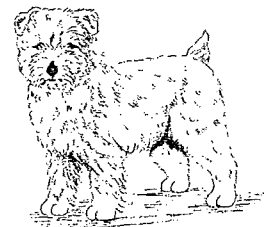
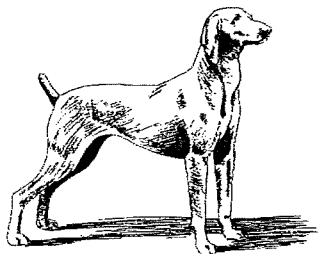
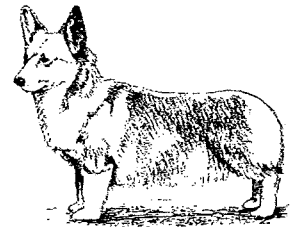
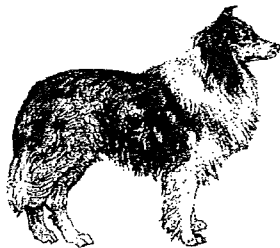
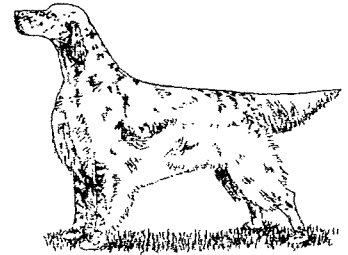
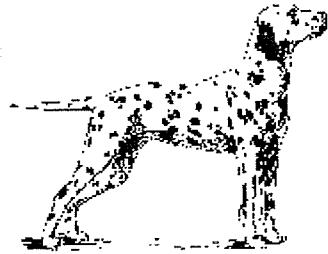


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CLUB CALENDAR

May

Thursday	1 May	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Friday	2 May	Trial Working Bee – commencing 5.30pm
Saturday	3 May	BACK-TO-BACK AGILITY TRIAL
Sunday	4 May	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Thursday	15 May	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	18 May	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 month.
Monday	19 May	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	25 May	Spirit of the West Challenge. Newsletter available.

June

Sunday	1 June	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	3 June	General Meeting – commencing 7.30pm. Guest speaker Dr Kim Lim – Canine Chiropractic
Thursday	5 June	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Sunday	8 June	Queen's Birthday weekend. NO TRAINING
Sunday	15 June	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Monday	16 June	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	22 June	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Sunday	29 June	Newsletter available
Monday	30 June	End of financial year for all departments. Trial entries close



Spirit of the West Challenge

Sunday 25th May

Each year our Club and Werribee Obedience Dog Club meet to compete for the Spirit of the West Shield. This year the competition will be held at our Club, so come along and enjoy a fun day and meet Members from Werribee.

Classes available for all Members, including our newest Members. The wooden spoon has been at Geelong for the past three years, it's time to send it back to Werribee again and you can help.

Class information and entry form, further on in this Newsletter.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi and welcome to all new Members.

Well we have had a very busy month. The new dog boxes are nearing completion and Members have told me they will be a welcome addition. The Dog Walk was a great success raising well in excess of the amount that was required to train the Hearing Dog. The extra money raised is to be donated to the Assistance Dogs for Independence to help train dogs for other people with disabilities. I would like to say a big thank you to Desma and Sandy for organizing this function and to all Members who walked and helped raise this magnificent sum.

Sandy also organized a fundraising day at the Waurm Ponds shopping center for the Red Cross Appeal. Members and their dogs raised over \$600.00 for this appeal – another great effort.

By the time you read this most of you will have been for your test, I hope there will be many passes and you all go up a grade.

Remember the Trial is on Saturday 3rd May. If you have not offered your help to Janelle, our Trial Secretary, please do so, her phone number is in this issue.

Happy and successful training
Arthur Thorogood – President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi everyone

Well, believe it or not we are approaching Membership renewals again, forms will be out in next month's Newsletter. Please make sure you complete all your details on the form so we can keep our Club records up to date and don't forget we need to sight current vaccination certificates again even if they have only been sighted recently. This year we have also included a place on the renewal form for your email address if you have one, in this age of electronic communication it is an easy way of contacting Members in flood situations where we need to cancel or move training.

Congratulations or commiserations to all those who were tested recently.

Best wishes
Pam Convery – Secretary

TRIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Thank you to all the Members who have offered their help for our back-to-back Agility Trials. This is usually a fairly demanding day and it is great to see so many Members willing to help.

