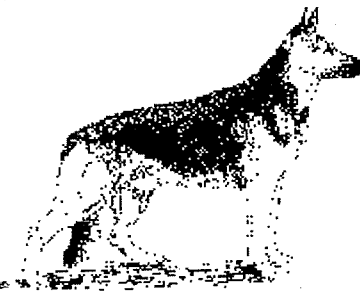
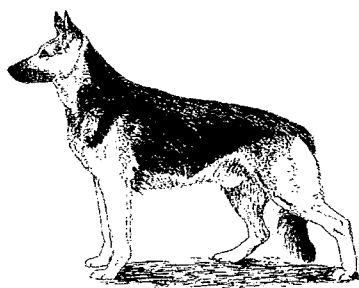
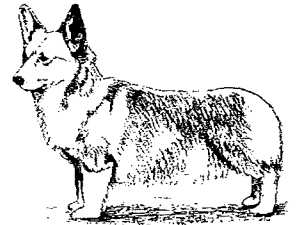
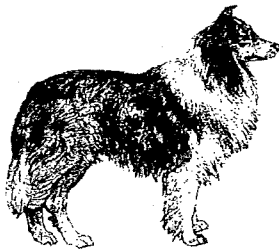
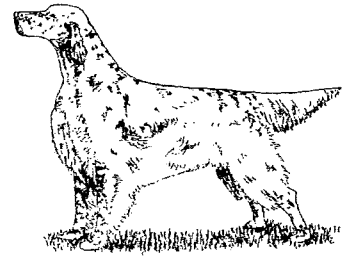
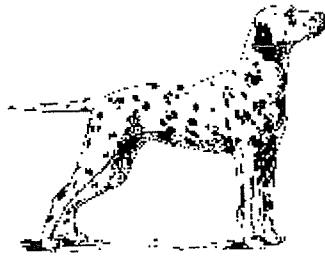


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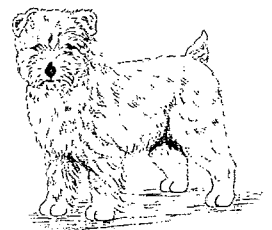
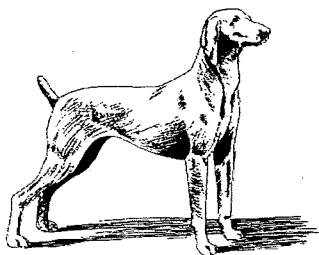
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CLUB CALENDAR

July

Thursday 1 July
Saturday 3 July
Sunday 4 July

Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Trial Working Bee – to be advised
Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Trial Working Bee – to be advised
OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIAL
OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIAL. NO TRAINING
Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Normal training.
Instructor's Meeting - 7.30 pm
PROMOTION DAY. Newsletter available

Friday 9 July
Saturday 10 July
Sunday 11 July
Thursday 15 July
Sunday 18 July
Monday 19 July
Sunday 25 July

August

Sunday 1 August

Tuesday 3 August
Thursday 5 August
Sunday 15 August
Monday 16 August

Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
General Meeting – 8.00 pm
Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Normal training. Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm. Distribution of Nomination Forms for Training Supervisor and 2 Assistant Training Supervisors.
Normal training
Normal training. Newsletter available

Sunday 22 August
Sunday 29 August



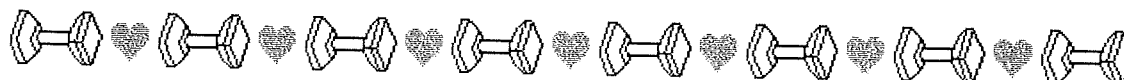
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Since my last report in the April issue, lots of things have happened. The "Trivia Night" was cancelled due to a lack of support. The Agility Trial went off okay, with a good support from Members, even though some prodding over the phone had to be done by Janelle our Trial Secretary. But all in all it was an excellent result.

