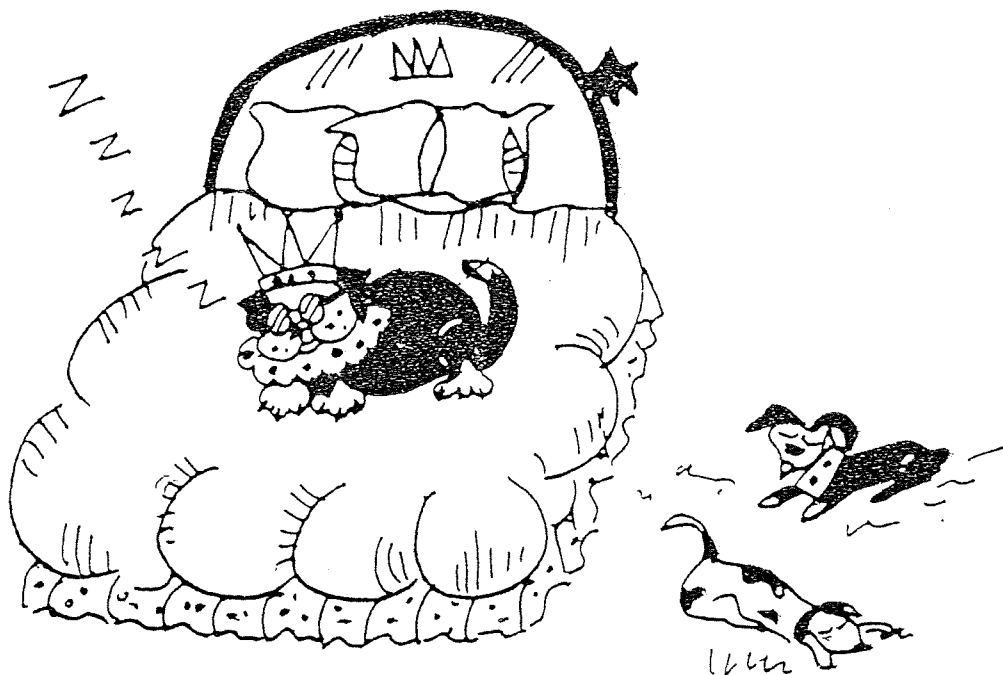
If he places himself on a higher level and the other family members glance down as they climb stairs, he must be the leader as a downward glance indicates submission.

SEE HOW EASY IT IS TO GIVE YOUR DOG THE WRONG IMPRESSION OF HIS SOCIAL STANDING.

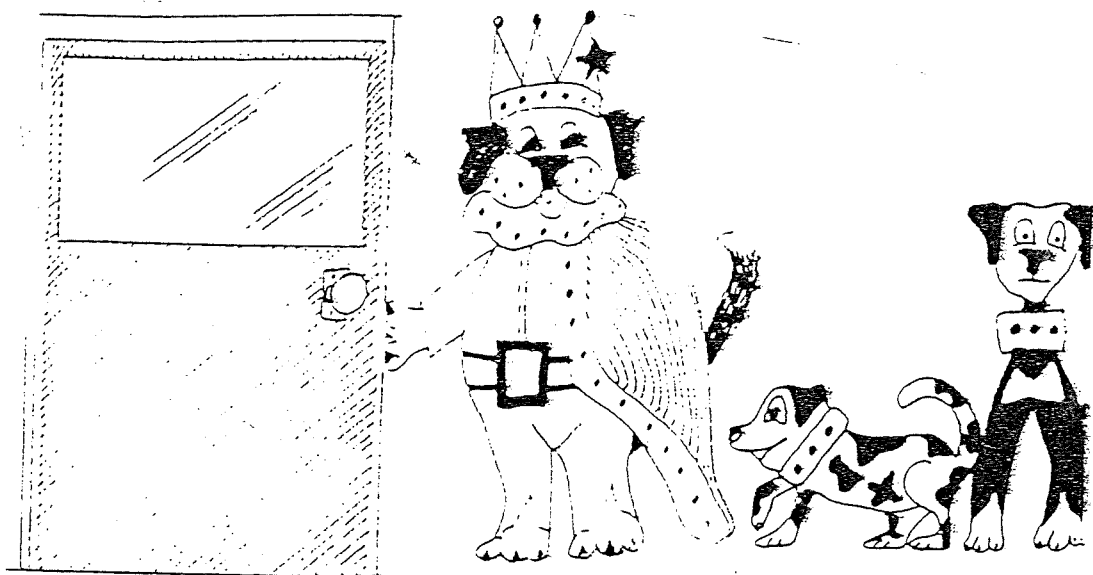
## SLEEPING RIGHTS

This is one of the most common causes of dogs biting their owners or other members of the extended family. The leader sleeps in the most comfortable place in the den, away from draughts and he sleeps as long as he wishes and he is disturbed only at risk. DOGS BITE.

