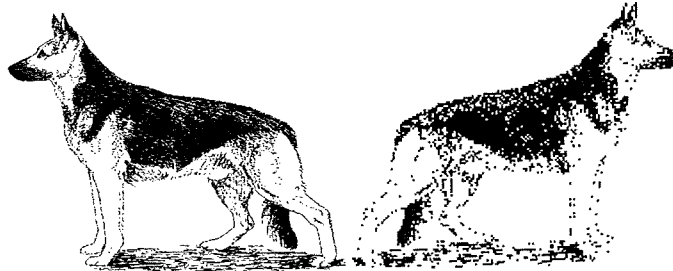
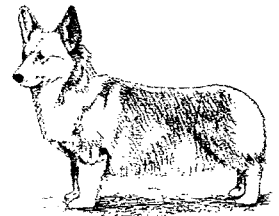
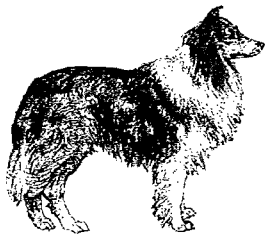
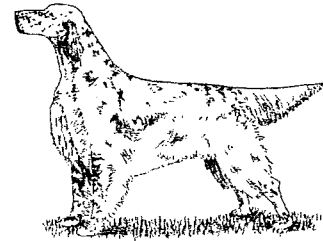
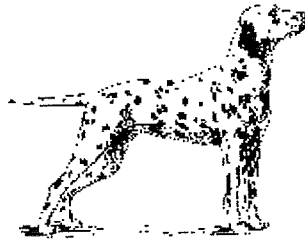


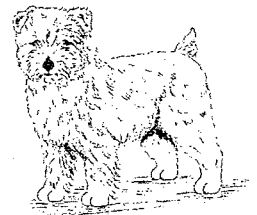
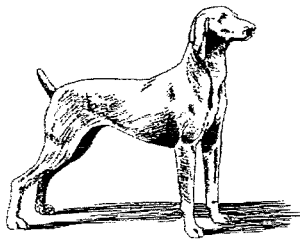
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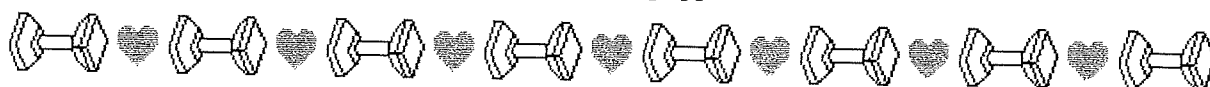


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CLUB CALENDAR

September		
Thursday	4 September	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Sunday	7 September	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	9 September	Committee and Non-Committee nominations close
Monday	15 September	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Wednesday	17 September	Nominations close for Training Supervisor
Sunday	21 September	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	22 September	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm. Election of Training Supervisor and 2 Assistant Training Supervisors
Tuesday	23 September	Life Membership nominations close
Sunday	28 September	PROMOTION DAY. Newsletter available
October		
Thursday	2 October	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Sunday	5 October	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	7 October	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 8.00 pm
Wednesday	15 October	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	19 October	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	20 October	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Sunday	26 October	Newsletter available
Monday	27 October	Trial entries close
Thursday	30 October	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 - 16 weeks



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 7th October 2003

The Clubrooms

Breakwater Road, Belmont Common

Club Member's Questionnaire

To ensure that the Club is meeting Members needs a Questionnaire is enclosed at the back of this Newsletter. Please take the time to complete the questionnaire, as we value your opinion. There will be a box on the veranda for the month of September to return your form.

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC

Committee for 2002/2003

PRESIDENT	Arthur Thorogood	52 441 819	Public Officer
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Newsletter closing date for all items – 15th of each month

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi everyone and welcome to our new Members.

Just a quick report. There are quite a few important dates coming up and no doubt you will hear more of these in Class. Probably the most important at the moment is the closing date for nominations for Committee and Non-Committee, which is the 9th September. There are a few Members who do not wish to re-stand for their positions so the Club needs someone to fill these rolls. To say "THE CLUB NEEDS YOU" sounds a little colloquial but without your ideas, skills and commitment it becomes more difficult to continue to provide the services you have come to expect of this Club.

Also, the closing date for Life Membership nominations is the 23rd September. If there is someone you feel should be nominated for this honour because of their commitment to the Club, please write a brief resume and place it in a sealed envelope addressed to the "Chairperson, Life Membership Committee" and leave it at the Office before the 23rd September.

Another important date is the next Promotion Day on Sunday 27th September. So plan your training now and don't leave things to the last minute. Perhaps an appropriate saying is "Failing to plan, is planning to fail" and as we would like to be overworked typing Certificates, don't let this saying apply to you.

Last but not least is the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 7th October. All Members are welcome to attend. A list of Members eligible to nominate for positions and vote at the AGM is posted on the window at the doorway into the Clubrooms.

