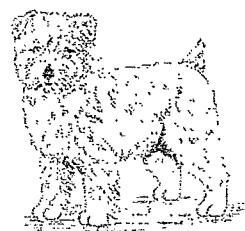
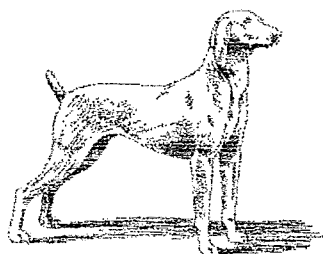
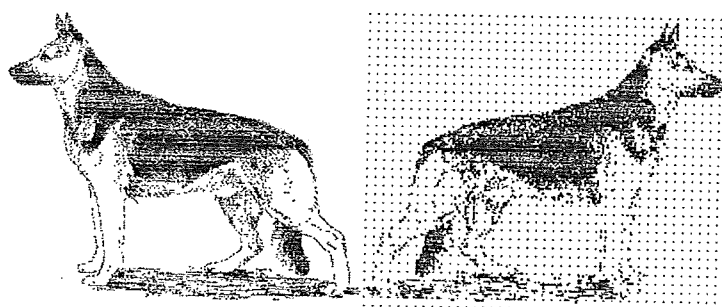
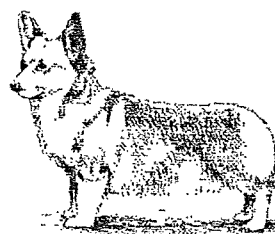
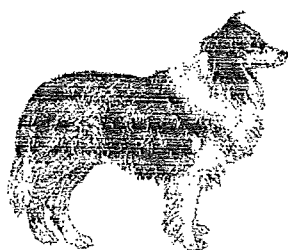
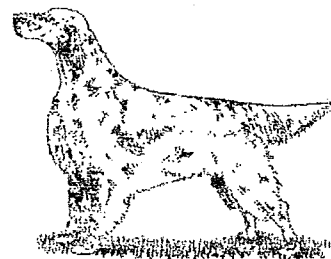
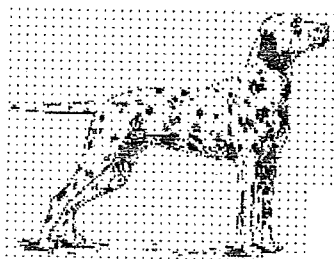


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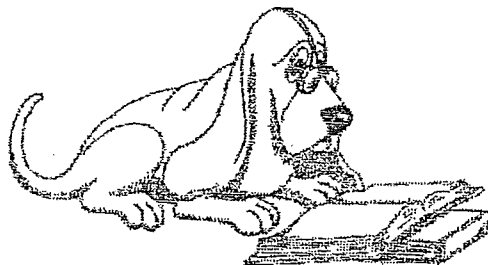
## Trial Dates

### February

Sunday 18	Agility Trials (2)	Northern Obedience Dog Club Inc
Saturday 24	Agility Trial	Bairnsdale & District Dog Obedience Club Inc
Sunday 25	Obedience Trial	Eastern Suburbs Obedience Dog Club
	Agility Trial	Bairnsdale & District Dog Obedience Club Inc

### March

Saturday 3	Agility Trials (2)	Knox Obedience Dog Club Inc
Saturday 10	Agility Trial	Warrnambool Dog Training School Inc
	Obedience Trial	Warrnambool Dog Training School Inc
Sunday 11	Agility Trial	Warrnambool Dog Training School Inc
	Obedience Trial	Warrnambool Dog Training School Inc
Monday 12	Restricted Obedience Trial	Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of Vic
Saturday 17	Obedience Trial	Southern Obedience Dog Training Club
Sunday 18	Obedience Trial	Victorian Obedience Dog Club Inc
Saturday 24	Preliminary Tracking Test	Tracking Club of Vic Inc
Sunday 25	Obedience Trial	Knox Obedience Dog Training Centre Inc
	Agility Trials (2)	Gisborne & Dist Obedience Dog Club Inc
Saturday 31	Agility Trials (2)	Southern Obedience Dog Training Club



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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to the year 2001! I hope that you have all had a safe and happy relaxing break (I know I did). The first part of the year will be quite a busy one what with Public Holidays and different functions (doggy related). So keep your ears open when your Class Instructor reads your Announcement Sheet.

Welcome to all our new Members that have joined recently, may your stay with us be rewarding and you achieve your goals with your canine companions. Remember, this is now your club and we ask that you leave the grounds and clubrooms the way in which you found them.

Please remember that we are still having some hot weather and ensure that your dogs are not left in hot cars and that they have shade and fresh cool water available.

Leonie Kelleher – PRESIDENT

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi everyone and welcome back to training. I hope you all had a happy Christmas and New Year and are ready to tackle the challenges of your new Classes.

Included in this Newsletter is a list of Members who have yet to produce their dog's current Vaccination Certificate. The list does include some Members from the last Puppy Kinder of 2000, but even excluding those names the list is getting very long. It is a requirement of your membership of this Club to have a current Vaccination Certificate sighted on joining and when you renew your membership in June/July, so if your name is on the list, please make sure you have your dog's Certificate sighted in the next two weeks. The list will be updated and published again in the next Newsletter and hopefully it will be much shorter by then.

It is also your responsibility to notify the Office of any changes to your membership details and this includes adding another dog to your membership. There are forms available for any changes so we can keep our records up to date.