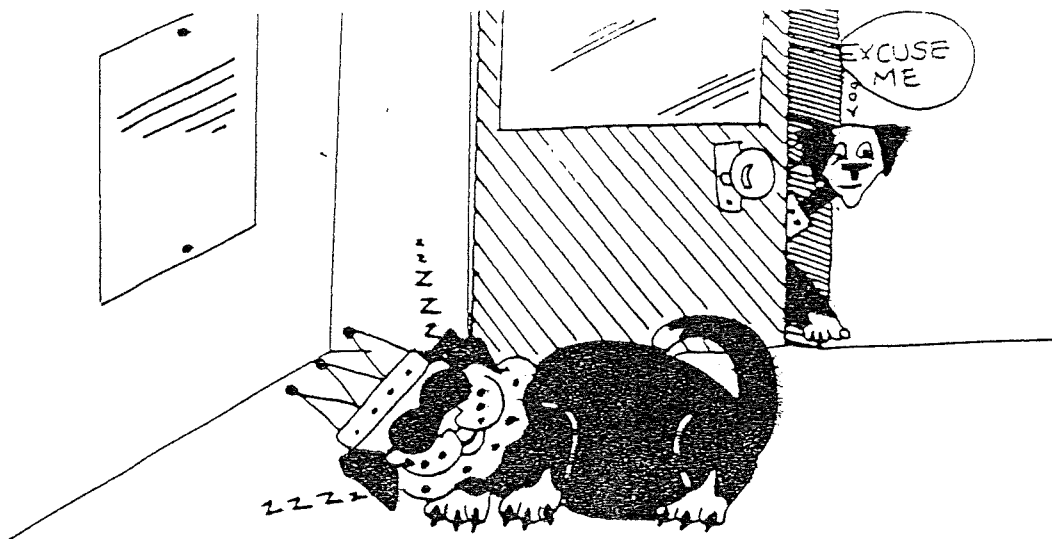
If your dog is allowed to occupy your bed, there may come a time when he may not allow you back into it.



