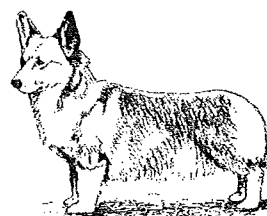
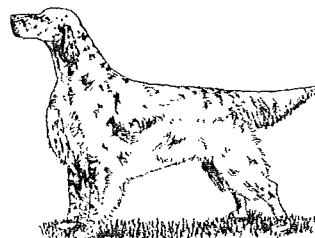
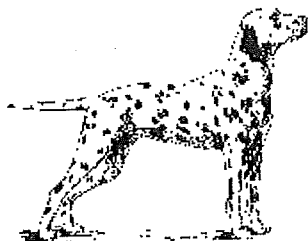


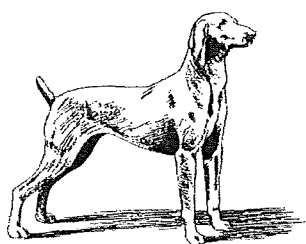
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## Club Calendar

### August

Sunday	3 August	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	5 August	<b>General Meeting – 8.00pm</b>
Thursday	7 August	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Friday	15 August	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	17 August	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	18 August	<b>Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm. Distribution of Nominations Forms for Training Supervisor.</b>
Sunday	31 August	Newsletter available

### September

Thursday	4 Sept	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Sunday	7 Sept	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	9 Sept	<b>Committee and Non-Committee nominations close</b>
Monday	15 Sept	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Wed	17 Sept	<b>Nominations close for Training Supervisor</b>
Sunday	21 Sept	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	22 Sept	<b>Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm. Election of Training Supervisor</b>
Tuesday	23 Sept	<b>Life Membership nominations close</b>
Sunday	28 Sept	<b>PROMOTION DAY.</b> Newsletter available



# GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August

Commencing at 8.00pm

All Members are welcome. This is your opportunity to be involved in the running of your Club

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**Committee for 2002/2003**

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

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### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Hi and welcome to all new Members.

Well, the past two months have seen a lot of activity around the Club. The new dog boxes have been finished and have had a great deal of use. A big thank you to all the Members involved in their construction.

Our two day Trials were a great success and I had many comments from other Club's Members – all very positive. Once more, a thank you to the Members who assisted as Stewards, Canteen helpers and Ground staff. The two days went like clockwork and this all comes down to our Trial Secretary – Janelle Convery – a great job, well done.

The next big day will be Promotion Day and we hope to see a lot of passes on the day, so good luck to all. We also had a presentation to Leopold Lions Club of the extra money raised through to Dog Walk, for training a Hearing Dog and hope this cash will assist in the training of more dogs.

Hope you all have some success

**Arthur Thorogood – President**

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Hi everyone,

Just a quick report. Membership renewals are almost complete and as usual it has been the busiest time of the year in the Office. Thank you to all the Members who came down on a Thursday to renew, it certainly helped the Office chaos of a Sunday morning. In next month's Newsletter there will be a statistics report on the Membership and also a questionnaire, which I hope you will take the time to complete and return, as it will help us provide the service you are looking for when you join the Club.

Included in this Newsletter is the Annual General Meeting notice and Nomination Forms for the various positions, both Committee and Non-Committee, which will all become vacant at the Annual General Meeting. Some Members have already expressed their desire not to stand again so as usual the Club will be looking for people to fill those positions. If you are interested or would just like further information, position descriptions are available from the Office for all positions.

Hope you all had a successful day at the Promotion Day.

**Pam Convery – Secretary**

### **TRIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Firstly, I would like to offer a very sincere thank you to all the Members who worked so hard to make our Trial weekend such a success. It is the first time we have attempted 2 Trials, a Dinner and a Seminar all in the one weekend and without your help it just wouldn't have been possible. All reports from the Trials have been positive and those who attended the Dinner and Seminar thought the food was excellent and Margaret Deakes a very informative and entertaining speaker. Now it is on to our next back-to-back effort in November.

It is also time to remind our Trial Members to make sure they get their Trial results in for the end of the year Trophies and if you have gained a Title this year make sure your name is on the list for your Title Medallion. There are also Members who have either not updated their photos on the Clubroom Photo Gallery, or haven't provided photos for the Gallery, so could we please get these attended to as soon as possible.

