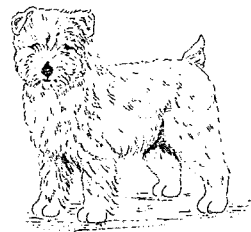
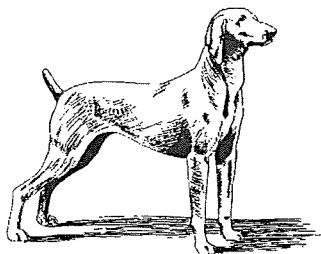
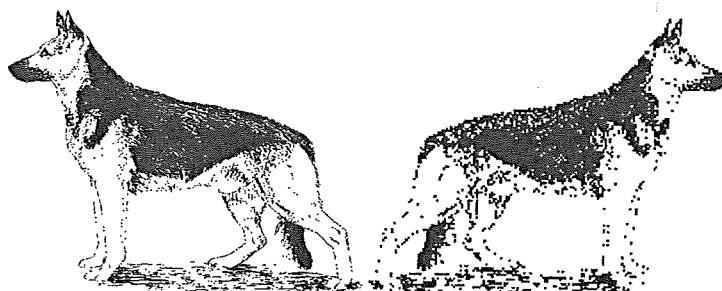
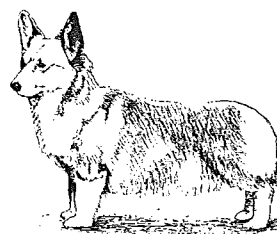
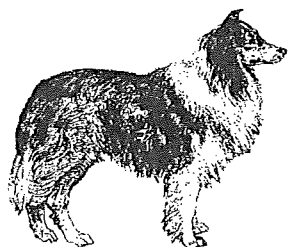
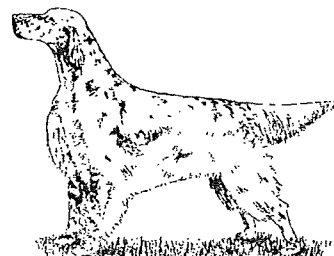
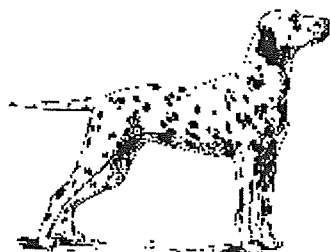


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CLUB CALENDAR

April

Tuesday	2 April
Thursday	4 April
Sunday	7 April
Monday	15 April
Sunday	21 April
Monday	22 April
Thursday	25 April
Saturday	27 April
Sunday	28 April

General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised. All members welcome. Please bring along a plate of food for supper

Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks

Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc

Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.

Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Trial entries close

Anzac Day

Trial Working Bee – to be advised

PROMOTION DAY. Newsletter available

May

Thursday	2 May
Friday	3 May
Saturday	4 May
Sunday	5 May
Sunday	12 May
Wednesday	15 May
Saturday	18 May
Sunday	19 May
Monday	20 May
Sunday	26 May

Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks

Trial Working Bee – to be advised

BACK-TO-BACK AGILITY AND JUMPING TRIALS

Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Spirit of the West entries close

Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc

Spirit of the West Challenge. Classes, time, place and entry forms available in this Newsletter

Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months

Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm

Newsletter available

CLUB RULES

You can assist with the smooth running of the Club by noting the following:

- Wear your membership badge at all times while training. Day passes are available at the Office if you forget your badge. (You will need your badge or a day pass to take part in Classes)
- Be punctual for Class. (First session commences at 9.15am. Second session commences at 10.45am)
- Have the correct equipment for your dog and appropriate clothing for you, i.e. no thongs. (Thongs or thong type sandals flapping can be very distracting for your dog and other dogs in the Class. They are also unstable footwear for you should your dog decide to lunge at another dog. Flapping coats and skirts are also very distracting and not advisable. Tying back long hair will leave your hands free and allow you to have much better control of your dog and lead)
- Clean up after your dog. This is your responsibility at all times and sand buckets are provided for the purpose. (Buckets are situated around the grounds under yellow covers and on the side of the Clubhouse near the external entrance to the toilets)

More next Newsletter

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Newsletter closing date for all items - 15th of each month

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi and welcome to all our latest Members. Not a great deal to report on this month due to the long weekend and Easter.

The Committee would like to see more Members making use of the Clubrooms during the break between sessions. Come in and have a coffee and a talk to the other Members and the Instructors. You would be surprised how many new friends you can make over a cup of coffee.

Also remember, we have the "Spirit of the West" (Saturday, 18 May) and "back-to-back Agility and Jumping Trials" (Saturday, 4 May) coming up and we will require Members to compete in one and help at the other so please keep these in mind.

Keep up the training as there is a test coming up so go to it, until next month.

Arthur Thorogood – President

TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Well, we are about midway through training, which will result in our first testing day of 2002 so I do hop that everyone has "knuckled down" in Class and working hard, as well as putting in the homework during the week.

The Equipment Shop stocks Beginners', Merit and Basic test sheets so that handlers can purchase the appropriate one – these will help to give a better idea of what is required in any one of the tests.

The following quotation is from February 2002 VicDog and written by Graham Treacey.

"Every now and then I feel that it is important for all of us to reflect on sportsmanship and the good graces of winning, losing and competing. Without our dogs to put into the rings we would not have any competitors no matter which discipline we are involved in. We all know that they can behave differently on a variety of days. Sometimes personalities enter into competitions. It does no harm at all, and it does a lot of good if members can be gracious enough to act as good sportsmen and women".

As always, very grateful thanks to all the hard-working Instructors – you all do a great job.

Desma Dickeson – Training Supervisor



TRIAL RESULTS


Warnambool Dog Training School - Saturday 9 March - Open Obedience

Wattlebrae Kennels Cyndanz Spring Spice CDX (Brodie) 1st Place 4th Pass
(J & P Convery)

Helen Read Sugargum Fort Bowie CD TD (Cobber) 2nd Place

Warnambool Dog Training School - Sunday 10 March - Novice Jumpers

Libby Hotchin Ch Jarrebor Taras Radiance CDX AD ET (Sorcha)   Judge Ray Ashman
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4th place and Title

Wattlebrae Kennels Cyndanz Spring Spice CDX (Brodie)  "Highest Scoring Geelong Member"
(J & P Convery)

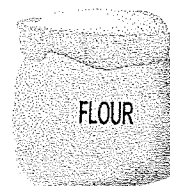
Southern Obedience Dog Club – Saturday 16 March – Encouragement

G & W McCraw "TJ" Encouragement Pass

SOCIAL NEWS

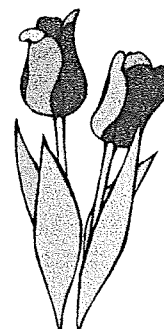
HOT CROSS BUNS:

Thank you to those Club members, who supported the Hot Cross Bun Drive, hope they come in handy when everyone does their Easter visiting.



