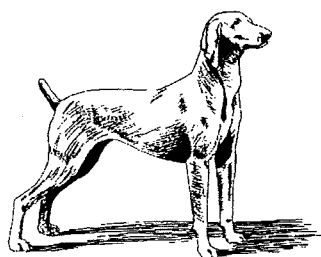
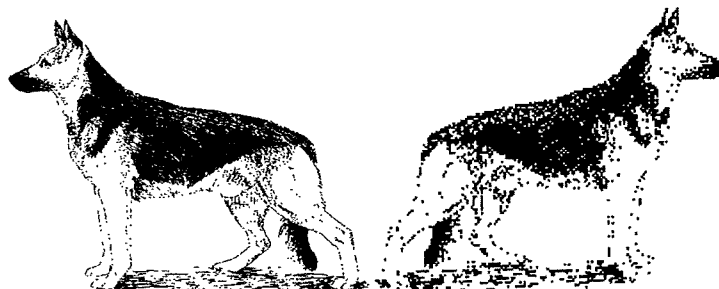
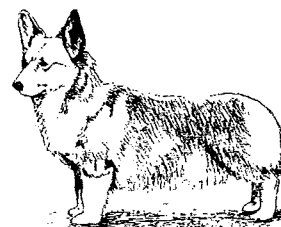
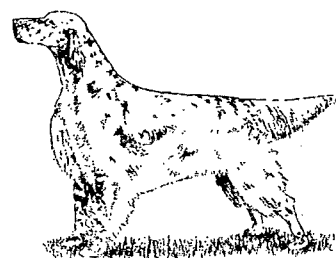
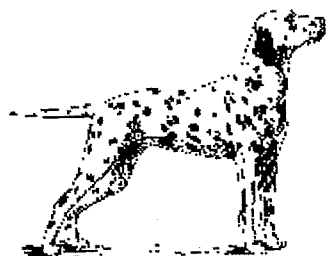


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## REPORTS FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - OUTGOING COMMITTEE AND NON-COMMITTEE

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, it certainly is hard to believe that this Committee year has gone by so quickly, it is hard to believe that we at the AGM tonight. I am having trouble trying to think what I want to write in my report. (Thank heavens for computers, where you can quickly delete something if it doesn't look right).

I am not going to go into a big report, as each department will give their view and I am sure have their say, so I will keep my report brief. The year on a whole has been very hectic, however, a good type of hectic. We started off our Committee year one member short, which meant that we had to band together and give support where needed. After a few months into the Committee year we lost our Treasurer due to commitments, which meant we had to find another member to carry out the duties.

On talking with members the other week, I was told of a conversation they had with a member. I found this conversation to be quite amusing really. The member said something about the departure of most of the Committee to be political. I can assure you that this is not the case. The reason that so many of us have not renominated is that we are all tired as we have served on the Committee for 2 or more years and would love a rest, this is not just our Club, but each and every member's and I feel that it is time that some other members put their hand up for a change, instead of the same few all the time.

Now to the thank you's, I would like to thank the outgoing Committee for all your work this past 12 months, all your efforts have been appreciated. It has been great working with you all. To the new Committee, I wish you success and offer this advice. You are not in the positions for prestige, but to work and work as a team. I class being on Committee an honour and something to be proud of. This is a great Club as we have much to offer, ie Puppy Kinder, Trialing, Flyball and Agility to name a few, let's aim to keep striving for excellence in our areas of the dog world.

**Leonie Kelleher – President**

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Our membership for 2000/2001 reached an all time high of 644 members although the Puppy Kinder handlers being registered as members and only a small percentage considering it necessary to move through to Puppy Class influenced this number. The changes to the enrolment for Puppy Kinder will reduce the numbers by approximately 80-100, which brings the membership numbers back into line with previous years.

Once again, we lost just over half our membership at renewal time, when some members find that getting up early on a Sunday morning isn't as appealing as first thought or that the work expected of them to achieve their goals is their responsibility and just doesn't fit into their lifestyles.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the Committee members I have worked with over the past five and a half years. We have had quite a few laughs and the odd disagreement, but the end result has been a very enjoyable time and a major learning curve in my life, using skills that may have otherwise remained in retirement.

My best wishes to Arthur Thorogood and his incoming Committee and I wish the Club every success for the future. The possibilities for this Club to advance as a force within the community and in the Trialing world are endless and I'm sure the new Committee will have the support of all members in their future endeavours.

**Pam Convery – Secretary**

## REPORTS FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - OUTGOING COMMITTEE AND NON-COMMITTEE

### **TRIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The close of 2000 was relatively quiet for me as the last Trial for 2000 was held in September instead of November, but then flooding forced the cancellation of our back-to-back Agility Trial in May. Unfortunately, the grounds and possible alternative grounds were in a condition considered unsafe for Agility and our newly painted Agility equipment ended up a muddy shade of grey. So, two nights were spent on the phone calling all competitors, cancelling the Trial and reorganising entry fees, etc.

May also saw the Spirit of the West Challenge held at our Club and the Shield remaining here instead of travelling down the highway to Werribee. The day was very successful with a large entry from our Club and everyone enjoying the experience of fun and competition.

Our Open Obedience Trial in July was very well supported and once again our grounds and facilities were the envy of many of the members from other Club's that attended. Pal sponsored this Trial and they supplied us with more than ample product to provide as raffles and prizes.

I would like to thank all Committee members and general members who have assisted in making our Trials so successful and wish the incoming Committee every success for the future.

**Janelle Convery – Trial Secretary**

### **GROUND'S MANAGERS REPORT**

After the troublesome last 2 Summer periods, which restricted the automatic sprinklers to certain hours and daily checks between 6-8 am and 8-10 pm were needed in case of breakdowns that needed fixing, I proposed the upgrading of the system. I am happy to report that "Project Sprinkler" has now been completed with all 64 heads renewed and a major break in the pipe fixed. Due to the extra time taken, it is now too late to tackle the other major project I had in mind together with City Council. And that was to establish a new plantation of trees and shrubs on the west and south side to replace the ailing and dying bushes there now. This will have to be looked at for next year – as much as the flooding permitted. I was able to present the grounds to the members in a condition equal, if not better to other venues. I hope that the Council will also now look at the Creek dilemma, which would ease the flood nuisance.

Last week the whole ground was cut and trimmed. I thank Meinhard for spending the 2 days helping me in this, also I thank John Consedine for his help and work in giving us better lighting for the assembly area, the dog boxes and the external toilet entrance corner. These two members were my main backup crew; I thank you both once again.

I have also replaced the missing palings at the ground's exit gate and renewed the warning signs for the drains, the signs for the toilets, sold the cans and emptied the store rubbish bins. I have also refilled the sawdust bin for the poo buckets.

