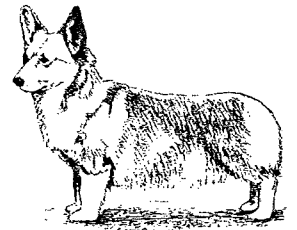
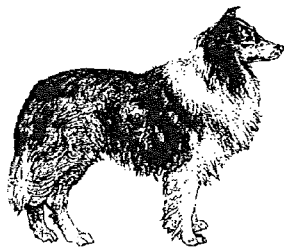
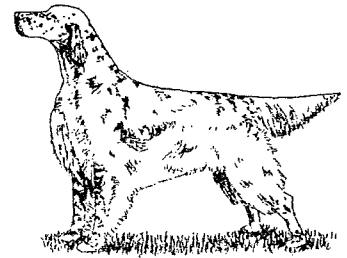
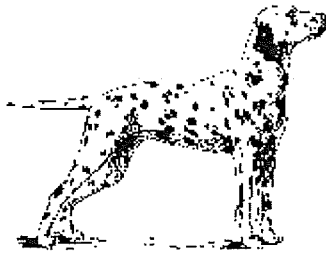


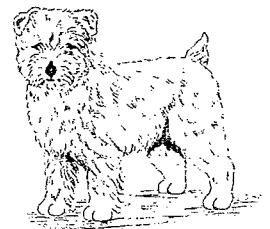
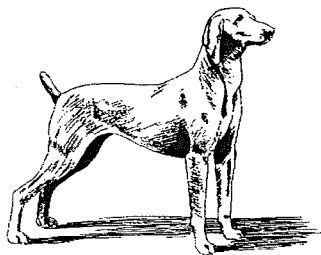
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## CLUB CALENDAR

### August

Thursday 1 August

Sunday 4 August

**Tuesday 6 August**

Thursday 15 August

Sunday 18 August

**Monday 19 August**

Sunday 25 August

Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks

Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months

**General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised**

Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc

Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months

**Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm**

Newsletter available

### September

Sunday 1 September

Thursday 5 September

**Tuesday 10 September**

Sunday 15 September

Monday 16 September

Tuesday 24 September

**Sunday 29 September**

Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months

Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks

**Committee and Non-Committee nominations close. Nomination Forms this Newsletter**

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

Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm

Life Membership nominations close

**PROMOTION DAY.** Newsletter available

# GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Hi and welcome to all new members. As we have just completed our July Trial I would like to thank all the members who helped out on the day and at the working bees leading up to it. The thing that impressed me most was the amount of new members who jumped in and helped us out on the day. I must mention the member who put a lot of time in the Canteen. This member is so new she has not even produced her dog to Class at this time. With this type of person joining our Club we look like we should be in good hands in the future.

Now on a sadder note the loss of our Secretary Donna White shows how unthinking people can hurt the Club. Please remember the people who fill these positions on Committee are volunteers and do the job to the best of their abilities. Job well done Donna.

By the time this Newsletter comes out we will be into our next Promotion Day, so best wishes to all going for their test and hoping there will be many passes

**A Thorogood – President**

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

This report will just about see the end of Membership renewals, if you haven't renewed by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July you will incur a joining fee again. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the various Committee Members and even a General Member who helped out in the Office during, what is usually, the busiest time of the year.

The Annual General Meeting notice has been posted in this Newsletter. When Membership renewals are completed a list of members eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting will be placed on the noticeboard. Now is the time to start considering what role you will play in your Club's future. As with most voluntary organisations, filling the various working positions of the Club is never an easy task, but without the "workers", the Club just ceases to exist. So give it some serious thought. There are position guidelines for most of the Committee and Non-Committee positions and these will be included in next month's Newsletter, so you will have an opportunity to see just what each job entails before nominations close on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Next year will be a very productive year with preparations for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2004, so even if you are unable to commit to a Committee or Non-Committee position, you may be prepared to be part of a working party arranging the various events for our anniversary celebrations. So please keep this in mind also.

Best wishes and happy training

**Pam Convery – Secretary**

## **TRIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Our second Trial for 20002 was an Open Obedience Trial on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July. As the day approached, we prepared ourselves for a cold, wet day but were pleasantly surprised by the dry, sunny day that turned out.

The event ran well, with just a couple of minor hitches. The first, to quickly arrange a new 1<sup>st</sup> prize for the raffle and the next being car parking to accommodate the 148 strong entry.

We had 31 Geelong Members entered, which was great to see, but unfortunately not as many successes. To those who didn't have such a good day, hang in there, there's always another Trial for which to aim. Congratulations to our successful members and their canine partners (who you can read about further on in this Newsletter) and to our Triallers who have seen some improvement in their teamwork.

I would like to sincerely thank every one of my fellow Committee and Club members who as usual, worked very hard to ensure the smooth running of our Trial

**Thank you – Linda Hunter – Trial Secretary**

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## **PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT**

Well, we are half way through the year and it seems to have gone so quickly. We have had two successful Trials, Club activities and many appearances by our Demo team and Flyball team at Fete's, fundraiser's, etc. **But don't relax there's more to come!!!**

Upcoming events that need to be planned and will require participation by our Club members are:

### **Walk for Animal Welfare**

We are currently planning to have a fun walk to raise money for Animal Welfare. This will happen in either late September or October. The walk will be held outside the Club grounds (except for Puppies, a separate on grounds activity will be planned). So keep tuned, more information will be in an upcoming Newsletter.

### **Gala Parade**

In the coming months we will begin to plan our entry into the Gala Parade. If we have any artistic members out there who can contribute their skills and ideas your contribution will be much appreciated. We will also need people to participate in the decorating of the float. More information will be provided in the coming months.

### **Suggestions Welcome**

If you have any ideas/suggestions for promoting our Club or activities/events that you and other Club members would find interesting – seminars/lectures, please do not hesitate to contact me or approach me on a Sunday at training.

**Sandy Malady - Publicity Officer**

## **TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

A brief report for this Newsletter – by the time you read this hopefully most of you will have been successful in your tests and others will have hard luck stories to tell. Congratulations to those who succeeded and keep on practising everyone who wasn't quite so fortunate – your time will come with more hard work, lots of practise and persistence in your training and plenty of love for your dog.

