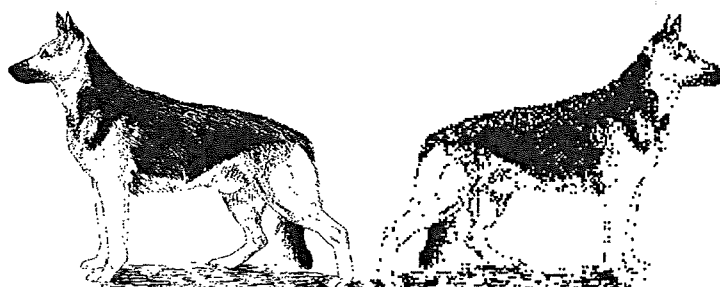
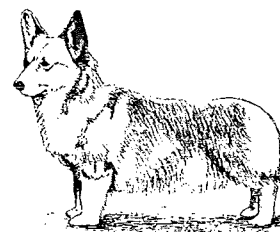
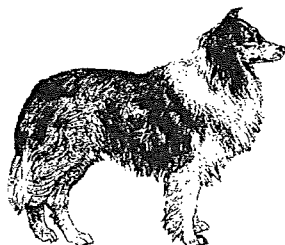
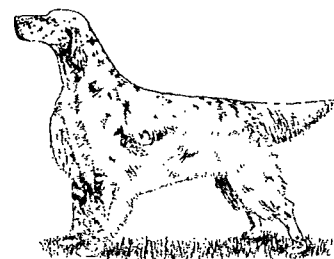
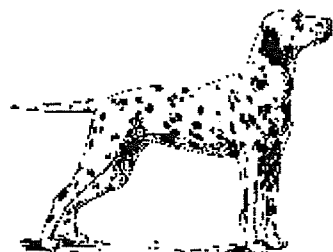


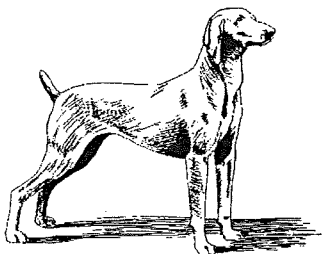
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Welcome back to training for 2002

Best wishes to all current members for the coming year

The Committee, Instructors and members wish all new members every success in achieving your goals with your canine companions

Club Calendar

(a complete copy of the Calendar for 2002 is included in this Newsletter)

February

Sunday	3 February	Training resumes. Newsletter available
Tuesday	5 February	General Meeting – commencing 8.00 pm. All members welcome. Minutes of the previous General Meeting appear in this Newsletter
Thursday	7 February	Puppy Kinder commences for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Sunday	10 February	Class 1 Intake (induction). Puppy Intake for all fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Friday	15 February	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	17 February	Normal training
Monday	18 February	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	24 February	Normal training. Newsletter available

GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY

COMMENCING 8.00 PM

All members welcome. Please bring along a plate of food for supper.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to welcome you all back to training and wish everyone a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2002. I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and an enjoyable break.

To all the handlers who have gained their Merit or Basic Certificate, would you please give some thought to becoming an Instructor. The Club is always in need of more Instructors and by doing so, you have the opportunity to give back some of what you have learned. If you have any questions, please speak to the Training Supervisor or myself.

Colin Humphreys – Vice President

TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

My first report for 2002, so a warm welcome back to our current members and a warm welcome to all the new members who are just beginning the challenge of training their dogs. I hope everyone had a great festive season and that all the Instructors enjoyed their well-earned rest before we all rally forth into training for this year, "bright-eyed and bushy-tailed" for the hard work that lies ahead.

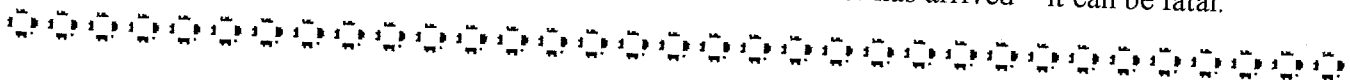
I'm sure that everyone is aware that the Instructors show you how to train your dog and then you go home and practise your homework to achieve the goals that you set for yourself! As has been said many, many times before, you get out of training what you put into it, so ultimately the handler is responsible for the behaviour of their canine friend!

If anyone has a problem in Class, please talk to your Instructor, who will be only too happy to offer assistance. Good luck with training and be kind to your dogs

Desma Dickeson – Training Supervisor

PS – Remember to have lots of fresh cool water in shady areas for your dog to drink.

PPS – DO NOT leave your dog in a car now that the warm weather has arrived – it can be fatal.



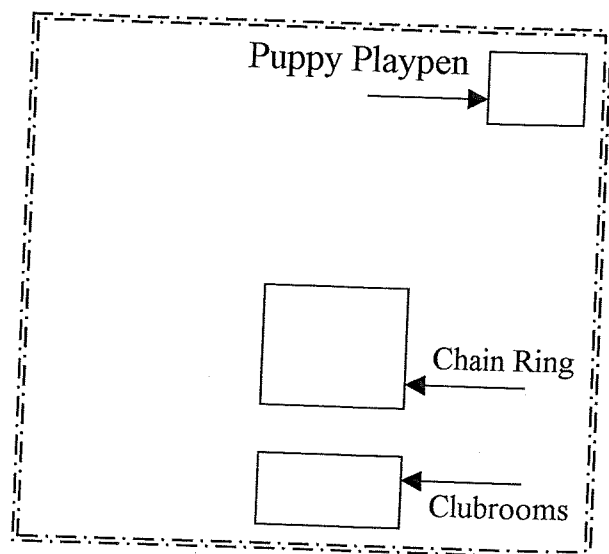
To all Puppy Class members

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 puppy's safety, please remove correction chains and do not leave puppies unattended. They are your responsibility.





