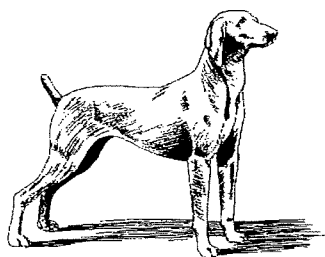
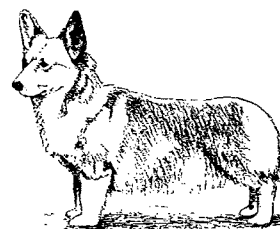
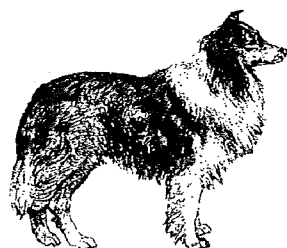
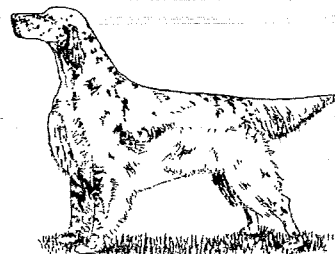
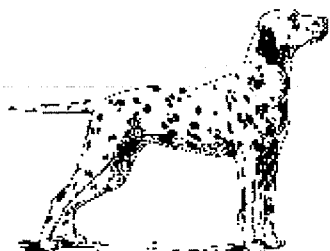


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TO ALL OUR  
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AND A SAFE  
AND HAPPY  
2003**

**Training resumes**

**Sunday  
2<sup>nd</sup> February  
2003**

**For all current Members**

# GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC

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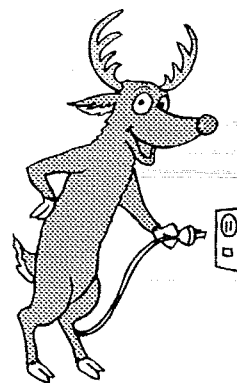
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## **REPORTS    REPORTS    REPORTS    REPORTS**

(Newsletter Editor – My apologies to Arthur and Desma for missing their reports in last month's Newsletter. Sometimes it isn't wise to put the computer age and old age together).

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT (October)**

Hi and welcome to all new Members. Well we have started off the new Committee year with a full Committee – a big improvement on last year. We have a few commitments to start us off with the new dog boxes to be started shortly. Also the Council is to supply us with net fencing to go down the front of the grounds to stop dogs from running on the road. The Grounds Manager will be looking to have a working bee to get this job completed, so please be available to help when it is called.



It has been on the Announcement Sheet for the past couple of weeks about parking on the roadway, this can be very dangerous and is not required as there is ample parking space in the grounds

There is a Trial coming up and once again we will be looking for volunteers at the working bees and on the day itself. So please make yourself available to ease the workload on others.

**Arthur Thorogood - President**

### **TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT (October)**

It was really fantastic to have all the extra people available as Stewards on our recent Promotion Day – thank you everyone. I do hope that some of you, if not all, will think about volunteering in future Class tests. The support lifts a lot of pressure off the Instructors and the Stewards can see what goes on in the different tests.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who helped on the day including the 'number crunchers', the ring makers and the Instructors who seem to cope with all the Classes.

A recent change in the Classes means that the Sit and Down Stays will not be done together all the time. As they are **two** separate exercises it is planned to have them practised that way during Classes to see if we can remedy the problems of dogs breaking the Stays. Of course the handlers need to do their homework during the week to achieve the best results.

Finally, a big thank you to Betty Lawrence (who types the Minutes at the Instructor's Meetings) and Colin Humphreys for their support as Assistant Supervisors in the past year and welcome to Kim Ciezarek and Andrew Wallace who have just moved into the Assistant Supervisor jobs.

Take care of your dogs everyone

**Desma Dickeson – Training Supervisor**

### **DISPLAY TEAM LEADER'S REPORT (October)**

We have a few outings coming our way in the next few weeks so Members of the team need to be available for practise when required please.

The team is desperately in need of new Members to help us to go out and promote the Club to the public. Dogs and handlers need to be sociable, enjoy meeting people and be prepared to practice regularly – most of the work is done on lead. If you are interested, please come and see me.

In closing, I would just like to say thank you to all the current Members and their canine friends

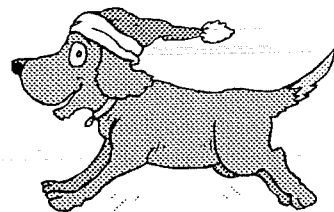
**Desma Dickeson – Display Team Leader**

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Hi and welcome to all new Members. Well we have just put another successful Trial behind us with some great results for Geelong Members. A big thank you to the Ground staff, Canteen staff and all members who assisted in the working bees and on the day. We now look forward to our last Promotion Day of the year and hopefully many passes.

The last training day of the year will be a good day for the family with all Classes starting at the same time followed by games, Father Christmas and a free sausage sizzle. Also don't forget to book for the Club's Christmas Night – 13<sup>th</sup> December when a good time will be had by all



Finally on behalf of the Committee and Instructors I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Be careful on the roads and lets see everyone back safe and well in the New Year.

