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CLUB CALENDAR

| <u>June</u> | | | |
|-------------|---------|--|--|
| Tuesday | 1 June | General Meeting – 8.00 pm | |
| Thursday | 3 June | Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks | |
| Sunday | 6 June | Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully | |
| | | vaccinated puppies under 6 months | |
| Sunday | 13 June | Queen's Birthday weekend. NO TRAINING | |
| Tuesđay | 15 June | Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc | |
| Sunday | 20 June | Normal training | |
| Monday | 21 June | Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm | |
| Sunday | 27 June | Normal training. Newsletter available | |
| Monday | 28 June | Trial entries close for Back-to-back Obedience Trials | |
| Wednesday | 30 June | End of financial year for all departments. Stocktake | |
| | | required. | |
| <u>July</u> | | | |
| Thursday | 1 July | Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks | |
| Saturday | 3 July | Trial Working Bee – to be advised | |
| Sunday | 4 July | Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully | |
| • | • | vaccinated puppies under 6 months | |
| Friday | 9 July | Trial Working Bee – to be advised | |
| Saturday | 10 July | OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIAL | |
| Saturday | 10 July | "Christmas in July Dinner" - Watch for further details | |
| Sunday | 11 July | OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIAL. NO TRAINING | |
| Thursday | 15 July | Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc | |
| Sunday | 18 July | Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months | |
| Monday | 19 July | Instructor's Meeting - 7.30 pm | |
| Sunday | 25 July | PROMOTION DAY. Newsletter available | |
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Quote for the day

The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary

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TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Desma Dickeson - Training Supervisor

Promotion Day is over again until late July with mixed results. I feel that some of the failures in the test are due to laziness and lack of thinking in trying to correct minor problems before they grow into big issues – sometimes a slight change in direction will work wonders.

New revision Classes, new Classes and induction, new puppies and the Trial Class returning to Sunday training for the Winter all transpired to make the 2nd May a very hectic day – eventually all things worked out. I'm not sure if everyone ended up in their right Class, but I hope they did!!!!

We recently enjoyed the Spirit of the West; I hope lots of you entered into the fun and enjoyment of the day.

The puppy play area is finally finished and looking great – thank you to all who helped in this project – it's been a long time coming. Please take care while the puppies play and remember to check on them regularly while they play and you talk.

Both the Graduate and the Merit Class sit and down Stays yielded disappointing results and I think that some renewed enthusiasm and homework should be applied to be successful in these Classes – the Certificates awarded in the higher Classes have to be earned by hard work and effort, so come on handlers – try harder! Of course Class 1 people also need to work hard for their Certificates – practice for when they too aim for the stars!!!

Thank you Instructors for all your hard work. Until next time

Love your dogs

Desma Dickeson - Training Supervisor

CANTEEN MANAGER'S REPORT

Hello to all Members. Firstly I would like to start off with the Agility Trial. The day ran very successfully. The helpers in the Canteen did a great job and feed back from Competitors was wonderful. They really seemed to enjoy the menu offered and our takings for the day was a little shy of \$450.00. I would like to thank everyone who helped out on the day and congratulate them all on a job well done.

As most of you would have seen we have a new BBQ. This was purchased by the Canteen out of the money raised from the sausage sizzle. I would like to thank Fred Lehrmann for the use of his BBQ while we got the new one.

I would like to ask for any Member who would be able to help in the Canteen on Sundays between Classes to come and see me in the Canteen. It's not hard, mainly serving tea, coffee and cold drinks. I would like to get a roster going, so even if you can only help once a month, this would be useful. Also, if you are available on any day feel free to come and offer your help, I will always use it. Come on people, get in and help run your Club, you will meet other Members and find that they get to know you.

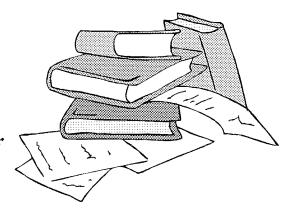
See you all on Sundays

Mark Kilbourne - Canteen Manager

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library is open between the 2 sessions 10.15am to 10.45am

Call in and see Robyn our Librarian or Peg our Assistant Librarian and they will assist you with your selection



Watch for the new books, which will be added to the Library shortly.