Best wishes for a successful year.

Pam Convery – SECRETARY

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### **TRAINING SUPERVISOR**

My first report for 2001, so I will keep it brief. I hope everyone had a happy Christmas and New Year and that you all took time to enjoy the break and company of your dogs.

A warm welcome is extended to all members both current and new ones and I hope you are all ready and eager to put in the hard work necessary to achieve your goals!

Do please remember that all our Instructors are volunteers and that most of us have our own dogs too. We only have you in classes for an hour each Sunday so the rest of the training is up to you.

Remember the old saying, "you only get out of training what you put in". That's a fact of life!

If anyone has a problem, do let either my self or the Assistant Training Supervisors know so that we can address same and hopefully find a solution.

Good luck with your training in 2001

Desma Dickeson – TRAINING SUPERVISOR

### **TRIAL SECRETARY**

Welcome back to training and welcome to all new members who have joined the club.

The Trialing Year for the club will get underway with our back-to-back Agility Trial on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May and once again we will be asking for your help, so watch for further details closed to the date. There are always plenty of jobs to fill and you don't need to be Trialing to offer your services, being involved on the day is a great way to see what Trials are all about and just what you can achieve with your four-legged friend.

If you would like any information regarding the various dog disciplines available, I am very willing to help where I can or you can approach any of the instructors or Committee. Trialing is a great way to test the skills of you and your dog as a team in the ring.

Janelle Convery – TRIAL SECRETARY

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**SOCIAL SECRETARY**

Happy New Year everyone. I hope you all have recovered from the festive season and are all revitalized for the year 2001.

In 2001 we have quite a few social activities planned, so I hope you will come along to at least some of the activities to meet some of your fellow club members, and make full use of the club facilities.

Don't forget that the bar is open for business on Sundays in the clubrooms and all are welcome to come in and prop it up.

A big thank you to those of you who attended the Christmas party at the clubrooms and helped make it a fun and successful night. I hope you enjoyed yourself. Start thinking of what you would like to do for next year. I would like to change it a bit so am looking for any wild ideas.

Yes the lost dogs home finally turned up at 1.30 to make the collection of all your donations. A huge thank you to you all from them!

Despite the hot temperature on our breakup day at training Santa didn't melt too much and turned up for the kids with Santa's helper (thank you!). We cut the games short due to the dogs and owners over heating, but we still managed to have fun with winners in our obstacle race and fancy dress taking home prizes for both competitors (owner and dog).

A huge thank you to Arthur, Barbara, Andrew, Pam Janelle and Leonie for all helping me set up, pack up and organize both events.

Cheers. Fiona Mackey

PS. Anyone guess that a safe place to store car and house keys while having fun at the Christmas party would be in their empty savoy box. Which then gets put in the rubbish for extra safe keeping! Makes it difficult to get home I've heard!!!!

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### RAFFLE STEWART

Thank you to everyone who donated goods for the Christmas hampers. We ended up with 3 very good prizes. I hope the winners all enjoy them, they should keep them going for awhile.

I would like all club members to think about things that the club may benefit from purchasing.

The year 2001 is the year that I'm setting about raising funds towards a given item. This will be done by way of money raised via the raffles held throughout the year and by fundraising drives held.

So as you are the members, please put some thought into what the club would benefit from. Please let me know by phone, email, note or speak to me when you see me around, because I'd like to get a list together so we can start working towards it.

Bye for now.

Fiona Mackey SOCIAL SECRETARY





## Titles for 2000

Congratulations to the following members who, with their canine companions, achieved Titles in 2000.

### Companion Dog (CD)

Janelle & Pam Convery  
Faye Bolden

Cyndanz Spring Spice  
Bonnafay Born T Wanda

Brodie  
Venus

### Companion Dog Excellent (CDX)

Janelle & Pam Convery  
Libby Hotchin  
Susie & John Baird

Diogenes Jackpot CD AD  
Ch Jarrebor Taras Radiance CD ET  
Ch Jahzorn Brilliant N Blue CD TD

Toby  
Sorcha  
Rasa

### Agility Dog (AD)

John Blonk  
Libby Hotchin  
Necia Lynch  
John Blonk

Valenkar Ruby Valley CD  
Ch Jarrebor Taras Radiance CDX ET  
Jasper Flash CD ET  
Seduisant Fancy That CD

Tilley  
Sorcha  
Jasper  
Crissy

### Tracking Dog (TD)

Necia Lynch

Ch Schipwreck Yarra

Yarra

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## End of Year Awards 2000

### Registered Dog of the Year

Libby Hotchin

Ch Jarrebor Taras Radiance CDX AD ET Sorcha

### Associate Dog of the Year

Nil

### Agility Dog of the Year 2000

John Blonk

Seduisant Fancy That CD AD

Crissy

## Committee/Instructor of the Year

Joan Brophy

### Elsa Dahl Award

No nominations received

## CERTIFICATE PASSES

The following members were successful on the Promotion Day held on Sunday 10 December 2000.