Best wishes for your Trial success

**Janelle Convery – Trial Secretary**

**TRAINING SUPERVISOR**

I am running late yet again so apologies to all. However, I've sure you have been practicing hard for the Promotion Day held earlier this morning – hopefully there were not too many disappointed people after the test.

Congratulations to all who passed and now move up into the next Class where the training gets harder. As we only train you (not your dog as that is your responsibility) for an hour each Sunday, the onus is on you to practice for a few minutes every day to achieve the good results that you are aiming for.

Recently, most of the Instructors attended 2 Seminars – with a 3<sup>rd</sup> yet to come in September – both Seminars were given by very experienced and informative speakers and I am sure we have all learnt something new that can apply to training – I certainly hope so.

The Puppy Kinder continues each month with lots of fun and learning – thanks to Kath who helps out each week (when she's not holidaying in Bali).

A short time ago the ranks of Instructors were depleted due to work commitments and illness, so Classes swelled in size as the remaining Instructors took on all the extra work – a fantastic effort and a job well done – thank you team!

Remember everyone, love your dogs

**Desma Dickeson – Training Supervisor**



Notice is hereby given to all Members of  
**Geelong Obedience Dog Club**

that the

**Annual General Meeting**

will be held on

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

commencing at

**8.00pm**

at the Clubrooms

Breakwater Road Belmont Common

All Members are welcome to attend

# NEW MEMBERS

The Committee, Instructors and Members would like to welcome the following new Members who have joined the Club recently. We hope you enjoy training your canine companion

## 6/07/2003

Riddell Lauren/Ross-Dixon Shayne	Carlile Will/Clark Gemma
Roberts Family                      Keegan Family	Coulson Family                      Ireland Simon/Ryan Clare
McCarthy Rachel/Neugebauer Michael	Hepburn Jarrod/Allan Nikki
Mitchell Family                      Rogers Family	Watson Anne                      Clonan Family
McCarthy Tennille/Stewart Lance	Greenhill Family
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## 22/06/2003

Aisbett Karen	Florescu Family	Freimuth Alex	Hester Family
Feaver Family	Guinane Paul	Crawford Family	O'Hara Family
Hume Jenny			

## 1/06/2003

Tesoriero Andrew/Williams Julie	Fledman Amber/Butcher Adam
Hunter Ross/Bidlo Rhonda	Kowalski Sue                      Bursac Sasha
Williams Tristin/Ribic Natalie	Stanley Lindsay                      Joselin Family
McColl Family                      McPherson Family	O'Loughlin Family                      Haines Family
Jenkins Kristie/Riddell Shane	Uebergang Vicki                      Wood Family
Crouch Family                      Farrall Megan	

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## TARGETING

Reprinted from Dogs Life (July/August) - Author Karin Bridge  
Indoor Winter Activities article. (Available in the Club Library)

Targeting is a very useful and an easy skill to teach your dog and requires very little space. The easiest thing to teach your dog to "target" is your hand. You want to get your dog to touch your hand with his nose whenever you present it in a special way – such as a fist rather than a normal open hand.

To start, put a treat in your hand and close it to form a fist. Standing just in front of your dog, drop your fist down a few inches from his nose. It is highly likely that your dog will reach forward and sniff.

Immediately praise and give your dog the treat. Repeat, this time with your fist a little further away, so your dog must move a little to reach out and 'touch' the target – again, reward immediately. If your dog fails to reach for the target quickly, take your hand away, move around a few steps then try again. Your hand dropping in and out of his line of vision is likely to attract him, as too the smell of the treat, so if he hasn't noticed your hand, don't just leave it dangling – remove it and try again. If your timing is good and your treats are tasty, your dog will soon be moving several feet to touch his nose to your fist.

### Targeting – Author Karin Bridge (continued)

The next step is to remove the treat from your hand and repeat, keeping the rest of your gestures exactly the same. If your dog touches your fist – reward immediately from the other hand. This way your dog is learning that even though he may not be able to smell a treat in your fist, he will still get a reward for reaching out and touching.

When your dog is reliably touching your hand every time it is presented, you can add your 'cue word' – "touch". You can make this exercise harder by holding your hand up high so he has to jump for it, or down low so he has to crawl under a coffee table or chair. Swap hands, making sure your dog is happy to move towards either hand.

Now you have an invisible lead or lure which can direct your dog toward you wherever you are. Targeting is the most common method of training and handling performance animals such as seals, dolphins and other animal actors. Once your dog understands the principles of targeting, you can extend his repertoire to lots of other desired behaviours.