TEACHING THE DOG TO "HEEL"

- First, teach where "Heel" is. Heel is at the left side of the handler with the chest of the dog in line with and close to the left leg of the handler. The dog must know how to got to heel position with a "U" turn to the left from in front of the handler "find heel"
- Learn targeting. This means to shape the dog to touch his nose to a target. The target can be a closed fist or two fingers extended. By presenting the target and "bridging" (clicker or cue word to let the dog know it is right) any movement to the target by the dog's head we can shape the dog to move it's body in the direction of the target. Present the target quickly and bridge and reward any response. If there is no response, remove the target immediately and present again decreasing the distance from the dog and avoiding distractions.
- A Practice targeting in all positions sit, drop, stand and in different places. Go to a variable schedule of rewards, i.e. do not reward every response only the best.
- Now the dog will go to "Heel" on cue and has learnt to sit and watch beside the handler, as well as target your fist or finger with his nose, it is ready to learn to walk beside you in the heel position.
- A Have rewards ready and allow the dog to sniff your left hand with the food in it.
- A Bring the left hand up to your waist and tell the dog to "Watch". If the dog watches, praise and reward. Repeat 3 times.
- Now, fist to nose of the dog and back to your waist level and step forward with left foot quickly. If the dog moves with you, praise and reward with "you have just won Tattslotto type excitement".
- * If the dog surges forward, reverse and bring the dog back into the "Heel" position and start again. No punishing, just repeat the go to heel.
- * The secret of teaching a dog to heel is to stop, step backwards and bring the dog back into the heel position the INSTANT the dog looks away from the target.

Because heeling takes a lot of concentration, keep the practice sessions short and finish with a game or let the dog sniff and relax. It takes 12 months to have a dog heeling well.

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Winners – Practice of Excellence 2001

In 2001, the Australian Veterinary Association, in conjunction with the drug company Pfizer, awarded the inaugural "Practice of Excellence" awards. The only Victorian practice to win was the Bellarine Veterinary Practice, Geelong. A large number of high quality entries were received nationwide. The competition assessed the —

- 1. TYPE and RANGE of Veterinary service provided
- 2. STANDARD of facilities, equipment and services
- 3. TRAINING, EXPERTISE and COMPETENCE of both veterinary and nursing staff
- 4. OVERALL STANDARD OF CARE
- CLIENT SURVEY to assess client feedback on all the above

The Bellarine Veterinary Practice is extremely proud of this achievement. It reflects years of hard work and planning, building a range of services that places us at the highest standards nationally. In 2001 the Bellarine Veterinary Practice was reaccredited as an Australian Small Animal Association "HOSPITAL

OF EXCELLENCE", one of only twelve in Victoria. One of only two outside metropolitan Melbourne.

We provide the highest level of services possible in practice in the fields of reproduction, orthopedic and soft tissue surgery, dentistry, cardiology, radiology, clinical pathology, ophthalmology and behavioural sciences. This obviously requires commitment from a TEAM OF DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS – both veterinarians and nurses.

When you entrust us with the care of your animal, you can be assured that we will do our very best, and use the best resources to give you the best possible outcome for your animal's health problem.

May 2003

HOW TO PUT YOUR FOOT IN YOUR MOUTH

"Whenever I watch TV and see those poor starving kids all over the world, I can't help but cry. I mean I'd love to be skinny like that, but not with all those flies and death and stuff."

Mariah Carey

"Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very important part of your life," Brooke Shields, during an interview to become Spokesperson for federal anti-smoking campaign.

"Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country," Mayor Marion Barry, Washington, DC."

"It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it."

Al Gore, Vice President (DUH)

"If we don't succeed, we run the risk of failure.

"Bill Clinton, President

"Traditionally, most of Australia's imports come from overseas." Keppel Enderbery

"Your food stamps will be stopped effective March 1992 because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is change in your circumstances." Department of Social Services, Greenville, South Carolina