On behalf of all the Instructors I would like to say a huge thank you to Naomi Greaves who has worked very hard (like all the Instructors). Naomi is going on maternity leave as she waits the arrival of her first child in the next few weeks. Good luck girl! We look forward to your return to the ranks in the not too distant future.

**PS** – At the time of writing, Naomi has given birth to a son some 5 weeks premature. Congratulations to the new family. Perhaps we have a budding new Instructor for the future???

Til next time, look after your dogs everyone.

**Desma Dickeson – Training Supervisor**

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## **GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB AWARDS – JULY'S TRIAL**

### **Highest qualifying Geelong Member – donated by Peg Pope and “Whisky”**

Tara Middleton	Ch Megajames Aileen Girl	Golden Retriever
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### **Highest qualifying Novice Geelong Member**

Tara Middleton	Ch Megajames Aileen Girl	Golden Retriever
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### **Highest qualifying Encouragement Geelong Member**

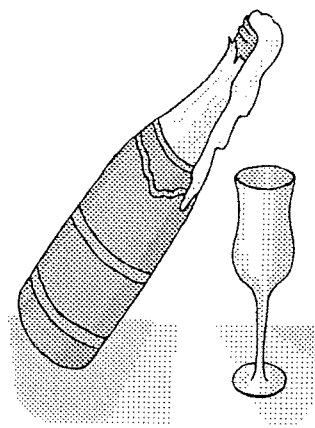
Yvette Swan	Heynfeld New Wave	GSD
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**“SOCIAL NEWS”**  
**FATHER’S DAY FUNDRAISER**  
**1st September**

For Fathers' Day, a wine fundraiser has been organised. Clearskins Whites, Reds and Bubbles will be provided. Please show your workmates and friends. Our Club will receive 15% of the profit. Forms will out shortly.

**Date due back, 18th August**

Orders can be collected from the Club either Thursday 22nd August from 4.00 pm to 8.00 pm or Sunday training 25th August.



**MOVIE/MEAL DEAL**

Thank you to the small band of Club Members who came out one blustery Saturday night for our social meal/movie get together. It was great to mix with you, thanks for your support.

***WANTED - YOUR HELP NEEDED - SUPPORT YOUR CLUB***

***TRIVIA NIGHT***

I know you are busy I am too. Instead of coming to training on Sunday and going once you've trained, why not get a table together and help to support a Club definitely worth supporting!

**Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> September, we are having a trivia night**

Bring your partner, friends, other members from your training sessions and collaborate answers for our trivia night. Prizes, fun and party games guaranteed!!!

<b>Where</b>	<b>Geelong Obedience Dog Club Clubrooms</b>
<b>When</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> September</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>7 00 pm</b>
<b>Cost</b>	<b>\$8.00 per person</b>



Bring a plate of food, nibbles, to share with those on your table. Bring a group, or be part of a group. Please fill in the form below, put it in an envelope and drop it off at the Office.

**Yvette Swan – Social Secretary**



**TRIVIA NIGHT – 7<sup>th</sup> September 2002**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending \_\_\_\_\_

Which table would you prefer to be on? \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# WALKING ON A LOOSE LEAD

Reprinted with permission – Honey Gross-Richardson

All dogs have a strongly developed opposition reflex which causes them to lean into the lead and pull with all their might! That is why your dog will pull untiringly, even though he is **CHOKING** with the effort! Naturally, if a dog is fighting for his life because he is choking, his thinking will be slowed down and his learning ability grinds to a halt! A comfortably fitting puppy collar and a loose leash are essential!

We do not believe it necessary to choke a dog in order to get him under control! What we do instead, is show our youngster, that it is far more rewarding to walk on a loose lead! How can we achieve this? By remembering that **IT TAKES TWO TO TANGO!** This learning experience is **FUN!** You will learn **HOW** to train your dog, and your dog will learn **WHAT** you want him to do! How do we achieve this??

## **By playing by the TRAINING RULES!!**

**Rule No 1:** Every time your pup **LOOKS** at you, you say **GOOD!**

**Rule No 2:** Every time you say **GOOD**, you will **FEED YOUR DOG!**

**Rule No 3:** Every time your dog **COMES** to you, you will say **GOOD**, and **FEED HIM.**

**Rule No 4:** Every time your dog is following you, you will say **GOOD** and **FEED him!**

**Rule No 5:** Every time your dog's **LEAD IS LOOSE**, you say **GOOD** and **FEED HIM!**

Now that **YOU** understand these rules, teaching your pup to walk on a loose lead is pretty easy! Simply walk with your puppy, and as soon as he charges ahead, slow down, stand still for a moment and then quickly walk backwards, **like a train shunting back on its rails!** The pup will be surprised at coming to the end of the lead, and even more surprised to find you walking backwards, away from it! As soon as he comes charging back towards you, **PRAISE** him with **GOOD**, and feed him a sliver of liver or other tasty treat and walk forward again!

**WHAT WILL YOUR DOG DO?** He'll take the treat and charge onwards again! You simply walk backwards a few steps which causes him **LOOK** at you! **THAT** means you praise, **GOOD** and toss him a bikkie! He'll gobble that up and come for more, **GOOD!** You'll give him another treat and move onwards once more!

When he comes to the end of the lead and pulls again, and he **WILL** pull, Rome wasn't built in a day you know, you simply slow down, come to a gentle halt and walk backwards again! He'll **LOOK** at you, say **GOOD**, and offer him a treat! He'll come charging up to you and, you **FEED HIM AGAIN!** Will it surprise you that the more often you **FEED HIM**, the more often he is going to **LOOK** at you which has you saying **GOOD** and if he's near enough, **FEED HIM AGAIN?**

Well, does it surprise you? **It shouldn't**, because let me tell you: **FOOD MOTIVATES THOUGHT**, and your pup will **THINK** that whenever he is near you, **YOU FEED HIM!** **WOW!** That's exciting! **The boss sure is worth watching!!!**

These first walking sessions are not going anywhere in particular, they are **TRAINING** walks, to teach your pup **TO WALK ON A LOOSE LEASH!** Soon you tell your pup **GOOD** when he comes to you and walk on for 2 or 3 steps before feeding him. If your puppy is trying to stay near you because you are feeding him, then he can't pull, can he!