Trial Results 2001

Werribee 27 October 2001

Roy Lawrence Shionabox The Wishmaster (Kimbo)

Encouragement Pass
2nd Place after run off



Ballarat 18 November 2001

Roy Lawrence Shionabox The Wishmaster (Kimbo)

Novice



3rd Place



Highest Scoring Geelong Member

CRITERIA FOR TRAINEE INSTRUCTORS

1. 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
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1 edition	\$25.00

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TRIAL DATES

February

Sat 16	Melton D O Club	Obedience Trial (4.00pm start)
Sat 23	Bairnsdale & Dist D O C	Agility & Jumping
Sun 24	Eastern Suburbs O D C	Obedience Trial
Sun 24	Bairnsdale & Dist D O C	Agility & Jumping

Entries close

closed
8/2/02
11/2/02
8/2/02

March

Sat 2	Knox O D C	Agility (2)	18/2/02
Sat 9	German Shepherd Dog Club	Restricted Obedience	5/2/02
	Warrnambool D T S	Agility & Obedience	22/2/02
Sun 10	Warrnambool D T S	Agility & Obedience	22/2/02
Mon 11	Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club	Restricted Obedience	8/2/02
Sat 16	Southern O D T Club	Obedience	1/3/02
Sun 17	Victorian O D C	Obedience	25/2/02
Sat 23	Tracking Club of Vic	Preliminary Tracking Test	8/3/02
Sun 24	Knox O D T C	Obedience	10/3/02
	Gisborne & Dist O D C	Agility (2)	6/3/02
Sat 30	Agility Dog Club	Agility (2)	
Sun 31	Agility Dog Club	Agility (2)	

HOW TO BECOME A TRACKING CHAMPION

(Taken from the ANKC Rules for the Conduct of Tracking Trials)

To be eligible to compete in tracking trials, a dog must have passed the Preliminary Track qualification Test. In this test, the dog must track a **known** tracklayer for approximately 300 metres. There will be one change of direction of approximately 90 degrees not less than 100 metres after the start. The track must be not less than 10 minutes, nor more than 30 minutes old. The dog must find the tracklayer and considered to be tracking by the Judge in order to obtain a pass. No grades are awarded – only Pass or Fail.

TRACK ONE

In this track, a dog must track a **known person** for approximately 800 metres, and the exhibitor shall nominate the tracklayer. The track will have at least two angle turns, and two articles must be place on the track. The minimum time for commencement of the track must be 30 minutes and the maximum 60 minutes, from the time the track is laid. At least one article must be found in order to obtain a pass, and the tracklayer must be found at the end of the track

TRACK TWO

In this track, a dog must follow a trail for approximately 800 metres and the tracklayer will be **unknown** to the dog. The track must have at least two angle turns and two articles will be place on the track. Time lapse for the track must be the same as Test One. At least one article must be found in order to obtain a pass, and the tracklayer must be found at the end of the track. A Pass in Track Two allows a dog to gain a TD (Tracking Dog) Title.

TRACK THREE

In this track, a dog is required to track an **unknown person** over a trail of approximately 1000 metres. The track shall have at least four angle turns and two articles must be on the track. The minimum time lapse for the commencement of this track must be 60 minutes and the maximum 2 hours from the time the track is laid. At least one article must be found or indicated to obtain a pass, and the tracklayer must be found at the end of the track.

TRACK FOUR

This test is similar to Track Three, except that a **known person** must cross the track once. The diversion track should be laid approximately 30 minutes after the original tracklayer has passed.

TRACK FIVE

The dog is required to track an **unknown person** over a trail of approximately 1,200 metres. It shall have at least 5 angle turns and 3 articles must be placed on the track. The track shall be crossed twice by diversion tracks and one or two **unknown persons** may lay these. The diversion tracks must be laid approximately 30 minutes after the original tracklayer has passes. The minimum time lapse for the commencement of the track must be 1 hour and the maximum 3 hours from the time the track was laid. At least two articles must be found or indicated to obtain a pass, and the tracklayer must be found at the end of the track. A pass at Track Five level means that a dog is awarded a TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent) Title.



How to become a Tracking Champion (continued)

TRACK SIX – THE TRACKING CHAMPION TEST!!

In this test, a dog is required to track an **unknown person** and find lost articles over a trail of approximately 1,100 metres. The track shall have at least 6 angle turns, two turns to be acute and no less than 45 degrees, the first turn to be no less than 100 metres from the start. Three articles must be placed on the track; two articles must be found or indicated in order to obtain a pass.

The start must be 30 metres from any road, fence, boundary, etc. The start will be between two flags, which are approximately 20 metres apart. There will be a small making flag where the tracklayer will start from to enable him/her to line up with the next flag on the track. The tracklayer will take this marker flag with him/her. The starting line flags will remain in place.

Thirty metres from the starting line, the tracklayer will place 1 of his/her scented articles in a clean bag, seal it and hand it to the Judge. The Judge will, when the track has aged sufficiently, take the handler and dog to within 30 metres of the starting line and hand the **unopened** bag to the handler and inform him/her that he/she is free to start tracking.

There will be 2 diversion tracks that may be laid by 1 or 2 **unknown persons**. Diversion tracks will be laid according to the Judge's direction. The crossover tracks must be laid approximately 30 minutes after the original tracklayer has passed. The minimum time lapse for the commencement of the track must be 90 minutes and the maximum 180 minutes from the time the original tracklayer crosses the starting line. The tracklayer must be found at the end of the track.

(Editor's Note – Track 6 Test is under review. See notice further on in this Newsletter)

End of Year Awards – 2001

Registered Dog of the Year

Purdella Fire Robin CD (Kelly) German Shepherd
Beryl and Bill Jackson

Associate Dog of the Year

Not awarded

Agility Dog of the Year

“Ruff” ADX ET JD (Ruff) Associate
Cathy Bond

Committee/Instructor of the Year

Not awarded

Elsa Dahl Award

Not awarded

WILL WE EVER GET OUR CDX? – Author unknown
CDX (Companion Dog Excellent Title)

Sung to "Walking in a Winter Wonderland"

In the ring, are you listenin'
See that white dumbbell glistenin'?
Your heeling was grand,
You dropped on command,
But will we ever get our CDX?

"Hey Mum, look! See that popcorn?"
"Listen, Mum, hear that loud horn?"
Distractions abound,
My pup runs around.
Will we ever get our CDX?

In the Open ring I spend my money!
Entry fees just vanish in the air!
And what's worse, the crowd just finds it funny.
Watching as you clown without a care!

"Take the jump!" That's a good dog!
"Come to front!" That's a GREAT dog!
Will this be the day you go all the way?
Will we ever get our CDX?

