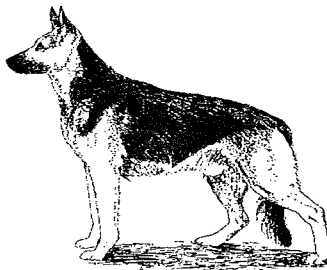
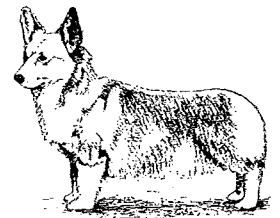
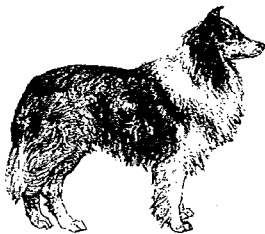
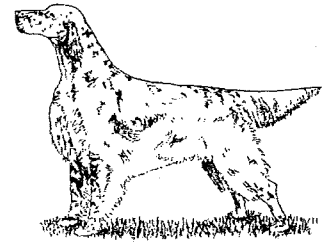
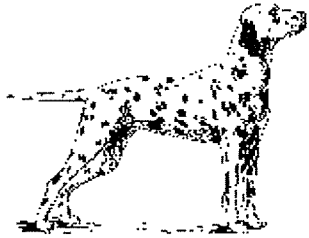


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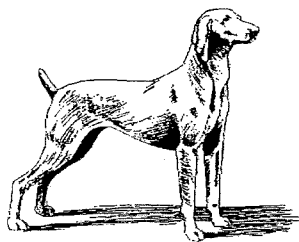


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CLUB CALENDAR

February

Sunday	1 February	Training resumes for current Members. Newsletter available
Tuesday	3 February	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Thursday	5 February	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Sunday	8 February	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for all fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Sunday	15 February	Normal training. Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Monday	16 February	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	22 February	Normal training. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Sunday	29 February	Normal training. Newsletter available

March

Thursday	4 March	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Sunday	7 March	Labour Day weekend. NO TRAINING
Sunday	14 March	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	15 March	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm. Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	21 March	Normal training
Sunday	28 March	Normal training. Newsletter available



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The New Year has started and I wish you all a successful one in the training of your dog. Success comes with diligent training during the week. If you don't put in the time between Sundays your Instructor's time is wasted. Your Instructor can only teach, show and inform you to the best of his or her ability and then it is up to you to teach your dog what you have learned. Nothing comes from nothing. The results from the last Promotion Days were meager indeed and show that we must and can improve. Your test scores and points are the only payment your Instructor expects and deserve, so reward them well at the next test.

There will be some social events coming soon and I hope you will Participate; we'd love to see you. The Christmas Dance could have seen a few more of you, but for the 50 odd it was a pleasant evening with a very ambient atmosphere and it finished at a reasonable time too. I thank the Members who decorated the Hall and organized the evening, as well as the last training day. A few more helpers would have been handy and a couple of things didn't go to plan, but all in all it was a very good day to end the year. A lot of Members were not present for the Presentation of Certificates and Awards which was surprising as they put all the work into it and disappointing as well, as our Secretary and Trial Secretary put in so much time creating and printing of the same. Thank you both, Pam and Janelle, the Certificates looked "cool"! I had the pleasure to present to Jim Ball, our Treasurer, in person a memento of the Club's appreciation for his 25 year Membership. Congratulations!! Graham Douglas, Phyl Bergin and Colin Humphreys received theirs via mail, as they were not present.

We are now in the Club's 50th year so lets put our shoulders behind the cart and push it to the finish line at the end of the year when we will celebrate in style and with pride.

Good training

Fred Lehrmann – President



TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Hello everyone – on behalf of the Instructors - welcome to training for 2004 for the current Members. I hope you all had a happy and relaxed Christmas and that Santa Claus was good to you and your doggy friends. I also hope that everyone is ready to put in the hard work (on Sunday mornings) and the homework (during the week) that is needed to gain the results that you want.

Welcome to our new Members. I hope you will enjoy your time with us and have fun as you learn.

A special thank you to one of our Members – Bev O'Loughlin – who, on the last day of training, supplied a lovely chocolate Christmas Tree – delicious and much appreciated.

As this is our 50th Anniversary Year lets all work hard to gain the Class passes and make this year a really successful one for G O D C.

Don't forget to love your dogs

Desma Dickeson – Training Supervisor

“Pirate” CD AD JD H.I.T

Cedarlodge Bonnie Lass (Nahla) CD H.I.T

Recently the VCA recognized the Titles of Herding Instinct Test (HIT) and Herding Test (HT), conducted through the Victorian Herding Assoc. These Titles are open to dogs from the working dog group and must be registered with the VCA as purebreds or associates (part breeds). A list of suitable breeds are listed below.

HIT involves the passing of 2 tests,

1. The dog must show an instinct for working and must be able to move stock without too much assistance from the handler or the judge. Five minutes is given to complete the test.
2. The dog must move three sheep in a figure eight without crossing in-between the sheep and the handler and must drop and recall to handler on command. Ten minutes is given to complete the second stage.

Lancefield 27/12/03

Dec. 27th I entered two of my dogs for their H.I.T at Lancefield Kennel Club. This was a first for my dogs and me as they are used to working goats, but it was worth a try, I had full confidence in their abilities.

Pirate was the first, straight to the sheep he went and just stared at them (if looks could kill). With a small amount of encouragement he got them to move about together, if one broke away he brought it back. Pass 1. Nahla on the other hand was extremely enthusiastic and needed no encouragement, she let the sheep know that she was boss, all that was required by me was directions. The comment from the judge was ‘needs to slow down’ one extreme to the other with my dogs. Nevertheless she passed.