### Walking on a loose lead – Honey Gross-Richardson (continued)

But that's not all! You are actually building up a REWARD HISTORY! The more often you feed your dog WHEN HE LOOKS AT YOU, the more often he will LOOK AT YOU! It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

Look boss, I'm not pulling, now FEED ME! If your pup forgets the rules, stop, DO NOT jerk the lead, simply slow down, come to a halt and then shunt backwards! Your puppy will learn that pulling is most UNREWARDING, what's more, he'll figure it out all by himself, that if the lead is loose, **you FEED HIM!** That's so **GOOD!** Soon he'll walk on a loose lead most of the time, and you'll both enjoy your **HAPPY TRAINING!**



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**Dr Trevor M Brown**

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March 2003

### TRIAL RESULTS

#### Broadmeadows O D C – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2002

In Moss's very first Trial

Dorothy Mottram "Torlum Firdyme Lucky ET (Moss)"



196

Novice

1<sup>st</sup> Pass

1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Best in Trial**



#### Golden Retriever Club Trial – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2002

Dorothy Mottram

"Torlum Firdyme Lucky ET (Moss)" 195 Novice 2<sup>nd</sup> Pass  
(Equal top score in ring – but 2<sup>nd</sup> place by 1 point in a count back)  
(Equal Best in Trial – but missed out by 1 point in a count back)



PS – Dorothy Mottram – would have liked to try for 3 passes in 3 weeks but she is in season for Geelong's Trial – what a "bummer"!!!!!!



Members are hereby notified of the Annual General Meeting of  
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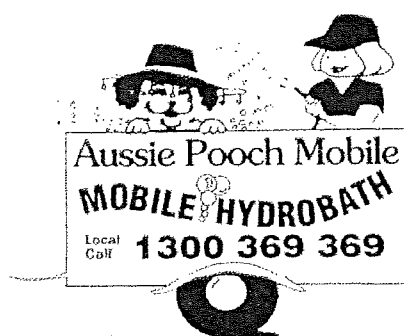
# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Commencing  
8.00 pm

Tuesday  
1<sup>st</sup> October 2002

Pam Convery  
Secretary

The Clubrooms  
Breakwater Road  
Belmont Common



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# **MANAGE TRIAL NERVES - Don't try to erase them**

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Trial nerves are a form of stage fright or performance anxiety. In a severe dose, sufferers feel dreadful, their mouths go dry, they feel faint and nauseous, they have a rapid pulse, they tremble, and they sweat. And while seasoned handlers, all of whom suffer from trial nerves to various degrees, may benefit from this sort of tension and nervous energy, many novice handlers, who have never felt this way before, can be excused for wondering whether Trialling is worth the agony.

Not only does the handler's performance suffer from a severe dose of Trial nerves; the performance of the dog also suffers as it senses the changes in his handler's body language, voice tenor, general demeanour (pacing, etc) and the presence of fear pheromones. The dog senses that something is wrong and he is right. Dogs, like most animals, are extremely alert to these signs and react accordingly. If you want your team to perform well, you'll need to manage your Trial nerves. I could have said conquer your trial nerves but, as I have said above, even seasoned handlers suffer from Trial nerves to various degrees and thrive on them. What we need to do is manage our Trial nerves not try to eliminate or conquer them - which is virtually impossible anyway.

## **Prepare for the Trial by Training Hard and 'Proofing' Your Dog**

As much as 75 percent of performance anxiety can be avoided through the unshakeable knowledge in the handler that the team has carried out adequate training and proofed his dog on each exercise. The reason seasoned triallers handle Trial nerves better than most novices is that they are confident that they have done the training necessary to perform well. Their Trial experience has also built confidence in their team's abilities, which is the key to a successful performance. Most novices find their Trial nerves decrease after each and every successive Trial. Nothing will relax you more than to know in your heart that you have properly prepared for the trial.

## **TRAIN AS YOU MEAN TO TRIAL**

Your body language, tone of voice, hand signals, voice commands must be the same as you use in training. One of the problems that cause the dog to lag or otherwise perform badly is the lack of attention of the dog on the handler in the ring. I use the following technique. Before I train, I stand upright, head up; hands in my ring posture and say, 'Working' or 'Ready'. This is the signal to the dog that we are about to work (train) and I need your attention. Pretty soon I only have to adopt the posture and the dog recognises that it is an occasion for working. I adopt the same posture just before I enter the Trial ring and maintain it throughout. Imagine how important this posture (and secret signal to the dog) is in the ring. Imagine how handy it is to have a posture that your dog accepts and that you are comfortable with when you enter the ring. If you are comfortable you are less likely to be nervous. Breathe normally, relax your shoulders, your spine and your head position, let the muscles in your arms relax too, smile and give your dog a soft focus with your eyes. Next time you train take particular notice of your posture and try to duplicate it in the ring.

## **FACE YOUR NERVES AS PART OF A CHARACTER BUILDING EXERCISE**

Take a positive and aggressive approach to your fears - most of which are imaginary anyway. Don't procrastinate about registering for a Trial when your Instructor tells you that your team is ready - just do it. A confident, determined and aggressive approach to Trialling will keep most imagined fears from becoming a reality.

## **RECOGNISE THE ONSET OF THE NERVES**

Recognise and accept the nerves as being a normal part of Trialling; you are not alone - don't feel guilty, foolish or inferior. Confide in close friends, tell them how you are feeling - laugh with them

### **MANAGE TRIAL NERVES – Don't try to erase them (continued)**

about your feelings. Control your breathing (even and steady) and muscle tension (open the palms of your hands, bend your knees, wiggle your fingers and toe). Breathe in slowly, hold your breath for 4 to 5 seconds, and then slowly exhale. Proper breathing techniques can reduce your nerves by 15%. Sit comfortable with your back straight. To relax your facial muscles, open your mouth and eyes wide, then close them tightly.

### **OCCUPY YOURSELF WITH PRE-TRIAL PREPARATION**

Arrive early, get to know the grounds, the position of your rings, your Judge's name, your position in the Trial catalogue, set up your 'camp' early, check in and vet early. Locate friends and acquaintances, introduce yourself to others. A rushed preparation is a poor preparation and a good reason to be worried about something important being neglected.