Would also like to thank the Committee Members who made themselves available to help repack the Agility Trailer when we brought it back from Keilor on Easter Sunday. Don't forget to enter the Spirit of the West Challenge. Class descriptions and an entry form appear further on in this Newsletter.

Good luck to all Geelong Members who are entered in the Trial

Happy trialling
Janelle Convery – Trial Secretary

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SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

A huge thank you to the Members who took time to sell Hot X buns, we sold 170 1/2 dozen packs, which gave the club a profit of \$231.20. Thank you to those members who supported our club with this fundraiser. I hope you all had a great break and enjoyed your hot x buns over Easter.

I am currently investigating a social night of Ten Pin Bowling, perhaps sometime in May, so will soon have more details for you. If you have any ideas as to what you would like to have as a social function, please see me or let a Committee Member know

Leonie Kelleher – Social Secretary

PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT

On Sunday the 30th March we had our Walk-A-Thon and raised well above our target. The final amount \$2,669.70. Congratulations on your achievement. The day presented perfect weather and everyone seemed to cope with the 6km walk. We hope you all enjoyed the event and the success may make it an annual event.

These types of events only come together with the assistance of Committee/Instructors and Members willing to assist and organise, so a big thank you to you all.

Sandy Malady - Publicity Officer

CANTEEN MANAGER'S REPORT

Hello and welcome to Members new and old.

I thought I'd drop you a line to fill you in on what's been going on in the Canteen lately. As you may well know the sausage sizzle has been moved from weekly to fortnightly, this has been mainly to keep the sausage sizzle a novelty. I would like to thank the Members and their Instructors, who have come over to run the sausage sizzle, without your help we might not have one at all. Thank you very much.

Over the winter months, I am to offer more hot food, ie dim sims, soups, pies, pasties and of course with all the regular items still available, plus tea and coffee.

I would like to thank my helpers – Jill Mazengarb, Robyn Youl, Joan Rice and Mick Coles. If it wasn't for Joan Rice and Mick Coles running the Canteen for the morning sessions, Jill, Robyn and myself wouldn't be able to attend Class. Thank you guys for your time and patience, especially for the long awaited rosters.

I hope everyone had a safe and happy Easter. Good luck to all on Promotion Day.

Rachel Johnstone – Canteen Manager

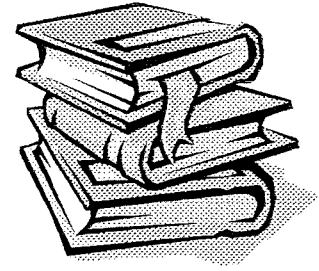
TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Congratulations and a huge thank you to everyone who participated in our recent Walk-a-thon which raised a magnificent total of \$2,669.70. Well done to everyone.

Desma Dickeson – Training Supervisor

Library News

Book Reviews – all the following books are available in the Club's Library, which is open 10.00am to 11.00am each Sunday



Competitive Obedience Training for the Small Dog

Barbara Cecil and Gerianne Darnell

The title of this book may be misleading, as there are many hints and tips, which could be of help to any Members who are training small dogs. The problems encountered by handlers with small dogs are often quite unique and unless you have had the experience with a small breed it is often difficult to offer solutions.

If you train a small dog, don't be put off by the title of this book. You may never intend aspiring to an Obedience Champion Title but help with your small Canine Companion maybe within the pages of this book



OBESITY AND OVERWEIGHT

Edmund R Dorosz BSA, DVM

Too much feasting and not enough fasting. Are we harming our pets with food? Maybe we are. Some foods are particularly harmful. Others maybe harmful when our dogs and cats overindulge. Foods like chocolates and onions are dangerous. Spices, salty and raw fish are not good. Too much consumption of all foods is harmful when it leads to obesity and overweight. We should be able to feel the ribs of our pets, with a light cover of body fat under the skin. If we cannot feel the ribs, they are overweight, too fat, obese!!!

Carry too much body fat very long is unhealthy. They will develop shortness of breath as all the internal organs are compressed. Overweight shortens their life expectancy and increases their chances of developing health problems. They are more susceptible to disease and injury including diabetes, liver and kidney problems. They are less able to exercise, play and enjoy life. There is no doubt; lean dogs and cats are healthier and live longer. We must be able to feel the ribs.