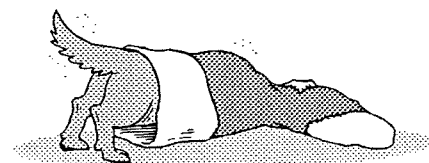
**Arthur Thorogood – President**

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Welcome to all our new Members who have joined us recently, I hope you achieve your goals with your canine companions. With Christmas so close I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Members a very happy Christmas and a safe and peaceful New Year. I would also like to thank my fellow Committee Members, Non-Committee Members and Instructors for all their help and look forward to working with you in 2003.

Next year will be a very productive year with new Trials and our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the Clubrooms and also plans to be made for the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year in 2004. So when the call goes out for help, please don't leave the work to that very famous person called "someone else". Best Wishes

**Pam Convery - Secretary**



## **TRIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

On Sunday 10 November the Club held an Open Obedience Trial with a very successful day had by most and great weather to accompany the day. I would like to thank all those members who made themselves available on the day and at the working bees prior to the Trial, it proved the point that if everybody offers an hour it distributes the workload. Out of the Geelong members that were entered there were 4 passes in Encouragement, gaining the first 4 places in the class, and 2 Novice passes, 1 being a CD title, congratulation to those people. Full results printed further on in this Newsletter.

Thank you must also go to Linda Hunter who did the majority of the preparation for this Trial prior to her term finishing as Trial Secretary. Merry Christmas to all and enjoy your break with your 4 legged friends.

**Janelle Convery – Trial Secretary**

## **SOCIAL NEWS**

Firstly, let me introduce myself to the many people out there that don't know me. My name is Leonie and I have been a member of this Club for 14 years now. Over the years I have taken on various roles within the Club and at present, recently elected to the Social Secretary's position. Thanks go to Yvette for starting to organize the Christmas party (it is hard starting position so close to Christmas).

Over two Sundays in November we have had the girls down from Kangaroo photos taking snaps of our companions, if you have access to the Internet you can have a look at the snaps, their address is [www.kangaroophotos.com.au](http://www.kangaroophotos.com.au).

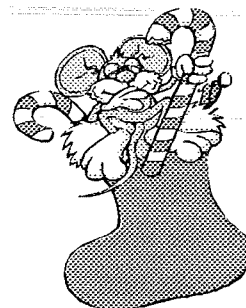
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### SOCIAL NEWS (Continued)

Well, now to the end of year festivities..... our party is scheduled for Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> December here at the Clubhouse, there is a full page flyer in this Newsletter so please have a read. Our end of year party's, are always great fun with lots of laughing, dancing and in general having a good time. Everyone is welcome, so make up a table and come and join in the fun.

On the last day of training there will be a "man in red" visiting to see the children of the Club, so mark the date in your diary, there will be fun events that you can enter with your dog and a few more surprises. If you have any suggestions for social events, please feel free to come and say hello. Until next time

**Leonie Kelleher – Social Secretary**



### TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

A brief update on my last report that got mislaid in transit. The last Promotion Day for this year is a matter of weeks away and we would appreciate help from some of the Members who aren't being tested to assist in the rings as Stewards.

For everyone hoping for an early Christmas present in the form of a pass, do continue to practise your homework and please remember to give your names to your Instructor prior to the end of training on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

May you all have a happy and safe Christmas, enjoy the holiday, come back safely for training in 2003 and enjoy your dogs.

**D Dickeson – Training Supervisor**

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# What's in a Name?

Author – Gary Wilkes

As a child, I enjoyed playing in a lemon grove behind my house. When my mother called me to come inside, I would often hide in a tree and pretend that I did not hear her. After the first few calls of "Gary, come here," I would inevitably hear the most dreaded of all childhood sounds - my mother pronouncing my full name.

"Gary Magee Wilkes! You get in here this instant!" While my mother used my full name to motivate me to come inside, the real effect was quite unexpected. I learned to dislike my middle name.

A common training mistake is to accidentally link a critter's name to an unpleasant consequence. When Fluffy, the Newfoundland, starts to jump on a guest, a common reaction is to yell, "Fluffy, NO!" Despite the fact that our goal is to teach Fluffy that jumping on guests is not a good idea, something entirely different happens - Fluffy continues to jump on guests, but stops responding to her name. While we adult humans tend to berate the poor pup for lack of intelligence, my three-year-old self would have understood Fluffy's reaction exactly. She is reacting to "Fluffy" exactly as I did to "Magee".

To unravel this odd reaction, it is necessary to realize that dogs do not understand language. While a human can understand that "Peter" comes from the Greek word petras, meaning "rock", don't expect your dog to figure out that you call him "Petey" because his real name is "Rocky". To him, his name cannot have "meaning" but is merely a signal that has been associated with a particular response. If Rocky gets praise and treats for paying attention to his name, the behaviour will become strong. If his owner uses the word "Rocky" in a casual fashion, it will become an ambiguous noise that only is important under certain circumstances. The best way to understand this process is to look at a hypothetical situation.

As a puppy, Rocky learns to look at anyone who says his name. At first, he is very consistent in his reaction since he is usually given treats, affection or praise for paying attention to the sound "Rocky". Then one day something odd happens. As Rocky is shoving his nose into the garbage bag -- a perfectly normal puppy behaviour -- his owner yells "Rocky". As the pup hears the magic word and looks to the source of the sound, he is stunned to hear that awful word "No!" and then he is roughly grabbed by his owner and dragged unceremoniously to the back yard.