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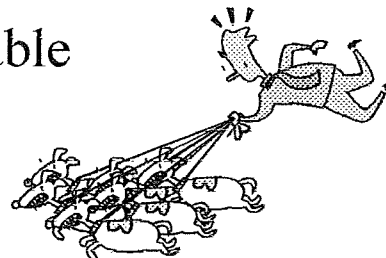
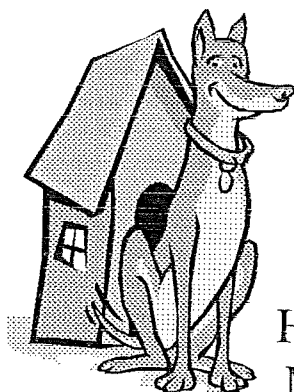
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### CLOSED

Christmas Day, New Year's Day and  
Good Friday

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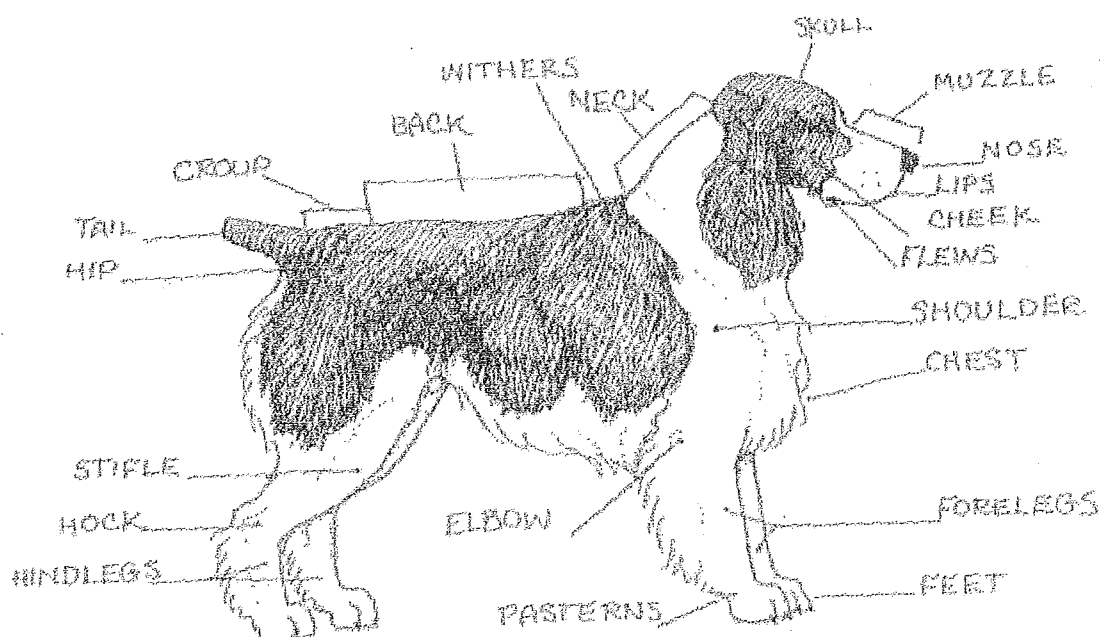
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## A Letter to your Dogs

Dear Dogs,

When I say to move, it means go someplace else, not switch positions with each other so there are still two dogs in the way.

The dishes with the paw print are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food. Please note, placing a paw print in the middle of my plate and food does not stake a claim for it becoming your food and dish, nor do I find that aesthetically pleasing in the slightest.

The stairway was not designed by Nascar and is not a racetrack. Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help, because I fall faster than you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king size bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue to sleep on the couch to ensure your comfort. Look at videos of dogs sleeping; they can actually curl up in a ball. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximize space used is nothing but doggy sarcasm.

My compact discs are not miniature Frisbees.

For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, and try to turn the knob, or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. I must exit through the same door I entered. In addition, I have been using bathrooms for years. Canine attendance is not mandatory.

Signed

The one who feeds you

# John Baird

Dip. Bowtech

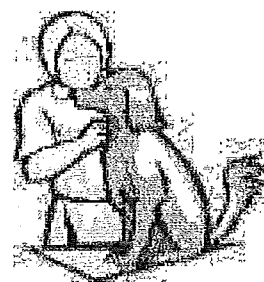
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## EVERY FAILURE IS A STEP CLOSER TO SUCCESS

Author Unknown

Experiencing failure is inevitable on your journey to be successful.

