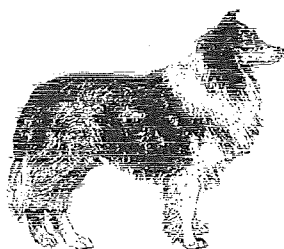
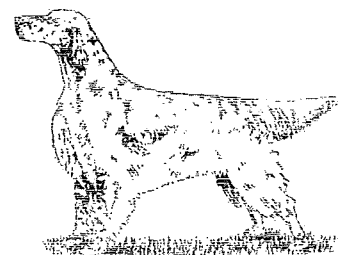
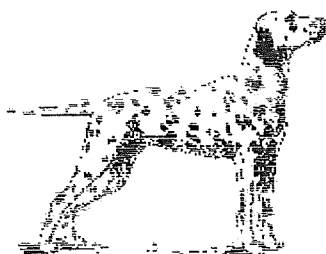


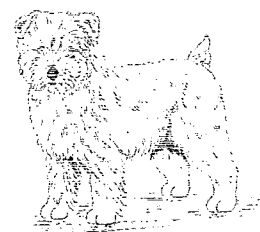
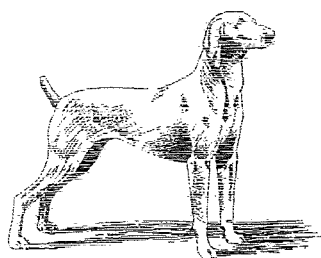
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LIFE'S PRIORITIES

"Heard on Bay FM"

If the following events all happened at once, what would your priorities be? List your answers in the order of how you would deal with the situation and compare the results with the suggestions further on in the Newsletter.

1. The phone is ringing
2. Someone is knocking at the door
3. The baby is crying
4. You have a line full of washing and it's starting to rain
5. The tap is running into the sink

Sent in by Fred Lehrmann

When does a Chinese person say "Good day"?

Answer further on in the Newsletter

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi everyone and in particular welcome to our new members who have joined the Club recently. I hope you all achieve your goals with your canine companions.

With membership renewals over I have included a few Club statistics in this Newsletter for your interest. Unfortunately we had a few members who missed the deadline for renewing their membership but most rejoined and paid the penalty of paying the joining fee again. We try to treat all members equally and the rules apply to everyone equally.

With our Annual General Meeting not far away, the ballot box sits waiting to be filled on the table on the verandah. I think it should be stressed that this is not a commercial business, if it were, your fees would be treble what they are for a 6-8 week course. This is a Club and like all Clubs, its success relies on members willingly giving of their time and energies. There is no pay packet at the end of the week, but there is a sense of satisfaction when a member overcomes a problem and a sincere thank you comes your way.

Sadly there is also the odd member who feels that payment of a membership fee gives them the right to issue abuse when things don't quite go their way. They tend to forget that those on the working end of things also pay membership fees and also have a dog – which is why we came in the first place! The Club doesn't just magically open each Sunday morning, there are Committee and Non-Committee members there from 8.00 am setting up the Canteen, Equipment Shop etc but they do so willingly because they have taken on positions and when the abuse comes it really makes you wonder why you bother.

Fortunately, those occasions are few and far between and the rewards far outweigh the negatives, so if you don't find the shop open, the library unmanned or the Office hours restricted, remember those who also want to work with their dog and maybe offer your help.

Best wishes and happy training

Pam Convery - Secretary

CANTEEN MANAGER'S REPORT

Just a small report this month to let everyone know that I will be away in September and part of October and Anne Salaviejus has offered her help to run the Canteen. If anyone is able to give Anne an extra hand, please let her, or someone from Committee know. Every little bit of help is appreciated.

Don't forget our sausage sizzles. Could you please keep in mind that we do need your help to run these. Without your support, we will not be able to keep running them. Your Instructor should let you know the week before it's your Classes turn to cook the sausages and clean the BBQ.

Wendy McCraw – Canteen Manager

GROUND'S MANAGERS REPORT

Hi there!

I'm back from my short holiday in Germany. I'd like to thank Meinhard and Andrew for filling in for me, and all of you who assisted them, to bring the grounds to the excellent state that we are known for, for the July Trial. By the time you read this we will have already had a working bee (weather

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Ground's Managers Report (continued)

permitting) to upgrade our grounds sprinkler system. Most likely, there will be another one in the very near future to finish it off, so please take note of the announcements by your Instructor.

On the 11th of September, nominations for the next Committee will close. As the longest serving member (nearly 47 years) I ask you to consider standing for a position (check the list on the verandah to see if you are eligible). It involves some effort, input and sometimes biting off more than you can chew, but it is mainly lots of fun and satisfaction to be part of a great Club. All of this has kept myself and other long serving members involved. We must look to the future and the continuance of this Club well past the 50th Anniversary milestone, which is coming up soon.

I urge you, especially the younger ones, to get involved. Unfortunately, we are losing our very excellent Secretary Pam this year that we have to replace, preferably with a computer wise person. Also our Trial Secretary is not standing, so there is an opportunity for a person with Trial experience. We have booked the Trials for the next two years so we must endeavour to fulfill our obligation.

The Club originated and was built on the hobby of trialing and competing and Classes were held to help members achieve their goals. Over the last ten years or so, this has been neglected and even stifled by some Committees and Instructors and more emphasis placed on the day to day household basic training. Sure this has put money in the bank, but very very few achievement photos on the Clubroom walls. Lets get back to the days when we travelled together to Trials with up to 20 dogs and scared the life out of the other Clubs. The other option is to do away with Trials, which would take a lot of work out of the administration of the Club.

Perhaps what is needed is an aggressive Committee, with fresh ideas, to get behind our President and put some more photos on the wall.

Think – “Quo Vadis”

Fred Lehrmann – Ground's Manager

SOCIAL SECRETARY

Hi everyone, not much happening at the moment on the social front. For a couple of reasons had to cancel the planned Ten Pin Bowling night, and at the time of writing this report I have only a couple of names of interested parties for the shopping trip so this may also may be abandoned. I am currently organising the adult's Christmas Party for the end of the year and am looking for suggestions for entertainment for this evening. It will be at the very beginning of December, so start thinking about slotting a fun cheery night into the diaries for the end of the year, cause I hate to be the one to break it to you all, but its only 4 months away!!!!

