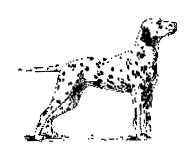
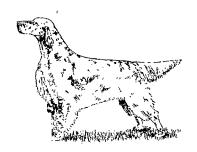
# FAITHFULLY YOURS

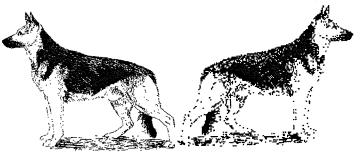






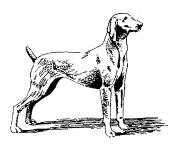
TO ALL MEMBERS





Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc ESTABLISHED 1954

Incorporation No A5419H ABN 79 874 613 605





Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc PO Box 186 GEELONG 3220 Phone: 52 434 555 November 2001
Issue No
117

# CLUB CALENDAR

**November** 

Monday 26 November Last chance to purchase tickets for the Christmas Roast Party

Tuesday 27 November Closing date for Social Club Books Christmas Fundraiser

December

Saturday 1 December Christmas Roast Party - commencing at 7.00 pm. Contact the Social

Secretary (Yvette Swan) for further details

Sunday 2 December Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months. Please

make sure your name has been listed with your Instructor for testing on

the Promotion Day - 9 December

Tuesday General Meeting - commencing at 7.30 pm with a talk by 4 December

Vanessa Calvert, a local Canine Physiotherapist. General Meeting to

follow. All members welcome.

Sunday PROMOTION DAY. Check in for Basic Certificate test by 8.45 am. 9 December

Check in for Merit Certificate test by 9.00 am. Check in for Beginners

Certificate test by 10.30 am.

Sunday 16 December Last day of training. All Classes commence at 9.30 am. Santa arrives

and presentation of End of Year Awards and Promotion Day

Certificates at 10.30 am. Games to follow. Free sausage sizzle. Don't

forget to dress your canine companion in his/her best Christmas gear. 

Training resumes for 2002

# Sunday 3 February

For all current members

First Class 1 Intake (fully vaccinated puppies & dogs over 6 months) – new members

# Sunday 10 February 2002

First Puppy Class Intake (fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months) - new members

Sunday 10 February 2002



Office re-opens

Thursday 17 January 2002

2.00 pm - 8.00 pm

# GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC

# Committee for 2001/2002

PRESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT (1) VICE-PRESIDENT (2) SECRETARY TREASURER TRIAL SEC/ASS SEC	Arthur Thorogood Colin Humphreys Barbara Mackey Donna White Joanne Dunoon Linda Hunter	52 441 819 52 822 683 52 414 243 52 561 625 0438522390 52 484 467	Public Officer Training Administration Property Officer
GENERAL COMMITTEE	Anne Salaviejus Victor Douglas Barbara Thorogood Sandy Malady Yvette Swan Terry Thomas	52 502 556 52 415 401 52 441 819 52 215 784 52 612 588 52 414 649	Canteen Manager Grounds Manager Hall Manager Publicity Officer Social Secretary Assist. Grounds Manager
NON-COMMITTEE	Desma Dickeson  Petrina Hare Sylvia Noblett Arty Chase Pam Convery  Helen Green John Wallace	52 789 585 52 504 777 52 817 442 52 292 818 52 784 942 52 486 664 52 784 734	Training Supervisor/ Display Team Leader Shop Manager Librarian Bar Manager Newsletter Editor jcgret@ozemail.com.au Webmaster Raffle Steward

The opinions in the Newsletter are not necessarily those of the Editor or the Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc. All Committee and Sub-Committee reports bear the name of the respective Officer.

All correspondence should be addressed to: -

# THE SECRETARY PO BOX 186 GEELONG 3213

Note the Club's new website address at http://members.tripod.com/geelong\_odc

Newsletter closing date for all items - 15<sup>th</sup> of each month

# **INDEX**

Reports2	This dog is driving me crazy 15
Have a Cool Yule!4	Open Obedience Trial Results
Christmas Canine Cookies5	Some dog quotes19
Gala Parade Report6	Trial Dates20
Canine Beach Restrictions7	Volunteers – thank you21
Anal Glands9	New members
You and Your Pet at Christmas10	General Meeting Minutes
Tracking Club of Vic Workshop13	

# REPORTS REPORTS

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi and welcome to all new members, may you have a long and happy association with the Club.

Since we had the last reports the Club has staged a very successful Trial and I must thank all members who assisted our Trial Secretary, Ground's Manager and Canteen Manager with their support over the period. Our grounds were once more in top condition. Thanks to all these members.



We are now approaching the end of the training year and I hope you will all support the functions being organised by the Club. To make sure you are kept up to date with these, all Instructors have a weekly information sheet. Please make sure you have them read out.

On behalf of the Committee and Instructors, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very successful new training year Arthur Thorogood – President

# **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Hi everyone

My name is Donna White and I have taken on the role of Secretary. I am very new to this type of position and hope you will all bear with me while I learn everything I need to know, and believe me there is a lot to remember. I would like to thank Pam Convery for all her help so far. She has been amazing and I would be totally lost without her.

I would also like to thank Joanne Dunoon the Treasurer who sits in the Office for me so I can still attend my Class with Sasha and I have had a few offers from people to help in the Office and they are greatly appreciated.

Everyone on the Committee has been fantastic and extremely supportive and I think we have a great year ahead of us. I find everyone at the Club so friendly and helpful, which makes a great atmosphere and an enjoyable place to be. I would love to meet more of the Club's members so feel free to come and introduce yourselves.

Donna White - Secretary

# TRIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Our last Trial for 2001, an Open Obedience Trial, was held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November and to my great relief all went smoothly. This of course was no accident and was entirely due to the enthusiasm and hard work of my fellow Committee members and the many new and established members of our Club who had the grounds and the Clubrooms looking their very best.

The weather was a worry with a minor flood warning given in the week prior to the Trial, then on the day, just as the weather man predicted, it bucketed down on and off during the day topped off by a freezing wind. This did not daunt the faithful dog triallers and incredibly, perhaps due to some heavy praying, the rain stayed away while the judging took place.

This Trial was relatively small with a total of 88 entries, possibly due to the number of other Trials taking place at this time of the year. Because of the good response for Stewards on the day we were able to provide the ideal two Stewards to a ring. Thank you to all our Ring Stewards who braved the weather and did an excellent job.