Everything is virtually in Trial condition, ready for the new Committee, Grounds Manager to take over. I shall not stand for this Committee. My decision has nothing to do with the small number of helpers in the floods or working bees, which I actually view as a good chance missed to get together and form friendships and bonds between members. It stems from a disappointment early in the year, which I voiced in my report in the February issue of our Club magazine and recent developments. I hope that one day the situation will change again. Thanks to all who have helped me

**Fred Lehrmann – Ground's Manager**

## REPORTS FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - OUTGOING COMMITTEE AND NON-COMMITTEE

### HALL MANAGER'S REPORT

As this is my last report for the year, I would like to thank the Committee and members for their help and support throughout the year, in helping the Club after the floods and also at the working bees prior to the Trials and also on Trial days. I have enjoyed my year in the job and hope the Club goes on to have many more successful years. Thanking you all.

**Barbara Thorogood – Hall Manager**

### PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT

The main advertising for activities of the Obedience Club has been via the Community Education Supplement of the Geelong Advertiser and pamphlet drops at pet food outlets and veterinary practices. Approximately 3,500 pamphlets have been distributed to these locations in the last 12 months. In particular, the pamphlets at the Veterinary Practices have been the most effective way of informing potential members of the training programs and requirements of our Club

The Club has also been visible to the public at events like the Geelong Gala procession & the Show, etc.

**Brian Voysey – Publicity Officer**

### SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members for the chance to work in this position.

Over the previous 12 months there have been a number of social events – the Christmas Party & break up, Trivia nights and the Hot Cross Bun drive.

I would like to take a moment to wish the incoming Committee all the best.

**Fiona Mackey – Social Secretary**

### DISPLAY TEAM LEADER'S REPORT

We have gained 2 new members this year – Wendy McCraw & “TJ” and Shirley Fletcher & “Tina” and have tried a couple of new routines to show when we put on a display

Recently we went to Bannockburn to display at a sheep dog Trial competition. We received a \$10.00 gift voucher for the Club, which offset the lack of an audience and also the total lack of encouragement from fellow dog people!

I think we have a couple of outings coming up so more practice team.

Thank you to all team members

**Desma Dickeson – Display Team Leader**

### RAFFLE STEWARD'S REPORT

Five raffles were held during the period – Ticket sales totalled - \$394.00. Expenditure for prizes - \$109.85. Realising a profit of \$284.20.

Many thanks to all who have donated prizes and also to members for their continued support in buying tickets, as all monies raised benefit the Club.

**John Wallace – Raffle Steward**

## REPORTS FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - OUTGOING COMMITTEE AND NON-COMMITTEE

### **SHOP MANAGER'S REPORT**

As Shop Manager, I would firstly like to thank everyone at the Club for their support and help over the last 12 months.

The shop continues to do well in the training necessities that we all need and added to the usuals, we now have vests and sweaters in club colours and logo.

I take this opportunity to thank you again and wish the person who takes on the job of Shop Manager all the best, as due to work commitments, I am unable to continue in the position.

**Karen Hinkley – Shop Manager**

### **TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Another pretty hard year as I'm sure most of the Instructors will agree, with most of us still taking 2 Classes every week, while our dogs pay the price. Perhaps other Club members need to realise we all have dogs and joined the Club to train and enjoy our canine companion.

We have gained 2 new Instructors recently – Shirley Fletcher and Naomi Greaves and we also have a couple of trainees, which does help, but we still desperately need other members to consider making the commitment to become an Instructor – we do give you lots of assistance to learn how!

Puppy Kinder rolls on each month – lots of fun and learning by both owner and puppy – thank you Kath and Kim for your help. We do have a puppy play pen, but since it was completed recently, the grounds flooded – now that it's drying out I hope people will let their pups enjoy safe off lead socialisation in this fenced area.

Induction has been reintroduced – it is held on the first day of training each month – dogs do not attend on this day. The first one was held in September and seemed to go well. There are also new check-in times for testing days in order to prevent disruptions to the classes by late arrivals – this was in place for the last Promotion Day. Huge thanks must go to the members of Committee who supported me – particularly, those who aided and abetted me on testing days and also to the Instructors who work tirelessly week after week and my able assistants. Thank you all.

**Desma Dickeson – Training Supervisor**

### **RAFFLE STEWARD'S REPORT**

Since the 8<sup>th</sup> July, five more raffles have been held and once again thanks must go to generous businesses and members for donations and support as a total of \$329.35 profit has been made. Depending on the Club Calendar, raffles will continue to be held on a fortnightly basis.

**John Wallace – Raffle Steward**

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## TRIAL RESULTS

**ALTONA – SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER**

**Beryl Jackson & “Kelly”**

**Novice**

**1<sup>st</sup> Pass**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place**

**Highest scoring Geelong member**

## 2001/2002 REPORTS

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, this is my first report for the next twelve months and firstly I would like to welcome all new members and hope you have a great time at the Club while you train your dogs.

After the Annual General Meeting we now have a full Committee to work for the Club for the next year. The majority of these people are young and new to their jobs and I am asking you to go out of your way to help and assist them.

We have a Trial coming up in a few weeks and our Trial Secretary and Ground's Manager are going to need help with their positions, as both are new to these jobs. Please be available to help these people, as Stewards or at the working bees to be announced. Help will also be required in the Canteen and I look forward to seeing a good turn out around

I thank the members who have already offered to assist our Office Bearers and hope more will come forward in the next few months to make the next twelve months an enjoyable time for everyone.

Good luck with your training

**Arthur Thorogood – President 2001/2002**

### TRIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hello everyone. As a result of the annual General Meeting on 2/10/01 we now have a new Committee for 2001/2002. There are many new faces this year and I look forward to working with you all. I would also like to thank the out-going Committee members for their hard work, knowing that many of you faithfully held your positions for a number of years.

This is the first time that I have attempted such a task and I have a lot of learning to do with the help of previous Committee members.

The project at this time of year is the Open Obedience Trial on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2001. Your help would be greatly appreciated at either of the Working Bees on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November or on the day of the Trial. So if you haven't already returned your "We need your help at our Trial" forms and can spare an hour or two please complete the form and return it by the 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Good luck to all of our members who have entered the Trial.

**Linda Hunter – Trial Secretary**

### SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi, my name is Yvette Swan and I have taken on the role of Social Secretary for the coming year. I have had two Shepherds train with this wonderful Club and my new puppy has started too. It just amazes me the dedication of these Instructors and Club personnel who rain, hail or shine give up their Sundays to educate us, help us train and achieve our goals in dog obedience. So I feel as though I need to give thanks for all my dogs and I have learnt, by helping the Club and its team of people. We all know the excitement our dogs demonstrate when we pull into the grounds!