Time and time again I throw the dumbbell.
Time and time again you watch it land,
Maybe you're expecting ME to fetch it!
I think I've finally caught onto your plan!

Am I nuts, to pursue this?
Why do I, want to do this?
The answer I see. Is Agility!
Because we'll never get our CDX!

(BIG FINISH)
Because we'll never get our CDX!!!!

HELEN READ

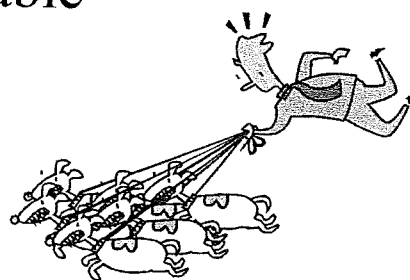
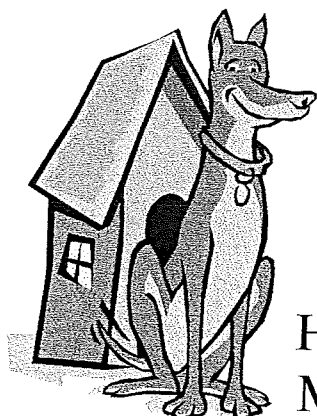
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IF ONLY – author unknown

If only my dog had stood on his stand,
When I gave him the signal. A move of one
hand.

If only he'd stayed on the one minute sit.
Instead of deciding that 50 seconds was it.

A figure 8 perfect, I could almost boast;
If only he'd gone round the other post.
If only he'd dropped on the signal I gave,
And not when he saw the spectator wave.

The retrieve on the flat - he knew what to do;
If only he'd brought back the dumbbell I threw.
The high jump retrieve - the one thing he
lacked,
Was the dumbbell that he didn't bring back.

On the broad jump, if only he'd jumped all the
way,
and not tiptoed between to my utter dismay.
When I signalled the glove it was there in plain
sight;
If only he'd gone for the glove that was right.

His go-out was perfect - he just went so far;
If only he hadn't both times jumped the bar.
We'd have had a 200 - he could do everything,
If only he hadn't run out of the ring.



CERTIFICATE PASSES

Promotion Day - Sunday 9th December 2001

Beginners' Certificate

Paul Curran & "Midge"
Yvonne Wilson & "Trisdyn"
Terry Thomas & "Tommy"
Norm Martin & "Marty"
Paul Taylor & "Jed"
Belinda Dighton & "Cleo"
Peter Innes & "Honey"

John Moorfoot & "Piper"
Dale Zurawel & "Kyisha"
Georgia Pohlman & "Tishka"
Peter Townsend & "Mach"
Jim Jessen & "Kate"
Kylie Effenberger & "Bryson"

Susan Young & "Bazza"
Malcolm Moy & "Motley"
Bec Sellars & "Molly"
Christa Follett & "Maddy"
Toni Newell & "Samson"
Chloe Collins & "George"

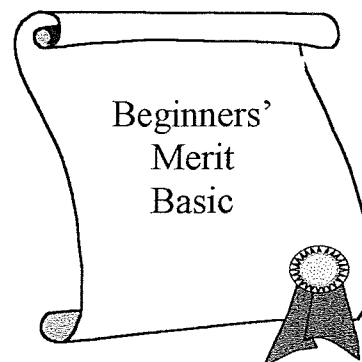
Merit Certificate

Michael Jelenko & "Emily"	Bree Schammer & "Bailey"
Lois Soper & "Mundarnee Pikablue Millie"	
Helen Green & "Bella"	Kathy Miller & "Zac"
Bill Day & "Pippa"	Joanne Dunoon & "Koby"
Martin Filling & "Mac"	Andrew Serle & "Tess"
Marene Turnley & "Bella"	David Gravalin & "Zeppo"
Rosemary O'Sullivan & "Kereme Dear Madam"	
Kath Devlin & "Ellie"	Kim Ciezarek & "Yogi"

Sally Roche & "Indy"
Jenny Chase & "Cooper Clay"

Basic Certificate

Dean Goddard & "Jesmond"	Yvonne Stott & "Spike"
Kathy Hawkrige & "Peppysan My Jamaica"	
Dorinda Zurawel & "Charli"	



DOG TRAINING METHODS

Excerpts from the 1997 FAVA Congress. Presented by Terry Ryan

Stay and Release

Once your dog responds to the sit, you may want to add the word "Stay" or "Wait". This is actually redundant, because the dog can't be sitting properly and not stay! However, "Stay" will be a useful word in the future and this is a convenient time to teach its meaning

Because dogs communicate mostly with body language, many dogs respond better to hand signals than verbals. A hand signal to accompany the verbal STAY is the palm of your hand placed in front of the dog's face.

Start with a brief sit-stay. Fido should be helped to stay on a few seconds and then released. Accomplish the stay by keeping Fido's head up. When the head is up the laws of physics are in your favour. Try this yourself. Sit in a chair and focus on a spot on the ceiling just above your head. Now try to get up! Careful! Don't lose your balance. You can get up, but it's difficult.

The "Stay" period can slowly progress to about 30 seconds over a week's time. Don't get too ambitious with the STAY. Don't fall into the trap of testing to see just how long Fido will stay. In the beginning stages of training a new exercise, the important thing is to make Fido successful and reward that success. Once you establish this foundation, you can start to build on the time away from Fido and also the distance, but not all at once. At first when practicing sit-stay you will be toe to toe with Fido. When Fido seems steady at that, you can take a step backwards. If you're extending the distance, decrease the time. If you're extending the time, decrease the distance. Start with just a few seconds at a distance. To Fido a sit-stay with you one step away is a different exercise than a sit-stay toe to toe.

The STAY can be added to the STAND and DOWN once those new ones are learned. Stay, but for how long? It's helpful if a dog can be trained to stay in a position until released or given another command.

RELEASE:

A release term meaning, "we're done, you can do as you like now". For example, if Fido is doing a sit-stay, you'll end the exercise with a word like "Free" or "Okay" or "Done". Choose a word that is different from any other command or praise word.

Don't fall into the habit of releasing Fido from an exercise and then heaping on the praise. What are you reinforcing? Jumping around AFTER the exercise? If you are working on the sit-stay, praise while the dog is in that position. After the release, say nothing or praise only slightly.