Catch you all later – Cheers

Fiona Mackey – Social Secretary



TRAINING SUPERVISOR

Due to major traumas in my family in recent weeks, I haven't really had a lot of time to write reports however I will start by thanking those who helped on the recent Promotion Day – hopefully I won't forget anyone.

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Training Supervisor's Report (continued)

Thanks to – the Grounds Manager and his assistant who put up and took down the ring ropes. To the name takers – especially Janelle who can make sense out of the scribbled notes I give her. To Chris (who came out of retirement) and Shirley (our new Instructor, thrown in at the deep end) who coped with 38 people that were not being tested! And finally, to the Instructors who did the testing and the Stewards who helped. A big thank you to everyone!

As of September's Intake, Induction will be reintroduced and new members will be asked to attend on their first day without their dogs. There will also be new check in times for Promotion Days – the latter will help the day run more smoothly. (Further information on Announcement Sheets closer to the day).

Puppy Kinder rolls on with an average of 8 each month – lots of fun and a valuable learning period for puppies and their owners.

Something to remember – "Tomorrow's success is founded on today's preparation".

Desma Dickeson – Training Supervisor

Nominations for all Committee and Non-Committee positions close

on

Tuesday 11 September 2001

The Club really needs your help, so give serious consideration to what your role will be in 2002

Without your help the Club's future is in jeopardy

Position guidelines are on the notice board

"KONG" STUFFING RECIPES

Kong Dog Toys are widely used and recommended for therapy and prevention of understimulation, boredom, separation anxiety and other behaviour problems. Kongs Dog toys are available in the Club's Equipment Shop.

What is "Kong Stuffing"?

1. Start with a few clean Kong toys appropriately sized for the largest dog that could access them. Small breeds need medium Kongs for stuffing.
2. TANTALISER – place a morsel of dried liver, peanut butter or cheese into the little hole on top.
3. DESSERT – fill approximately one-third of the cavity with doggie treats.
4. MAIN COURSE – fill the last two-thirds with canned food or food roll mixed with food nuggets
5. APPETISER – leave a nice titbit sticking out of the opening. The "easy picking" will provide an immediate pay off and entice your dog to "get serious about the job."

It is important for dogs to succeed at their "work". Make it easy to remove the Kong stuffing at first. As they become more experienced, you may want to make their job more challenging – heres how: -

1. Pack stuffing tighter
2. Wedge biscuits inside the cavity using the inside rim of the opening to secure them
3. FREEZE IT! Very popular! Try various combinations of canned food, gravy, noodles, rice and mashed potatoes mixed with food nuggets and freeze.
4. CHEESE IT! Mix cheese pieces or cheese spread with food nuggets and microwave until cheese melts. Let it cool to a safe temperature.

KONG STUFFING RECIPES

BANANA RAMA – 1 fresh banana, 2 tbs wheat germ, 1 tbs plain yoghurt, Kong toy that best fits your pet's chewing temperament. In a bowl, mash up banana, then add wheat germ and yoghurt. Mash all ingredients together and use spoon to add to Kong. Freeze for 4 hours. Makes 1 serving for a medium Kong.

VEGGIE KONG OMELET – 1 egg, your choice of shredded cheese, any vegetables that your pet may like, appropriate Kong toy. Scramble egg and fold in vegetables. Put into Kong toy. Sprinkle some cheese over the top and microwave for about 20 seconds. Cool thoroughly before giving to dog.

MAC 'N CHEESE – Leftover macaroni and cheese, small cube of cheese, appropriate Kong toy. Melt cheese in microwave until gooey. Add mac'n cheese to Kong toy. Poor heated cheese into Kong. Make sure it has cooled before giving to your pet.

PHILLY STEAK – steak scrapes, 1 oz cream cheese, appropriate Kong toy. Place small scraps of the steak inside Kong toy. Spread cream cheese in large hole to hold scraps.

FROZEN JERKY POPS – Peanut butter, stock powder, jerky strips, water, appropriate Kong toy. Smear a small amount of peanut butter over small hole in Kong toy. Fill with cool water and add stock powder. Place jerky stick inside Kong toy and freeze.

SIMPLE, TRIED AND TRUE – Peanut butter, appropriate Kong toy. Smear peanut butter inside the cavity of your Kong toy. It's that easy – by trainers and vets worldwide.

KONG HUNTING – Hide stuffed Kongs indoors and/or out. The hunt is great fun and rewarding.

IMPORTANT

1. Provide stuffed Kongs randomly so they won't always associate with you leaving.
2. If your dog is unstuffing several Kongs per day, appropriately reduce the amount of bowl feeding
3. CLEAN KONGS THOROUGHLY AFTER USE! Dishwasher is recommended.



The Amazing Dog - Submitted by Elaine Longshaw

A large dog walks into a butcher shop, carrying a purse in its mouth. He puts the purse down and sits in front of the meat case.

"What is it, boy?" the butcher jokingly asks. "Want to buy some meat?"

"Woof!" barks the dog.

"Hmmm," says the butcher. "What kind? Liver, bacon, steak"

"Woof!" interrupts the dog.

"And how much steak? Half a pound, one pound"

"Woof!" signals the dog.

The amazed butcher wraps up the meat and finds the money in the dog's purse. As the dog leaves, the butcher decides to follow. The dog enters an apartment house, climbs to the third floor and begins scratching at a door. With that, the door swings open and an angry man starts shouting at the dog.

"Stop!" yells the butcher. "He's the most intelligent animal I've ever seen!"

"Intelligent?" counters the man. "This is the third time this week he's forgotten his key!"

"Attention Training – Part 2"

From www.doglogic.com

Eye Contact, Methods, Correction and Distractions

I would like to begin by pointing out the importance of consistency and enjoyment in the process of Attention Training. These are invaluable tools in any training program, but the intensity of this type of program makes it very crucial. Eye contact is the key to this type of training. There are differing theories on finding the correct methods of keeping that contact.