### **BEFORE YOU ENTER THE RING**

Visualise your team carrying out each exercise perfectly. Imagine yourself giving your voice commands clearly and firmly with authority. Imagine your team completing the last exercise perfectly and your friends applauding enthusiastically. Imagine the feel and satisfaction of a great performance. When you visualise yourself being successful, you will be successful. Realise and accept that your friends, other triallers and spectators want you to succeed - not fail. Consider your nerves to be a form of energy that can motivate you to do your best; transform the nervous energy into vitality and enthusiasm.

### **AT THE START PEG**

Don't apologise for being nervous - most of the time your nervousness will not show at all. Experienced Judges know that all Triallers are nervous anyway. If you don't say anything about it, probably nobody will notice anything extraordinary about you. If you mention your nervousness or apologise in advance for any problems you think you may have because of your nerves, you'll only be calling attention to it. Had you remained silent, the Judge may not have noticed at all. Concentrate on what is happening at the start peg only. Listen attentively to the Judge's instructions and acknowledge them. Pat your dog for good luck and think positive thoughts.

### **DURING EXERCISES**

Concentrate on the task at hand and not on anything that has gone before or is to come.

### **CONCENTRATE ON THE JUDGE'S ORDERS**

Your nervous feelings will dissipate if you focus your attention away from your anxieties and the spectators outside the ring to something familiar and unthreatening. Concentrate fiercely on the Judge's orders at all times. It is just you, your dog and the Judge in the ring carrying out exercises perfectly familiar to you. Scenarios practised a thousand times in training.

### **TIPS FOR DEALING WITH STRESS AT A TRIAL**

1. If your pup is prone to any kind of digestive upset, bring water from home, or put him on bottled spring water before you leave so you can buy more while travelling.
2. Bring some familiar toys from home. It makes your pup feel at home.
3. Unless you have a seasoned campaigner, don't try to do much training over the weekend.
4. Give your pup plenty of time to sleep. The different environment and disruption of your pup's regular routine will make him want to sleep even more than he does at home. So let him sleep as much as he wants to. And get enough sleep yourself!

Finally, if all else fails have a couple of nips of scotch 15 minutes prior to entering the ring!!

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## UPCOMING TRIALS

### August

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Victorian Canine Assoc	Agility	Closed
	Victorian Canine Assoc	Obedience	Closed
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Red Cliffs D K C	Obedience	Closed
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	Red Cliffs D K C	Obedience	Closed
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	Aust Shepherd D C	Endurance	
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	Bendigo O D C	Obedience	4/8/02
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	Wangaratta K & O C	Agility	2/8/02
	Wangaratta K & O C	Obedience	2/8/02
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	Wangaratta K & O C	Agility	2/8/02
	Wangaratta K & O C	Obedience	2/8/02
	Moorabbin & D O D C	Obedience	6/8/02
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Western Port O D C	Obedience	18/8/02

### September

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Sunbury & D O D C	Obedience	19/8/02
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Croydon & D O D C	Agility (am & pm)	30/8/02
	Knox O D C	Endurance	30/8/02
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Northern O D C	Obedience	
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Hastings & D O D C	Agility (am & pm)	9/9/02
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Ballaarat D O C	Agility (am & pm)	6/9/02
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Shepparton & D O D C	Obedience	15/9/02

## INCIDENT BOOK

There may be many Club Members who are unaware that we keep an Incident Book in the Office for the purpose of reporting incidents, which occur on the grounds. The following is the procedure for use of the Incident Book.

**Desma Dickeson – Training Supervisor**

### INCIDENT BOOK CRITERIA

'If a dog rushes at or attacks another dog or person before, during or after Class, both the handler's involved need to see the Training Supervisor or one of the Assistant Training Supervisors and write a report in the Incident Book on the day that it occurs.

The report is to be dated and signed by the complainant and co-signed by the Training Supervisor, Assistant Training Supervisor or Instructor involved.

If a dog repeats the offence three (3) times, at the discretion of the Training Supervisor, Vice President in Charge of Training and the President, the member will be asked to either remove the dog from the grounds or for the dog to wear a muzzle whilst on the grounds'.

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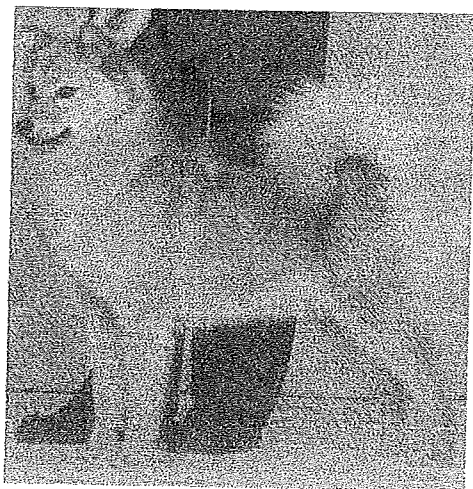
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## DOG BREEDS FROM A TO Z



### ***Finnish Spitz***

This is a lively and friendly dog most popular in Finland, and now an English favourite. A hunting dog known to have been in the Lapland area for thousands of years, this breed is thought to have travelled south to Finland, where it became concentrated and multiplied. It was used as a hunting dog for many types of game including bear and squirrel, but is now a bird dog used for flushing wood grouse.

A medium sized dog. Height: Under Canadian standards: 17.5 - 19.5 in (44.5 - 49.5 cm) for the dog and 15.5 - 17.5 in (39.5 - 44.5 cm) for the bitch. Elsewhere: 17 - 20 in (43 - 51 cm) for the dog and 15 - 18 in (39 - 45 cm) for the bitch. Weight: Under FCI standards: 50.75 - 59.5 lb (23 - 27 kg). Elsewhere: 31 - 35 lb (14 - 16 kg) for the dog and 23 - 29 lb (10.5 - 13 kg) for the bitch.

The head is "fox"-like with a slightly arched forehead, a domed skull and narrow muzzle, with a moderate stop. The muzzle is tapered to thin black lips and a scissor bite. The nose is black and the eyes are dark, sloping, and almond-shaped. The ears are small, pricked forward and mobile. The body is short and square, with a level back and a deep chest. The tail is long and plumed in a curl over the back, hanging to one side. The forequarters are strong and straight, as are the hindquarters.