How did our pets get this way? One, eating too much for the amount that they require and two, not getting enough exercise. Consuming more calories than they need. The ancestral and wild cousins of our dogs and cats are on a cycle, feast and famine. As athletic individuals they hunted and caught prey, using up many calories in vigorous pursuit of their next dinner. After a successful hunt they feasted and stored energy – as body fat – for later. Then there was a famine. After feasting the ancestral and wild dogs and cats would now go for days with very little to eat, using up what they had stored as body fat, becoming lean and active in the process.

Our modern pets do not have to expend hundreds of calories hunting for their next meal, they may only have to get up and walk over to the dish for another feast. Not having the opportunity to burn off calories their body fat stays with them. In time this leads to obesity and problems. In other words, too much feasting, not enough exercise and not enough famine. A lean pet is a healthy, active and responsive pet.

If we have an overweight pet the way to lose weight is to feed less and exercise more. I believe the best way to lose weight is to feed top quality food in small amounts, often. Food such as liver, meat, eggs, cottage cheese and yoghurt for example are high quality foods that supply all the nutrients. The key is to feed small portions, often. Fat also has to be fed, but again, a little often. Fat is high in calories however, the dog and cat require fat for its body repair and daily operation. Fat also give the dog and cat a feeling of being full or satisfied. Feed small amounts of high quality food, often.

SLOW DANCE

Have you ever watched kids on a merry-go-round?
Or listened to the rain slapping on the ground?
Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight?
Or gazed at the sun into the fading night?
You better slow down, don't dance so fast.
Time is short. The music won't last.

Do you run through each day, on the fly?
When you ask, "How are you"? Do you hear the reply?
When the day is done, do you lie in your bed.
With the next hundred chores running through your head?

You'd better slow down Don't dance so fast.

Time is short. The music won't last.
Ever told your child, we'll do it tomorrow?
And in your haste, not seen his sorrow?

Ever lost touch, let a good friendship die.
Cause you never had time to call and say, "hi".
You'd better slow down. Don't dance so fast.
Time is short. The music won't last.

When you run so fast to get somewhere
You miss half the fun of getting there.
When you worry and hurry through your day,
It is like an unopened gift.... Thrown away.

Life is not a race. Do take it slower.
Hear the music before the song is over.

AN ODE TO OLD AGE

Author unknown

Just a line to say I'm living, that I'm not amongst the dead
Though I'm getting more forgetful and mixed up in my head
I've got used to my arthritis, to my dentures I'm resigned
I can manage my bifocals but oh God, I miss my mind

Sometimes I can't remember when I'm standing on the stair
If I'm going up for something or have just come down from there
Before the fridge so often my head is filled with doubt
Now did I put that food away or come to take it out?

Sometimes when it's dark and I've my nightcap on my head
I don't know if I'm retiring or just getting out of bed
If it's not my turn to write dear, I know you'll forgive me, for
I may have written already and don't want to be a bore

But as I stand beside the mailbox my face is very red
I didn't mail this off to you, I opened it instead

ODD SPOT

Author Unknown

When a burglar alarm went off at a grocery store,
German police saw two men and a dog running away.

"Stop, Police", they yelled.

The thieves ran but the dog obeyed, despite its masters' whistles.

Police arrested the robbers at the address on the dog's collar.

IDIOTS AT WORK:

I was signing the receipt for my credit card purchase when the clerk noticed I had never signed my name on the back of the credit card. She informed me that she could not complete the transaction unless card was signed. When I asked why, she explained that it was necessary to compare the signature I had just signed on the receipt. So I signed the credit card in front of her. She carefully compared the signature to the one I had just signed on the receipt. As luck would have it, they matched.

IDIOTS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD:

I live in a semi-rural area. We recently had a new neighbour call the local township administrative office to request the removal of the Deer Crossing sign on our road. The reason: too many deer were being hit by cars and he didn't want them to cross there anymore.

Leadership vs. Dominance: Who Leads Your Human-Canine Pack?

By Myrna Milani, BS, DVM

(Originally written for DogWatch, a newsletter for the general public from the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine)

More and more behaviorists and trainers seem to be talking about owners developing leadership skills, but I'm not exactly sure what that means, let alone how to do it. Can you tell me more?

Back in the early days of animal behavior, the idea that dominant animals ruled the pack with an iron paw (and teeth!) became firmly entrenched. However, the idea that the winner of the fight was the leader probably represents a human belief firmly entrenched in sports and politics which we imposed on animals rather than vice versa. Aside from the fact that the heavy-pawed approach didn't hold true once scientists began studying animals for longer periods of time, few owners who considered their dogs more like family members felt comfortable appropriating these force-based techniques for their own use.