TRIAL RESULTS

| Warrambool Do | og Training School – 6 th March | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Libby Hotchin | Ch Lindenbrae Tarfin Aurora CD (Border Collie) | Novice Agility | Pass 6 th Place | |
| Border Collie Clu | b of Vic – 3 rd April | | | |
| Libby Hotchin | Ch Lindenbrae Tarfin Aurora CD | Novice Agility | Pass | |
| T. St. Law TT a. A. da Sa | (Border Collie) | NT. i.e. Ti.e. | 3 rd Place | |
| Libby Hotchin | Ch Lindenbrae Tarfin Aurora CD (Border Collie) | Novice Jumping | NQ 1 st Place | |
| Agility Dog Club | of Vic – Saturday 10 th April | | | |
| Trish Gavaghan | Lindenbrae Wildrose Tara AD JDX (Border Collie) | Open Agility | Pass | |
| Libby Hotchin | Ch Lindenbrae Tarfin Aurora CD (Border Collie) | Novice Jumping | Pass 4 th Place | |
| Libby Hotchin | Ch Lindenbrae Tarfin Aurora CD (Border Collie) | Novice Jumping | Pass 4 th Place | |
| P Baker | Dunnwarren Blue Curacao CD AD JDX (Border Collie) | Open Agility | Pass 3 rd Place | |
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| Agility Dog Club | of Vic - Sunday 11 th April Lindenbrae Wildrose Tara AD JDX | On an Asility | Daga | |
| Trish Gavaghan | (Border Collie) | Open Agility | Pass | |
| Libby Hotchin | Ch Lindenbrae Tarfin Aurora CD | Open Jumping | NQ | |
| | (Border Collie) | - F | 3 rd Place | |
| Libby Hotchin | Ch Jarrebor Taras Radiance CDX AD JD E | | | |
| | (Border Collie) | 6 th Place | TITLE | |
| P Baker | Dunnwarren Blue Curacao CD AD JDX (Border Collie) | Open Agility | Pass 3 rd Place | |
| Weimaraner Club of Victoria – 17/4/04 | | | | |
| P & J Convery | Cyndanz Spring Spice CDX (Golden Retriev | ver) | Pass | |
| | | Open Obedience | 7 th Place | |
| Geelong Obedienc | e Dog Club – 1/5/04 | | | |
| Morning | | | | |
| Novice Agility | Judge: I Staniforth | | | |
| Libby Hotchin | Ch Lindenbrae Tarfin Aurora CD JD (Borde | r Collie) | 3rd place NQ | |
| Masters Jumping | Judge: M Tyler | | | |
| P Baker | Dunnwarren Blue Curacao CD AD JDX (Bo | , | d | |
| | | 1st Pass | 8 th Place | |
| | | "Best Geelong M | ember" | |
| <u>Afternoon</u> | | | | |
| Novice Jumping | Judge: Mr M Cowman | 18t D | ard mi | |
| Roy Lawrence | Shianabox The Wishmaster CD ET (Boxer) | 1" Pass | 3 rd Place | |
| Novice Agility H Green | Judge: Mr M Cowman Ch Wameika Dentelle (Brittany) | 1st Pass | 4 th Place | |
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"Best Geelong Member"

TRIAL RESULTS (continued)

Open Agility

Judge: M Tyler

P Baker

Dunnwarren Blue Curacao CD AD JDX (Border Collie)

1st Pass

2nd Place

T Gavaghan

Lindenbrae Wildrose Tyra AD JDX (Border Collie)

5th Pass

5th Place

ADX Title

Altona Trial – Sunday 2nd May

R Lawrence

Shionabox The Wishmaster

Novice Jumping

NO 3rd Place

Best Geelong Member

Bendigo Obedience Dog Club - Saturday 8th May

(Border Collie)

(Border Collie)

(Boxer)

P Baker

Dunnwarren Blue Curacao CD AD JDX

Open Agility

Pass

1st Place **ADX Title**

Ballarat Obedience Dog Club - Sunday 9th May

(Boxer)

(Boxer)

P Baker

Dunnwarren Blue Curacao CD AD JDX

Masters Jumping Pass

"Best Geelong Member" Novice Jumping NO

R Lawrence

R Lawrence

Shionabox The Wishmaster

Shionabox The Wishmaster

2nd Place

Novice Jumping NQ

3rd Place

'Best Geelong Member'

Altona Civic Obedience Dog Club

P Baker

"Poppy" CD ADX JDX

Endurance Test

Pass



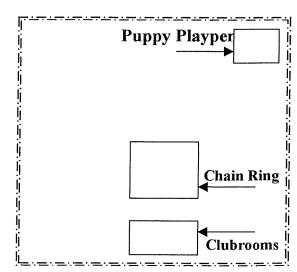
To all Puppy Class members

PUPPY PLAYPEN

A puppy playpen is available at the end of the car park nearest the football ovals for any of our Puppy Class members who wish to let their puppies play off lead.

Free play in a safe area is great for developing social skills.

The area is large enough for 4 or 5 puppies at a time, but for puppy's safety, please remove correction chains and do not leave puppies unattended. They are your responsibility.

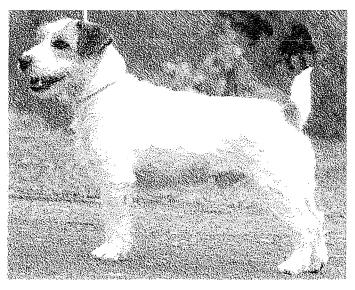


DOG BREEDS FROM A TO Z

Jack Russell Terrier

The Jack Russell Terrier is a feisty working Terrier that has won the hearts of many admirers.