Over the year there will be many fundraisers. Please don't feel that you need to participate in all, just pick and choose. But **do please** show your family and friends what we are offering. This fundraising is a bonus and it will benefit us all.

We will have a book fundraiser happening shortly. A catalogue is being prepared and the books are of fantastic quality and super buys for Xmas. So grab a coffee and work out a few pressies!

Also, there will be a couple of social get togethers. I would really love to hear from you with any great ideas you have. When we do have an outing, have the initiative to rally the people in your group to come. It's a great way to meet new friends. Coming up soon we have the end of year Christmas Roast Party. It will be held in the Clubrooms and entertainment is being provided. (See back page).

**Yvette Swan – Social Secretary**

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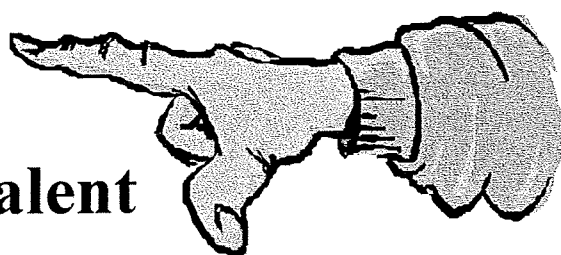
## **OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIAL**

**Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2001**

**Your Club Needs You**

**It's not too late!**

**There is a job for every talent**



**Normal Classes are not held on this day**

Please give some thought as to what you can do to help with our upcoming Obedience Trial on the 11<sup>th</sup> November and return the "We need your help at our Trial" forms by the 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Geelong Obedience Dog Club is well known for it's excellent Trial organisation and well-maintained grounds. Your assistance will ensure that this continues.

Judging commences at 12.00 noon and all members are welcome to attend, but you will need to leave your four-legged friend at home for the day, unless they are entered in the Trial. You will see some excellent dog and handler teams, many of whom started out in Puppy Class or Class 1 either here, or at another Obedience Club.

Linda Hunter - Trial Secretary



# Kid-proof your dogs. Dog-proof your kids

Norma Bennett Woolf  
Top Dog Journal - November 1998

High-pitched laughter peeling behind her, Nancy ran around the corner of the house smack dab into the dog chained by the garage. Unnerved by the noise and startled by the child, the dog lunged and bit Nancy on the nose. She screamed, and the dog bit again. Nancy ended up with several stitches to her face and nightmares: the dog was euthanised for biting and both families were traumatised.

The tragedy could have been avoided if Nancy's folks and the dog's owners had been prepared.

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

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

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

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

Once a child is given permission to approach a dog, she should present her closed fist for the dog to sniff. This protects the fingers in case the dog is frightened and tries to nip.

Children should never hug a dog that is not their own, and should only hug their own dog very gently if the dog can tolerate the hug. Children should be taught to never hit dogs with their hand or an object, to lower their voices when playing with the dog, to leave the dog alone when he's sleeping, eating or ill and to never tease a dog in any fashion. Many dog bites occur because the child teases the pet beyond endurance.

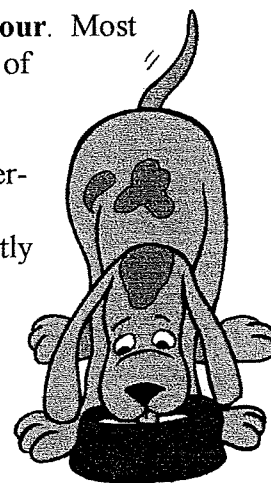
Dog owners share the responsibility for bite prevention as well. They should socialise their puppies to small children at an early age. It helps to buy from a breeder who has started this socialisation prior to the puppy purchase, for the younger the puppy is exposed to gentle children, the more tolerant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



## Kid-proof your dogs. Dog-proof your kids (continued)

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

1. **The dog should never be left alone with a child less than five years of age.** A young child may challenge or injure the dog unintentionally and the result could be tragic. Dogs and children should be separated at snack time so the dog doesn't learn to steal food from tiny hands.
2. **The dog should have a place he can call his own, a retreat, a private room, a den.** This can be a pen in the back yard or a crate in the house. The children should never be allowed to bother the dog when he is in his place.
3. **If the dog has access to a fenced yard, owners should make sure that neighbourhood children cannot accidentally or intentionally tease him.** Kids often begin by goading the dog to bark, then to snarl. Or they may throw things at him to chase him away from the fence. However it begins, the end result is usually the same; the kids learn that teasing the dog gives them a feeling of power tinged with the possibility of danger and the dog learns to hate kids. The hatred may be manifest as fear or as aggression and may end when a child is bitten and the dog is taken to the pound to be placed in a new home (if lucky).
4. **If the dog does not like the children, the children must change their behaviour.** Most dogs are wary of staring, of quick movements, and of high-pitched screams, all of which are typical of small children. Here are a few tips to alleviate the tension between dog and children.
  - a) Provide a crate where the dog can escape the attention of boisterous or over-zealous children.
  - b) Teach children to leave Rover alone when he's in the crate, to pat him gently – no squeezing around the neck, please – and leave him alone when he's eating.
  - c) Do not play tug-of-war with any dog that has access to children. A dog that learns to tug on any item will soon figure that anything he can grab is his, even if it's a child's toy, clothing or appendage.
  - d) Teach children not to run past the dog and scream, for this can excite the dog and lead to dominant and even aggressive behaviour.
  - e) Never tie the dog in the yard. Children tend to tease tethered dogs even without realising it, which can lead to aggressive behaviour. Many instances of dogs attacking children occur when the dog is tethered in the yard and a screaming or running child enters his space.



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



## MICROCHIPPING DAY SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

- 9.00 - 12.00 Microchipping for dogs and cats.  
1.00 - 4.00 Microchipping for pocket pets:- birds, rabbits, rats, mice, guinea pigs, ferrets and reptiles.  
1.00 - 4.00 Pet show for pocket pets, competitions, lucky dip, races, free grooming and pet advice.

Join us at the Waurnvale Veterinary Clinic for a microchipping day with lots of fun activities for children and the young at heart. Save \$20.00 on the normal cost of microchipping with lifetime registration. A donation of \$5.00 from each microchip will help those poor strays at Geelong Animal Welfare.

A microchip is a 5mm silicon chip, containing a bar code with a specific number. This chip is implanted under the skin, just like an injection. Your pet's microchip number is their link home to you. If pets become lost, they are scanned for a microchip and this number is linked to your name, address and phone number on the animal registry, which operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

During the afternoon, we have the Guinea Pig Derby and other racing pocket pets, various competitions, face painting, a colouring competition, Lucky dip and the "Stuffed Pet Repair Doctor Clinic" where those well loved toy pets that are in need of specialist surgery will be treated. Join us for an afternoon of fun and surprises.