Practical Applications for the Sit-Stay

Once sit is established as a rewarding behaviour, it can be used as a substitute for problem behaviour. You can see in the following examples how sit-stay competes with and takes the place of irritating habits! Great! Now you can praise your dog in situations where you previously felt like punishing!

Passing through doors

Dogs get excited about coming and going. When it's time to go outside, make it a habit for your dog to SIT by the door until it's opened and not go through until invited. In addition to making things easier, it will prevent Fido from dashing outdoors unexpectedly and getting into the street. You will also find it very convenient to ask Fido to sit at the door before you enter.

DOG TRAINING METHODS. Terry Ryan (continued)

Sit at your side when you stop on walks

We want Fido to be a well-mannered, accepted member of our community. If you ask her/him to sit each time you stop while walking, it will help keep her/him under control and out of the way of other pedestrians.

Sit at the Kerb during a walk

During walks, when you need to cross a street, teach your dog to sit before you start across. Vary the pause before crossing. This keeps Fido under better control in busy traffic and safer should a car get too close to the kerb. This may also give Fido the idea that she/he cannot cross streets without you.

Sit for attention from people

When visitors come to your house or if you meet someone on the street while walking with Fido, take the time to help Fido sit before you begin to talk or before they pet her/him. At first this can be practiced at home with family members or friends. If Fido makes a mistake and gets up or jumps on people, ask them to simply ignore her/him and turn away. What Fido wants is attention. Make her/him sit to receive their attention.

Next month's Newsletter - Station Training

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It's A Dog's World

One rainy day I watched a neighbour struggling to push her toddler in a buggy with one hand and control her Dobermann with the other. The dog didn't want to get its feet wet and was refusing to walk. I was about to put on my jacket to offer some help when the trio disappeared behind some hedges. When they reappeared, she seemed to have sorted out her problem. The toddler, attached to the dog's leash, was joyously running through mud puddles, and the dog was in the buggy.

Reader's Digest
September 2001

Puppy Pie

Take one puppy, roll and play until lightly pampered. Add the following ingredients:

1 cup of patience
1 cup of understanding
1 pinch of correction
1 cup of hard work
2 cups of praise and
1 1/2 cups of fun...

Blend well. Heat with the warmth of your heart and raise up until the puppy has doubled in size. Mix until the consistency is such that the human and dog are one.

INSTRUCTOR'S PROFILE

Leonie Kelleher

Hello, let me introduce myself, my name is Leonie Kelleher and I am an Instructor in our Club. I joined the Club in 1988 with a six-month-old Kelpie/Border Collie cross named Shadow. The main reason I joined Geelong Obedience Dog Club was for something that I could do with my dog, as we already had a seven-year-old Kelpie cross at home.

We started our first Class in February 1988 and thought it was great fun, although we had a long way to go. I trained Shadow at home on a regular basis and eventually we passed our Class 1 (Beginners') test. It wasn't so easy to pass our Basic test though, (back then we only had two test levels). I began sub Instructing after we obtained our Basic Certificate. Shadow and I were hooked into the Club in a major way. We went Obedience Trialling, joined the Display Team and I took on a role within the Committee (hall cleaner was my first role).

I generally take two Classes on a Sunday. However, while I was President it was impossible to do everything, but maybe in the New Year I will get back into taking two Classes again. At present you can find me most Sundays in the 2nd Session taking the Class 3 Triallers. This is a Class for those people who are currently VCA members and are competing in an Encouragement or Novice Obedience Trial.

I miss going to Trials, as it is great to watch some of the top handlers and to try and strive to do as well as them. Look out when I have the opportunity to get a puppy again and can eventually get back in the ring again, although a puppy is just that and should be allowed to be one with lots of games and fun and short bursts of obedience with rewards thrown in for good measure.

Shadow and I are grateful to the Club, as it has provided us with good friends with whom we share a common interest. Shadow is now the spritely young age of 14 ½ and he still enjoys coming to the Club for a run every now and then, but basically he is running my household and I think he enjoys this too.

DANCES WITH DOGS

by Suzanne Clothier

Linda Tellington-Jones uses a beautiful analogy to describe her approach to working with animals: she sees the interaction between human and animal as a dance. For me, a good working relationship with any animal is like a wonderful dance - smooth, joyful and the result of two partners who clearly understand each other. Of the two choices presented below, consider which "dancing partner" you would prefer.

Partner A has high hopes for you as a dancing partner. As the music begins, you are not sure of what is expected, but you're willing to try. You make a few mistakes, and begin to hesitate. Your partner growls and roughly grabs your arm, telling you in an increasingly louder voice what you are supposed to do. Your arm hurts, and you are beginning to be afraid. You make more mistakes, and your partner becomes angry and frustrated. You are desperately hoping for the music to stop. When the dance finally ends, he stalks off, muttering about your stupidity. You are upset, and not sure you want to dance again.

Partner B has high hopes for you as a dancing partner. As the music begins, you are not sure of what's expected but you're willing to try. You make a few mistakes, and begin to hesitate. Ignoring the music, your partner slows down, and with a smile, explains the basic steps again. He takes it very slow, until you've got it right. He cheers your success, and shows you the next few steps. Each time you succeed, your confidence soars. By the time the music stops, you're eager to learn more, and look forward to your next dancing lessons. Your partner is very pleased with your progress, and comments on what a bright student you are.

None of us would willingly choose Partner A. But what makes Partner B so wonderful? He knows the value of a willing partner, and is able to help you become a willing partner through the use of some basic techniques:

- Recognizing your hesitation as confusion, not stupidity, stubbornness or defiance
- Being flexible as a trainer. Although his initial goal might have been a flawless dance in perfect rhythm to the music, he sees that you are not yet up to that, so he changes his goal in order to help you learn.
- "Chunking down" the steps for you so that it is easy for you to learn and succeed at each step
- Encouraging you by making it pleasant for you to work and learn

These techniques are the hallmarks of any skilled trainer or teacher. A willing dance partner is neither dominant nor submissive, but relaxed, confident and able to follow a clear lead. Within the dog-human relationship, the human usually takes the lead. After all, he's the one who knows which dance is being danced, i.e. that the focus is on the tango and not the cha-cha. (Notable exceptions are tracking and Search & Rescue work, where a clear understanding of subtle signals and body language helps the human follow the **dog's** lead.)