Second test. Nahla was first in and completed the test in three and a half minutes, never once allowing the sheep to break away from each other, Pirate took an extra minute but they both passed and now have new Titles. Our next competition will be the pre trial and then on to complete the herding title HT. This involves gates and pens and a lot of discipline. Stay tuned. To sum up the day: A beautiful twenty degrees, two enthusiastic dogs and 6 stubborn sheep.

Bye for now - **Tina Button - Monlaird Border Collies**

WORKING DOG GROUP

Australian Cattle dog	Border Collie	Polish Lowland Sheepdog
Australian Kelpie	Bouvier des Flanders	Puli
Australian Shepherd	Briard	Pumi
Australian Stumpy Tail	Collie Rough and Smooth	Shetland Sheepdog
Cattle dog	German Shepherd Dog	Swedish Vallhund
Bearded Collie	Finnish Lapphund	Welsh Corgi Cardigan
Belgium Shepherds [All Varieties]	Norwegian Buhund	Welsh Corgi Pembroke
	Old English Sheepdog	

OTHER HERDING BREEDS

Bernese Mountain Dog	Kerry Blue Terrier	Soft Coated Wheaten
Canaan Dog	Norwegian Elkhound	Terrier
Keeshond		Tibetan Terrier

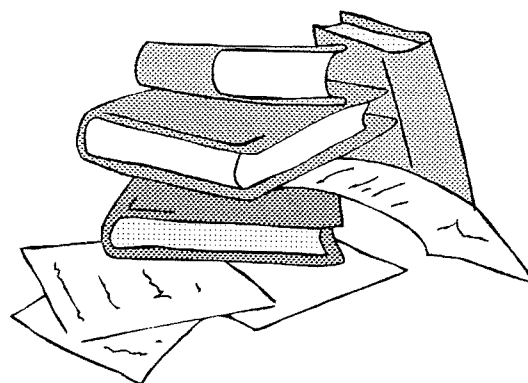
MIXED BREEDS

Mixed breeds may be accepted provided they are a mix or apparent mix of herding breeds. These must be Associate Registered Dogs

LIBRARY NEWS

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sessions 10.15am to 10.45am

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who will assist you with your
selection



BOOK REVIEW

Helen Read

Don't Shoot the Dog! By Karen Prior

A must to read if you wish to understand the theory behind dog training today

Shaping: Developing Super Performance Without Strain or Pain

What is Shaping?

Reinforcing behaviour, which is already occurring, so that it occurs more often, is all very well, but how do trainers get their subjects to do things that would probably never occur by chance? How do you get a dog to turn back flips or a dolphin to jump through a hoop?

Dogs flipping, dolphins jumping through hoops, or people throwing basketballs through hoops, for that matter, are developed by shaping. Shaping consists of taking a very small tendency in the right direction and shifting it, one small step at a time, toward an ultimate goal. The laboratory jargon for the process is successive approximation.

Shaping is possible because the behaviour of living things is variable. Whatever a creature does, it will do it with more vigour at some times than at others, in different directions, and so on. No matter how elaborate or difficult the ultimate behaviour you wish to shape, you can always, by establishing a series of intermediate goals, find some behaviour presently occurring to use as a first step. For example, suppose I decided to train a chicken to "dance". I might begin by watching the chicken moving around as chickens do and reinforcing every time it happened to move to the left. Soon my first goal would be reached: the chicken would be moving to the left quite often-and being variable, sometimes a little and sometimes a lot. Now I might selectively reinforce only the stronger movements to the left - turning a quarter circle, say. When these responses predominated, natural variability would again ensure that while some turns were less than a quarter circle, some would be more like half a circle. I could raise my criteria, set a new goal, and start selecting for half-circle turns or better. With the chicken shaped to make several full turns at high speed per reinforcement, I might consider that I have reached my end goal, a dancing chicken.

We are all quite accustomed to shaping and being shaped. In an informal way much of child rearing is a shaping process. The training of any physical skill, from tennis to typing, consists largely of shaping. We are shaping or at least trying to shape any time we practice something, form a public speech to scales on the piano. We are also shaping when we try to change our own behaviour - to quit smoking, say, or to be less shy, or to handle money better.

Whether we succeed or don't succeed in shaping a behaviour, in ourselves or in others, ultimately depends not upon our shaping expertise but upon persistence. New York Times music critic Harold Schonberg wrote of a European conductor who was not really a good conductor but who made fabulous music by keeping his orchestra in rehearsal for each concert for a full year. **"Most of us can acquire at least some proficiency at almost anything, if we just put enough time into it."**

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Dog Owners - Ignorant and Rude!

Helen Read

Those dog owners who allow their dogs to rush up to other dogs or strangers are either just plain ignorant of good manners or just uncaring about the feelings of other people. It is these owners who give dog owners in general a bad name.

Owners who call their dogs back and put them on lead or just hang on to them, allowing the other dog person/dog space, are being polite responsible owners and showing the correct leadership necessary for a good dog and owner relationship.

Those who cannot call their dogs back when another dog or person appears on the scene are lacking the respect of their dog. Saying "Oh, but he is friendly" is like wiping your hands of a rude and uncontrolled child. No matter how friendly the dog is, what right does it have to rush at other dogs or people. If the dog rushed at is one of the herding dog breeds it will be actively repelled as an intruder. This is what herding dogs do, they control the space around them.