The "Spirit of the West Challenge" against our friends from Werribee was well attended by both Clubs. Fortunately we were the winners both in Obedience and Agility. Next year we have to travel to Werribee to defend both Shields, so start training now, especially in the upper Classes.

We also said "Goodbye" to our Member Pat McCormack, whose funeral a few of us attended. Pat was well known to the Trialling Members with her Cavalier King Charles Spaniel "Sir Winston" for many years.

Recently, I put out a message to all Members reminding everyone of the need to attend the bi-monthly General Meetings. I'm happy to say it worked out and we were able to finally confirm the Minutes from February. I hope that the next Meeting on the 3rd August, which will be the last before the Annual General Meeting, will see the same if not more Members attending.

Our big weekend in July is upon us. Two Trials in the one weekend – 10th & 11th July, together with the "Christmas in July Dinner Dance" on the Saturday night. So please, all hands on deck, lots of help is needed.

Fred Lehrmann – President



TRIAL RESULT ERRORS (May's Newsletter)

Editor – My apologies for the following errors, which occurred in last month's Newsletter

Altona Trial – 2nd May 2004

Roy Lawrence

Shionabox The Wishmaster (Kimbo)

Novice Agility

Boxer

1st Pass

3rd Place

Best Geelong Member

SPIRIT OF THE WEST RESULTS

Class 5

Second

Carole Birrell & "Sophie

Juniors 7 – 11 years

First 3 places won by Werribee. Equal thirds were awarded to –

Sebastian Coles & Hailey

Isaac Gravalin & Zeppo

Juniors 12 – 18 years

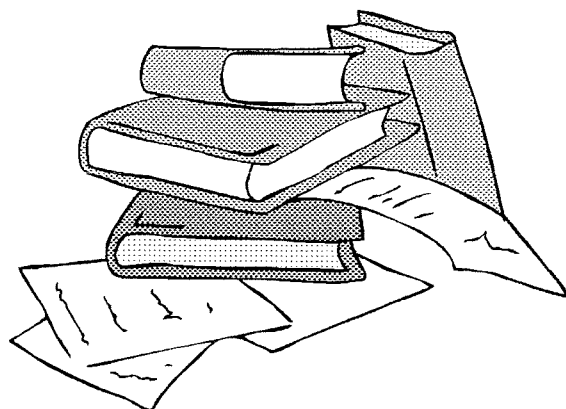
First 3 places as per May's Newsletter. Equal thirds were awarded to –

Jamie Marendaz & Buddy

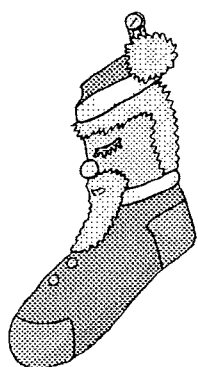
LIBRARY NEWS

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 Video collection, which is to be added to the Library
and new books, which are currently on order courtesy of your
contribution to our Raffles and the hard work of our Raffle
Stewards John and Ola Wallace



“CHRISTMAS IN JULY”

A Spit Roast Dinner will be held at the Clubrooms on

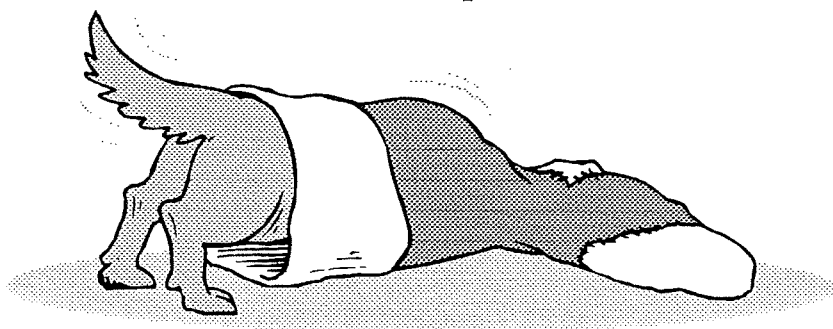
Saturday 10th July

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



Your Dog Doesn't have to be an Outlaw

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Your dog spends all day making choices that he hopes will result in your attention or some other form of reward for him. You spend all day ignoring all the good behaviors, waiting for the dog to do something bad so that you can "correct" him. You are systematically teaching your dog to choose bad behaviors. Is it any wonder that so many people live with unruly dogs?