The thrill of a great performance, whether by a horse and rider, a dog and handler, or two dance partners, is the unison of two into a smooth and effective team. The dictionary defines teamwork as **"work done by a number of associates, all subordinating personal prominence to the efficiency of the whole."** This is achieved by clarity in communication, response to the subtlest of signals and a willing partnership.

There is no joy in dancing with a reluctant partner, or dancing at the command of an imperious partner. While compromise is a necessary part of partnership, handlers should be very clear about the level of enjoyment expressed by their dog. If you are looking for the utmost in willingness in any activity, your dog must enjoy the activity as much as you do. Almost any dog can be trained to perform the basic

Dances with Dogs – Suzanne Clothier (continued)

mechanics of any exercise. Joyful participation in an exercise comes from the dog's spirit, pride in his work, delight in showing what he knows. And your enjoyment and excitement about an activity can be contagious. If your dog does not naturally find an activity enjoyable, you must be willing to find a way to make it so, or accept the level of performance offered by a reluctant performer.

I find it incomprehensible when handlers complain about their dogs' performance (or lack thereof) while readily admitting that the dog hates the particular activity. Invariably, the sentence ends with, "But I really want this title. All I need is for the dog to do it three times successfully, and then I'll be happy." Focused on a goal that is meaningless to the dog, the handler fails to understand that sometimes the greatest act of love is to let go of personal goals for the sake of the relationship.

Equally incomprehensible is the handler who willingly acknowledges that they lose their patience, or get easily frustrated, or choke under the pressure of competition, or tense up and stop breathing in the ring BUT are unwilling to do anything about it! Critical to any partnership is the ability and willingness to work on yourself, outside of the demands of any activity or partnership. This is particularly true in the dog/human partnership.

Whatever your individual issues may be, if they are negatively impacting on your canine partner, you owe it to yourself, your dog and the partnership to work to resolve or at least minimize the effects. Try hypnosis, counselling, Tai Chi, meditation, yoga, biofeedback or whatever suits you to learn how to control and improve yourself, but be realistic about your responsibility to the partnership. Dogs are generous, forgiving spirits, but they can't always give more to make up for shortcomings on **your** side.

Whether it's ice-skating, ballroom dancing, doubles tennis, barrel racing, kayaking or dog sports, choosing a dance partner requires some basic information. In my mind, the dog/human partnership is very similar to a human/human partnership with one very important exception: the dog cannot make an informed decision to participate and thus is always a draftee, not a volunteer. This puts greater responsibility on the handler to be fair.

Awareness of your skills and limitations as well as your partner's


What do you do best? What do you enjoy? What do you find less enjoyable? What emotional/physical/intellectual assets and liabilities do you bring to the partnership? Do you choke under pressure or thrive on competition?

Accurate assessment of the kind of partner you need

Are you compulsive about training and need a partner who knows when to say "enough"? Are you reluctant to train frequently, and need a partner who urges you on to practicing as you should? Do you want to reach the pinnacles of achievement, or will you be happy with an adequate performance?

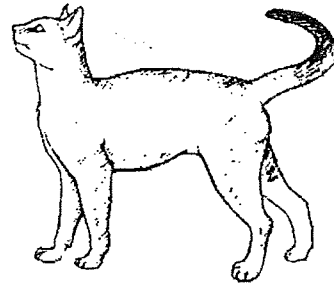
Honest assessment of your goals as a team

What will be required to achieve those goals? Do both you and your partner have the necessary skills? Are both of you equally committed to the hard work necessary? What happens if you fall short of those goals? How will that impact the partnership? What happens if the partnership does not work? How will you alter your goals? How will that impact the relationship?

 The pursuit of excellence is a wonderful idea. At its best, any partnership seeks to find the indefinable spot where each partner has given their best, and together, the highest abilities of the partnership are brought to bear on a given goal. It may not be Olympic level performance. It may even seem laughable to those looking on. But excellence is not always judged by external measures. Hold tight to the excellence within your heart, for when it exists, free of ego and outside pressures, the joy of the dance itself shines through.

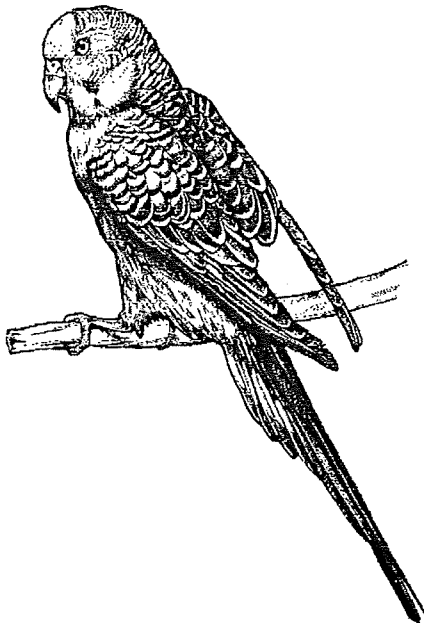
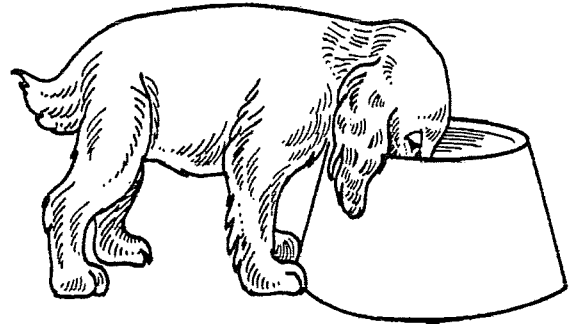
POEM FOR PET LOVERS

I'll lend you for a little time a pet of mine
For you to love her while she lives
And mourn for when she dies
It may be six or seven years
Or twenty-two or three
But will you till I call her back
Take care of her for me?