The dog showing aggression in this case is not at fault, the fault clearly lies with the owner of such an uncontrolled dog. That owner is displaying an uncaring attitude to the rights of others to enjoy our lovely open spaces without the intrusion of strange uncontrolled dogs. The fact that your dog is friendly is no excuse for bad manners and it is very bad manners to allow your dog to rush up to a strange person or dog.

The number of persons who allow their dogs to act this way may be few but they spoil things for the many responsible dog owners out there. The owners of Labradors and Golden Retrievers make up a big percentage of the people who cannot or will not control their dogs. The correct action is to call your dog back put it on lead and ask for and get a sit or drop until such time as the other handler and dog have passed.

Dog owners have a hard enough time with the non loving dog population without the dog owners themselves causing resentment by the lack of control of the dog they own. If you own a dog YOU are responsible for having the respect of that dog and controlling it.



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Problems with Coming on Call or Walking on Lead are Lack of Leadership Problems

HELEN READ

This means that the relationship between the handler/s and the dog in the home must be addressed before any change in these behaviours can be expected.

Leadership is the first requirement for having a dog that is willing to fit into the lifestyle of the owner.

Leadership - what is it?

- The dog being a pack animal needs to know that the owner can be relied upon to be in charge. This does not mean being dictatorial or bossy just being a person that demands respect and earns it by consistent behaviour. Respect must be earned daily.

What does this mean?

- This means that the dog knows that the owner is fair and reliable.
- The relationship should be one of trust and respect.
- Unless the owner has the respect of the dog he cannot expect to have the right to control, direct or change the behaviour of the dog.
- Only a leader has these rights.

How to earn the respect of your dog.

- Start early and ask for a sit before touching the dog or putting lead on or opening a door or gate or going for a walk. Sit means please.
- Be ready to "read" your dog and not allow it to enter situations it cannot cope with.
- Watch and manage situations always thinking of the dog's welfare.
- Avoid letting your dog practice behaviours you do not want to recur.
- Be reliable and fair, don't blame the dog for acting like a dog because YOU neglected to watch him properly and anticipate a situation.

How do you know if your leadership is adequate?

- Can you control and direct the dog when visitors come?
- Can you stop your dog chasing a cat?
- Can you have access to any area of value to the dog?
- Can you make the dog wait while his dinner is put down or a ball is thrown?

Changing the goal posts.

- Ask for something in return for something – no free lunches.
- Set your requirements and stick with them.
- If the dog wants the ball thrown, ask for a drop first – no drop, no ball play.
- If the dog likes walks, but bucks when the lead is going on – put the lead down and go inside.
- If the dog pulls to the gate to go for a walk about turn and go back inside.
- If the dog rushes to doorways before you to get his feed, put the food down and go back to sitting watching TV.

Get the picture – 24 hours a day you have to reinforce your leadership and earn the respect of the dog.

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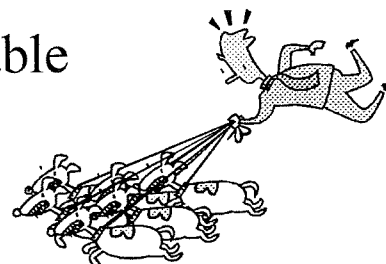
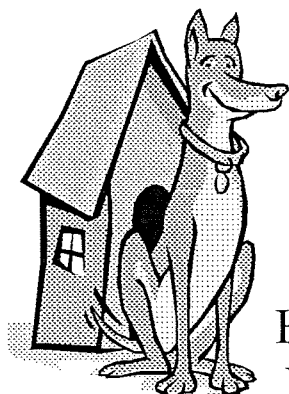
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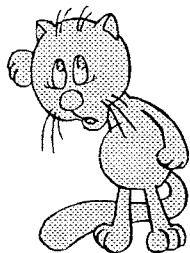
RAFFLES

Before you go home after training, don't forget to purchase your Raffle Tickets. John (our Raffle Steward) and his wife Ola usually have a raffle fortnightly and all proceeds from the raffle go towards update your Library facilities. John would also welcome any donations from Members.



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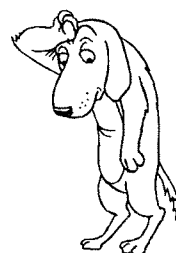
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CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

- ♣ Saint Nicholas Day is celebrated on December 6th in Eastern Europe. Children put a boot by the window on December 5th and it is filled with treats by Saint Nicholas. Naughty children get coal and onions.
- ♣ The Dutch "Sintirklass" arrives by boat on December 6th. Children leave a wooden shoe filled with hay and carrots for the donkey, which carries St. Nicholas' pack of toys. The good children get gifts.
- ♣ In Italy "La Befana" is a good witch who dresses all in black. Children leave their shoes by the fireplace on the eve of January 6th. Befana comes down the chimney on her broomstick to leave gifts.
- ♣ In Germany families go to church on Christmas Eve. While they are at church the "Christkind" or Christ Child brings presents to their homes.
- ♣ In Spanish-speaking countries such as Spain, Mexico, South America, children wait until January 6th for their presents. The Three Kings or Wise Men bring the gifts. Children put shoes by the front door to get their gifts. There is usually a big procession through the streets with floats for each of the Wise men.
- ♣ In Switzerland the "Christkindl" or Christ Child brings the gifts. In some towns, Christkindl is an angel who comes down from heaven to give gifts.
- ♣ In France "Pere Noel" brings gifts to children on Christmas Eve. Children leave their shoes by the fireplace.
- ♣ In China, "Dun Che Lao Ren," or Christmas Old Man, brings gifts to children.

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Specialty Sashes will also be available at all Geelong Trials.