At the back of this Newsletter is a questionnaire and it would be greatly appreciated if you would take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire and return it to the marked box on the veranda. We are not asking for your name, just your comments on various aspects of the Club's activities so they can be addressed. This is an important avenue to understanding what the Members require and how those services can best be provided. Thank you in advance for your time.

Best wishes and happy training
Pam Convery – Secretary

TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

A brief update for this Newsletter – we had mixed results in the recent tests, so I feel a lot more work needs to be done by both Instructors and handlers to give better results. As dogs and their owners are only in Class for 1 hour each week it is the owners responsibility to do some homework regularly otherwise they WILL be disappointed on testing day!

Thank you to all who aided and abetted in any way prior to, on the day and afterwards as regards Promotion Day. Your help is greatly appreciated.

It was very pleasing last month to see some Members of Leopold Lions Club join with Mrs Robinson and her new Hearing Dog "Maggie" in visiting our Club so Members could meet "Maggie". Our visitors were presented with a substantial cheque for the Hearing Dog Centre in South Australia on behalf of Club Members who participated in our Walk-a-thon held earlier this year and it was great to see quite a lot of Members attend the presentations. Congratulations and

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TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT (cont)

well done to everyone who joined in the walk. Perhaps we can raise money for another worthy cause in the future.

Before closing, I would like to say thank you to the hard working Instructors who give up valuable time with their own dogs so that you can succeed with your dogs – they do work hard – thank you team.

Love your dogs

D Dickeson – Training Supervisor



SUMMARY FROM THE RULES REVIEW MEETING

Held at the Showgrounds – Monday 18th August

This Meeting was attended by Leonie Kelleher, Janelle Convery and Pam Convery and was a Competitor's Meeting to discuss possible changes to Trial Classes for 2005, which will be part of the Victorian Canine Association submission to the ANKC Conference.

After discussion a vote was taken on the following proposals –

Encouragement

That Encouragement remain the same as it is at present

Novice

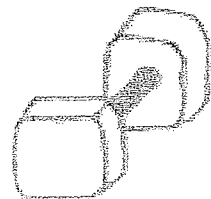
That the Heel on Lead and the Heel off Lead exercises be combined into 1 heel pattern with half on lead and half off lead. That 2 optional exercises be included to the value of the heel off lead points – A Retrieve or a Drop from the Stand. These would be included in preparation for Open Class.

Open

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Utility

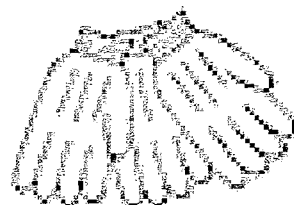
That Utility remain the same as it is at present



UD Excellent or Obedience Champion Class (yet to be named)

Exercises to include

Seek Back with decoy article
Heel work with positions in motion
Distance Control
Directed Send Away and Recall
Directed Retrieve
Temperament Test
5 Passes required for Obedience Champion Title



GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC

STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

(All reference to the Kennel Control Council becomes Victorian Canine Association – Motion 90)

The objects of the Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc are: -

- a. to affiliate with The Kennel Control Council
 - b. to promote and raise the standards and exhibition of registered pure bred dogs and Associate Registered dogs
 - c. to promote the holding of Exhibitions under the KCC Rules and Regulations and to conduct Exhibitions and/or to promote Obedience training and to conduct Obedience Trials, Tracking Tests and Field Trials
 - d. to foster, promote and protect the interest of Exhibitors of dogs at Exhibitions
 - e. to collect, verify and publish information relating to dogs and the breeding, exhibition and training of dogs
 - f. to educate and encourage Members, Breeders and Judges to abide by the requirements and standards approved by The Kennel Control Council for the conduct of Exhibitions and Shows
 - g. to promote good fellowship and sportsmanship amongst Members and those participating in or attending at Exhibitions and Shows
 - h. to inform Members of, and make known to them the Laws and Regulations of the State relating to the ownership and care of dogs, and the responsibility of owners for the conduct and actions of their dogs
 - i. to hold functions and lectures relating to dogs and to the purposes of the Club generally
 - j. to provide awards and donate prizes for competition at Exhibitions and for the competition by Breeders and Exhibitors of dogs
 - k. to foster relations with other Clubs and bodies having similar aims
 - l. to promote and assist worth causes, as agreed at a General Meeting of the Members of the Club
 - m. to invest the funds of the Club, not immediately required, in such a manner as the Members/or the Committee in lieu thereof, shall determine
 - n. to purchase, hire, lease etc and do such things as are conducive or incidental to promoting and achieving the purposes of the Club
 - o. to carry on such other activities or promote or encourage interest in the breeding, upkeep and training of and the general well being and improvement of dogs
- and to do all such other things as may be necessary or conducive to carrying out the objects of the Club

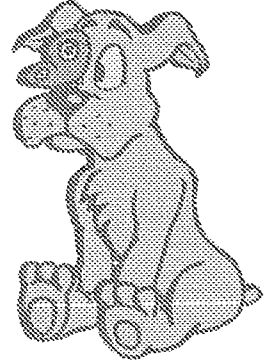
WHY DOES MY DOG PULL ON THE LEAD?