Later that evening, as he is walking into his doghouse, Rocky hears his name again. His owner is still angry over the trashcan and calls him inside for dinner in a harsh tone. Rocky hears the angry tone of voice and huddles at the back of his doghouse. The dog is convinced that he is about to be punished again. The owner is now convinced that Rocky is being "stubborn" and decides to "discipline" the pup for disobeying. He says "Rocky" in a very threatening tone and tells the dog that he had better come out this instant. The pup hears his name again, just before his owner grabs him from the doghouse and shakes him by the scruff of the neck.

Within a few repetitions of this type of inadvertent "training", Rocky is likely to get the message. When he hears his name, there is a high probability that he will be punished. His first reaction upon hearing his name will be transformed from eager anticipation to a sense of dread. Commands like "Rocky, sit," will fall on frightened ears and be avoided rather than ignored.

Assuming that pets will react to things as if they were rational human beings is risky. Sometimes the instinctive reaction of an animal bears no connection to the cognitive processes of a human. Before you accidentally start confusing your pet's name with punishment, consider this misquote -- "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet, but Fido looks to those who offer treats."

# TRIAL RESULTS

## Werribee Obedience Dog Club – 26<sup>th</sup> October

Jim Jessen	"Angie"	Novice	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	NQ
Sandy Malady	"Casper Rose"	Novice	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	NQ
Bill & Beryl Jackson	"Tess"	Novice	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Pass
Peter Baker	"Poppy"	Novice	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Pass
Tina Button	"Nahlah	Open	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	NQ
Craig Walter	"Riana"	Open	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	NQ

**Highest Scoring Geelong Member**

**Companion Dog Title**

## Gisborne Obedience Dog Club – 27<sup>th</sup> October

Bill & Beryl Jackson	"Tess"	Novice	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pass
Roy Lawrence	"Shionabox The Wishmaster ET" (Kimbo)	Novice	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place on a count back	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pass

## Warrnambool D T C – 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> November

Trish Gavaghan	"Meg"	Open Jumping	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Pass
Glenys' Murray	"Zac"	Novice Agility	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Pass
Joanne Hamilton	"Benton"	Novice Agility	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Pass

## Geelong Obedience Dog Club – 10<sup>th</sup> November

Linda Hunter	"Monty Hunter" (Monty)	Encouragement	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Pass
Bree Schammer	"Fernfall Sail Away" (Bailey)	Encouragement	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Pass
Tara Middleton	"Megajames Dylan Boy" (Dylan)	Encouragement	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Pass
Meinhard Breiberg	"Calstead Regal Dragon" (Ben)	Encouragement		Pass
Tina Button	"Ch Mureybet Touch A Star ET" (Tori)	Novice	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pass
Jim Jessen	"Angahook Angelique" (Angie)	Novice		2 <sup>nd</sup> Pass
Bill & Beryl Jackson	"Shepbrae Van Lyn" (Tess)	Novice		3 <sup>rd</sup> Pass

**Companion Dog Title**

**Highest Scoring Geelong Member**

## Ballarat Obedience Dog Club – 17<sup>th</sup> November

Bill & Beryl Jackson	"Shepbrae Van Lyn" (Tess)	Novice	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	4 <sup>th</sup> Pass
Bree Schammer	"Fernfall Sail Away" (Bailey)	Encouragement		2 <sup>nd</sup> Pass

## Shetland Sheepdog Restricted Obedience Trial – 17<sup>th</sup> November

Rosemary O'Sullivan	"Harley"	Encouragement	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Pass
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## GEELONG CLUB AWARDS

**Highest Qualifying Encouragement Award**

Linda Hunter and "Monty"

**Highest Qualifying Novice Award**

Bill & Beryl Jackson and "Tess"





# A Rescue Dog's Christmas Poem

Reprinted from the Dalmatian Club of Vic and the Bendigo "Recall"

'Tis the night before Christmas and all through  
the town  
every shelter is full – we are lost but not found  
Our numbers are hung on our kennels so bare  
We hope every minute that someone will care

They'll come to adopt us and give us the call  
"Come here, Max and Sparkie – come fetch your  
new ball"  
But now we sit here and think of the days  
We were treated so fondly – we had cute, baby  
ways.

Once we were little, then we grew and we grew  
Now we're no longer young and we're no longer  
new.  
So out the back door we were thrown like the  
trash  
They reacted so quickly – why were they so  
rash?

We "jump on the children", "don't come when  
they call"  
We "bark when they leave us", "climb over the  
wall.  
We should have been neutered, we should have  
been spayed  
Now we suffer the consequence of the errors  
THEY made.

If only they'd trained us, if only we knew .....  
We'd have done what they asked us and  
worshipped them too.  
We were left in the backyard, or worse – let to  
roam  
Now we're tired and lonely and out of a home.

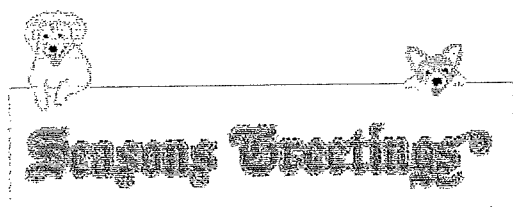
They dropped us off here and kissed us good-bye  
"Maybe someone else will give you a try".  
So now here we are, all confused and alone  
In a shelter with others who long for a home.

