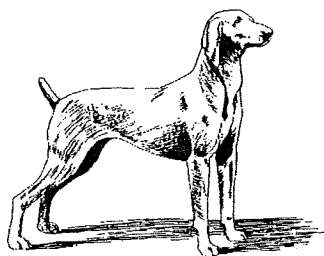
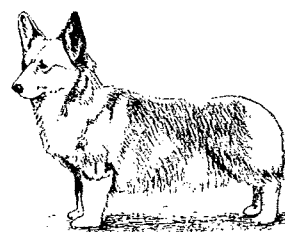
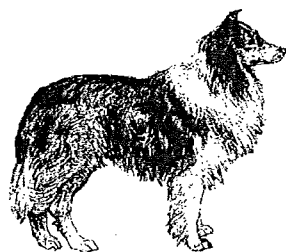
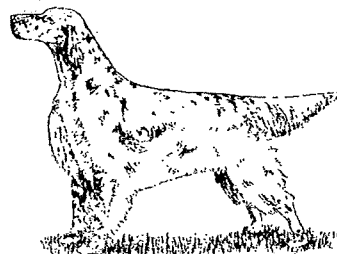
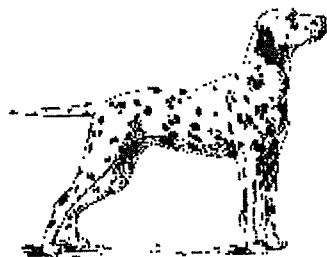


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## CLUB CALENDAR

### June

Sunday	2 June	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	4 June	<b>General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised</b>
Thursday	6 June	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Sunday	9 June	<b>Queen's Birthday weekend. NO TRAINING</b>
Saturday	15 June	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	16 June	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	17 June	<b>Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm</b>
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	<b>Open Obedience Trial. NO TRAINING</b>
Monday	15 July	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	21 July	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	22 July	<b>Instructor's Meeting - 7.30 pm</b>
Sunday	28 July	<b>PROMOTION DAY.</b> Newsletter available

## ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW OBEDIENCE, AGILITY AND JUMPING

OBEDIENCE, AGILITY AND JUMPING TRIAL ENTRIES CLOSE 12<sup>th</sup> AUGUST  
ENTRIES FOR THE RASV FLYBALL EXHIBITION EVENT CLOSE 12<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

Novice, Open and Utility Dogs judged on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Novice, Open and Utility Bitches judged on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September

Best in Obedience Trial judged on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September

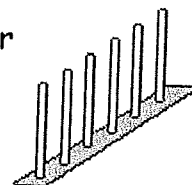
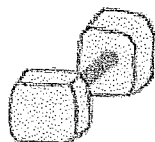
Agility and Jumping Trials will be judged on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Flyball Exhibition Event will be held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Further information May's VicDog Magazine

Entry Fee for Obedience, Agility and Jumping

**\$22.00 per entry**



# GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC

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**Note the Club's new website address at [http://members.tripod.com/geelong\\_odc](http://members.tripod.com/geelong_odc)**

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

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi and welcome to all new members.

First some bad news, Anne Salaviejus, our Canteen Manager has resigned from Committee because of work hours, but will continue to run the Canteen. Petrina Hare our Shop Manager has been appointed to fill the Committee vacancy. Thanks to Anne for her work on Committee.

Now the good news. Never have I been so proud to be on a Committee as I was on our Agility Trial Day. The work and effort put in by a very small number of Geelong members to make this day a raging success had to be seen to be believed. A very big thank you to all. I was approached by Judges and the VCA Rep to congratulate the catering and grounds staff for their efforts on the day. But I have held back to last the efforts of the Trial Secretary assisted by the Secretary for their efforts on producing a great day under stress. Linda, our Trial Secretary had the honour of her fellow Committee members crowding into the Office to give her a round of applause. A great performance.

Once more a big thank you to our band of willing members. You did Geelong proud. I walked from the ground at the end of the day feeling seven foot tall. Thank you one and all.

**A.L. Thorogood – President**

## TRIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2002 our first Double Agility and Jumping Trials were held at out grounds in ideal weather.

There was a total of 371 separate entries made up of approximately 74 Triallers and 111 dogs in the three Class levels of Novice, Open and Masters

The Judges and Stewards did an excellent job in the running of these rings and to keep them running on time or as near as possible to that. This was a particularly hard task for the Open rings as there were around 20 to 30 more entries to tun through than in other rings.

Unfortunately, there were no Geelong Member successes that day but the results were encouraging for some.

The competition in the rings was great to watch and we had a number of people dropping in just to watch, with a few enquires at the Office from people who were just passing by on the day.

John and Ola Wallace along with their raffle ticket sellers ran another successful raffle with a fantastic first prize of a free ticket to a Suzanne Clolthier Workshop valued at \$250.00. One very happy Cathy Bond won this.

I can't thank enough the Committee and Club Members who either "got down and dirty" at the working bees or who gave up either part or all of their day to make the Trials run smoothly from 6.00 am to 6.00 pm with the setting up and packing up of ground equipment, stewarding in the rings, serving a delicious array of food to Judges, Stewards and Helpers, the running of the Canteen and the people who encouraged and assisted me in the Office.

Thank you

**Linda Hunter – Trial Secretary**

### **FOR SALE**

Puppy pen - 3 sided, 3x3 metre enclosure steel mesh

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Large timber kennel with fenced run and gate

**\$300.00 ono**

Contact - Linda (0409 163 370)

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## SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

A big thankyou to all those club members who supported our bulb drive. An amazing \$2400.00 worth of bulbs was sold with the Club making over \$1100.00 which will go towards our project of providing sailcloth for shade. Some people made a huge effort to sell, thanks to Arthur Thorogood and Chris Nelson who raised \$579.99 between them and Charlotte Anglin, Fiona & Kevin Slater, Donna White and Stephen Paice for their worthy efforts. Sorry to those 7 people who didn't get their bulbs before Mother's Day as their box went on an interstate holiday to WA! Thanks for your patience.

## MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW:

### **MOVIE AND MEAL AGAIN!!! - Saturday 29th June - Waurin Ponds**



Meal: La Porchetta's, Waurin Ponds.

**Time: 7:00 pm**

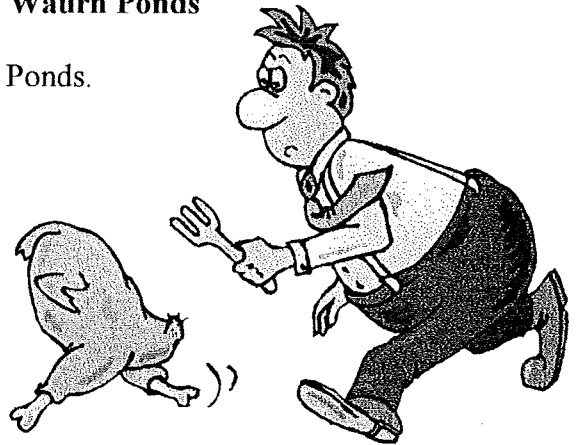
Movie: Reading Cinemas

Depending on availability and times, either "Charlotte Gray" or "I am Sam". Both movies are highly regarded.

**Time: 9:00pm**

Cost for movie ticket: \$11.00

Please add your name to the Social News board and place your money in an envelope with your name on the front and hand it in to the Office



## Movie Synopsis:

### **CHARLOTTE GRAY - Cate Blanchett**

Set in Nazi occupied France, World War 2. The story centres on a young Scottish woman working with French Resistance in the hope of rescuing her lover, a missing RAF pilot shot down behind enemy lines.

This drama is based on Sebastian Faulks' best selling novel of the same name.

### **I AM SAM - Sean Penn, Michelle Pfeiffer**

Sean Penn stars as Sam, a mentally disabled single father with the mind of a 7 yr old fighting to regain custody of his daughter.

He gets assistance from workaholic attorney (Michelle Pfeiffer) and unintentionally teaches her the importance of family.



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### TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Well the first Promotion Day of this year is now behind us and it's time for everyone to concentrate on working hard to gain good results in the July test. Congratulations to those who passed and commiserations to those who didn't – keep training and have realistic goals and you will succeed.

Thanks must go to everyone who helped in any way on testing day – your assistance is much appreciated. A quick reminder of test guidelines prior to the start of tests seemed to ensure that the day was much more stress free for all concerned.

Before finishing this report I would like to say a huge thank you to Sandra McCarthy (& "Buster") for all her hard work with the Social Class 3. Sandra has had to retire because of Buster's age and on going ill health. Both she and Buster will be missed. Remember to have fun with your dogs!

**Desma Dickeson – Training Supervisor**

PS. As of now there will be NO testing outside the designated Promotion Days. Please don't ask as a refusal may offend. Desma Dickeson.

# THE PLAYFUL RETRIEVE

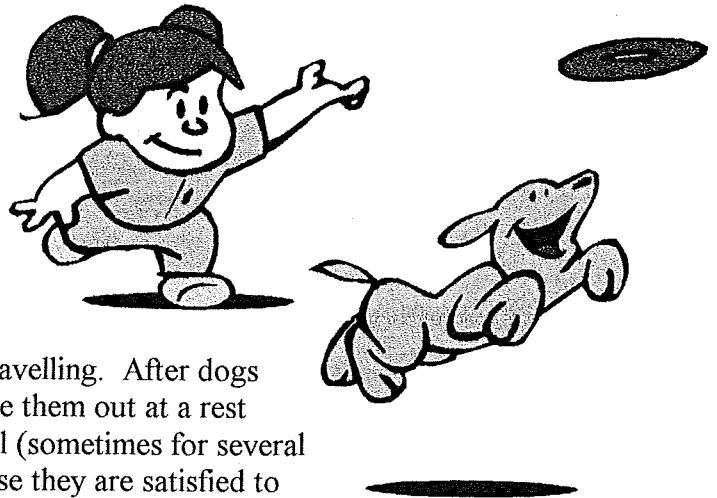
Rebecca K Whitmeyer

All obedience trial exercises, indeed all aspects of dog training, can be divided into three categories: restrictive routines, active ones, and those, which are a combination. The sit-stay, down-stay, and stand for examination are wholly restrictive, jumps and retrieves are active, while heel and recalls are a combination. One problem with the usual sequence of exercises in obedience training is that we typically start and concentrate almost exclusively on restrictive or combination routines in that most active period of a dog's life, the first year. This practice has two disadvantages; it fails to take into account the puppy's natural tendencies – to be active, to be playful, to have a very limited attention span – and, it introduces a puppy to training with exercises which he finds unpleasant, thus hindering our attempts to build a positive attitude toward work with his handler.

By contract, I feel that the most appropriate “first” in training, as well as one of the most valuable exercises throughout a dog's life, is the retrieve. Introducing a puppy to playful retrieving of a tennis ball can be done effectively as soon as he is introduced to his new home. In contrast to the restrictive routines, nearly all puppies accept retrieving readily. It plays upon puppy's natural tendencies. This play is the beginning of a strong human/canine bond, thus developing the positive attitude so desirable for future training.

Teaching retrieving first also has benefit for a beginning trainer. I have found that the typical first-time trainer is too demanding, too harsh and too formal. To many people “training” means correcting, punishing, or hollering, and they entirely neglect playing, praising, and rewarding. By beginning with a play exercise the trainer learns to be happy and encouraging to his puppy, thus developing an attitude, which is so necessary later when praise is needed.

In addition to its use as a first exercise, retrieving is invaluable throughout a dog's life. It is an excellent form of both play and exercise for the dog and can be done in a controlled or restricted area, such as a yard or park. After a formal session of heeling, etc you can end on a happy note by throwing a ball for your dog, somewhat as a reward.



I have found ball retrieving invaluable also when travelling. After dogs have been confined to a car for several hours, I take them out at a rest area, field or whatever is available, and throw a ball (sometimes for several dogs together). After this period of fun and exercise they are satisfied to return to the confines of the car for more driving.