BULB DRIVE:

I was going to wait with this until someone mentioned that bulbs have already appeared at plant places and perhaps we had better get in quick. The Bulb Drive is an excellent fundraiser for the club as 45% of the profits go back to the Club. It's easy! Look through the brochure; pick the bulbs you'd like to see growing in your garden this Spring. You will receive an information booklet on growing bulbs, plus there is the surprise free offer available when you order the required amount. Apparently any subsequent orders after this one and you receive a further 20% off. Anyway, please show family and friends if you are into gardening. Buy up for Mothers Day in May. Forms and money due back to the Clubrooms - 21st April.



GET TOGETHER-MEAL AND MOVIES

To enable a first term social get together, I need a show of numbers of people interested in the meal/movie deal. I need to know what film the majority of members are interested in seeing and whether a Friday/Saturday night is preferred. If we were to tentatively look at either, Friday 19th or Saturday the 20th of April, which night would you prefer and which film? Reading Cinemas is going to give us a blurb on each film soon. When we have some information about each film, please tell your Instructors and if you do indicate a preference, then please make that a commitment, as we have to pre-purchase the tickets. I'd hate to have unsold tickets that the Club has to pay for. Tickets will be \$11.00, cheaper than the usual. Non-Club members are most welcome!!!



Films in April:

Orange Country
Blade 2
Time Machine
Black Night
Van Wilder

The panic room
Scorpion King
Dark blue world
Cross roads
40 days 40 nights

Possession
I am Sam
We were soldiers
The sweetest thing
Resident evil.

Thanks, Yvette Swan - Social Secretary

MEET YOUR INSTRUCTORS

Joan Brophy



My name is Joan Brophy. I have been a member of the Geelong Obedience Dog Club for eleven years. I joined the Club with my Standard Poodle "Boris" when he was just 4 months old.

My family always had a dog but never went to formal training so when I first started it was rather frightening! However, I became very interested in training and went on to train Boris for his CD (Companion Dog) and CDX (Companion Dog Excellent). Boris became very "ring wise" after getting one pass and nearly two in CDX only I spoilt it for him! I decided that we had both had enough of Trialling and we retired.

Wishing to put something back into the Club I decided to try to become an Instructor and here I am, loving every minute of it!



Kim Ciezarek



Hello, my name is Kim Ciezarek an Instructor at Geelong Obedience Dog Club.

I first joined the Club in 1994 with a 5-month-old Rottweiler named "Harley" (RIP 1998). This was not my first dog, but was the first one I had brought to dog school. We started with Bruce (Instructor) in Puppy Class and after lots of fun and hard work combined, we passed our Basic Test in December 1995.

In February 1996 I became a trainee Instructor then went on to become an Instructor of two Classes every Sunday since September 1996. I was hooked and still am!

I have been the Canteen Manager for the Club and enjoyed being part of the Committee.

Now I have a new dog "Yogi" a Staffordshire Bull Terrier who is totally hooked, so I will be around for a few more Sundays of Instructing and training and having fun!

ANKC Rules for Agility and Jumping

Excerpts from the ANKC Rule Book

For further information, Rule Books may be purchased from the Equipment Shop

Agility (and Jumping) is a dog competition open to all dogs.

The aim of this competition is for a handler to direct his dog around a course of different obstacles to assess and enhance their intelligence and ability. It is an educational and sporting activity intended to improve the dog's integration into society. The sport requires a good rapport between dog and Handler, which results in perfect teamwork. Whilst speed of the dog is to be desired, steadiness of work is essential to a faultless performance of the course.

Definitions

Exclusion Zone

An exclusion Zone is a marked area into which the Handler must not step while negotiating that obstacle.



Penalty Faults

Are those faults e.g. (disciplinary) incurred by a dog or Handler in addition to any time or course faults.

Standard Course Time (SCT)

SCT is the time set by the Judge within which a dog is required to complete the course in order to be clear of time faults. It will be determined by dividing the length of the course by the chosen speed, in metres per second and adding five (5) seconds for the table pause where used.

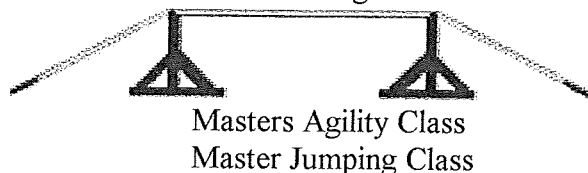
Wrong Course

Wrong course is when the dog negotiates an obstacle out of the numbered order or negotiates an obstacle in the wrong direction.

Classes

Novice Agility Class
Novice Jumping Class

Open Agility Class
Open Jumping Class



Masters Agility Class
Master Jumping Class

Titles

(AD – Agility Dog
JD – Jumping Dog

ADX – Agility Dog Excellent
JDX – Jumping Dog Excellent

ADM – Agility Dog Masters
JDM – Jumping Dog Masters)

The Canine Control will receive applications for the use of the letters 'AD', 'ADX' after the name of each dog certified by at least two different Judges and certified by at least three different Judges for the use of the letters 'ADM' after the name of each dog to have gained a qualifying certificate at the following specified number of Trials.

Titles	AD & JD	ADX & JDX	ADM & JDM
Number of Trials	3	5	7

Measuring Dogs

The height of the dog at the wither is to be measured as follows –

Small	up to and including 380 mm
Medium	over 380 mm to 550 mm
Large	over 550 mm

ANKC Rules for Agility and Jumping – excerpts (continued)

EQUIPMENT

Novice Agility Class (10 to 12 Obstacles)

Obstacles may only be negotiated once in the course

Mandatory

Broad Jump	Weaving Poles – 8	Flexible Tunnel (optional)
Table	Dog Walk	Triple Jump (optional)
Spread Hurdle	Scramble	Single Hurdles (optional)
Hoop	Collapsible Tunnel (optional)	

Open Agility Class (14 to 16 Obstacles)

There is no limit to the number of times an obstacle can be used, with the exception of the contact obstacles, table and weavers, which are not to be negotiated more than once.

Mandatory

Broad Jump/s	Scramble	Triple Jump (optional)
Table	See-saw	Single Hurdles (optional)
Spread Hurdle/s	Collapsible Tunnel/s (optional)	Flexible Tunnel/s (optional)
Hoop/s	Triple jump (optional)	
Weaving Poles – 12	Single Hurdles (optional)	
Dog Walk		



Masters Agility Class (18 to 22 Obstacles)

With the exception of those obstacles marked 'optional', all obstacles listed below must be performed. The weaving poles can only be used once. The Triple Jump, if used is, for the purpose of the number of obstacles, counted as three obstacles.

Broad Jump/s	Scramble/s	See-saw (optional)
Spread Hurdle/s	Table (optional)	Single Hurdles (optional)
Hoop/s	Collapsible Tunnel/s (optional)	Flexible Tunnel/s (optional)
Weaving Poles – 12	Triple Jump (optional)	
Dog Walk		

The following Classes are adopted as Optional Class and the Jumping Classes will be conducted under the ANKC Agility Rules except that, if a dog takes the wrong course in Jumping Classes it will be disqualified

Novice Jumping Class (14 to 16 obstacles)

There is no limit to the number of times an obstacle can be re-negotiated in Novice. With the exception of those obstacles marked as optional, all obstacles listed below must be performed at least once in a Novice Jumping course.