The kind workers come through with a meal and  
a pat  
With so many to care for, they can't stay for a  
chat  
They move to the next kennel, giving each of us  
cheer  
We know that they wonder how long we'll be  
here

We lay down to sleep and sweet dreams fill our  
heads  
Of a home filled with love and our own cozy  
beds  
Then we wake to see sad eyes, brimming with  
tears  
Our friends filled with emptiness, worry and  
fears

If you can't adopt us and there's no room at the  
Inn  
Could you help with the bills and fill our food  
bin?  
We count on your kindness each day of the year  
Can you give more than hope to everyone here?

Please make a donation to pay for the heat  
And help get us something special to eat.  
The shelter that cares for us, wants us to live  
And more of us will, if some people will give.



Don't forget our Christmas  
collection for the  
**Lost Dog's Home**

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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 hope you achieve your goals with your canine companion.

1/09/2002

Hunt Family	Hawkins Doris	Addison Family	Coulter Family
Lindgren Leanne/Hill Brendan		Irvin Steve/Collins Shelley	
Heath Family	Dahlhaus Vicki	Snowling Christopher	Harper Family
Edwards Family	Baensch Family	Guthrie Family	Leamer Family
Youl Robyn	Pownceby Family	Matlen Erika	Watts Lucy
Duse Robyn/White Michael		Parry Family	Levick Helen

15/09/2002

Yakovlev Kim/Jaramillo Johnny	Matthews Lisa	Morris Family
Tompsett Family	Marshall David	Irwin Family
Wright Frances	Conder Family	
	Retallick Christine	

6/10/2002

Ford Seonnia/Primus Luke	Williams Kirsty/Dempsey Adam	
Wishart Shirley	Hanson Family	
Hunter Anthony/Galle Belinda	Hall Robynne/Hamann Tony	
Cowley Clayton/Braden Lisa	Cassidy Rebecca/O'Brien Tony	
Sullivan Tim	Chrys Con/Tisay Katarina	Fenton Warren
Saraswati Jwana	Lean Family	
Cairns Catherine/McCavley Rick	Rough Justin	Dunstan Family
Mocellin Enrico	Olsen Veronica/Moloney Gavan	Swain Kaye
Foley Family	Wilson Sarah/Winter David	
	Howell Karen	

20/10/02

Jepson Family	Grdum Simone/Garreau Brendan	Millar Family
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3/11/02

Sowinski Family	Harbour Syd	Thompson Peer	Hughes Family
Burge Family	Simpson Family	O'Sullivan Sally	Walsh Cath
Richmond Lionel/Lane Yvonne		Mazengarb Jill	Smith David
Billingham Nadine	Worthington Jayne/Jennings Mark		Taffe Family
Hotchin Libby	Surplice Trish/Grant Cameron		
Rapp Colleen/Spark Dylan			



## **MAKES YOU WONDER!!!!**

Several months ago, I was checking out at the local Foodland with just a few items and the lady behind me put her things on the belt close to mine. I picked up one of those "dividers" that they keep by the cash register and placed it between our things so they wouldn't get mixed. After the girl had scanned all of my items, she picked up the "divider" looking it all over for the bar code so she could scan it. Not finding the bar code she said to me, "Do you know how much this is?" And I said to her, "I've changed my mind, I don't think I'll buy that today." She said, "OK", and I paid her for the things and left. She had no clue to what had just happened.

A lady at work was seen putting a credit card into her floppy drive and pulling it out very quickly. When I inquired as to what she was doing, she said she was shopping on the Internet and they kept asking for a credit card number, so she was using the ATM "thingy".



## Your Love Of Dogs Can Make You Money ...

The days of washing your dog using cold water with you getting a shower too, is fast becoming a thing of the past. With increasingly busy lifestyles and longer working hours more and more pet owners are turning to professional in home services.

Aussie Pooch Mobile has created a fun, friendly and convenient service to cater for this demand to ensure the family pets are well cared for.

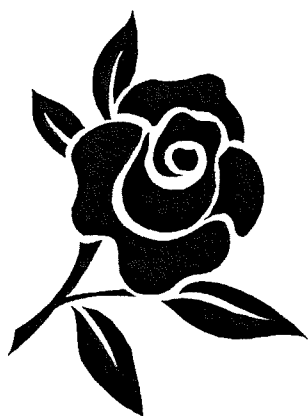
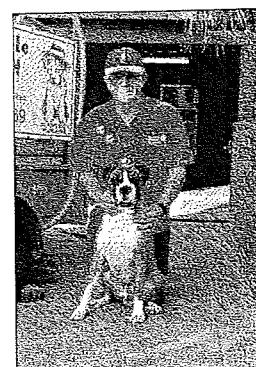
Ken Parker from Heathcote in NSW has always had a love of dogs, in particular Boxers. He has shown and bred them for years.

After retiring from the Merchant Marines, Ken was looking for an opportunity that not only he could earn good money from, but also something he would enjoy. Then he saw an advert in his local paper for Aussie Pooch Mobile Franchise. After looking into it further, he realised this was the opportunity he had been looking for.

Ken says, "It is excellent doing something I not only enjoy, but am also reaping the rewards for my efforts from. I have been operating for over 3 years now and can honestly say the decision to purchase an Aussie Pooch Mobile franchise has been a good one. The ongoing support and back up service Aussie Pooch Mobile provides helps ensure each franchisee's success. I have not looked back".