# REPORTS REPORTS REPORTS

# TRIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT (CONT)

I hope all our Trialling Geelong members and their canine partners enjoyed their day. Congratulations must go to our five successful Geelong entries. Details of their achievements are set out in this Newsletter. Highest Score in Trial was won in the Utility Class by AR Saliba and "Bodecka Fatal Fury UD" with a score of 197 and Runner Up Highest Score in Trial was won in the Novice Class by Gwen O'Kearney and "Hilltop Xian" with a score of 190. W & B Jackson and "Purdella Fire Robin" from the Novice Class won the Highest Scoring Geelong Member with a score of 188.

In closing I would like to convey my sincere thanks to Janelle and Pam Convery who have patiently guided me, step by step, through the organization of this Trial and to all members who offered their help at either the working bees or on Trial day and found themselves at a loose end, please don't let this deter you from future Trials. We greatly appreciate your attendance and the next Trial may turn out to be a bigger event.

Linda Hunter - Trial Secretary

# TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

My final report for 2001 and Promotion Day is rapidly approaching followed by a well-earned Christmas break.

For nearly all those who are training, this is your chance to put a bigger effort in and reward yourselves with an early Christmas present in the form of a PASS in December.

Gala Day – a lovely cool day, ideal for the walking of dogs – was a great opportunity to promote responsible dog ownership out in the public arena. It was very pleasing to hear mums telling their children to ask if they could pat the dogs and also that they encouraged toddlers in arms to do so with supervision. Hopefully, this sort of response helps educate the general public.

Thank you to all those who helped in any way with the parade, it's a great public relations exercise for our Club as well as an enjoyable outing for all who participated!

For all existing Classes training resumes on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2002, while all new members start on the 10<sup>th</sup> February with an Induction session. This enables us to put the Classes in place <u>reasonably</u> easily. I wish everyone success in the up-coming tests and a nice safe relaxed Christmas holiday. Please remember not to ply your canine friends with too much festive food; it can make them quite ill.

Finally, a huge thank you, as always, to the Instructors – our happy little band of men and women – who continue to help you all to achieve your goals throughout the year. A job well-done Instructors – have a well-earned rest!

Happy Christmas everyone

PS Something to ponder on over the break; "How to become a trainee Instructor". As always we are desperately short of Instructors and until we have more, the Classes will remain quite large.

Desma Dickeson - Training Supervisor



# Have a Cool Yule!

# Reprinted courtesy of Dog's Life Magazine **Author - Leanne Davies**

ou've imagined what Christmas will be like with your dogs. They'll be perfectly behaved, greet your friends and family with a gently paw shake and a smile, and will sit quietly while Christmas dinner feeds the clan. But in reality, Christmas can be a chaotic times for your dogs and before you know it, they will have chomped their way through the ornaments, eaten the entire Christmas pudding and brought up their Christmas dinner all over the pressies.

Instead of enjoying the holidays, you could be left cleaning up a lot of mess - or worse, heading for the nearest vet clinic to remove your mother-in-law's perfect gift from the inside of your dog's bloated

# Christmas Hazards

Problem: Fairy Lights

Dogs can tangle themselves in the lights, eat them (the lights often contain moderately toxic ingredients), or chew through the cords and electrocute themselves.

# Solution:

The best way to keep lights away from your pooch is to wrap them through the interior of the tree, high enough so your dog can't reach. The cords are best run underneath the skirt of the tree, hidden from the dog.

# Problem: Baubles and Tinsel

Vets report an increase in emergency surgery around Christmas time because dogs attempt to eat the enticing looking tinsel from the Christmas tree. Ingestion of tinsel can cause bowel blockages and make your dog sick. Ornaments are also a danger as eating them can cause choking and blockages. Solution:

Make sure you hang ornaments high in the tree out of reach of your dog, along with the tinsel. Supervise you dog around tinsel or ribbon.

Problem: Artificial Snow

This is toxic to dogs

#### Solution:

Spray in areas inaccessible to dogs, like on the tops of windows and the higher parts of the Christmas tree. Remove the spray can immediately and place out of reach of canine paws.

# Problem: Candles

These make wonderful decorative pieces but make sure you keep them out of reach of dogs. Not only is there the danger of your dog being burnt, but it could

accidentally knock them over in Yuletide excitement and start a fire in the house.

Try using hanging candles, which can be placed out of reach of your dog and only light the candles when the guests have arrived and are settled.

# Problem: Guests

When all the family and friends arrive for Christmas dinner, your dog may be overwhelmed by all the

# Have a Cool Yule - Dog's Life magazine (cont)

# Solution:

Introduce your dog to the guests and ensure young children know how to correctly approach and pat it. Ask your guests not to feed the dog because even if each person only gives the dog a titbit, by the end of the night it may have consumed an extraordinary amount of food. You should also make sure there is a quiet "time out" spot where your dog can go to escape the crowds.

# Problem: Food

Christmas fare will be too rich for dogs and can add to problems like hyperactivity and stomach upsets, not to mention obesity.

#### Solution:

Make sure food is not left unattended when it's out of the fridge. And remember, chocolate can be seriously toxic to dogs. Dogs don't digest it well and it's bad for their teeth. We could also be "treating" our dog to a rare but deadly condition called chocolate toxicosis, cause by the substance theobromine. Although rare this condition is fatal.

# **Problem: The Presents**

Some kids' toys with small parts can be dangerous if ingested by your dog. And presents containing food can easily be sniffed out by Fido's sensitive snout.

#### Solution:

If your dog is sniffing around the tree, remove the presents to a safe area.

## Problem: Alcohol

Alcohol can be toxic – especially for small dogs – and can cause poisoning and can even lead to a dog falling into a coma.

#### **Solution:**

Lay down a few house rules with the guests, and when things get a little rowdy, put your dog in the quiet part of the house.



# Christmas Canine Cookies

**Christmas Dog Biscuits** 

# Ingredients:

1 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cups wholemeal flour 2 tablespoons freshly chopped garlic <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup cornflour 2 rashers bacon, chopped 1 teaspoon stock 8 tablespoons sunflower oil 3/4 cup water

# Method:

Mix ingredients together well and roll out the mixture until it is about two centimetres thick. Cut out designs with Christmas cookie cutters and place in oven. Baste with a small amount of oil or bacon fat and cook for 35 to 45 minutes at 350 degrees. Allow to cool. Garnish with desiccated coconut or fresh parsley then place in Christmas bags or boxes lined with foil. Seal bags to keep in freshness. Give them to friends with dogs or store them away ready for your own pooch to enjoy as a delightful Christmas morning treat

# **GALA PARADE REPORT - 2001**

I would firstly like to thank everyone who helped or walked in the 2001 Gala Parade. Without your support our entry into the parade would not have been a success.