### Beginners Certificate

Godycki Family & Astro	McNair Moira & Lucy	Major Susan & Blade
Newman Family & Guss	Shields Family & Biggles	Nilon Family & Sophie
Taylor Family & Millie	Wilson Rod/Martin Deb & Shakaan	
Berryman Julie & Sherry	Brereton Family & Rusty	
Smith Ryan/Harkness Rachelle & Zeus		
Sheridan Vivienne/Heine Carl & Jeb		Dennett Andrea & Rani
Medew Michelle & Maggie	Baran Family & Daisey	Dunlop Emily & Jonah
Gibbons Tiffany/Ball Adam & Rembrandt		Hare Petrina & Jaz
Saunders Tona & Connar	West Robyn/Warden David & Bobby	
Salaviejus Family & Bess	Cook Tony/Vale Skye & Digby	Shields Anne & Ishka

### Merit Certificate

Green Helen & Major	Tongi Heidi/Price Andrew & Gypsy	
Marsden Hayden/McDonald Dearne & Velvet		Jackson Family & Kelly
Jolly Lisa & Beau	Wong Family & Casey	Shepherd Chris & Misty
Cain Family & Billy	Hrabar Cindy & Chief	Turnley Marene & Casey
McGrath Family & Arni	McCarthy Sandra & Buster	McIntosh Family & Maggie
Lawrence Family & Kimbo	McDonald Nora & Romy	Fletcher Family & Tina

### Basic Certificate

Murray Gleny's & Zak	Betteridge Vali & Bonnie	Moeller Val & Caden
Salaviejus Family & Max	Gavaghan Trish & Meg	Dickeson Desma & Dakota
Burleigh Ann & Goldie	McCraw Family & Iseabal	Button Tina & Nahla
Ververs Family & Ned		



## CLUB CALENDAR 2001

### *January*

Thursday 18 January Office re-opens – 2.00 pm to 8.00 pm  
Monday 29 January Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm

### *February*

Thursday 1 February Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks  
Sunday 4 February Training resumes. Puppy Intake for all fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months.  
Newsletter available  
Tuesday 6 February General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised  
Sunday 11 February Class 1 Intake  
Thursday 15 February Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc  
Sunday 18 February Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months  
Monday 19 February Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm  
Sunday 25 February Newsletter available

### *March*

Thursday 1 March Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks  
Friday 2 March Red Cross collection day  
Sunday 4 March Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months  
Sunday 11 March Labour Day weekend. NO TRAINING  
Thursday 15 March Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc  
Sunday 18 March Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months  
Monday 19 March Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm  
Sunday 25 March Newsletter available

### *April*

Sunday 1 April Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months  
Tuesday 3 April General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised  
Thursday 5 April Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks  
Friday 13 April Good Friday BBQ – to be advised  
Sunday 15 April Easter weekend. NO TRAINING. Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc  
Sunday 22 April Walk for Animal Welfare – Queen's Park  
Monday 23 April Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm. Trial entries close  
Wednesday 25 April Anzac Day  
Saturday 28 April Trial Working Bee – to be advised  
Sunday 29 April PROMOTION DAY. Newsletter available

### *May*

Thursday 3 May Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks  
Friday 4 May Trial Working Bee – to be advised  
Saturday 5 May BACK-TO-BACK AGILITY TRIAL  
Sunday 6 May Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months  
Tuesday 15 May Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc  
Sunday 20 May Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months  
Monday 21 May Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm  
Sunday 27 May Spirit of the West Challenge. Newsletter available

### *June*

Sunday 3 June Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months  
Tuesday 5 June General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised  
Thursday 7 June Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks  
Sunday 10 June Queen's Birthday weekend. NO TRAINING  
Friday 15 June Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc  
Sunday 17 June Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months  
Monday 18 June Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm  
Sunday 24 June Newsletter available  
Saturday 30 June End of financial year for all departments

### *July*

Sunday	1 July	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	2 July	Trial entries close
Thursday	5 July	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Saturday	7 July	Trial Working Bee – to be advised
Saturday	14 July	Trial Working Bee – to be advised
Sunday	15 July	Open Obedience Trial. NO TRAINING. Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Monday	16 July	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	22 July	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Sunday	29 July	PROMOTION DAY. Newsletter available

### *August*

Thursday	2 August	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Sunday	5 August	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	7 August	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Wednesday	15 August	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	19 August	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	20 August	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	26 August	Newsletter available

### *September*

Sunday	2 September	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Thursday	6 September	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Tuesday	11 September	Committee nominations close
Saturday	15 September	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	16 September	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	17 September	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Tuesday	25 September	Life Membership nominations close
Sunday	30 September	PROMOTION DAY. Newsletter available

### *October*

Tuesday	2 October	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 8.00 pm
Thursday	4 October	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Sunday	7 October	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	15 October	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm. Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	21 October	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Sunday	28 October	Newsletter available
Monday	29 October	Trial entries close

### *November*

Thursday	1 November	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Saturday	3 November	Trial Working Bee – to be advised
Sunday	4 November	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Saturday	10 November	Trial Working Bee – to be advised
Sunday	11 November	OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIAL. NO TRAINING
Thursday	15 November	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	18 November	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	19 November	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	25 November	Newsletter available

### *December*

Sunday	2 December	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	4 December	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Sunday	9 December	PROMOTION DAY
Sunday	16 December	Last day of training

Guest Speaker - David Vinegrad. Subject - Pets in Therapy

Meeting opened: 8.30 pm

**Apologies:** P Bergin, L Gaylard, A Mackey

Acc: K Devlin

Seconded: D Dickeson

Carried

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

Acc: A Thorogood

Seconded: C Shields

Carried

**Business arising from the Minutes**

1. Liquor License discussion deferred to General Business

**Correspondence Out – Nil**

**Correspondence In – W McCraw**

Acc: B Thorogood

Seconded: J Brophy

Carried

**Business arising from Correspondence**

Nil

**Treasurer's Report**

J Ball presented written report and asked that all accounts be passed for payment. Also read letter of resignation as Treasurer of Geelong Obedience Dog Club