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## "Poppy"

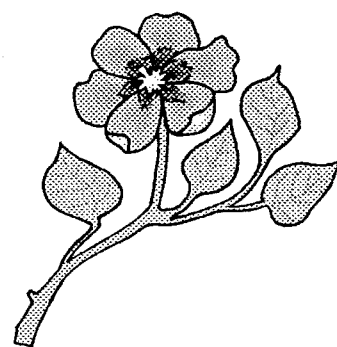
**Dunnwarren Blue Curacao**

**(Date of Birth - 17/7/01)**

**CD Title - 26<sup>th</sup> October**

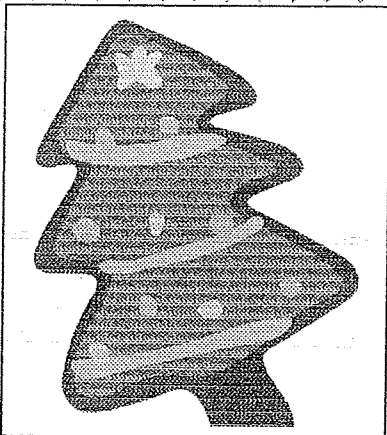
We've got our Companion Dog Title!! Good for you Poppy!!

I first picked Poppy up at Ballarat; I was living in Echuca at the time. I drove to Ballarat and it rained all the way down and back. She put her little head on my lap and never made a sound and never moved. She was so fluffy. I felt sorry for her and let her sleep on top of the bed and she is still there.



Poppy has taught me a lot and she has brought a lot of people into my life. She has taught me to be patient, she keeps me calm and she is a great little friend. This is the beginning of a beautiful friendship.

**Peter Baker**



## Geelong Obedience Dog Club

Come and join in the fun

# Christmas Party in the Club House

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2002

7.00pm

B Y O Drinks

Spit roast meal

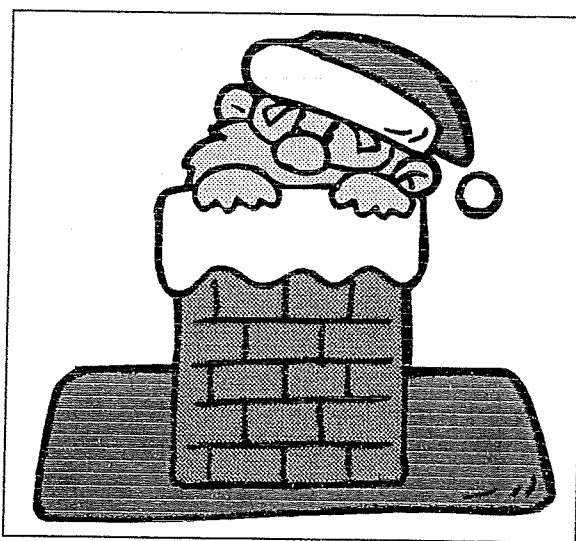
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## "Shepbrae Van Lyn" "Tess"

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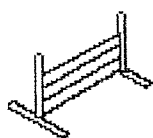
I guess nearly every puppy born is cute, loving (unconditional). Tess was and still is all of the above.

We purchased Tess for a companion for our Long-haired German Shepherd (Kelly). Tess had a major setback about 12 months ago and although it has been a tough year for Tess and our family, it has been a growing curve for dog and humans, probably more the latter.

**Dogs are cool**, humans are the problem and **I was the problem**, but thanks to great friends, Fred Lehrmann especially and a fair bit of old time training, it all fell into place the last 4 outings.

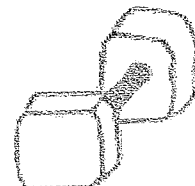
Not only have the Geelong Obedience Dog Club Instructors been supportive, but I must make mention of the wonderful words of advice from German Shepherd owner Andrew Saliba. At every Trial he has always been giving me encouragement through difficult times.

Tess' results for her last 4 outing are as follows -



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Gisbourne	Pass	Highest Scoring Geelong Member	Points 182
Geelong	Pass	Highest Scoring Geelong Member	Points 178
Ballaarat	Pass	Highest Scoring Geelong Member	Points 173

**Now into the big league, boy I hope I don't let her down. Bill Jackson**



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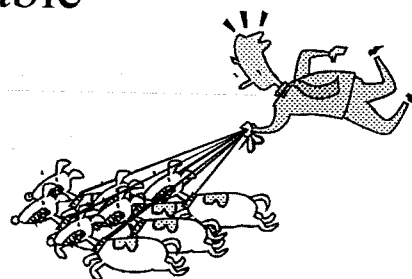
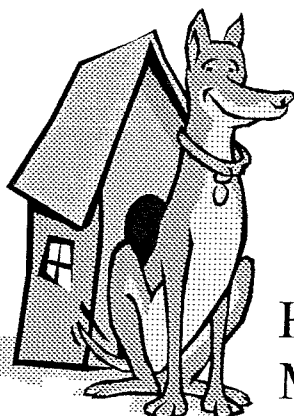
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# LESSONS from the MASTERS:

## Learning About Punishment from Dogs Themselves

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**NOTE:** *This originally appeared in the April/May 2002 APDT Newsletter, written at the request of the Newsletter Editor after I had written a Letter to the Editor noting that there was a lot we could learn about an appropriate & fair use of punishment from dogs themselves. This is NOT a defence of punitive training methodology - and "punishment" is defined as all students of operant conditioning understand it to be defined: one of the four possible consequences of a behaviour.*



There's an old lady I know who has been training puppies for years. And she does a very good job of it. Funny thing, though, she routinely uses positive punishment as part of her approach. Always has and always will. She's completely unaware of learning theories, has never attended a conference or seminar, and never once read a book about dogs. Yet the puppies she's trained are happy, respectful, and well mannered, and calmly attentive to her subtlest gesture.