Gala 2001 was definitely an experience I will not forget in a hurry as nothing went according to plan. Nobody bothered to turn up to the two Gala meetings that I organised (thank you to those who apologised for not being able to attend). The point of these meeting was to get ideas for the float and help with organising the parade.

Then I organised a float decoration making night, only one person bothered to turn up! (Thanks Elaine). Did I let the lack of

enthusiasm from the Club members stop me? No, on I continued spreading the word of Gala to all those in my reach and hoping nothing else would go wrong.

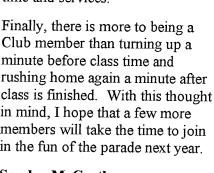


It wasn't until Pam told me that we had no truck for the parade that I started to worry that we may not be ready in time for the parade. After lots of welcome suggestions, phone numbers and phone calls from Club members, of possible places that may supply a truck, it was decided that time was running out and that we would use the Club trailer instead of a truck. With lots of streamers. balloons and a Club banner on the back of the trailer it was time to go and find our spot in the parade.

The weather for the parade was perfect - overcast and mild. The road was cool for the dogs to walk on and crowds of onlookers waited patiently for the parade to pass by and there was lots of eager little hands waiting to pat the dogs as they walked along. The lead up to the parade may have been

a disaster but on the day it all fell into place and everyone had a good time. Once again thank you to those few people who donated their time and services.

Finally, there is more to being a Club member than turning up a minute before class time and rushing home again a minute after in mind, I hope that a few more members will take the time to join in the fun of the parade next year.





# Sandra McCarthy

# CANINE BEACH RESTRICTIONS

# Domestic (Feral & Nuisance) Animals Act 1994 - City of Greater Geelong

That in accordance with Section 26 (2) of the Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994, Council determined that during the periods and within the specified areas, the following restrictions shall apply:

- Between 18 December and 31 January of each year (both dates inclusive), dogs shall not be permitted in the areas designated below
- Between 1 December and 17 December of each year and between 1 February and 30 April of each year (both dates inclusive), dogs shall not be permitted unless restrained by means of a chain, cord or leash in the areas designated below.

## Avalon Beach

On all that area of beach bounded by 750 metres west and 750 metres east of the Avalon Beach boat ramp.

## St Helens Beach

On all that area of beach at St Helens bounded on the north by the prolongation of the centre line (real or imaginary) of Bay Street extending across the beach to a point 200 metres beyond the low water mark of the beach, and on the south by a line taken from the northern end of Cliff Street extending across the beach to a point 200 metres beyond the low water mark and meeting the low water mark at right angles.

# Rippleside Beach

On all that area of beach at Rippleside bounded on the north by the prolongation of the centre line (real or imaginary) of Liverpool Street extending across the beach to a point 200 metres beyond the low water mark of the beach, and on the south by the prolongation of the centre line (real or imaginary) of Bell Parade extending across the beach to a point 200 metres beyond the low water mark.

#### **Eastern Beach**

On all that area at Eastern Beach bounded on the south by the northern alignment of Eastern Beach Road, on the west by the prolongation of the centre line (real or imaginary) of Bellerine Street extending across the beach to a point 200 metres beyond the low water mark of the beach and on the east by the prolongation of the centre line (real or imaginary) of Garden Street extending across the beach to a point 200 metres beyond the low water mark.

#### **Clifton Springs Beach (The Dell)**

On all that area of beach at Clifton Springs extending westerly 140 metres from the emergency beach location marker number 44B.

#### **Portarlington Beach**

On all that area of beach at Portarlington bounded on the west by the prolongation of the centre line (real or imaginary) of Point Richards Road extending across the beach to the low water mark of the beach and on the east by the prolongation of the centre line (real or imaginary) of Fisher Street extending across the beach to the low water mark.

#### **Indented Head Beach**

On all that area of beach at Indented Head bounded on the north by the prolongation of the centre line (real or imaginary) of Hood Road extending across the beach to the low water mark of the beach and on the south by the prolongation of the centre line (real or imaginary) of McDonald Street extending across the beach to the low water mark.

# **Beach Restrictions (continued)**

#### St Leonards Beach

On all that area of beach at St Leonards bounded on the north by the prolongation of the centre line (real or imaginary) of Second Avenue extending across the beach to the low water mark of the beach and on the south by the prolongation of the centre line (real or imaginary) of Trewin Street extending across the beach to the low water mark.

#### Collendina Beach

On all that area of beach at Collendina bounded 75 metres west and 75 metres east of the beach access track from the car park identified by the emergency beach location marker 7W.

#### **Ocean Grove Beach**

On all that area of beach at Ocean Grove bounded on the east by the prolongation of the centre line (real or imaginary) of Hodgson Street extending across the beach to the low water mark of the beach and on the west by the low water mark of east bank of the Barwon River and on the north to the prolongation of the centre line (real or imaginary) of Lelean Street across the beach to the low water mark.

# **Barwon Heads Beach**

On all that area of beach at Barwon Heads bounded on the north by the prolongation of the centre line (real or imaginary) of Talbot Street extending across the beach to the low water mark of the beach and on the south by the low water mark of the waters of Bass Strait, and on the west by the prolongation of the centre line (real or imaginary) of Ewing Blyth Drive extending across the beach to the low water mark.

#### 13th Beach

On all that area of beach at 13th Beach bounded on the east by a line passing through the emergency beach location marker number 34W extending across the beach and meeting the low water mark of the beach at right angles and on the west by a line passing through the emergency beach location marker number 35W extending across the beach and meeting the low water mark of the beach at right angles.

Furthermore, during the periods specified and within the areas, the following extended period of restrictions shall apply;

• For the full year, 1 December to 30 November of each year (both dates inclusive), dogs shall not be permitted in the area designated below.