The three methods that I will cover are:

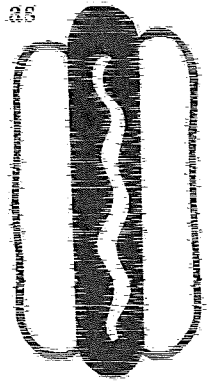
- Food
- Voice
- Toys

I will discuss my view of the merits and deficits of each one and then explain the motivations, corrections and distractions that can be applied to all.

FOOD

I believe any training method that requires props and items, is a Method that lends itself to potential failure. This is only because all the food in the world if left OUTSIDE the ring, will not help you IN the ring. If food is used as a crutch, then the dog comes to depend on it. I use food only as a training aid and wean the dog from it quickly, substituting myself in its place. This is the way it should be done and works fine in that context, but beware of using food all the time. Food is a strong motivator and if properly used is very beneficial, but must be used with care. I have used food and found it to work in many cases, but dislike having to use it. For some people it works great.

Food is a great "object of attraction" for many gastronomically oriented dogs, people too for that matter. If a dog does not seem to have sufficient interest in the trainer, food sometimes can make a big difference. Keeping hot dogs and liver at hand for easy access is messy at times, but can be made easier by baking liver cookies and microwaving and drying hot dogs and liver in small pieces. These items can be kept in the pocket for easy access, and broken into small enough pieces so that the dog does not spend valuable training time chewing and swallowing.



VOICE

My favourite, using one's voice as the "object of attraction" has many positives and few negatives (laryngitis?). I feel that the best motivator, one that is always with you and costs nothing, is you. A happy excited voice will make most dogs jump with joy literally, and it can be used all the time except while performing certain exercises in competition.

From the time you start training a puppy, your voice should be a welcome joyous thing to your dog. Never call your dog to punish him. The dog will associate coming to you and your voice with unpleasantness. Go and get him for corrections if needed. From the high pitched happy "Heeere pup, pup, pup" he first hears as a baby to the later "Watch me" or "(name) Cooooome" he hears as a teen and adult, your dog should thrill to your voice. You can help assure this with copious physical/verbal praise for correct response to commands, constant conversation with your dog while training and making EVERY training session a happy experience for BOTH of you. A whole lot of short sessions work much better than one too long, boring session.

Attention Training – Part 2

One of the tricks taught me by my long time friend and Instructor Carole Baikow, was singing to my puppy as he learned to heel. The rhythm of the tune keeps you focused and consistent, and the happy sound of your voice keep him excited and moving. Granted, I did feel silly heeling around the ring singing “Tntsy, Wintsy Spider”, but Apollo thought I was the cats meow. I still talk happy voice to him and he still watches my face the whole time we work. My new puppy Belle doesn’t agree with all that, and think I’m wacho-mondo with all that gooey talk, so I modify it to tones that she responds to.

I also like to have a radio playing in the ring while doing heelwork. This of course comes later in Attention Training, but fits nicely here with the voice method.

Allow me a little leeway here the radio, when tuned to music with a steady, up beat rhythm will assist you. It is easier to move at a consistent pace, and if you sing with the music, will help keep your dogs’ attention on you. I used this in the riding ring while training horses, and it works as well on dogs.



If you don’t want to sing, talk happy rap, or tell him he’s a good puppy, or ding some other high pitched happy voice thing to do all the time you work. Corrections can even be re-enforced in the same tone. When heeling around for instance, if your dog goes wide, a quick gently tug to you’re your leg with a – “Gooooood heeeel” will win you a happy, relaxed, fairly painless correction.

OK, enough with the praise for voice, you get the point.

TOYS

I like toys for use **BEFORE** the training session, to excite your dog and get him “up”. I dislike carrying a squeaky toy, ball or toy mouse while working, as it distracts me and, I feel, distracts the dog as well. I really want him to look at my eyes, not my hands, and at times a dog will be so interested in the toy that he will be watching for the **HAND** that holds the toy, and not the person who wields it.

If the proper procedures are followed, a toy may be used with great success to motivate an otherwise bored or hard to excite dog. Keeping the toy at the level of your eyes or hidden completely the **WHOLE** time you are using it is essential. Poor training can result from moving your hand up, then down, then to the side as you dog is watching the toy, not you. You are defeating the basic purpose of using the toy, which is to get him to hang on your every word and motion, seeing nothing but you and your eyes. Eventually, you will need to substitute your empty hand for the toy, more and more frequently, until at last the toy is used as an initial motivator before work and a final reward at the end of the work session.

Again, if you first try to just use yourself, no substitution will be needed, and when you and your dog enter competition. Voila! His motivator is right there, it’s you! No rules against that are there?

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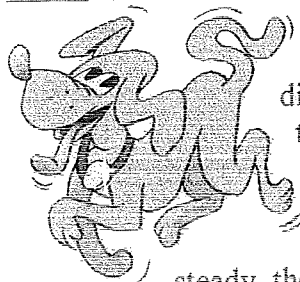
Just a small not about pre- and post- session motivation. The best way to assure your dogs’ energy level is at acceptable levels before you begin training, is to use your toys and treats to really work them up and get them enthused prior to working (playing). The reason for the use of the word (play) after the word work is because each work session should really be a play session for your dog. If the dog sees work as play, he will be much more motivated and focused on you. Play, conduct a short work session next, and then break off as soon as you get the correct response. The post session playtime is for the same purpose and your dog will view the whole thing as play. This attitude lends itself to better training results.

Attention Training – Part 2

CORRECTIONS

Go easy! There are very few corrections given at the initial stages of Attention Training. You want him happy right? The best thing you can do is regain his attention in no-punitive ways. When his attention strays, place the object of attention between him and whatever his attention has strayed to. Raise it back to eye level and PRAISE greatly when he looks at you again. If you are using voice, a GENTLE hand under his chin to aim his eyes/face up to yours, and again praise when he meets your gaze is the method of choice. The less physical corrections at this stage, the more opportunity to make the session happy and fun. Later on, small gentle corrections with the leash, once he knows what you expect, are acceptable. But again, no real punitive actions are required or advised.