To test your knowledge about dominance and leadership, take the following quiz: -

Two dogs, Salt and Pepper, meet each other for the first time. They sniff each other out and, because dogs need a stable pack structure in order to feel comfortable, Salt decides he should be leader of their pack of two. He puts his front paws on Pepper's shoulders, but Pepper refuses to go down and a fight ensues. Finally, Salt pins Pepper to the ground. Which dog is the leader?

Although we can say that Salt is the more dominant dog, we can't say anything about his leadership skills until the two dogs meet again. If when they do, Salt only needs to look at Pepper and Pepper immediately displays subordinate body language, then Salt can claim the leadership title. However, if Pepper doesn't back down and two dogs fight again, and even if Salt wins that and every other fight, Salt hasn't proven his leadership.

Thus the mark of a true leader is the ability to control without force. And, in fact, wild animals who rely on brute force to maintain their status typically get eliminated from the gene pool because this approach requires so much energy.

Within the human-canine pack, our dogs look to us to provide leadership. If we don't, they'll fill the void here, too. When pets lacking confidence find themselves in this position, we can appreciate why they become intolerant of visitors or other changes in the household, or become frantic when their human subordinates go off and leave them, or thunder assaults them from above.

How do you know if your dog recognizes you as leader? Think about the different ways you interact with your pet: Leaders initiate, followers react. How much time do you spend reacting to your dog? For example, every time Salt barks, his owner jumps up and takes him out. He then bolts through the door in front of her. When she comes home from work, he leaps up and carries on until she pays attention to him. He leans against her, licks, nudges, and paws her when she reads or watches television, and won't stop until she pets him or tells him to stop.

But if she tells him to stop these canine leadership displays and he does, doesn't that mean she's the leader? Not if the behavior persists. If Salt repeats the negative behavior, her commands simply become part of the process that reaffirms his leadership status, not hers.

What can owners do to put themselves back in charge?

- First, ignore pushy behaviors.

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- Second, don't do anything for the dog until he does something for you first; if Salt wants attention, he must sit or hold a down for five minutes first. That display earns him a pat and a simple, "Good dog," not a gushing, treat-punctuated outpouring that most dogs equate with human subordination rather than leadership.
- Third, set the dog up to choose to do the right thing rather than become involved in power struggles after the pushy behavior occurs.
- Fourth, only give a command once; repeating it merely teaches the dog not to obey.

Practically all dogs will cede the leadership position and all the negative fear-based behaviors that go with it if their owners consistently relate to them as leaders long enough for the animals to internalize this change in the pack structure. After all, dogs weren't designed to police up a pack of humans who live in complex environments and come and go as they please. However, assuming this role often requires that humans change beliefs about their relationships with their dogs. Owners who choose to believe that force works or that pushy canine behaviors communicate love can never function as true leaders in their human-canine packs. Under those circumstances, we can only hope that the dog lives in an environment where this doesn't lead to avoidable canine behavioral and medical problems. Want your dog to recognize you as leader? Then act like a true leader first.



Fernfall Sail Away CD 'Bailey'

Owned and loved by Bree & Jason Schammer

Bailey came into our life about 2 years ago. He was a little fluffy puppy!

His enthusiasm, eagerness to please and wagging tail no matter what the task, makes him a fantastic dog to work with. He has a heart of 'gold'.

Together, we were able to tackle the Novice ring 3 times, for 3 passes. Our first 2 were at Portland Trial where he won the ring on the first day then came 2nd on the second day. After a break we came back at Ballarat Trial, where we got our 3rd pass and 3rd in the ring, with Highest Scoring Geelong Member, thus gaining our CD title.