The coat of the Finnish Spitz is a double one, with a short, soft and lighter shade of undercoat and a longer, denser topcoat. The colours are red-brown or red-gold on the back, and lighter on the ears, cheeks, under the muzzle, chest, stomach, inside of the legs, back of the thighs, and underside of the tail.

The Finnish Spitz most certainly deserves its position as the national dog of Finland. This noble-spirited dog has become the loyal companion of countless families. Its alert manner makes it an excellent watchdog, and it soon recognizes its owner's property. The Finnish Spitz seems to thrive on the attention it receives from its owners, and in return repays them with its dedication to the family. This is a good all-round dog.



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### ***Flat Coated Retriever***

This is an affectionate and patient pet, which is also, with proper training, an excellent retriever of waterfowl. Although the Flat Coated Retriever was bred from two North American breeds, the Labrador and the Newfoundland, it originated in Britain and was first shown in the Birmingham Show in 1860. Further crossbreeding with the Gordon Setter and the Irish Setter produced the fine, flat texture of the coat and the less heavily built body. The breed was developed as a water dog and gun dog, and was at its peak of popularity in the late 1800s.

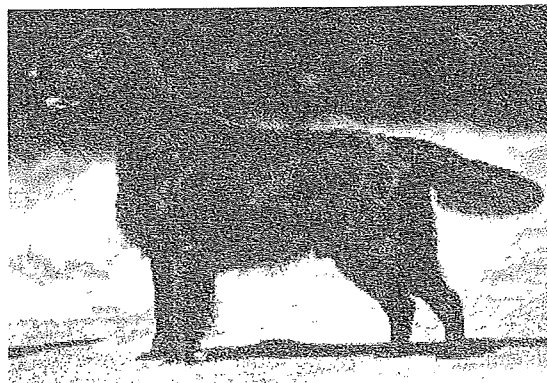


A strong, sturdy and intelligent dog. Height: 23 - 24 in (58.4 - 61 cm) for the dog and 22 - 23 in (56 - 58.4 cm) for the bitch. Weight: 55 - 77 lb (25 - 35 kg) for the dog and 51 - 75 lb (23 - 34 kg) for the bitch; Under Canadian standards: 60 - 70 lb (27.2 - 31.8 kg).

The head has a broad, flat skull, with a slight stop between the eyes. The jaws are strong and long with a scissor bite, and have the capacity to carry a hare or a pheasant. The nose is a good size, with open nostrils. The eyes are medium-sized, dark brown or hazel, with an intelligent expression. The ears are small, well set-on, and close to the side of the head. The body has a broad, deep chest, short, square back, and is well ribbed up. The tail is short, straight, well feathered, and carried below the level of the back. The forequarters are straight and well feathered, the hindquarters muscular and well feathered.

The coat of the Flat Coated Retriever is flat, long, dense, and of fine quality and texture. The coat color is either black or liver.

The Flat Coated Retriever makes a perfect family dog, especially for those who appreciate outdoor activities. This dog loves to run, swim, and play with children. It is large enough not to be concerned about rough handling from children, and gentle enough to do them no harm (except under extreme provocation). This dog provides a good watchdog service and will delight in informing its owners when there is the potential for danger. To keep it in top condition, this dog should be regularly provided with lots of exercise.



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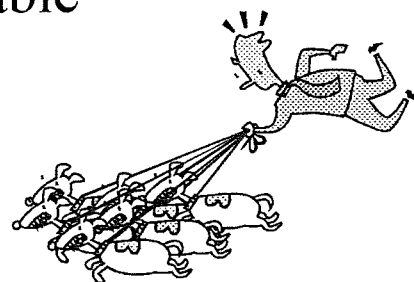
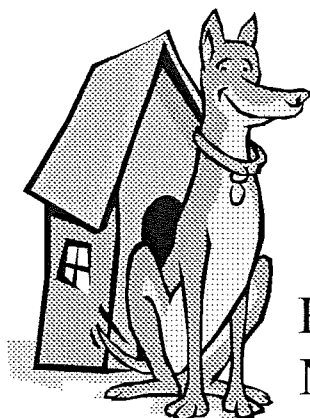
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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

To the Editor

Geelong Obedience Dog Club

I am writing this letter to express my disappointment at the lack of members in attendance at the working bee on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July. As I was assisting the Trial Secretary on this day, I took time out to see the few faces around the grounds and inside the Clubrooms working. To my shock, I counted four (4) Committee Members and eight (8) General Members.

I know that each and everyone of us has busy schedules to keep and some of us even work on a Saturday, but out of a membership of 540, wouldn't you think there would be more people willing to come and lend a hand to support their Club. It would make life a little easier if more members could find an hour to help out.

Perhaps the Committee needs to look at ways to get Club spirit back into the Club. What do we need to do to get back to the days when we used to have some 20 – 30 people working at working bees? The Club doesn't ask a lot of its Members, and I feel that a couple of times a year to help for an hour (or longer) is not too hard to find.

Yours sincerely  
Leonie Kelleher



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### **The Dogs of War – sent in by a Member Herald Sun – Wednesday 3/5/02**

News that dogs will soon get contraceptives is further proof that man's best friend is almost human. And from regular email contributor Lisa comes a list of pet dog peeves, if dogs could talk.

Things dogs hate about their masters.

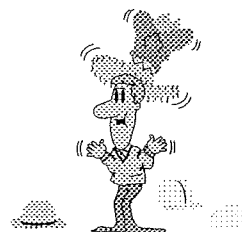
- When you run away in the middle of a good leg humping
- Blaming your smells on me is not funny
- Yelling at me for barking – I'M A DOG, YOU IDIOT!
- How you naively believe that the stupid cat isn't all over everything while you're gone. (Have you noticed that your toothbrush tastes a little like cat?)
- Taking me for a walk, then not letting me check stuff out. Exactly whose walk is this anyway?
- Any trick that involves balancing food on my nose – stop it!
- Any haircut that involves bows and ribbons. Now you know why we chew your stuff up when you're not home.
- Taking me to the vet for 'the big snip', then act surprised when I freak out every time we go back.

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## JOKE OF THE MONTH - Sent in by John Wallace

I have recently been diagnosed with A.A.A.D.D. – Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder. This is how it goes.