Broad Jump	Single Hurdle – (optional)	Collapsible Tunnel – (optional in inclement weather)
Hoop		
Flexible Tunnel		
Single Hurdles		

Open Jumping class (16 to 18 obstacles)

Broad Jump	Weaving Poles	Collapsible Tunnel – (optional in inclement weather)
Hoop	Flexible Tunnel	
Single Hurdles	Spread Hurdle (optional)	

ANKC Rules for Agility and Jumping – excerpts (continued)

Masters Jumping Class (18 to 20 obstacles)

The Judge may select obstacles from the following list to use in the course

Broad Jump	Collapsible Tunnel	Weaving Poles
Spread Hurdle	Flexible Tunnel	
Hoop	Single Hurdles	

Geelong Obedience Dog Club will be conducting back-to-back Agility and Jumping Trials on Saturday 4th May

Linda Hunter (Trial Secretary) will be calling for volunteers to act as Stewards for these Trials. Listed below are the various Stewards, which may be required by the Judge.

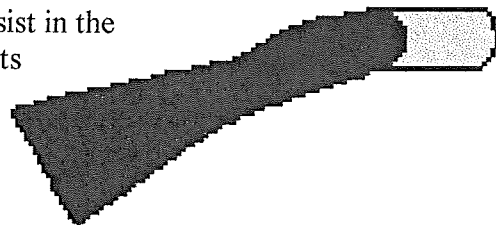
Stewards are no longer required to be Victorian Canine Association members.

STEWARDS

Stewards shall not be used to fulfil the Judge's duties but may assist in the following positions. Stewards must not advise the Judges of faults in the course unless instructed to do so by the Judge.

Time Keeper

To time each dog as it runs the course from start to finish. The timekeeper should be positioned where both the poles, which make up the start and/or finish lines are visible so that the reference point is the same for each dog. For consistency, the same time keeper should be used in the one Agility Class, a backup timekeeper is recommended but not essential.



Scribe

To record the time and faults incurred by each dog as directed by the Judge.

Assembly Steward

To line up the competitors in catalogue order, to ensure the ring is run as efficiently as possible. The assembly Steward will be required to have the next competitor ready to walk into the ring by the time the previous competitor is finished and walking out.

Ring Steward

To perform general maintenance duties in the ring i.e. helping the Judge to set the course, checking equipment between dogs, replacing knocked bars, etc. Should the Judge request it, Ring Stewards should also be available for watching the contact areas on the Dog Walk and/or Scramble.

Criteria for Stewards

Timekeepers or Scribes are not to own or have an interest in any dog competing in the Class for which they are Stewarding



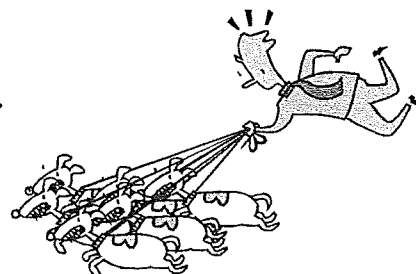
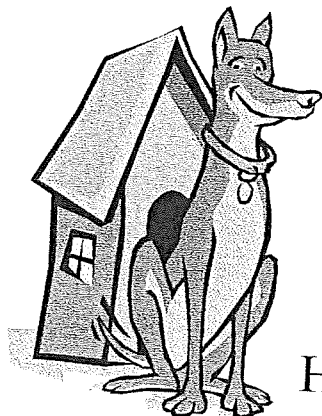
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"SORCHA"

Ch Jarrebor Taras Radiance CDX ET AD JD

Without having set foot/paw in even an Agility training ring since Easter 2001, Sorchas third Jumping Dog pass at Warrnambool might look like a triumph of total neglect - I prefer to think of it as evidence of the amazing memory of our well taught dogs (and my commitment to her physical and mental fitness).

Sorcha got her initial passes at Gisborne in March 2001 and at the Agility Dog Club's Trials at Easter. We then took time out to whelp and raise her litter of ten puppies. Somehow she managed to gain five kgs whilst feeding the multitude, which required a steady weight loss program. She was only back to 'working weight' very late last year and Warrnambool was our first opportunity for trialling (or training even).

I made a few mistakes on Saturday (after running her too wide on the fourth jump, Sorcha made me look pretty good by correctly taking jump 12 when I was directing her to jump 13 - fortunately one of us can count!!) We had a very good run for a pass on Sunday afternoon.

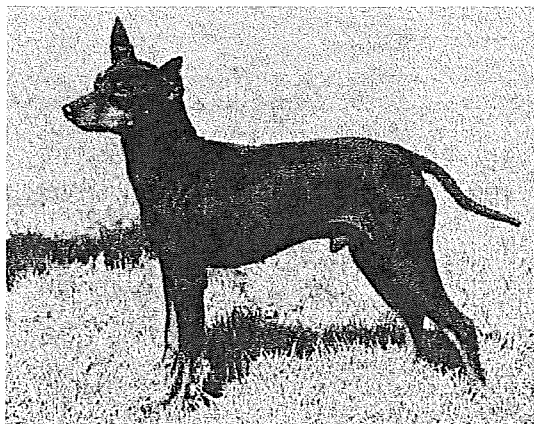
Thanks to Cathy Bond for all that training attention in 2000/2001 laying the groundwork for both our Agility and Jumping titles, and also to Helen Read for everything she does that helps me keep my training efforts on track. A great big thanks to Jo Hamilton for videoing our run at Warrnambool on Saturday. A few views of the tape identified a crucial error, which I was then able to correct on Sunday to very good effect. And a huge thanks to Sorcha for just being so special, lovely, smart and cuddly!

We're currently thinking about a final "Sorcha" litter, with our training brains turning to Tracking - should be challenging enough for the next few months.

Libby Hotchin

DOG BREEDS FROM A TO Z

English Toy Terrier

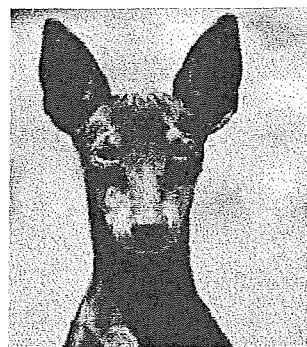


The Toy Manchester Terrier is an off-shoot of the larger Manchester Terrier. The most obvious differences are size and ear set.

The Toy Manchester Terrier, or English Toy Terrier, is a smaller version of the standard Manchester Terrier. It was developed around the early 1800s through selective breeding. The early Manchester Terriers were fairly diverse in size and it is thought that smaller dogs were crossed with Italian Greyhounds to maintain the racy appearance and help to set the small size.

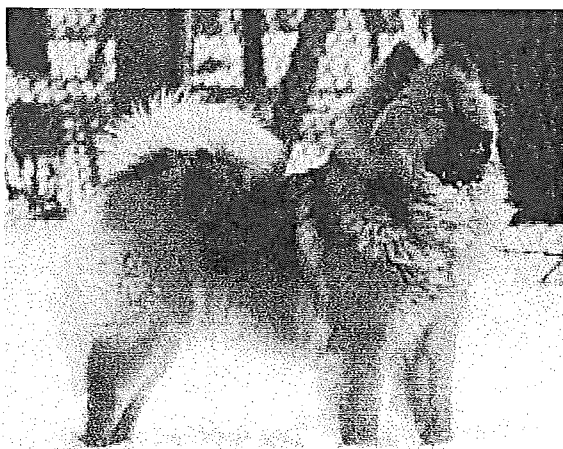
Queen Victoria was said to have been fascinated by this tiny breed. The obsession of early breeders with miniaturization caused some problems with health in the breed. However, the early mistakes were recognized and the breed is now out of danger.

