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SECRETARY		
TREASURER	Vacant	
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GENERAL COMMITTEE

(Six (6) positions to be filled which include Canteen Manager, Hall Manager, Grounds/Equipment Manager, Social Secretary, Publicity Officer, Assistant Hall/Grounds Manager). One nomination received

Victor Douglas

duly elected

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Committee for 2000/2001

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, here we are again and another month has just gone by in what seems like a minute. A warm welcome to all our new members who have recently joined the Club. We hope you reach and strive for your goal/s that you wish to obtain.

It has come to that time of year again that the Club NEEDS YOU. Nominations have recently closed for the next Committee year. Did you put a nomination form in the ballot box????? I know that like me, you all lead busy lives but if you are an organised person you can do a few things at a time. It is extremely sad to think what would happen to the Club if there were not enough nominations for Committee. In the past the Committee of the Club has consisted of a team of 16 people and back in those days I'm sure the then members didn't have a hard time recruiting general members onto the Committee. Now in 2001 our Committee consists of 12 people and we have a real struggle to fill all 12 positions.

Our <u>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</u> is fast approaching (<u>TUESDAY 2ND OCTOBER</u>). So when you have finished reading this Newsletter get up and go and mark it on your calendar or in your diary so you remember to come along and find out who will be running your Club for the next twelve months.

To the out going Committee, I thank you for your efforts this past year. You have been there to support and guide me as I learnt the ropes. For most of the Committee year we were one person short and it was great to see us band together and work as a team. For those that are not re-standing I thank you for all your work that you have done and wish you all well, you deserve a break as some of you have held positions for several years.

Thank you - Leonie Kelleher - PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Committee and members of the Geelong Obedience Dog Club.

Thank you for having me on Committee as a Vice President, I have enjoyed my time and wish incoming members of Committee all the best for the coming 12 months.

Barbara Mackey - VICE PRESIDENT

TREASURER'S REPORT

I leave this position in a sound financial state and I would like to acknowledge those members who have contributed time and effort to achieve this result.

I cannot stress too highly the need for members to assist in the running of this successful Club and like the wheel, whilst the spokes are intact the Club will maintain their success, but if one breaks many things can happen like facilities being closed or fees increased.

In closing, thank you for allowing me to participate in the running of the Club and I wish the incoming Committee all the best for the future.

Andrew Mackey - TREASURER

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GROUND'S MANAGERS REPORT

Hi there, and I'm not happy. The working bee set for the 25th August was washed out by the flood from the creek, not the river. I was happy with the response to my call for team leaders and everything looked good. Thanks to all of you who volunteered for those positions.

But then everything went up the creek, so to speak. I hope my contacting the Geelong News, who came up with an excellent article in the August 28th issue, will stir up some activity by the authorities responsible for the cleaning of the creek down to the river.

Well, then came the next disappointment. The working bee called for the 8th September was a flop. I had prepared for an easy start by digging a dozen holes on the Friday afternoon expecting at least 10-15 members. Guess how many turned up? THREE!!!!!!!!! 1'd like to thank Linda (the early bird who turned up at 8.15am and stayed until 11.00am), Wayne (who worked from 9.00am to midday) and Derek (who came just before midday and stayed with me until we finished the main ground about mid afternoon. Well done!!!! Having dug, by this time, close to 40 holes, my back said STOP!

As this project was my idea, and I believe in saying "A" one must be prepared to say "B" also, and I could not rely on another call for a working bee and hope for members to show up (and being stubborn also), I got stuck into the other ground on the following Monday by myself at 8.30am, digging another 20 holes. With the help of Meinhard Breiberg and John Consedine, who both came after lunch, we changed over the sprinkler heads and filled in the holes, etc, leaving 8 sprinklers, which we could not do due to a broken pipe that had flooded the area. Those I hope to finish before the end of the month when I'll be able to declare - Project completed.

Why do we have this apathy by members to do something for their own Club and why the absence of the whole Committee? What is it? Is it me? Well, the chance and opportunity for a replacement will come up on the 2nd October at our Annual General Meeting.

I wish the Club well and hope that a working Committee can be established to keep it alive.

Fred Lehrmann – GROUND'S MANAGER.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Well, it's that time of year again where the positions are becoming vacant and nominations have been called for. Due to increasing work commitments I will not be re-standing.

This year we have held a few different activities down at the Clubrooms, including two Trivia nights and a successful Hot Cross Bun drive at Easter.

I have enjoyed my time on the Committee and have learnt a lot about the day to day running requirements of this Club to which we all belong. I have also met a lot more of the Club members through my position as Social Secretary.

Thank you to all the Club members who have assisted me during my time on the Committee. I wish all the best to the incoming Committee for the year 2001/2002.

Fiona Mackey - SOCIAL SECRETARY

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CANTEEN MANAGERS REPORT

Well the last 12 months have been quite busy with learning the ropes of Canteen Manager, running the Canteen at Trials and with the refurbishment and registration of the Canteen.

Most of the year the Canteen made a profit, with the odd month where I needed to stock up where the Canteen made a loss. Overall over the last 12 months the Canteen made a profit of \$1,100.39, including the sausage sizzles.

As this is my last report as Canteen Manager, I'd like to thank everyone that's been involved with the Canteen and for everyone's support over the last 12 months. A big thank you goes to all the volunteers, especially Anne Salaviejus for helping me run the Canteen at times of need, and to the Canteen refurbishment sub-Committee for all their help getting the Canteen to be the way it is today

Wendy McCraw - Canteen Manager

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2001 - COMMENCING 8.00 PM

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

COFFEE BREAK - Guns n Sashes Magazine - July 2001

Four men were bragging about how smart their dogs are. The first man was an engineer, the second man was an accountant, the third man a chemist and the fourth was a Union worker. Too show off, the engineer called to his dog. "PC, do your stuff". PC trotted over to the desktop PC, grabbed the mouse with his mouth and promptly drew a circle, a square and a triangle. Everyone agreed that was pretty smart.