How does this sweet, angelic puppy turn into the monstrous bane of your existence? It's simple. Just don't do anything to raise him right, and you'll teach him to be an outlaw. You'll have a carpet wetting, couch eating, child chasing, food stealing, hand biting, garbage raiding, yard digging, barking, wandering outlaw.



You may actually develop an adversarial relationship with your dog, until you say to yourself, something's got to give! You are living with a creature that seems to have it in for you and is doing something "bad" every minute of his waking day. One of the dictionary definitions for the word "outlaw" is an uncontrollable animal.

But the word suggests someone who is living outside the law. How can your dog break the

"laws" in your family if you've never showed him what kind of behavior was expected from him in the first place? You have to set up the laws by which you want your puppy to live within your family.

Will this potentially wonderful puppy grow up to be a Doggie Outlaw?

There are just millions and millions of dog owners out there adopting cute, innocent puppies, and then dumping them in shelters six months later because they were out of control. Well, who was in charge of controlling the dog? These people erroneously expected the dog to control himself. It happens every day. People adopt a canine into a human family and are aghast when the little guy insists on behaving like a canine! How dare he! The people somehow get the idea that all you add is love, and the little cutie will grow into a charming, subdued, noble and judicious guardian of the family.

What I find equally unacceptable is that the ones that aren't dumping their canine miscreants on someone else are living with them! These people are accepting a life of daily combat with their dogs, because they don't want to dump them in a shelter. They just think that dogs are supposed to be rude, wild, fiendish idiots. People see my well-behaved dogs in public and they are always astonished. It's as though they are looking at an anomaly of nature. What is shocking to me is the description of their own dogs that they immediately start telling me about. "My dog would never be that calm in public," they say. "He'd be jumping all over the place and probably biting people." These people have made for themselves a life of hell, and they have made their dog a prisoner by not teaching him the simple things that I taught mine. To them, my dogs look like extraordinary departures from reality. They look flawless. Flawless dogs are made, not born. And it doesn't take a genius to create one. EVERY DOG can become a well-behaved, model citizen. Every single dog in the world can be a wonderful pet.

People think it is beyond their capability to transform an unruly puppy into a perfectly behaved adult dog, but it is SO EASY! The fact that people just continue to not do anything to shape their dog's behavior, and are content to live with an atrociously out-of-control beast really grieves me. So many people have lost hope that "Sparky" will ever be socially acceptable, so they do what they think is one step better than

Your Dog Doesn't have to be an Outlaw (continued)

sending Sparky to the shelter. These millions of dogs get locked in the garage or basement, or are relegated to be chained in the back yard, like a prisoner. This is so distressing to me, when I know that these dogs could be mannerly family members.

Everyone has the capability of shaping a life. It's a very simple matter of rewarding acceptable behaviors and ignoring or punishing unacceptable behaviors. If people can't work this out with creatures as easy to mold as dogs, then what on earth are they doing, trying to raise children? All of the principles for raising dogs and children are the same. You don't need to buy a special collar for the dog and go to an obedience class and learn to apply various punishments, as if you were taming a wild beast. Dog training is like child training. It is a 24/7 operation. You do it all day long, every day, with very little effort.