The Toy Manchester Terrier is a slight and delicate breed. Height: 10 - 12 in (25 - 30 cm). Weight: 6 - 8 lb (3 - 4 kg). The main differences between the Manchester Terrier and the Toy Manchester Terrier (or English Toy Terrier) are size and ear carriage. The Toy has naturally erect or candle-flame ears, that are never cropped. The Toy Manchester Terrier also has a slightly different head shape from its larger cousin - it is wedge-shaped, rather than long. Its black coat with tan markings is short and thick.



The Toy Manchester Terrier is a great companion animal. It behaves as if it is a far larger dog in a small body. Like the standard Manchester Terrier, it is bold and tenacious and pursues its tasks with great enthusiasm. This dog responds well to a firm hand, and once it is settled into the house it becomes quite devoted to its owner. The Toy Manchester Terrier usually gets enough exercise running around the house, but it benefits from the stimulation of being taken out for walks.

Eurasier



Origin: The Eurasier is a modern breed developed about 50 years ago by Prof. Julius Wipfel in Germany. To create a large and distinctive Spitz type of dog with beautiful colours and a mellow character, he crossed Chow Chow males with large German Wolfspitz (Keeshond-type) females. Later, he crossed a female of these breedings with a male Samoyed. Good selection of stock since that time established the breed now known as the Eurasier.

Temperament: Quick to learn and eager to please, the Eurasier tends to bond very strongly with its owner

Dog Breeds From A To Z (con't)

and/or family. The breed does not like to be away from those it loves. Reserved and distrustful of strangers, the Eurasier is a natural watchdog. Although quiet and friendly with its family, both human and canine, it can become fierce if it senses a threat.

Activity level: A robust breed with sled-dog capabilities, the Eurasier needs daily outdoor exercise with its owner. Indoors, it tends to be calm and quiet.

Height/Weight: This handsome and imposing dog may measure up to 23.5 in (60 cm) and weigh up to 70 lb (31.5 kg).

Coat: The medium-length coat is soft, straight, abundant and luxurious.

Colour: Colours range through red, fawn, wolf grey, sable and black. Thanks to its Chow ancestry, Eurasiers may have a blue-black tongue.

Grooming: The thick coat requires regular brushing, especially during seasonal shedding times.



NEW MEMBERS

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

3/03/2002

Musson Family	Wedding Family	Petawanit Toi
Daher Heather	Higgins Family	Gook Candida/Eastwood Stephen
Eagles Sarah/Lowday Matthew	Ballinger Greg/Hallifax-Ballinger Tom	
Brundle Margaret/Northey Dianne		Roberts Family
Hawkins Doris	Hodgson Beryl	Mann Katie/Dall'oste Chris
Farmer Family	Newland Family	Nelson Chris
Perry Bianca/Capicchiano Lukas	Frawley Helen	
Folley Family	McDonald Bunny	Lugg Family
Farrell Family	Westwood Julia/Taylor Scott	Shaw Family
Brandon Rebecca	Edebone Family	Proctor Family
Pix Sherridan	Sambeek Family	

Frivolous Law suits

In 1994, a New Mexico jury awarded \$ 2.9 million U.S. in damages to 81-year-old Stella Liebeck who suffered third-degree burns to her legs, groin and buttocks after spilling a cup of McDonald's coffee on herself.

This case inspired an annual award - The "Stella" Award -for the most frivolous lawsuit in the U.S. The ones listed below are clear candidates. All these cases are verging on the outright ridiculous

and yet (in the good old USA) with the right attorney you could win anything!

January 2000: Kathleen Robertson of Austin Texas was awarded \$780,000 by a jury of her peers after breaking her ankle tripping over a toddler who was running amuck inside a furniture store. The owners of the store were understandably surprised at the verdict, considering the misbehaving little lad was Ms. Robertson's son.

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VALE

Canine hero was true Titan

Paula Doneman - Courier Mail, 16 March 2002 – Sent in by Elaine Longshaw

THE state's top police pooch, instrumental in the dramatic capture of Childers arson murderer Robert Long, died this week. Six-year-old Titan had a heart attack during surgery after he was injured at training on Tuesday night.

The canine hero and his handler clashed with Long in bushland 30km from Childers in June 2000 after tracking the itinerant fruit picker.

The feats of the German Shepherd endeared him to people around the world. During the struggle, Long stabbed Titan, cutting his paw, before turning on his handler and slashing his face. Today is the first time Titan's photograph has been allowed to be published as Special Emergency Response Team members cannot be identified.

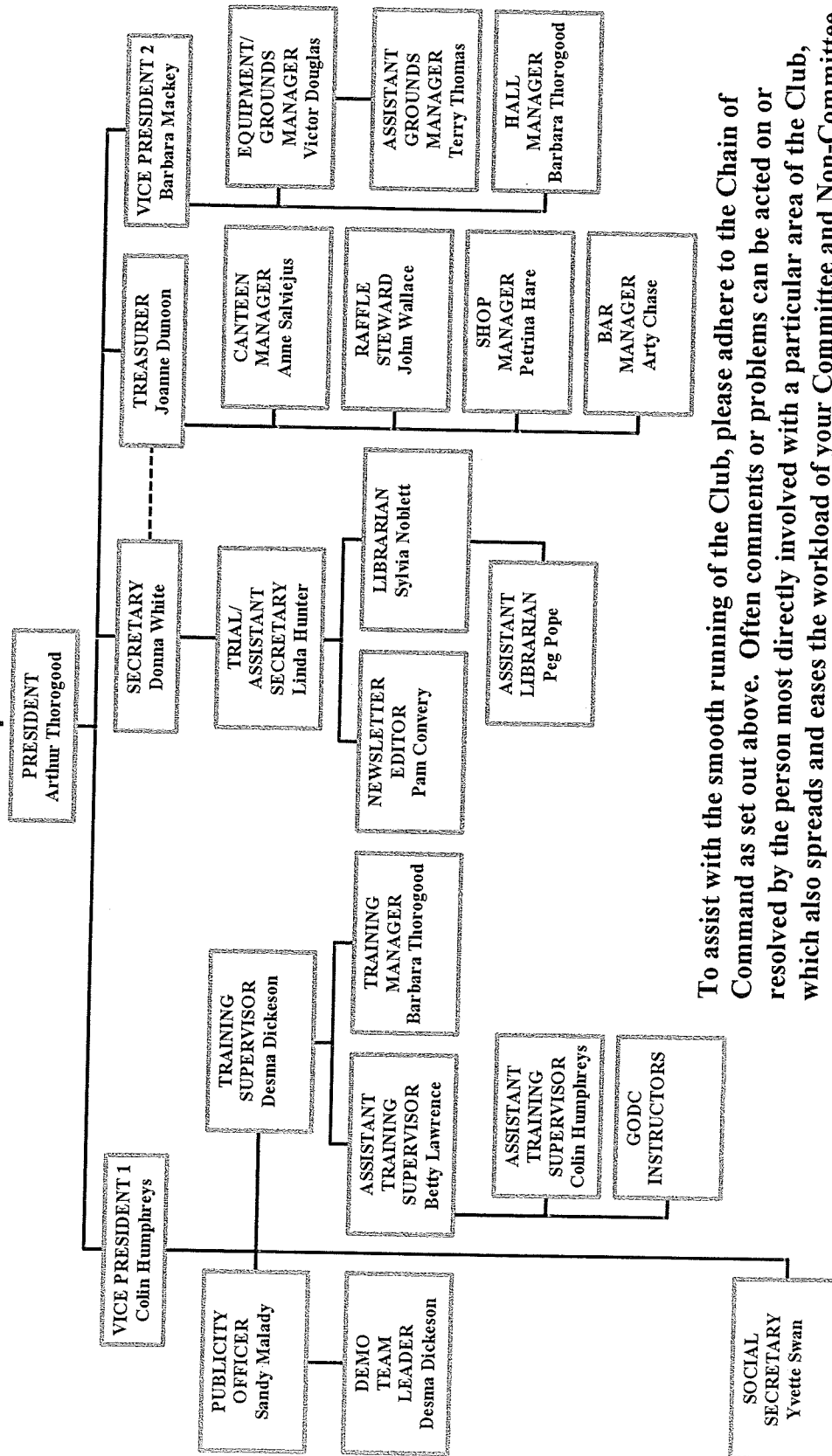
Titan's death has devastated his handler and the close-knit 60-strong dog squad. State co-ordinator Snr-Sgt John Casey said Titan was responsible for apprehending many criminals after graduating in 1998.