Obedience

Saturday	14 February	Melton
Sunday	30 May	Keilor
Sunday	20 June	Broadmeadows
Saturday	4 September	Sunbury
Sunday	12 September	Northern
Sunday	17 October	Altona
Saturday	23 October	Werribee
Sunday	14 November	Ballarat

Agility

Saturday/Sunday	10 & 11 April	Agility Club
Sunday	2 May	Altona
Sunday	9 May	Ballarat
Sunday	18 July	Northern
Sunday	19 September	Ballarat
Saturday/Sunday	30 & 31 October	Warrnambool

RAINBOW BRIDGE

POSTED IN BY ONE OF OUR MEMBERS

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge. When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food and water and sunshine and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who have been ill and old are restored to health and vigor, those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing – they each miss someone very special to them who had to be left behind.

They run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent, his eager body begins to quiver. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and you and your special friend meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face, your hands caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life, but never absent from your heart.



Then together you and your special pet cross the Rainbow Bridge.

NEW YEARS RESOLUTION

To leave the old with a burst of song,
To recall the right and forgive the wrong;

To forget the thing that binds you fast
To the vain regrets of the year that's past;

To have the strength to let go your hold
Of the not worthwhile of the days grown old,

To dare to go forth with a purpose true,
To the unknown task of the year that's new;

To help your brother along the road
To do his work and lift his load;

To add your gift to the world's good cheer
Is to have and to give a happy new year.

Author unknown

INVITATION TO INSTRUCTORS AND MEMBERS

The Committee have decided to conduct a Positive Reinforcement Class in the early part of this year on a trial basis and there will be an opportunity for all Instructors and interested Members to observe and experience Positive Reinforcement in a Class situation during the second session each Sunday until the next Promotion day.

Any questions or comments would be welcome and can be directed to the Class Instructor or the Office.

CLUB AWARDS 2003

Registered Dog of the Year

Craig Walter	Kellick Riana Rose CDX	Riana	Flat Coated Retriever
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Associate Dog of the Year

Luba Hopkins	Lara Jumping Bunny CD	Jessie	Associate
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Agility Dog of the Year

Peter Baker	Dunwarren Blue Curacao CD JD	Poppy	Border Collie
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Title Medallions 2003

Companion Dog

Mark Kilbourne	Diablo Videl	Videl	Associate
Luba Hopkins	Lara Jumping Bunny	Jess	Associate
Roy Lawrence	Shianobox Wishmaster ET	Kimbo	Boxer
Dorothy Mottrom	Torlum Fierdmye Lucky	Moss	Flat Coated Retriever
Libby Hotchin	Ch Lindenbrae Tarfin Aurora	Django	Border Collie

Companion Dog Excellent

Craig Walter	Kellick Riana Rose CD	Riana	Flat Coated Retriever
Beryl Jackson	Purdella Fire Robin CD	Kelly	GSD

Utility Dog

Helen Read	Sugargum Fort Bowie (IID) CDX TD ET	Cobber	Australian Shepherd
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Jumping Dog

Peter Baker	Dunwarren Blue Curacao CD	Poppy	Border Collie
Tina Button	Pirate CD AD	Pirate	Associate

Jumping Dog Excellent

Trish Gavaghan	Lindenbrae Wildrose Tyra AD JD	Meg	Border Collie
Melissa Ellen	Little Lucifer JD	Lucy	Associate

Tracking Dog

Necia Lynch	Jasper Flash CD AD	Jasper	Associate
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Tracking Dog Excellent

Necia Lynch	Jasper Flash CD TD AD	Jasper	Associate
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25 YEAR MEMBERSHIPS

Four Members received plaques and gift vouchers in recognition of their 25 year Membership of the Club

Jim Ball
Colin Humphreys

Phyl Bergin
Graham Douglas

APPLICATION FOR TRAINEE INSTRUCTORS

Members are invited to apply to enter the Instructors Course, which will commence early in the new year. Members applying will receive education in -

- The Club – how it works and its history
- What makes a good Instructor?
 - Understanding how dogs and people learn
 - Be familiar with the difficulties people have in learning
 - Recognise these difficulties when they occur in Class
 - How to overcome these difficulties
 - Understand how dogs learn
 - How to be a successful Instructor
- Advances in dog training – what the public expect
- Positive training – what it is and how it works
 - Scientific research results on which positive training is based
 - Learn training theory
 - Learn training methods

In return the Trainee must guarantee to give the Club 12 months of their time as an Instructor after completing the course.

Course time frame 12 weeks plus apprentice time with a qualified Instructor. A Certificate will be issued after completing the course

Merit Certificate pass to commence as Trainee. Graduate Certificate pass required before you commence instructing.

Daytime Theory sessions can be arranged.

Applicants see Helen Read please

FLYBALL CLASS 2004

Flyball is a team sport for dogs and their owners. A Flyball team is made up of a minimum of 4 dogs and handlers and 1 box loader. The idea of Flyball is to send each dog in turn over a set of 3 jumps to get the ball out of the box, returning back over the jumps with the ball.

Some of the requirements for this Class are –

Dog must be 1 year old

Has completed participating in Merit Class

Social with other dogs

Enjoys having fun

A signed recommendation slip from your current Instructor

Note – This is an extra Class and does not replace Certificate Classes

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

See the Club Office for full Class requirement list and a recommendation permission slip. Further enquiries, see Sandra McCarthy – Flyball Instructor

Members! Did you know?