But the accountant said his dog could do better. He called his dog and said, "Tax Break, do your stuff". Tax Break went into the kitchen and returned with a dozen cookies. He divided them into four equal piles of three cookies each. Everyone agreed that was good.

But the chemist said his dog could do better. He called his dog and said, "Measure, do your stuff". Measure got up, walked over to the fridge, took out a quart of milk, got a 10oz glass from the cupboard and poured exactly 8oz, without spilling a drop.

Everyone agreed that was good.

Then the three men turned to the Union worker and said, "what can your dog do?" The Union worker called to his dog and said, "Coffee Break, do your stuff". Coffee Break jumped to his feet, ate the cookies, drank the milk, dumped on the computer keyboard, sexually assaulted the other three dogs, claimed he injured his back while doing so, filed a grievance report for unsafe conditions, put in a Worker's Compensation form and went home on sick leave.

CLUB CALENDAR

2 October	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 8.00 pm
4 October	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
7 October	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
15 October	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm. Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
21 October	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
28 October	Newsletter available
29 October	Trial entries close
1 November	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
	Trial Working Bee – to be advised
	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
	Trial Working Bee – to be advised
	OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIAL - NO TRAINING
	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
	Puppy intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
	Closing date for ALL end of year awards, Trial results and Title
	Medallions. Newsletter available
2 December 4 December 9 December 16 December	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised PROMOTION DAY Last day of training
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10 TIPS FOR DEALING WITH PROBLEM BEHAVIOR

by Suzanne Clothier

Copyright - 2000 Suzanne Clothier. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Flying Dog Press At one time or another, every owner has to deal with problem behaviour. Understanding why your dog does what he does, and how to handle the situation correctly can help resolve problems quickly. Here are some basic guidelines that apply to nearly all problem situations:

Control the dog and you control the situation. By putting on a training collar and lead, you can control the dog. For many dogs, their training equipment means business, not playtime, and this can help in a problem situation. A dog that is on lead cannot run away or chase people or other animals, and his owner has a chance to help him understand what he should do by guiding him with the leash and collar.

Be positive. Instead of saying "NO", try giving your dog something positive that he can do for you, such as "Sit", or "Heel". This positive approach means you can praise generously for his good actions, instead of simply yelling at him. For example, a dog that jumps up can be told to sit, and helped if necessary, then praised for sitting.

Allow a dog to be a dog. Often, what owners consider problem behaviour is simply normal dog behaviour that they find unpleasant or annoying. For example, digging is a natural canine activity but distressing to a garden proud owner. Instead of scolding for what comes naturally, it might be kinder to set up an area in which you have buried small treats to make it more attractive than the rest of the yard, and praising your dog for digging in "his" garden. Whenever natural behaviours conflict with what you might like, be creative and see if you can find an outlet for those interests and activities that is suitable for you both.

Be consistent. It is unfair to the dog to change your rules depending on what you're wearing, who's visiting or the kind of day you've had. If your dog is allowed on the furniture, he will be confused when you yell at him because Aunt Bess is visiting and she doesn't think dogs should sit in chairs! If he's allowed to jump up when you're wearing jeans and a sweatshirt, don't be surprised if he can't tell the difference between that and your best evening gown. Whatever your rules are, keep them consistent.

Have your dog earn what he wants. While everyone needs a few freebies now and then, your dog will not think you are a wonderful owner if you play with him, walk him, feed him and pet him whenever he demands it. In fact, this often creates problems since from the dog's point of view and owner who can be "trained" this well is not one who deserves much respect. Teach your dog to say "please" by sitting, lying down or following some other command before he gets what he wants.

Be clear. Owners often confuse dogs by changing the words or commands, repeating them over and over again without showing the dog what is meant, and worst of all, assuming that the dog understands. When in doubt, gently show your dog physically exactly what you mean, giving the command at the same time so that he can associate the two. Use clear, matter of fact commands when addressing your dog, and be sure that your praising tone is excited, enthusiastic and upbeat.

Remember that while we use words to communicate, dogs are masters of reading body language. If your body language tells the dog one thing, but your voice tells the dog something else, chances are he will believe your body language. This is why people who bend towards their dog and shake a finger at them while scolding "No, no, no" often receive a playful bark - their body posture is much more like a dog inviting play than a dog who is annoyed or angry.

10 Tips for dealing with problem behaviour (continued)

Exercise, exercise! The most common cause of problem behaviour is boredom and a lack of sufficient exercise. While you work or go out, your dog has little or nothing to do, and his need to exercise will not go away. A familiar yard or house is boring, and few dogs exercise on their own without interaction with their owners. Take the time to play with your dog, jog with him, walk in the woods, swim or take long brisk walks each day. A tired dog is always a well-behaved dog!

Provide mental stimulation. Dr. Roger Abrante's suggestions regarding using 1/3 of your dog's diet for treats to be earned during training, 1/3 to be given as usual in a food bowl, and 1/3 to be "hunted" (try a Treat Ball, an ingenious new training aid, which the dog must persistently work with to receive a few kibble at a time). Even a Border Collie will be amused by this for hours! This "home alone" 1/3-1/3 program helps your dog expend some energy and provides much needed stimulation.

Understand your dog's genetic heritage. Whether you own a Doberman or a Beagle, a Samoyed or a Westie, it is important to understand what your dog was bred to do. Owners often forget that the behaviour that prompts a dog to run or stay close, hunt or guard, chase and kill or herd, work with people or work independently are all the result of generations of carefully selected traits. Research your breed's history, and talk to people who understand your breed's characteristics. You may find that Rover's tendencies, while annoying or amusing, are precisely what make him what he is. You can then decide how best to work with your dog's instincts and where you need to concentrate training efforts.

Train your dog. Every dog should have basic manners, but dogs are not born knowing how to behave. Take the time to train your dog on a consistent basis using kind, positive methods. Find a class near you whose methods and philosophies you like. If faced with a behaviour problem you can't solve, ask people you trust for a recommendation of an experienced trainer and get professional help fast. The sooner you begin working on a problem the sooner you will have it solved.