How is it that she uses positive punishment to such good effect, without creating desensitisation or panic or resentment in her pupils? And how does she do it without collar, leash, head halter, treats or clickers? Because this old lady is a dog. This experienced trainer of puppies is my retired brood bitch Carson.

There's a growing tendency among many dog trainers to denounce the use of positive punishment (P+), though properly defined it means only this: "the presentation of an undesirable consequence." For many trainers, P+ is a bit of jargon heavily laden with ugly images of pain, fear and outright cruelty. And there's no denying that historically, dog training has leaned heavily on punitive methodology, much of which is thinly disguised abuse in the name of training. But when we mistakenly equate P+ with abuse, we are ignoring what dogs themselves can tell us about the value of P+.

Whether we like it or not, P+ is quite natural in animal-to-animal interactions. For example, Carson is resting on a sofa. The puppy Ruby approaches, thinking about jumping up to share the space. Hardening her eyes and holding her head very still, Carson growls softly, her message clear: "Leave me alone." Ruby ignores this. Carson escalates the warning to a loud, scary air snap, and the puppy dances back a step but returns almost immediately, clearly thinking this may be a new game. Carson's next move is a threatening lunge that ends in grabbing the offending puppy by the muzzle for a few beats. Now Ruby gets the message and wisely retreats.

As classically defined, Carson's intent in meting out this punishment is to "decrease the likelihood of the behaviour in the future." P+ adds something unpleasant as a consequence for a behaviour. Being no fool, Ruby learns that jumping on top of her grandmother has unpleasant consequences; an unoccupied sofa is a better choice. P+ is employed by dogs among themselves all the time.

Dire warnings about the effects of using P+ have their basis in fact. Improperly applied, P+ *can* undermine the relationship, can lead to desensitisation, abuse, cruelty, panic. Though these unhappy results are often presented as an inevitable outcome of employing P+, the truth is that these result from the use of poorly applied or extreme P+. If P+ was destructive to relationships, there would be no cohesive pack structure possible among canids. But dogs and wolves do use P+ and still have strong, affectionate, trusting relationships. Clearly then, the problem lies not with P+ itself, but in our application of it. Learning how to effectively use P+ requires that we look to our dogs for clues.

## **Learning about Punishment from Dogs Themselves – Suzanne Clothier**

Properly applied with good timing, clarity and appropriateness of scale (something any socially skilled dog does with an ease that leaves human trainers in awe), P+ makes increasing subtlety of gesture possible. Having used P+ to convince Ruby to nap elsewhere, Carson will not have to escalate the punishment the next time. In fact, she will be able to use less to make the same point. As Ruby learns to read Carson more accurately, the stillness coupled with a hardening eye will be sufficient warning. Dog language is built around nuance and subtlety.

But it is in nuance and subtlety where we often fail in our application of P+. We do not start with stillness and shifts in our eyes and breathing. Often, we begin where Carson ended – grabbing for Ruby and "correcting" her. The puppy has no chance to learn that there are subtleties that should be heeded. From the dog's perspective, we rocket from completely unconcerned to furious action without warning – a scary situation for a dog that can and does erode the relationship. There's no appropriate beginning to our scale of warnings, and no way to back up from there; we are crude, unsophisticated communicators who do not observe proper canine protocol of escalating warnings.

We can become better trainers through careful study of the nuances of how dogs do what they do, and employing the same subtlety in our own communications. Here's an example – Ruby approaches while I'm eating lunch. My first response is to stop chewing, hold my head very still and harden my eyes a bit. If ignored, I then very slowly turn my head toward Ruby, hardening my eyes further. Ignored, I lift a lip – just a bit – while still pointedly staring at the offender. Ignored, I growl and escalate the lip lift. Still ignored, I growl louder, longer, and finally, lunge toward her with a threat bark and an air snap. This effective and very "canine" approach does not ruin our relationship in any way. Ruby understands this because it matches what other dogs are also teaching her. Like the other dogs, eventually, I can just offer the stillness and hardened eyes as warning. No equipment or treats or clickers needed – just the power of natural interaction shaped in a way the dog can easily understand, without the emotional overtones often present in human/dog interactions.

When Ruby retreats and sits, I quickly switch to offer positive reinforcement for this desirable behaviour. Like all social creatures, dogs need two kinds of information from others. They need to know when they are right, and when they are wrong. Though some trainers refuse to give anything but positive responses, nothing in the dog's culture that supports that lopsided approach. A socially sophisticated dog becomes just that because other dogs told him both when he was right ("I'll keep playing with you since you're behaving nicely") and when he was wrong ("don't bump into me again!"). With a clear understanding of what is right and what is wrong, Ruby can make a choice.