Every single decision your dog makes requires a choice. You simply have to teach him to choose wisely. To do this you apply consequences to each thing your dog does. Traditional training (yuck) relied on waiting until the dog did something wrong so that you could punish him. Well, guess what? From the dog's point of view, he's making choices based on what rewards he gets. Oops! We're working against each other here! The dog tries lying quietly at your feet. Well, rats! That didn't do him any good... "Let's try another behavior to get some attention," the dog thinks. "I think I'll sit here and not cause any trouble. I'll not bark and I'll not jump up. I'll just stare adoringly at my master." Oops. "That's not working, either, I can't seem to get any attention from my owner. Not a glance, not a stroke, not a word... I wonder what on earth I can do to get someone to notice me around here... I think I'll run at the glass door and bark at the squirrels."

What a tragedy! While you were waiting for the dog to do something, which needed a correction, your dog was making lots of choices (many of them GOOD ones), but you weren't rewarding them. You didn't see the dog as DOING anything. But in fact, he was doing plenty. He was NOT barking, NOT jumping, NOT destroying something and NOT getting into trouble. But what did you do? You ignored all of those good behaviors. Instead, you were waiting for the dog to make a mistake, so that you could "punish" him. When you yell at him for throwing himself against the glass door (the first excitement he's had all day), he says, "Well, FINALLY! Something got a rise out of my deadbeat owner. From the attention I'm getting, I guess this is a pretty worthwhile behavior. I'll choose to do it more often!"

Let's review. Your dog spends all day making choices that he hopes will result in your attention or some other form of reward for him. You spend all day ignoring all the good behaviors, waiting for the dog to do something bad so that you can "correct" him. You are systematically teaching your dog to choose bad behaviors. Is it any wonder that so many people live with unruly dogs?

When you see your dog doing something good, give him a reward. Interpret "something good" as the ABSENCE of something bad. If you don't reward these instances of what you might call "non behaviors," they will go away and be replaced with a behavior that you probably won't like. We're used to a society that leaves you alone when you are remarkable or good, but climbs all over you when you make a mistake. For this reason, "punishment training" makes sense to us. But, do you like to be treated this way (by your boss or spouse)? Would you want your kids' first-grade teacher to work in this way? Positive reinforcement (rewarding good behaviors with pleasant consequences) works so much better than punishment.

With your guidance (no special training and no expensive training equipment needed) your dog will seek to perform the behaviors that earn him attention and rewards. And by controlling the consequences, you can be sure that he will want to choose the behaviors that keep him in the "reward zone." You don't even have to worry too much about punishment. The behaviors that aren't rewarded will go away on their own. From the dog's point of view, why repeat something that's not working out for you? If you think that by

Your Dog Doesn't have to be an Outlaw (continued)

not punishing something that you are rewarding it, you are wrong. Ignoring a dog is like a punishment for him. Remember the dog's formula for making choices:

Is it working? Do I get favorable consequences for doing this? What's in it for me? Will I get attention? Will I receive a cookie (or a click that means I will get a cookie)?

Is it not working? Do I get no response from my owner? No cookie, no praise, no dirty looks, not even yelling or chasing. Do I really want to pursue this behavior when it gets me NO attention?

Basically, the dog's mind says, if it's working, I'll keep it in my repertoire. I'll do it more often. It may even become my favorite behavior. If it's not working, it will go by the wayside. It's not a behavior worth repeating.

With this formula, it is ridiculously EASY to have total control of your dog's choices. He makes the correct choice because you manipulate the consequences, providing positive consequences for good behaviors or the absence of bad behaviors. Remember, your dog has no idea, which is which. Your dog hasn't a clue that sitting calmly in the corner during dinner is good and begging at the table is bad. So don't wait for him to form choices based on OUR notions of what is good or bad.

The thing that is so WRONG about traditional training methods is the waiting. While you're waiting for a behavior you can punish, to teach the dog a lesson, you're ignoring the hundreds of lessons that could be taught on a day-to-day basis if you were to reward all of those instances of "non-bad" behaviors. And, when you finally give the attention-starved animal the tongue-lashing he deserves for some misdeed, he's thinking this is the "good stuff." He doesn't perceive it as punishment at all, because whatever you do to him, it's better than the constant ignoring of all behaviors that you have been doing. The dog decides if something is a reward or a punishment, and a dog that only receives attention when he's wrong, will think that this is a pretty good way to get noticed by the owner. By waiting for a bad behavior, that's exactly what you'll get. The dog will exhaust all of the possible GOOD behaviors and get nothing, so he will invariably start trying bad behaviors, and "bingo," he hits the jackpot. See why so many people end up with "the dog from hell?"