#### 13th Beach

On all that area of beach at 13th Beach bounded on the east by a line passing through the emergency beach location marker number 40W extending across the beach and meeting the low water mark of the beach at right angles, and on the west from a point one kilometre west of the centre line (real or imaginary) of the prolongation of the centre line (real or imaginary) of Black Rock Road.

- Between 18 December and 31 January of each year (both dates inclusive), dogs shall not be permitted in the area designated below
- Between 1 August and 17 December of each year and between 1 February and 30 April of each year (both dates inclusive), dogs shall not be permitted unless restrained by means of a chain, cord or leash in the area designated below.

## Bancoora Beach

On all that area of beach at Bancoora Beach 500 metres west and 750 metres east of the beach access track in front of the Surf Life Saving Club.

Other than the declared beaches, all coastal areas remain accessible for walking of dogs provided they are under effective control.

# ANAL GLANDS

# Bellarine Veterinary Practice Newsletter – Spring Edition 2001 Sent in by Leonie Kelleher

Anal gland problems are one of those conditions in animals that are definitely once experienced, never forgotten, particularly the odour.

So, what are they? Dogs and cats have two anal glands, one either side of their anus. Each gland has a small duct, which opens into the rectum.

The glands produce a brown, smelly material. Each time a dog or cat has a bowel motion, the anal glands excrete this material onto the dropping.

This is an important way of marking their territory. Problems occur when the duct from the anal gland becomes blocked. The material builds up in the gland, causing it to become swollen and uncomfortable.

Blocked anal glands are one of the common reasons causing animals to 'scoot', or rub their bottoms along the ground. Pets can scoot for a variety of other reasons including the presence of tapeworms and fleas, or skin irritations. If material continues to build up in the gland, it may rupture and cause a localised infection, which is very painful. This infection may rupture through the skin

causing an open wound. Occasionally, abscessated anal glands can make the animal quite unwell.

Treatment of blocked anal glands involves squeezing the gland to unblock the duct, eliminating any impacted material. Antibiotics and anti-inflammatory therapy can be used to relieve any irritation after the gland has been unblocked. Glands, which have been abscessated, can be difficult to treat. The gland continues to produce brown material, which leaks into the already infected region, so it becomes a viscous cycle.

Animals prone to anal gland problems, such as small dogs, can have their glands removed as you animals before chronic problems

develop. Alternatively, the glands can be manually evacuated regularly if they have a tendency to become blocked. Your Vet can easily show you how to do this, or you can make an appointment when the glands become

impacted and uncomfortable.

# CYNDANZ SPRING SPICE CDX

"BRODIE"

"The dizzy blonde has done it"

First Pass Second Pass Third Pass

Bendigo Obedience Dog Club Werribee Obedience Dog Club Geelong Obedience Dog Club 18 August 28 October 11 November

Look out Toby here comes Brodie!

Owned and loved by Janelle and Pam Convery

# YOU AND YOUR PET AT CHRISTMAS

# A PET FOR CHRISTMAS

As we busily hurry around in the pre-Christmas chaos, it's easy to think of a pet as a novel and cute gift for a friend or family member. Think carefully about this choice of gift. Only give a pet to someone who you know wants a pet and is committed to caring for it throughout its life – not just for a few weeks.

We're all familiar with the sad story a few months after Christmas of puppies and kittens being dumped. Many of them were gifts where the novelty wore off.

# CHRISTMAS HINTS FOR PETS

Beware of Christmas decorations being chewed or swallowed by enthusiastic pets! They can cause tummy upsets and at worst, a blocked bowel.

Don't overfeed your pet on Christmas treats. Remember that any sudden changes in a pet's diet can cause gastric upsets. Too much rich food could ruin your pet's Christmas. A small treat of a piece of turkey breast is always greatly appreciated though!

Don't feed cooked turkey and chicken bones: they can bring disaster. Only ever feed raw bones to your pet.

If the weather is warm, don't forget plenty of fresh water for your pet and heed all the warnings about cars and your family pet when the weather is hot. The temperature inside a car rises very dramatically even on a mild sunny day.

# PETS ON HOLIDAYS

Heading off on holidays? Have you thought about what you'll do with your pet? It's important to include your pets in your holiday plans?

# 1. TAKING YOUR PET WITH YOU

If you're visiting friends or family you may be able to take your pet with you. Your pet will enjoy the holiday too.

There are a number of holiday homes, caravan parks and camping grounds where pets are allowed. There is a directory available with these places listed, copies available from many of the Vets, RACV and a copy is available to borrow from the Club Library.

If traveling by car ensure you have regular breaks for your pet to have a drink and go to the toilet. If your pet suffers from travel sickness, consult your vet about travel sickness medication. If your pet is traveling by plane or train, see your Vet about sedation, if required.

# 2. BOARDING YOUR PET

There are a number of excellent boarding kennels for dogs and cats around Geelong. Book well in advance as they get very busy during the holiday season. It's also a good idea to arrange to have a look at the kennel before you leave your pet there

It is usually possible to arrange for special requirements such as diet preferences and medications and all reputable boarding kennels will require a current vaccination certificate for your pet.

# 3. LEAVING YOUR PET AT HOME

Sometimes the easiest thing is to leave your pet at home, especially in the case of caged birds, fish, guinea pigs and rabbits. There are a number of options for ensuring your pet has adequate care while you're away:-

- 1. Ask a friend or neighbour to check and feed your pets once or preferably twice a day.
- 2. Arrange for a friend or family member to house sit for you. This has the added advantage of better security while you're away as well as having someone to empty the letterbox and water the lawn.
- 3. There are a number of professional house and pet minding services operating in the Geelong area. These people will either visit your house daily or occupy the house, while taking care of your pet and garden.

# HOLIDAY HINTS FOR PETS

If taking your dog on outings in the car, be sure to provide plenty of drink breaks, heat stress can occur easily in the warmer months. Carry a bottle of water for the dog in case you can't find a tap.

If walking your dog along the river or beach, be on the look out for dead fish, if your dog eats one he could end up with a very sore tummy.

Also be on the lookout for discarded bait attached to hooks. Dogs will grab the bait and end up with the hook embedded in the mouth.

Check local Council regulations regarding dogs on beaches and be aware of your dog if free running. Most dogs will interact happily when they meet outside their territory, but you don't want to spend your holiday at the Vet's as a result of a dogfight.