I decide to wash the car; I start toward the garage and notice the mail on the table. Okay I'm going to wash the car, but first I'm going to go through the mail. I lay the car keys down on the desk, discard the junk mail and I notice the trashcan is full. Okay, I'll just put the bill on my desk and take the trashcan out, but since I'm going to be near the mailbox anyway, I'll pay these few bills first.

Now, where is my cheque book? Oops, there's only one cheque left. My extra cheques are in my desk. Oh, there's the coke I was drinking. I'm going to look for those cheques, but first I need to put my coke further away from the computer, or maybe I'll pop it into the fridge to keep it cold for a while. I head towards the kitchen and my flowers catch my eye, they need some water.

I set the coke on the counter and uh oh! There are my glasses; I was looking for them this morning! I'd better put them away first. I fill a container with water and head for the flowerpot.

Aaaagh! Someone left the TV remote in the kitchen. We will never think to look in the kitchen tonight when we want to watch television so I'd better put it back in the family room where it belongs. I splash some water into the pots and onto the floor, I throw the remote onto a soft cushion on the sofa and head back down the hall trying to figure out what it was I was going to do?

End of the Day – the car isn't washed, the bills are unpaid, the coke is sitting on the kitchen counter, the flowers are half-watered, the cheque book still only has 1 cheque in it and I can't seem to find my car keys! When I try to figure out how come nothing got done today, I'm baffled because I KNOW HOW BUSY I WAS ALL DAY LONG! I realise this is a serious condition and I'll get help, BUT FIRST I think I'll check my email.

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## "DOG SHOW IN HEAVEN"

Sent in by Elaine Longshaw



One day in heaven, Saint Peter, Saint Paul and Saint John were standing around near the dog kennels watching the dogs frolic. "I am certainly bored," stated John. "Me too," Paul chimed in.

Peter stood and watched the dogs. "I know!" Peter began. "Why don't we have a dog show?" Paul and John thought that the idea was great except for one small detail that Paul pointed out.

"Who are we to compete against, Peter?" Paul asked. The trio pondered a moment when Peter realized the answer. "We will call up Satan and invite him to the dog show. I mean, we have all of the finest dogs here in heaven, all of the World and National Champions are here. His kennel is ridden with the spoiled, difficult and mean dogs. We are certain to win at the show!"

And so the trio calls up Satan on the other realm communication lines and invited him to their dog show. Satan laughed and asked why they would want to be humiliated like that, because he would certainly beat them. Peter, Paul and John did not understand. "What do you mean Satan?" Peter asked. "We have all of the National and World Champion dogs in our kennel in heaven. How could you possibly beat us?"

Satan paused a moment and then laughed. "Have you forgotten so soon gentlemen? I have all the judges!"



# "Pet Poo"

By Jo Bimpson - KF Veterinary Clinic

Reprinted from Bendigo Obedience Dog Club Magazine - "Recall"

Although it may sound disgusting, keeping a check on your pet's faeces can give you a guide to their general health. Variations in colour, consistency and texture can be early warning signs or symptoms of disease. Colour variations may simply be due to food dye in some foods so take this into consideration when diets are changed.

Important changes are **black, tar-like faeces** - possible bleeding in the upper bowel; **pale yellow** - reaction to milk products or gastro upsets; **pale grey** - problems with enzymes released in food breakdown and digestion; **food fragments** - digestion or enzyme problems. (May also be hard to digest food i.e. grains/starches); **fur filled** - excessive grooming or eating of entire small animal (birds/mice) - hair digesting pastes may help. Ideal faeces are medium-brown, in soft formed segments; **hard or white** - dehydration or constipation; **liquid faeces/diarrhoea**, gastro upsets, dietary intolerance, obstruction in the bowel where only liquid can ooze past (very serious), parvovirus (very serious); **mucous covered** - lower bowel irritation or worm burden; **blood stained** - internal bleeding, worms or growths in the bowel.

**Frequency** - Most pets will pass a bowel motion 1 to 3 times daily, depending on diet and activity. Frequent, small amounts of faeces can be a sign of bowel infections or blockages and a veterinary opinion should be obtained.

**Eating Faeces** - This is quite common and in some cases quite normal. Possible solutions are to regularly clear the backyard of droppings, add fibre, such as grated carrot/bran to the diet and/or vitamin supplements.

**Scooting** - Bottom 'scooting' may indicate worms but it is usually due to impacted anal glands. Chewing at the bottom may be the same problem. Dogs and cats have scent glands in their bottoms and each time they pass faeces, these glands are emptied to mark territory. If the faeces are too small and soft the glands don't get emptied. The secretion builds up, infections may occur and they become sore and itchy. If you have any other questions regarding your pet's faeces please feel free to consult your Vet clinic staff.



## GEELONG TRIAL RESULTS



### Encouragement



Yvette Swan

"Heynfeld New Wave"

1<sup>st</sup> Place

Pass

Simone Gunn (Wilkie)

"Brocky"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Pass



### Novice

Tara Middleton

"Ch Megajames Aileen Girl"

4<sup>th</sup> Place

1<sup>st</sup> Pass

Highest Scoring Geelong Member



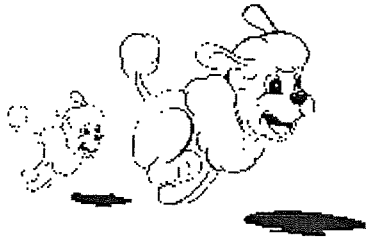
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## 10 TIPS FOR DEALING WITH PROBLEM BEHAVIOUR

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At one time or another, every owner has to deal with problem behaviour. Understanding why your dog does what he does, and how to handle the situation correctly can help resolve problems quickly.

Here are some basic guidelines that apply to nearly all problem situations:

🐾 **Control the dog and you control the situation.** By putting on a training collar and lead, you can control the dog. For many dogs, their training equipment means business, not playtime, and this can help in a problem situation. A dog who is on lead cannot run away or chase people or other animals, and his owner has a chance to help him understand what he should do by guiding him with the leash and collar.

🐾 **Be positive.** Instead of saying "NO", try giving your dog something positive that he can do for you, such as "Sit", or "Heel". This positive approach means you can praise generously for his good actions, instead of simply yelling at him. For example, a dog that jumps up can be told to sit, and helped if necessary, then praised for sitting.