The Jack is a relatively new breed, created in Devonshire, England, in the early 1800s by the Reverend John Russell (1795-1883). The Reverend had a passion for fox hunting, as well as for breeding fox hunting dogs. His aim in developing this breed was to have a dog that would be able to follow the fox into its hole and harry it until it broke cover, after which the hunt hounds could "finish it off." What he desired was a dog that was smaller than a Hound, but would still be able to keep up with the horses.



The exact breeds that John Russell used in his breeding program are not known, but it is suspected that the Bull Terrier and the Pocket Beagle featured strongly. The main goal of the Jack breeder has been temperament, and this has meant that breed type is not strongly set. Indeed, there are two forms of the breed, the Jack Russell Terrier, and the Parson Jack Russell Terrier. The only difference is that the Parson form has longer legs. The Jack Russell Terrier is not a recognized breed worldwide. Australia is the only country to allow them to compete for Kennel Club Challenge certificates. England has given limited recognition to the Parson Jack Russell Terrier, but they can't earn the title of Champion.

Jacks come in two sizes. Height: 9 - 12 in (23 - 30.5 cm) and 12 - 15 in (30.5 - 38 cm). Weight: 12 - 18 lb (5.5 - 8.5 kg). The height difference is caused by difference in leg length only, so that both forms are almost identical; it is only the proportion of body-length to leg-length that changes.

There are three coat types in this breed: broken, rough, and smooth. Regardless of coat type, the predominant body color is white. Brown, black, or black-and-brown markings are allowed, but they must not dominate the white. The reason for this is that when the dog flushes the fox from its den, the hounds waiting at the top need to be able to distinguish quickly between the two. All of the Jack's physical characteristics are present because of its fox-hunting heritage. It must have a narrow chest, be totally flexible, and be totally balanced in body proportions. The Jack has a perky, mischievous expression that is created by its v-shaped ears that fall forward and its large, dark eyes.

This is an amazing dog that will delight its owners. Although it is small in stature, it is a giant in spirit. The female Jack Russell makes an excellent companion, as they are bright, very quick, and affectionate. It is advisable to sterilize the male Jack Russell unless you are a very assertive person and you wish to keep him as a stud. This strong-spirited dog can become very bossy with the whole family. Jack Russells make good watch-dogs and will delight in informing their owners of the presence of unwanted visitors. Care should be taken when they meet other dogs because they have an outgoing manner which may lead to an attack by larger dogs.

Japanese Chin

Although the Japanese Chin was developed to be a companion and has retained that role, its inherent intelligence makes it a good watch-dog.

Despite its name, the Japanese Chin originated in China. The original Chin was a member of the Chinese courts for centuries, but it is not known exactly when this little breed was first introduced into Japan. Two documented events in history seem to be the most likely times. They may have been given to the Japanese Emperor in 732 AD by a Korean emissary, or perhaps even earlier in 520



AD when they may have traveled to Japan with Chinese monks and teachers. The Japanese have "perfected" the breed, so it now legitimately carries the Japanese name.

The Japanese Chin has been a favorite of monarchs at one point, a Japanese emperor decreed that these dogs should be worshiped. They were only owned by nobility and were often given as gifts to diplomats. Queen Victoria also owned a pair of Chin however, the first documented Chin to reach the west was a pair given to Commodore Perry in 1853. Never a hugely popular breed, the breed in America was almost wiped out by distemper soon after their introduction into the country. Nowadays, however, numbers are strong worldwide.

The Japanese Chin closely resembles the Pomeranian however, they are lighter dogs and don't have such a profuse coat. Height: usually around 9 in (23 cm). Weight: 4 - 7 lb (2 - 3 kg).

The coat can be black and white or red and white, the markings are clear and distinct, and the white is always pristine with no ticking. The hair on the body is long and silky, and because it stands out from the body, it forms a noticeable mane and profuse britches.

A Japanese Chin has a large head with a broad skull, the muzzle is very short and very wide. The eyes are very large and prominent. The ears are small and v-shaped, although they appear long because of the long hair on them. The overall body shape is square, with the legs roughly as long as the body. The legs are delicate, as is the whole dog. The feathered tail is carried over the back and the plume of hair falls to one side.

The Japanese Chin is an enthusiastic and intelligent little dog. It walks around as though it is an aristocrat reviewing its subjects. This companion dog also makes a good watch-dog, as it soon develops a strong sense of territory. Although this dog is very cute, it can become quite bossy if allowed to go unchecked. It is advisable to be firm with the Japanese Chin when it is young and until it is in the habit of behaving well. This is an excellent house dog that appreciates the stimulation of being taken out for walks.