With positive training, that sweet, angelic puppy will remain sweet and well behaved his whole life long. He will offer only the behaviors that have resulted in positive consequences. He doesn't entertain any thoughts of naughty or unseemly behavior, because you have made sure to reward only the nice and appropriate behaviors. With hardly any effort, you have wound up with the dog you deserve. He's not an outlaw. You can take him with you, and he'll be on his best behavior. You will hear people say, "Look at that lovely dog! My dog would never be that calm and obedient in public..."

TRIAL RESULTS

Tracking

Hastings Obedience Dog Club

Wendy Ganly	"Miss Annabell" TD	Test 4	Pass
Helen Read	"Pixie Bell"	TQT (Track Qualification Test)	

Bendigo Saturday 19.6.2004

Wendy Ganly	"Miss Annabell" TD	Test 5	★	★
Joanne Dunoon	"Koby Jonson"	Tracking Dog Excellent Title		
		TQT (Tracking Qualification Test)		

Agility

Warringal 19.6.2004

Peter Baker	"Poppy"	Open Jumping	Pass	3 rd Place
Peter Baker	"Poppy"	Open Agility	Pass	2 nd Place

Obedience

Broadmeadows 20.6.2004

Jenny Chase	"Cooper Clay"	Novice Obedience	3 rd Pass	3 rd Place
	Boxer	Companion Dog Title		★
		Highest Scoring Geelong Member		
Val Moeller	"Gypsy"	Novice Obedience	2 nd Pass	

"Poppy"

17.7.2001

Dunnwarren Blue Curacao ADX CD ET JDX FDCh

Poppy and I started off doing Obedience, but she thought the ring next door looked more exciting. So we started doing Agility on the 3.5 03 and it's been full on ever since, five Titles, bike riding and Flyball competitions. There's no moss under my paws.

"Amigo"

6.10.2002

Tillsun Master Key CD FD

Amigo is a great dog. He can put his paw to anything. Our Companion Dog Title was a breeze. He's a real gentleman and a great natured dog. His name suits him.

I am amazed at both of these dogs high intelligence, assessing constant changes put before them. I feel honoured to have two great working dogs as these. I never take them for granted.

I love their hardiness, courage, athletic ability and most of all their company, loyalty and protectiveness.

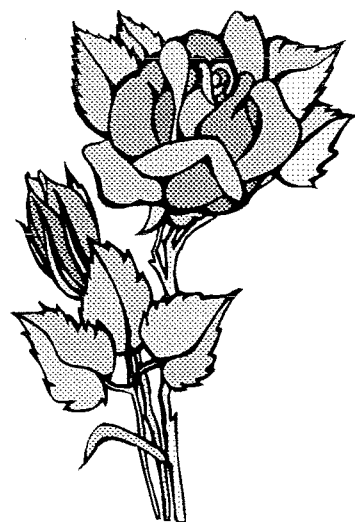
Many thanks

Peter Baker

VALE

'TSHINTA' (the sun)

(DOBEHERR DARK N'DEVINE)



My dear devoted girl. You gave of yourself right up to fitting in one more Nursing Home visit. The bath was a struggle to get in and out of, but you gave of yourself so willingly. I had to dress you in board shorts so the residents could not see the areas where you had been shaved and had the suture line. You tried so hard to hold on, but the loss of your son a few months earlier in a tragic accident together with the cancer were just too much for you to endure, and a few days after that visit, I had to help put an end to the pain, and as I gently held you, your light soared upwards to where you would be reunited with your son 'Yahbini' and his father 'Saadi' your loving housemates.