DISTRACTIONS



They are everywhere! So train for the first few weeks with as few as possible. When your dog tells you he is ready for a test, (you'll know) introduce MILD distractions. Have an acquaintance stroll by a few yards away, for example. Have them do it several times. Allow the dog a short peek, then regain his attention right away. If the dog responds to this, graduate to something of greater interest, such as a child with an ice cream or cookie. Go very slowly, and if you lose his attention to a great degree, take a few steps back, until he is steady, then move forward again. You know your dog, and what makes him sit up and take notice, use this knowledge to help make your dog the best he can be.

Remember, leaps and bounds of progress are not going to give you a rock steady base of training. Slow and steady, sure and safe, will ensure that what you and your dog learn will be there for a long time.



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VALE

"Holly - Fernfall SunDancer"

20/11/1992 - 2/6/2001

Although not a Club member, some of you, who have watched "Neighbours" in the past, will remember Holly, the Golden Retriever. Holly was introduced to the show as a 12-week-old puppy. She was taught to work to signals given to her from behind the camera by trainer Luke Hura. Holly obeyed over 100 commands or sentences that Luke Hura taught her. Holly died of lung cancer at the young age of 8 years.



TRIAL RESULTS

Congratulations to the following members who braved very adverse weather conditions and travelled to Bendigo Obedience Dog Club's Trial on Sunday 19 August with great success

Debbie Schroer and "Wolf"		3 rd Novice Pass	Companion Dog Title
Helen Read and "Cobber"	2 nd Place	3 rd Novice Pass	Companion Dog Title
Val Moeller and "Caden"	1 st Place	2 nd Novice Pass	
		Highest Scoring Novice	
		Highest Scoring Rottweiler	
		Highest Scoring Geelong Member	
Janelle Convery and "Brodie"	3 rd Place	1 st Open Pass	

"HIGHEST SCORING GEELONG MEMBER" SASHES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING TRIALS

Sunday	16 September	Northern Obedience Dog Club
Sunday	7 October	Warringal Obedience Dog Club
Sunday	14 October	Knox Obedience Dog Club
Saturday	20 October	Northcote Obedience Dog Club
Sunday	21 October	Altona Civic Obedience Dog Club
Saturday	27 October	Werribee Obedience Dog Club
Sunday	18 November	Ballaarat Dog Obedience Club

LIFE'S PRIORITIES – The choices you made suggest your priorities in life.

The phone – career The front door – friends The baby – family The washing – your sex life
The tap – wealth.

One man rang in and said he would answer the door and hope it was his wife who would take care of all the rest.

A: When he was speaking English!

"How Could You?"

Reprinted with permission of Jim Willis 2001 - sent in by Samantha Rasmussen

When I was a puppy, I entertained you with my antics and made you laugh. You called me your child, and despite a number of chewed shoes and a couple of murdered throw pillows, I became your best friend. Whenever I was "bad", you'd shake your finger at me and ask, "How could you?" - but then you'd relent, and roll me over for a belly rub.

My housebreaking took a little longer than expected, because you were terribly busy, but we worked on that together. I remember those nights of nuzzling you in bed and listening to your confidences and secret dreams, and I believed that life could not be any more perfect. We went for long walks and runs in the park, car rides, stops for ice cream (I only got the cone because "ice cream is bad for dogs," you said), and I took long naps in the sun waiting for you to come home at the end of the day.

Gradually, you began spending more time at work and on your career, and more time searching for a human mate. I waited for you patiently, comforted you through heartbreaks and disappointments, never chided you about bad decisions, and romped with glee at your homecomings, and when you fell in love.



She, now your wife, is not a "dog person" - still I welcomed her into our home, tried to show her affection, and obeyed her. I was happy because you were happy. Then the human babies came along and I shared your excitement. I was fascinated by their pinkness, how they smelled, and I wanted to mother them, too. Only she and you worried that I might hurt them, and I spent most of my time banished to another room, or to a dog crate. Oh, how I wanted to love them, but I became a "prisoner of love."

As they began to grow, I became their friend. They clung to my fur and pulled themselves up on wobbly legs, poked fingers in my eyes, investigated my ears, and gave me kisses on my nose. I loved everything about them and their touch - because your touch was now so infrequent - and I would have defended them with my life if need be.

I would sneak into their beds and listen to their worries and secret dreams, and together we waited for the sound of your car in the driveway. There had been a time, when others asked you if you had a dog, that you produced a photo of me from your wallet and told them stories about me. These past few years, you just answered "yes" and changed the subject. I had gone from being "your dog" to "just a dog," and you resented every expenditure on my behalf.

Now, you have a new career opportunity in another city, and you and they will be moving to an apartment that does not allow pets. You've made the right decision for your "family," but there was a time when I was your only family.

I was excited about the car ride until we arrived at the animal shelter. It smelled of dogs and cats, of fear, of hopelessness. You filled out the paperwork and said "I know you will find a good home for her." They shrugged and gave you a pained look. They understand the realities facing a middle-aged dog, even one with "papers." You had to pry your son's fingers loose from my collar, as he screamed, "No, Daddy! Please don't let them take my dog!" And I worried for him, and what lessons you had just taught him about friendship and loyalty, about love and responsibility, and about respect for all life. You gave me a goodbye pat on the head, avoided my eyes, and politely refused to take my collar and leash with you. You had a deadline to meet and now I have one, too.

"How could you?" Jim Willis (continued)

After you left, the two nice ladies said you probably knew about your upcoming move months ago and made no attempt to find me another good home. They shook their heads and asked, "How could you?"

They are as attentive to us here in the shelter as their busy schedules allow. They feed us, of course, but I lost my appetite days ago. At first, whenever anyone passed my pen, I rushed to the front, hoping it was you - that you had changed your mind - that this was all a bad dream...or I hoped it would at least be someone who cared, anyone who might save me. When I realised I could not compete with the frolicking for attention of happy puppies, oblivious to their own fate, I retreated to a far corner and waited.

I heard her footsteps as she came for me at the end of the day, and I padded along the aisle after her to a separate room - a blissfully quiet room. She placed me on the table and rubbed my ears, and told me not to worry. My heart pounded in anticipation of what was to come, but there was also a sense of relief. The prisoner of love had run out of days. As is my nature, I was more concerned about her.

The burden, which she bears weighs heavily on her, and I know that, the same way I knew your every mood.