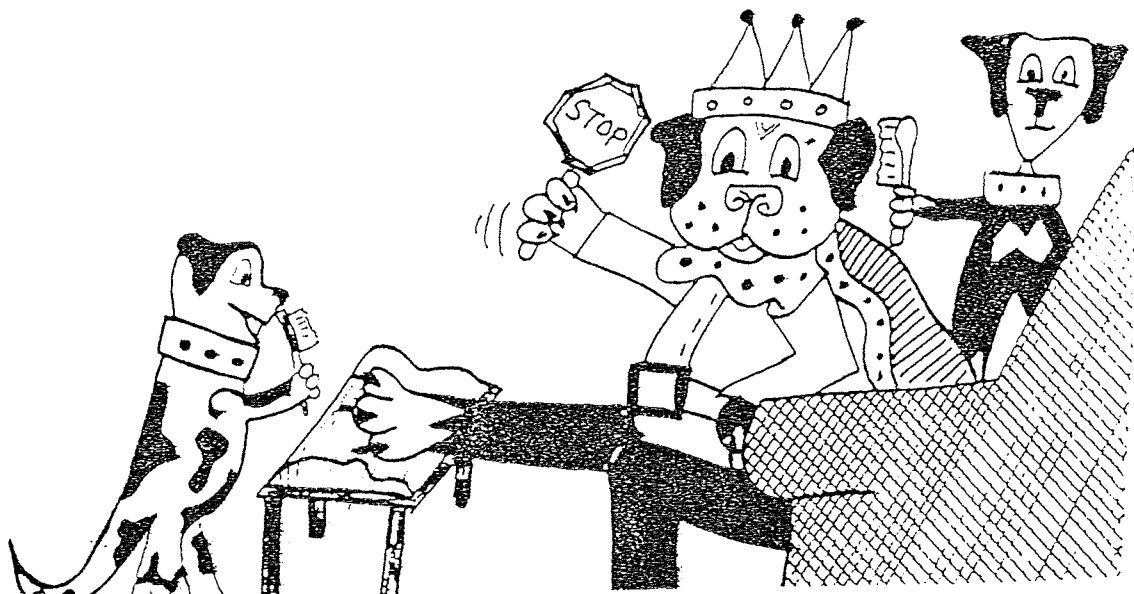
## MANNER GAMES



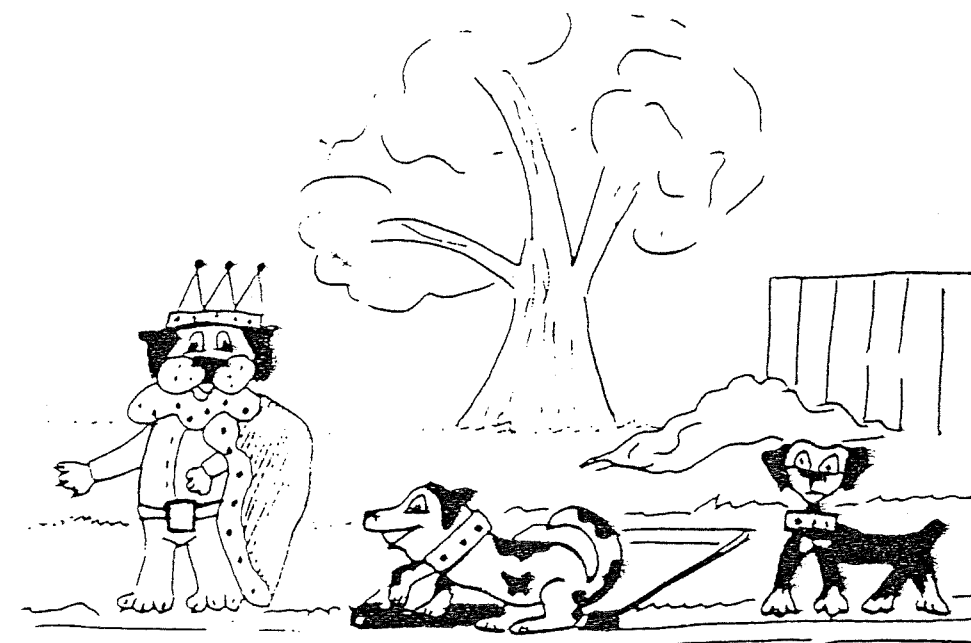
THE LEADER IS THE ONE WHO ENTERS DOORWAYS FIRST.



THE LEADER EXPECTS OTHERS TO GIVE WAY.



THE LEADER IS THE ONE WHO ALLOWS GROOMING ONLY FOR AS LONG AS HE DESIRES TO BE GROOMED.



THE LEADER IS THE ONE WHO LEADS THE PACK.



## STRENGTH GAMES

In a pack it is the dog that wins the games and is therefore stronger and more agile that is a potential leader.

By playing games of strength with your dog and allowing him to win and run off with the toy, YOU are teaching him that he is stronger and smarter than you are. If he is stronger and smarter he must conclude he is the leader.



## EATING RIGHTS

The dog that eats first in the pack is the leader.

By feeding your dog first you are indicating to him that he is the most important member of your family. If he is the most important he has the right to discipline all under him.