# MICROCHIPPING DAY

At

Waurnvale Veterinary Clinic

Saturday November 10, 2001

For Dogs and Cats 9 am - Noon

For Small Pocket Pets 1 pm - 4 pm

\$5.00 donated to Geelong Animal Welfare Society for each chip.

Cost

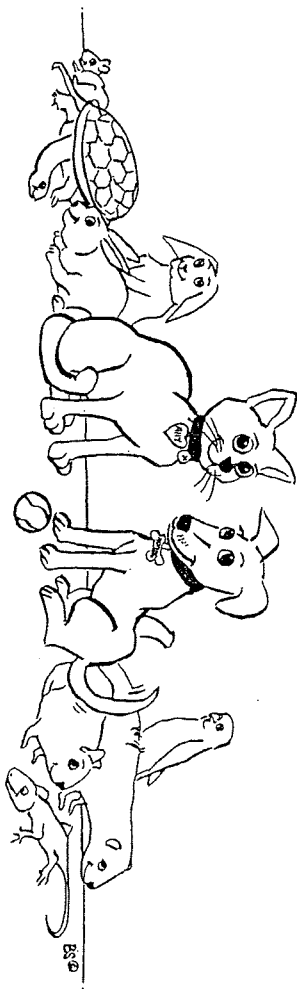
**\$33.00**

inc GST

One off fee

for lifetime registration.

~~SAVE \$20.00~~



AND

## CHILDREN'S POCKET PET SHOW

FROM 1 PM - 4 PM

BIRDS, RABBITS, RATS, MICE, GUINEA PIG, FERRETS,  
LIZARDS, SNAKES AND OTHERS, PLUS COMPETITIONS,  
LUCKY DIP, RACES, FREE GROOMING AND PET ADVICE

AND

"STUFFED PET" REPAIR DOCTOR FOR WELL LOVED TOYS

SHOP 603

TOWN AND COUNTRY SHOPPING

CENTRE, WAURN PONDS





## CERTIFICATE PASSES

Promotion Day - Sunday 30 September 2001

Congratulations to the following members who were successful at our last Promotion Day.

### Beginners Certificate

Martin Filling & "Mac"  
Amanda Grant & "Boomer"  
Elena Bridgens & "Eric"  
Tanya Deans & "Wanaka"  
Sue Triggs & "Jaffa"  
Elwyn Tomkins & "Daisy"  
Sally Roche & "Indy"  
Jeanne Harrison & "Daisy Mabel"

Christine Montgomery & "Aley" Tammy Venn & "Bentley"  
Kim Ciezarek & "Yogi"  
Alison Jennings & "Jas"  
Helen Brosnan & "Ben"  
Therese Egan & "Rolo"  
Megan Tucker & "Cooper"  
David Gravalin & "Zeppo"  
Kelly & Mike Thomson & "Emily"

Andrew Serle & "Tess"  
Iris Appleton & "Paddy"  
Lois Soper & "Millie"  
Bree Schammer & "Bailey"  
Marene Turnley & "Bella"

### Merit Certificate

Tona Saunders & "Conar"  
Jenny Sharrock & "Rory"

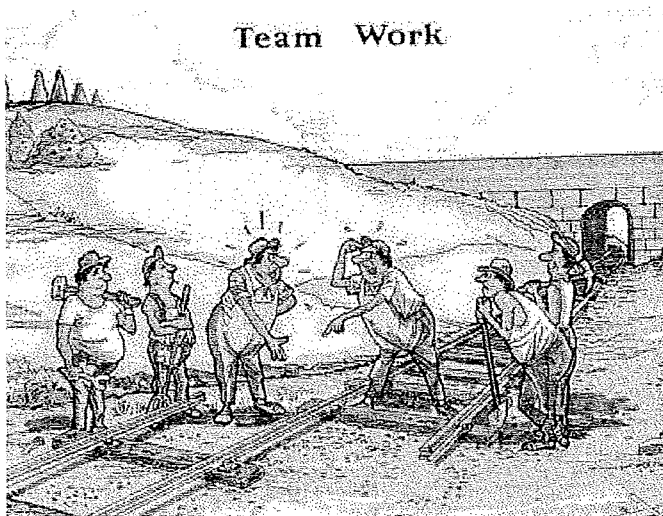
Brett Davis & "Aspen"  
Simone Wilkie & "Brocky"

Diana Foster & "Zoe"

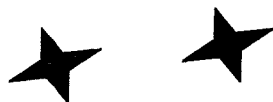
### Basic Certificate

Rhonda Ververs & "Jedda"  
Bill & Beryl Jackson & "Tess"  
Emily Dunlop & "Jonah"

Samantha Rasmussen & "Sophie" John Fletcher & "Polly"  
Yvette Swan & "Teika" Shelley O'Brien & "Amy"  
Ron Mathews & "Sasha Marley"



Perhaps this applies to training our dogs at times!



### GUIDE DOG ETIQUETTE

If you see a beautiful Labrador, we understand your first reaction is to pat it and say hello. Yet if you see a Labrador in harness, this dog should be focussing on its role of guiding its vision-impaired companion. Please avoid the temptation to pat, feed or talk to Guide Dogs.

Manager Guide Dog Services John Gosling explains, "it is important for the community to understand that Guide Dogs should not be distracted, as a loss of focus could jeopardise their handler's safety". It is important to keep pet dogs on a leash as dog attacks can seriously threaten Guide Dogs' confidence and ability to maintain focus on their work. Even if you perceive your dog is gentle and would not attack, please be responsible and endeavour to move out of the Guide Dog's path.