We'd like to thank:-

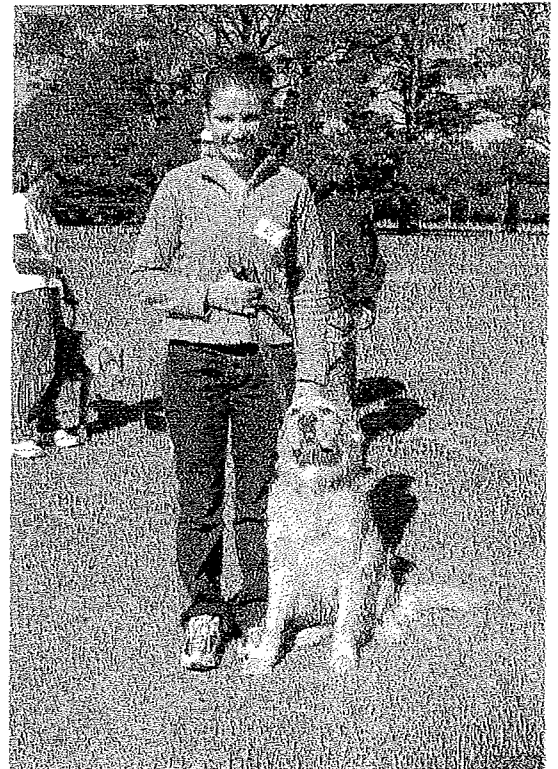
Jason, for his encouragement and patience! It's not easy living in a house full of furry friends! Jo-anne Hamilton, for all her help since Bailey was a puppy, and her ongoing support and friendship.

Jane Fall, for breeding this wonderful dog!

And all our trialing friends and their dogs, who cheer us on!

Bailey is now going to take a break from the Obedience ring to do some Agility Trials, but he'll be back later in the year to tackle the Open ring.

Bree & Bailey



UPCOMING TRIALS

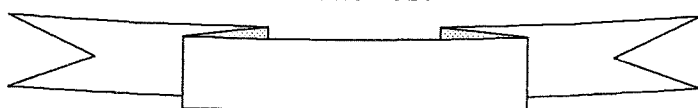
JUNE

SUN 1 ST	OBEDIENCE TRIAL	KEILOR OBEDIENCE DOG TRAINING CENTRE
	ENDURANCE TEST	MURRAY VALLEY OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC
SAT 7 TH	OBEDIENCE TRIAL	BAIRNSDALE DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB
	TRACKING TRIAL	GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF VICTORIA INC
SUN 8 TH	OBEDIENCE TRIAL	EAST GIPPSLAND OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC
	TRACKING TRIAL	GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF VICTORIA INC
MON 9 TH	OBEDIENCE & DOUBLE	
	AGILITY TRIAL	GIPPSLAND OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB
	TRACKING TRIAL	GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF VICTORIA INC
SAT 14 TH	ENDURANCE TEST	DALMATIAN CLUB OF VICTORIA INC
	TRACKING TRIAL	SOUTHERN OBEDIENCE DOG TRAINING CLUB
	AGILITY TRIAL (2)	AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB OF VICTORIA INC
SUN 15 TH	TRACKING TRIAL	SOUTHERN OBEDIENCE DOG TRAINING CLUB
SAT 21 ST	TRACKING TRIAL	BENDIGO OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB
SUN 22 ND	OBEDIENCE TRIAL	BROADMEADOWS OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC
	TRACKING TRIAL	BENDIGO OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB
MON 23 RD	TRACKING TRIAL	BENDIGO OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB
SAT 28 TH	TRACKING TRIAL	EASTERN SUBURBS OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB
	OBEDIENCE TRIAL	HASTINGS & DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB
	ENDURANCE TEST	GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF VICTORIA INC
SUN 29 TH	OBEDIENCE TRIAL	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF VICTORIA INC
	TRACKING TRIAL	EASTERN SUBURBS OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB

JULY

SAT 5 TH	TRACKING TRIAL	MURRAY VALLEY OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC
	AGILITY TRIAL	SUNBURY & DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC
SUN 6 TH	OBEDIENCE TRIAL	GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF VICTORIA INC
	TRACKING TRIAL	MURRAY VALLEY OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC
SAT 12 TH	TRACKING TRIAL	TRACKING CLUB OF VICTORIA INC
SUN 13 TH	OBEDIENCE TRIAL	GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC
	TRACKING TRIAL	TRACKING CLUB OF VICTORIA INC
MON 14 TH	TRACKING TRIAL	TRACKING CLUB OF VICTORIA INC
SAT 19 TH	AGILITY TRIAL (2)	WESTERN PORT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC
	TRACKING TRIAL	GIPPSLAND OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC
SUN 20 TH	AGILITY TRIAL (2)	NORTHERN OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC
	TRACKING TRIAL	GIPPSLAND OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC
MON 21 ST	TRACKING TRIAL	GIPPSLAND OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC
SUN 27 TH	AGILITY TRIAL (2)	BERWICK OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC

“Highest Scoring Geelong Member” sashes are available at the highlighted Trials. Please note these are Highest Scoring sashes not Highest Qualifying sashes.