Acc: C Humphreys

Seconded: G McCraw

Carried

**Other Reports**

Bar Manager - Liquor License discussion for General Business. G McCraw would like to attend Seminar conducted by Liquor Licensing Commission

Canteen Manager - Thanks to all who have helped over the past few weeks. W McCraw also thanked the Kitchen Sub-Committee for their work in the kitchen

Hall Manager - B Thorogood thanked F Lehrmann for the decorated Christmas Tree

Ground/Equipment Manager - Report as in the November Newsletter. F Lehrmann thanked John Consedine for his help on the grounds throughout the year

Publicity Officer - Nil

Raffle Steward - Written report attached to the Minutes Book

Shop Manager - Nil

Social Secretary - Written report attached to the Minutes Book

Trial Secretary - J Convery said that medallions, etc had been ordered for the end of year awards. Preparations were underway for the back-to-back Agility Trial in May 2001

Training Supervisor/Display Team Leader - Written report attached to the Minutes book

**Sub-Committee Reports**

Kitchen Sub-Committee - W McCraw said the kitchen refurbishment was almost complete. Hire-a-hubby had taken all the old cupboards away. The new hot water service has been installed. Containers for the shelves have been purchased. Wendy thanked all Sub-Committee members for the help.

Acc: C Davies

Seconded: C Humphreys

Carried

**General Business**

1. Recommendation from Committee regarding variation to Liquor License was discussed. Suggested hours Friday 7.00pm to Midnight. Saturday 7.00pm to Midnight. Sunday 10.00am to 7.00pm. The area for the License to cover is Main Hall and Bar room. F Lehrmann moved 'that the Committee recommendation be adopted'.

Seconded: C Humphreys

Carried

2. A Thorogood nominated A Mackey to fill the vacant General Committee position. Seconded J Convery. Carried.

3. F Lehrmann moved 'that we accept J Ball's resignation with regret'.

Seconded: J Convery

Carried

4. C Davies spoke regarding new self-storage area in Grovedale. Will forward information onto the Club in case storage is needed due to flooding

5. F Lehrmann said he intended spray weed spray around posts in the chain ring over the holidays and asked members to take care if they walk their dogs on the grounds. Information to go on Announcement Sheet

6. L Kelleher thanked all members for their attendance and wished everyone a Merry Christmas

As there was no further business

Meeting closed at: 9.10 pm

**GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2001**

Guest Speaker – Mr David Vinegrad

Topic – Handling grief and loss of a pet

**Commencing 7.30 pm**

## VACCINATION CERTIFICATES REQUIRED

Our records show that the following members have not had their dog's current Vaccination Certificate sighted. **THIS IS A REQUIREMENT OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP AT THE CLUB.** Could you please show them at the Office on the next training day or let us know if the dog is no longer training at the Club.

"Zena" - Binnie Jolanda	"Woogie" - Crossland Lindy
"Willow" - McKenzie Lee/Enders Connie	"Toya" & "Moss" - Mottram Family
"Tippa" - Mulholland Family	"Teika" & "Braeden" - Swan Yvette
"Sooty" & "Muffy" - Pickett Family	"Sassy" - Valmadre Family
"Sandy" - Lynch Samantha	"Sampson" & "Cody" - Varenica Family
"Rusty" & "Rupert" - Coles Family	"Rusty" - Tait Family
"Rosie" - Down Patricia	"Ralph" - Burgoyne Corinne
"Pye" - Squire Darryl	"Pepper" - Faulkner Lenore/Rand Peter
"Oliver" - Heppell Family	"Millie" - Croft Sue
"Millie" - Hosie Family	"Mickey" & "Jinx" - Gray Family
"Lucky" - Lewis Family	"Leah" - Schofield Faye
"Kimba" - Hlavac Sheree/Diamond Paul	"Kiara" - Wilson Trish
"Kelly" - Jackson Family	"Keeki" - Gemmill Ross
"Jessie" - Williams Jane	"Jenna" - Sweeney Jocelyn
"Issi" - Turner Family	"Isabella" - Slaney Family
"Huey" - Craddock Family	"Hilary" - Preston Helen
"Harvey" - Gardiner Donna	"Hannah" - Tigani Family
"Gypsy" - Ross Family	"Griffin" - Nielson Renae
"Goldie" - Burleigh Ann	"Fly" - Johnson Family
"Darcy" - White Lynne	"Daisey" - Baran Family
"Cooper" - Chase Family	"Cooper" - Maurer Vikki
"Cloud" & "Celine" - Miller Diane	"Chloe" - Taylor Rebecca
"Charlie" - Forssman Jason/Duff Kara	"Chance" & "Coopah" - Dekoke Nicole
"Buddy" - Clifford John	"BJ" - Foulkes Family
"Bella" - Jennings Clint	"Bella" - Vahland Family
"Arni" & "Jasper" - McGrath Family	

## NEW MEMBERS

The Committee and Instructors would like to welcome to the following new members who joined us at the end of 2000. We hope you achieve your goals with your canine companions.

### 3 December 2000

Gann Family  
Gill Lyndal

Connors Family

Sullivan Family

## KIDDIES CORNER

THIS IS A NEW SECTION WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN TO WRITE SHORT ARTICLES ABOUT THEIR FURRY CANINE FRIENDS TO INCLUDE IN EACH MONTHS NEWSLETTER. Please hand articles to Pam Convrey by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Newsletter Editor – Pam Nuessler.