Remember to carry a plastic bag or similar to clean up after your dog, regardless of where you are. Regulations are making it more and more difficult for us to have free space with our pets and one of the main complaints is always the droppings left behind, so be a responsible dog owner!

UV radiation affects the skin of animals just as it affects humans; it causes sunburn, dermatitis and eventually skin cancer. Use zinc cream or one of the special preparations on the market for unpigmented skin, such as ears, nose and belly.

Check on the location of the local Vet when visiting an unfamiliar area, in case of emergency.



# SOCIAL CLUB BOOKS CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

Our Christmas Fundraiser from Social Club Books has been passed out to members. Please take the time to have a look through the catalogue. The Club will make 20% from the sales. Forms need to be posted by the 27th November. The \$2.95 postage means the books are delivered to your door in time for Christmas.

# CANINE PHYSIOTHERAPY



- Post surgical rehabilitation
- Arthritis treatment for the older dog
- All varieties of muscular and joint therapies for necks, backs, shoulders and hips
- Custom built carts for injured/paralysed dogs



VANESSA CALVERT PHYSIOTHERAPIST 0438 316 217

Member: Australian Animal Physiotherapy Association Victorian State Representative



September 2002

# Tracking Club of Victoria Inc. Annual Tracking Workshop Weekend

# DATE: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2002

# **VENUE:**

Victorian Field and Game Grounds, Bells Road, Haddon & Victoria Park, Ballarat.

#### COST:

MEMBERS: \$50.00 each - NON-MEMBERS: \$60.00 each

Includes all meals. Please bring you own plates and eating utensils, also food for your dog etc.

# TIME:

Arrival at VF&G grounds, Bells Road Haddon on Friday approximately 6.30 p.m. BBQ Tea following arrival Friday evening. Concluding on the Sunday at approximately 2.00 p.m.

## **ACCOMMODATION:**

You can bed down in the shed, pitch a tent or tow the caravan; then again you may wish to make your own arrangements. Sleeping Bags, air mattress etc. are suggested if you intend to bunk down in the Clubrooms over the weekend. Toilet facilities are available at the Clubrooms, please note: there are no shower facilities.

If you wish to be part of this very enjoyable and informative weekend please fill in the following registration form and return it with your cheque to:-

Mrs. Andrea Sciberras, 11 Ottawa Ave, Blackburn 3130 - Tel: 03 9877 1528 by

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2002. (CHEQUE PAYABLE TO: TRACKING CLUB OF VICTORIA INC.)

Court la amante				
	acking Club of Victoria Inc. Works	shop Weekend 2002		
NAME		TELEPHONE		
ADDRESS				
NUMBER ATTENDIN	G			
HOW MANY DOGS WILL ACCOMPANY YOU, IF ANY?				
IF YOU ARE A VEGETARIAN OR VEGAN, PLEASE STATE "YES" HERE				
DO YOUHAVE A HAI	RNESS FOR YOUR DOG?	CHEOUE ENCLOSED \$		

# CRITERIA FOR TRAINEE INSTRUCTORS

- Merit Certificate pass to commence as Trainee. Basic Certificate pass required before you commence instructing.
- 2. Reasonable term of commitment (12 months)
- 3. Willingness to attend Trainee
  Instructor's Meetings (as per
  program) and also attend Instructor's
  Meetings
- 4. Ability to communicate with people and impart knowledge clearly to a Class
- 5. Realise that this is a commitment and your dog will receive a little less attention

Watch for information on our next Instructor's course commencing early in 2002



# Canine Recipe for APPLE CINNAMON Sent in by Elaine Longshaw

#### Ingredients

- 4 cups whole-wheat flour
- ½ cup cornmeal
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 small apple (grated)
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 1/3 cups of water

## **Baking Instructions**

In a bowl combine all ingredients except the apple and water. Grate apple into mixture and add water. Mix until it starts forming together. Turn out on a lightly floured surface. Knead well. Roll out to a thickness of ¼ inch to ½ inch.

Take a straight edge and score the dough horizontally then vertically to make a grid of ¾ squares. Be careful not to score the dough that it completely cuts through the dough.

Place on a baking sheet that has been sprayed with a non-stick spray. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour. Yield  $-1\frac{1}{2}$  pounds. Place in plastic zip lock bag and store in refrigerator

# PURDELLA FIRE ROBIN "KELLY"

Kelly is a number one pet and four-legged friend who has now gained her CD Title. Wow! Little did we know when we visited the kennel in Bacchus Marsh that we would come home with such a talented dog.

Kelly, a little black fluffy ball of fun, played with our shoelaces, ran around our legs, wanted to play and fortunately adopted us!!!

In a short span of time, less than two years, Kelly has taken us on a whirlwind trip and steep learning curve with passes in Obedience Classes and only three Trials to gain her Companion Dog Title (CD) – Altona, Werribee and Geelong.

Kelly, to us you are a shining "STAR", but most of all our faithful, fun loving, four-legged friend.

Beryl and Bill Jackson

# THIS DOG IS DRIVING ME CRAZY!

www.canismajor.com/dog/ttrain.html

# Introduction

- 1. Mary Jane bought the cutest Yorkie-poo puppy at the pet store, but she cannot housetrain Monkey or keep the little rascal from stealing cookies from the baby or chewing everything he gets his teeth on including ankles
- 2. Steven researched breeds and bought a Labrador Retriever from a reputable breeder. But Toby has far more energy than Steven ever imagined, and he cannot keep up with the pup. Last week, Toby destroyed a door in his attempt to get outside to play with the kids, and the week before he slipped out the back gate and was picked up by the dogcatcher. That experience cost Steven a \$75 fine and \$10 for board at the shelter, but at least Toby was wearing his license tag and could be identified.
- 3. The Drews like to jog before work and hike or bike on the weekends. Sarah always liked the droopy look of a Basset Hound, so Mark bought her a pup for her birthday. Snoopy couldn't keep up with Sarah and Mark on the trail, so he stays home alone while they enjoy their outings. Last month, year-old Snoopy soiled the new kitchen tile, so now he's tied in the yard while they are gone.

The stories go on. The Hortons' Dalmatian is nothing like Pongo; the Hammonds' Newfoundland which drools and sheds on the new furniture; the Cummings are getting a divorce and neither one wants the dog; Sue Jackson bought a pup at a charity auction and doesn't like its personality; the Smiths bought a German Shepherd that is timid instead of bold; and the Stassen's bought a Golden Retriever mix pup that is dysplastic. They all had great expectations, but something went wrong.