Every defeat is merely an installment to victory.

People who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed.

You won't be judged by the number of times you fail, but by the number of times you succeed.

You'll find that the number of times you succeed is in direct proportion to the number of times you fail and keep trying.

Failure is nothing but education, nothing but the first step to something better.

You can't be a winner and be afraid to lose.

## 30 Years what a difference

1972: Long hair

2002: Longing for hair

1972: Acid rock

2002: Acid reflux

1972: Growing pot

2002: Growing pot belly

1972: Trying to look like Marlon Brando or Liz Taylor

2002: Trying NOT to look like Marlon Brando or Liz Taylor

1972: Seeds and stems

2002: Roughage

1972: Going to a new, hip joint

2002: Receiving a new hip joint



1972: Rolling Stones

2002: Kidney Stones

1972: Being called into the principal's office

2002: Calling the principal's office

1972: Parents begging you to get your hair cut

2002: Children begging you to get their heads shaved

## **Trial Results**

### **GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB**

**Saturday 12 July 2003**

P Baker	Tillsun Master Key (Amigo)	Australian Shepherd	Encmnt	Pass
D Mottram	Torlum Firdyme Lucky (Moss)	Flat Coated Retriever	Novice	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
S Malady	Casper Rose (Casper)	Associate	Novice	3 <sup>rd</sup> Pass
				<b>CD Title</b>
				2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
				2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
B Jackson	Shepbrae Van Lyn CD (Tess)	GSD	Open	NQ
H Read	Sugargum Fort Bowie CDX TD ET (Cobber)	Australian Shepherd	Utility	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
S Baird	Dual Ch (T) Jahzorn Brilliant N Blue CDX (Rasa)	Rottweiler	Utility	NQ
J Mayhew	Nahren Force Majeure CDX (Tara)	Rottweiler	Utility	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
				3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
				1 <sup>st</sup> Pass
				1 <sup>st</sup> Place

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**Sunday 13 July 2003**

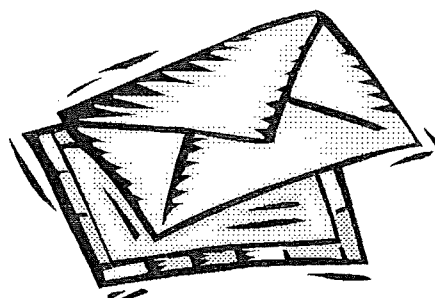
L Hopkins	Lara Jumping Bunny (Jessie)	Associate	Encmnt	NQ
P Baker	Tillsun Master Key (Amigo)	Australian Shepherd	Encmnt	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
S Malady	Casper Rose (Casper)	Associate	Novice	NQ
B Jackson	Purdella Fire Robin CD (Kelly)	GSD	Open	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
C Walter	Kellick Riana Rose CD (Riana)	Flat Coated Retriever	Open	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
				2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
				NQ
				3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
				2 <sup>nd</sup> Pass
				2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
H Read	Sugargum Fort Bowie CDX TD ET (Cobber)	Australian Shepherd	Utility	NQ
				1 <sup>st</sup> Place

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#### **ROCKY ROAD RECIPE**

2 packets chopped Marshmallows (quality does not matter)  
 ½ cup chopped peanuts (or nuts of your choice)  
 ½ cup shredded coconut  
 1 packet honeycomb (quality does not matter)  
 250gms (approx) melted Milk Chocolate  
 150gms (approx) melted Dark Chocolate

Definitely recommended by all who tried it at the Trial!!!!



# **Canine Playtime**

## **All work and no play makes Fido a dull dog**

### **Can dogs not know how to play?**

*Q: We adopted a dog from a shelter last month. She isn't very playful and she doesn't seem to know how. How can a dog not know how to play?*

A: Dogs learn to play from each other. A dog that hasn't had much socialisation or attention may have to be taught how. It won't be hard to teach your dog to play if you won't mind acting a little silly!

Dogs invite each other to play using body language. They bow, wiggle and bark. Try this with your dog: get down on your hands and knees or as close to her level as you can. Bend your elbows and lower your head, then bark! She'll probably tip her head and look at you as though you're nuts. Bounce up and down on your elbows a little and bark some more. Make it a "happy" bark, not a gruff one.