Dr Nick Branson

When dogs are young their high level of arousal (excitability) when going for a walk usually means they pull the lead tight. Often the owner moves forward with the dog. The young dog soon learns that going for a walk is so much fun and if I pull on the lead, we go much faster. Yippee!!! In this way, the dog has trained itself to pull on the lead.

How do I stop my dog from pulling on the lead?

Do not go forward when you dog pulls on the lead. Yes – STOP, STAND STILL, DON'T MOVE FORWARD – until the dog has moved back towards you and lead is loose. Then move forward whilst the lead is loose, but as soon as the lead becomes tight again – STOP, STAND STILL, DON'T MOVE FORWARD – until the lead is loose.



In high distraction environments this can be difficult to achieve so start in the backyard or other quiet area and slowly build up to walking down the beach or park where your dog's ability to concentrate on you will be much less because of all the activity. The more interesting you can make yourself (voice, pats, food treats, change of direction, change of walking pace), the more likely your dog will be to stay near you with the lead loose.

Remember, the dog is pulling on the leash because there is something/someone out there MORE INTERESTING THAN YOU!!!!

A VERY IMPORTANT PERSON PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK

Our Club was saddened to hear of the passing of its most valuable Member "SOMEONE ELSE"

Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with our Club since it's beginning and did far more than a normal person's share. Whenever there was a job to do, rallies to arrange or just washing up the dishes after the Meeting, one name was on everyone's lips, "SOMEONE ELSE".

It's common knowledge that "SOMEONE ELSE" was the largest contributor of their time to our Club. Whenever there was a need for a volunteer, everyone just assumed that "SOMEONE ELSE" would of course, volunteer.

"SOMEONE ELSE" was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing to be superhuman. But a person can only do so much, were the truth be told everyone expected too much of "SOMEONE ELSE".

Now "SOMEONE ELSE" is gone, who is going to do the things that we all expected of "SOMEONE ELSE".

Now when we are asked to help, remember that we cannot depend on poor old "SOMEONE ELSE" any longer. Isn't it about time that we really stopped volunteering "SOMEONE ELSE" to do the job?

TO DESEX OR NOT TO DESEX

Dr Jon O'Connor - Aberdeen Veterinary Clinic

SIX GOOD REASONS TO DESEX YOUR DOG

1. All dogs must be registered with the local Council at 6 months of age. Desexed dogs cost \$8 annually to register. Entire dogs cost \$64 annually to register. This quickly covers the cost of the operation.
2. Desexing a dog eliminates inappropriate and embarrassing sexual behaviour, i.e. sexual arousal, mounting other dogs, slippers, fluffy toys, your feet and the neighbours children, etc.
3. Desexing decreases a dog's urge to mark its territory, i.e. cocking its leg on everything in sight. It also decreases the strong male smell to urine.
4. Desexing decreases aggressive tendencies
5. Desexing decreases the urge your dog has to wander. It is when your dog is following his hormones down the street that the ranger picks him up and takes him to the pound, or that he is hit by a car.
6. Desexing your dog eliminates the significant risk he has of contracting prostatic and testicular cancers, infections and abscesses later in life.



EIGHT GOOD REASONS TO SPEY YOUR BITCH

1. There is no physical or emotional benefit to your dog in allowing her to have a litter before being spayed. Her character is unchanged by the operation.
2. You do not have to find homes for a litter of puppies. Some breeds have up to 15 puppies per litter. Geelong Animal Welfare and the Lost Dogs Homes destroy thousands of unwanted puppies each year.
3. All dogs must be registered with the local Council from 6 months of age. Desexed dogs cost \$8 annually. Unspayed dogs cost \$64 annually! This quickly pays for the operation.
4. No mess! A dog comes into season every 4-6 months. This lasts 3 weeks during which time her genitals swell up and she constantly drips blood. A fairly smelly and unhygienic occurrence, this also attracts male dogs that mark out a territory by urinating and barking at your front door.
5. Complications at the birth of puppies such as caesarians and milk fever are common, life threatening and expensive.
6. Dogs spayed when less than 1 year old are 95% less likely to have mammary tumours (breast cancer) later in life than unspayed dogs or dogs spayed at a later age. Dog's spayed before their first season almost never get mammary tumours.
7. Unspayed bitches commonly get a life threatening infection of the uterus called pyometra. This does not occur once a dog has been spayed.
8. Spayed dogs are less likely to wander, which is when they are most likely to be picked up by the ranger or hit by traffic.

The Stray's Prayer

Author unknown

Dear God, please send me somebody who'll care!

I'm tired of running, I'm sick with despair.
My body is aching; it's so racked with pain,
and dear God I pray, as I run in the rain.

That someone will love me and give me a home,
a warm cosy bed and a big juicy bone.
My last owner tied me all day in the yard
Sometimes with no water, and God that was hard.