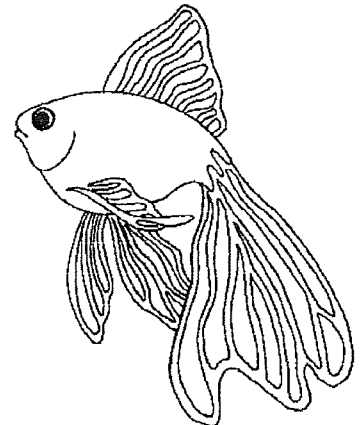


She will bring her charms to gladden you
And should her stay be brief
Promise she will have her lovely memories
As solace for your grief
I cannot promise she will stay
Since all from earth return
But there are lessons taught down there
I wish my pets to learn

I have looked the wide world over
In my search for teachers true
And from the throngs that crowds life's lanes
I have selected you
Please will you give her all your love
And not think the labour vain
Nor hate me when I come to call
To take her back again



I fancied that I heard myself say
"Dear Lord, thy will be done"
For all the joy my pets shall bring
I'll risk the grief I'll run
I'll shelter her with tenderness
I'll love her while I may
And for the happiness I've known
For ever grateful stay
And should the angels call for her
Much sooner than I'd planned
I'll brave the bitter grief that comes
And try to understand



DOG BREEDS FROM A TO Z

Dobermann



A quick and intelligent dog, the Doberman Pinscher has been bred to guard; it was used in the two World Wars to patrol on the front lines, and has been used as a police dog. As a pet, the Doberman Pinscher makes a devoted companion.

According to popular legend, this dog was specifically bred by a German tax collector, Louis Doberman, in 1860, to guard him as he did his rounds. He had a variety of breeds to draw from, as he owned an animal shelter, including Pinscher, Rottweiler, Manchester Terrier, Beauceron, and Greyhound. The breed was further developed by another German breeder, Otto Goeller, who added the Pinscher to the name. The standard was established and recognized in German kennel clubs by 1900. The breed then migrated to America, and

breeders there further enhanced the Doberman Pinscher's qualities.

A medium-build, muscular dog. Height: 25 - 27 in (63.5 - 68.6 cm); under Canadian standards: 27 in (70 cm) for dogs and 25.5 in (64.8 cm) for bitches. Weight: 44 - 57 lb (20 - 26 kg). The head is long and has a truncated triangle shape. The stop is barely visible and the cheeks are flat. The jaws are broad with a scissor bite. The nose should match the color of the coat. The eyes are almond-shaped, dark, and with an alert expression. The ears are normally dropped. However, some ears are erect, set high, and small. The body has a long, muscular neck, square shoulders, and a firm, short back. Traditionally, the tail is docked at the first or second vertebra. The legs are straight and parallel at the front, and are broad-thighed and muscular in the hindquarters. The feet are high-arched and cat-like.

The coat is short and thick, flat and smooth. Colors of black, red, fawn, brown, or blue, with well-defined red-rust markings appearing above the eyes, muzzle, throat, forechest, legs, feet, and underside of the tail.

The Doberman Pinscher is a noble animal. Some would say the Doberman is at the very pinnacle of breeding in dogs. This superb dog can be both an excellent protective service dog and a truly loyal companion.

Over the years, the Doberman Pinscher has established a reputation for excellence in its capacity both as a watch-dog and as a real guard dog. Having both a strong sense of territory and incredible speed, this large and determined dog acts as a powerful deterrent to would-be intruders. The Doberman Pinscher is intelligent and highly trainable. In some roles, the Doberman Pinscher works under the strict control of a handler for controlling crowds of people. Or its handler may send the dog to chase and disarm an intruder. However, Dobermans are also able to work without handlers. They are brave and intelligent enough to guard a property on their own, sometimes against several people.

These same dogs can be very gentle with people they know, and often make wonderful companion animals. As they are large dogs, most people start off by being very firm with them and having little or no problems as the dogs mature. As a rule, Dobermans get along very well with other dogs. However, their stature can be a little intimidating. Wise owners will be careful not to let shorter dogs become too fearful and make a pre-emptive attack on their Doberman.

Careful checking with reputable breeders will reduce the chance of purchasing a dog with hip dysplasia or other joint problems. Overall, this is a marvelous dog for protective services under an assertive and caring owner.

Dogue de Bordeaux



The Dogue de Bordeaux is a rare French Mastiff breed, which has survived near extinction to enjoy new popularity as a gentle family pet.

The Dogue de Bordeaux traces its ancestry back 5000 years to the now extinct Tibetan Mastiff and the Molossus of Epirus. The earliest Dogue de Bordeaux were as fierce as their "dogs of war" forebears, and were prized by the French aristocracy for hunting bears and pigs and to protect their castles and estates. During and after the French Revolution the breed almost vanished, except from the Bordeaux region. From selective breeding with the British Bulldog, the present-day specimen had evolved by the early 1900s. The breed is now popular outside of France and is popular for its gentleness and devotion as a family pet.

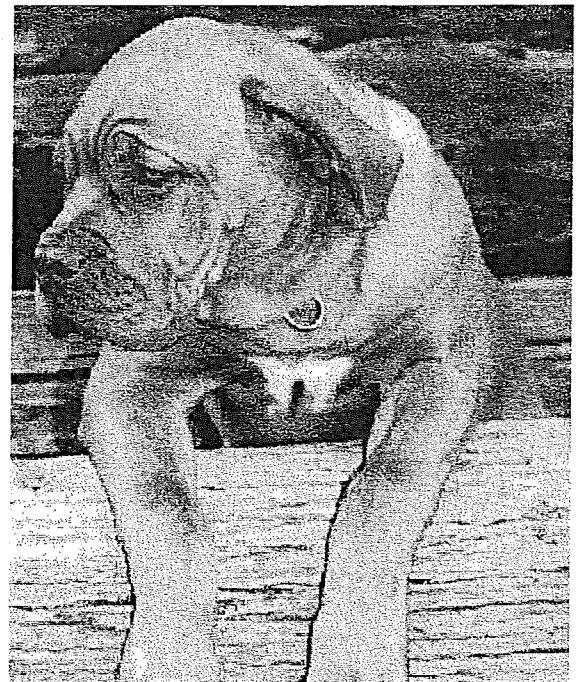
A powerfully built and muscular dog. Height: 23.5 - 26.75 in (60 - 68 cm) for the dog and 23 - 26 in (58 - 66 cm) for the bitch. Weight: 110 lb (50 kg) for the dog and 99 lb (45 kg) for the bitch.