CLUB TRIVIA

Who was the Member who went home only to find he had left his dog in the dog boxes? One very hasty trip was made back to the Club.

DJANGO Ch Lindenbrae Tarfin Aurora CD JD

It's fair to say that training and trialling Django to his Jumping Dog title has rarely been dull! Whilst his enthusiasm and athleticism are never in question, his attention sometimes wanders.... I was thrilled with his four clear jumping rounds over the Easter weekend - finally some consistency AND good performances.

Huge thanks to my training and trialling buddies down here at Geelong, especially Trish Gavaghan and Peter Baker, for their advice, commiserations and encouragement.

Training Django has taught me SO much.

Django remains a delight to live with. He gets maximum pleasure from everything he does, from cuddles to beach walks, from our partnership in Animal Assisted Therapy to playing with Sorcha and Cady, from training to performance. I know he will continue to enjoy our ongoing Agility/Jumping fun and games.

Libby Hotchin, "Sorcha" and "Cady"

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who won't survive the week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 20 million people around the world.

If you attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are more blessed than almost three billion people in the world.

If you have food in your refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.

If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder, you are blessed because you can offer God's healing touch.

The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing." - Albert Einstein

The Dog & The Child

Author Unknown

The Dog:

When I'm a puppy, I'll cry at night, and you'll have to get up every couple of hours during the night. When I'm sick, I sneeze, get runny noses, run a fever, cough, and sometimes throw up. When I'm hungry my stomach makes noises. When I'm tired I take a nap. When I'm thirsty I look for something to drink. When I'm happy, I smile and when I'm sad, you can see it in my eyes. When I don't get my way, I throw a tantrum. When I get hurt, I cry. When I get hit, I cower. When I get scared, I hide behind your leg and look to you for assurance. When you leave me, I miss you. When you come home from work, I get excited. When you ask me about my day, I get silly. When you play catch with me, take me to the park, take me for a walk and teach me stuff about the world, I look to you with admiration. When you're mad at me, I feel sorrow. When you're proud of me, I feel accomplishment.

The Child:

When I'm a baby, I'll cry at night, and you'll have to get up every couple of hours during the night. When I'm sick, I sneeze, get runny noses, run a fever, cough, and sometimes throwup. When I'm hungry, my stomach makes noises. When I'm tired, I take a nap. When I'm thirsty, I look for something to drink. When I'm happy, I smile and when I'm sad, you can see it in my eyes. When I don't get my way, I throw a tantrum. When I get hurt, I cry. When I get hit, I cower. When I get scared, I hide behind your leg and look to you for assurance. When you leave me, I miss you. When you come home from work, I get excited. When you ask me about my day, I get silly. When you play catch with me, take me to the park, take me for a walk and teach me stuff about the world, I look to you with admiration. When you're mad at me, I feel sorrow. When you're proud of me, I feel accomplishment.

We have the same feelings, this dog and this child. We will spark in you emotions, of Joy and of Pride.

We have the same feelings, this dog and this child. We both feel pain, we both bleed and we both cry.

We have the same feelings, this dog and this child. We both feel the fear of you not loving us and of dying. We ask you to consider, why is one of us more disposable than the other.

Sincerely, This Dog and This Child



RAFFLE NEWS

You could have the chance of Membership Renewal for 1 year including Library subscription by supporting our Raffle, which John will be conducting on Sunday June 6^{th} . There will also be other prizes.

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Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Good Friday

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Body language matters!

"It's not what you say but how you say it!" - Vicki DeGruy

Q: I've been taking my dog to obedience classes but I'm still having problems getting him to understand what I want him to do. My instructor says I'm not using the right tone of voice or body language but I don't know what she means. Can you help me?

A: Since dogs don't talk, spoken language isn't as important to them as it is to people. While they can learn what certain words mean, dogs understand non-verbal signals like tone of voice, gestures and posture better than they understand words.

For example, get your dog's attention and then, in a happy voice, call him to you using a different command than

he's used to and a different name than his own. If his name is Barney, say "Over here, Fred!" Guess what? Even if he's never heard those words before, he'll still come because he recognizes the inviting tone of voice you always use when you want him to come.