After a minute or two, she might start to bark back. This is your cue to run away! Run a few steps, turn back toward your dog, get down, bark and invite her to play again. Then run a few steps more and repeat the whole process. Even the most socially deprived dog will respond eventually. She may be a little clumsy at first and unsure about what to do, but she'll catch on!

### **What about playing "tug of war" with my dog?**

*Q: I've heard that I shouldn't play tug-of-war or wrestle with my dog. Why not?*

A: We used "dog language" to teach your dog how to play. Some games have a different meaning in dog language than they do in people language.

Puppies wrestle with each other as soon as they can walk. Wrestling and play fighting is fun for dogs although it can sound very fierce to us. But these games are more than just fun for the puppies; they help determine the pecking order of the litter's pack. The most dominant puppy usually comes out "pack leader."

Wrestling and tug-of-war games are fine for dogs but not always a good idea for us. We're more fragile than littermates and we can be hurt by rough play. Most importantly, we want our dogs to know that we're people, not littermates, and should be treated with respect. Playing these games can give some dogs the mistaken idea that leadership of your family's "pack" depends on who's the toughest in a fight. They can also make a possessive or aggressive dog worse. Games that encourage the dog to growl and bite are risky and may confuse him. It's hard for a dog to understand that sometimes it's okay for him to be aggressive and sometimes it's not. How is he supposed to know the difference?

### **What kind of games are okay?**

*Q: What kinds of games are good to play with my dog?*

A: Almost every dog loves chase games. Instead of chasing you, have her chase a toy. Sticks, balls, stuffed toys (especially ones that squeak), old knotted socks, anything that's safe for the dog to play with. Balls should be small enough for the dog to pick up comfortably but not so small they can be easily swallowed.

Dogs love "hide and seek" too. Make it easy for her at first. Get an especially good treat and hide in another room; somewhere obvious, just behind a chair or a door. Call her in and have her "find" you. Make a happy fuss when she does and give her the treat. Hide and seek has endless variations. It can be played inside or out, and with practice, you can teach her to find almost anything.

### **Canine Playtime – (continued)**

Training can be a game! You can help teach a dog to come when called by making it a game. Get at least one other person and a supply of treats. With your helpers standing a distance away, take turns calling your dog. She should get plenty of praise and treats from each person, the more enthusiastic, the better. This is just one way of putting some fun into your training sessions. Dogs learn tricks quickly because we make it a game. You can make your training sessions a game, too.

### **My dog sometimes seems to go crazy!**

*Q: A couple of times a week, my dog goes completely berserk! He starts tearing around in circles, doesn't matter if he's in the house or outside. He keeps running faster and faster, kind of wild looking. Is he nuts or what?*

A: No, he's not nuts -- he's playing "crazy dog!" That's the name some people gave to this canine game that almost every dog creates at some time. A mischievous glint comes into their eyes and they're off -- running flat out and low to the ground, ears back, tail flying as they zoom around the area in wide circles, suddenly stopping to change direction and zoom back the way they came. For a few wild moments, they'll act as if you aren't there except maybe to ricochet off your body. No one really knows what comes over them, but it sure looks like fun!

### **My dog is bored!**

*Q: My dog is bored! At least that's what the vet told me. He's destructive and gets into mischief a lot of the time. I was told that I should find things for him to do and games to play but I can't think of any. Do you have any ideas?*

A: You bet! There are lots of games you can play with your dog to stimulate his mind and help keep him occupied and out of trouble. Best of all, they're fun for you, too!

Dogs that become bored quickly are usually bright and quick learners. That's why they get bored — they get tired of doing the same old things all the time and seek out new, more interesting activities. Trouble is, what's interesting to them — chewing up your new shoes, digging up your flowerbed or barking at squirrels — is often aggravating to us!

Did you know you can teach your dog to play soccer? Start the game by gently kicking the ball along the ground toward your dog. Encourage him to get it. The ball is too big to pick up with his teeth and it will take him a few minutes to figure out that he must push it with his nose or bat it with his paws. Give him lots of praise as he begins to catch on. As he gets better at it, you can include more people in the game. For breeds too small to handle a soccer ball, soft rubber balls can be found at pet stores.

Does your dog get into mischief when you're busy doing something, like getting ready for work? Give him a problem to solve! Put a treat inside a cardboard box and let your dog work to get it out. Make it easy at first — start with a box without a lid and let the dog see you put the treat in it. Work up to more difficult ones, like freezer boxes that open from the side. Depending on your dog's skill, you may end up with pieces of box all over the floor but you'll have a very happy and busy dog throughout the process.