For those who plan to do advanced obedience, this early training will be an asset in several ways. Not only has retrieving correlation with the dumbbell exercises in Open and Scent Discrimination and Directed Retrieve in Utility, but it also has a less apparent benefit in these classes. The entire Novice routine is restrictive to a greater or lesser extent. At no time is the dog called upon to leave his handler, go out and do something on his own, or even show much liveliness or activity. Then, when you begin Open, this pattern changes and many dogs (and handlers) never do adapt to the change.

On the other hand, dogs that have learned to love playing ball seem to make the transition to the more formal retrieving exercises very easily and, in addition, have acquired attitudes and habits, which can help in learning jumping and the Go Away. In general, they have a great advantage when they approach the active routines of Open and Utility.

## **The Playful Retrieve – Rebecca K Whitmeyer (continued)**

### **How to begin**

I like to begin with a tennis ball (if the puppy is large enough to hold one in his mouth) when the pup is first brought home at seven or eight weeks old. This can be done even earlier if this is a pup of your own breeding. Nearly all puppies will chase a moving object such as a ball. Being in the house and roll it only as far as your puppy can follow with his eyes. Resist the temptation to bounce the ball or throw it a long distance. He will probably chase it eagerly and maybe pounce on it. If not, try to interest him in it some more, and then roll it again. Remember that puppy's attention span is very short so only play a very few minutes at this time.

Once puppy has learned to enjoy this game of chasing the rolling ball, while you are sitting on the floor clap your hands and encourage puppy to bring it back. By sitting rather than standing you are at the puppy's level, in a perfect position to welcome him and fuss over him if he does return, and also you are curbing your own impulse to go toward him. If he comes back, praise him and act as if the ball he brought you is solid gold. If not, do not scold or act displeased, and don't chase him. Keep encouraging him to bring it, and, if he doesn't, nonchalantly move toward him to get it and try again.

If, after several days, the pup hasn't gotten the idea of bring the ball to you, try playing in a hallway with all doorways closed. Roll the ball down the hallway and as soon as puppy gets it, clap; you hands and encourage him to return. Here, if he runs at all, he has no choice but to come to you. Then, when he gets to you, you can hug him and fuss over him so that he gets the idea that this is what you want. Don't be in a hurry to leave the hallway, thus giving puppy a chance to go elsewhere than to you. Also, be sure to do only a few retrieves at a time. Stop while puppy is still eager rather than bore him.

The next step, after puppy is enjoying retrieving in the hallway, eagerly running after the ball and bringing it back to you waiting arms, is that of returning to a less confined room of the house. Hopefully, here puppy will go after the ball and return to you as he did in the hallway. However, he may not! If, despite your calling and clapping your hands he does not return, you have two choices: 1) you can return to the hallway for a few days and then try the room again or 2) attach a very light rope or thick string to his collar and let him drag it. Once he has the ball in his mouth, call and encourage as above but also give short GENTLE tugs on the rope to get him back. I emphasize "gentle" because if your tugs are too strong, he may drop the ball or, what is worse, lose interest altogether. Remember, that it is suppose to be fun for both of you – no corrections, no punishment, only gentle, playful encouragement for puppy to do what you want.

Stay indoors until puppy eagerly runs after the ball and returns to you with it WITHOUT the rope. Don't be in a hurry to go outdoors as that is a big transition. You want your puppy to really enjoy this gam, but also to know the rules of the game before you add further distractions.

Now you are ready to move outside, but ONLY ADD THAT ONE VARIABLE. For the first day outside put the dragline back onto puppy's collar (or put one on now if you didn't before) so he will do the routine correctly the first time. Throw the ball NO FARTHER THAN YOU DID IN THE HOUSE, and assume a familiar sitting position.

From here on you can gradually proceed to longer retrieves without a dragline and to a standing position. You are now also ready to begin further obedience training but with these advantages: You have learned how to play with and praise your puppy. Your puppy has learned that doing things with you is enjoyable, he has learned to keep his attention on you, and he has learned to play your way. Yes, it is a game, but a controlled game. He now has a better readiness for formal obedience routines.

I think that you will find retrieving a most appropriate exercise to teach first, as well as a fun and useful bit of knowledge for your dog throughout his life.



# SPIRIT OF THE WEST CHALLENGE RESULTS

Congratulations to all Geelong members who braved an Antarctic wind to take part in the Spirit of the West Challenge. The Classes that counted towards the shield were Classes 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 6A and 10. For a Class to count towards the shield it requires a minimum of three (3) members from each Club. Werribee won the Shield 18 – 24 points.

## Puppies:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Charlotte Nikolic & “Molly” – Werribee
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cathy Bond & “Able Tia” – Geelong
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bronwyn Gregory & “Keisha” – Werribee

## Class 1:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wendy McCraw & “Molly” - Geelong
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Racheal Johnston & “?” – Geelong
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Stephen Pace & “?” – Geelong

## Class 1A:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Janet Ward-Palmer & “Westie” – Werribee
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gael Szelest & “Lucy” – Werribee
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Glenice McIntyre & “Brindella” – Werribee

## Class 2:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Simone Wilkie & “Riley” - Geelong
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Jackson & “Ibbs” - Werribee
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Betty Lawrence & “Yoda” - Geelong

## Class 2A:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Domingo Huerta & “Blackie” - Werribee
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kara Williamson & “Dusty” - Werribee
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jenny Wohlgemuth & “Bett” - Werribee

## Class 3:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rebecca Edmonstone & “Woody” – Werribee
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Meyn & “Darcy” - Werribee
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tara Middleton & “Dylan” – Werribee

## Class 4:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Peter Baker “Poppy” – Geelong
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Shane Ward & “Zack” – Werribee
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sue Templeton & “Arky” – Werribee

## Class 5:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Amanda Vella & “Pollyanna” – Werribee
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Shane Ward & “Kaylee” – Werribee
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Yvette Swan & “Teika” – Geelong