Dogs are also very sensitive to facial expressions and eye contact. He knows that a smile means you're happy and a scowl means you're not. Here's another example: Using that same cheerful voice combined with a big smile, tell him that he's a terrible, awful, miserable dog and that you're really mad at him. What does he do? Instead of cowering in shame, he wiggles, wags and wants to

Body Language Matters (continued)

kiss you! Why? Because you're talking to him in the same tone that you normally use to praise him. He doesn't care what words you use – it's your happy attitude that he's responding to.

Dogs pay attention to your posture, too. Crouching to the dog's level invites them to come or play. Standing straight with your shoulders back is a more commanding posture and tells the dog you are someone to be respected.

Dogs become very confused when their owners' words, expressions and tones don't match. If you were to crouch down and call your dog using a happy voice but with a frown on your face and a stern look in your eye, he wouldn't know what to do! Is he supposed to come or are you mad at him? If he does come, he'll probably do it fearfully since frowns and stern eyes usually mean something unpleasant is in store! Since your signals are mixed, he can only guess at what you want or what will happen to him.

Many owners give commands in a questioning tone: "Barney, sit?" This tells the dog you're not sure of yourself and don't know exactly what you want him to do. If you don't know, he won't either! Others draw the word out into something that sounds soothing, sinister and questioning at the same time: "Barney, siiiiit?" The poor dog doesn't know what in the world you're trying to get across and might not respond at all!

To be most effective when training and communicating with your dog, your expression, eyes and tone of voice all must say the same thing. You need to use different expressions and tones for different situations and keep those signals consistent. When you tell your dog to do something, use a low-toned, firm, matter of fact voice. "Barney, sit!" Your facial expression should be neutral, neither smiling nor frowning, you should be standing up straight and your eyes should say "Do it!" This is as clear to the dog as it gets – he sees that you expect him to do as he's told and if he understands the command, he will do it.

If he obeys, give him a huge smile and praise with a happy, cheerful voice. Let him know exactly how pleased you are with him. If he didn't obey, give him a dirty look and drop your voice as low as you can to deliver a short but totally unmistakable "no."



Give that dog a job to keep him happy

"My dog is always into something."

Q: I'm almost at my wit's end. My Golden Retriever is 2 years old and he's so hyper! He's always into something, chews on the furniture, jumps up on everyone upsetting the guests, he digs under the fence and he's in my face all the time. I thought he'd calm down as he got older but he hasn't. Any ideas?

A: Golden Retrievers are very energetic, enthusiastic, people-loving dogs. What you're describing—being "in your face" all the time, chewing, jumping up and excitability are normal activities for this kind of dog. This doesn't mean that they can't be modified with training but you need to understand that these are some of characteristics of the type of dog you chose. Golden Retrievers, like many sporting breeds, need training, exercise, attention and a job to do in order to be the kind of pet you want.

Give that dog a job to keep him happy (continued)

Goldens excel in obedience competitions. They are very trainable and willing at any age. Training, however, isn't a one-time thing, it needs to be practiced every day. For the Golden who jumps up, tell the dog to "SIT-and-STAY" when guests are about to come in the door. Until the dog is reliable on command, keep a leash on him and use it to enforce the command. Make sure you give lots of praise for obeying; Goldens thrive on praise. Jumping up is an expression of joy over seeing you or a new person, so make the experience of obeying your command (by using treats and praise) more rewarding than the act of jumping up.



For the dog that's in your face—well, that's where your people-loving Golden wants to be most of all. But I know there are times when you just can't have him on top of you. Sign up for obedience class and teach him what "down-and-stay" means. When you need to have your dog out of your hair temporarily, tell him to "down-and-stay" or temporarily confine him to a dog crate.

Destructive behavior like chewing and digging, especially when seen in an active breed like a Golden, is often a sign of boredom and lack of exercise. A short term cure is to make sure your dog has plenty of appropriate chew toys. There are bitter-tasting spray-on products you can get and apply to your furniture that will discourage chewing. Keep chewable valuables out of reach. If chewing while you're gone is a problem, get a dog crate. It will keep him safe and out of trouble when you can't supervise him.

For a long term cure for chewing and destructive behavior, your Golden needs a constructive way to use his energy. Daily walks are more effective than just being let out into the yard to amuse himself. Walks are fun and healthy for both of you! Take advantage of your dog's natural retrieving and athletic ability— can he catch a Frisbee or a ball? Sure he can! Can you give him a job? Can he fetch things around the house for you like pieces of dirty laundry or put away his own toys? Sure he can—if you take the time to show him how. Obedience training and practice are effective, too. It takes a lot of energy to concentrate and obey commands! You can incorporate obedience commands into everything you do. Walks, games and work to do are all great energy-burners and give him the personal attention he craves.