### TRIAL RESULTS

Agility - 25 September 2001

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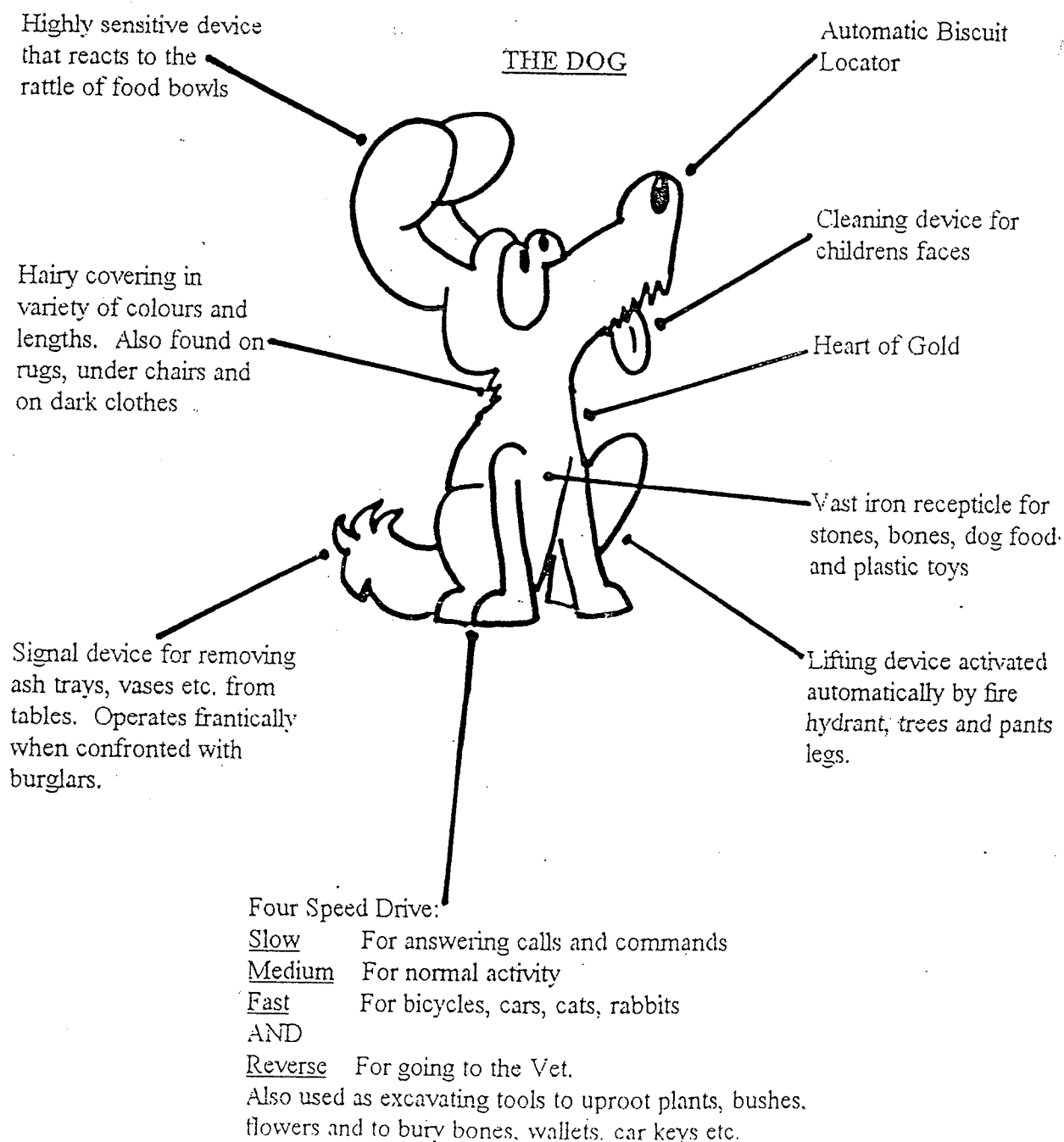
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2<sup>nd</sup> Pass



WATCH THIS SPACE IN NOVEMBER'S NEWSLETTER  
FOR ARRANGEMENTS  
FOR THE LAST DAY OF TRAINING  
SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

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# DOG BREEDS FROM A TO Z

## ***Dandie Dinmont Terrier***

This adorable little dog, with its silky topknot, has a tenacious spirit.

Although its ancestry has never been firmly established, the Dandie Dinmont Terrier comes from the border counties between Northern England and Scotland. The dog takes its name from a fictional character called Dandie Dinmont (said to be based on a farmer called James Davidson who had some of the dogs on his farm) in a nineteenth-century novel called *Guy Mannering*, by Sir Walter Scott. The novel was a huge success and the dog's popularity spread throughout Britain, adopting the Dandie Dinmont name.

The breed is variably thought to contain the base of many other terriers, including the Skye Terrier (which has the same droopy ears as the Dandie Dinmont), the Border Terrier, Cairn Terrier, Scottish Terrier, and also some Bedlington Terrier and Otter Hound. The Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club was founded in 1876, and the breed is rarely seen outside of Britain.

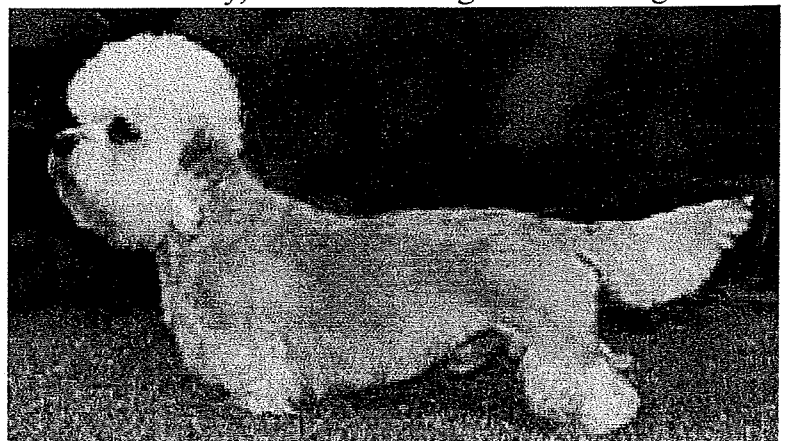
A hardy, low-slung and long-bodied dog with a silky topknot and an intelligent, friendly expression. Height: 8 - 11 in (20.3 - 28 cm). Weight: 18 - 24 lb (8 - 11 kg) under Canadian standards.

The head is large and strong, with well-developed jaws. The skull is broad between the ears; the forehead is domed at its widest point between the ears. Teeth are straight and scissor bite. The nose is black and the eyes are large, round and set wide, bright, prominent and dark hazel, with a sad expression. Ears are pendent, set well back and wide apart and hang flat to the cheek. A muscular neck on a long, strong body with well-sprung ribs, and a back that is low at the shoulder. The tail is short, 8 - 9.75 in (20 - 25 cm). The front legs are shorter than the back, and the hind feet smaller than the forefeet.

The coat color of the Dandie Dinmont is in two ranges: Pepper, varying from dark bluish-black to light silvery-gray; and Mustard, varying from reddish brown to pale tawny with a creamy white head. Paws and feet are darker than the head. The coat is a double coat 2.5 in (6 cm) long from head to tail, with a mixture of stiff and short hair which is fuzzy to the touch. The underside is lighter and softer than the top.