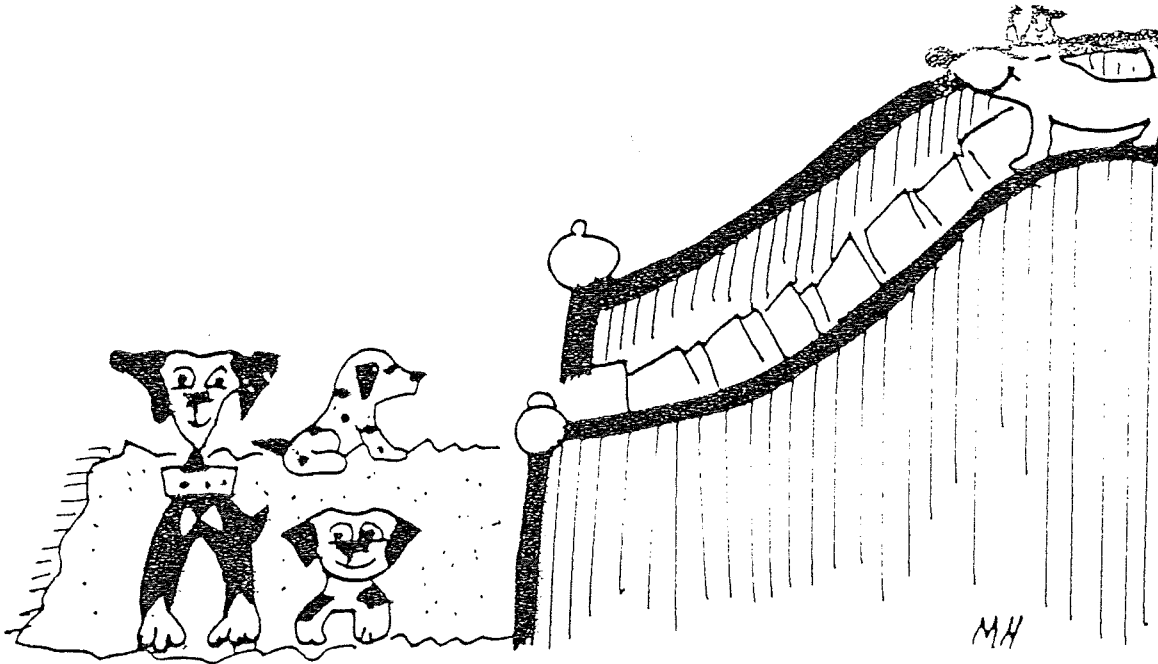
In days gone by, this was not a problem because dogs ate after the family, as they were fed the scraps from the table.



## YOUR MAJESTY GAMES

Dogs do not maintain rank by constant displays of aggression to the lower members of the pack. Except in exceptional circumstances the leadership is maintained by daily displays of deference towards the leader.

Dogs that run upstairs and look down on the family may think that the family is deferring to them, as to climb stairs we look to see where we are placing our feet.



## REVIEW THE SITUATION

Without the knowledge of how dogs think we may be creating a potentially dangerous situation that will end with our loved dog put to death for an action that to him was logical and a member of the family injured.

By learning to THINK DOG we can avoid these situations and integrate a dog safely into our family

Remember that our dog must be the lowest member of the family unit. Dogs come from a structured family group.

The dog is fed last.

The dog is to allow us through doors first, to move out of the way so that he does not interfere with our passage when walking.

The dog is petted and groomed when we wish and for as long as we wish on our terms.

Make sure that the dog is not permitted to run up stairs and look down on us.

Preparing the dog's food in its presence and then eating ourselves before the dog is fed.

Make sure that we can occupy the dog's bed if and when we wish and that the dog does not occupy our bed.

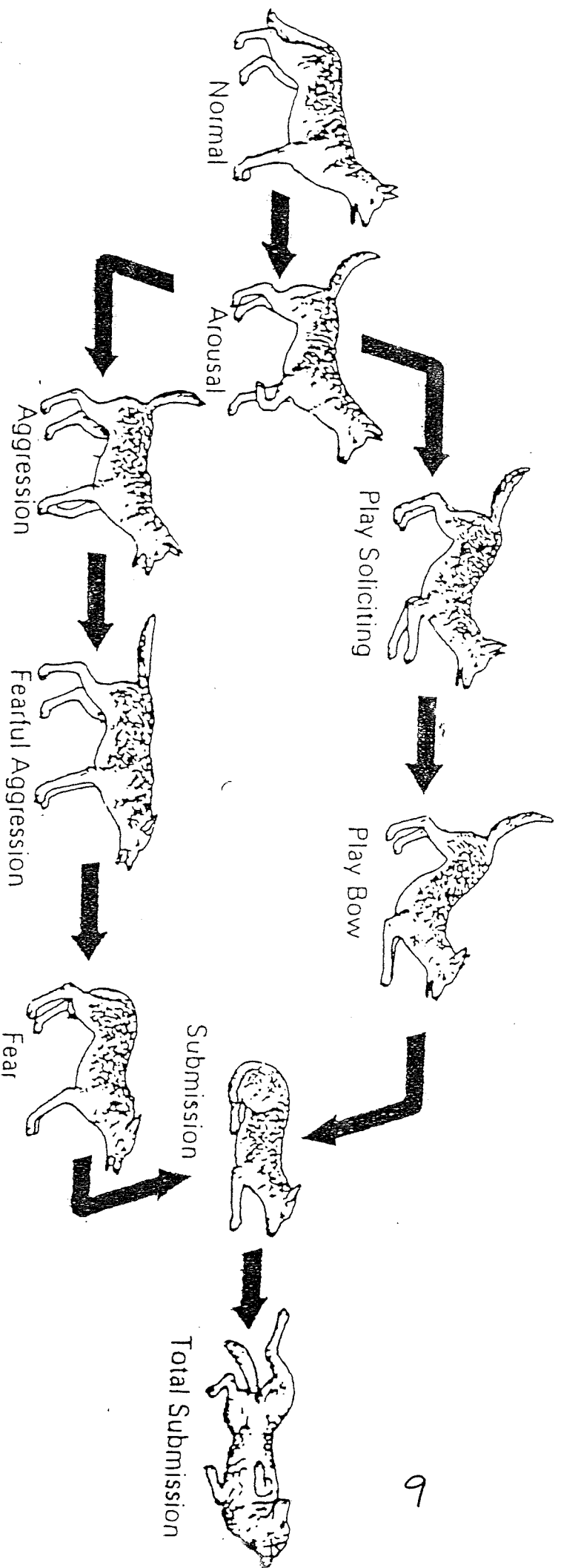
All games played on your terms. You start when you wish and finish when you are ready. Refuse to enter into games of strength and agility.