RED CROSS COLLECTION DAY

On Sunday 29th March the Club collected for the Red Cross Appeal at the Waurin Ponds Shopping Centre. Once again it was a very successful morning. We collected a total \$696.45, which was well up from last years total of \$430.05. Of course we would not be this successful without the help of our Members, who gave up three hours on a Saturday morning. It was also good to see the involvement of new members. I would like to pass on a thank you and congratulations to you and your dogs for your achievement and we look forward to seeing you there next year.

Sandy Malady - Publicity Officer



NEW MEMBERS

The Committee, Instructors and Members would like to welcome the following new Members, we hope you achieve your goals with your canine companions.

6/04/2003

Meade Janet	Emery Misty	White Lynne	Walsh Family
Williams Juliet/Bethyne Bill		Watts Anthony	
Smith Darryl/Beckwith Kristy		Feeney Clare/Rane Vinay	
Smith Janette	Nash Matthew/Whitehand Amy		Reid Family
Lowry Family	Knowles Patricia	Chiller Family	Warren Family
Connley Belinda/Lucas Matthew		Wood Family	Edwards Amy/Hand Mark
Wilkinson Joy	Pedri Janelle	Canny Family	Slattery Sandra/Petrovic Roman
Groom Elisabeth			

23/03/2003

Reinert Lily	Markov Jessica	McDonald Family	Renwick Family
Blakey Family			

2/03/2003

Woods Michael	Garrard Sandy	McFadden Family	
Cardodo Maria/Freeman Michael		Edwards David/Lambert Cindy	
Cameron Family	Stelling Family	Gray Family	Hewitt Jeanette
Ross Family	Smith Judy	Andrews Justin/Poyner Amanda	
Roberson Helen	Virgona Family	Hills Veronica	Bolton Julie
Florescu Family	Cunningham Melissa	Denning Family	Kerr Ryan/Smith Leonie
Glessing Family	Smith Family	Johnstone Jane/Coles Mick	
Niemann Dieter/Bond Jenny			



TRIAL RESULTS

Ballarat Open Obedience Trial – 5th April 2003

Bree Schammer	"Bailey" – Fernfall Sail Away	Golden Retriever 3 rd Place	Novice 3 rd Pass
		Highest Scoring Geelong Member CD Title	

Weimaraner Club of Vic – 12th April 2003

Helen Green	"Bella" - Ch Wameika Dentelle	Brittany 1st place	Encouragement Pass
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Agility Club of Vic – 20th April 2003

Morning

Trish Gavaghan	"Meg" – Lindenbrae Wildrose Tyra AD JD Open Jumping	Border Collie 4 th Pass
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Afternoon

Trish Gavaghan	"Meg" – Lindenbrae Wildrose Tyra AD JD Open Jumping	Border Collie 5 th Pass	JDX Title
Libby Hotchin	"Sorcha" – Ch Jarrebor Tara's Radiance CDX AD JD ET Open Jumping	Border Collie 1 st Pass	

PROFILE OF A LIFE MEMBER

Meinhard Breiberg

Born on the 1st of May 1925 in Estonia, he grew up in an orphanage under a very strict regime. He was drafted into the Army in the latter part of World War 2 and as his Estonian units served under German command he spent some time in a prison camp after the allies captured Germany. During his days in Germany he met his wife Maria and they migrated to Australia in 1952.

Life had been hard for young Meinhard so far, but it taught him to stand on his own feet, be independent and speak up when it was needed, as we all know. Living in hostels at the beginning and working at Ford Geelong and like so many migrants in the early 50's bought a block of land in Separation Street known as "Little Europe" in those days. Starting with a dwelling, which is now his garage, he set out to build a house for his young family – a solid brick/concrete house.



With little money he had to do just about everything himself. He found himself a bricklayer's labourer job and taught himself to be an excellent "brickie", which is evident in our Clubhouse.

During his orphanage days he had to work on farms and also with farm dogs, so he always wanted a dog for himself. Christmas 1968 his family gave him a Collie pup. He named him "Scotty" and joined our Club in May 1969. By the end of '69 he already had two passes towards his CD under his belt. Scotty always went to work with Meinhard on building sites and one day walked straight off a 2 metre high verandah and damaged both front feet. It was then discovered that the dog was nearly blind. Despite this handicap he obtained his CD Title in July 1970 at our new ground onto which we recently had moved.