# Getting your dog's ATTENTION

Authored by Debbi Cerda

On behalf of the GRCV Working Dog Sub-Committee - January 1999

## *Introduction*

To have your dog effectively under control, be it at Obedience Trials, at home, or at the park, you must have your dog's attention. The best trained dog will not respond to commands if you do not have its attention. Getting your dog's attention is not the be-all and end-all, an untrained dog will still not respond. But if you have an attentive dog the foundation is laid for the obedience work to be built upon.

## *Problems caused by inattention*

Inattentive dogs will exhibit the following symptoms

- ☞ Lagging in heelwork (looking at things other than the owner)
- ☞ Sniffing (finding more interesting things to do)
- ☞ Lack of enthusiasm/interest (no interest in "your" activities)
- ☞ Breaking stays (because it "forgot" which exercise it was doing)
- ☞ Failing to respond to commands (didn't hear/see the command, not feeling compelled to respond)

## *Reasons for inattention*

Pups will naturally seek eye contact, however we do not train to maintain the behaviour hence it dies out. Dogs that are not treated as part of a "team" during training often "switch off" and mechanically perform the required tasks without really being involved. Handlers that neglect to praise a decent attempt at an exercise and expect the dog to do the whole thing correctly in the learning stages will have a dog that has "given up" bothering to do the right thing.

## *Methods to increase attentiveness*

### *Collar movement*

Keeping your dog's training collar higher up the neck, closer to the ears, will generally elicit more attention. It seems to be a more sensitive position. Many handlers abuse this knowledge by correcting the dog with the collar up high, that is NOT what we are aiming for. We are using every available tool to get the dog's attention, not inflict pain.

### *Sharp turns*

An inattentive dog will always get left behind during right and right-about turns, it may also get left behind or tripped over during left and left-about turns. Performing many sharp right turns increases the dog's need to keep an eye on you. Once the dog is starting to pay attention use sharp right turns to keep its attention, or to "catch the dog out" and get his attention back.

### *Interesting variations - be unpredictable*

Use any non-standard "tricks" to encourage your dog to pay attention - 360 degree turns, pixie steps, stepping to the right, quick halts, changing pace, doing stays whilst holding a tempting object, walking in a curved path instead of straight lines, etc.

### *Reward/reinforcement*

Use whatever turns your dog on as far as rewards go and vary the item. Moist foods seem to be more tempting (hot dog slices, cheese cubes, liver bits) than dry food (standard dry dog food or biscuits). Use toys that the dog likes to grab or chase, or squeaky toys. Work out a selection of items that tickle your dog's fancy and alternate amongst them. Introduce new things on occasions just to keep them guessing. Try to keep the reward hidden until you're ready for the dog to retrieve it, that way he won't learn to behave only when he sees that the reward is available. Remember to reward and reinforce at varying intervals, don't wait for an entire exercise to be completed to perfection. Reward the dog when he least expects it. Also vary the size of the reward, maybe use single hot dog slices to keep him heeling close

for 30 seconds then give him a whole handful of them. Go back to individual slices and then throw his toy. Alternate small verbal “good boys” with “what a clever dog!”, “who’s the best dog in the whole world?”, “atta boy”, “aren’t you so good!” whilst you get down on your hands and knees and romp with him.

### ***Consistency***

Be consistent with your expectations. Don’t expect the dog to be totally focused on you one day and let him look around the next. Decide on a level of achievement and train towards it.

### ***Speed***

It is essential that you move quickly when training your dog. If you dawdle along your dog has time to look around knowing that you do things slowly and he only has to check your position every so often. If you walk fast and constantly do different turns, pixie steps, etc the dog has to pay attention or risk being caught out. You can still practise slow and fast pace, but most people walk way too slow on their normal pace (fast and slow pace are double and half your normal walking pace respectively, so if you speed up your normal pace you should correspondingly increase the others as well.) If the dog has time to look around, you are going too slowly.

### ***Encourage eye contact***

Have the dog sitting on or above eye level with you, for example dog on a top step and you sitting a couple of steps down. Use a command to get the dog’s attention (something like “watch”. As soon as the dog looks you in the eye, verbally praise him and offer a reward. The praise should be gentle and encourage the dog to remain looking at you, not excitable enough to break his concentration. Be sure to reward only when eye contact is made with you, not when the dog is looking at your hands for a reward! It may be difficult for submissive dogs to make eye contact as it can be seen in the dog kingdom as a challenge to authority. With such dogs it won’t hurt you to bolster their elf-confidence by moving even lower so the dog clearly has the upper position (don’t do this with dominant type dogs, they may think their time has come to make a challenge!) As the dog begins to understand exactly what action brings the reward, slowly extend the time the dog needs to hold eye contact before rewarding him. Sometimes reward him almost immediately, other times make him wait a varying amount of time. Don’t reprimand the dog for breaking the contact, merely use your command word to re-engage him. When he is quite proficient at this when sitting, keep him sitting but move around a bit yourself and then progress to standing right next to him as per the heel position. Eventually you’ll be able to get his attention in the sitting heel position and be able to keep it as you walk forward with him heeling beside you. Remember as you make each progression to initially praise for shorter periods of eye contact, better to reward success than push to hard to the point of failure. As success is attained, you can vary the period again.