As a youngster you were a destructo-fireball, you were accident prone and you loved so much to run and hunt, never taking into account fences or anything else that was in your way. When you first ripped muscles you were only allowed to swim as therapy and you tried to walk on water and continually drenched all who tried to help. Then of course, you went on to become one of the best swimmers at the pool and from there you progressed to bottomless waterholes and tidal rivers.

You always had the boys bluffed whether it was a bone or a toy you were asserting your rights about. The only dobe in the family that could catch. You stamped everything with your individuality. You were shown, did Obedience and tried Agility and Tracking. Competed in fashion parades, became a Pet Therapy dog and was a member of both the old and new Demo/Display Teams, and a devoted companion to me.

Run freely and happily my princess. Forever in my heart.

Your loving owner and friend, Elaine Longshaw

FLYBALL CLASS DATES 2004

The Flyball Class will only be conducted on the following dates (weather permitting). If you can give prior warning that you are unable to attend Class I would be very appreciative. Flyball will not be held on Promotion Day or the week of training prior to Promotion Day. Sorry for any inconvenience to the people attending Flyball Class – Sandra McCarthy – Flyball Instructor

6th June
 20th June
 4th July (only 1 training session in July due to Trail and Promotion Day)
 1st August
 15th August
 29th August
 12th September (only 1 training session in September due to Promotion Day)

3rd October
 17th October
 31st October
 14th November
 21st November
 12th December (last day of training for the year, possible no Class depending on planned Club activities)

Terrorist Alert -

Recently we have received credible intelligence that there have been seven terrorists working in your office.

Fortunately, six of the seven have been apprehended. Bin Sleepin, Bin Loafin, Bin Goofin, Bin Lunchin, Bin Drinkin and Bin Behind-Kissin have all been taken into custody.

At this time, no one fitting the description of the seventh cell member, Bin Workin, has been found at your office. We are confident that anyone who looks like he's Bin Workin will be very easy to spot.

You are OBVIOUSLY not a suspect at this time.



A Blonde's Dog Sent in by Elaine Longshaw

A girl was visiting her blonde friend who had acquired two new dogs, and asked her what their names were.

The blonde responded by saying that one was named Rolex and one was named Timex.

Her friend said, "Whoever heard of someone naming dogs like that?"

"HELLOOOooo," answered the blonde.
"They're watch dogs!" "

Sent in by Elaine Longshaw

Two dogs were walking down the street. The one dog says to the other, "Wait here a minute, I'll be right back." He walks across the street and sniffs this fire hydrant for about a minute, then walks back across the street.

The other dog says, "What was that about?"

The first dog says, "I was just checking my messages."

Communication

Listen to your Dog! He may be trying to tell you something important!

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Dogs are canids and humans are primates. We do not have a common language to communicate with each other. The only means of communication we can use are telepathic (through pictures in the mind) and body language and vocal sounds (through actions, sounds and gestures). Most of us have lost the ability to communicate with our dogs telepathically since childhood. This leaves body language as the only way they have of communicating with us.

I often give demonstrations on the use of service dogs for PAWS With A Cause, where I work as a field instructor and presenter. I say that the dogs "alert" the owners, when they hear sounds they have been taught to respond to, or in the case of some seizure alert dogs, when they know the person is about to have a seizure. The question I get from the audience is always "HOW does the dog communicate this to the owner?" I usually explain by using the analogy of the television series, "Lassie." Timmy was always falling in the well or something, and Lassie forever had to go get someone to help. If you've ever seen that "Timmy's in the well again" body language on a dog, there would be no question in your mind that the dog were trying to convey something important. It's like the doggie version of "charades."

My friend Joanne has a seizure alert dog, Willie. Willie is a Golden Retriever, and loves to be petted, and he adores Joanne, so he often performs the "Golden Paw" maneuver to get attention, or he'll try to thrust his head under her hand to get it stroked. These are the same basic behaviors he performs to let her know she's going to have a seizure. How does she know the difference? The difference is very obvious to a "dog person." The head nudging and pawing take on an "exclamation point," which gives it that "this is a message of an urgent nature" twist.