The "Buster Cube," a toy available in pet stores, is based on the "get the treat out of the box" principle and has been known to keep some dogs occupied for hours. A sturdy plastic cube, it's designed to be stuffed with kibble. The dog must turn it this way and that to make the kibble come out piece by piece.

"Find It!" is a game that almost every dog loves. They love using their noses, and because it requires concentration, it is a great exercise for an overactive dog. You can teach your dog to find almost anything but it's usually easiest to start with a treat, something the dog really likes. Have your dog sit and stay. If he doesn't know these commands yet (it's about time you taught him, don't

### **Canine Playtime (continued)**

you think?), you can have someone gently hold him in position. Show him the treat, then let him watch you put it behind a door or a chair. One trainer recommends putting it under a towel laid out on the floor. Then tell him to "Find it!" When he does, give him lots of praise. And of course, he gets to eat the treat.

After a couple easy finds, make it harder for him. Put him on the sit/stay, then hide the treat in another room. Come back and tell him to "Find it!" As he gets better and better, make the game even more difficult by putting the treat in unusual places like bathroom sink. Don't worry if he takes a long time to find it — you're doing this to give the dog some work to do, let him do it! Just don't make it so hard that he becomes frustrated and gives up. If that happens, go back to the beginner's level and slowly work back up.

"Find it!" has a lot of practical uses. Once your dog can locate hidden treats successfully, you can teach him to find specific objects. Start first with his favorite toy. Using the beginner's method I just described, put him on a sit/stay and let him watch you hide it. Then tell him to "Find your toy!" and release him. Just as you did with the treats, gradually make the game harder and harder until he can find the toy when it's hidden just about anywhere. (You can play these games both in and out of doors.) Reward him with lots of praise and a brief playtime with the toy when he finds it. You can even teach your dog to pick up his toys and put them away in his toy box!

By substituting various objects for the toy and using the object's name in the command: "Find the ball!" "Find the shoe," "Find the keys!" etc., you can teach your dog to tell one object from another and find almost anything for you that he's able to carry. One owner who took her dog to work with her used this skill to great advantage. She left her office for lunch one day, locking the door behind her — but she'd left her keys on the desk! When she realized her mistake, she went outside to a slightly opened window, called to her napping dog and told him to "Find the keys!" which most he happily did.

**Vicki DeGruy**

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## **"JELLIES" ARE STILL ABOUT**

Jellyfish are STILL washing up on our coastal beaches and salt waterways, i.e. rivers. Although not deadly, jellyfish in our State can still sting unwary humans/children and fanatic ball dogs, or the inquisitive young dog.

My female loves to swim in a saltwater river 98% of the year with her motivation to retrieve a ball. Her other water game is to play ball-bob in the shallows. She has been taught not to touch jellyfish. This time that was to be her downfall! There were two varieties of jellyfish floating in the water and even though I tried to back her away, one floated over her ball just as she submerged her head and consequently she bit right through the centre of it.

She spat and coughed profusely then rushed back to land to eat copious amounts of grass and was dribbling excessively.

Seven minutes later I was at my vets and they gave her some grains of washing soda, which in turn made her vomit and bring up her stomach contents. This works if you can get to the Vets within 30 minutes or so. The outcome was fine and she was ready to eat by the time next mealtime arrived.

The probability of this happening to you IS remote, but generally with younger dogs, anything goes. So file this in your incident book for later reference IF!!

**Elaine Longshaw**

Meeting opened: 8.55pm, after a talk and question time by Dr Kim Lim

**Apologies:** L Kelleher, J Convery, T Thomas, T Saunders, J Wong

Acc: D Dickeson

Seconded: S Malady

Carried

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

Acc: J Brophy

Seconded: C Humphreys

Carried

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

1. Proposed change to distribution of Walk-a-thon funds. Deferred to General Business
2. Members decided that an invitation should be sent to Mrs Robinson, "Maggie" and Members from Leopold Lions Club to attend training and a morning tea on Sunday 20 July.
3. Bellarine Dog Activities Group have cancelled their request for the Clubrooms on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> June.
4. New printer has been purchased suitable to print Club Class Certificates. Samples of the Certificates were passed around to Members. M McNair moved 'that the Certificates should all be the same size, but with a border and trim added and different coloured heavyweight paper for each Certificate.'  
Seconded: F Lehrmann  
Carried
5. Library storage unit. A Thorogood described the unit and said that Colin Humphreys was prepared to make the unit. J Brophy moved 'that we go ahead with the new Library unit as per the proposed plan.'  
Seconded: H Green  
Carried
6. Grounds seating – P Convery said that only slat benches were available from Council, but Council would pay a proportion of the cost of other types of seating. The slats were a safety concern for dog's paws. A Wallace asked if the slat spacing could be reduced. Further information to be provided for the next General Meeting.