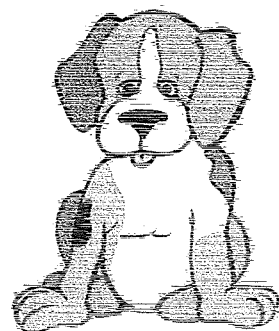
She gently placed a tourniquet around my foreleg as a tear ran down her cheek. I licked her hand in the same way I used to comfort you so many years ago. She expertly slid the hypodermic needle into my vein. As I felt the sting and the cool liquid coursing through my body, I lay down sleepily, looked into her kind eyes and murmured "How could you?"

Perhaps because she understood my dog speak, she said, "I'm so sorry." She hugged me, and hurriedly explained it was her job to make sure I went to a better place, where I wouldn't be ignored or abused or abandoned, or have to fend for myself - a place of love and light so very different from this earthly place. And with my last bit of energy, I tried to convey to her with a thump of my tail that my "How could you?" was not directed at her. It was you, My Beloved Master, I was thinking of. I will think of you and wait for you forever.

May everyone in your life continue to show you so much loyalty.

A note from the author:

If "How Could You?" brought tears to your eyes as you read it, as it did to mine as I wrote it, it is because it is the composite story of the millions of formerly owned pets who die each year in America's shelters



Please - take a moment and read this then close your eyes and go back in time

Before the Internet or the PC.
Before semi automatics, heroin and designer drugs
Before SEGA or Super Nintendo... I'm talking about hide and seek at dusk
The corner shop
Mother May I?
Hula Hoops
Running through the sprinkler or a "slip and slide"
Cops and Robbers, Cowboys and Indians
Climbing trees

Walking to school, no matter what the weather
Laughing so hard that your stomach hurt
Spinning around, getting dizzy and falling down was cause for giggles
Being tired from playing.... Remember that?
The worst embarrassment was being picked last for a team
When water balloons were the ultimate weapon
When twenty cents was decent pocket money, and another twenty cents a miracle
When milk went up one cent and everyone talked about it for weeks?

CLUB MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The variety of breeds training and/or on the membership at the Club

Crossbreeds	60	Australian Kelpie	2
German Shepherd Dog	47	Australian Shepherd	2
Border Collie	39	Bichon Frise	2
Labrador Retriever	29	Brittany	2
Golden Retriever	19	Cocker Spaniel	2
Rottweiler	19	English Springer Spaniel	2
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	11	Great Dane	2
Shetland Sheepdog	10	Irish Setter	2
Jack Russell Terrier	9	Mastiff	2
Dobermann	8	Rhodesian Ridgeback	2
Poodle (miniature)	7	Schipperke	2
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	6	Siberian Husky	2
Weimaraner	6	Akita	1
German Shorthaired Pointer	5	Australian Bulldog	1
Whippet	5	Border Terrier	1
Australian Cattle Dog	4	Bull Terrier	1
Boxer	4	Chesapeake Bay Retriever	1
Dalmatian	4	English Mastiff	1
Fox Terrier	4	Labradoodle	1
Poodle (standard)	4	Maremma Sheepdog	1
Welsh Springer Spaniel	4	Norfolk Terrier	1
Beagle	3	Norwegian Elkhound	1
Cairn Terrier	3	Pomeranian	1
Collie (Rough)	3	Poodle (toy)	1
Curly Coated Retriever	3	Samoyed	1
Flat Coated Retriever	3	Schnauzer	1
Irish Water Spaniel	3	St Bernard	1
West Highland White Terrier	3	Welsh Corgi (Pembroke)	1
Alaskan Malamute	2		

Where our members live

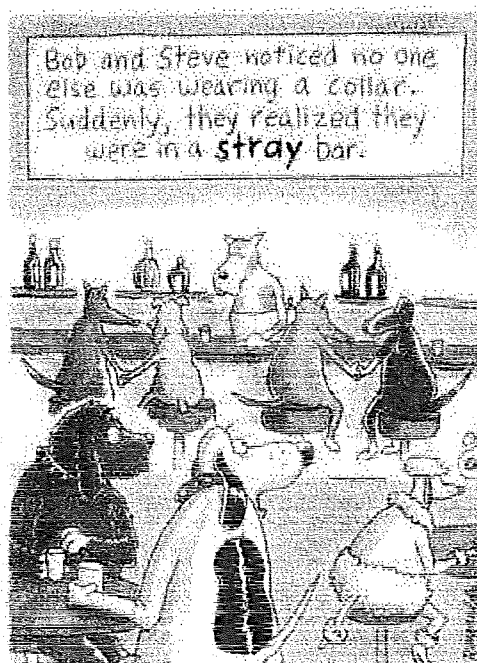
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Types of Membership

Dual	34
Family	76
Junior	3
Life Member	21
Pensioner Dual	4
Pensioner Family	16
Pensioner Single	28
Single	128

Top 10 dog's Names

Jessie	Kelly
Max	Molly
Roxy	Sally
Sasha	Toby
Zack	Zoe



A DOGS' EYE VIEW

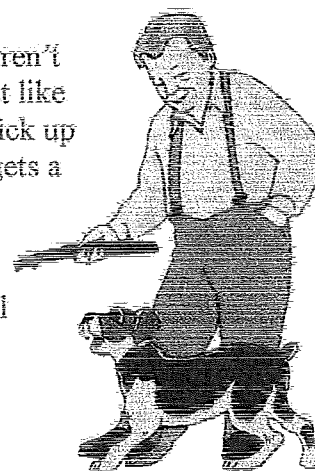
Bendigo O D C "Recall" – August 2001

He's pathetic. Absolutely pathetic! Without me, he would never survive!

He has no fur, or at least very little. He has to put some on before going out of the house. His feet are so big he cannot avoid a blob of sheep manure. He is so slow at running and no wonder – he tries it on his back legs. I've tried it and it's hopeless.

He seems defenceless. His teeth are so blunt and another thing – his teeth aren't even real. I saw him one night when we chased a fox – no upper teeth – just like sheep! His ears are useless. They are so small, round and can't swivel to pick up sound. His nose is always dry – no wonder he can't smell. Sometimes he gets a moist nose, but then he doesn't seem well.