## Class 6:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Val Greelish & “PJ” – Werribee
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandy Malady & “Casper Rose” – Geelong
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ryan Bushell & “Mindy” – Werribee

## Class 6A:

- 1<sup>st</sup> John Heath & “Heidi” – Werribee
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Noel Hunter & “Bonnie” – Werribee
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Julie Antolic & “Zena” – Werribee

## Class 7:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Beryl Jackson & “Purdella Fire Robin” – Geelong
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Robyn Youl & “Strumpet” – Werribee
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Helen Eley & “Larry” – Werribee

## Class 8:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Libby Hotchin & “Sorcha” - Geelong
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Roy Granger & “Rex” – Werribee
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Keith Notley & “Jarrah” - Werribee

## Class 10:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Robyn Jackson & “Mac” - Werribee
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Helen Read & “Abbott” – Geelong
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Jackson & “Kaos” – Werribee

## Junior Handlers:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ryan Bushell & “Mindy” – Werribee
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jessica Godycki & “Astro” – Geelong
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Amanda Hester & “Buddy” – Geelong

## The inaugural Agility Shield was also won by Werribee.

The placing's were as follows:

- 1st Robyn Jackson & “Mac” – Werribee
- 2nd Rhonda McInnes & “Rosie” – Werribee
- 3rd Jo-Anne Hamilton & “Benton” - Geelong

## DAILY CANINE ROUTINE - FROM A DOG'S PERSPECTIVE

The day is divided into two important sections: Mealttime. And everything else.

### Mealttime

1. Just because there does not seem to be anything visible around to eat certainly does not mean there is nothing around to eat. The act of staring at the underside of a table or chair on which someone else is eating sets in motion a chain of events that eventually results in food.
2. When you actually receive a meal, submerge your head into it as you would a shower. Never, never look up again until a minimum of at least fifteen minutes after the obvious food is gone. This is important. Just because your dish is empty does not mean that it is time to stop eating.
3. Remember that all food is potentially yours up until the time that it is actually swallowed by another. The lengthy path a piece of food will take from a plate to a mouth via a hand is as good a time as any to stake your claim to it.
4. If you really see something you want, and all your other attempts at getting it have failed, it is only right to grovel shamelessly. As a second tactic, stare intently at the object of your desire, allowing long gelatinous drools to leak like icicles from your lower lip.

### Everything Else

5. There are really only two important facial expressions to bother with: complete and overwhelming joy and nothing at all.
6. Any time that is not mealttime is potentially naptime. The best time to take a nap is when you hear your name being called repeatedly. The most relaxing position is on your side, all four limbs parallel.
7. The most practical way to get dry is to shake violently near a fully clothed person. A second effective method is to stand on a light-colour piece of furniture.

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## TRIAL RESULTS

Congratulations to the following members who have gained Titles and Passes recently.

### Ballarat Obedience Dog Club – 13<sup>th</sup> April

Roy Lawrence & "Shionabox The Wishmaster" (Kimbo)

Novice Obedience 1<sup>st</sup> Pass

Anne Richert & "Treiba"

Novice Obedience 1<sup>st</sup> Pass



**Highest scoring  
Geelong Member**

### Altona – 27<sup>th</sup> April 2002

Susie Baird & "Rakaaz Nara Finesse" (Ella)

Endurance



**Endurance Title  
Endurance Title**

Helen Read & "Pixie Bell"

Endurance

### Albury – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2002

Helen Read & "Cobber"

Open Obedience 3<sup>rd</sup> Pass



**CDX (Companion  
Dog Excellent  
Title)**



### Altona & Dist C O D C – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2002 - Agility and Jumping Trials

Trish Gavaghan & "Meg"

Agility 3<sup>rd</sup> Pass

**AD (Agility Dog  
Title)**

Trish Gavaghan & "Meg"

Jumping 2<sup>nd</sup> Pass



1<sup>st</sup> Place

Helen Read & "Cobber"



**Flyball  
Championship**

### Ballarat Obedience Dog Club – 12<sup>th</sup> May

Trish Gavaghan & "Meg"

Jumping 3<sup>rd</sup> Pass

1<sup>st</sup> Place

Trish Gavaghan & "Meg"

Agility 4<sup>th</sup> Pass

**Jumping Title  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place**



## GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB COOK BOOK

It is time to pull out those favourite recipes you have kept secret for so long and share them with other Members.

Our Club will be producing our very own cookbook and we would like contributions from all members. As there will be a "Canine Section" you can also submit your canine companions favourite recipe if he or she has one

**Collection of recipes will close on  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
With the Cookbook available early in July**

Write out your recipe, seal it in an envelope, address it to "Cookbook" and drop it into the Office during training. You can either sign your name, your dogs name or a catchy pseudonym.

## **Dogs make us human**

By Heidi De Wald - Autumn 2002 edition of Nature Australia - published by the Australian Museum.

About 48% of Australian households own dogs. But can you imagine a world without dogs. And would we be the same if they were not here? Would human beings have developed in very different ways had our best friends not been by our sides?

A recent study suggests that the domestication of dogs mutually led to profound changes in the biological and behavioural evolution of both species. It has long been known that the first species domesticated by humans was the wolf. In essence, we made wolves into dogs. But did wolves also make us, beginning over 100,000 years ago? This is the key question explored in this study.

New theories about the origins of modern humans, the earliest dogs and the crucial role of human-dog co-evolution are highlighted in this "ground-pawing" paper by Dr. Paul S.C. Tacon, Australian Museum, Sydney and Dr. Colin Pardoe, Bio-Archaeology consultant, Adelaide. They present fossil evidence recovered by others supporting DNA results of dog domestication over 100,000 years ago and are the first to make the link between the fossil and genetic evidence.