The head is huge and broad, with wrinkles on each side of the median groove. The stop is well defined and the muzzle is short, broad and powerful, with a broad nose, black or brown

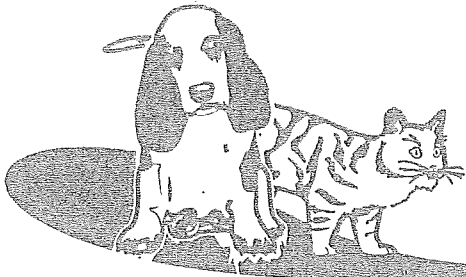
(depending on the mask colour), and with wide nostrils. The jaws are broad and powerful with an undershot bite. The eyes are set wide and are oval in shape, hazel or deep brown. The ears are set high and are small and fall close to the cheeks. The neck is muscular, with loose skin and a prominent dewlap. The body has a powerful chest and broad, muscular shoulders and back. The loins are short, but broad and sturdy. The tapered tail is turned up when the dog is moving, and otherwise drooping. The forequarters have good bone structure and are well muscled. The hindquarters are well developed with thick thighs.

The coat of the Dogue de Bordeaux is short with soft, fine hair. The coat colour is solid-coloured fawn or tawny. The mask is black or red.

The Dogue de Bordeaux is a magnificent animal suitable for the enthusiast who is prepared to invest a lot of time and attention. This dog has the ability and the character to be an excellent guard dog. Once it knows who its owner is, this dog will be very loyal and protective. As it is such a large dog, the practical owner will teach it to be very obedient from the time it is young. It is very awkward to have an unruly dog of this size, whereas it is a joy to watch a well-trained one happily obeying its owner.



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8th January, 2002

The Geelong Dog Obedience Club
PO Box 186
Geelong 3220

Dear Geelong Dog Obedience Club,

We thank you for your donation of food and for the animals at the Geelong Animal Welfare Centre during our Christmas Appeal.

The response from the people of the Geelong & District enables us to continue our work and we are grateful to you for your support.

Thank you again and we wish you good health and happiness for 2002.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Gillian'.

For the GEELONG ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY



Snake Precautions

Printed with permission of Clive & Cheryl Gibson – OzObedience Trialling List. Clive and Cheryl lost “Tristan” from a tiger snakebite before Christmas and the following advice may be helpful to any of our members who are lucky enough to live on acreage

“After we lost one of our Golden Retrievers to a tiger snake we got the following advice from a professional snake catcher (who would remove snakes from people's backyards and houses.)

- We used mesh around our front yard, but really small gauge (less than ¼ inch holes) so that no snake can get through (except maybe a baby one). The mesh sits in a base of crushed rock and concrete that other animals such as mice or rabbits cannot dig through.
- We also made sure that the gates are sealed with treated pine around the edges and buried across the gateway so that when the gate is shut there is no gap for a snake to get through.
- Our fences are only 4 foot high, but the snake catcher said that although snakes can and will climb, they have to have a good reason to do it, so that if there was little reason (i.e. no mice or frogs or inviting hiding holes) they won't bother.
- We have no compost bin because snakes love the mice that get in them.
- Our woodpile is raised up from the ground on concrete blocks.
- There is no rubbish around such as galvanised iron (snakes love to hide under this), concrete blocks, stumps, wood or grass clippings.
- Our grass in the yard and around the perimeter is kept short. (Snakes prefer to stay hidden in long grass)
- All low growing bushes and shrubs are pruned so they don't provide cover for a snake to travel through.
- Snakes love to get under concrete slabs - usually sheds or garages because there is often gaps left which mice and other animals enlarge. We sealed all gaps with concrete and crushed rock and made sure a snake couldn't get inside the garage as well.
- Bird feeders and aviaries attract mice and this attracts snakes.
- Prune branches and creepers, which allow mice access to the inside of your roof. Snakes will follow the mice into the roof. We sealed up our gutters professionally with 'Leafguard.'

We live on a bush block and there is a river not far away. A dangerous combination for tiger snakes!”

Cheryl Gibson - Plenty, Victoria

ATTENTION ALL TRIALLERS

During 2002, if you and your canine companion win a Geelong Obedience Dog Club Specialty Sash at a Trial other than Geelong, could you please let me know so that I can send a replacement sash?

Thank you and good luck for 2002

Linda Hunter – Trial Secretary

TRACKING TRIALS Rules Review (Test 6 only)

The Obedience, Tracking and Endurance Committee of the Victorian Canine Association, invites all interested parties to attend a meeting to discuss a review of the Test 6 Tracking Championship Test

**Tuesday 19 February
Commencing 8.00 pm**

**Room 6
Royal Showgrounds
Ascot Vale**

CLUB CALENDAR 2002

January

Thursday 17 January Office re-opens – 2.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Monday 28 January Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm

February

Sunday 3 February Training resumes. Newsletter available
Tuesday 5 February General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Thursday 7 February Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Sunday 10 February Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for all fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Friday 15 February Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Monday 18 February Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday 24 February Newsletter available

March

Sunday 3 March Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Thursday 7 March Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Sunday 10 March Labour Day weekend. NO TRAINING
Friday 15 March Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday 17 March Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday 18 March Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday 24 March Newsletter available
Sunday 31 March Easter Sunday - NO TRAINING

April

Tuesday 2 April General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Thursday 4 April Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Sunday 7 April Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday 15 April Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc. Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Sunday 21 April Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday 22 April Trial entries close
Thursday 25 April Anzac Day
Saturday 27 April Trial Working Bee – to be advised
Sunday 28 April PROMOTION DAY. Newsletter available

May

Thursday 2 May Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Friday 3 May Trial Working Bee – to be advised
Saturday 4 May BACK-TO-BACK AGILITY TRIAL
Sunday 5 May Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Sunday 12 May Spirit of the West entries close
Wednesday 15 May Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Saturday 18 May Spirit of the West Challenge
Sunday 19 May Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday 20 May Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday 26 May Newsletter available

June

Sunday 2 June Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday 4 June General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Thursday 6 June Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Sunday 9 June Queen's Birthday weekend. NO TRAINING
Saturday 15 June Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday 16 June Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday 17 June Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday 30 June Newsletter available. End of financial year for all departments