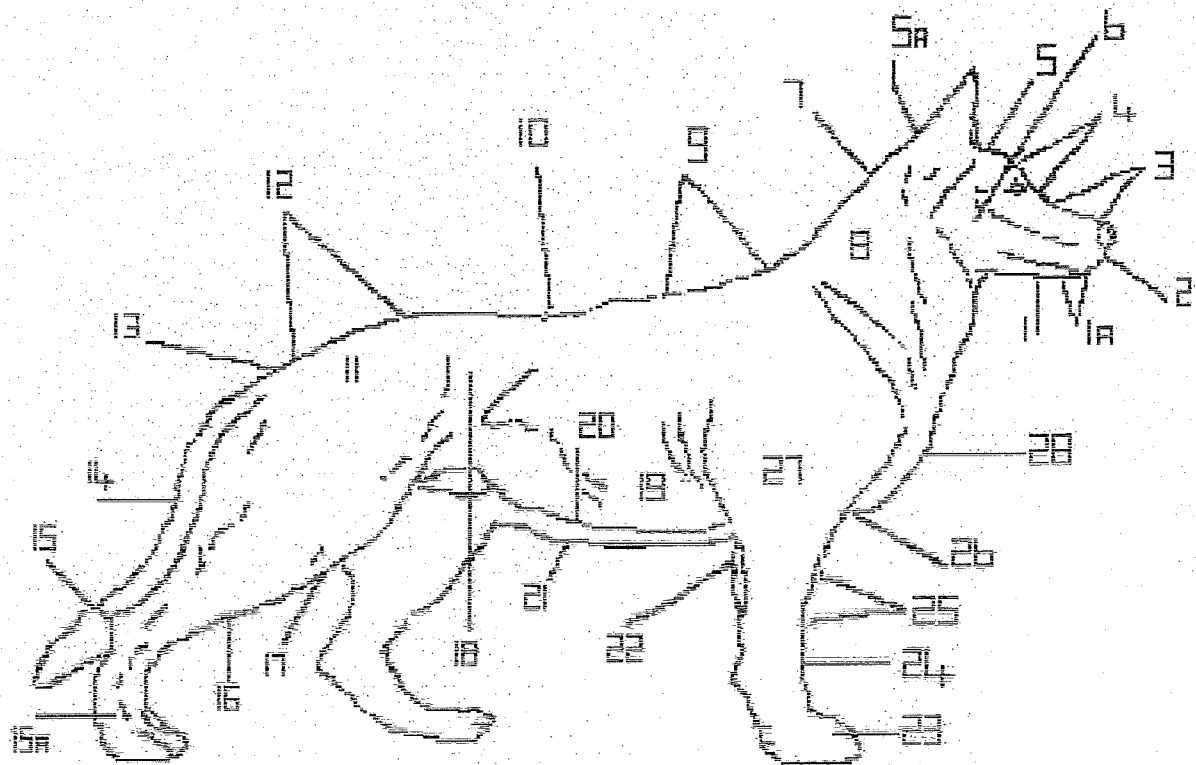
His eyes are poor, even with those bits of glass in front of them. He's also very fussy – he won't eat rotting sheep. He nearly chucks up from the smell of my breath after I've had a good feast. Then when I roll for a bit of extra perfume, he does a strange sort of dance and bans me from the ute. Still on smells – his female even has to buy the scent to let him know she's on heat. They've really lost the plot those two.



It's obvious he completely lacks ability to express his affection. In the ute I often lick his face and hands, but he has never once licked my face. And as for having any pride of ownership – he's a wimp. He'll let anyone into his territory and no wonder – he's got no idea about marking out his plot and is totally lazy even about ute wheels.

He's too scared to fight, doesn't understand the pleasures of a good scratch and has no appreciation of my attempts to beautify his garden with bones. So, I do the best I can to brighten this poor creature's life a little. I smile at him and laugh at his jokes and when he's sad I try to be sympathetic. If I didn't stay with him, who would?

PARTS OF A DOG



1. Flew
a) Jaw
2. Muzzle
3. Foreface
4. Stop
5. Skull
a) Occiput
6. Check
7. Crest
8. Neck
9. Withers
10. Back
11. Hip
12. Croup
13. Tail Set
14. Tail

15. Point of Hock
a) Hock
16. Lower Thigh
17. Point of Stifle
18. Loin
19. Ribs
20. Abdomen
21. Bottom Line
22. Elbow
23. Feet (Paws)
24. Pastern
25. Forearm
26. Upper Arm
27. Shoulder Blade
28. Forechest

POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

DUTIES OF THE BAR MANAGER

1. Purchase stock for bar and keep complete records
2. To liaise with the Trial Secretary for Trial requirements
3. To keep "Freebies Book" up to date and balanced so bar can be reimbursed
4. To keep bar area clean and remove empty cans to compound
5. Give list of "freebies" to the Treasurer each month for reimbursement
6. Defrost refrigerators on a regular basis
7. Be available to serve behind bar or arrange replacement for Social functions and/or Trials
8. To attend Committee Meetings (if on Committee)

DUTIES OF THE CANTEN MANAGER

1. Keep Canteen clean (benches bleached, fridge and freezer cleaned, floors washed as required)
2. Provide coffee, tea with biscuits, soft drinks, etc on training days with help from members on roster
3. Keep fridge and freezer stocked with food and drinks
4. Provide morning tea and lunch on days of working bees and special days
5. Cater for Trial days in Canteen with help from members on roster
6. Take control of all stock
7. Organise roster of Canteen helpers
8. Count all money and bank proceeds
9. Write reports for Committee and General Meetings
10. Defrost freezer on a regular basis
11. Assure food safety control is adhered to
12. Give list of "freebies" to Treasurer each month for reimbursement
13. Attend Committee Meetings



DUTIES OF THE DISPLAY TEAM LEADER

1. Arrange practices for Display Team Members and prepare drills for the team
2. Co-ordinate function appearances with the Publicity Officer

Motion No 91

'that all requests in writing to Club Secretary. Secretary will pass on such requests to Publicity Officer who will inform the Demo Leader. The team leader shall check date availability and may check ground conditions and inform Publicity Officer if suitable. Publicity Officer shall make all necessary arrangements for the conduct of Club Display with the applicant and finally notify the team leader and Secretary of such. Written notes of such arrangements shall be kept by the Publicity Officer'

3. Distribute and keep a record of display team uniforms

Motion No 143

'that Demo Team members are to sign a carbon copy book when issued with their uniforms. The top copy to be retained by the member, the carbon copy by the Club. When member leaves the team, uniform to be returned and carbon copy destroyed. Demo Team Leader to be responsible for carbon copy book'

4. Arrange drinks from the Club for Display Team members unless the people conducting the event prior to the day offer drinks.