If YOU are clearly the leader of your pack your dog can be enjoyed in safety by all the family.

Training problems quickly disappear if these simple methods are used to allow the dog to clearly see that it is not a high ranking member of the family unit.

# THE DOG'S EXPRESSIVE BODY LANGUAGE

The diagram below shows the various body postures and facial expressions by which the dog communicates, giving the consecutive changes from the normal stance to submission



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MEMBERS CAR PARKING  
 FOR YOUR SAFETY  
 AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS  
 PLEASE OBSERVE ALL SIGNS AND  
 SPEED RESTRICTIONS ON THE GROUNDS

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VERANDAH  
 OFFICE  
 SHOP  
 CLUBHOUSE  
 CANTEN

STORE ROOM  
 TOILETS

INSTRUCTOR'S AND  
 COMMITTEE PARKING ONLY

ENTRY  
 EXIT

DO NOT PARK BEYOND TREE LINE

PARKING

## NEW MEMBERS

The Committee, Instructors and Members would like to welcome the following new Members. We hope you achieve your goals at the Club.

### 3/02/2000

Cathie Evans	Christian Cantwell	Clare McKenna
Jamie Short/Kristy Upston	Clissold Family	Graham Family
Danijela Malesevic	Monea Family	

### 6/02/2000

Anetta Paul/Robert Tukina	Nancy Hunter	Amanda Fiolet
Holding Family	Gove Family	Necia Lynch
Linda Reed	Joanne Gitsham-Saxon	William Turner
Lisa Clements	Danielle Cullen/Ellie Stephens	Andrew Simcock
Clancy Family	Rixon Family	Jenita Savell/Allison Bone
Carrie Tinning	Laurie Hamshere	Michelle Mullane
Katherine Fox	Matijevic Family	Brushfield Family
Robertson Family	Deborah Canty	Liz Gamble
Romina McEwan	Debbie Kenyon/Brett Allender	Helen Gane
Donna Gamble	Csepregy Family	John Clifford
David Farrell	McDonald Family	Paula Rees
O'Toole Family	Harrison Family	Lauren Leviston
McKinlay Family	Anne Jones	Emma O'Dwyer/Joe Vallelonga
Holien Family	Iinturrisi Family	Samantha Rasmussen
Cohen Family	William Day	Tania Harding
Bryant Family	Christine Thilanius	Irwin Family
Devenish Family	Certoma Family	Giblin Family
Swayn Family	Alastair Mulroyan	Lee McKenzie/Connie Enders
Fran Tribe/Chris Hart		

## CLUB CALENDAR

Thursday	2 March	Puppy Kinder – for puppies approx 8 - 16 weeks
Sunday	5 March	Puppy and Class One Intake – for fully vaccinated puppies & dogs
Sunday	12 March	Labour Day weekend - <b>NO TRAINING</b>
Wednesday	15 March	Newsletter closes for all articles, reports and Trial results
Sunday	19 March	Puppy Intake – for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months. Class One Induction
Monday	20 March	Instructor's Meeting - 8.00 pm
Sunday	26 March	March Newsletter available
Sunday	2 April	Puppy and Class One Intake – for fully vaccinated puppies & dogs
Tuesday	4 April	General Meeting – 7.30 pm – John Connor - speaker

A man wrote a letter to a small hotel in Tweed Heads, which he planned to visit on his vacation. He wrote, "I would very much like to bring my dog with me. He is well groomed and very well behaved. Would you be willing to permit me to keep him in my room with me at night?"