"Our study, along with those of others published this year, shows the origin of modern humans and their behaviour is more complex than either of the popular theories suggests. A more exact picture of who we are and where we came from is only now emerging, one that is richer and more convoluted than the two impressionistic alternative models," said Dr. Paul Tacon, Principal Research Scientist at the Australian Museum. Drs. Tacon and Pardoe argue that the early canine-sapien relationship ultimately changed the world forever. They not only elaborate on and provide greater time depth for previous studies that focused on implications of the relationship for recent times but also explore the implications of dog domestication close to the time that modern humans are believed to have emerged. These include:

1. The origins of human territorial marking and, ultimately, the development of art and a symbolic explosion of land marking.
2. The development of big game hunting.
3. The origins of 'mateship' and new forms of bonding to negotiate complex situations.
4. Implications for the settlement of Australia.

Tacon and Pardoe conclude that, ultimately, dogs were one of a few key forces that led to anatomically and behaviourally modern humans of 100,000 years ago and that this has complicated the recent 'Out of Africa' versus 'Regional Continuity' debate.

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## **DOGS AND CANCER**

MEDICAL RESEARCHERS at the University of Cambridge in England are reportedly testing a theory that dogs can diagnose cancer in human beings. Called "dognosis" by the researchers involved in the project, it refers to the notion that a dog's powerful sense of smell can be used to sniff out a cancerous anomaly in the human body. According to the British medical journal, The Lancet, a dog belonging to a British woman repeatedly sniffed a lesion the woman had on her thigh. The lesion was subsequently diagnosed as malignant melanoma. In another case, a 66-year-old man with a well-established patch of eczema on one leg found his dog pushed its nose again and again against the eczema through the man's trousers. This prompted the man to consult his doctor, who found a cancerous lesion on the man's leg. In a third incident, a young Dalmatian showed persistent interest in a fleck of pigmentation on one leg of the dog's 20-year-old owner. When the owner consulted her doctor about it, malignant melanoma was discovered.

(12<sup>th</sup> April 02 - Brakke Consulting Animal Health News & Notes)

# CERTIFICATE PASSES

PROMOTION DAY - 28 April 2002

Congratulations to the following Members who were successful at the last Promotion Day

## Beginners' Certificate

Farrow Family & "Franklin"	Hopkins Family & "Jessie"	Coral Day & "Kym"
Kevin Slater & "Zac"	Keith Beaufoy & "Lizzy"	Elizabeth Alston & "Wally"
Jennifer Borlase & "Toby"	Gus Rogers & "Jock"	Alison Roberts-Wray & "Chloe"
Debra Hamilton & "Benjamin"	Anne Salaviejus & "Harry"	Rob McCubbin & "Tammy"
Janine Gully & "Forrest"	Rosemary O'Sullivan & "Kereme Mr Popularity"	
Peter Freeman & "Hanah"	Carmen Sahajdak & "Rex"	Julian Sanders & "Spud"
Michelle Urquhart & "Shade"	Nick Sisara & "Tessie"	Caroline Watson & "Banjo"
Jaryd Fletcher & "Benjamin"	Helen Robertson & "Rosie"	Joanna Smith & "Ruby"
Maria Elliott & "Holly"	Pim Pnangraadi & "Lucky"	Bill Anglin & "Rosie"

## Merit Certificate

Helen Robertson & "Lachie"	Laura Brown & "Matilda"	Peter Baker & "Poppy"
Sylvia Noblett & "Ozzy"	Wayne Arnott & "Bonnie"	Toni Newell & "Samson"
Ross Priddle & "Rasta"	Jeanne Harrison & "Daisy Mabel"	John Moorfoot & "Piper"
Susan Young & "Bazza"		

## Basic Certificate

Tara Middleton & "Raelie Highland Dancer (Scout)"	Simone Wilkie & "Brocky"
Jessica Godycki & "Astro"	Bree Schammer & "Bailey"

## ANZAC DAY REMEMBRANCE

This Anzac Day Denis Ferguson will shed a tear for a mate who served on many dangerous missions during a four-year tour of duty in Vietnam - and was not allowed to come home. Marcus, a black Labrador, was one of 11 tracker dogs who served with the Australian army in Vietnam. Marcus' owner was Victoria Cross winner Roden Cutler, then NSW governor. But he barked at visitors to Government House, so Cutler, who died in February, thought Marcus would be better suited to army life. Marcus was linked up with Private Ferguson and then was sent to Vietnam in 1967. When Mr Ferguson returned to Australia ...another handler took over Marcus. "It was really hard to leave him. We'd built up a special bond. When we slept out in the jungle, I used to use him as a pillow" Mr Ferguson said.

In 1970, then Lance Corporal Ferguson was sent back to Vietnam & reunited with Marcus. Tears filled his eyes & his voice broke when Mr Ferguson described the reunion to The Australian. "He was in his kennel with his back to me when I arrived. I did my whistle, which he knew very well, & he stiffened up. I whistled again, & he turned around, & he was crying. Yes, he was crying & so was I". Mr Ferguson offer, when he returned to Australia the second time, to pay Marcus' quarantine cost to come home was rejected.

Two years ago, Mr Ferguson heard that Marcus was given to the New Zealand embassy in Saigon. He had glaucoma & was put down about 2 years after Mr Ferguson last saw him.

**Canine Commandos** - The 11 Australian tracker dogs that served in Vietnam from 1966 to 1972 were Cassius, Tiber, Justin, Marcus, Janus, Julian, Caesar, Milo, Trajan, Juno and Marcian. Dogs on peacekeeping & other missions overseas are now brought back to Australia.

## CANINE RECRUITMENT

Sent in by Elaine Longshaw

A police dog responds to an ad for work with the FBI. "Well," says the personnel director, "you'll have to meet some strict requirements. First, you must type at least 60 words per minute." Sitting down at the typewriter, the dog types out 80 words per minute. "Also," says the director, "you must pass a physical and complete the obstacle course." This perfect canine specimen finishes the course in record time. "There's one last requirement," the director continues; "you must be bilingual." With confidence, the dog looks up at him and says, "Meow!"