The Dandie Dinmont Terrier, while looking completely adorable, is still by nature a true terrier. As this dog looks cute, people may be inclined to allow this dog a little too much freedom. It is advisable to remain firm with this terrier so that it does not become too bossy as it matures. This is especially important with the male dogs if they are not going to be sterilized.

The Dandie Dinmont Terrier is alert and has a keen sense of its territory, and so makes a good watch-dog. It will delight in alerting its owners to any potential incursion of its territory. This dog makes a wonderful companion for single people and couples. This terrier will thrive if given regular attention and tasks to please its owners. Families with small children should be cautious for two reasons. Firstly, if the dog has been given favored status it may become jealous. Secondly, it may be at risk of injury from over-zealous play if the children are too rough. Given the right conditions, however, this wonderful little dog can make an excellent companion animal.



## *Deerhound*

The Scottish Deerhound is a ferocious-looking beast that is actually very gentle.

As the name suggests, the Scottish Deerhound was bred in Scotland to hunt deer. In the 800s the Scottish equivalent to the Greyhound was developed as a more sturdy and heavier dog, although not quite as heavy as the Wolfhound that it closely resembles. For a long time the Scottish Deerhound was owned only by the nobility, but today it is not quite so rarefied. With the advent of the gun, the need for such a swift and efficient hunter declined, and so did the breed numbers. However, its placid disposition ensured that the breed didn't completely die out. Today, Scottish Deerhounds are kept as pets by a few people with enough room for this large breed.

Although the Scottish Deerhound very closely resembles the Irish Wolfhound, they are a much smaller (although not at all small!) breed, a legacy of their Greyhound heritage. Height: 28 - 32 in (71 - 81 cm). Weight: 80 - 110 lb (36 - 50 kg).

They have small folded ears on a long tapering muzzle and dark expressive eyes. The body is long and lean, with a long neck and great depth of chest. The long tapering tail reaches almost to the ground and is carried tucked between the long, strong rear legs. The harsh shaggy coat is wiry to touch but is softer on the underbelly and head. They are usually wolf-gray, but can also be sandy to red.

The Scottish Deerhound is a very large and confident dog. Although it retains all of the physical characteristics of a large hunting dog, this dog has a calm temperament, making it most suitable for the role of a companion animal. The Scottish Deerhound has tremendous energy and is always ready to take off and give chase. These behavioral characteristics mean that the Deerhound's owner must be both assertive and very active in order to control and appreciate this wonderful animal.

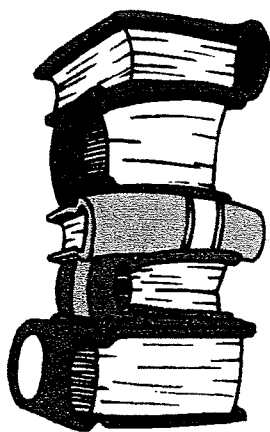


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## **GEELONG ANIMAL WELFARE CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

Each year our Club collects tinned and dry dog food donations for those less fortunate dogs that spend Christmas at the Lost Dogs Home

Next time you are out shopping add an extra can or packet to your trolley. A box will be available in the Clubrooms for your donation. All items collected will be presented to a representative from Geelong Animal Welfare on the last day of training.



## Library News

The last day for borrowing books from the Library  
this year will be

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2001**

The Library will only be open in December for the  
return of books

**Sylvia Noblett - Librarian**

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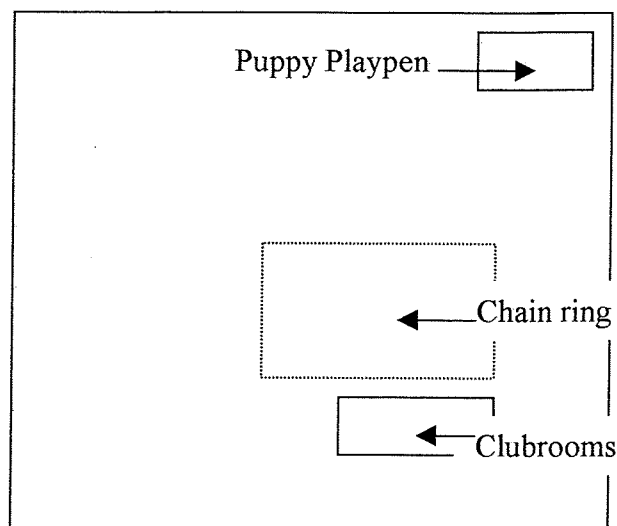
To all Puppy Class members

### **PUPPY PLAYPEN**

A puppy playpen is available at the end of the car park nearest the football ovals for any of our Puppy Class members who wish to let their puppies play off lead.

Free play in a safe area is great for developing social skills

The area is large enough for 4 or 5 puppies at a time, but for puppies safety please remove correction chains and do not leave puppies unattended. They are your responsibility.



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## **EQUIPMENT SHOP**

Hi, my name is Petrina and I have just accepted the voluntary role of Shop Manager here at your Club. I wish to send a warm invitation to all existing and new Club members to venture in and explore the wonderful variety of merchandise available here at your Club.

**The shop will be open every training Sunday from  
10.20am - 11.30am**

Available soon - Christmas goodies for all good puppies and dogs!  
See ya soon. Petrina Hare - Shop Manager





## **Help! My dog won't come when I call him!**

**How can I get him to be more obedient? How can I get my dog to come when he's called?**

***Q: How can I get my dog to come when he's called? He won't listen to me at all! When I let him out he runs off and acts like he doesn't even hear me. I'm at the end of my rope what can I do?***

**A:** I understand your frustration! Many people have the same problem with their dogs. "Come" is probably the most basic command every dog needs to learn. A dog that won't come when he's called is a danger to himself as well as a headache to his owner.

First, until your dog has been properly trained, do not let him run off leash even for a minute! Dogs aren't smart enough to look both ways before crossing the street. They have no idea that cars can kill them. Accidents happen in the briefest of moments and it only takes one mistake to lose your dog forever. If you love him, put his safety first and keep him on his leash!

Most puppies have a strong instinct to follow and stay close to their masters. They readily come when they're called. As they grow up, they start to think for themselves and become more independent. Busy exploring or playing, the dog ignores his owner's call. Why, he has better things to do!

Do you remember the first time this happened? What did you do about it? If you're like most people, you probably called to your dog over and over until the dog finally decided, in his own sweet time, to obey you. Did you know that you taught your dog a very important lesson that day? Without realising it, you taught him that it was okay not to come when he was called! Don't worry, you can fix things by starting over from the beginning.

Well known author and trainer Mordecai Siegal says, "No dog will run to a human if he has experienced something unpleasant for his trouble". To get your dog to come to you, this time and - every- time, you have to make it worth his while. "Come" needs to be the sweetest word your dog ever hears; it should always mean love, hugs and rewards. Never, ever call your dog to you to punish him, to give him a bath or for anything he might think is unpleasant. "Come" must always mean that something good will happen to him, something far better than whatever he's doing at the time.