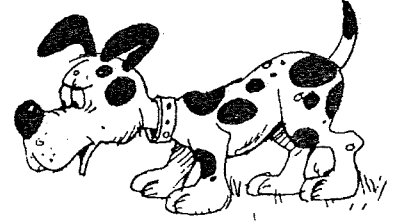
An immediate reply came from the hotel owner, who penned, "I've been operating this hotel for many years. In all that time, I've never had a dog steal towels, bedclothes, silverware or pictures off the walls. I've never had to evict a dog in the middle of the night for being drunk and disorderly. And I've never had a dog run out on a hotel bill. Yes, indeed, your dog is welcome at my hotel and, if your dog will vouch for you, you're welcome to stay here, too!"

# OFF LEASH WALKING

FROM "PET DOGS – NOV 1998"

*Allowing your dog the freedom of the countryside is becoming more and more difficult. Top trainer Sheila Bailey has some commonsense advice to keep both you and your dog out of trouble.*

Sadly, the number of places, where we can safely walk our dogs off leash is becoming fewer and fewer. There was a time when it was safe to have our dog off leash most of the time - not any more. What with the high volume of traffic, the Dangerous Dogs Act, the scaremongering of the media, and our seeming inability to educate children in the basics of how to behave with dogs, it makes it increasingly difficult to find anywhere where we can safely let our dogs run free.



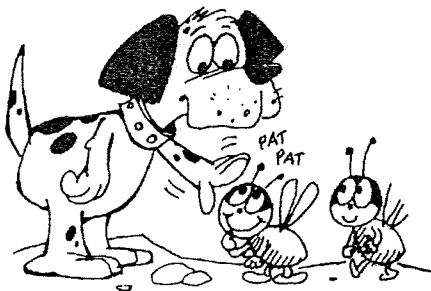
I do not consider that it is safe to have my dog off leash on any road, which is used by motorised vehicles. No matter how well behaved your dog is, if he is off leash and the unexpected happens - for example, an advertising board could blow down and fall down on top of him - he could be underneath a car before you realise what has happened.

This is probably obvious advice in city streets, but country lanes can lull you into a false sense of security. Few town drivers allow for the unexpected when rounding a bend on a narrow country lane - as witnessed by the appalling number of horses and riders who are run into by motorists.

On footpaths through farms, you have to be especially vigilant in following the Country Code. Your dog should remain on the footpath at all times. It is an offence under the Countryside Act of 1991 to allow a dog to be 'at large in a field where there are sheep'. Few people realise that the dog does not have to be anywhere near the sheep, let alone be chasing them, for an offence to be committed. The dog has to be on a leash or under close control. As close control means walking to heel, there is no point in not using a leash. It makes no difference to your dog if on or off leash when he is walking to heel, so why take the risk of his being suddenly confronted by dozens of woolly 'chaseables' all running away from him. Care must also be exercised if there are any ground nesting birds in the vicinity, pheasants, or wild flowers.

At one time, when you walked your dog, people were liable to come up and talk to you and admire the dog - a sure way of gaining friends. Now, thanks to the hype and a very efficient dog lobby, they are more likely to cross the road and get as far away as possible - especially with certain breeds of dog who have been demonised by the press.

When you eventually find a safe place to let your dog off the leash, it is up to you as a responsible owner to make sure that he does not cause a problem to anyone else. If you see people approaching you when you are walking on a narrow footpath, it makes a lot of sense to sit your dog to one side. By doing this, you will draw attention to your well-behaved dog in a positive manner, and this is one of the best ways in which we can counteract the anti-dog propaganda - together with poop scooping.