July		
Monday	1 July	Trial entries close
Thursday	4 July	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Saturday	6 July	Trial Working Bee – to be advised
Sunday	7 July	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Saturday	13 July	Trial Working Bee – to be advised
Sunday	14 July	Open Obedience Trial. NO TRAINING
Monday	15 July	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	21 July	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	22 July	Instructor's Meeting - 7.30 pm
Sunday	28 July	PROMOTION DAY. Newsletter available
August		
Thursday	1 August	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Sunday	4 August	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	6 August	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Thursday	15 August	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	18 August	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	19 August	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	25 August	Newsletter available
September		
Sunday	1 September	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Thursday	5 September	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Tuesday	10 September	Committee nominations close
Sunday	15 September	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months. Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Monday	16 September	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Tuesday	24 September	Life Membership nominations close
Sunday	29 September	PROMOTION DAY. Newsletter available
October		
Tuesday	1 October	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 8.00 pm
Thursday	3 October	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Sunday	6 October	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	15 October	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	20 October	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	21 October	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Sunday	27 October	Newsletter available
Monday	28 October	Trial entries close
November		
Saturday	2 November	Trial Working Bee – to be advised
Sunday	3 November	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Thursday	7 November	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Saturday	9 November	Trial Working Bee – to be advised
Sunday	10 November	OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIAL. NO TRAINING
Friday	15 November	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	17 November	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	18 November	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	24 November	Newsletter available. End of Year Awards closing date/
December		
Sunday	1 December	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	3 December	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Sunday	8 December	PROMOTION DAY
Sunday	15 December	Last day of training

GENERAL MEETING

04 December 2001

Meeting opened: 8.30 pm

Apologies: J Brophy, E Longshaw, B Lawrence, A Salaviejus, J Convery, J Wong,
R O'Sullivan

Acc: D Dickeson

Against: Nil

Carried

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

Acc: P Convery

Seconded: C Humphreys

Carried

Business arising from the Minuets:

Nil

Correspondence Out:

- VCA: Compensation offer,
- Northcote Obedience Dog Club Inc: Sash Donation,
- GE Finance: New account cards for executive committee members.
- Werribee Obedience Dog Club: Date for Spirit of the West Challenge,
- Blackdog Wear, Pets International, WRK Enterprises, Rudducks, Paragon Embroidery, Westcost Woodturning, Rova Pet Supplies: New shop manager making orders.

Correspondence In:

- Chub Security
 - Innotek Australia Pty Ltd
 - Leisure Networks
 - Werribee Obedience Dog Club
 - VCA
 - Australia Day Committee (Geelong) Incorporated
- Acc: L Hunter

Seconded: P Pope

Carried

Business arising from Correspondence:

1. Chub Security—Pre-Christmas Preventative Service: It was decided not to use this service.
2. Innotek Australia Pty Ltd—Click & Treat Puppy Trainer: Will be forwarded onto the shop manager to decide to purchase the product.
3. Leisure Networks—Barwon Sports Members Update: Newsletter attached to minuets book and available to be read.
4. Werribee Obedience Dog Club—The Spirit of the West Challenge date: Spirit of the West Challenge date has been accepted.

5. VCA—Minuets of the Presidents and Secretaries Conference held on 20 August 2001 attached to minuets book and available to be read.
6. Australia Day Committee (Geelong) Incorporated—Conformation of participation in the Australia Day activities at Rippleside Park Geelong, Saturday 26 January 2002: D Dickeson organizing Display Teams attendance.

Treasurer's reports:

J Dunoon read written report and is attached to minuets book.

Other Reports:

Canteen Manager: Nil

Hall Manager: Nil

Grounds Manager: Security light and front hall light sensors are broken and will need to be fixed

Publicity Officer: S Malady read written report. Report attached to minuets book.

Social Secretary: Y Swan read written report. Report attached to minuets book.

Trial Secretary: L Hunter read written report. Report attached to minuets book. A discussion was raised on the fees to be charged for the next agility trial. L Hunter moved a motion that 'a \$9 fee will be charged for the morning trial and a \$9 fee will be charged for the afternoon trial. These fees will include jumping.'

Seconded: Andrew Mackey

Carried

Move reports be accepted

Acc: F Mackey

Seconded: C Humphreys

Carried

General Business

- 1 Agility dog of the year award: L Kelleher moved a motion that 'Jumping will be incorporated into end of year trophies for next year 2002.

Seconded: B Mackey

Carried

- 2 Steel cover over canteen outside window: It was suggested to put doors on this window so it can be used every Sunday without having to unbolt the steel cover every week. An assessment was made for this change and it is not possible to change the cover with the wire doors in place. A Mackey will have another look to see if there is a way a door can be put in place.
- 3 Elaine Longshaw would like to move a motion that 'the plaque, as previously agreed, be placed on the dog holding boxes. The plaque will read "JIRRAHLINGA" Donated

materials & Fred Lehrman the craftsmanship. A discussion was raised as to whether the materials were donated or were brought from the sale of plastic dog boxes to Jirrahlinga. D White will investigate minutes books.

- 4 Elaine Longshaw would like to move a motion that 'on the end of year training day prizes are awarded in each class: ribbons 1st, 2nd, 3rd, with winners getting a prize, and that all competitors dogs get at least one dog biscuit each.'

Motion failed to get seconded.

- 5 A motion was moved that 'Canteen be run through general account rather than have a separate canteen account.'

Acc: J Dunoon

Seconded: A Mackey

Carried

- 6 The profit from the raffle will be deposited into the general account.

- 7 A discussion was raised as to why there are two term deposit accounts. It was suggested to combine both term deposits then reinvest to earn a better interest rate. A motion was moved that 'when term deposits mature the money will be deposited into the V2 account.'

Acc: F Mackey

Seconded: C Humphries

Carried

- 8 Christmas breakup will have one training session from 9.30am-10.30am. Awards will be presented while Santa is in the clubrooms with the children. Games will be played after the awards are presented. D Dickeson and Y Swan will organize the day.

- 9 It was decided that the grounds manager will use the mower to transport the UD equipment trolley onto the grounds each Sunday morning of training.

- 10 A board is needed under the kitchen door for puppy kinda. This will stop any puppies from wandering into the kitchen. C Humphreys will put a board onto the kitchen door.

As there was no further business

Meeting closed at 9.25pm