So I chewed my leash, and I ran away,
to rummage in garbage and live as a stray.
But now God, I'm tired, hungry and cold,
and I'm so afraid that I'll never grow old.

They've chased me with sticks and hit me with stones,
while I run the streets just looking for bones!
I'm not really bad, God, please help if you can,
for I have become just a "Victim of Man!"

I'm wormy dear God and I'm ridden with fleas,

and all that I want is an owner to please!
If you find one for me, I'll try to be good,
and I won't chew their shoes, and I'll do as I should.

I'll love them, protect them and try to obey....
when they tell me to sit, to lie down or to stay!

I don't think I'll make it too long on my own,
cause I'm getting so weak and I'm so all alone.

Each night as I sleep in the bushes I cry,
cause I'm so afraid God, that I'm gonna die.
And I've got so much love and devotion to give,
that I should be given a new chance to Live!

So dear God, please answer my prayer,
and send me someone who will REALLY care..

That is, Dear God,
if YOU'RE REALLY there!



TRIAL RESULTS

Northern Obedience Dog Club – Sunday 20th July 2003

Trish Gavaghan

"Meg"

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Masters Jumping Pass

Open Agility Pass

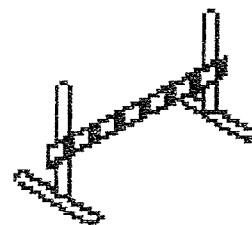
4th Place

A man follows a woman out of a movie theatre. She has a dog on a leash. He stops her and says, "I'm sorry to bother you, but I couldn't help but notice that your dog was really into the movie. He cried in the right spots, he moved nervously in his seat in the boring parts, but most of all, he laughed like crazy at the funny parts. Don't you find it unusual?"

"Yes", she replied, "I found it very unusual! He hated the book!"

sent in by

Susan Johnson & Shelley Thompson



Of Cats, Dogs and Light bulbs

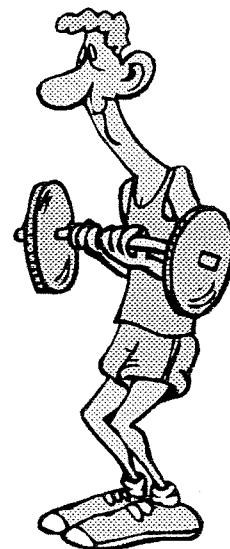
The question – “How many dogs does it take to change a Light bulb

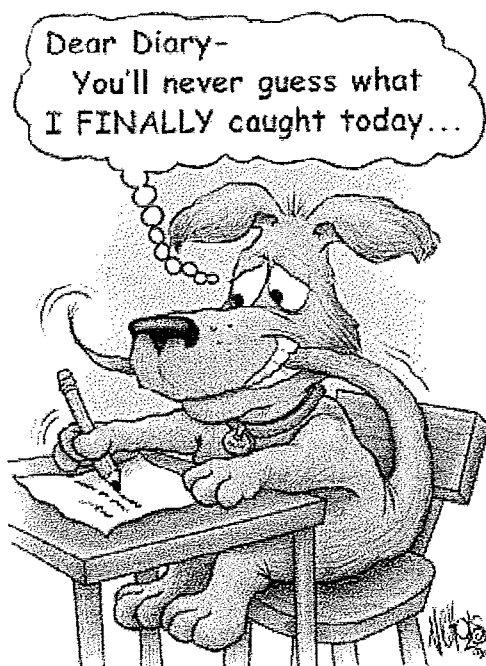
Golden Retriever	The sun is shining, the day is young and we've got our whole lives ahead of us and you're inside worrying about a stupid burned out bulb!
Border Collie	Just one, and then I'll replace any wiring that's not up to code.
Dachshund	You know I can't reach the stupid lamp!!!!
Rottweiler	Make me!!
Boxer	Who cares? I can still play with my squeaky toys in the dark.
Labrador Retriever	Oh, me me!!! Pleeeeeeeeze let me change the light bulb! Can I? Can I? Huh? Huh? Can I? Pleeeeeeeeze, please, please, please!!!
German Shepherd	I'll change it as soon as I've led these people from the dark, checked to make sure I haven't missed any and make just one more perimeter patrol to see that no one has tried to take advantage of the situation.
Jack Russell Terrier	I'll just pop it in while I'm bounding off the walls and furniture.
Old English Sheepdog	Light bulb? I'm sorry, but I don't see a light bulb?
Chihuahua	Yo quiero Taco Bulb!!
Pointer	I see it, there it is, there it is, right there.....
Greyhound	It isn't moving. Who cares!!!!
Australian Shepherd	First, I'll put all the light bulbs in a little circle.....
Poodle	I'll just blow in the Border Collie's ear and he'll do it. By the time he finishes rewiring the house, my nails will be dry.
The Cat's answer	Dogs do not change light bulbs. People change light bulbs. So, the real question is – how long will it be before I can expect some light, some dinner and a massage?