The Club has the following facilities available for your convenience

Equipment Shop

Open from 8.30 am to 9.00 am and 10.15 am to 10.45 am each training day. Come in and see the range of training equipment, leads, collars, harnesses, grooming equipment and treats, all at very competitive prices. Chris, our Equipment Shop Manager will help you make the right selection for your needs. The Equipment Shop also has Club Jumpers, Vests and Polo shirts available in Club colours with the Club logo. If you wish, you can also arrange to have your particular breed embroidered opposite the logo. A \$10.00 deposit is required when you place your order.

Off-street Parking

Off-street parking is available to all Members. For the safety of other Members and their dogs, please observe the 8-kph speed limits while on the grounds and please don't park along Breakwater Road.

Club Raffle

Our Raffle Steward, John Wallace, has a raffle available, usually, every second training day with special raffles held at various times. The funds raised from this raffle go towards updating your Library. John would also appreciate any offers of donated goods for the raffle.

Canteen

After training call into the Canteen for that much needed tea or coffee or maybe a cold drink and meet our Canteen Manager, Mark Kilbourne. There is a sausage sizzle run on a roster basis by each of the Classes, listen to Announcements for up coming dates and make yourself available when your turn comes around. Mark is always looking for help in the Canteen, so if you can spare an hour once a month, see Mark so he can put you on a roster.

Club Library

The Club Library has an extensive range of books on dog training, dog problems, dog stories, etc. If you wish to do some reading to compliment your training you will need to call into the Office and join the Library. The cost is \$2.00, which is valid until the 30th June each year when you will need to renew. Robyn Youl, our Club Librarian, or Peg Pope, our assistant Librarian will be at the Library inside the Clubhouse to help you, from 10.00 am to 11.00 am each training day.

Clubhouse

Members, for the benefit of Members, built the Clubhouse. If it is cold and wet outside, have your tea or coffee in front of the heaters after training. There is a television available for the latest sports scores or maybe you would just like to chat with other Class members before heading home. The photo gallery on the walls of the Clubhouse are of foundation dogs of the Club and dogs that have since gained Titles in the various canine disciplines.

Dog Boxes

These boxes are available to Members who would prefer not to leave their dogs in the car and are situated outside the storeroom. Please, for safety reasons, do not leave your dog tied on the veranda.

Bar

Bar facilities are available on Trial Days, social functions held within License hours and from 10.00am each Sunday morning. Meinhard Breiberg is our Bar Manager and is always willing to offer you a cold beer.

RECIPE FOR A HAPPY CANINE FAMILY

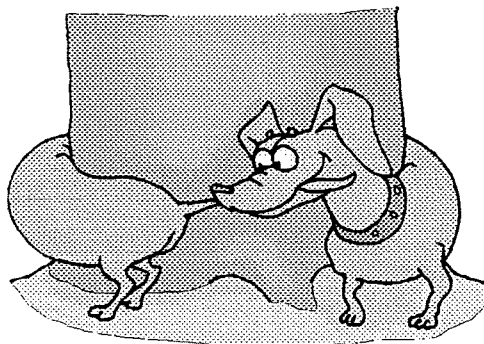
Your relationship with your dog needs respect and compromise too

Happy families, winning football teams, loving marriages and good friendships --- what do these things have in common? All these relationships need respect and compromise in order to be successful. These same ingredients are essential to a long, happy relationship with your dog, too!

Like you, your dog is a living creature with a mind of his own. He has likes and dislikes. Like you, he feels pain and loneliness. Like you, he has needs, the most basic of which are food, water, companionship and a comfortable place to live. Like you, he also has a need to be himself, to play and have fun.

Unlike you, your dog is an animal, not a miniature human being or a wind-up toy. He thinks but not in the same way that you do. His mind isn't capable of the same kind of reasoning that yours is. He looks at the world through different-animal eyes. He doesn't have a conscience and he doesn't know the difference between right and wrong. Through training, he can learn how to please you and what makes you upset with him but he doesn't understand the why's of things.

For example, your dog can tell from your reaction that it makes you very angry when he scatters the contents of the wastebasket all around the house but he isn't able to understand why you don't like it. If he's housebroken, he probably knows that he's not allowed to use the living room rug as a bathroom but he has no idea that it's because his urine will ruin the carpet.



In order to get the most out of your relationship with your dog, it's important to accept and respect the fundamental differences between dogs and people so you can work out compromises that will make those differences easier and more comfortable for both of you to live with.

Q: How do I keep my dog out of the trash can? I've scolded him over and over but it doesn't help. The last time he did it, he got sick on spoiled food and threw up all over the dining room! I'm afraid he's going to eat something that will hurt him and I'm tired of cleaning up a big mess!

A: Dogs love food more than almost anything else. Any kind of food is a temptation, spoiled or not. Dogs can be trained to stay out of the garbage as long as someone's always around to reinforce their training. Left alone, though, most dogs just can't resist the temptation.

People have tried some very creative things to keep their dogs out of the trash including booby trapping the wastebasket! It'll be much easier, though, for both of you if you respect your dog's weakness for food and compromise by putting the garbage out of your dog's reach altogether. Using covered wastebaskets or storing the trash bin in a cupboard or broom closet is a stress-free and permanent solution.

Q: I've just about had it with my dog! He's chewed up two of my daughter's dolls, three remote controls, a pair of expensive running shoes and I can't find a single sock to wear that doesn't have a hole chewed in it. I don't understand this - he has plenty of toys of his own. What am I going to do? I can't afford his destruction anymore!

Recipe for a Happy Canine Family (continued)

A: No, you certainly can't and the problem can be solved very easily if you're willing to make a few changes.