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TO ALL MEMBERS ATTENDING TRIALS

The following changes have been made to the selection of "Obedience Dog of the Year" and "Agility Dog of the Year" Awards. Please read them carefully.

CHANGES TO "OBEDIENCE DOG OF THE YEAR" AWARDS

'that any previous Motions are rescinded and the following procedure adopted for the selection of Obedience Dog of the Year awards.

- 1. That three (3) scores only be submitted, two (2) of which are required to be passes (copies of Pass Card to be supplied), and the third highest score to be verified by the Judge on the day at the Trial.
- 2. The highest total of all three (3) scores will be the winner'.

CHANGES TO "AGILITY DOG OF THE YEAR" AWARD

'that any previous Motions are rescinded and the following point's table be used for the selection of Agility Dog of the Year award.

	AD Level	ADX Level	ADM Level
Pass	4 points	5 points	6 points
First Place	3 points	4 points	5 points
Second Place	2 points	3 points	4 points
Third Place	1 points	2 points	3 points

Dogs do not have to get a pass to obtain placing points, but a pass must be obtained in the award year to win the award'.

CHANGES TO AWARDS AND TROPHY RECIPIENTS

'that all recipients of Club Trialing and Agility Awards/Trophies have to be active Club members and their dog shall have been trained on our grounds under supervision of authorised Club Instructors'.

If you gain a Title, the Secretary or Trial Secretary can give you the appropriate paper work to fill in for the VCA.

All dogs that achieve a Title are entitled to have an $8" \times 10"$ vertical photo on the Clubhouse wall. The Club supplies frames, but there is a \$3.00 charge so your photo can be added to the Photo CD for storage.

For Trial Results to appear in the Newsletter, it is up to YOU to notify the Editor in writing or by phone.

Provision has been made for all Members and their dogs that gain Titles, to place a **HALF PAGE** summary of their feat in the Newsletter. Once again, it is up to the Member to notify the Editor in writing, including a copy of your "Ad".

RECIPE FOR THE "ALMOST PERFECT" DOG

It is reassuring to know that the ingredients for an "almost perfect" dog are available to any responsible dog owner. You can enjoy the wonderful benefits of an "almost perfect" dog. The ingredients are:

1. One clean bill of health. You can help ensure this vital ingredient with current vaccinations and regular veterinary check ups.

2. One proper ID. Make sure your dog has a license and/or ID, (dog tags, tattoo, canine microchip).

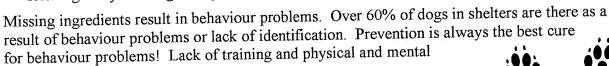
3. One well-nourished, well-exercised dog. Feed your dog as recommended by your veterinarian, trainer or breeder. Exercise your dog as often as

possible.

4. One safe, secure, comfortable environment free from abuse and neglect. If your dog spends much time outdoors, a well-insulated doghouse in a fenced area should be provided. Inside, a crate (dog den) is recommended by most trainers. Start crate training early.

5. A full measure of time. Time spent with your dog should include training flavoured with rewards, correction/positive reinforcement, petting, grooming and exercise such as walking, playing,

fetching and just being with you and your family.



understimulation (boredom) are primary causes of misbehaviour.





FAMOUS DOG QUOTES - sent in by Tara Middleton

- If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise unknown.
- Whoever said you can't buy happiness forgot about puppies – Gene Hill
- In dog years, I'm dead! unknown
- A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance and to turn around three times before lying down – Robert Benchley
- Ever consider what they must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul ... chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth Anne Tyler
- Women and cats will do as they please and men and dogs should relax and get use to the idea – Robert A Heinlein
- There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face Ben Williams

- Cat's motto: no matter what you've done wrong, always try to make it look like the dog did it – Unknown
- Money will buy you a pretty good dog, but it won't buy the wag of his tail – Unknown
- If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you, that is the principal difference between a dog and man Mark Twain
- The average dog is a nicer person than the average person Andrew A Rooney





BACH FLOWERS TO THE RESCUE



Ulrike Wurth B.V.Sc. Dip Ac. Highton/Waurnvale Veterinary Clinic

Rescue Remedy is perhaps the best known of the thirty-eight Bach Flower remedies that cover all human emotions. Rescue Remedy is a calming combination, it can be used for any stressful situation. It contains the following flower essences:-

Star of Bethlehem - for physical, mental or emotional shock

Rock Rose

- for extreme fear, panic and terror

Impatiens

- for impatience and irritability, feeling of guilt and self doubt

Clematis

- dreams of the future and inattention

Cherry Plum

- desperation and fear of own actions

If you think of a time when you were in a particularly stressful situation, you would have experienced some or all of the above feelings.

EDWARD BACH

Edward Bach graduated as a medical practitioner from Birmingham University and completed his medical training at the University College Hospital in London. As a practitioner he cam to realise that the same treatment did not always cure the same disease in all patients. He observed that patients with a similar personality or temperament would often respond to the same remedy, whereas others of a different temperament needed a different treatment, even though their clinical symptoms were the same. He concluded that the personality of the patient was more important than the body in the treatment of disease and that subtle changes in attitude, can alter the feeling of well being.

During his time as a practitioner he developed an interest in homeopathy and admired the work of Samuel Hahnemann, the founder of Homeopathy. He believed, as did Edward, that true healing was to heal the patient and then the disease would heal itself. Between the years of 1930 and 1936 Edward Bach a developed his flower remedies, which are prepared by the sun method, whereby the flowers are placed in water from a clear stream and left standing for several hours in the sun. The water become impregnated with the power of the plant and this is used as the stock solution for subsequent dilution and dispensing to the patient.

USES OF RESCUE REMEDY FOR OUR ANIMALS

Rescue remedy has a place in everyone's first aid kit, either at home or in the car. The recommended dilution is 4 drops to a 25 ml dropper bottle and filled with equal parts of brandy and spring water. Give 4 drops 1-4 times daily depending on the problem. Because we use our Rescue Remedy on open wounds, we just dilute ours with spring water.