You should also remember that if you are in a public place, your dog only has to be perceived as being dangerous by a member of the public for you and your dog to fall foul of the draconian Dangerous Dog Act, when your dog will be presumed guilty unless you can prove his innocence. It is also well to remember that your dog does not have to bite anyone to fall foul of the

## Off Leash Walking – “Pet Dogs – Nov 1998”

'aggravated offence. It only needs a nervous person to fall and injure themselves when backing off from a friendly dog for you to run the risk of having your dog seized, and your having a criminal conviction for life.

Another pitfall, which you must be wary of when having your dog off leash, is of allowing him to run up to every dog he sees. This is one of the greatest causes of concern shown by the owners who attend my behaviour clinic. Allowing your dog to do this can cause so many problems – not only for the dogs who have to cope with the unsolicited attention, but also for the dog who is allowed to indulge in this antisocial behaviour. Sooner or later, unless he is very lucky, he will get attacked for his bad manners. Sometimes, it only needs one attack to turn a friendly dog, who 'only wanted play', into an aggressive dog who wants to get his bite in first -just in case the other dog attacks him – as happened last time.

Owner of little dogs are often terrified when a large off lead dog is allowed to run up to their dog. Even a large dog who 'only wants to play', can bowl a little dog over and cause severe mental and physical damage and if a large dog does attack a little dog, the damage can all too easily be life threatening.

However, the owners of small dogs should also show consideration for the owners of large dogs. Small dogs should not be allowed to run up to large dogs uninvited. If the large dog warns off the little dog, to put him in his place for his lack of manners, then the owner of the little dog invariably accuses the large dog of being vicious. If, on the other hand, the large dog is frightened and runs away, the owner of the small dog often thinks it is very funny, and is very proud of owning such a 'spunky' little dog. Weeks of painstaking behaviour modification can be destroyed in one careless action, even if the other dog did 'only want to play', as their owners so often insist. What they don't seem to realise is that not all other dogs want to play with their dog. Again, it makes sense to put your dog on a leash and to sit him on the side of the path, whilst the other dog, who should also be on a leash, walks past.

Much is talked about socialising puppies, which is absolutely essential, but this does not mean that you teach your dog to socialise with every dog he meets. You should be teaching him that other dogs are OK but that you are much more fun than they are. When your puppy sees another dog on a walk, call him to you and have a really exciting game with him. If you know the other dog is friendly and the owner is agreeable, then you can let your puppy greet the other dog, and maybe play for a very short time. You should then call your puppy away and have an even more exciting game than you had on the previous occasion.

If you cannot see your dog then he is not under your control so it makes sense to call your dog to you when approaching a corner, if you cannot see what is around the bend. When you are on holiday with your dog, it is doubly important to be aware of what is around the corner, especially if you are walking near cliffs. Dogs do not seem to be able to gauge the height of drops in the landscape, and many seaside veterinary surgeons have to treat an alarming number of dogs who have jumped down horrendous heights and received serious injury. Needless to say, you should not let your dog off leash until you are fairly sure that you have a good recall and preferably, in addition, a recall from his toy. If you are not one hundred per cent sure, then it is a good idea to trail a long line to begin with, as it will give you confidence, and will also give you the means of retrieving an otherwise disastrous situation should one arise.



Enjoy walking your dog off leash but always make sure that he is a worthy ambassador for the wonderful species – Canis Familiaris.

# **W**alk for Geelong Animal



# **W**elfare

**SUNDAY 16th April 2000**

**Queen's Park (Melways Ref: 227 D2)**

**All proceeds to the Geelong Animal Welfare (Lost Dog's Home)**

## **TICKETS**

- Adults \$8.00
- Children \$2.00
- Family Ticket \$20.00

## **THE WALKS**

- Long Walk—7 kms along the Barwon River (1-2 hrs)
- Short Walk—30 mins for puppies and aged pooches

### **FREE**

- \* Give-aways for each dog
- \* Veterinary check-up and weigh-in
- \* Grooming advice

### **LOTS OF**

- \* Fun dog activities
- \* Demonstrations
- \* Auctions, raffles and prizes

**\*\*GODC Member's Special**  
**\$1.00 discount on adult ticket and**  
**\$2.00 discount on family tickets for early bird**  
**purchases!**  
**(purchased before 9/4/00)\*\***



# TRIAL DATES

## MARCH

Sat 11 March	Agility & Obedience	Warrnambool Dog Training School
Sun 12 March	Agility & Obedience	Warrnambool Dog Training School
Sat 18 March	Obedience (evening)	Southern Obedience Dog Training Club
Sun 19 March	Obedience	Victorian Obedience Dog Club
Sat 25 March	Preliminary Tracking Test	Tracking Club of Vic
Sat 25 March	Agility (2)	Gisborne & Dist Obedience Dog Club
Sun 26 March	Obedience	Knox Obed Dog Training Centre