Talks began to get the Clubroom and after some closer discussion about either a steel garage or brick building, Meinhard volunteered (or was he conned?) to be the builder/bricklayer. With only about \$600.00 in the Club account it was a challenge. Without the generous supply of roughly 1,200 bricks, the sand and cement on top of his free labour we would never have achieved our goal. He also conned enough timber from the carpenters on his jobs to do the entire roof. It took 2 years (2 weekends working, 1 weekend free) with a small band of helpers from the digging of the foundation by hand to the grand opening of the rooms in November 1973.

In the meantime, Meinhard got himself a new Collie "Helgoland Upsilon" called "Kimbo" which he also trained to a CD Title. Unfortunately he also suffered a "workplace related injury". He cut the tendons to the toes on his left front paw and therefore could not go on to compete in CDX. Sadly Kimbo was possibly the first casualty to the then unknown Parvo virus, he was only 6 years old.

With all this Meinhard was truly entrenched in the Club. He served as President for 2 years in the late '70s. He was Training Supervisor for 1 year and also led the Demo Team for 6 or 7 years with great success. During his many years as Grounds Manager he built much of the Trial Equipment that was needed as the Trials grew bigger with the biggest drawing over 300 entries. And all the time, from the early '70s he was also an Instructor from which he withdrew only last year due to some attitudes by certain people. He now trains and competes in Trials with "Benno", his new Collie Rough – age nearly 2 years. Meinhard was and still is a truly staunch Club person who hopes that certain attitudes will change or disappear so he can once again enjoy being an Instructor and pass on his knowledge to new Members.

Fred Lehrmann

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR TRAINING

Being punctual

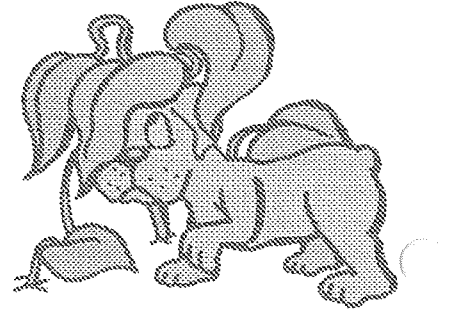
Try to arrive at the Club 15 minutes before your Class begins, this gives your dog time read the “doggy newspaper” (sniff the trees) and settle down ready for Class. Handlers, their dogs and Instructors should be in their Class area 5 minutes before the Class time.

When and When not

The time for effective training is when you have ample time and aren't distracted by other concerns, not when you are tired or not feeling well. Often we can transfer negative feelings down the lead to our dog, which leads to confusion for our canine friend and frustration for you when the session is less than successful.

Smoking, perfume and deodorants

Strong perfume, deodorants and smoking can overpower a canine's acute sense of smell. Obviously, teaching your dog to avoid you or feel discomfort, doesn't lead to successful training



No “Sunnies” either

Leave your sunglasses at home. Contact is a vital training tool and eye contact tops the list. A dog that can't see your eyes will eventually stop trying.

Feeding

Don't exercise or work your dog sooner than an hour after feeding. Doing so can cause cramps and lessen performance. A hungry dog works better.

Plan to succeed not to fail

Remember the six P's. **P**rior **P**lanning **P**revents **P**itifully **P**oor **P**erformance. Effective training results from planning your training, not just approaching it in a haphazard fashion.

Be consistent

Be consistent with your training schedule. Plan to train at least 4 or 5 days a week, not just Sunday mornings. You may need a day off, but your canine companion doesn't. Properly planned training will have your dog looking forward to training sessions.

How long?

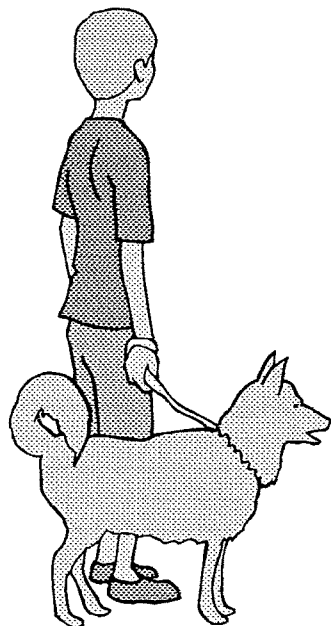
Short sessions with play in between will keep your pet interested. Utilise your daily walks to practice a sit, drop and stand.

End on a high

End each training session on a positive note with your dog performing an exercise successfully; pick an easy exercise that you know he does well. Never end on a failure, this can create a negative approach to training.