# The contract

Bringing a pet into the home from any source implies a contract with that animal to provide it with food, water, shelter, training, and companionship. The dog is more than willing to full fill his side of the bargain because he knows from whence his kibble comes. Dogs have been human companions for thousands of years; along with the instincts and behaviours that make him canine, each and every puppy is born with an affinity for domestic life in a human family.

The contract is strained when human expectations of the dog differ from reality. To prevent breech of contract, the dog owner's best bet is to consider that his pup or adult dog has the potential to become the perfect companion under the right circumstances — and then to begin to orchestrate those circumstances.

At this point, it does not matter if the pet came from a puppy farm, a reputable breeder, a retail store, the boss's sister or the female dog allowed to have just one litter — owners must build the human-animal bond with the dog they have, not the dog they wish they had. So forget the past. Use the dog's origin to explain its behaviour, not as an excuse to ignore the problems until they become insurmountable. A pet store puppy may be hard to housetrain or hyperactive, but once he enters your home, it's up to you to figure out how to deal with the behaviour. A field-bred Golden Retriever or Springer Spaniel might have a working drive that makes you crazy, but if the dog is yours, so is the responsibility to deal with the behaviour.

# Recognizing potential

Each dog behaves according to its genetic makeup. That genetic tendency can be surmised from its ancestry — purebred or mixed — and accommodated through training and opportunities to behave as nature intended. In other words, a Basset Hound or Dachshund may not be a good jogging companion, but either can be a delightful house dog, great for walks in the park, fine for tracking

This dog is driving me crazy! (continued)

critters, and fun for a child to show. On the other hand, a rowdy Labrador Retriever or Dalmatian may be too much for the children to handle and difficult to keep in the yard, but both are responsive to daily exercise, consistent obedience training and firm discipline. The trick is to be alert to the possibilities even if you are appalled that Toby is a tornado of energy (and almost as destructive) and Snoopy would rather lie on the couch than join you in practice for a cross-country bike tour.

Genetic potential is only part of the formula. Each dog has a behavioural potential as well, potential that can be shaped with firm and consistent training. Fortunately, dogs are resilient; they can adjust to firmness and consistency beginning today even if they haven't experienced either in the past. The adjustment period may be rough, but the results are worth the effort.

# What to do

So how does all this translate into a well-behaved dog that meets family expectations? First, you may have to adjust those expectations a bit to accommodate the individual dog's personality and character. Then you have to seriously tackle each problem, perhaps going so far as to make a list of what to deal with first and the alternatives for doing so.

For example, if Monkey isn't housetrained and bites ankles, both serious problems, try for a solution that can help with both behaviours. A crate can help. Feed her in the crate, and then take her outside to a bathroom spot. Use a word or phrase that she will learn to associate with doing her duty at that spot, such as "Go potty" or "Do your business." When she's successful, praise her and give her a special treat such as bits of chicken or cheese, Cheerios, or popped corn.

If she doesn't do her business in five minutes, bring her back inside and put her in the crate for 10-15 minutes, then try again. No playtime until she's successful. Do not allow her the run of the house until she is housetrained. If she's confined to the room you are in, you are unlikely to get any rude surprises and can pick up on her cues when she needs to relive herself.

When she nips at ankles, say a stern "No!" pick her up, and put her in the crate for 10 minutes. If she persists in the behaviour upon release, repeat the discipline. Begin obedience training right away, and insist that the entire family participate. Although it is helpful to go to a training class, it is not always necessary if you are determined and have a good book to help. Carol Lea Benjamin has two books written for rescued dogs, but they are appropriate for training any dog and cost less than \$10. Titles are "The Chosen Puppy" and "Second Hand Dog". Job Michael Evans book "The Evans Guide to Housetraining Your Dog" also helps build the bond with a dog and thereby solve other behaviour problems. Karen Pryor's "Don't Shoot the Dog" puts a new slant on positive motivational training by shaping desirable behaviour rather than punishing undesirable behaviour. Dozens of other books can be found at libraries and bookstores, so you are likely to find one that meets your pocketbook and your training philosophy.

Obedience training has a settling effect on the dog and gives you the opportunity to redirect its focus. If Monkey will respond to "sit" and "down," you can use those commands to calm her down and avoid the ankle biting that occurs when she gets excited. If Toby will obey "sit-stay" before you open the door, he is less likely to bolt out after the neighbour's cat or

the children's ball.

# **Dealing with hyperactivity**

Breeds and mixes with high energy levels can be destructive as well as pesky. Pointers, retrievers, herding dogs, terriers, coonhounds, and many other breeds have a strong work ethic and a

This dog is driving me crazy! (continued)

psychological need to stay busy. If you don't give them a job to do, they'll find one — and it's highly probable you won't be pleased.

Vigorous dogs need toys, daily walks, playtime, and other opportunities to burn off their energy. Erisbees, tennis balls, Buster cubes, Kong toys, etc. all help, as does playtime with other dogs. Making the dog part of daily family life helps, too; instead of closing him in a crate or basement when you head out the door, take him along. You can teach him to sit or lie quietly while you watch Paul or Mary play soccer or walk him in the park while the kids attend a craft workshop or nature program. If you stop for a burger or ice cream cone, give him a taste. Being part of family activities gives him something to do and to look forward to and will make him more amenable to good behaviour.

When you can't take him along, make sure he's had some exercise before you leave him alone and that he has some fun things to keep him busy while you're gone. A Buster cube filled with a half-cup of kibble saved from his breakfast and a Kong tov stuffed with kibble or cookies

cup of kibble saved from his breakfast moistened with peanut butter or honey food out of the toys, he'll be tired furniture, and your dog won't be

If your pet is destructive, see how your household safe. Crate the mousetraps under a layer of spray surfaces with bitter apple or baby gates in the doorways. If he's can devise to maintain your sanity affectionate nature. Teach him to lie down with him in short spurts several times a day,

many ways you can devise to keep dog, pick up the wastebaskets, put newspaper on the counters or sofas, a vanilla and water mixture, or put pesky, see how many ways you and begin to appreciate his on his own rug and stay put, play get involved in obedience classes and

afraid to see you come in the door.

are great favourites. By the time he ferrets the

enough to sleep. You'll come home to intact

competitions to take advantage of his tight bond with a member of the family, or play "hide the treat" and "find the toy" games to keep him occupied.