Shock

Rescue remedy can be used in shock, when pets have had an accident and are in a lot of pain e.g. car accident, dog fight. Signs of shock are pale mucus membranes, rapid shallow panting with lips drawn back, pulse weak, animal weak and unable to stand, and cold extremities. Giving 4 drops every 2-3 minutes has a calming effect, the respiratory rate slows down, they become more conscious of their surroundings and they relax. While not a substitute for appropriate veterinary treatment it is useful to gain time and help with shock, until more intensive treatment is available. We have also found it to be rapidly effective in treating injured wild birds, as well as dogs, cats, pet birds and pocket pets for shock.

Wounds

Rescue Remedy in a water base can be safely used in wounds or eyes. For a number of years the vets and the nurses in our clinic have used Rescue Remedy to treat wounds on injured animals and also ourselves when we have cuts or scratches from difficult pets. From personal experience, used locally on a wound it relieves pain, reduces swelling and the wounds heal quickly. Although it does not specifically have an antibacterial effect, our wounds have never become infected. For open wounds, flood the area with Rescue Remedy and keep applying once or twice daily until the wound has healed.

Behaviour

Rescue Remedy is often used alone or as a base remedy for the addition of other Bach Flower Essences for behavioural problems such as fear, aggression and lack of concentration. It has been used particularly in animals that overreact to a particular situation e.g. terrified of other puppies in the puppy class, aggression to other animals or show shyness. While it is not a substitute for corrective training, it settles the animal, so that training can take place or the animal becomes more accepting of a particular situation and no longer overreacts to that situation

Rescue Remedy has a rapid action, other Bach Flower remedies take longer, usually 2 - 8 weeks before an effect is observed. The changes are subtle and often the owner is not particularly aware of the changes until a friend points out the changes in their pet. These remedies are very gentle and choosing the wrong one does not cause any unpleasant side effects, it just has no effect. Bach Flower remedies can be used in conjunction with other treatment programs such as conventional medicine, acupuncture, homeopathy, herbal medicine and massage.

Further reading:-

Heal Thyself - Edward Bach
The Medical Discoveries of Edward Bach - Nora Weeks
The Bach Remedies Repertory - Frances Wheeler
Complementary and Alternative Veterinary Medicine - Allan Schoen and Susan Wynn

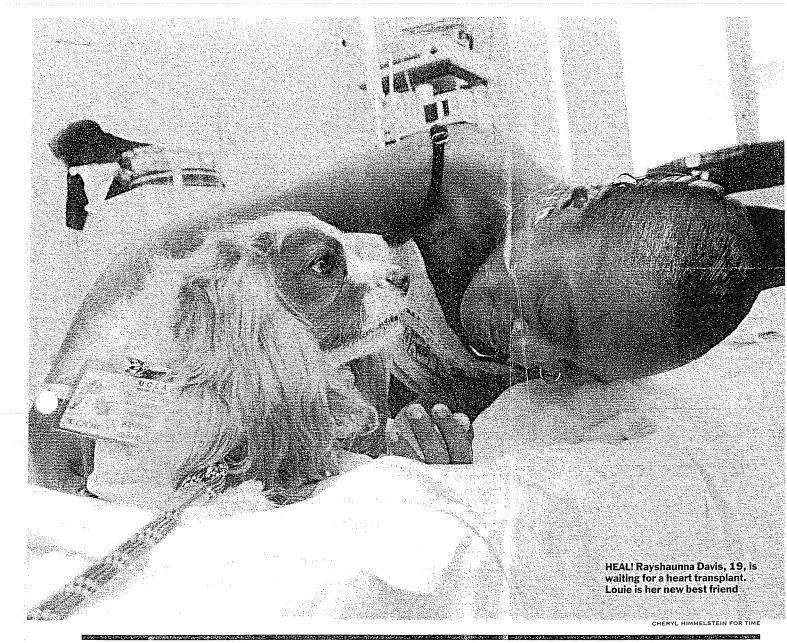
CRYPTIC UNSCRAMBLE

You have to work out what the letters mean. See No. 0 as an example.

According to MENSA, if you get 23 of these, you are a "genius". See how well you can do.

Answers in October's Newsletter

No	CRYPTIC	ANSWER
0	24 H in a D	24 hours in a day
1-	26 L of the A	_
2	7 D of the W	
. 3	7 W of the W	
4.	12 S of the Z	
5	66 B of the B	
6	52 C in a P (WJs)	
7	13 S in the USF	
8	18 H on a G C	
9	39 B of the O.T	
10	5 T on a F	
11	90 D in a R A	
12	3 BM(SHTR)	
13	32 is the T in D F at which W F	
14	15 P in a R T	· ·
15	3 W on a T	
16	100 C in a R	
17	11 P in a F (S) T	
18	12 M in a Y	
19	13 = U for S	
20	8 T on an O	
21	29 D in F in a L Y	
22	27 B in the N T	
23	365 D in a Y	
24	13 L in a B D	
25	52 W in a Y	
26	9 L of a C	
27	60 M in a H	
28	23 P of C in the H B	
29	64 S on a C B	
30	9 P in S A	
31	6 B to an O in C	
32	1000 Y in a M	
33	15 M on a D M C	



MEDICINE

GANINE CANDY STRIPERS

Dogs in hospitals are treating human patients with succor, creature comfort and unconditional love

By MARGOT ROOSEVELT LOS ANGELES

HE 65-YEAR-OLD PATIENT, HOSPITALized for quadruple-bypass surgery, had not moved or opened her eyes in days. Her relatives, grim-faced, stood around the bed. "They thought they had lost her," recalls Betty Walsh, a volunteer in the intensive-care unit at the UCLA Medical Center.

Then Walsh ushered in Kolya, a 65kg

shaggy white Great Pyrenees, who climbed right up onto the woman's bed and snuggled against her body. Five minutes passed in silence. Then the woman's hand moved slowly toward the dog. She began to stroke his soft, thick coat. Another five minutes passed. The woman smiled and murmured, "So lovely ..." "For half an hour she kept petting him and calling him 'my friend,'" says Walsh. "The whole time, I watched the blood-

pressure monitor go down, down, down."