Your Golden's greatest desire is to please you. You can show him what it takes to make you happy through training and praise. By the same token, you have to understand that your dog has needs, too. Every successful relationship, whether human or canine, involves an understanding of each other's needs and how best to meet them. If you give him what he needs—exercise, training, a job to do and adequate praise and attention, he'll be better able to give you what you need—a well-behaved, calm companion!

Vicki DeGruy



WE DID IT!!!!

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The eyes have it:

Teach your pup to look deep into your eyes to set the stage for training

Q. I try to teach my dog tricks but she just won't pay attention to me. Help!

A. Have you ever noticed when your dog looks at you? It's always when she wants something, right? Why not turn this around with the eye contact game so she'll look at you to ask "please"?

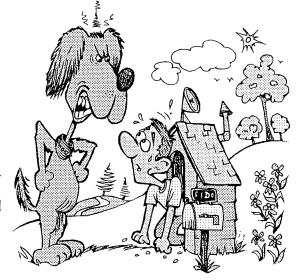
First, control the "attractions" in your training area, find a place where your dog is quite comfortable and seems bored. If nothing is attracting her attention away from you, you and your clicker and treats will be the best game around.

Put a treat in your hand, show it to your dog, then move it a short distance away from your body and wait. When your dog quits looking at the treat and glances your way, click and treat. Escalate the game, making it harder by expecting quicker and more intense eye contact. Soon your dog will not bother to watch your treat hand move away from your body. Practice the eye contact game until you can move both hands all over the place and your dog doesn't look at either hand because eye contact is where it's at.

Temptations

Repeat the eye contact game with minor distractions. If you make the game too hard too fast, your dog may be easily swayed by temptations in busy places, so find an area with less craziness. And control the temptations with a buckle collar and leash; clip leash to collar and tie the other end around your waist. Make the leash short enough to keep her from sniffing the ground.

Don't touch the leash – keep hands off! You need your hands for the clicker and treats Remember that the leash is a temporary tool; don't let it become a crutch. Dogs are not stupid; they know if the leash is on or off, short or long.



Review the easy stuff, then ask for more. Play the game until your dog reacts as if he were off leash, without any leash tension. Keep at it until she ignores all distractions and looks deep into your soul – an unforgettable experience.

Play the eye contact game in everyday life. If you wait for eye contact before letting her out of her crate, you'll begin to experience the fringe benefits of the game. Instead of acting wild and crazy when you approach the crate, she will start thinking and calm herself in order to give you eye contact.

Wait for eye contact before feeding, going outside, or getting out of the car. If she is a tugging maniac on walks and tries to drag you along, stop, brace yourself, and back up a bit, and wait. When she finally turns and gives you that highly annoyed doggie stare, say "good!" or "Yes!" and let her explore. Soon anything she wants to investigate will become a signal to ask "Mother, may I?"

Jackie Krieger & Cacky Vincent of Dew Drop Inn Dog Training

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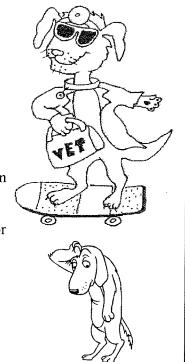
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GEELONG O D C MEMBERS SPECIALTY SASHES FOR 2004

Geelong Specialty Sashes will be available at the following Obedience and Agility Trials for 2004. Specialty Sashes will also be available at all Geelong Trials.

Obedience

| Saturday Sunday Sunday Saturday Sunday Sunday | 14 February30 May20 June4 September12 September17 October23 October | Melton Keilor Broadmeadows Sunbury Northern Altona Werribee |
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| Sunday Saturday Sunday | 23 October 14 November | Werribee Ballarat |

Agility

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



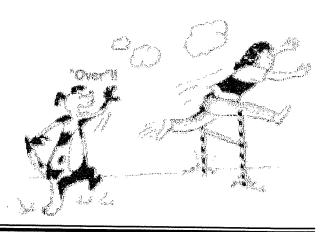
You and your dog will learn to work as a team as you direct it around an obstacle course made up of equipment such as hurdles, tunnels, tyres, A-frame, see-saw, walkover (bridge), weaving poles etc. If you find that you and your dog enjoy it you can eventually enter Agility Trials where you pit your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





"CHRISTMAS IN JULY"

A Spit Roast Dinner will be held at the Clubrooms on

Saturday 10th July

The return of our DJ from last year's Christmas Party gaurantees a great night's entertainment

The Dinner will commence at 6.30pm

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Please see Leonie or the Office for tickets



'Warning - Keep Fido Away From Raisins!