### ***Thing to avoid***

- ✓ When first training to improve your dog’s attentiveness, don’t be too concerned with correcting the underlying behaviour (ie heelwork). Concentrate entirely on getting the dog focused on you, then you can re-introduce the exercise whilst maintaining the dog’s attention.
- ✓ If you don’t have the enthusiasm to train properly on a particular day, don’t do it at all. Better to have a rest day than have a sloppy training session and allow the dog to think it can misbehave and get away with it.
- ✓ Be prepared to be flexible, not all days will see you winging your way to stardom. Sometimes you just need to consolidate at a particular level for a few sessions before moving on.

### ***Summary***

You will not gain and keep you dog’s attention by doing predictable things in a predictable manner on a regular basis. The essence of attention-getting is to be as unpredictable as possible. The dog must be kept guessing what you are going to do next, which way you’re going to move, whether or not he’s about to “score” a reward, etc. Sometimes praise/reward whilst continuing with the exercise and other times make a big fuss and completely break from whatever you were doing.

## KID-PROOF YOUR DOGS DOG-PROOF YOUR KIDS

-Norma Bennett Woolf-

High pitched laughter peeling behind her, Nancy ran around the corner of the house smack dab into the dog chained by the garage. Unnerved by the noise and startled by the child, the dog lunged and bit Nancy on the nose. She screamed and the dog bit again. Nancy ended up with several stitches in her face and nightmares, the dog was euthanized for biting and both families were traumatized. The tragedy could have been avoided if Nancy's folks and the dog's owners had been prepared.

First of all, a dog should never be chained outside unattended. Most dogs of guard or working heritage suffer personality quirks when tied and many become downright aggressive. Dogs are better off in fenced areas, where they can see the barrier between them and the world, where they can feel somewhat safe from frolicking children. In addition many dogs instinctively equate the high pitched sounds of children with the distress sounds of prey animals and they react by biting the child as they would have bitten the prey animal in the wild.

Second, children should be taught how to behave around dogs, even if their own family does not own a dog. For example, a child should never approach a strange dog without asking the owner if it is ok to pat the dog. If the child sees a loose dog on the street, he should not approach it even if he knows the dog belongs to his friend. He should tell someone that he saw the dog, but should make no attempt to pat it or grab it.

Nor should he scream or run away, for these actions can result in an attack by the dog. A running being frequently says 'prey' to the dog and triggers the chase response in his brain. Once triggered, this response is almost impossible to interrupt. The dog is reacting to chemical stimulus, not rational thought, and is extremely difficult to sidetrack.

Most dogs even those that are well trained do not consider children as figures of authority. Furthermore, since children frequently stare intently at animals, a dog may feel threatened by this short person who is trying to catch him. Even the best-natured dog may bite to protect himself in these circumstances, especially if he feels cornered.

Once a child is given permission to approach a dog, she should present her closed fist for the dog to sniff. This protects the fingers in case the dog is frightened and tries to nip. Children should never hug a dog that is not their own, and should only hug their own dog gently (if the dog can tolerate the hug). Children should be taught to never hit dogs with their hands or an object; to lower their voices when playing with the dog; to leave the dog alone when he is sleeping, eating or ill, and to never tease a dog in any fashion. Many dog bites occur because the child teases the pet beyond endurance.

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Dog owners share the responsibility for bite prevention as well. They should socialize their puppies to small children at an early age. (It helps to buy from a breeder who has started this socialization prior to the puppy purchase, for the younger the puppy is exposed to gentle children, the more tolerant of children it will become).

Socialization can be as simple as walking the dog near a playground where children are making noise, running about, playing ball or Frisbee or soccer or walking through the neighborhood while the kids wait for the school bus. The dog can be told to walk at heel through a crowd of children, to sit-stay and watch the play or allow the children to pat his head, to down-stay until the game is ended. Constant exposure of this type will accustom the dog to the presence and antics of children.

1. The dog should never be left alone with a child less than five years of age. A young child may challenge or injure the dog unintentionally and the result could be tragic. Dogs and children should be separated at snack time so the dog doesn't learn to steal food from tiny hands.
2. The dog should have a place he can call his own, a retreat, a private room, a den. This can be a pen in the back yard or a crate in the house. The children should never be allowed to bother the dog when he is in his place.
3. If the dog has access to a fenced yard, owners should make sure that neighborhood children cannot accidentally or intentionally tease him. Kids often begin by goading the dog to bark, then to snarl. Or they may throw things at him to chase him away from the fence. However it begins, the end result is usually the same. The kids learn that teasing the dog gives them a feeling of power tinged with the possibility of danger and the dog learns to hate kids. This hatred may be manifest as fear or as aggression, and may end when a child is bitten and the dog is taken to the pound and is placed in a new home (if lucky).
4. If the dog does not like the children, the children must change their behavior. Most dogs are wary of staring, of quick movements, and of high pitched screams, all of which are typical of small children. Here are a few hints to alleviate the tension between dog and children.
5. Provide a crate where the dog can escape the attention of boisterous or over-zealous children.

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6. Teach the children to leave Ranger alone when he's in the crate, to pat him gently-no squeezing around the neck please- and to leave him alone while he's eating.
7. Do not play tug-of-war with any dog that has access to children. A dog that learns to tug on any item will soon figure that anything he can grab is his, even if it's a child's toy, clothing, or appendage.
8. Teach children not to run past the dog and scream, for this can excite the dog and lead to dominant and even aggressive behavior.
9. Never tie a dog in the yard. Children tend to tease tethered dogs even without realizing it, which can lead to aggressive behavior. Many instances of dog attacking children occur when the dog is tethered in the yard and a screaming or running child enters his space.