## Dog Tip of the Day

Monday April 22, 2002

Sent in by Elaine Longshaw

Police and military units have used dogs for years, due in part to their incredible sense of smell. Now Kenyan game wardens are using them to track down ivory poachers. The dogs--mostly strays from London, England--have been trained to locate pieces of ivory as small as half an inch long, and buried up to 6 feet underground. The dogs, a mixture of German Shepherds, Collies and Labradors, underwent six months of training before being shipped off to Kenya

## HOT SPOTS

Hot spots frustrate dogs and owners alike. Guns n Sashes Magazine – April 2002

### Introduction

Poor Dusty! She's been licking and chewing on that spot on her flank for the better part of the day, and it's now a raw, open sore, oozing fluid. Dusty has a superficial pyoderma, a skin infection known to veterinarians as pyotraumatic dermatitis and to dog owners as "hot spots". Hot spots are surface skin infections caused when populations of normal skin bacteria grow and overwhelm normal resistance. They are generally circular patches that lose hair, can be swollen, may exude a smelly puss and can be painfully itchy, causing the dog to scratch, lick or bite to the point of self-mutilation. Untreated hot spots can spread and provoke a normally even-tempered dog to growl or nip when touched.

These troublesome sores can seem to arise in a matter of hours with no warning, but they do tend to follow a pattern that helps in predicting their occurrence.

Dogs most susceptible to hot spots are those with heavy coats and histories of allergies, ear infections, flea infestations, irritated anal sacs, and grooming problems such as hair tangles and mats, but any dog can develop this infection. Dogs in warm, humid climates may develop hot spots when they shed their undercoats if the dead hair is trapped next to the skin, and dogs with behaviour problems may mutilate themselves by licking and thus encourage an infection to become established.

The most common locations for hot spots are the legs and feet, flanks and rumps – areas that can be reached by licking or biting – but these localized infections can also appear on ears, neck and chest if the dog is continually scratching.

### Treatment

Two approaches are necessary for dealing with hot spots – treat the sore and remove the underlying cause to prevent recurrences

- Trim the hair around the sore to prevent further spread of the infection and expose the edges of the lesion

- Wash the area in a mild water based astringent or antiseptic

- Be prepared to use antibiotics or cortisone if the washing does not give results

### **Hot Spots – (continued)**

Ackerman recommends against the use of ointments or creams because they can seal in the infection and hinder recovery. In severe cases, a veterinarian may suggest the use of an Elizabethan collar to prevent mutilation and give the hot spot a chance to heal.

### **Prevention**

If the underlying cause is tangled or matted hair or trapped dead hair, put the dog on a regular grooming schedule either at home or at a grooming salon. Collies, Old English Sheepdogs, Shih-Tzus, and other breeds with long hair that tangles easily should be groomed at least twice a week so that snarls and mats do not form. Never bathe a dog with matted or tangled hair – comb the snarls out first. Clip mats if you cannot easily comb them out, and make an appointment for professional grooming every 4 – 6 weeks if you cannot keep the dog mat free on your own.

If underlying cause is allergies, begin an aggressive campaign to rid your home and yard of fleas and work with your veterinarian on a plan to reduce allergy triggers for your pet. Household dust, plant pollen, lawn chemicals, and diet can all cause allergies or can build to a crescendo of allergies if the dog's sensitivities cross a threshold. Frequent vacuuming, supplements to keep the skin and coat healthy, air purifiers, and baths in skin-soothing herbal or medicated shampoos with aloe, oatmeal, jojoba or eucalyptus can help. Next step is over the counter antihistamines such as Benadryl or Atarax – with a veterinarian's approval. If these don't work, then steroids to reduce the inflammation and the immune system reaction to the allergen and perhaps antibiotics to cure the infected hot spot are the next course of treatment.

If the underlying cause seems to be behavioural – if your pet doesn't have allergies or fleas or a more serious skin condition, but is so bored, stressed, or lonely that he maims himself with constant licking or scratching, he may need more exercise, playtime, and attention. This can be the easiest or the hardest treatment to implement because there's no pill or ointment for long-term success; the requirements are time, consistency, and perhaps an investment in training books, an obedience school, a dog sitter, or an animal behaviourist.

## **TRAINEE INSTRUCTORS THE CLUB NEEDS YOU**

As always we desperately need people - especially the younger members - to train as future Instructors. Commitment (ongoing) is needed. Training can begin once you are in Merit Class and we give lots of help along the way with theory and practical work.

Think about it people - and also about the continual work that the Instructors give you week after week, often at the cost of training their own dogs. Reach for a new horizon - become a Trainee Instructor. It's time for people to step up and make life easier for the older Instructors.

**Desma Dickeson - Training Supervisor**

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## **Winners – Practice of Excellence 2001**

In 2001, the Australian Veterinary Association, in conjunction with the drug company Pfizer, awarded the inaugural “Practice of Excellence” awards. The only Victorian practice to win was the Bellarine Veterinary Practice, Geelong. A large number of high quality entries were received nationwide. The competition assessed the –

1. TYPE and RANGE of Veterinary service provided
2. STANDARD of facilities, equipment and services
3. TRAINING, EXPERTISE and COMPETENCE of both veterinary and nursing staff
4. OVERALL STANDARD OF CARE
5. CLIENT SURVEY to assess client feedback on all the above

The Bellarine Veterinary Practice is extremely proud of this achievement. It reflects years of hard work and planning, building a range of services that places us at the highest standards nationally. In 2001 the Bellarine Veterinary Practice was recredited as an Australian Small Animal Association “HOSPITAL OF EXCELLENCE”, one of only twelve in Victoria. One of only two outside metropolitan Melbourne.

We provide the highest level of services possible in practice in the fields of reproduction, orthopaedic and soft tissue surgery, dentistry, cardiology, radiology, clinical pathology, ophthalmology and behavioural sciences. This obviously requires commitment from a TEAM OF DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS – both veterinarians and nurses.

When you entrust us with the care of your animal, you can be assured that we will do our very best, and use the best resources to give you the best possible outcome for your animal’s health problem.