Kolya is not the only therapist making the rounds of the vast hospital complex at UCLA. There's also a poodle named Platinum, a pug named Egor and a greyhound named Aladdin—not to mention the eight golden retrievers, four black Labs, two German shepherds and several mutts. Canine candy-striping—which in the U.S. began in the 1980s as just another recreational activity for patients, like clown visits to children's hospitals or barbershop-quartet appearances at nursing homes—has evolved into an important component of modern patient care.

SCENT GAMES - by John Rice & Suzanne Clothier

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Long before you pull out the tracking flags, dust off the utility articles or decide that your dog needs to learn how to use his nose, he's busy using his nose to explore his world. The sense of smell is functional at birth, and from the moment he's born, your dog lives in a world rich with scents. All you need to do is teach the dog specifically how you want him to use his astonishing olfactory powers. The easiest way to accomplish this is through games. The *Scent Work Games* presented below are suitable for any breed at any age from 6 weeks on, but we recommend strongly that these games be a regular part of your puppy's development. All of these games stress reliance on his nose, not his eyesight.

To avoid confusing your dog, we recommend you choose one word which indicates food or dog toys (we use "SEEK"), and a completely different word for objects with human scent or people themselves (we use "FIND IT"). In this fashion, the dog is always clear about WHAT he's looking for with his nose and will not confuse food scents with human scent. One of the most common problems with using food to teach scent discrimination or tracking is that you must ultimately teach the dog that the food is not what you really meant at all!



WHICH HAND? This is the simplest of all games. With food or a toy in only one hand, present both closed hands to the dog. Ask him, "Which one?" You may improve upon this game by insisting he touch with a paw or scratch lightly at the correct hand before receiving his treat, or simply have his nose bump your hand. If he gets it wrong, show him the correct hand but DO NOT give the treat! Just try again. Add lots of dramatic flair to this - dogs love a good show.

<u>LIGHTS OUT</u> This one is great fun for the dog. Show your dog a treat (preferably crunchy) or his favourite toy, and then place it out of his sight but easily accessible in a dark room. Tell him to SEEK - follow him in to listen for his success, which you will praise enthusiastically. Obviously, the rewards for the dog are multiple - he gets a treat or finds his toy plus a very happy handler. If using a toy, be sure to reward his find with some play before starting again.

When multiple treats or toys are used, this particular game helps to build persistence and trust in the handler. The dog may initially find only 2 out of 3 treats, but he quickly discovers that persistence in searching when you give the SEEK command pays off. He learns to believe you - there really is another one there!

You can increase the difficulty of LIGHTS OUT by hiding the cookies in less accessible places (like in a shoe, or placed on a low shelf.) This can be practiced outdoors as well as in your car, or a parking lot or anywhere else!

HIDE & SEEK This is a doggy favourite best played at night or in a darkened house initially. Partially open closets are great (closed closets may not allow sufficient scent to escape), as are shower stalls/tubs with the curtain drawn, standing behind an open door, crouching behind a bush, standing very still near a tree (dogs, like all predators, distinguish movement much better than stationary objects) or sitting on a picnic table or laying across your car's trunk, or wherever!

To add to the dog's eagerness (or in the event that you are unable to sneak away or can't leave the dog), have someone hold the dog. They should be verbally exciting to the dog, asking, "Where did she go? What if she gets lost? Can you FIND her?" and release the dog with a FIND IT command. Give the dog a chance to work it out, but if he passes you more than twice, give him a "clue" by making a noise AFTER he's passed you the third time. A good clue is a distinctive but brief sound, such as clearing

Scent Games (continued)

your throat or a short whistle that does not allow the dog to find you by using his hearing, but helps him target the general area you are in for further investigation with his nose. However the dog finds you, tons of praise is to be heaped upon his head, and of course a treat or two never hurts. Toy motivated dogs will delight in a game of fetch or tugging as a reward.

As the dog gets more skilled at HIDE & SEEK, you can increase the difficulty of the game by throwing a blanket or tarp over yourself, not moving until the dog actually touches you, or even hiding in an area that the dog can smell you, see you (or part of you) but cannot get to you. This is useful for teaching a scratch or bark alert if desired (commonly used in drug work/search and rescue training). ALWAYS praise the dog generously for his brilliance.

WHAT A KLUTZ This game allows you to show the dog how important his nose is to you. Dogs like to feel useful, and this particular game helps boost a dog's confidence and self-importance. As you are walking, discreetly drop an object you have been carrying or held in your pocket. Continue walking for 10-15 steps, then stop as if mildly concerned, patting your pockets and looking around. Here's your chance to really put on a performance! Ask the dog, "Where is it? Can you help? Can you FIND IT?"

Begin walking back towards the spot where you dropped the article, encouraging the dog to sniff the ground by pointing and telling him to FIND IT. As you get closer to the object, give the dog a little room so that he can find it all by himself. If he needs help, try a subtle kick of the object (after all, you are the klutz who dropped it - why not go ahead and trip over it too?) to bring it to his attention while you pretend not to notice. Once the dog indicates the article, make a huge fuss over this genius, who has saved you from dropping an old glove!

Vary the type of article you use, and be sure to include metal objects such as car keys, a crumpled soda can, even a ring or bracelet you have worn. Obviously, be careful when you drop these and be sure you can find them again! Don't use valuable items - just facsimiles. Your dog's ability and willingness to work on metal objects will be helpful in the Utility ring, but more importantly, this skill could come in very handy some day should you lose your car keys. **NOTE**: Metal/hard objects do not hold scent as well as fabric or leather. This does not mean that your dog can't find them, just that his reaction may be different and he will probably have to work closer to the object before locating it.

The difficulty of WHAT A KLUTZ can be increased by longer periods of time between the drop and the search, having the object thrown to the side or even off the path you are travelling, and multiple object drops. Especially fun are surprise set-ups where you plant an object along a path before taking the dog that way. You may point out the object to the dog with a question of "What's that?" and praise him for investigating, or walk past it and then send him back with a FIND IT command. This is a great preparation for tracking dogs, who must learn to indicate on found items. A final twist for tracking prospects is the addition of objects dropped by people other than you. Be warned - this can be so much fun for the dog that he'll gladly show you all the neat trash dropped by other folks along the street, in

the rest areas, etc.! John has been shown some unusual objects by his dogs while simply out walking.