The sight of a child and a dog napping together on the sofa or the floor, playing in the yard, or contemplating the sunset is a wondrous thing. The potential relationship between a child and dog who considers himself the family guardian is precious, and it needs to be nurtured and guided. Families can accomplish this by teaching the dog and the child to respect and cherish each other. If this can be done, fewer children will be bitten and fewer dogs will be euthanized for aggressive behavior.

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## SOMETHING TO PONDER

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep....you are richer than 75% of this worlds population.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace... you are among the top 8% of the worlds wealthy.

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness....you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation.....you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death..... you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

If your parents are still alive and still married..... you are very rare, even in the United States.

If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful.....you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.

If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder.....you are blessed because you can offer healing touch.

If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you, and furthermore, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

## OBEDIENCE

### HOW TO SCORE OFF YOUR OWNER AT OBEDIENCE TRAINING

Val Moeller

If your owner does not already take you to Obedience Training, get your "Dog Appeal" working, or one of those things that make your owner think that you might be better if you were more obedient. If you haven't been to an obedience class you haven't lived. You meet girls, or if you are one, boys meet you!

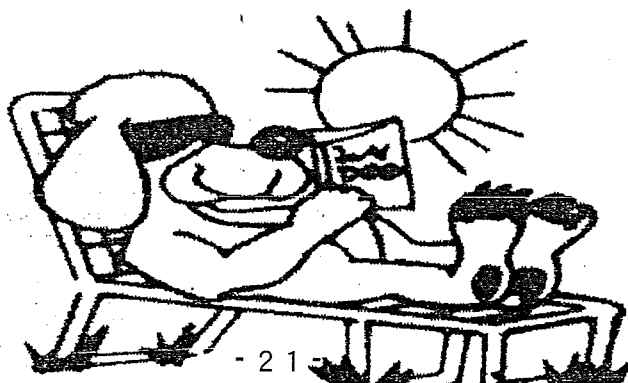
Your owner comes to learn to be a "Handler" (i.e. the stooge that you have on the end of the lead or just standing around with you). The first thing your handler does is learn that if you run away, it doesn't matter what you do as long as you come back, eventually, and sit down by him. You mustn't be punished because if you are punished you won't come back, see? Remember this **AND YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH MURDER**. Always go back to your handler when you are ready, sit by his side, look up innocently and just watch his blood pressure.

The tests, as your handler thinks they should be done, will bore you to death, but with your own variations you can play forever and score your own way.

EXERCISE 1. Heel on lead:- a bit of a grind. Hang your head and walk as slowly as you can, then without warning spring forward with all your might. If your handler falls flat on his face you score 25 points.

EXERCISE 2. Heel Free:- anything goes, **AND SO DO YOU**, usually at least one other dog will run with you. You will be able to run faster so you will never be caught, but **YOU CAN CATCH**, if you please. If you are out of doors break off and attend to the wants of nature. This gives you an unbreakable alibi and shows your handler up as a cad who forgot to look after you before the training started. In your own time return to your handler, sit at his side with maddening precision and smile at him. You score 5 points for each minute of freedom.

EXERCISE 3. Recall:- handler walks off. Let him go, but when he turns and shouts at you, assume rock deafness, or show him how perfectly you can stay. Look anywhere you like but not at him. Later if you see anything worth investigating go and investigate. In your own time go to your handler **PREFERABLY CRINGING**, with your ears laid back. This will convince the others that yours is a secret dog beater and he will loose face. On no account sit in front of your handler, as he will only make you move around him. Assume the heel position right away and look with indifference. If the handler looses his voice you score 25 points.



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EXERCISE 4. Retrieve the Dumbell. Watch handler throw away a wooden dumbell with respectful interest. On no account fetch it back, he'll only throw it away again. If the silly so-and-so wants his bit of wood, let him fetch it back, you will be helping to train him not to throw things away that he really wants. Variations: run after dumbell with enthusiasm, sniff it, smile at your handler and return smartly to base without it, he can't hit you. Repeat as often as handler wishes. You score 5 points every time handler retrieves dumbell.

EXERCISE 5: Sit. On no account really sit. They always try to train you on wet, cold ground. The "Shepherd Squat" is quite good enough, you stay one inch from the ground at the back end. From this position you can spring away into your fastest speed with no hesitation. (See hints on "heel free") 5 points for each successful squat.

EXERCISE 6: Down. Here you have to lie down. With PRACTICE you can travel yards on your stomach to reach other competitors, If they move pretend to think the exercise is over and leave too. (See hints on "Heel Free"). If you can remain out of handler's sight for five minutes you score 30 points.

CONCLUSION: Without warning, do any exercise you choose, PERFECTLY. This will leave your handler thinking that earlier mistakes were his fault and the sucker will take you to training week after week. HAPPY SCORING

Taken from "Canine Comment".







## THE DOBERMANN CLUB OF VICTORIA

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### The Dobermann

The breed we now recognise as the Dobermann evolved during the latter part of the 19th century in Germany, largely due to the efforts of town official/dog catcher/rent collector Karl Dobermann. The typical dog, bred purely as a guard then was much 'sharper' in temperament, but as now, was devoted to its master. The exact origin of the breed is difficult to trace but reputed to be in its history are the Rottweiler, Greyhound and Shepherd Dog of Germany. With thoughtful breeding during the present century, much of the sharpness has been tempered, and the breed is known for its intelligence (not to be underestimated), guarding capability, loyalty and obedience.