The Trouble with Exercise

- For every minute you exercise you add one minute to your life. This enables you at the age of 85 to spend an extra five months in a nursing home at \$5,000 per month.
- My grandmother started walking 5km a day when she was 60. Now she's 97 and we don't know where the hell she is.
- The only reason I would take up exercising is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.
- I joined a gym last year, spent \$400 and haven't lost a kilo. Apparently you have to show up.
- I have to exercise early in the morning before my brain figures out what I'm doing.
- I have flabby thighs, fortunately my stomach covers them.





Loyalty

Author Unknown

You can't buy loyalty, they say,
I bought it though, the other day
You can't buy friendships, tried and true
Well just the same, I bought that too.

I made my bid and on the spot
Brought love and faith and a whole job lot
of happiness, so all in all
The purchase price was pretty small.

I bought a single trusting heart,
that gave devotion from the start
If you think these things are
NOT FOR SALE
Buy a brown-eyed puppy with a wagging tail.

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 companions

3/08/2003

Gully Janine	Demopoulos John	Butler Family	Gould Family
McDonald Family	Stewart Anne	Whelan Anthony	Barson Michael
Reiffel Roslyn	Jones Family	Edwards Family	Edwards Family
Khan Family	Kennery Jan/Sherwell Rod	O'Reilly Mary Ann	
Todeschini Natalie	Szakiel Teresa	Van Etton Thomas	Dow Susan/Jelliff Frank
Hughes Brendon			

20/07/2003

McConnell Family	Lewis Family	Payne Donna	Jones Kirstie
Laidlaw Joyce	Dubbeldam Family		

6/07/2003

Ireland Simon/Ryan Clare	Adams Family	Roberts Family
Rogers Family	Keegan Family	Watson Anne
Greenhill Family	Carlile Will/Clark Gemma	
McCarthy Rachel/Neugebauer Michael	Walter Brad/Miyake Sonoka	
Aras Daina/Gamot Jean-Marie	Hepburn Jarrod/Allan Nikki	
McCarthy Tennille/Stewart Lance	Mitchell Family	Coulson Family
Ford Julie	Riddell Lauren/Ross-Dixon Shayne	Stanley Family
Kearney Family		

TRIAL RESULTS

Bendigo Obedience Dog Club 17th August

Luba Hopkins	"Jessie"	Encouragement	Pass	1 st Place
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Canine common courtesy

Common courtesy and doggie etiquette protects owners and their neighbours

NO DOGS ALLOWED!

Signs like this occur in many places, posted by people tired of ill-mannered dog owners and their dogs. The disrespect for other people and their property has resulted in banning dogs altogether in some places that could have been enjoyed by all.

Banning because of irresponsible owners punishes everyone who owns a pet. Altercations because of the actions of a pet have in the past resulted in loss of human life in the most aggravated of circumstances.

So . . .

Teach your dog how to act in a public place. Good manners command respect from others who notice a well-behaved animal. Sporting a well-behaved companion should be the norm, not the exception.

Find an obedience class to attend to help teach your dog. The quality of teachers varies, so ask around. If you notice a well-behaved dog in public, ask the owner some questions:

Has your dog been to obedience class?

Where?

Was it a group class or private lesson?

Would you ever own an untrained dog again? (The answer will likely be "No")

Remember that one class is just not enough. Repeating a class is sometimes necessary. Sometimes a different teacher may have a better insight into your particular dog's needs. Group lessons offer different advantages (cost efficient, added distractions) compared to private lessons (more expensive, one-on-one lessons, few distractions). The bottom line remains that it all depends upon the owner doing his homework by practicing with his dog.



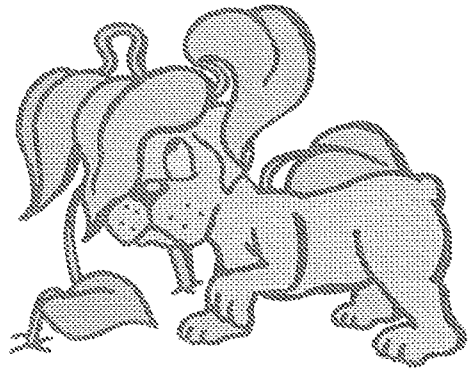
Pick up after your pet in parks and other public places. All it takes is a little conscientiousness and a plastic sandwich bag. Throw the bag in a trash receptacle to avoid the eyesore of piles of dog faeces and reduce the potential for disease and parasite contamination for all. Children in the area should not have to play around dog faeces.

Respect the signs that say, "keep your pet leashed or held." Every dog needs to see the veterinarian annually, and many dogs frequent boarding kennels and grooming salons. There is no need for chaos in a business establishment because of uncontrolled dogs. The signs are meant for everyone, you included. If you were a cat owner, you, too, would appreciate this courtesy. When entering a veterinarian's office or other such establishment, **remember that not all dogs are friendly with other dogs**, so refrain your dog from socializing with others until it is clear that both the other dog and his owner are OK with the idea. Weather pending, you might leave your dog in the car until it is your appointment time.