Though we may pride ourselves on being positive trainers, we may be surprised to recognize that we do use punishment, however mildly, from time to time. "Timeouts," disengaging from too rough play, or simply withdrawing our attention from a dog – all are punishment, and all may be used as part of a humane approach. The use of punishment (+ or -) doesn't mean we are bad trainers. P+ is merely an "undesirable consequence"; we have the full responsibility for deciding how unpleasant that consequence will be. As with any consequence for a behaviour, we will be most successful as trainers when we employ P+ appropriately with awareness, and when we can move past our emotional response to the mere mention of punishment.

As dogs and other social animals show us, P+ may be used effectively without destroying the relationship. They also show us that timing, subtlety, appropriateness of scale, and clarity is the critical ingredients in influencing another's behaviour. When we learn from dogs, we learn from the best.







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- 1- Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- 2- Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.
- 3- There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
- 4- The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.
- 5- A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
- 6- There are more chickens than people in the world.
- 7- The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screeched."
- 8- On a Canadian two-dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament building is an American flag.
- 9- All of the clocks in the movie "Pulp Fiction" are stuck on 4:20.
- 10- No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.
- 11- "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".
- 12- Almonds are a member of the peach family.
- 13- There are only 4 words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.
- 14- A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
- 15- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- 16- Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
- 17- In most advertisements, the time displayed on a watch is 10:10.
- 18- Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.
- 19- The characters Bert & Ernie on Sesame Street were named after Bert the cop and Ernie the taxi driver in Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life."

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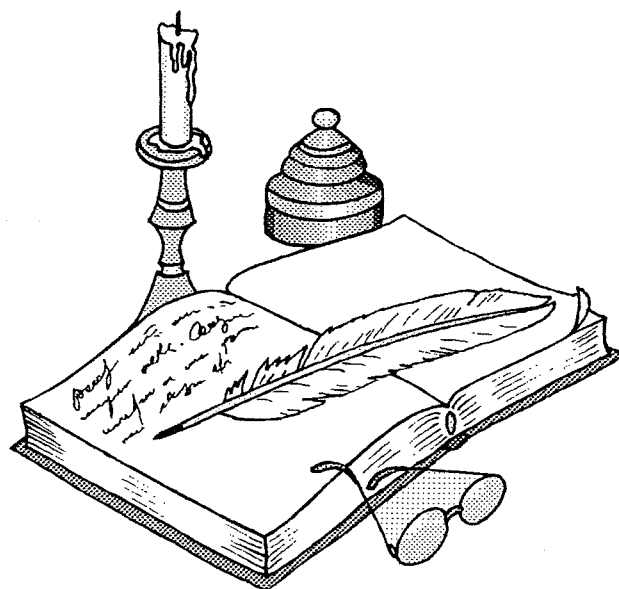
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## **GENERAL MEETING – 3 December 2002**

The following are recommendations from Committee, which are on the agenda for the General Meeting Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2002

### Amendment to Motion 84

Motion 84 reads -

‘that any members at a VCA sanctioned Obedience Trial, who gains a score of 90 points or more, be passed for the Beginners’ Obedience Certificate at Club level and that any Member who gains a score of 150 points in the Novice Class, qualifying in each exercise be passed for Basic Obedience Certificate at Club level. Score for each exercise to be marked on the reverse of the Exhibit Number Ticket and signed and date by the Judge on the day’.

### **Amendment**

‘that the words ‘be passed for the Merit Obedience Certificate’ be placed after 90 points or more, replacing ‘be passed for Beginners’ Obedience Certificate’.

### Roller door replacement

Recently all roller doors have been serviced by Bellarine Peninsula Garage Doors and they have recommended that the roller door on the Barwon River end of the Store room is in need of replacement. The lock is broken and the door becoming quite unstable.

### **Committee recommendation**

‘that the roller door on the Barwon River end of the Store room be replaced at an approximate cost of \$540.00’.

# "Puppy"

Sent in by Elaine Longshaw

"She keeps repeating it over and over again. We've been back to this shelter at least five times. It has been weeks now since we started all of this," the woman told the volunteer. "What is it she keeps asking for?" she asked. "Puppy size!" "Well, we have plenty of puppies, if that's what she's looking for". "I know. We have seen most of them", the Mom said in frustration.

Just then the young child came walking into the office. "Well, did you find one?" "No, not this time," she said with sadness in her voice. "Can we come back on the weekend?" The two women looked at each other, shook their heads and laughed.

"You never know when we will get more dogs. Unfortunately, there's always a supply", the volunteer said. The young child took her Mother by the hand and headed to the door. "Don't worry, I bet we'll find one this weekend", the child said.

Over the next few days both Mom and Dad had long conversations with her. They both felt she was being too particular. "It's this weekend, or we're not looking any more", Dad finally said in frustration. "We don't want to hear anything more about puppy size, either," Mom added.

Sure enough, they were the first ones in the shelter on Saturday morning. By now the young child knew her way around, so she ran right for the section that housed the smaller dogs. Tired of the routine, Mom sat in the small waiting room at the end of the first row of cages. There was an observation window so you could see the animals during times when visitors weren't permitted.

The young girl walked slowly from cage to cage, kneeling periodically to take a closer look. One by one the dogs were brought out and she held each one. One by one she said, "Sorry, you're not the one". It was the last cage on this last day in search of the perfect pup. The volunteer opened the cage door and the child carefully picked up the dog and held it closely. This time she took a little longer.