Few dogs can tell the difference between a costly pair of Reeboks and the old tennies you were going to throw away. The socks left lying near the bed don't look much different to your dog than the soft knotted chew toy you bought for him. To your dog, your daughter's doll is very similar to his own stuffed bear. If an item is within easy reach, has your scent on it and is chewable, your dog is going to consider it fair game to play with. When your daughter was small, she couldn't tell the difference between her toys and expensive forbidden objects either. She wanted to investigate everything. If you couldn't supervise her directly, you put things out of reach if you didn't want her to touch them. As she grew up and was able to understand, you taught her why she couldn't play with certain items.

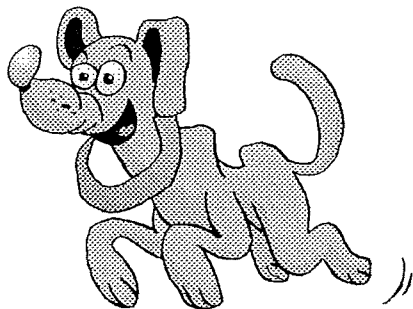
Because your dog is a dog and not a child, he's never going to be as smart as your daughter. He's never going to understand why it's okay to chew on a plastic toy bone but not on the plastic remote control he found on the coffee table. When you're there to watch him, you can keep him from destroying your property but when he's left to himself, he's going to go by his own very limited judgment.



Since we're smarter than our dogs (at least we hope!) and since we can understand the why's of things, it's often easier for us to learn new habits than it is for them. Can you train yourself to put the remote control on a shelf when it's not being used? Can you teach your daughter to put her dolls in her toy box when she's through with them? Can you put your socks in a hamper and your shoes in the closet? Sure you can and far more easily than you can teach your dog to resist temptation and leave them alone!

By respecting your dog's limitations and working toward a compromise, your socks will have fewer holes, you'll have a lower stress level, a tidier house, a fatter wallet and your dog will be much happier because he's not being scolded all the time for something he can't understand.

Vicki DeGruy



AGILITY COMMUNITY MEETING

An invitation is extend to the Agility community to attend a meeting at the Showgrounds

**Tuesday 17 February 2004
7.30pm**

Agenda items include

Discussion of proposals for changes in the ANKC Agility Rules, which would apply from 1 January 2006 if implemented by the ANKC

VALE

PIRATE CD AD JD HIT

25/5/94 – 13/1/04

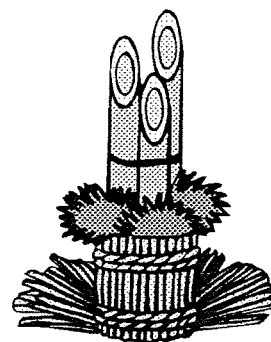
It is with much sadness and heartache that I write this vale of one of the best dogs I have ever owned. Sadly Pirate was diagnosed with a brain tumour, and his health deteriorated quickly, with much regret and many tears I made the decision for him to rest in peace.

His strength and courage were amazing, only two weeks prior Pirate had gained his HIT title without me having any knowledge of his condition. Pirate was a true fighter and I will miss him dearly.

Pirate loved everybody and he was loved back. His social nature will be missed. Thank you to all who helped me with his training and support.

Rest in peace my beautiful boy, you will always be loved and remembered.

Tina Button
Monlaird Border Collies.



AGILITY 2004

If you're looking for something different to try with your dog why not consider agility? Agility is a dog sport which is lots of fun and a way of keeping fit for both you and your dog. Your dog needs to be at least twelve months old, physically fit, definitely not overweight, and willing to work with you even when it is off-lead. It doesn't matter what breed your dog is or whether it is big or small - we welcome all sociable, non-aggressive dogs.



You and your dog will learn to work as a team as you direct it around an obstacle course made up of equipment such as hurdles, tunnels, tyres, A-frame, see-saw, walkover (bridge), weaving poles etc. If you find that you and your dog enjoy it you can eventually enter Agility Trials where you pit your skills

against those of other dogs and handlers and hopefully gain enough passes to earn various agility titles. Alternatively, you can forget about trialing and just do it for fun!

If you think you might be interested and would like to be part of the fun and challenges associated with Agility, you will need to ask your Instructor to sign a form, which says your dog is old enough and suitably under control.

For any more information about this exciting sport please come and speak to me or the other Agiliteers. We're all more than happy to let you know why we enjoy agility so much.



Trish Gavaghan – Agility Instructor

The Day a 'Star' Sparkled Brightly

Elaine Longshaw

Just after Christmas, Yahbini and myself went to the farm so he could have his daily run. The drought had been prolonged and in the paddock we frequented, the dam had dried right out and had become just a cracked mud hole. The cattle on this property are fortunate enough to gain access to three to four paddocks at once and had realized this dam was now not a drinking source and had decided to give it a miss generally and used other watering spots. The owner had decided to leave it unfenced, as the cattle seemed to have got the message. As the dam had been drying out over a period of time, Yahbini had been banned from going in for a drink and was coping well with that.

This particular morning we drove across to that paddock and we toddled off. I was wandering along through a bush section and was a fair distance behind him, when I saw him stand to alert. He then purposefully turned and proceeded to trot off towards the dam. I call him several times, but he chose to become DEAF and disappeared up and over a bank and started to bark. My heart stopped beating momentarily as the thought that he had bailed up a snake flashed thru my mind.

Upon reaching the top of the dam bank I immediately saw the problem was NOT a snake! Instead, it was an extremely bogged steer (no other cattle in sight in this or adjoining paddocks). Its legs were buried entirely under it in the mud and only half of its body was above the mire.