"These two were unique – an excellent handler who is totally dedicated to being a policeman and dog handler and a dog who was very strong," he said. Sgt Casey said dog squad duties were very physically and mentally demanding.

"A dog must have a high drive to retrieve and defend its handler and other police – other police and community also have to rely on the dog and the handler to protect them well," he said. "They must have a steadiness under gunfire, be physically fit and around two years old. "We are so short of dogs and to lose one of our best will affect the whole squad because he won't be replaced easily."

CHAIN OF COMMAND

GENERAL MEMBERS



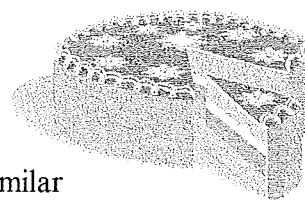
To assist with the smooth running of the Club, please adhere to the Chain of Command as set out above. Often comments or problems can be acted on or resolved by the person most directly involved with a particular area of the Club, which also spreads and eases the workload of your Committee and Non-Committee members. For example, if you have a comment or problem regarding the Newsletter, approach the Newsletter Editor first, if unsatisfactory, then the Assistant Secretary, Secretary, President and lastly the General Members at a General Meeting, to achieve a satisfactory result.

Liver Cake

Not one to serve for morning tea with coffee. But your dog will love it!!!

1 Butter cake mix
1 Liver

Some garlic
A couple of eggs



Blend the liver in blender or food processor. Mix it with the Cake mix made to directions, add the extra eggs and garlic. Cover a baking dish or something similar with foil, spray on pure and simple, pour in the mix and place in a 180-degree oven for around 45 minutes.

Remove from the oven and cut slits through the cake to allow air in. Return to the oven, which should be turned off or very low, so cake can dry out slightly.

Cooking time varies depending on how much liver you use. Can be made in a large quantity with 2 livers and 2 cake mixes and 4 eggs. Can be frozen.

TRIAL DATES

April

Sun 14	Warringal O D C	Obedience
	Gippsland O D C	Prelim
Track		
Sat 20	Southern O D T C	Agility (2)
Sun 21	Peninsula O D C	Obedience
Sat 27	Red Cliffs D K C	Obedience
	Altona C O D C	Endurance
Sun 28	Red Cliffs D K C	Obedience
	Croydon & D O D C	Obedience

VCA Representatives Courses

If you would be prepared to act as a Victorian Canine Association Representative at Trials, courses will be available at the Showgrounds on the following dates

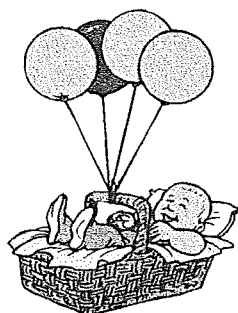
Thursday 4 April

Monday 22 April

Anyone interested in becoming a VCA Rep should attend one of these courses.

For further information, please contact the VCA on 9376 2255

Stork News



Congratulations to
Yvette and Brett Swan
on the birth of their
daughter

Keeley-Sheldon Southerby

27 February 2002



WORD SEARCH

OBEDIENCE TRAINING

This word search contains an error, see if you can find it!!!!

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Agility
 Basics
 Beginners
 Canteen
 Clubhouse
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 Commands
 Dogwalk
 Drop

Dumbbell
 Finish
 Flyball
 Footwork
 Hurdles
 Instructors
 Jumps
 Lead
 Library

Masters
 Merit
 Newsletter
 Novice
 Open
 Promotion
 Puppies
 Recall
 Reward

Rings
 Scramble
 Signals
 Sit
 Stand
 Stay
 Tunnel

Who's in charge here, anyway? – By Vicki DeGruy

Why don't we get any respect?

Q: Help! Our one-year-old dog doesn't seem to have any respect for us. He's been to obedience Class but he seldom obeys our commands. He's always grabbing our hands or head butting us when he wants something. He's become very demanding. He never seems to get enough attention even though we give him attention all the time. He even body slams us out of the way at the door so he can get outside first. He's a very loving dog but we need to get him under control. He's too big to be telling us what to do!

A: You're absolutely right! It sounds like your dog has a dominance problem and is on his way toward becoming the leader of your family – his pack. He has also reached the age of adolescence where, similar to a teenaged child, he's testing your limits. Now is an ideal time to nip these problems in the bud.

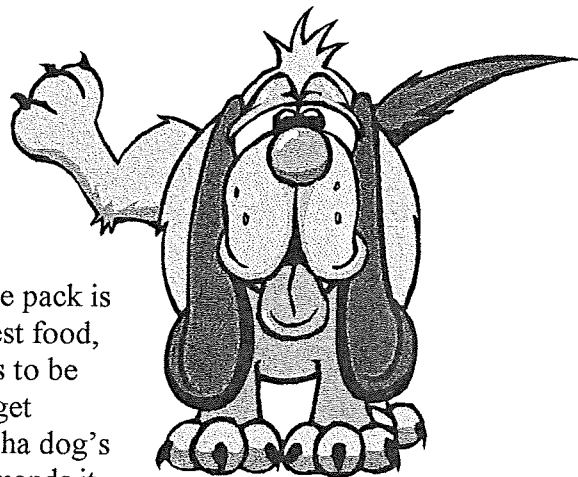
A dog's social system has a pecking order. The leader of the pack is the "alpha". He (or she) gets the best of everything – the best food, the best place to sleep, the best toy, etc. The alpha also gets to be first in everything – he gets to eat first, to leave first and to get attention first. All the other dogs in the pack respect the alpha dog's wishes. An alpha dog doesn't ask for what he wants, he demands it.