**Correspondence Out:** Leopold Lions Club, Mr & Mrs Blakey,

**Correspondence In:** Australian Red Cross, VCA Presidents & Secretary's Conference, RAS re Royal ribbons

### **Business arising from Correspondence**

1. H Read moved 'that the Club donate an Obedience Sash to the Obedience Section of the Royal Melbourne Show. Class to be decided by Committee'

Seconded: J Brophy

Carried

2. Suggestions were requested for submission to the President's & Secretary's Conference. Submissions close on the 1<sup>st</sup> August.

### **Treasurer's Report**

P Shakespeare read written report and asked that all accounts be passed for payment

Acc: P McCormack

Seconded: P Pope

Carried

### **Other Reports**

Grounds Manager – V Douglas read written report. Report attached to the Minutes Book.



**Summary** – The drainage pipes for the dog boxes have been completed. Thanks to Andrew Wallace for the use of the ditcher. Next projects - trees to be planted and modification of the Puppy Playpen. The new roller door has been fitted and is much easier to open.

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

**Summary** – Photos from the Agility Trial are on the photo board and the Spirit of the West photos will be up next week. Photos have also been given to Helen Green to include on the website. Thank you to Waurin Ponds residents appeared in Geelong News as requested. Photo of “Maggie” and report are in May’s Newsletter.

Raffle Steward – J Wallace read written report. Report attached to the Minutes Book

**Summary** – Spirit of the West raffle made a profit of \$115.00. Thank you to Meinhard Breiberg for donating the Spinning Wheel. Two more raffles will be held before the end of the financial year. Funds raised will be over the \$1,000.00 raised last year.

Training Supervisor – Report from D Dickeson as per May’s Newsletter.

### Sub-Committee Reports

Nil

Acc: F Lehrmann

Seconded: J Shields

Carried

### General Business

1. With changes to Council’s home rubbish collection it is becoming increasingly more difficult for Committee Members to dispose of the Club rubbish. It was suggest by Committee that we investigate the cost of a Miniskip type bin. Trans West 3 cubic metre bin - \$12.50 per month rental, \$36.00 to empty on request. After some discussion H Read moved ‘that the Club arrange a bin of suitable size with a lockable lid from Trans West’.

Seconded: D Dickeson

Carried

2. V Douglas said that J Wong had again offered the Club a self-propelled mower. After discussion C Humphreys moved ‘that the Club offer \$300.00 to J Wong for the self-propelled mower’.

Seconded: P McCormack

3. A Thorogood reported that he had spoken to Members of the Lions Club at the their dinner and received further information regarding the Dog training centre in South Australia and the work that they do. He asked if Members would reconsider a previous motion regarding the distribution of funds from the Walk-a-thon. After some discussion F Lehrmann moved ‘that the previous motion be rescinded and that the balance of funds from the Walk-a-thon be presented to the Lions Club to be forwarded to their Dog Training Centre in South Australia’.

Seconded: P McCormack

Carried

4. F Lehrmann moved ‘that the Club’s Financial Report be supplied to Members at least 2 weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting’.

Seconded: P Saunders

Carried

5. Members were made aware that submissions were closing for changes to ANKC Obedience Rules, which will take effect in January 2005.

As there was no further business

Meeting closed: 10.00pm

## 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 9 SEPTEMBER 2003**. 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. If you wish to stand for one of these positions but are not a VCA Member, there is provision for the Club to pay your Membership Fees)

### 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                      Grounds Manager  
Equipment Manager/Assistant 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 9 SEPTEMBER 2003**

Librarian                      Bar Manager                      Display Team Leader                      Shop Manager  
Newsletter Editor                      Training Manager                      Web Master

### 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 23 SEPTEMBER 2003**

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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VCA Membership No  
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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 for each position. Nomination forms are to be placed in the Ballot box no later than 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.