For the first lessons, invite a friend or family member the dog loves. These lessons should take place in the house or within a fenced area. Both of you should crouch down on opposite sides of the room. Using a happy, loving, cheerful tone of voice, take turns calling the dog to you. If he doesn't want to pay attention, encourage him with whistles, funny noises, toys or extra special treats. When he reaches you, act like he's done the greatest thing in the whole world! Hug him, praise him, pet him, love him and reward him with treats. Bits of hot dog work very well!

Throughout the day, stop what you're doing for a minute and call your dog. Reward him handsomely when he comes. It doesn't matter if he's three feet away, in another room or a different part of the house. Call him and love him to death when he comes! Practice often and make coming when called the most enjoyable thing in your dog's life.

When your dog is coming happily to you the first time he hears you call, it's time to move your training outside where there are more distractions. This is very important: for now, keep your dog on a leash! You must be able to enforce the come command if your dog doesn't obey. Without a leash, you have no control over the dog and he knows it. Always use a leash until your dog is more reliable.

With a pocketful of treats, go for a walk with your dog on a loose leash. Using a cheerful voice, stop and call him to you. Praise him to the skies, give him a treat and hug him when he obeys. What if he doesn't come or pretends he doesn't hear you? Tug sharply on the leash and walk backwards, calling him merrily the whole time. Reward him generously when he reaches you even though you had to make him do it. Return to your walk, stopping periodically to call your dog.

### **Help! My dog won't come when I call him (continued)**

As your dog improves, practice with a longer leash. You can buy "long lines" at a pet store or make your own using materials from the hardware store. Nylon roping and even clothesline works well. Let him explore, chase a stick or play with a ball, then stop and call him to you. If he doesn't come, tug on the line and run the other direction, calling "Come, Come, Come!" Let him chase you and when he reaches you, reward him with praise and hugs. Make the training a game and make him think that coming to you is a much better game than he could think up on his own!

When your dog will come each and every time, you can start working off leash but within a fenced area, the smaller the better at first. Do not trust him off leash in an unconfined area! Let him play, sniff, explore, then call him. He didn't come? Don't try to catch him, instead resort to trickery. My favourite method is to sit down right there on the ground and pretend to cry. If he doesn't hear you, cry louder, sob your heart out! He'll come running back to see what's the matter. Don't scold him for not obeying, just snap the leash back on and keep practicing. He's shown you he's not ready for freedom and needs to go back to the basics. Start his training over from the beginning and don't remove the leash again for at least a week.

### **"Sometimes when I let my dog out in the yard...."**

***Q: I've been doing what you said and my dog is much better now. But when I let him out in the yard, sometimes he still won't come when it's time for him to go back into the house. What can I do about that?***

**A:** If you only call your dog when it's time to come in, he may think that "come" always means "the party's over." Under those circumstances, you might not come either! I like my dogs to learn that "come" means something really good will happen to them or that another new adventure may be about to begin. Throughout your training, use "come" to call him often just for loving and playing as well as when playtime's done and it's time to come in.

If you know your dog understands the command to come but doesn't respond when you call, don't waste time calling his name over and over. He'll just keep on ignoring you. In the process, he'll learn that it's okay to ignore you. Instead, go get your leash. Call him again using a happy, encouraging voice but only give the command twice, no more. He heard you the first time. If he doesn't respond, go and get him. When you catch up with him, don't scold or punish him. Just snap his leash on and matter of factly, go straight to the house. No punishment but no rewards either. Then start his training over again.

### **"I called my dog to punish her and now..."**

***Q: I caught my dog chewing up my shoes so I called her to me and spanked her. Now whenever I call her, she cowers and sometimes she even runs away. If she comes at all, she kind of slinks up to me. Why is she acting this way? I only punish her if she's done something wrong.***

**A:** If someone called you and when you came they yelled at you, what would you think? You'd probably wish you'd run the other way instead, wouldn't you? The next time they called, you probably would run the other way! That's exactly what your dog is doing. When she hears you call, she doesn't know what she's going to find when she gets there "will I get a treat or will I get a spanking?" She certainly doesn't want a spanking so she's going to go the other direction just to be on the safe side.

No dog will come if it thinks there'll be something unpleasant when it gets there. That's why trainers always recommend that we should never, ever call a dog in order to punish it or make it do something it doesn't like. When you need to correct your dog, go to her, don't make her come to you. When it's time for a bath or a trip to the vet, don't call her to you go and get her instead. "Come" should always be a word that means joy, love, hugs and treats, never punishment or unpleasantness.

**Vicki DeGruy**

## Letter to the Editor

Now that the Club has a working Committee I can write this, which I withheld from my report to the Annual General Meeting, so it would not stop members coming forward to fill the vacant positions.

At the beginning of the year I heard my name mentioned in conjunction with the name "Hitler". It disappointed and hurt me deeply. I mentioned this in my Ground's Managers Report in the February issue of the Club's magazine, hoping it to be a wakeup call and expecting an explanation or apology. Sometimes one's mouth opens before the brain engages, I'm sure we all have been in such situations.

But ten months have passed without a word, so I can only conclude that the comment had a much deeper conviction of either ethnic or racial nature, which has no place in our Club. A person with those views loses my respect and therefore I can not serve on Committee under such circumstances or be actively involved.

I love this our Club. I have done so for a long, long time. Actually since it started in October 1954 and I have held just about every position. It was my doing to establish this our grounds, I helped design the Clubhouse and helped Meinhard Brieberg build it from 1971-73 over the weekends. And then I cop this!

I shall now resurrect my other interest in our hobby and concentrate on judging at Obedience Trials, which I have neglected due to the deep involvement as Ground's manager, etc. I obtained my first, the Novice License, in 1973 and next year will be my 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Full Panel Judge, meaning I can judge Novice, Open and Utility Classes. I also hold the Endurance Test License. So there will be plenty of scope for me to fill the void. This will also give me the opportunity together with the Club's Trialers to promote our Club outside of Geelong until one day the situation may change and I can feel free and happy again to serve the Club actively.

Thank you and good training - Fred Lehrmann



### GUIDE DOGS ASSOCIATION OF VIC VISPAT PROGRAM

If you have some time to spare and a relaxed dog who is people friendly maybe this program is of interest to you. Peter McNabb from the Guide Dogs Association will be at our Club for information and dog assessment on  
**Wednesday night - 5<sup>th</sup> December - 7.00 pm**

#### The objectives of the program

To provide, on a regular basis, a visiting Pets program of appropriately obedience trained and assessed dogs and their screened handlers at facilities such as hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals, hostels and nursing homes with an intent to improve the quality of life for patients.