He lets you know in no uncertain terms that he wants his dinner, that he wants to go out, that he wants to play or be petted and that he wants these things right now.

Your family is your dog's pack. Most dogs fit easily into the lower levels of their human pack's pecking order and don't make trouble. They do what they're told and don't challenge authority. Other dogs don't fit in quite as well. Some are natural leaders; others are social climbers always looking for ways to get a little closer to the top of the family ladder. These dogs can become problems to an unsuspecting family that's not aware of their natural pack instincts. Some families unknowingly encourage their dogs to take over the pack. They treat their dogs as equals, not as subordinates. They give them special privileges like being allowed to sleep on the bed or couch. They let them get away with disobeying commands. In a real dog pack, only the alpha dog would get this kind of treatment.

Dogs need – and want – leaders. They have an instinctive need to fit into a pack. They want the security of knowing their place and what's expected of them. Most of them don't want to be alpha – they want someone else to give orders and make decisions. But if his humans don't provide that leadership, the dog will take over the role himself. To reclaim your family's rightful place as leaders of the pack, your dog needs to learn how to be a subordinate, not an equal. He knew this once, as a baby puppy, because his mother taught him. She showed him very early in life that she was alpha and that he had to respect her. It's time to refresh his memory!!!

Before you can remove your dog from his alpha position, you must become alpha and earn his respect. Alpha is an attitude. It involves confidence, dignity, intelligence, and an air of authority. A dog can sense this attitude almost immediately – it's how his mother acted towards him. Watch a good trainer or obedience instructor. They stand tall and use their voices and eyes to project the idea that they're capable of getting what they want. They're gentle but firm, loving but tough, all at the same time. Most dogs are immediately submissive towards this type of personality because they recognise and respect alpha when they see it.

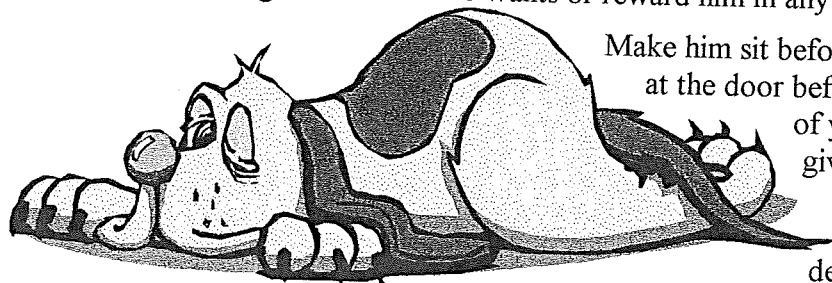


Who's in charge here, anyway? – Vicki DeGruy (continued)

Stand up straight with your shoulders back. Walk tall. Practice using a new tone of voice, one that's deep and firm. Don't ask your dog to do something – tell him. There's a difference and he knows it! As alpha, you're entitled to make the rules and give the orders. Your dog understands that instinctively.

Since your dog has been used to getting what he wants on demand, it's likely to take more than just a change in your attitude to make him mind better. He's been getting a free ride for a long time but you're going to teach him that from now on, he has to earn what he gets. This will be a shock to his system at first but you'll be surprised how quickly he'll catch on and that he'll actually become eager to please you.

Your dog already knows the command SIT. Now every time your dog wants something – his dinner, a trip outside, a walk, some attention, anything – tell him (remember, don't ask him, tell him) to sit first. When he does, praise him with a "Good Boy!" then tell him OKAY and give him whatever it is he wants as a reward. If he refuses to sit, walk away and ignore him. No sit, no reward. If you don't think he understands the command, work on his training some more. If he just doesn't want to obey, ignore him – don't give him what he wants or reward him in any fashion.



Make him sit before giving him his dinner, make him sit at the door before going outside, make him sit in front of you to be petted, make him sit before giving him his toy. If you normally leave food out for him all the time, stop. Go to a twice daily feeding and you decide what time of day he'll be fed.

Make him sit for his dinner. If he won't obey the command – no dinner. Walk away and ignore him. Bring the food out later and tell him again to sit. If he understands the command, don't tell him more than once. He heard you the first time. Give commands from a standing position and use a deep, firm tone of voice. To keep him from body-slaming you at the doorway, put a leash on him. Make him sit and wait while you open the door and give him permission – OKAY! – to go out.

Alpha dogs are used to being fussed over. In a real dog pack, subordinate dogs are forever touching, licking and grooming the alpha dog. It's a show of respect and submission. Until your dog's attitude has improved, cut down on the amount of cuddling he gets. When he wants attention, make him sit first, give him a few kind words and pats, then stop. Go back to whatever you were doing and ignore him. If he pesters you, tell him NO! in a firm voice and ignore him some more. Pet him when you want to, not just because he wants you to. Also, don't get down on the floor or on your knees to pet your dog. That, too, is a show of submission. Give praise, petting and rewards from a position that's higher than the dog.

Don't allow wrestling or roughhousing with your dog. These games encourage dogs to dominate people physically. In a dog pack or in a litter, these games are more than just play – they help to establish pack order based on physical strength. Your dog is already stronger and quicker than you are. Rough, physical games prove that to him.

Where does your dog sleep? Not in your bedroom and especially not on your bed! Your bedroom is a special place – it's your den. An alpha dog thinks he has a right to sleep in your den because he considers himself your equal. Until your dog's alpha problems are fully under control, the bedroom should be off-limits. The same goes for sleeping on furniture. If you can't keep him off the couch without a fight, deny him access to the room.

Who's in charge here, anyway? – Vicki DeGruy (continued)

If your alpha program is successful, your dog should start looking to you for directions and permission. He'll show eagerness to please. Watch how your dog approaches and greets you. Does he come to you "standing tall" with his head and ears held high and erect? It may look impressive and proud but it means he's still alpha and you still have problems! A dog that accepts humans as superiors will approach you with his head slightly lowered and his ears back or off to the sides. He'll "shrink" his whole body a little in a show of submission. Watch how he greets all the members of the family. If he displays this submissive posture to some of them, but not others, those are the ones who need to work harder on their own alpha techniques.

Once your dog has begun to accept this new way of life and his new position in the family, you should take him through another obedience course with a qualified trainer. Obedience training is a lifelong process. Obedience commands need to be practiced and incorporated into your daily life. In a dog pack, the alpha animal uses occasional reminders to reinforce his authority. Certain commands, like DOWN/STAY, are especially effective reminders of a dog's place in the family pack order and who's really in charge here. A well-trained dog that's secure in his place in the family pack order is comfortable and confident. He knows what's expected of him. He knows his limits and who his leaders are. He's free to be your loving companion and not your boss!!