Focus and attention

When you are training, focus your full attention on your dog and the exercise. How can you expect your dogs full attention if your attention is elsewhere?



Obedience training is teamwork – you and your dog working together.

German Spitz



General Appearance: Compact, short coupled and well knit with an almost square outline. Firm condition, the profuse off-standing coat not disguising any lack of substance.

Characteristics: The German Spitz is intelligent, active and alert. Its buoyancy, independence and devotion to the family are the breed characteristics.

Temperament: Happy, equable disposition, showing confidence, with no sign of nervousness or aggression.

Head and Skull: Medium large, broad and nearly flat skull when viewed from above, and narrowing in a wedge shape to the nose. Stop moderately defined; muzzle approximately half the length of head. Cheeks clean. Flews tight, no trace of lippiness.

Nose: Black in Black, White and Black/white parti-colours. Self colour as compatible with coat colour in other colour varieties. Never parti-

colour or pink.

Eyes: Medium size, oval shaped and obliquely set. Not too wide apart. Always dark with black rims in blacks, white, black/white parti-colours, black/tan bi-colours. As dark as compatible with coat colour in other colour varieties.

Ears: Small triangular and set rather high. Perfectly erect.

Mouth: A perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping the lower teeth and set square to the jaws. Black lips in black, white, black/white parti-colours, black/tan bi-colours. Colour as compatible in other colour varieties.

Neck: Clean, moderately short and well set into the shoulders.

Forequarters: Moderately sloping shoulder, upper arm of sufficient length to ensure elbow is vertically below point of withers, turning neither in nor out. Well-boned, straight legs. Pasterns strong and flexible.

Body: Length from point of shoulder to point of buttock equal to height at withers; short, well developed loin. Moderate tuck up. Well ribbed and rounded. Distance from brisket to ground not less than half the height from ground to withers. Topline level. Hindquarters: Moderate angulation with hocks moderately well let down. Neither cow hocked nor wide behind.

Feet: Small, rounded cat-like with well-arched toes.

Tail: Set high, curled right up from root, lying curled over back.

Gait/Movement: Moving without exaggeration from any angle. Straight coming and going. Viewed from side, effortless, brisk action, retaining topline.

Coat: Double coat consisting of soft woolly undercoat and long harsh textured perfectly straight top coat covering the whole of the body. Very abundant around neck and forequarters with a frill of profuse off-standing straight hair extending over the shoulders. Forelimbs well feathered tapering from elbows to pasterns. Hindlimbs feathered to hocks. Ears covered with soft short hair. Hair on face smooth and short. Tail profusely covered with long spreading hair. This is not a trimmed breed and evidence of trimming and shaping, other than tidying of the feet, anal area and legs below the hocks unacceptable.

Colour: All colour varieties and markings acceptable. Butterfly pigment not permitted with any colour.

Size: Kleins 23-29 cms (9 - 11 ½ inches) Mittels 30-38 cms (12 - 15 inches) Dogs masculine, bitches feminine.



SPIRIT OF THE WEST CHALLENGE

Sunday 25th May 2003 commencing at 10.30 am

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC
BREAKWATER ROAD, BELMONT COMMON

Check in time – 9.45 am to 10.15 am. Classes are available for ALL members, including puppies

ENTRY FEE – AGILITY - \$2.00, OBEDIENCE - \$2.00, JUNIOR HANDLERS & VETERANS - FREE
INCLUDES A SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH

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

SUNDAY 18TH MAY 2003

Please ask your Instructor if you are in doubt as to which class to enter

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

CLASS FIVE

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

CLASS SIX

Full Novice exercises for untitled dogs

CLASS SEVEN

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

CLASS EIGHT

Full Open exercises for untitled dogs

CLASS NINE

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

CLASS TEN

Full Utility exercises

CLASS ELEVEN – AGILITY CLASS – commencing at 10.30 am

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

Judging at completion of competition while scores are being tallied

CLASS TWELVE – JUNIOR HANDLERS

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

CLASS THIRTEEN – VETERANS CLASS

For dogs 7 years or over. Exercises will be provided on the day.

"SPIRIT OF THE WEST" ENTRY FORM

HANDLER'S NAME _____

DOG'S NAME _____

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

INSTRUCTOR _____ **DOG'S DATE OF BIRTH (Veterans)** _____

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

NAME _____

STEWARD

JUDGE

CLASS PREFERRED _____
(If possible)