To my surprise Yahbini was alternating between barking at it's face and trying to tug it by alternate ears and then he jumped into the mud and wallowed to it's rear end and pushed at it with his muzzle. He then oozed around its side and tried to ever so gently tug on an ear again. At no time had the cow let out a 'moo', it was only due to his strong sixth sense that he had even found it!

It was, of course, a lost cause believing he could EVER move the poor thing, so I bundled this absolutely oozing muddy dog into our vehicle and drove to alert the owner of the property.

I hosed Yahbini off at the farmhouse but water pressure was not great, so had a second attempt when I reached home. He still stunk, so off to the Vets for a hydrobath (he already had an appointment there that day for a leg injury, which obviously wasn't going to improve rapidly being jam packed in mud). Even the Vets commented on the foul odour that graced their doorway when he arrived. Believe me, even the car stank for weeks later despite much cleaning.

As to the poor cow, well it took from 10.30am to 7.00pm at night with men and shovels wallowing in the mud, a small excavator and finally a truck with an hydraulic winch on it to get it out!! The miracle being that it actually managed to stand, which really surprised everyone after it had been crushed by so much mud!!!

As for the 'star', well Yahbini's name is an aboriginal word and its true meaning is a 'star', so how apt was that in picking names for puppies!!! A 'start' certainly sparkled on that day!

THE ANTI ARTHRITIS DIET

Elaine Longshaw

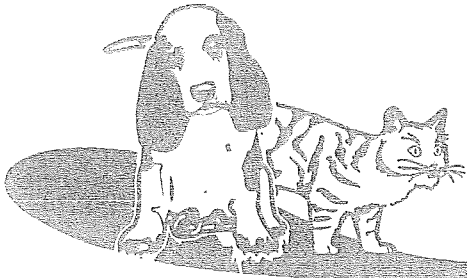
Ingredients

2 cups brown Rice
2 cups barley (pearls)
1 cup lentils
2 cups carrots
1 cup celery
½ cup parsley
2 cups spinach
2 cups lamb or beef hearts
2 garlic cloves
8-12 cups water

Method

Combine ingredients in a large pot. Bring to the boil and then simmer covered for 1 1/4 hours. Stir every 15 minutes. Add more water as needed.

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G.A.W.S.

Geelong Animal Welfare Society

ABN 65 005 093 756

31st December 2003

Geelong Obedience Dog Club
P O Box 186
Geelong 3220

Dear Members

On behalf of the Geelong Animal Welfare Centre I would like to thank you for your donation of dog food during our Christmas Appeal.

The response from the people of Geelong & surrounding district has once again been very generous.

All Food donated helps us to continue our work and we are grateful to you for your support.

Thank you again and we wish you good health and happiness for 2004.

Yours sincerely,

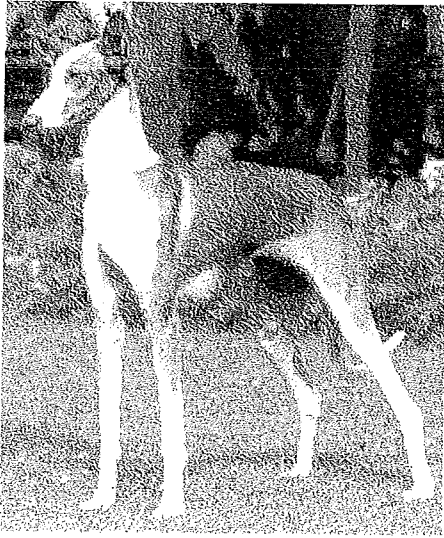
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For the GEELONG ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY



DOG BREEDS FROM A TO Z

Ibizian Hound



The Ibizian Hound is a large hound that is rather stocky compared to the other sight hounds and is capable of hunting by sight, sound or scent.

The Ibizian Hound is a native of the island of Majorca, but its origins date back some thousands of years to ancient Egypt. Other names that this elegant breed goes by are the Podenco Ibicence and the Ca Eivissencs. As with many of the ancient breeds, there is no defined history of its development. However, there have been images found in Egypt that depict hounds of very similar type to the modern-day Ibizian. It is likely that the dogs of the Ancient Egyptians somehow ended up on Majorca, where relative isolation kept the type true to the ancient forms. The Ibizian resembles both the Greyhound and the Saluki, and it is probable that these two breeds were the ultimate ancestors of the breed. It has also been speculated that Egyptian Mastiff may have been included in the mix, contributing to the relatively stocky build of the Ibizian, compared to other sight hounds.

Whatever its origins, the Ibizian was and is an extraordinary small game hunter, and it is distinguished from other coursing hounds by its ability to hunt by sound and scent as well as sight. Ibizans are deceptively strong, and dogs resembling them were said to have been used by the Pharaohs and to have accompanied Hannibal and his elephants during his Italian invasion.

The Ibizian is a tall dog, though not very heavy for its height. Height: 22 - 28 in (56 - 71 cm). Weight: 42 - 55 lb (19 - 25 kg). The most striking features of an Ibizian are the huge bat-wing ears that are set high on the head. When the dog is alert, the ears stand erect and dwarf the rest of the fine, narrow head. The other main features of the head are the large amber eyes and the large nose. As befits a coursing hound, the Ibizian has a long, muscular neck and a deep chest that is not barreled. The legs are long and straight with very powerful hindquarters. The tail is thin and set low on the back, and carried in a gentle curve. There are two coat varieties of Ibizian, the smooth (most common) and the wire-haired. In either coat type, the Ibizian can be white or chestnut, or a combination of the two.