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TO DESEX OR NOT TO DESEX

Dr Jon O'Connor - Aberdeen Veterinary Clinic

SIX GOOD REASONS TO DESEX YOUR DOG

1. All dogs must be registered with the local Council at 6 months of age. Desexed dogs cost \$8 annually to register. Entire dogs cost \$64 annually to register. This quickly covers the cost of the operation.
2. Desexing a dog eliminates inappropriate and embarrassing sexual behaviour, i.e. sexual arousal, mounting other dogs, slippers, fluffy toys, your feet and the neighbours children, etc.
3. Desexing decreases a dog's urge to mark its territory, i.e. cocking its leg on everything in sight. It also decreases the strong male smell to urine.
4. Desexing decreases aggressive tendencies
5. Desexing decreases the urge your dog has to wander. It is when your dog is following his hormones down the street that the ranger picks him up and takes him to the pound, or that he is hit by a car.
6. Desexing your dog eliminates the significant risk he has of contracting prostatic and testicular cancers, infections and abscesses later in life.



EIGHT GOOD REASONS TO SPEY YOUR BITCH

1. There is no physical or emotional benefit to your dog in allowing her to have a litter before being spayed. Her character is unchanged by the operation.
2. You do not have to find homes for a litter of puppies. Some breeds have up to 15 puppies per litter. Geelong Animal Welfare and the Lost Dogs Homes destroy thousands of unwanted puppies each year.
3. All dogs must be registered with the local Council from 6 months of age. Desexed dogs cost \$8 annually. Unspayed dogs cost \$64 annually! This quickly pays for the operation.
4. No mess! A dog comes into season every 4-6 months. This lasts 3 weeks during which time her genitals swell up and she constantly drips blood. A fairly smelly and unhygienic occurrence, this also attracts male dogs that mark out a territory by urinating and barking at your front door.
5. Complications at the birth of puppies such as caesarians and milk fever are common, life threatening and expensive.
6. Dogs spayed when less than 1 year old are 95% less likely to have mammary tumours (breast cancer) later in life than unspayed dogs or dogs spayed at a later age. Dog's spayed before their first season almost never get mammary tumours.
7. Unspayed bitches commonly get a life threatening infection of the uterus called pyometra. This does not occur once a dog has been spayed.
8. Spayed dogs are less likely to wander, which is when they are most likely to be picked up by the ranger or hit by traffic.

DOG CHALLENGE OR ATTACK – WHAT TO DO

ATTACK BY A DOG ON A PERSON

Stop. Turn sideways to the dog. Don't face head on or look the dog in the eye, (this is considered a threat by the dog). Don't run or SCREAM.

Try to control the dog by firmly saying – No, Down or Go Home

If you have something in your hand, get it between the dog and you and use it as a bite object, eg umbrella or bag.

Do NOT freeze. Start to move back sideways slowly, keeping the dog in view without looking at it directly. You should be able to move slowly out of the dog's territory if it is not trained as a guard dog. If it is trained as a guard dog it is most likely to intensify its challenge, until you stop and then not make further advances until its handler arrives.

Talk to the dog in a low and calming voice as you retreat.

If you have a child with you DO NOT pick him/her up as the dog may think you are harming him or her. Keep the child behind you.

If the dog leaps at you, don't turn your back and scream. Cover your face and neck with your hands and arms and face it. Bring your knee into the dog's chest.

Never lie down if attacked, but if knocked down, curl into a foetal position, cover your neck and face with your arms and remain still.

If bitten – Wash and disinfect the area as soon as possible and see your doctor.

Notify your local council office with relevant information as soon as possible after the incident

INFORMATION FOR COUNCIL

Type (if known), size and colour of dog

Any identifying markings

Any identifying collar, tags the dog was wearing

Time and location of incident

Direction the dog took when it ran off

HOW TO AVOID SITUATIONS THAT MAY LEAD TO DOG FIGHTS

Dog to dog fixed stares are to be avoided. Handlers to be aware of their dogs at all times. Fixed stares are to be broken by the handlers moving away and gaining the dogs attention with some quick obedience work

DOG FIGHTS

All handlers and dogs not involved should move away from the area and handlers involved should NOT scream, kick or pull the dogs apart.

Never attempt to end a dog fight on your own. Two people are needed plus strength and agility

Do NOT approach the "BUSINESS" end of either dog. Never put your hands in to stop a fight. One person should approach each fighting dog from the rear.

Grab the hind legs of each dog and lift them off the ground, this loosens rear traction, and then each dog should release its grip, so you can wheelbarrow each dog away. This needs to be done quickly to stop the dog grabbing at the person holding his rear legs.

The dog, which initiated the attack, should be heeled away first to avoid the dog thinking he has won the fight. But some obedience work for both dogs will put the handlers back in control. Only when the handlers have control and the fight has left the dog should the team return to Class.

GENERAL MEETING

5 February 2002

Meeting opened:

Apologies: J Dunoon, C Humphreys, A Wallace, V Douglas, J Wong, M McNair
Acc: L Kelleher

Seconded: J Brophy

Carried

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

Acc: P Convery

Seconded: S Malady

Carried

Business arising from the Minutes:

1. D White and A Thorogood investigated minutes books regarding the donation of materials for the wooden dog boxes by Jirrahlinga. At this stage nothing has been found in the minutes books. A Thorogood said from his memory Jirrahlinga purchased plastic dog boxes the club owned. With the money from the sale of these boxes and money added from the club materials were purchased and the wooden dog boxes were built. These were built by Fred Lehmann.
2. C Humphreys offered to put a board under the kitchen door to stop the puppies in puppy kinder from entering the kitchen.
3. A Mackey offered to look into another way of replacing the steel cover over the kitchen window. It was decided that the only way of having an opening cover on the kitchen window would be to have a door that swings upwards. This could be dangerous if the door came down. The Grounds Manager and Assistant Grounds Manager are happy to remove the metal cover each Sunday morning and replace it each Sunday after training.

Correspondence Out:

1. VCA: Accounts Department.

Correspondence In:

1. Lyn Klecka
2. GE Capital Finance
3. Gisborne and Districts Obedience Dog Club Inc.
4. Altona Civic Obedience Dog Club Inc
5. Joy Mayhew
6. Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of Victoria

Acc: L Kelleher

Seconded: P Pope

Carried

Business arising from Correspondence:

1. Lyn Klecka: Tracking Rule Review Meeting:—Information on meeting printed in January's Newsletter.
2. GE Capital Finance: Increase credit limit.—It was decided that the credit limits on the Office Works cards at the moment will be enough for the club to work with.

3. Gisbone and Districts Obedience Dog Club Inc: Copy of the Schedule for Double Open Agility and Jumping Trial.—This has been placed on the notice board.
4. Altona Civic Obedience Dog Club Inc: Flyer on Endurance Test—This has been placed on notice board.
5. Joy Mayhew—Thankyou letter for the encouragement and friendship by the club.
6. Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of Victoria: Flyer for a Restricted Obedience Trial—This has been placed on the notice board.

Treasurer's reports: A Thorogood read report. Report attached to minuetts book.

Other Reports:

Canteen Manager: Nil

Hall Manager: Nil

Grounds Manager: The pop-up sprinklers are now working. Thankyou to Fred Lehrmann for helping getting them going again.

Publicity Officer: The red cross said they won't be requiring the club for their opening this year and it will be held at Kardinia Park and dogs are not permitted on the grounds. There maybe a street walk after the opening. S Malady said she is looking forward to a successful and busy year ahead.