March 2003

## **UPCOMING TRIALS**

			<u>Closes</u>
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Mornington Obedience Dog Club	Obedience	
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Bendigo Obedience Dog Club	Tracking	3 <sup>rd</sup> June
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Bendigo Obedience Dog Club	Tracking	3 <sup>rd</sup> June
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Hastings & Dist O D C	Obedience	17 <sup>th</sup> June
	German Shepherd Dog Club	Endurance	31 <sup>st</sup> May
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Eastern Suburbs Obedience Dog Club	Tracking	
	Broadmeadows O D C	Obedience	10 <sup>th</sup> June
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Murray Valley O D C	Tracking	
	Sunbury & Dist O D C	Agility (2)	21 <sup>st</sup> June
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Murray Valley O D C	Tracking	
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB</b>	<b>Obedience</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> July</b>
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Gippsland O D C	Tracking	21 <sup>st</sup> June
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Northern O D C	Agility (2)	
	Gippsland O D C	Tracking	21 <sup>st</sup> June
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Gippsland O D C	Tracking	21 <sup>st</sup> June
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Moorabbin & Dist O D T C	Agility (2)	8 <sup>th</sup> July
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Berwick O D C	Agility (2)	



# HELEN READ

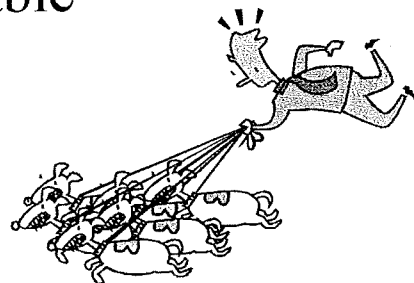
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May 2002

## LYNDENBRAE WILDROSE TYRA AD JD "MEG"

Meg has always been a very 'laid back' Border Collie whose greatest joys in life are to be with her human friends and to chase her canine friends. Although I had big plans for her in Flyball, she didn't, and so with Cathy Bond as our Instructor we embarked on an Agility career for her instead. I am very grateful for all Cathy's help and patience with us as Meg and I began learning the skills and strategies needed for Agility and Jumping.

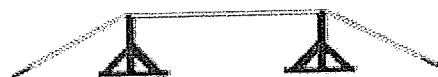


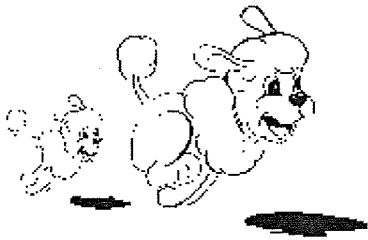
In March we gained our first Agility pass at Gisborne and the following week, gained our second at the Agility Club's Trial at Niddrie. The third pass came at Altona in May. Around about this time I also began entering her in Jumping Trials and, without the weaving and contact zones to spoil our fun, Meg really began to shine. Passes at Niddrie, Altona and Ballarat gave her a Novice Jumping Title too, as well as two first places.

Special thanks must go to Glenys' for her support and encouragement throughout all our training and trailing, and to Jo and Wendy for making this year's trials such enjoyable, social occasions.

Meggie, thanks for being so special, loving and eager to please.

Trish Gavaghan





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Royal Canin)

**OR**

A free dog wash – (Towel dry)

March 2003

## ADVERTISING RATES FOR “FAITHFULLY YOURS”

If any members would like to take advantage of advertising in “Faithfully Yours” please contact the Office or the Newsletter Editor. Limited spaces left. All advertisements are restricted to half an A4 page with a limit of 12 advertisements per issue

### RATES

12 months	6 issues (bi-monthly - odd months)	\$50.00
1 edition		\$10.00

Half page “Vale notices” and “Title notices” are free to members with owner providing information. Puppy litters will not be advertised.

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### CLUB TRIVIA

Watch “Kath and Kim” on Thursday nights at 9.00pm on Channel 2 to see some very special star canine members of Geelong Obedience Dog Club

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January 2003

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### NEW MEMBERS

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

#### 5/05/2002

Humphries Family  
Williams Family  
Lodding Family  
Powell Beverley  
Falkingham Family  
Eldridge Family  
Salt Margot

Majczyna Family  
Robertson Family  
Wise Nicky  
Donnini Monica  
O'Connor Jill

Dickie Judith  
Leishman Penelope  
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#### 21/04/2002

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                    8.00 am – 10.00 am  
                    4.30 pm – 5.30 pm

### CLOSED

Christmas Day, New Year's Day and  
Good Friday

Pets enjoy the company of others and what better place to find others than at a Boarding Kennel.

Pets are in the main pack animals and a good Kennel experience can be very useful in developing their own social skills. (The comment above is made by many of our regular clients).

Bring your pet, any special requirements and current vaccination certificate. This is very important so that we know that your pet is covered and as a safeguard to the other animals in care. Bedding, Feed Dishes and Toys are supplied by Jirrahlinga.

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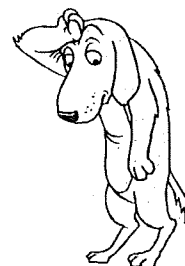
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# **TO ALL MEMBERS ATTENDING TRIALS**

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

## **CHANGES TO “OBEDIENCE DOG OF THE YEAR” AWARDS**

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

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

## **CHANGES TO “AGILITY DOG OF THE YEAR” AWARD**

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

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

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

## **CHANGES TO AWARDS AND TROPHY RECIPIENTS**

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

If you gain a Title, the Secretary or Trial Secretary can give you the appropriate paper work to fill in for the VCA and you need to submit your details to the Office for your medallion at the end of the year.

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

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

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

2 April 2002

**Apologies:** Y Swan, L Hunter, P McCormack, A Chase, C Devlin, D Dickeson, E Longshaw, B Lawrence, F Lehrmann,

Carried

Carried

1. A board has been placed on the kitchen door to stop puppies from puppy kinder entering the kitchen.
2. Two heater guards have been purchased by J Dunoon.
3. Open and UD pictures have been relocated to the bar room wall. Pictures left are waiting on a rail to be fitted.
4. P Convery supplied a list of possible guest speakers. D White has contacted Jeff Taylor in regards to contacting Julie Cowman to speak on Search and Rescue Dogs.
5. One of the missing books has been found, the other is still to be located.
6. A letter was written to VicRoads requesting a right hand turning lane. The reply has been added to Correspondence In.