3-2-1-FIND IT Use a favourite toy or even just a stick that you come across in the woods. After a few moments of playing with object, hold the dog as you throw the object into grass, brush, woods thick enough to lightly disguise the object. The dog may see and "mark" the fall of the object, but as the difficulty of the game increases, this will only help him define the area he needs to search. Once the object has landed and stopped moving, count to 3 before releasing the dog to "FIND IT." You may gradually increase the time before releasing the dog, and of course, the heaviness of the cover (one good reason to avoid mowing your lawn regularly!)

Scent Games (continued)

THINGS THAT GET LOST IN THE NIGHT Using the same rules as 3-2-1-Find It, this game relies on the natural cover of darkness to encourage the dog to use his nose. Instead of marking the fall with his eyes, your dog may listen carefully. Once again, this only helps the dog narrow the area he will have to search. This can be played inside (throwing the object into a dark closet, corner or room) or outside. When beginning this game, don't get too enthusiastic and throw the toy very far. The point of all these games is success, not frustration for the dog. Also, be sure YOU know where the heck it landed in case the dog needs some help.

ONE & ONLY This is a more advanced scent game, but extremely useful to teach the dog the concept that only one object is desired from a group of similar objects. I normally start this with tennis balls (my dogs' favourites). Play with the dog for several minutes with the One & Only object you'll want the dog to find. This allows your scent (as well as lots of good dog spit) to thoroughly cover the object. Then move off to an area where you have planted several similar objects. Throw the One & Only into that area, using a 3-2-1-Find It technique. If the dog picks up an incorrect object, say nothing as you take it and put it down or pocket it, but with enthusiasm, give the FIND IT command again, leading the dog back to the general area to be searched if needed. Obviously, when the dog gets it right, reward this with a minute or two of play before repeating ONE & ONLY again. This can be combined with the more difficult levels of 3-2-1-FIND IT for really advanced discrimination by the dog.

Once your dog has mastered these games, any formal scent discrimination exercise becomes a snap for that educated nose. Furthermore, you have learned to understand just how powerfully discriminating a dog's nose can be, and to trust that when it comes to working in a world of scent, your best bet is to follow the guy who knows what he's doing - your dog.

When I live with my kids - Author Unknown

When I'm an old lady, I'll live with my kids, and make them so happy, just as they did. I want to pay back all the joy they've provided, returning each deed. Oh, they'll be so excited. (When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)!

I'll write on the wall with reds, whites, and blues,

and bounce on the furniture wearing my shoes. I'll drink from the carton and then leave it out, I'll stuff all the toilets, and oh, how they'll shout.

(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids.)

When they're on the phone and just out of reach,

I'll get into things like sugar and bleach, Oh, they'll snap their fingers and then shake their head.

and when that is done I'll hide under the bed, (When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)!

When they cook dinner and call me to meals, I'll not eat my green beans or salads congealed.

I'll gag on my okra, spill milk on the table and when they get angry, run as fast as I'm able. (When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)!

I'll sit close to the TV, thru the channels I'll click,

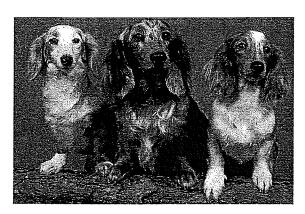
I'll cross both my eyes to see if they stick.
I'll take off my socks and throw one away,
and play in the mud until the end of the day;
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)!

And later in bed, I'll lay back and sigh, and thank God in prayer and then close my eyes and my kids will look down with a smile slowly creeping and say with a groan, "She's so sweet when she's sleeping" (When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)!



DOG BREEDS FROM A TO Z

Dachshund



This is a good-natured dog with uncommon proportions. With its stubby legs and long body, this breed is courageous when hunting, and affectionate as a companion dog.

Dachshund-like dogs were depicted in ancient Egyptian temples and tombs and in early Mexican carvings, and possibly existed in South America hundreds of years before Europeans arrived. The modern-shaped Dachshund possibly developed from the French Basset Hound, along with the Dachsbracke. It was known in Germany in the early 1700s and Queen Victoria mentions her "dash" in her 1833 diary. Dachshunds were used in Germany as fox and badger dogs,

and were renowned for their fearless pursuit of prey into the animal's lair to drag it out.

Their penetrating bark could be heard above the ground by the waiting hunters, who would often be able to dig down to the dog and game. Many a zealous Dachshund would pursue game until it became wedged inside the lair.

Kennel Clubs now recognize six breeds of Dachshund; three of standard size named according to their coats - the Smooth-haired, the Long-haired, and the Wire-haired - and miniature versions of the three standard sizes.

A long body on short legs best describes the shape of the Dachshunds, both in standard and miniature sizes. The short legs are due to a congenital defect that causes shortening of the bones in the legs. Height: although not specified, usually 8 in (20 cm) in the standard and 6 in (15 cm) in the miniature. Weight: in the standard: 25 lb (11 kg) for dogs and 23 lb (10 kg) for the bitches; the miniature: 11 lb (5 kg) for both dog and bitch.

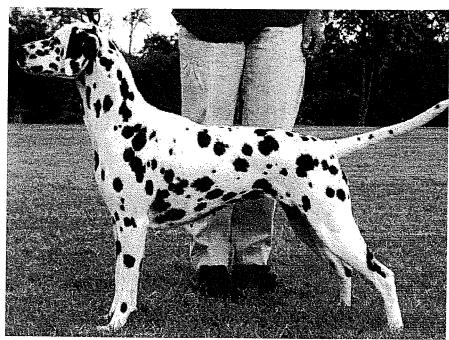
The head is long and tapers to a long, narrow muzzle. The nose is black or brown, depending on the coat color. The skull is slightly arched with no prominent stop, and the jaw is well-developed with a scissor bite. The eyes are almond-shaped, with colors varying from reddish brown to dark brown. The ears are set high, moderately long, flat and rounded at the tips, and drop close to the cheeks. The body of the Dachshund displays a prominent sternum and broad thorax, and the loin is short and slightly arched. The belly is tucked up and the tail is set high, not curved, 1 carried level with the back.