Canine Common Courtesy (cont)

Veterinary offices, boarding kennels, and grooming salons may cause anxiety in some pets. **It is important to remember to allow your pet to relieve himself before his appointment to cut down on accidental nervous elimination inside.**

While some dogs are a little nervous and may eliminate, others mark their graffiti out of dominance or habit. Habitual marking of territory by males on furniture and walls must be corrected, for the action is not out of need to "use the bathroom." Males leave their graffiti so that other dogs will know they have been in that spot. Stop this behaviour with a stern leash correction if you see your male sniff, cock his head, and position his side to lift his leg on wall or furniture. A stern forceful "No" along with the leash correction should get your point across. It may take a few timely corrections to completely eliminate this negative behaviour.



Times have changed in recent years as dog populations have risen, with dogs often roaming the streets unsupervised. Leash laws and dog-at-large restrictions were designed to prohibit these kinds of nuisances. Dogs running the neighbourhood can cause dissension among the neighbours, and the dog often pays the toll. Loose dogs can be shot, poisoned, hit by a car, or stolen.

On the other hand, neighbours should not have their shrubs and lawns destroyed by urinating and defecating dogs, and their children, pets, and livestock should not face harassment or death from unconfined dogs. The actions of irresponsible dog owners hit every taxpayer in the pocketbook as our tax dollars go to pay for shelters for the unwanted dogs and puppies produced by the travelling canine salesman. Euthanasia is the fate of about one million dogs each year, many from accidental breeding by the neighbour's loose dog.

Dog ownership is a privilege and a responsibility. Dog owners should respect their neighbours if they want due respect in return.

Melody Greba



ADVERTISING RATES FOR "FAITHFULLY YOURS"

All advertisements are restricted to half an A4 page with a limit of 12 advertisements per issue

RATES

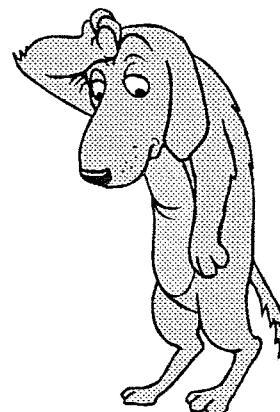
12 months	6 issues (bi-monthly - odd months)	\$50.00
1 edition		\$10.00

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

HOW TO TEACH YOUR DOG TO LAG

Thoughts from experienced handlers who have probably all made one or more of these mistakes in the past, but would certainly try to avoid them a second time.

1. Keep turning to look at your dog. That way your dog will think you're about to turn left, and he will slow down or drop back in readiness. With a little practice, your body language can really confuse your dog.
2. Don't walk in a straight line. Veering left or right is good, but just wandering randomly is even better. Stepping into your dog when you halt is particularly good for teaching that "wide heel".
3. Walk as though you're going nowhere in particular, and don't much care whether you ever get there or not. The more ambling your style of walking, the less interesting for your dog.
4. Be vague about where you actually want the dog to be. Just accept that near enough is good enough.
5. Attach a grab tab on the collar and grab it when the dog is out of position and check the dog especially on the turns. This will make the dog hang back expecting the check and also go wide expecting the grab.
6. Do a lot of slow pace heelwork.
7. Call and praise when the dog is behind you and lure back to "heel" position, but do not reinforce heavily.
8. Give inconsistent body cues and information.
9. Give little attention to rewarding correct position.
10. Assume the dog knows correct position and put effort into letting the dog know when it is wrong.
11. Continue to move on without the dog.
12. Associate distractions with correction.
13. Teach heeling as one behaviour. Don't split and teach, starts, positions, turns, and paces.
14. Do long lengths of duration heelwork right from the start.
15. Train with a large group of people and just watch where YOU are going and don't attend to the dog.
16. Make your rewards as boring as possible. Deliver them in a boring way; show no emotion or appreciation for the job.
17. Don't think about what he "really" likes, just grab what ever is in the dog food bin.
18. Keep him fat, podgy and waddley.
19. Practice and practice lagging every day.
20. Once learned never remedy. Never go back and start again with training.
21. Reinforce less and less.



TRIAL RESULT

Bendigo Obedience Dog Club – 17th August

Beryl & Bill Jackson

"Kelly"

1st Pass

Open

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR TRAINING

Being punctual

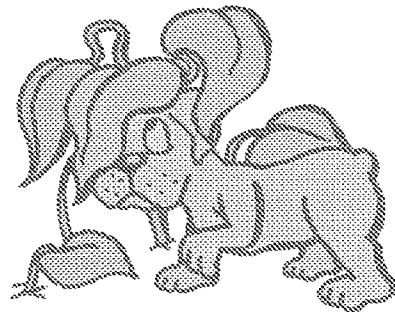
Try to arrive at the Club 15 minutes before your Class begins, this gives your dog time read the “doggy newspaper” (sniff the trees) and settle down ready for Class. Handlers, their dogs and Instructors should be in their Class area 5 minutes before the Class time.