## APRIL

Sat 1 April	Preliminary Tracking Test	Bendigo Obedience Dog Club
Sat 1 April	Agility (2)	Border Collie Club of Vic
Sun 2 April	Obedience	Moorabbin & Dist Obed Dog Club D C
Sat 8 April	Agility (2)	Southern Obed Dog Training Club
Sun 9 April	Obedience	Warringal Obed Dog Club
Sat 15 April	Obedience	Red Cliffs Dist Kennel Club
Sun 16 April	Preliminary Tracking Test	GSD Club of Vic
Sun 16 April	Obedience	Red Cliffs Dist Kennel Club
Sat 22 April	Agility (2)	Agility Dog Club of Vic
Sun 23 April	Agility (2)	Agility Dog Club of Vic
Mon 24 April	Preliminary Tracking Test	Gippsland Obed Dog Club
Tues 25 April	Preliminary Tracking Test	Gippsland Obed Dog Club
Sat 29 April	Endurance Test	Altona Civic Obed Dog Club
Sat 29 April	Test 6 Tracking	Tracking Club of Vic
Sat 29 April	Obedience	Ballaarat Dog Obed Club
Sun 30 April	Test 6 Tracking	Tracking Club of Vic
Sun 30 April	Obedience	Croydon & Dist Obed Dog Club
Sun 30 April	Pal Agility Teams Event	Berwick Obed Dog Club

## VALE

### WILDRAKE DARK ACE

"T.J."

27/2/1987 – 31/1/2000



Suddenly, due to tragic circumstances, "TJ" had to be put to sleep

You meant so much to us  
We miss you in every way  
Beautiful memories of you will be ours forever  
In our hearts you will always stay

Much loved and adored scallywag Boxer owned by Betty and Roy Lawrence. A mate, for a short time, to "Yoda".

# DOG SHOWS - Author unkown

There was a time, there really was,  
When I was sweet and tender,  
When SHOW DOG meant a Disney Star,  
And Bitch was not a gender.

I went to bed at half past ten,  
I went to church on Sunday.  
On Saturday I baked the beans,  
And did the wash on Monday.

But then I got a certain pup,  
And an erstwhile friend said, "SHOW"  
And so I did, and so I do,  
OH! What I didn't know.

I used to dress with flair and style,  
That was the life, don't knock it.  
But now each dress from bed to ball  
Must have a good bait pocket.

I used to have a certain air,  
I wallowed in perfume,  
I used to smell of Nuit D'Amour,  
Now I smell of Mr Groom.

My furniture was haut décor,  
My pets a tank of guppies,  
Now I've furniture unstuffed,  
And well-adjusted puppies.

Once I spoke in pristine prose  
In dulcet tones and frail,  
But now I'm using language,  
That would turn a sailor pale.

I was taught to be well groomed,  
No matter where I went.  
Now all the grooming that I do  
Is in the handler's tent.

I used to long for clothes and jewels,  
And a figure classed as super,  
Now the thing I yearn for most  
Is a nice new Pooper-Scooper.

I adored a man who murmured verse  
Through intimate little dinners,  
But now the words I thrill to hear  
Are just three - "Best of Winners".

I rise at dawn and pack the car  
The road ahead's a long one.  
The one I routed on the maps  
Invariably's the wrong one.

I really love this doggy life  
I wouldn't care to change it.  
But when I get that BEST IN SHOW  
I plan to rearrange it.

And when my time on earth is done,  
I'll go without much nudging.  
Just give me three weeks closing date,  
And let me know who's judging!



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## A CLUB (Author Unknown)

Taken from the Chief Executive's Report - VicDog - February 2000

A Club is a haven of refuge and accord in a world torn by strife and discord

Is a place where kindred spirits gather to have fun and make friends

Is a place expressly for camaraderie, merriment, good will and good cheer

It humbles the mighty, draws out the timid and casts out the sorehead and is one of the noblest inventions of mankind.

**If you want to know more about  
training your dog,  
dog problems  
or  
your particular breed of dog**



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*See our friendly Library staff between  
sessions each Sunday morning and they  
will help you*