Social Secretary: Nil

Trial Secretary: L Hunter read written report. Report attached to minuetts book.

Training Supervisor: As per January Newsletter.

Display Team: D Dickeson read written report. Report attached to minuetts book.

Raffle Steward: J Wallace read written report. Report attached to minuetts book.

General Business

- 1 A Salaviejus has been looking at prices on getting heater guards for the heaters. The heater company doesn't make them so she has been getting prices from BBQ's Galore for an alternate guard that might be able to be adapted. The cost of these were approximately \$200. Members felt that this was too expensive. It was suggested to approach G McGraw to make some if he is interested in doing so, or to purchase some wooden playpens and have them adapted to fit around the heaters.

- 2 L Hunter would like to propose that we purchase 5 more bar jumps to complete our masters set of Agility/Jumping equipment. It was suggested to approach G McGraw to make the jumps as he has previously made all jumps the club has to date. L Hunter will approach G McGraw and ask him if he would be interested in making the jumps.
- 3 L Hunter would like to propose that the club purchase an Open and/or Novice set of Agility/Jumping equipment. L Hunter enquired on prices from Murray Tyler and they were for a 13 piece set of Open equipment \$3220 and a 12 piece set of Novice equipment \$2795. This issue was discussed and it was decided not to buy the new equipment.
- 4 D Dickeson asked if we can have a notice put in the newsletter asking members to donate old blankets for dogs if they become injured.
- 5 J Brophy suggested that someone go through the library books as some are getting quite dated. It was decided that S Noblett can do this.
- 6 E Longshaw asked if we have any 2002 brochures and if they have been distributed. All brochures have been distributed around the area and all others are kept in the office.
- 7 P Convery said that 12 months ago a motion was passed at a meeting to revise the picture rails in the club rooms. The Open and UD pictures were to go on the bar wall. This hasn't been completed as yet. T Thomas will look into completing this.
- 8 P Convery asked what seminars and lectures have been planned for this year. Nothing has been looked into as yet. P Convery will supply a list of people we can consider. It was decided that members would like Robert Berson a guest speaker to come and give another talk at the club. D Dickeson will get in contact with him to see when he might be available.
- 9 P Convery raised a point about two books that had been donated to the club by Phyl Bergan. These books were table books and not to be borrowed out. These books have gone missing. S Noblett will have a look for them amongst the library books to see if they can be located.
- 10 P Convery asked if we can approach the council about having a right hand turning lane put in at our two gate entrances. It was said that VicRoads handle this and a letter should be sent to request the turning lane, explaining that turning into the club has caused regular accidents for members.
- 11 P Convery will write letter requesting advertisers for the newsletter.

As there was no further business

Meeting closed at 9pm

SPIRIT OF THE WEST CHALLENGE

Saturday 18 May 2002
commencing at 1.00pm

CHECK IN - 12.15PM TO 12.45PM. A SECOND CHECK IN FOR AGILITY
WILL BE HELD AT APPROXIMATELY 2.30PM

WERRIBEE OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC
PRESIDENT'S PARK, HEATHS ROAD, WERRIBEE

Classes are available for ALL members, including our newest puppies. The
Agility competition for the Agility Shield and the Junior Handlers (not
included in either Shield) will be held while scores from Obedience
competition are being tallied. Agility to commence at approximately 3.00 pm

ENTRY FEES - OBEDIENCE \$2.00, AGILITY \$2.00, JUNIOR HANDLERS \$2.00,
WHICH INCLUDES A SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH

Return your entries, with your entry fee, to the Office
Entries close at the end of Classes on

SUNDAY 12 MAY 2002

Come along and enjoy a social day with your dog, maybe win a ribbon and
help us retain the Spirit of the West Obedience Shield and win the new
Agility Shield. Please ask your Instructor if you are in doubt as to which
class to enter

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<u>PUPPY CLASS</u>	EXERCISES	POINTS
Heel on lead	Includes a sit and stand. Corrections permitted	50
Right about and Right turn	Are done in heeling pattern	20
Sit Stay	Individual exercise - 10 seconds only	20
Handler Control	Voice, praise, correction & pace	10
		100
<u>CLASS ONE (Puppies over 6 months)</u>		
Heel on lead	Includes a sit & stand. Corrections permitted	50
Right about and Right turn	Are done in heeling pattern	20
Sit Stay	Individual exercise - 10 seconds only	20
Handler Control	Voice, praise, correction & pace	10
		100
<u>CLASS TWO</u>		
Heel on lead	Includes all turns, sit, stand, drop from sit position & slow pace	50
Stand Stay	Individual exercise - 10 seconds only	10
Sit Stay	Individual exercise - 10 seconds only	10
Recall	(on lead with automatic sit or on handler's command. Handler return to dog)	20
Handler control	Voice, praise, correction & pace	10
		100
<u>CLASS THREE</u>		
Heel on lead	Includes all turns, sit, stand, drop while heeling, fast & slow pace	50
Stand for Examination	Light examination - head and back only	10
Recall	On lead with automatic sit. Handler return	20
Sit Stay	Group exercise - 30 seconds - lead on ground	10
Drop Stay	Group exercise - 1 minute - lead on ground	10
		100
<u>CLASS FOUR</u>		
Heel on lead	All turns, sit, stand, drop, fast & slow pace & figure 8	40
Stand for examination	Full exercise	20
Recall	Off lead - 10 metres - handler around dog	20
Sit Stay	Group exercise - 1 min - off lead - half width of the ring	20
Drop Stay	Group exercise - 2 min - off lead - half width of the ring	20
		120

CLASS FIVE

Heel on lead	All turns, sit, stand, drop, fast & slow pace & figure 8	30
Stand for examination	Full exercise	20
Stand Stay	Full exercise - off lead	20
Recall	Full exercise plus finish	30
Sit Stay	Group exercise - 1 min - off lead - full width of the ring	30
Drop Stay	Group exercise - 3 min - off lead - full width of the ring	30
		160

CLASS SIX

Full Novice exercises for untitled dogs

CLASS SEVEN

Full Novice exercises for titled dogs who have not entered an Open Class

CLASS EIGHT

Full Open exercises for untitled dogs

CLASS NINE

Full Open exercises for titled dogs who have not entered a Utility Class

CLASS TEN

Full Utility exercises

Classes 11 & 12 will be conducted while scores from the Obedience classes are being tallied (approximately 3.00 pm)

CLASS ELEVEN – AGILITY CLASS

To be conducted basically at Novice level, with extra jumps and fault handicaps for all Titled dogs

CLASS TWELVE – JUNIOR HANDLERS

Two age groups – 7 to 12 years, 12 to 18 years. Juniors must handle the dog they normally handle in Class. Class One (1) level will be used to conduct the test.

"SPIRIT OF THE WEST" ENTRY FORM

HANDLER'S NAME _____

DOG'S NAME _____

CLASS ENTERED _____ **Height at shoulder (Classes 8, 9, 10, 11)** _____

INSTRUCTOR'S NAME _____

If you are not entering, but would be willing to Steward or Judge, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please complete the form below and return it to the Office, circling whether stewarding or judging and Class preferred

NAME _____

STEWARD

JUDGE

CLASS PREFERRED _____
(If possible)