The coat of the smooth-haired breed is dense, short, and smooth. The long-haired coat has silky, soft, straight hair with a slight wave at times, and abundant feathering behind the legs and on the tail. The wire-haired coat is short and rough, with a distribution of fine, shorter hairs among the coarse hairs. Coat colors of the Dachshund can be whole colors or a mix of two from red, black, tan, silver, blue or brown. They can be brindled, tiger-marked, or dappled.

Although now they usually act as companion animals, these small to medium-sized dogs have a tenacious spirit carried on from their past hunting days. Having a strong sense of territory and an alert nature, Dachshunds make excellent watch-dogs. It is advisable to teach them about the sounds you consider important while they are still young. This early training will make the most of their sometimes enthusiastic barking, and give it direction and purpose.

Dachshunds are very sociable and get along very well with most other dogs. To allow them to fully develop their potential for friendliness, wise owners with single dogs will allow them to socialize as puppies. Dachshunds make excellent companion animals. However, if they are playing vigorous games with larger children, care should be taken not to injure their long backs. Although short-legged, Dachshunds do greatly benefit from regular exercise.

Dalmatian



disturbing the horse.

This is a favorite companion dog which is intelligent and loves children. Popularized by 101 Dalmatians, the 1959 Walt Disney film, this breed has a long history of popularity from the 1700s, both with royalty and as a hunter. The Dalmatian has at various times been a sled dog, herd dog, and guard dog.

The Dalmatian's history is difficult to trace; it was possibly taken to the Dalmatia region of Yugoslavia by gypsies from India or the Middle East. Early pictorial depictions, in prints of the 1600s, show Dalmatians as guard dogs for coaches. They are shown either perched on top of the carriages or running alongside or between the horses, skilfully avoiding the hooves and without

The Dalmatian was seen as the height of carriage accessory fashion in Britain and France in the nineteenth century. More recently in Britain and America, the Dalmatian has been a firefighter's helper to seek out trapped and injured people. The Dalmatian is strong enough to carry an injured person, and has a keen intelligence to seek out a safe route through a burning building.

A good-sized dog. Height: 22 - 24 in (56 - 61 cm) for the dog and 21 - 23 in (53.3 - 58.4 cm) for the bitch. Weight: 49 - 55 lb (22 - 25 kg). The body is strong and muscular, with shoulders laid back and chest not too broad, but deep and ample. Ribs are well-sprung and the loin is lean, strong, muscular, and slightly arched. The tail is thick, tapering at the tip and slightly curved.

The coat is dense, short, hard and fine. It is also smooth and shiny. The color is white with well-defined black or liver markings. Pups are born all white and develop pigmentation and spots from two weeks old; their coat markings are fully developed by about one year old.

The Dalmatian seems to gain its confidence from its size. This large dog usually has a gentle nature, and therefore gets along exceedingly well with children. Care should be taken that the young and boisterous Dalmatian does not accidentally bowl over small children during play. Otherwise, Dalmatians make great family companions.

The Dalmatian is an intelligent and alert dog, and makes a good watch-dog. Its deep purposeful bark provides a good deterrent to would be intruders. Normally, Dalmatians do not become too bossy with people, but it is still wise to be assertive towards them, particularly when they are young. These energetic dogs must be given plenty of physical exercise and mental stimulation. Bored dogs can become destructive. If the family are working in the garden on the weekend the young dog may continue with its own ideas of digging when they have gone to work the next day. Once they are over their very energetic "adolescence," Dalmatians mature into excellent family dogs. They become very loyal and delight in protecting their family.





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"Caden"



First we went to Keilor – me for the Trial, "Caden" for the social experience. Next came Broadmeadows – disaster! He still swears there WAS a body in the river.

The German Shepherd Dog Club Trial at Ballarat followed. We were sitting on a pass until the "groups". Our "social butterfly" just had to mingle, didn't he!! Geelong came next – home ground! We just had to crack it. Yes! One down, two to go.

Bendigo was our next success thanks to that touch of luck we all need at times. The Hungarian Vizula moved before "Caden" did!

Janelle kindly guided us to Moorabbin where on a perfect spring day the boy came through for pass number three.

Trialing!!!! Is it character building or soul destroying?

Thank you to all the folk who helped. Leonie, for allowing me to drift in and out of her Trial Class. Fred, for putting me through the routine whenever he could. Pat, for being there so that I could take time out to train and especially Angie, supplier of strange dogs, odd training grounds and infinite patience.

Val Moeller

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A DOG'S TEN COMMANDMENTS

Thou Shall Not -

- 1. Blame all bad smells on me
- 2. Give me the same scraps twice
- 3. Teach an old dog new tricks
- 4. Walk me where there are no trees
- 5. Buy a cat with sharp claws
- 6. Lock me in when the postman comes
- 7. Let the Vet take my temperature
- 8. Kick me off my favourite furniture
- 9. Leave me home alone and outside
- 10. Thou shalt obey the above or I will dig up your garden.

WEEKEND TASK FOR THE HANDYPERSON - DOG'S BED

Mainly suitable for small and medium dogs Reprinted courtesy of Tonia Todman, "Healthy, Wealthy and Wise"

Dogs and cats have a habit of finding various places, such as the good lounge suite, to doze off and get away with it. However, we all know it is best for our pampered pets to have a specific bed which is designed with their comfort and health in mind. As Tonia Todman showed, it is remarkably easy to build a bed that does just that.

The Frame:

By using PVC plumpers' pipe, you can build a bed that keeps your pet warm, dry and off the ground. The pipe, together with the variety of fittings, can be bought from any plumbing supply shop.