From Laurinda Morris, DVM. Sent in by Elaine Longshaw.

"Raisins and Grapes can be toxic for dogs- even a small quantity of seven can be harmful! This week I had the first case in history of raisin toxicity ever seen at MedVet. My patient was a 56 pound, 5 yr old male neutered lab mix who ate half a cannister of raisins sometime between 7.30 am and 4 30 pm on Tuesday. He started with vomiting, diarrhea and shaking about 1.00 am on Wednesday, but the owner didn't call my emergency service until 7 00 am.

"I had heard somewhere about raisins AND grapes causing acute renal failure but hadn't seen any formal paper on the subject. We had her bring the dog in immediately. In the meantime, I called the ER service at MedVet, and the doctor there was like me---had heard something about it, but....

"Anyway, we contacted the ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center and they said to give IV fluids at 1 1/2 times maintenance and watch the kidney values for the next 48-72 hours. The dog's BUN (blood urea nitrogen level) was already at 32 (normal less than 27) and creatinine over 5 (1.9 is the high end of normal). Both are monitors of kidney function in the bloodstream.

"We placed an IV catheter and started the fluids. Rechecked the renal values at 5 00 pm and the BUN was over 40 and creatinine over 7 with no urine production after a liter of fluids. At the point I felt the dog was in acute renal failure and sent him on to MedVet for a urinary catheter to monitor urine output overnight as well as overnight care.

"He started vomiting again overnight at MedVet and his renal values have continued to increase daily. He produced urine when given lasix as a diuretic. He was on 3 different anti-vomiting medications and they still couldn't control his vomiting.

"Today his urine output decreased again, his BUN was over 120, his creatinine was at 10, his phosphorus was very elevated and his blood pressure, which had been staying around 150, skyrocketed to 220. He continued to vomit and the owners elected to euthanize.

"This is a very sad case - great dog, great owners who had no idea raisins could be a toxin. Please alert everyone you know who has a dog of this very serious risk. Poison control said as few as 7 raisins could be toxic.

"Many people I know give their dogs grapes or raisins as treats. Any exposure should give rise to immediate concern. Feel free to contact me at if you have any questions."

Laurinda Morris, DVM - Danville Veterinary Clinic 202 Rodmick St. Danville, Ohio 43014 740-599-7342 740-599-5991

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 1 edition 6 issues (bi-monthly - odd months)

\$50.00

\$10.00

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

TO ALL MEMBERS ATTENDING TRIALS

The following is the criteria for the selection of "Obedience Dog of the Year" and "Agility/Jumping Dog of the Year" Awards.

Please read carefully.

"OBEDIENCE DOG OF THE YEAR" AWARDS

'that any previous Motions are rescinded and the following procedure adopted for the selection of Obedience Dog of the Year awards.

1. That three (3) scores only be submitted, two (2) of which are required to be passes (copies of Pass Card to be supplied), and the third highest score to be verified by the Judge on the day at the Trial.

2. The highest total of all three (3) scores will be the winner.

"AGILITY/JUMPING DOG OF THE YEAR" AWARD

'that any previous Motions are rescinded and the following point's table be used for the selection of Agility Dog of the Year award.

| Pass First Place Second Place Third Place | AD/JD Level 4 points 3 points 2 points | ADX/JDX Level 5 points 4 points 3 points | ADM/JDM Level 6 points 5 points 4 points |
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| Third Place | 1 points | 2 points | 3 points |

Dogs do not have to get a pass to obtain placing points, but a pass must be obtained in the award year to win the award'.

AWARDS AND TROPHY RECIPIENTS

'that all recipients of Club Trialing and Agility Awards/Trophies have to be active Club members and their dog shall have been trained for a minimum of 16 weeks on our grounds under supervision of authorised Club Instructors'. (16 weeks minimum effective for 2003)

If you gain a Title, the Secretary or Trial Secretary can give you the appropriate paper work to fill in for the VCA and you need to submit your details to the Office for your medallion at the end of the year.

All dogs that achieve a Title are entitled to have an 8" x 10" vertical photo on the Clubhouse wall. The Club supplies frames, but there is a \$3.00 charge so your photo can be added to the Photo CD for storage.

For Trial Results to appear in the Newsletter, it is up to YOU to notify the Newsletter Editor or the Office in writing or by phone.

Provision has been made for all Members and their dogs that gain Titles, to place a **HALF PAGE** summary of their feat in the Newsletter. Once again, it is up to the Member to notify the Newsletter Editor or the Office in writing, including a copy of your "Ad".