It isn't easy

Changing inappropriate pet behaviour requires patience, persistence, consistency, a sense of humour, patience, and a sense of humour. And patience!

First thing to throw out the window is the idea that a dog will automatically learn what you want it to learn. Close behind that myth is the notion that the dog understands intuitively what you mean by "no," "sit," "stay," "come," and other commands. The dog may be an expert at reading body language and at communicating his mood to humans and other dogs, but he is not bilingual. Canine, he knows; English, he doesn't.

First thing to do is connect an action with the word. "Sit" to a person generally means "make a lap and park your backside in a chair," but "sit" to a dog, means nothing until you connect it with a behaviour. Whether you teach the behaviour first as with clicker training and then add the cue word or teach the word while you guide the dog into the position, you still have to teach and reinforce that "sit" always means "lower your hindquarters to the floor." It means the same thing in the car as in the living room, the same thing in the back yard as in front of the door, the same thing when you are alone at home as it does when guests come for a party.

Changing expectations

Studies have shown that a dog's failure to meet owner expectations puts the animal at high risk for surrender to a shelter. If the dog you got turns out to be a dog you don't particularly want, change your expectations so you can enjoy his good traits and fix or ignore the bad. If he's a couch potato

# This dog is driving me crazy! (continued)

and you wanted a hiking companion, get a second dog that fits that need and enjoy them both. If he's a boisterous, energetic character who tries your patience, play with him, dog-proof your home, and teach him some manners. If he's too bold or very shy or barks too much or dominates some family members, buy a book or contact a trainer for help. Stick with it — you'll be glad you did.

Norma Bennett Woolf

## BLESSINGS

Sent in by Yvette Swan

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

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

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death you are more blessed than 3 million people in the world.

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

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

If your parents are still alive and married you are very rare, even more so in the United States. If you can hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.

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

If you can read this message, you have just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you and furthermore, you are more blessed than over 2 billion people in the world that cannot read at all.

So we are pretty lucky. Work together for a common good and remind everyone else how blessed we are and how we all have so much to give!

# GEELONG OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIAL RESULTS

Geelong Members - Sunday 11 November 2001

# Encouragement

Tara Middleton "Ch Megajames Aileens Girl"

Slava Diamond "PJ"

Novice

W & B Jackson "Purdella Fire Robin" (Kelly)



Open

C Walter J & P Converv

"Kellick Riana Rose CD" (Riana) "Cyndanz Spring Spice CD (Brodie)"

1st Place **Highest Qualifying Encouragement** 2<sup>nd</sup> Place NQ

3<sup>rd</sup> Pass 2<sup>nd</sup> Place **CD** Title

**Highest Scoring Geelong Member Highest Qualifying Novice** 

1st Pass 3<sup>rd</sup> Pass

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**CDX** Title **Highest Qualifying Open** 



# "SOME DOG QUOTES"

Sent in by Elaine Longshaw

"If you are a dog and your owner suggests that you wear a sweater, suggest that he wear a tail". – Fran Lebowitz

"You can say any fool thing to a dog, and the dog will give you this look that says, 'My God, you're RIGHT! I NEVER would've thought of that!" – Dave Barry

"Breed not a savage dog, nor permit a loose stairway" – Talmud

"Man is an animal that makes bargains: no other animal does this – one dog does not change a bone with another." – Adam Smith

"If your dog doesn't like someone you probably shouldn't either." – Unknown

"Old dogs, like old shoes, are comfortable. They might be a bit out of shape and a little worn around the edges, but they fit well." – Bonnie Wilcox

"Whoever said you can't buy happiness forgot little puppies." – Gene Hill

"The more people I meet the more I like my dog." – Unknown

"In order to really enjoy a dog, one doesn't merely try to train him to be semi-human. The point of it is to open oneself to the possibility of becoming partly dog." – Edward Hoagland

"I once decided not to date a guy because he wasn't excited to meet my dog. I mean, this was like not wanting to meet my mother." – Bonnie Schacter, Founder of the Single Pet Owner's Society Singles Group

# FELEN READ

Private professional training available

25 years experience

Prices on application for Social and Competitive Obedience Training

Seminars and Lectures also available for groups and organisations

Home Phone: 52 484 889 Mobile Phone: 0415833508

May 2002

# TRIAL DATES - 2002

<u>January</u> Saturday	25	Agility Trials (Dusk to Dawn)	Southern Obedience Dog Training Club	
<u>February</u>				
Saturday	16	Obedience Trial	Melton Dog Obedience Club	
Sunday	17	Agility Trial (2)	Northern Obedience Dog Club	
Saturday	23	Agility Trial	Easter Suburbs Obedience Dog Club	
		Agility Trial	Bairnsdale & Dist Dog Obedience Club	
<u>March</u>				
Saturday	2	Agility Trial (2)	Knox Obedience Dog Club	
Saturday	9	Agility & Obedience	Warrnambool Dog Training School	
Sunday	10	Agility & Obedience	Warrnambool Dog Training School	
Saturday	16	Obedience Trial	Southern Obedience Dog Training Club	
Sunday	17	Obedience Trial	Victorian Obedience Dog Club	
Saturday	23	Preliminary Tracking Test	Tracking Club of Vic	
Sunday	24	Obedience Trial	Knox Obedience Dog Club	
		Agility Trial (2)	Gisborne & District Obedience Dog Club	
Saturday	30	Agility (2) - Easter	Agility Dog Club of Vic	
Sunday	31	Agility (2) – Easter	Agility Dog Club of Vic	
MARIEM CONTROL				

# 心的是心态的态度的心态的态度的态度的

# From the Australian Bureau of Statistics:-

# Sent in by Elaine Longshaw

- 3 Australians die each year testing if a 9V battery works on their tongue
- \* 142 Australians were injured in 1998 by not removing all the pins from new shirts.
- 58 Australians are injured each year by using sharp knives instead of screwdrivers.
- 31 Australians have died since 1996 by watering their Christmas tree while the fairy lights were plugged in.
- \* 19 Australians have died in the last 3 years by eating Christmas decorations they believed were chocolate.
- \* Hospitals reported 4 broken arms last year after cracker pulling incidents.
- \* 18 Australians had serious burns in 1998 trying on a new jumper with a lit cigarette in their mouth.
- \* 5 Australians were injured last year in accidents involving out of control Scalextric cars.
- and finally:

YEP! It's great to be Australian



# TRIAL RESULTS

# Werribee Obedience Dog Club

W & B Jackson Purdella Fire Robin (Kelly)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

2<sup>nd</sup> Pass

J & P Converv

Cyndanz Spring Spice (Brodie)

Highest Scoring Geelong Member 2<sup>nd</sup> Pass

**Highest Scoring Golden Retriever** 

Pass

Warrnambool Dog Training School

Cathy Bond Ruff ET ADX Mo

Morning Trial
Afternoon Trial

Open Agility

 $\frac{1}{2}$ 

Novice Jumping 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

3<sup>rd</sup> Pass

**Novice Jumping Title** 



An acquaintance of mine who is a physician told this story about her then 4-year-old daughter.