1. Vic Roads: Breakwater Rd turning traffic.
2. Department of State and Regional Development: Renewal of Liquor Licences and BYO Permits for the year ending 31 December 2002.
3. City of Greater Geelong: Food Premises Registration
4. Frank Neeson: Judge for our forthcoming trial—Letter passed on to L Hunter.
5. Neville Kay: Receipt and thankyou for donation.
6. John Shields: Thankyou for fruit basket sent.

Carried

## Nil

## **Business arising from Correspondence:**

**Treasurer's reports:** Report read by J Dunoon and attached to minutes book  
Acc: C Humphries                      Seconded: T Thomas                      Carried

## **Other Reports:**

Shop Manager: Shop is going well and is busy. Thankyou to those who have helped out in the shop. Taking orders for jumpers again now and also looking into having some caps and T-shirts made if members interested.

Hall Manager: Nil

Grounds Manager: All sprinklers are now working. Pictures moved need to be in order, anyone who can help with the order of them please do so. Lighting of the trolley is in hand. A discussion on where to plant the new trees was raised and what sort of protection they will need.

Publicity Officer: Report read and attached to minutes book.

Social Secretary: Nil

Trial Secretary: Nil

Demo Team: Nil

Training Supervisor Nil

## **General Business**

- 1 The petty cash amount at the moment is \$50. Now that the canteen is running through the petty cash this amount sometimes is not sufficient. D White would like to move a motion that 'the petty cash amount for the canteen be raised to \$100 and all other petty cash amounts stay at \$50' This was raised at a committee meeting and seconded by C Humphries.  
Seconded by P Pope                      Carried
- 2 A request was made by the demo team leader to be reimbursed mileage for demo trips. This request was denied.
- 3 Ballarat Obedience dog club have requested to borrow two UD mats for their trial. This was agreed to.
- 4 E Longshaw has requested that the club history on the web site have added written by P Bergan and E Longshaw.

- 5 An enquiry was made as to why the club wasn't a part of the Packo Fest this year. An invite was not received. S Malady will look into for next year.
- 6 P Convery would like to move a motion that ' the cost of advertising be reduced to \$50 for twelve months and \$10 for a single issue'  
Seconded: C Humphries
- 7 An electronic pest control unit was purchased to help with the mice problem. If this system works another system will be purchased for the office and shop area.
- 8 A discussion was raised on what to do with money held in our V2 Account. C Humphries moved a motion that '\$15,000 be invested into the CBA for 12 months at 4.5% with view of rolling over for next 12 months at 5.5%'  
Seconded: J Convery
- 9 A discussion was raised as to what is happening to the fundraising money the club has collected with the last two fundraisers. It was felt that members should see where the money is going. An idea was suggested that a shaded area be placed over the meeting area beside the canteen side of the club rooms. J Dunoon will check prices of shade sales and the cost of having one put up.
- 10 Holding a tracking class was discussed at the last committee meeting and passed.
- 11 A club in Western Australia produce their own cookbook. P Convery is interested in producing one for our club. Members will be asked to donate recipes and they will be added to the book. This will help raise some money for the club.
- 12 V Douglas heard a discussion on the radio about dog laws. The government is proposing that all dog trainers be accredited. A discussion will be made with the VCA. Suggested we might hear some feedback with this issue.

As there was no further business

Meeting closed at 9.15pm



# **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

**2002/2003**

Membership renewals are with us again and you will find your form on the back of the Newsletter. Please complete **ALL** details on the form so our records can be updated.

## **WHEN YOU CAN RENEW**

Renewals will be accepted by post from 1 June or at the Club, Thursday (2.00 pm to 8.00 pm) or Sunday (during training) until Wednesday 31 July. If your membership is not renewed by 31 July you will be asked to pay a joining fee again. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!** If posting, please include a stamped self-address envelope for return of your membership card and receipt.

## **Postal Address**

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## **Weekday Office Hours**

**Thursday 2.00 pm to 8.00 pm**

## **TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWAL FEE**

Single/Junior	\$15.00
Family/Dual	\$20.00
Pensioner Single	\$ 7.50
Pensioner Family/Dual	\$10.00

The following is an excerpt from the By-Laws of Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc, which may clarify an often-asked question at the Office window: -

### **By-Law No 2**

#### **‘Definition of Family membership**

Any family, covering a husband, wife and all children under the age of eighteen years shall be eligible to hold a Family membership’.

#### **‘Definition of Dual membership**

Dual membership covers any two persons residing at the same address’.

## **VACCINATION CERTIFICATES**

All vaccination certificates must be sighted when you renew your membership regardless of how recently you joined. Motions No, 1 and 41.

## **LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP**

Don't forget to renew your Library membership. Our Library has a good range of books on various Breeds, Dog Problems, Obedience Training and ‘Doggie Stories’. The Library is open at approximately 10.15 am between the two sessions. Library membership is \$2.00 per year.

If you are experiencing difficulty paying your membership fee, please see the Secretary or the Treasurer before the due date.

**2002/2003 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**  
**PLEASE print clearly and complete all details.**

Surname	Christian Name	Junior Members
		(under 18)
Address	Telephone	
	Postcode	

***DOG/S DETAILS - Dogs training at the Club***

Current Vaccination certificates must be sighted with this renewal regardless of when you joined. (Motion nos 1 & 41)

Name	Breed	Age	Sex

NB Failure to renew membership by Wednesday 31 July will incur the Club joining fee again

Tick type of Membership renewal required  
 Membership renewed to 30 June 2003

Single/Junior	Family/Dual	Pensioner Single/Junior	Pensioner Family/Dual
\$15.00	\$20.00	\$7.50	\$10.00

Library Membership \$2.00  
 (to be paid at Office when renewing Membership)

Are you a VCA member?      Yes      No

<u>Office Use</u>	Receipt No	Vaccination Card/s Sighted
Amount	Cash/Cheque	Yes      No