🐾 **Allow a dog to be a dog.** Often, what owners consider problem behaviour is simply normal dog behaviour that they find unpleasant or annoying. For example, digging is a natural canine activity but distressing to a garden proud owner. Instead of scolding for what comes naturally, it might be kinder to set up an area in which you have buried small treats to make it more attractive than the rest of the yard, and praising your dog for digging in "his" garden. Whenever natural behaviours conflict with what you might like, be creative and see if you can find an outlet for those interests and activities that is suitable for you both.

## 10 tips for dealing with problem behaviour – Suzanne Clothier (continued)

☼ **Be consistent.** It is unfair to the dog to change your rules depending on what you're wearing, who's visiting or the kind of day you've had. If your dog is allowed on the furniture, he will be confused when you yell at him because Aunt Bess is visiting and she doesn't think dogs should sit in chairs! If he's allowed to jump up when you're wearing jeans and a sweatshirt, don't be surprised if he can't tell the difference between that and your best evening gown. Whatever your rules are, keep them consistent.

☼ **Have your dog earn what he wants.** While everyone needs a few freebies now and then, your dog will not think you are a wonderful owner if you play with him, walk him, feed him and pet him whenever he demands it. In fact, this often creates problems since from the dog's point of view an owner who can be "trained" this well is not one who deserves much respect. Teach your dog to say "please" by sitting, lying down or following some other command before he gets what he wants.

☼ **Be clear.** Owners often confuse dogs by changing the words or commands, repeating them over and over again without showing the dog what is meant, and worst of all, assuming that the dog understands. When in doubt, gently show your dog physically exactly what you mean, giving the command at the same time so that he can associate the two. Use clear, matter of fact commands when addressing your dog, and be sure that your praising tone is excited, enthusiastic and upbeat.

Remember that while we use words to communicate, dogs are masters of reading body language. If your body language tells the dog one thing, but your voice tells the dog something else, chances are he will believe your body language. This is why people who bend towards their dog and shake a finger at them while scolding "No, no, no" often receive a playful bark - their body posture is much more like a dog inviting play than a dog who is annoyed or angry.

☼ **Exercise, exercise, exercise!** The most common cause of problem behaviour is boredom and a lack of sufficient exercise. While you work or go out, your dog has little or nothing to do, and his need to exercise will not go away. A familiar yard or house is boring, and few dogs' exercise on their own without interaction with their owners. Take the time to play with your dog, jog with him, walk in the woods, swim or take long brisk walks each day. A tired dog is always a well-behaved dog!

☼ **Provide mental stimulation.** Dr. Roger Abrante's suggestions regarding using 1/3 of your dog's diet for treats to be earned during training, 1/3 to be given as usual in a food bowl, and 1/3 to be "hunted" (try a **Buster Cube**, an ingenious new training aid which the dog must persistently work with to receive a few kibble at a time. This will amuse even a border collie for hours! Buster Cubes are available from *Legacy by Mail* - [troydog@maui.net](mailto:troydog@maui.net), or from your local pet store.) This "home alone" 1/3-1/3-1/3 program helps your dog expend some energy and provides much needed stimulation

☼ **Understand your dog's genetic heritage.** Whether you own a Doberman or a Beagle, a Samoyed or a Westie, it is important to understand what your dog was bred to do. Owners often forget that the behaviour that prompts a dog to run or stay close, hunt or guard, chase and kill or herd, work with people or work independently are all the result of generations of carefully selected traits. Research your breed's history, and talk to people who understand your breed's characteristics. You may find that Rover's tendencies, while annoying or amusing, are precisely what makes him what he is. You can then decide how best to work with your dog's instincts and where you need to concentrate training efforts.

☼ **Train your dog.** Every dog should have basic manners, but dogs are not born knowing how to behave. Take the time to train your dog on a consistent basis using kind, positive methods. Find a class near you whose methods and philosophies you like. If faced with a behaviour problem you can't solve, ask people you trust for a recommendation of an experienced trainer and get professional help fast. The sooner you begin working on a problem the sooner you will have it solved.

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## **A Dog's Devotion**

Sent in by Desma Dickeson

He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog  
You are his life, his love, his leader  
He will be yours, faithful and true to the last beat of his heart  
You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion

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### **QUOTABLE QUOTES**

Many people will walk in and out of your life.  
But only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.

To handle yourself, use your head;  
To handle others, use your heart.

Anger is only one letter short of danger.  
If someone betrays you once, it is his fault;  
If he betrays you twice, it is your fault.

Great minds discuss ideas;  
Average minds discuss events;

Small minds discuss people.

He, who loses money, loses much;  
He, who loses a friend, loses much more;  
He, who loses faith, loses all.

Learn from the mistakes of others.  
You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.

Yesterday is history.  
Tomorrow is mystery.  
Today is a gift.

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# Motivational Training

(What is it and how to do it)

Conducted by

**Helen Read**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2002**

Proposed timetable

Theory Lecture	10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Lunch Break (sausage sizzle)	12.30 pm to 1.30 pm
Practical session with dogs	1.30 pm to 4.00 pm

Cost

**\$25.00 per person and their dog**

This is not a problem-solving seminar. All dogs attending must be sociable with other dogs

Limit of 20 members and their dogs

Bookings close at the Office on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August  
\$10.00 deposit required when booking

## GENERAL MEETING

4<sup>th</sup> June 2002

Meeting opened: 8.00pm

**Apologies:** J Wong, V Douglas, B Mackey, B Thorogood, J Convery, P McCormack, T Gavaghan

Acc: L Kelleher

Seconded: M McNair

Carried

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

Acc: S Baird

Seconded: S Malady

Carried

## Business arising from the Minutes

1. Two (2) quotes have been received regarding the shade area, which was requested at the last General Meeting. The first was from Ezy Shades and the second from Blinds by Design. The Committee recommendation is that the Meeting consider the Blinds by Design quote. Defer discussion to General Business

**Correspondence Out: Nil**

**Correspondence In:** Geelong Central – Newsletter, P A T S, The Grapevine

### Business arising from Correspondence

Nil

## Treasurer's Report

J Dunoon read written report and asked that all accounts be passed for payment

Acc: K Sproat

Seconded: S Baird

Carried

## Other Reports

Display Team Leader – D Dickeson reported that the team had visited Hillcrest and were made most welcome. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

Publicity Officer – S Malady read a written report. Report attached to the Minutes Book

Shop Manager – P Hare reported that the Equipment Shop was busy and doing well. A new supplier is being looked at for the supply of vests and jumpers. Samples should be available in the next week or so.