Cut 4 main frame pieces (the length is up to you), 8 leg pieces approximately 12cm long and 8 connecting pieces which are 3cm long. These can all be cut with a fret saw, then using a steel brush smooth the cut ends. As for the fittings, you'll need 4 "L" shaped corner pieces and 8 "T" shaped leg holders.

Begin constructing the frame by inserting the small connecting pieces into the "L" corners which will in turn allow the "T" pieces to connect to the corners. (Diagram 1). Next insert the 8 leg pieces vertically into the "T" pieces. Then set all your corners upside down on a large surface (the legs pointing skyward) and insert the four main pieces to complete the frame.

If your pet is considered large and heavy, you simply reinforce the frame with extra piping and fittings. You will require 8 extra of both the leg pieces and connecting pieces and also buy 8 extra "T" shaped leg holders. Attach the extra connecting and "T" pieces to the original "T" piece and you will have 4 legs on each side of the bed, making 16 in total. (Diagram 2)

The Fabric Bed:

Jnder the complete and still upside down frame, place a arge piece of paper to draw and cut the bed pattern. Diagram 3). The pipe casing which covers the main upport pieces equals the circumference of the pipe, plus 1cm to accommodate for the slack.

Conia chose a strong cotton corduroy fabric which has no tretch to it and then cut out 2 pieces of fabric from around he paper design. Stitch them together inside out, making ture to leave an opening to turn out the right way, then titch it closed.

'old over and stitch the pipe casing. Tonia also suggests op stitching the diagonal edges to give extra strength to the ed. (Diagram 4).

'ull apart the main support pieces of the frame and slide hem into the pipe casing of the material. Finally eassemble the frame. Then it is a matter of training your log to sleep there and only there. (Diagram 5).

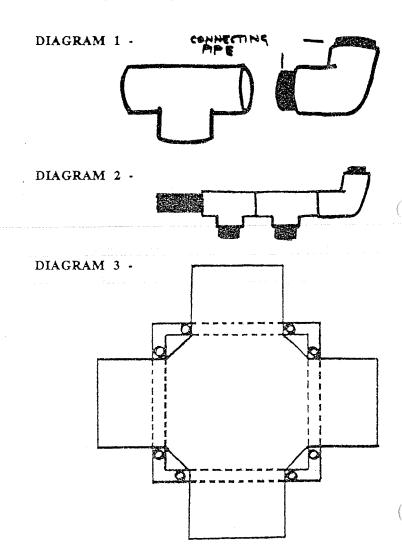


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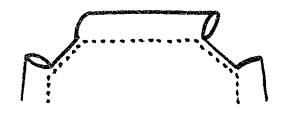
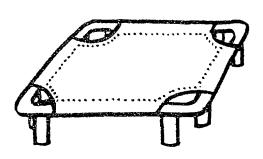


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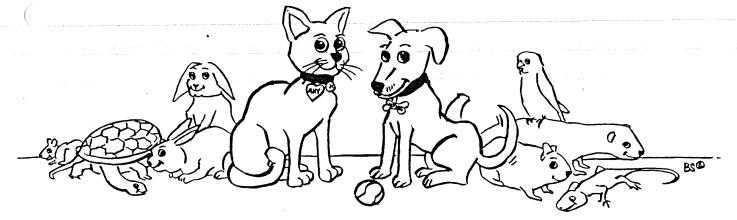
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Brenna left us on August 15th.

Her contribution to the Club was a Novice Title gained in three Trials in the space of a fortnight in 1991.

She then took early retirement and took up a career as "house-bitch" and mother. Two of her sons have had successful Trialing careers at the Club.

Her great purpose in life was to take care of hearth, home and family, which she did with great devotion. She is sadly missed.

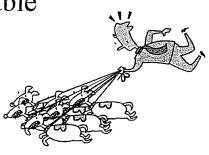
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Meeting opened: 8.00pm

Apologies: J Harrison, J Wong, S Fletcher, B Lawrence, F Mackey

Acc: B Mackey

Seconded: D Dickeson

Carried

Minutes from the previous General Meeting as distributed in the Newsletter, taken as read Acc: C Humphreys Seconded: J Convery Carried

Business arising from the Minutes:

1. Recommendation from Committee Meeting 26 June 2001

'that the Joining Fee for Single and Family increase to \$50.00 and that the Joining Fee for Pensioner Single and Family increase to \$30.00 effective from 1 January 2002'.

After a brief discussion J Convery moved 'that the Committee recommendation be adopted' Seconded: A Thorogood Carried

Correspondence Out: VCA agenda items,

Correspondence In: VCA President's & Secretary's agenda, Barwon Health Gala Board,

Business arising from Correspondence:

- 1. VCA agenda items the Club's position on the various agenda items for the President's and Secretary's Conference was discussed
- 2. Gala Board donation A Mackey moved 'that the Club donate \$100.00 to the Gala Board' Seconded: B Mackey Carried

Treasurer's Report: A Mackey read written report. Report attached to the Minutes Book

Other Reports:

Bar Manager: G McCraw read written report. Report attached to Minutes Book

Canteen Manager: W McCraw read written report. Report attached to Minutes Book

Display Team Leader: Nothing has been heard from Bannockburn Football Club. Shirley Fletcher and Wendy McCraw have joined Display Team

Ground's Manager: F Lehrmann read written report. Report attached to Minutes Book

Hall Manager: B Thorogood thanked all members for their help with the Trial, particularly those who scrubbed all the orange chairs.

Raffle Steward: J Wallace reported that the Coralyn Special Effort Raffle had raised \$96.00 and the Trial Raffle raised \$143.95.

Shop Manager: P Convery said, on behalf of the Shop Manager, that the Shop hours would changed to 10.00 am to 11.00 am until further notice.

Social Secretary: A Mackey said, on behalf of the Social Secretary, that the Ten Pin Bowling night set for Friday 10 August had been cancelled due to lack of interest.

Training Supervisor: D Dickeson read written report. Report attached to Minutes Book

Trial Secretary: J Convery read written report. Report attached to Minutes Book

Acc: D Dickeson

Seconded: W McCraw

Carried

General Business:

Nil

As there was no further business

Meeting closed at: 8.30 pm