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

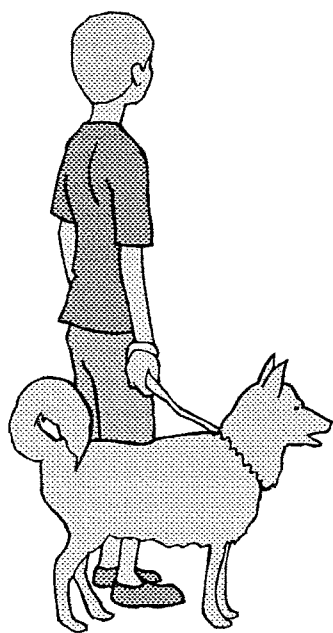
Leave your sunglasses at home. Contact is a vital training tool and eye contact tops the list. A dog that can't see your eyes will eventually stop trying.

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.

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'.

DOG BREEDS FROM A TO Z

Gordon Setter



The black and tan colouring and the sheer bulk of the Gordon Setter distinguish this breed from other Setter breeds.

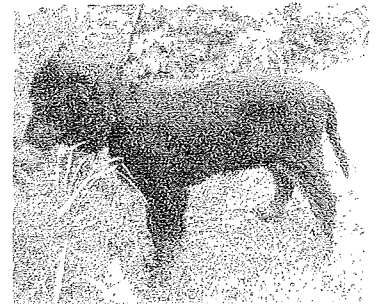
This breed is the only Setter to be developed in Scotland. In the 1800s the fourth Duke of Richmond and Gordon was known for his excellent setting dogs that were a variety of colours. He had heard of a black and tan Scottish Collie bitch that had an uncanny ability to find grouse, and tracked her down. He then developed the Black and Tan Setter, that was later to be called the Gordon Setter. The exact details of the development of the breed are not known. However it was developed, the breed has a reputation for being an excellent bird dog with a good nose. Originally the breed

came in black and tan, and black, white and tan, but only the former colour is bred today.

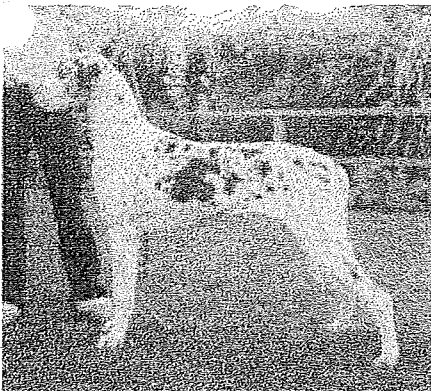
The Gordon Setter is the largest of the Setters, matched in height but not bulk only by the Irish Red and White Setter. Height: 23 - 27 in (58 - 68 cm). Weight: 45 - 80 lb (20 - 36 kg). The head of a Gordon Setter is large and broad, with slightly pendulous lips (flews). Its eyes are large, oval-shaped, and dark brown. The ears are long and hang close to the neck. The neck is graceful and slopes into a strong straight back, and may have some excess skin on the underside (throatiness). A Gordon Setter has a strong and muscular body with a deep chest. The legs are long and heavy in bone.

The colour of this breed is deep, glossy jet black, with rich tan markings that have been described as being the colour of roasted chestnuts. The tan markings are in a set pattern, with spots over the eyes, on the side of the muzzle, on the chest, and on the feet and legs.

The Gordon Setter is a good all-round dog. It has a well-balanced and usually calm temperament. This dog is very useful as a watchdog and its deep bark provides a very useful deterrent against intruders. The Gordon Setter makes a good family dog, as it has a playful nature and is slow to anger. Generally, it gets along very well with other dogs and certainly enjoys their company. This docile dog dramatically springs into action when taken out for work or exercise. It is a delight to see this dog in full flight as it bounds over rough country.



Great Dane



One of the gentle giants of the dog world, the Great Dane is the embodiment of enormous power combined with a kindly nature.

Although the name suggests a Danish origin, the Great Dane is a wholly German breed. The breed is very ancient, and dates back to pre-Christian times. The Great Dane's ancestors were originally used for fighting, and were then developed into a formidable boar hunter. It is possible that this ancestral breed was brought to Germany by Phoenician traders, or by the Roman legions. This dog was much heavier than today's Great Dane and was known as the Alaunt or Molossus.

These dogs were spread throughout the world by the Alans, who took their dogs with them when they invaded Gaul, Italy, and Spain. It is believed that the slender body shape and agility of today's breed was brought about by judicious crossings with Greyhounds. The old British name given to this breed is the German Boarhound, which reflects its ancestry. A dog closely resembling the Great Dane appears on coins dating from the first century BC.

The Great Dane is a well-formed and elegant dog with no rough edges. This is one of the tallest breeds in existence today. Height: 28 - 32 in (71 - 81 cm). Weight: 120 - 150 lb (55 - 68 kg).