Duties of the Display Team Leader (continued)

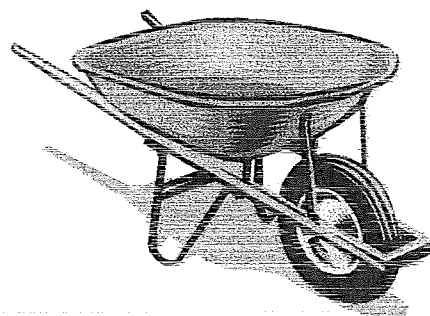
5. Motion No 168

'that if the Display Team Leader wishes to put his/her dog in the team for the day that he/she delegates another member to take his/her place as the leader prior to the day, to ensure total control of the Display Team

6. Keep Police Checks up to date as required for Team members
7. Attend Committee Meeting (if on Committee)

DUTIES OF THE GROUND'S MANAGER

1. Make sure the grounds are clean and ready for use
2. Put the speakers up on a Sunday morning, clean "poo buckets"
3. Keep the garage in order (tidy ropes, starting pegs, etc)
4. General maintenance of the grounds (trees, mowing areas not mowed by council, rubbish, signs, fences, etc)
5. Organise ground's working bee for Trials
6. Organise, with the Trial Secretary, rings, parking etc for Trials
7. Attend Committee Meetings



FURTHER GROUND'S MANAGERS GUIDELINES

NORMAL GRASS CUTTING

Ride-on mower – Super Petrol
Victa – 2 stroke – 25-l

Small mower – Unleaded Petrol
Wipersnipper – 2 stroke – 20-l

1. Cut chain ring and 1 metre outside chain ring
2. Cut around Clubhouse and entry and exit gates
3. Trim about 1 yard around trees and posts. Trim under bushes. Council will cut the rest.

TRIAL PREPARATION

Notify Council of Trial date 2-3 weeks before the Trial

1st Working Bee

1. Clear all overhanging branches in rings, etc to well above 7-8 feet
2. Cut and trim grass as set out above
3. Air out UD mats (in cupboard in storeroom), check UD squares
4. Check septic

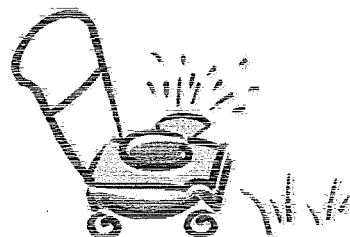
2nd Working Bee

1. Rope off all rings
2. Place all hurdles

3. Set out rubbish bins (in little shed)
4. Prepare poo buckets and water buckets. Scrub poo shovels
5. Judges name boards, Ring score boards and Stay markers
6. Mark out car park with rope and witches hats
7. Set up hides
8. Flag poles to be taken down from roof

TRIAL DAY

1. 1 x Poo bucket between 2 rings, place remainder strategically over ground
2. Organise minimum of 2 parking attendants each gate (vests in cupboard)
3. During the Trial check and empty Poo buckets, if needed, replace sawdust
4. At completion of Trial dismantle and store everything in its proper place

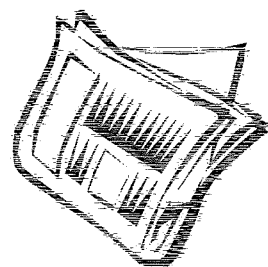


DUTIES OF THE HALL MANAGER

1. To ensure Hall is kept clean by sweeping, vacuuming and dusting
2. Clean windows as required
3. Remove rubbish and take home as there is no rubbish collection on the grounds
4. Empty aluminium cans in bags to the back shed
5. Clean toilets
6. Spray around sensors to keep away spiders
7. Set mouse traps as required or place baits where they are safe from dogs and children
8. Purchase cleaning materials, garbage bags, toilet rolls, etc
9. Set up hall for meetings as required
10. To liaise with Trial Secretary as to requirements for Trials
11. Attend Committee Meetings

DUTIES OF THE PUBLICITY OFFICER

1. Distribute Club Brochures as per distribution list and refill as necessary
2. Liaise with Display Team Leader regarding Display Team Activities as per Motion 91
3. Take photos as required
4. Keep photos above kitchen window and photo albums up to date
5. Liaise with media regarding Club activities
6. Report to General Meetings and Committee Meetings
7. Attend Committee Meetings



DUTIES OF THE RAFFLE STEWARD

1. Organise weekly or fortnightly Club raffles and arrange ticket sales
2. Purchase or arrange donated raffle items
3. Arrange Raffle on Trial Days
4. Keep record of Raffle takings and expenditure
5. Liaise with Social Secretary to assist with Social Events
6. Organise assistants or someone to run the Raffle on days you are unavailable
7. Written report for General Meetings

DUTIES OF THE SHOP MANAGER

1. Open shop during hours as pre-arranged
2. Keep Shop clean and tidy
3. Order Stock
4. Complete Stocktake – 30 June each year
5. Count takings and hand to Treasurer
6. Organise assistant/s if unavailable on training days/Trial Days
7. Written report to General Meetings

DUTIES OF THE SOCIAL SECRETARY

1. Organise Social functions, approximately bi-monthly, with the help of a sub-committee
2. Organise any fund raising
3. Arrange Christmas party for members
4. Arrange Christmas break-up for children
5. Organise Fish BBQ for Easter - Good Friday (if held)
6. Attend Committee meetings
7. Organise Committee, Instructors and Workers Dinner
8. Promote and advertise events to the members



DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

1. Know and uphold the Constitution and Notice of Motion Book. Keep all Club records up-to-date and accurate.
2. Keep accurate records of Members Roll in book and on computer. Check vaccination cards. Write up list of financial members for the AGM.
3. Organise calendar dates in liaison with Training Supervisor and Instructors.
4. Deal with all correspondence and keep accurate file of In and Out going. Records to be kept for 5 years in appropriate files. Change current file to 5-year file on 1 July each year.
5. Write up brief description of Meetings (Minutes). Any Motions of long-standing consequence to be entered in the Notice of Motion book. Keep attendance of Committee members at Meetings. Call Meetings where and when required.
6. Liaison with all Club departments and keep them informed of Club business.
7. Answer telephone enquiries. Organise new members list for the Newsletter.
8. Keep stock of stationery (VCA, Trial, Awards and General).
9. Type up Certificates and update records on the computer. Organise Certificate list for the Newsletter.
10. Keep accurate register of all keys and their holders.
11. Organise Club Awards and Titles gained. Keep record of Trial Results for end of year awards.
12. Mail Life members Newsletters. Also, new membership cards to Life Members at beginning of new Financial Year.
13. Give notice of AGM and arrange for Returning Officer and Scrutineers.
14. Follow up on items dealt with at Meetings, which require further action.
15. At end of Financial Year distribute inventories and ensure all departments complete stocktake where required.
16. Organise weekly announcement sheet for Classes.
17. Remind departments of newsletter closing date for Reports and articles to be submitted.
18. Make sure all equipment is in good working order and serviced regularly.
19. Notify Incorporation Commission and VCA of any changes to the Constitution and submit Financial Statements, Auditors Report, New Committee, AGM minutes, etc to the VCA.
20. Organise any notices for the Newspaper.
21. Organise get-well, wedding, engagement, sympathy, new baby, 21st birthday, 50th birthday cards/flowers for members. Only Instructors and Committee receive flowers, general members get cards.
22. Set out agenda for Meetings (Committee agenda to each Committee Member, General agenda to President and Treasurer only). Committee Meeting Minutes of previous meeting to be given to each Committee Member the Sunday before the next meeting.
23. Organise user numbers for the Security System.
24. When flooded organise workers and alternative grounds if necessary, also newspaper notices if required.

DUTIES OF THE TRAINING SUPERVISOR

1. To organise classes and Instructors
2. To promote, supervise and encourage trainee Instructors up to standard
3. To organise Promotion Days (appointing testers, setting up rings, collecting results and making sure Certificates are typed)
4. To chair monthly Instructor's meeting
5. To mediate disputes arising from training sessions
6. To check on dogs reported by Instructors or others as being too aggressive
7. Keep Assistant Training Supervisors informed of all activities

DUTIES OF THE TRIAL/ASSISTANT SECRETARY

1. Assist the Secretary wherever required.
 2. Arrange Judges for each Trial well in advance, preferable contract judges for the entire year in December of previous year. Contracts to be sent and record kept of acceptances and refusals
 3. Draft Schedule, Judges white contracts and cheque to be sent to the VCA in time for Schedule to be published in the Gazette, eg July Trial, if the closing date is in July, schedule is advertised in June, closing date for the Gazette is 1 April.
 4. Keep record of ribbons, sashes and all stationery required for Trial.
 5. Order Trophies, ribbons, sashes as required for each Trial. (Sashes have braid, ribbons don't)
 6. Discuss working bee dates with Grounds Manager. Arrange announcements or handouts to members notifying them of dates.
 7. Arrange for Stewards list to go out early, approximately 15 - 20 Stewards required depending on size and type of Trial. Let members know via announcement sheet or handout what Stewards are needed.
 8. As entries arrive, list entries for catalogue (multiple entries list separate), Geelong member's list for Newsletter and Club awards, representation of breeds (if used).
 9. After closing date, set out catalogue and number of rings required. Discuss ring layout with Grounds Manager.
 10. Write up entry fees and take to bank
 11. Print catalogue, write catalogue numbers and envelopes, write up ring sheets, set up Judge's folders, allocate Stewards to rings.
 12. Cancel or contract Judges if required as per entry numbers .
 13. Arrange workers for the office to leave yourself free on the day if possible.
 14. Greet Judges and introduce Stewards to their respective Judge.
 15. Make sure UD stewards have food refusal dishes for the ring and other Stewards have pens, etc.
 16. Generally oversee the running of the Trial.
 17. Assist with the presentations, help with clean up.
 18. Make sure you have a correctly marked catalogue for the VCA. Must be sent, with the surcharge cheque and completed form within 14 days of the Trial.
 19. Prepare list of Geelong member's results for the next available Newsletter.
 20. Order relevant Club trophies for winning Geelong members for presentation on the first training day after the Trial.
 21. Arrange engraving of relevant Club perpetual trophies within one (1) month of the Trial.
 22. Attend Committee Meetings
- A copy of the "Trial Secretary's Handbook" is available in the folder

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

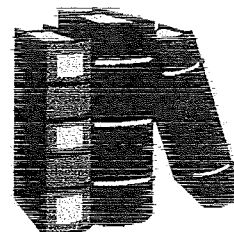
A copy of the "Guide to Treasurer's" is available from the Office

DUTIES OF THE TRAINING MANAGER

To liaise with members and assist the Training Supervisor where possible

DUTIES OF THE LIBRARIAN

1. To open the Library each Sunday at prearranged times
2. To keep Library clean and tidy
3. To record all books out on loan
4. To order new books when required



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the
GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC
will be held at
THE CLUBROOMS
BREAKWATER ROAD, BELMONT COMMON

on
TUESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER 2001

Commencing at 8.00 pm

Clause 27 (2) of the Club's Constitution

Every member who was a financial member of the Club for not less than three months of the financial year preceding the Annual General Meeting and is currently a financial member shall be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible to nominate or be nominated as an Office Bearer or member of the Committee. Unless the Club's By-Laws provide otherwise a member may be nominated for but not hold more than one position on the Committee, except for the position of Public Officer.

The following Committee positions will be declared vacant

President	2 x Vice Presidents	Secretary	Treasurer
Trial Secretary/Assistant Secretary		6 x General Committee positions	

Nominations for the above Committee positions and Non-Committee positions close on

Tuesday, 11th September 2001

All agenda items must be received by the Secretary on or before
Tuesday 11th September 2001

Pam Convery
Secretary

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