On the way to preschool, the doctor left her stethoscope on the car seat and her little girl picked it up and began playing with it. "Be still, my heart" thought my friend, "my daughter wants to follow in my footsteps!"

Then the child spoke into the instrument: "Welcome to McDonald's. May I take your order?"



# VOLUNTEERS – THANK YOU!

Victorian Canine Association Magazine - VicDog

This year is the Year of the Volunteer, and the VCA thinks that it is fitting that we all reflect on the unpaid work that goes into the VCA, promotion of the purebred dog and promotion of responsible dog ownership by VCA members.

The VCA calendar this year has just on 700 events listed that are run by 262 affiliated Clubs. Each of these affiliated Clubs has an average ten members on its Committee. So, here alone we have 2,620 volunteers who give generously of their time to make it a better world for dog lovers.

The average exhibitor turns up at a VCA event, picks up his/her catalogue and settles into what is hoped will be an enjoyable day. He/she does not reflect on the work of the Committee to put this event together, nor the work of the breed Clubs who continually generate interest in their breeds so that we, hopefully, have more exhibitors at our shows.

The work of Obedience Clubs is also too often taken for granted when one considers the work that is done for the community. They promote responsible dog ownership at the coalface and impact greatly on the day-to-day life of many dog owners.

Then there are all the Committees who work to improve the quality and performance of the disciplines within the organization. These people accept a call to make the dog world a better place and yet unfortunately tend to get more criticism than praise for their efforts.

I know that volunteers do not seek praise for their work. A simple "thanks for a great show", "thanks for the breed Club newsletter", "thanks for putting the equipment away" on a Sunday morning when everyone is rushing off somewhere, is all that is required as payment for their work.

It is so simple to say "thanks", but somehow we find it difficult to say.

So on behalf of the VCA "THANK YOU" to all our volunteers!

# Dual Ch (T) Jahzorn Brilliant N Blue (A) CDX (Rasa)

# Tracking Champion – 6 November 2001

Rasa gained a very good pass on Test 6 at the Victorian Canine Association Tracking Champion Trial

Owned by Susie and John Baird

# **NEW MEMBERS**

The Committee, Instructors and Members would like to welcome the following new Members who have joined the Club recently. We hope your stay with us is a happy one and that you achieve your goals with your canine companion.

## 4/11/2001

Atchison Family

Perry Family

Beaufoy Family

Farrow Jason/Chan Grace

Reid Family

Jirssen Jim

Latta Family

Sims Family

Calvert Vanessa

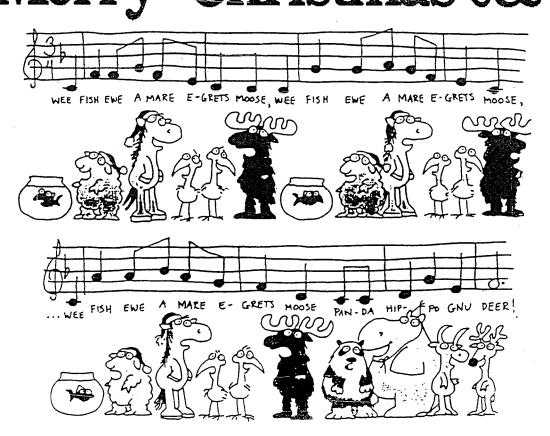
Hutchinson Kim/McCutcheon Scott

# Christmas &

Moore Family

Agnew Denise

Cleary Family



# GENERAL MEETING

Meeting opened: 9.45 pm

Apologies: As per Annual General Meeting

Seconded: S Fletcher Acc: P Pope

Carried

Minutes from the previous General Meeting as distributed in the Newsletter, taken as read Seconded: D Dickeson Acc: P McCormack

Business arising from the Minutes:

1. P Convery and L Kelleher were unable to attend the President's and Secretary's conference due to the possibility of flooding at the Club at the time.

Correspondence Out: Victorian Canine Association

Correspondence In: VCA Minutes 2000, VCA President's & Secretary's Conference Agenda, Gala Board, John Kerr, National Dog Trainers Federation, Australian Achiever Awards, ADTC Minutes, Active Australia, VCA, ADTC Meeting notice,

# Business arising from Correspondence:

- 1. Gala Board information has been passed on to S McCarthy and preparations are underway
- 2. John Kerr Geelong City Toyota members declined the offer
- 3. ADTC L Kelleher and A Thorogood will attend the ADTC meeting
- 4. Australian Achiever Awards members declined to nominate for the awards
- 5. Active Australia A & B Mackey will attend Active Australia meeting

Treasurer's Report: Report as per AGM

# Other Reports:

All reports as per AGM

#### General Business:

1. L Kelleher moved 'that P Convery have access to Minutes Books, past Newsletter and past Trial information in order to complete a History of the Club for the 50th Anniversary' Carried Seconded: J Convery

As there was no further business

Meeting closed at: 10.00 pm

# TOTAL PET CARE now at

# HIGHTON AND WAURNVALE





88 BARRABOOL ROAD, HIGHTON 52 430077

SHOP 603, WAURNVALE SHOPPING CENTRE, GROVEDALE 52430002

ALL VETERINARY SERVICES PLUS BIRD MEDICINE, ACUPUNCTURE, BEHAVIOUR, PUPPY CLASSES AND GROOMING

XMAS GIFT VOUCHERS AVAILABLE FOR THE CLINIC,
SPECIAL PET PRODUCTS, GROOMING
AND

DO IT YOURSELF HYDROBATHS