Social Secretary – Y Swan thanked the Members for their support of the recent fundraising ventures which had raised \$1,786 00. Meal and Movie social evening coming up on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June, which is available to members and non-members. Recipes for the Cookbook are slowly coming in.

Training Supervisor – Report as per May's Newsletter

Trial Secretary – L Hunter read written report. Report attached to the Minutes Book.

## Sub-Committee Reports

Nil

Acc: L Hotchin

Seconded: L Kelleher

Carried

## General Business

1. After a very lengthy discussion regarding the installation of a Sail shaded area, which included positioning, size, need and suitability L Kelleher moved ‘that we discontinue the idea of having a Sail shaded area”

Seconded: K Sproat

Carried

2. H Read opened discussion regarding the need for lighting the grounds so they could be better utilised. Several points were made for the idea including a possible return to training mid week, option to train more than once a week, better use of Agility and Flyball equipment. Points against included, insufficient Instructors, parking problems, possible relocation of Club, enormous costs.



After discussion H Read moved 'that to fully utilise the grounds for the convenience of members an estimate (3) be obtained for floodlights to light the Club training ground. These estimates be brought to the next General Meeting'.

Seconded: S Baird

Carried

3. B Thorogood suggested that the Newsletter be printed bi-monthly instead of monthly. Members can be informed of coming events via the Announcement Sheet and printing bi-monthly would be less expensive. Members expressed the concern that Announcements often weren't listened to in Class and that the Newsletter was a way of keeping the members informed. The Editor is quite happy to print the Newsletter if this is a problem as it is usually printed when the Office is open each Thursday. H Read moved 'that a vote of thanks to the Newsletter Editor be recorded in the Minutes'

Seconded: S Baird

Carried

4. A member reported that after querying City of Greater Geelong regarding reduced registration fees, the member was informed that the membership at Geelong Obedience Dog Club was not recognised that only VCA membership was acceptable. Members suggested that we should write to the VCA and City of Greater Geelong requesting clarification. L Kelleher moved 'that the Secretary formulate a letter to the City of Greater Geelong and the VCA seeking clarification in regards to this matter.

Seconded: W Ganly

Carried

5. P Convery asked if the Club had heard anything from the VCA regarding Public Liability Insurance and a proposed meeting with Ford-Kinter. P Convery moved 'that a letter be sent to the VCA for further information.

Seconded: L Kelleher

Carried

6. Discussion was held regarding the new trees to be planted behind the old trees which, when the old trees are eliminated will give extra room and correct ring sizes. Trees to be planted every 3 metres. Working Bee to be called shortly to plant trees.
7. A Thorogood reported that the Trial Secretary had taken two weeks holiday from work to arrange the Agility/Jumping Trials and suggested that the Constitution needed changing so that the Trial Secretary was no longer the Assistant Secretary and the Trial Secretary should have an Assistant. Members suggested that filling the current positions can be problem without creating another position. It was also suggested that Committee should be available to help and that there is no reason why the Trial Secretary cannot form a sub-committee to help with the Trials.
8. L Hotchin asked about an earlier suggestion that the BBQ be relocated. Members were asked to think about the subject for the next General Meeting.
9. P Baker reported that his dog had been attacked at the last Promotion Day and would like to know what procedure the Club had in place for such an incident. P Baker was informed about the Incident Book and its process. Members asked if this could be reviewed and printed in the Newsletter as there were probably a large percentage of members who didn't know of the Incident Book and its use. It was also suggested that an article on Canine Etiquette should be written for the Newsletter.

As there was no further business

Meeting closed: 9.33pm

# **Notice to all Members**

Included with this Newsletter is the notice for our Annual General Meeting and Nomination Forms to nominate or be nominated for the Committee positions as listed below. All committee positions become vacant at the Annual General Meeting and those current Committee members wishing to re-stand must nominate again. Nominations close on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2002**. Nominations forms must be completed correctly (one position per form) and placed in the ballot box in the Clubrooms, prior to the closing date.

## **Executive Committee**

1 x President	2 x Vice Presidents	1 x Secretary
1 x Treasurer	1 x Trial Secretary/Assistant Secretary	

(Executive Committee members must be members of the Victorian Canine Association)

## **General Committee**

There are six (6) General Committee vacancies for which you can nominate, but at the first meeting of the new Committee each of those members must be prepared to accept one of the following positions.

Canteen Manager	Hall Manager	Publicity Officer
Social Secretary	Ground's Manager	Assist. Hall Manager/Grounds Manager

## **Non-Committee Positions**

Nominations are also called for the following Non-Committee positions. If you wish to nominate for any of the following positions, please use the Nomination Form provided and place the completed form in the Ballot Box in the Clubhouse. Nominations close for **ALL** positions on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2002**.

Librarian	Bar Manager	Display Team Leader	Shop Manager
Newsletter Editor	Training Supervisor	Training Manager	Web Master
2 x Assistant Training Supervisors			

## **Life Membership Nominations**

Nominations are also called for Life Membership of the Club. If there is someone you think is worthy of Life Membership who meets the criteria, write a brief resume and hand it, in a sealed envelope addressed to "The Chairperson, Life Membership Sub-Committee", to the Secretary no later than

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2002**

**Life Membership Criteria** – 'any person, after a period of 5 years continuous membership, may be appointed as a Life Member of the Club in recognition of services rendered to the Club. However, under exceptional circumstances the 5-year period may be waived'.

## NOMINATION FORM

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### GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC NOMINATION FORM

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

VCA Membership No  
(where applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

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### GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC NOMINATION FORM

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

VCA Membership No  
(where applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

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### GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC NOMINATION FORM

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

VCA Membership No  
(where applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

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### GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC NOMINATION FORM

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

VCA Membership No  
(where applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

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Members can complete one or all of the above nomination forms, but remember if they are not filled in completely they will be invalid. Please use a separate nomination form for each position. Nomination forms are to be placed in the Ballot box no later than 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.