"Mom, that's it! I found the right puppy! He's the one! I know it!" she screamed with joy.

Mom, startled by all the commotion, came running. "What? Are you sure? How do you know?" she asked. "It's the puppy sighs!" "But it's the same size as all the other puppies you held the last few weeks," Mom said.

"No, not size ----- sighs. When I held him in my arms, he sighed", she said. "Don't you remember? When I asked you one day what love is, you told me love depends on the sighs of your heart. The more you love, the bigger the sighs!"

The two women looked at each other for a moment. Mom didn't know whether to laugh or cry. As she stooped down to hug the child, she did a little of both.

"Mom, every time you hold me, I sigh. When you and Daddy come home from work and hug each other, you both sigh. I knew I would find the right puppy if it sighed when I held it in my arms," she said. Then holding the puppy up close to her face she said, "Mom, he loves me. I heard the sighs of his heart."

Close your eyes for a moment and think about the love that makes you sigh. I not only find it in the arms of my loved ones, but in the caress of a sunset, the kiss of the moonlight and the gentle brush of cool air on a hot day.



## GENERAL MEETING

1 October 2002

Meeting opened: 9.00pm

**Apologies:** As per Annual General Meeting  
Acc: R Johnstone

Seconded: A Mackey

Carried

Minutes from the previous General Meeting as distributed in the Newsletter, taken as read  
Acc: L Kelleher

Seconded: J Brophy

Carried

### **Business arising from the Minutes**

1. **Grounds Lighting** – second quote received. Greg Keane Electrical  
B Elliott moved 'that we accept the quotes for grounds lighting'  
Seconded: C Humphreys

Carried

B Elliott moved 'that we do not proceed with the proposed grounds lighting'  
Seconded: F Lehrmann

Carried

2. **Dog boxes** – The dog boxes were again discussed and it was decided to proceed with the plan as reported in the Annual General Meeting Grounds Manager Report and that C Humphreys will draw up plans as soon as possible

3. **Breakwater Road fencing** – After a lengthy discussion. B Elliott moved 'that suitable fencing be placed along the Breakwater Road side of the grounds'  
Seconded: P Baker

Carried by majority

4. **Concealed Road sign** – As verbal approaches to Vic Roads have been unsuccessful Members asked that the Secretary write to City of Greater Geelong, Members of Parliament and Vic Roads expressing concern for Members safety

5. **Gas Heaters** – On advise from Morgan Gas & Electrics, heaters in the hall have been serviced but do not require replacement

**Correspondence Out:** Nil

**Correspondence In:** Greg Keane Electrical, Cottage by the Sea, Corio Bay Lions Club, Pet Expo

**Business arising from Correspondence**  
Nil

### **Treasurer's Report**

As per Annual General Meeting

### **Other Reports**

Reports as per Annual General Meeting

**Sub-Committee Reports** Nil

### **General Business**

#### **1. Non-Committee Elections**

**Bar Manager** one required no nomination received

Nomination called from the floor to fill the position. As there were no nominations it was suggest that A Chase, the previous Bar Manager be asked to fill the position again

**Display Team Leader** one required one nomination received D Dickeson duly elected

<b>Equipment Shop Manager</b>	one required	one nomination received	J Convery	duly elected
<b>Librarian</b>	one required	one nomination received	S Noblett	duly elected
<b>Assistant Librarian</b>	one required	one nomination received	P Pope	duly elected
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	one required	one nomination received	P Convery	duly elected
<b>Raffle Steward</b>	one required	one nomination received	J Wallace	duly elected
<b>Training Manager</b>	one required	one nomination received	B Thorogood	duly elected
<b>Training Supervisor</b>	one required	one nomination received	D Dickeson	duly elected
<b>Assist T Supervisors</b>	two required	one nomination received	K Ciezarek	duly elected

Nomination called from the floor to fill the second position. D Dickeson nominated A Wallace.

A Wallace accepted and as there were no further nominations, A Wallace was duly elected

**Web Master** one required no nomination received

Nomination called from the floor to fill the position. L Kelleher nominated H Green. H Green accepted and as there were no further nominations, H Green was duly elected.

## 2. Amendment to Motion 162

Motion 162 reads

‘that all recipients of Club Trialing and Agility Awards have to be active Club members and their dogs shall have been trained on our grounds under superviosr of Club Instructors’.

P Convery moved that the following amendment be made to Motion 162

‘that the words “for a minimum of 16 weeks of the Calender year” be inserted after “our grounds”’.

Seconded: J Convery

Carried

## 3. Aspiring Jugdes

D Dickeson moved ‘that the Club invite aspiring Judges to judge our Basic test on Promotion Day effective from 2003’.

Seconded: P Convery

Motion defeated

4. Replacement of Beginners’, Merit & Basic Certificates. B Elliott moved ‘that the Secretary replace the Beginners’, Merit & Basic Certificates with Certificates suitable to the computer printer’

Seconded: J Ball

Carried

5. P Convery nominated J Wayth to fill the sixth General Committee position.

Seconded: J Convery

J Wayth accepted

Carried

6. C Humphreys asked if the No Exit sign could be replace on the Entry gate. V Douglas to arrange

As there was no further business

Meeting closed: 9.50pm