The Great Dane's head is flat and relatively narrow with a broad, very deep muzzle. The ears, set high on the head, are medium-sized and triangular, and fold forward to sit close against the head. In the US and Canada, the ears are usually cropped. The eyes are medium-sized, set deep into the face, and are dark in colour. The body of the Great Dane is strong, with a deep chest, well-rounded ribs, and a slightly arched back. The tail is long and tapering. The legs are neither thin nor bulky but in proportion to the body, and are powerful and well muscled.



The coat of the Great Dane is short and glossy, and comes in the colours brindle, fawn, blue, black, and harlequin (white with black markings).

The cartoon character Scooby Doo portrays the Great Dane as a large lovable dog that is not always as smart as it should be. Real life Great Danes are certainly intelligent animals. They give the impression of being slow starters, but this is because it takes a while for their large frames to catch up with their rapid thoughts. Great Danes make very effective watchdogs, but their usually friendly nature towards people undermines their use as guard dogs.

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Care should be taken that their size does not scare smaller dogs who can be quite terrified on their first meeting. A pair of Great Danes playing together is a marvellous sight to behold. Owners are advised to carefully control children around their Great Dane, as they can get scared if they are accidentally knocked over during play. If kept in hot areas, these large dogs should be provided with plenty of shade and water, as they overheat very quickly during exercise. It is wise to pay attention to their feet after vigorous exercise, as they can be oblivious to small injuries. A truly magnificent dog.



THOUGHTS OF A LADY

- ♣ If you love something, set it free. If it comes back, it will always be yours. If it doesn't come back, it was never yours to begin with. But, if it just sits in your living room, messes up your stuff, eats your food, uses your telephone, takes your money and doesn't appear to realise that you had set it free..... You either married it or gave birth to it.
- ♣ They keep telling us to get in touch with our bodies. Mine isn't all that communicative but I heard from it the other day after I said, "Body, how'd you like to go to the six o'clock aerobics class in vigorous toning? Clear as a bell my body said, "Listen fatty..... do it and die."
- ♣ My mind not only wanders, it sometimes leaves completely.
- ♣ Just when I was getting use to yesterday, along came today.
- ♣ Amazing! You hang something in your closet for a while and it shrinks two sizes!!!!
- ♣ The best way to forget all your troubles is to wear tight shoes.
- ♣ I read this article that said the typical symptoms of stress are; eating too much, impulse buying and driving too fast. Are they kidding? That's my idea of a perfect day!!!!

CLUB MEMBERS QUESTIONARE

1. Where did you first hear about the Club?

- ☐ Yellow Pages
- ☐ Brochure at the Vet Clinic
- ☐ Brochure in a Pet Supply Store
- ☐ From Friends
- ☐ Other

2. Was the Club easy to contact?

- ☐ Answering Machine message clear
- ☐ Call returned promptly
- ☐ Information clear and concise

3. Did you find the Club easily on your first visit?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

4. Did you find the Office Hours on a Thursday (2.00pm to 8.00pm) convenient?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

5. Did you attend a Puppy Kinder before joining the Club?

- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
- If YES was it?

- ☐ Here at the Club
- ☐ Veterinary Clinic
- ☐ Other

6. What methods were used at Puppy Kinder?

- ☐ Positive reinforcement (food)
- ☐ Correction methods
- ☐ other

7. If you attended Induction at the Club, did you find it informative?

- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
- If NO, was there a reason?

8. Is the Class you are currently attending meeting your need?

- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
- If NO, how do you feel the Class could be improved?

9. Do you listen to the Announcements when read in your Class?

- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
- If NO is there a reason?

10. Are Announcements read in Class each week?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

11. Do you feel you are kept informed of all Club activities?

- ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
- If NO, can you suggest improvements?

12. Do you find the information in the Newsletter of value to your training and understanding of your dog?
☐ Yes ☐ No
13. Is the instruction in your Class clear and concise?
☐ Yes ☐ No
14. Are you shown the exercise before you are expected to try it?
☐ Yes ☐ No
15. Do you practice the exercises at home during the week?
☐ Yes ☐ No
If YES, how often?
☐ 1-2 times weekly ☐ 3-5 times weekly
16. Have you been into the Clubrooms on a Sunday morning after training?
☐ Yes ☐ No
If NO, is there a reason?
17. Are you aware there is a Notice board on the verandah?
☐ Yes ☐ No
18. Have you attended a General Meeting?
☐ Yes ☐ No
If NO, is there a reason?
19. Have you assisted at the last 2 working bees?
☐ Yes ☐ No
If NO, was it for 1 of the following reasons?
☐ Time unsuitable
☐ Work commitments
☐ Family commitments
20. Are you aware of the following?
☐ Newsletter is available on the last training Sunday of each month
☐ Newsletter can be posted at a nominal fee if you will be away from the Club for any length of time
☐ Membership renewal closing date
☐ What your Membership entitles you to
☐ What training options are available
21. Have you purchased an item from the Club's Equipment Shop in the last 3 months?
☐ Yes ☐ No
22. What item did you most recently purchase?
Item -