Dobermanns have been popular for the past few years, not only for its guarding capability, but also for the companionship they offer. Dobermanns make wonderful house dogs, and if raised amongst children and animals, will co-exist peacefully in most circumstances. As with all breeds, regardless of size, there is a wide range of temperaments with the majority of animals being stable and well adjusted to our lifestyle. Male Dobermanns will not generally tolerate the close proximity of other male dogs, and even bitches can be "toey". Careful training and extensive socialisation can temper these tendencies.

Socialising the Dobermann is very important. Any situation the dog is not familiar with will be regarded with suspicion. The reaction of the dog will depend on inherited temperament/early experiences/relationship with the owner and the extent and effectiveness of training. No two dogs will respond identically to the same stimulus.

The Dobermann as a pack animal, looks to its owner for firm direction. If this direction is lacking, the dog may attempt to provide it for the owner. Calm persistence on the part of the owner is a very effective method of giving direction....mind you, putting the dog back in one place 30 times in a row can stretch the patience somewhat.



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Dobes can be stubborn, "forgetful", sneaky, and they do have a sense of humour (but hate to be laughed at). Above all, they are very intelligent.

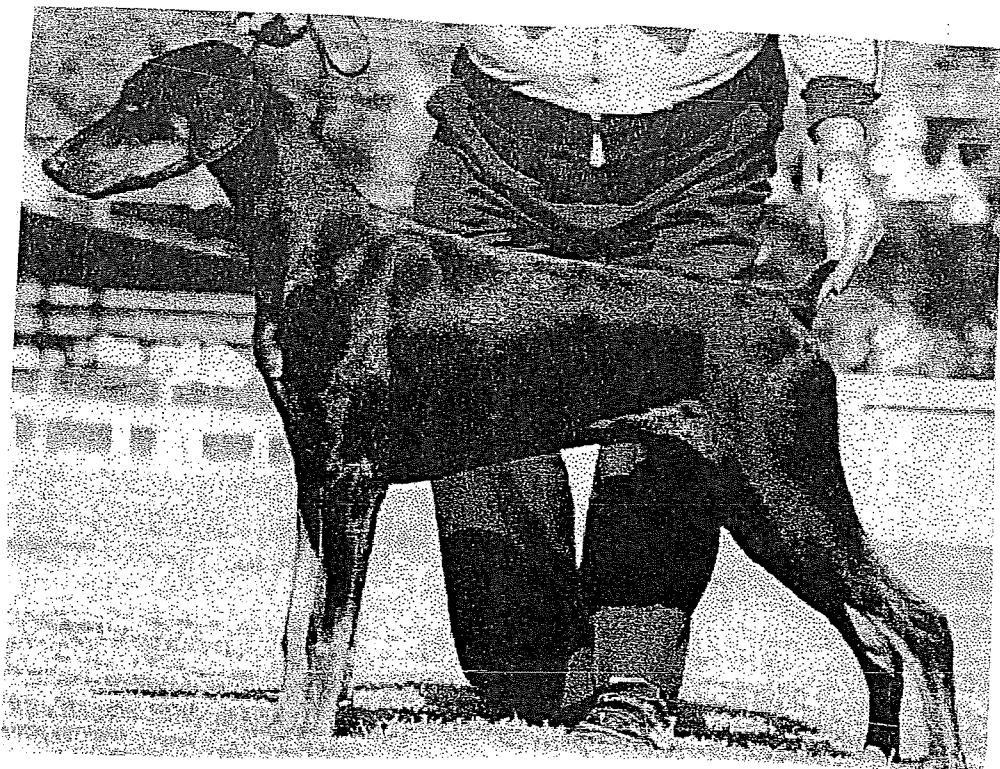
Direct eye contact with a dog or bitch you are not familiar with may be viewed as a challenge by the dog.

Dobes can't resist "freedom", and will often give you an exhibition of exhilarating speed if given the chance.

They are a challenge to train, but the effort is well worth the trouble.

A final hint: learn to speak a bit of 'dog' (dog psychology books will help you) - Dobes are top of the class at it and will understand you instantly.

**Good Training!**



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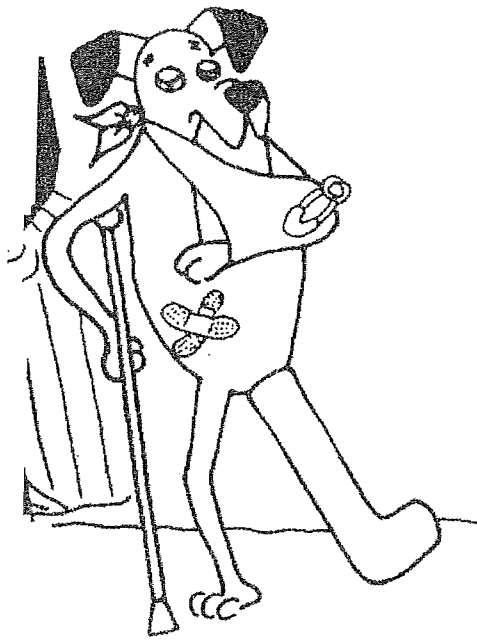
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