#### The rationale for the program

The visiting of dog and handler to hospital facilities appears to act as a 'de-stressor' and have a calming effect on patients, families and staff. It provides a diversional activity which assists recovery and pain control and reduces boredom. In cases of dementia, and with terminally ill patients, it frequently appears to alleviate depression and leads to improved morale. Most people, especially those who love animals and are missing them get a real 'lift' from being able to touch and interact with a dog. This type of physical contact is otherwise often lacking in an institutional environment. Dogs are non-judgemental. For any variety of reasons patients may feel embarrassed with people, whereas they don't have to worry what a dog is thinking. A friendly dog is totally accepting.

There are several Club members involved in this program in the Geelong area, so leave your name and phone number at the Office if you are interested in joining the team.

# LOVE ME, LOVE MY DOG

Design size: 78 wide x 72 high

Cover model: stitched with 10-mesh waste canvas, shown on a blue sweatshirt

Stitching note: Use four strands of floss for cross stitches, two strands for backstitches.



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▲ = med blue	131	7022	798
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# = med rust	1049	5349	3826
◆ = dk rust	351	3340	400

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■ = black	403	8403	310
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dk gray—			hearts, lettering
black—			puppy, pawprints

## NEW MEMBERS

The Committee, Instructors and Members would like to welcome the following new Members who have joined the Club recently. We wish you every success with your canine companion.

16/09/2001

Boyd Family	Sisara Nick	Weber Richard	Robertson Family
Ridout Leonie	Adams Claire	Miller Chad/Chier Patty	Moore Family
Kelly Family	Coutts Betty		

07/10/2001

Harriott Family	Stevens Family	Barnes Raeleayne	
McCann Karen/Brooks Tony		Grant Family	Kwadijk Madeleine
Roberts Ken/Grimmer Carolyn		Robertson Lynette	Baker Peter
McCubbin Family	Hornsey Craig	Udvardy Kim/Javni Jerry	Creighton Sandra
Gully Family	Taylor Paul	Sanders Julian/Urquhart Michelle	
Morrison Jeffrey	Fraser Bev	Mulavey Rhonda	Anglin Family
Curran Paul	Leitich Claudia	Nuss-Soeharto Michelle	de Groot Jon
Rawlings Dallas	Tieman Mary/Hunter Charles		
Marriner Leah/Rogers Luke		Johnson Family	McDonald Elly
Hunter Family	Ortlipp Family	Drane Maree/Manning Tony	
Gourley Family	Wilson Anne		

### COURAGE AMIDST TRAGEDY

Guide Dog Tales – Spring 2001

During the tragedy of the terrorist attacks on Washington and New York, we were inspired to hear two stories of survival, the courage of blind people and the amazing resilience of these magnificent Guide Dogs.

Guide Dog handler Michael Hingson, who had been blind since birth, worked on the 78<sup>th</sup> floor with his Guide Dog Roselle. The pair escaped safely and Michael says, "I heard the shrieks of terror and yet Roselle remained focused on her task".

Guide Dog handler Omar Rivera, who worked on the 71<sup>st</sup> floor of the World Trade Centre, also escaped with his faithful yellow Labrador at his side. When the plane hit, Omar says, "I stood up at my desk and could hear pieces of glass flying around. My Guide Dog first ran off in fright but came back and guided me to the emergency exit. He was a real trooper. Together with my boss, we climbed down 71 floors and through the dust and debris of the other tower to get out and survive".

### GUIDE DOG OPEN DAY

Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2001

The gates at Chandler Highway, Kew will be open from 11am – 4pm for a great family day. Look behind the scenes at how Guide Dogs are bred and trained and gain an insight into the world of the 300,000 vision impaired Australians.

To minimise health risks, no pet dogs are allowed into the Centre.



**HOT DOG!**

## CRYPTIC ANSWERS FROM LAST MONTH'S NEWSLETTER

Only 2 Mensa members completed all 33. How did you do?

No.	Cryptic	Answer
0	24 H in a D	24 Hours In a Day
1	26 L of the A	26 letters of the alphabet
2	7 D of the W	7 days of the week
3	7 W of the W	7 wonders of the world
4	12 S of the Z	12 signs of the zodiac
5	66 B of the B	66 books of the Bible
6	52 C in a P (WJs)	52 cards in a pack (without jokers)
7	13 S in the USF	13 stripes in the United States flag
8	18 H on a G C	18 holes on a golf course
9	39 B of the O T	39 books of the Old Testament
10	5 T on a F	5 toes on a foot
11	90 D in a R A	90 degrees in a right angle
12	3 B M (S H T R)	3 blind mice (see how they run)
13	32 is the T in D F at which W F	32 is the temperature in degrees Fahrenheit at which water freezes
14	15 P in a R T	15 players in a rugby team
15	3 W on a T	3 wheels on a tricycle
16	100 C in a R	100 cents in a rand
17	11 P in a F (S) T	11 players in a football (soccer) team
18	12 M in a Y	12 months in a year
19	13=UFS	13 is unlucky for some
20	8 T on a O	8 tentacles on a octopus
21	29 D in F in a L Y	29 days in February in a leap year
22	27 B in the N T	27 books in the New Testament
23	365 D in a Y	365 days in a year
24	13 L in a B D	13 loaves in a bakers dozen
25	52 W in a Y	52 weeks in a year
26	9 L of a C	9 lives of a cat
27	60 M in a H	60 minutes in a hour
28	23 P of C in the H B	23 pairs of chromosomes in the human body
29	64 S on a C B	64 squares on a chess board
30	9 P in S A	9 provinces in South Africa
31	6 B to an O in C	6 balls to an over in cricket
32	1000 Y in a M	1000 years in a millennium
33	15 M on a D M C	15 men on a dead mans chest

### THINGS YOU DON'T REALLY NEED TO KNOW

- 1- Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- 2- Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.
- 3- There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
- 4- The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.
- 5- A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
- 6- There are more chickens than people in the world.
- 7- The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screeched."
- 8- On a Canadian two-dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament building is an American flag.





# Coming up soon!

## End of year

# Christmas Roast Party

To be held at the Clubrooms  
Breakwater Road - Belmont Common

Two course meal and entertainment will  
be provided

**Saturday - 1<sup>st</sup> of December**

**Commencing at 7.00pm**

**\$15.00 per head**



To give us an idea of numbers for this fun filled night of frivolity, please fill in the form below and hand it into the Office as soon as possible.

✂ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the Christmas Party on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December.

INSTRUCTOR'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