This magnificent animal is a wonderful working dog. It has been bred to hunt by scent and sound as well as by sight. These skills provide the dog with a head start over most other hunting dogs. A wise owner who uses consistent training and gentle perseverance can produce an excellent multi-skilled dog. The Ibizian Hound makes a good watch-dog and as long as it is allowed to become properly socialized as a puppy, it also makes a good companion animal.

Irish Red & White Setter

General Appearance: Strong and powerful, without lumber - athletic rather than racy.

Characteristics: Biddable, highly intelligent, good worker.

Temperament: Happy, good natured and affectionate.

Head and Skull: Head broad in proportion to body, with good stop. Skull domed without occipital protuberance as in Irish Red Setters, fairly square, clean muzzle.

Eyes: Hazel or dark brown, round, slight prominence, and without haw.

Ears: Set level with eyes and well back, lying close to head.



Dog Breeds From A to Z (con't)
Irish Red & White Setter (con't)

Mouth: Jaws strong with a perfect regular scissor bite, ie Upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

Neck: Moderately long, very muscular, but not too thick, slightly arched free from throatiness.

Forequarters: Shoulders well laid back. Elbows free, turning neither in nor out. Strong, oval bone well muscled, sinewy, pasterns slightly sloping.

Body: Strong and muscular, deep chest and well sprung ribs. Back and quarters very muscular and powerful. bone strong, well built up with muscle and sinew.

Hindquarters: Wide and powerful. Legs from hip to hock long and muscular from hock to heel short and strong. Stifle well bent, hocks well let down turning neither in nor out.

Feet: Close-knit, well feathered between toes.

Tail: Strong at root, tapering to fine point, with no appearance of ropiness, not reaching below hock. Well feathered, carried level with back or below in lively manner.

Gait/Movement: Long free striding, effortless with drive.

Coat: Finely textured with good feathering. Slight wave permissible but never curly.

Colour: Clearly parti-coloured, ie base colour white, solid red patches. Mottling or flecking but not roaning permitted around face and feet and up foreleg to elbow and up hindleg to hock.

GENERAL MEETING

2nd December 2004

Meeting opened: 8.00pm

Apologies: J Convery, L Bruton, B Lawrence, M McNair, J Brophy, R Johnstone, J Hamilton,

Acc: D Dickeson

Seconded: J Wong

Carried

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

Acc: P Pope

Seconded: P McCormack

Carried

Business arising from the Minutes

1. Four bench type seats have been provided by Council for use on the Grounds. Discussion of location deferred to General Business
2. In the 2004 Calendar in VicDog November's Trials have been moved to Saturday 6th November but only as a single Trial and July's Trial is only Sunday 11th July not the Saturday and Sunday as requested. We have been informed verbally, that both requested had been granted but have received nothing in writing after several requests. P Convery to contact VCA for urgent written confirmation of changes so Judges contracts can be completed.
3. Instructors jackets and polo shirts have arrived and been distributed. All are numbered and a list of Instructors receiving uniforms has been added to the Inventory on the computer.

Correspondence Out: Nil

Correspondence In: C of G G re Change of roles, Jenny Ireland Pet Products re Ian Dunbar Seminar, Department of Justice re Community Work Orders, C of G G re Liquor License changes

Acc: E Longshaw

Seconded: V Douglas

Carried

Business arising from Correspondence

1. Community Work Order workers. This subject was once again discussed at length with P Convery expressing concern regarding the obligations of the Club and the fact that we are unable to know why workers are serving Community Work Orders. After discussion Members agreed not to accept the offer.

Treasurer's Report

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

Acc:

Seconded:

Carried

Other Reports

Canteen Manager – Report as per November's Newsletter

Display Team Leader – Not available

Hall Manager – In the absence of the L Bruton, P Convery read a written report. Report attached to the Minutes Book.

Grounds Manager – V Douglas gave verbal report which included further discussion on possible location of grounds seating. Also said that the grass on the outside of the Club fence would be cut as a snake had been sighted around the trees near the fence.

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

Raffle Steward – Not available

Shop Manager – Not available

Social Secretary – L Kelleher read written report. Report attached to the Minutes Book.

Training Supervisor – Report as per November's Newsletter.

Trial Secretary – Not available

Sub-Committee Reports

Instructor's Meeting - Nil

Acc: C Humphreys

Seconded: D Dickeson

Carried

General Business

FROM COMMITTEE MEETING

1. As the draft Trial dates for 2005 will be out shortly, J Convery asked Members to consider alterations to November's Trial date or alterations to the timing of all Trials in 2005. After discussion it was decided that a recommendation to the next General Meeting would include altering May's Agility Trial to Obedience or keeping Agility as is and altering November's Obedience Trial to an earlier date.

After several options were discussed P Baker moved 'that the Agility Trials remain as they are for 2005'.

Seconded: E Longshaw

Carried

It was then decided that Members should consider, over the holidays, other possible Trial changes for 2005 and the subject discussed again at February's 2004 General Meeting

2. The presentation of Agility Speciality Sashes was discussed and L Hotchin moved 'that all previous motions be rescinded and that we allocate 8 Highest Scoring Geelong Member Speciality Sashes for Obedience and 6 Agility Speciality Sashes each year'.

Seconded: P Baker

Carried

3. L Kelleher asked if any Members were available Thursday night at 8.00pm, could they please come down and help set up the hall for the Dinner on Friday night.

As there was no further business the President thanked all Members for their attendance and wished everyone a safe and happy Christmas

Meeting closed: 9.00pm