When dogs try to communicate something to us, they often do something they don't normally do. For instance, if my dog, Karli, comes running into my office for no apparent reason and tries to crawl under my chair, I know that there is either something that scared her, like thunder, or a bear in the living room, or the other dogs are doing something that is "not allowed" and she is trying to establish an alibi, by being with me at the time the crime was perpetrated. I can usually tell if it's thunder or a bear in the house by giving a quick listen.



Ruling out the first two, I realize that this particular action on her part means, very clearly, "I didn't do it mom... I didn't have any part in it. It was all the other dogs' ideas and I wasn't even in the room at the time." Whereupon I jump up and go out to find that Gator is trying to pull a pan with dinner leftovers off the top of the stove, or the puppy is chewing something she's not supposed to, or someone relieved themselves in the house. It's pretty nice having a dog that acts as a "tattle tail."

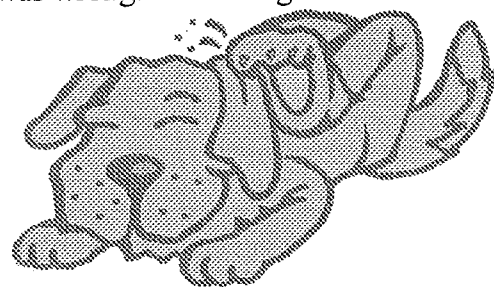
Your dog has a repertoire of behaviors and vocalizations, which are usually, used in particular circumstances. The dog may have one bark that means, "yippee", we're going to get something (dinner, taken for a walk, etc.)." There is a completely different bark that means, "the postman is here," and one that means "there's someone at the door." There's one that means, "I hear something unusual" and one that means, "let's play." I'm sure that if you thought about it, you could identify a dozen or more different kinds of vocalizations that your dog makes. Each one varies in tone, intensity, duration and volume. Each one carries a different message. Pay attention to what your dog is "telling" you.

Communication (continued)

I have a personal example of how listening to my dog's communication attempt saved our lives and our home. I was in the office, working, as usual, when I heard Karli, in the kitchen, bark once. Karli doesn't bark much at all, but the barks she gives are all identifiable. This bark didn't have a meaning. I stopped what I was doing and listened. I thought, "That's queer." She doesn't bark when she wants water, and that's not her "I see something out the back door" bark. It was definitely not the "someone's here" bark, or the "give me my toy back" bark. I thought, what could she be trying to tell me about in the kitchen?

Then, with horror, I realized that several minutes earlier I had left some garlic bread covered with cheese in the broiler of the oven. I had forgotten all about it, distracted by my work (out of sight, out of mind!). I ran to the kitchen and opened the oven door to find the cheese on fire, with flames shooting up into the electrical components at the top of the oven. I hadn't smelled the smoke or anything, but Karli did, and she thought it was something she might want to mention. This could have been a serious electrical fire, that could have destroyed the house, but instead it just became another embarrassing cooking lesson moment, thanks to Karli, and thanks to my habit of **paying attention** to my dog's attempts at communication.

Dogs have senses, which are far more acute than ours. I believe they can sense things that we, as primates, have no way of detecting. It's interesting to read the stories about the dog heroes. These dogs often find ways of communicating remarkable things to their owners. Fortunately, the owners listened. One example was a Pit Bull Terrier on vacation with his owners in their Jeep. The dog started doing the "Timmy's in the well" thing, and the owners couldn't figure out what was wrong. In the dog's final attempt to get through to these people with "doggie charades", he jumped out of the back of the jeep and ran ahead and physically blocked the road and wouldn't let them go further. They decided to go elsewhere to camp for the night, and turned their vehicle around. As it turned out, the gorge where they were headed flooded that night. A dam broke, if I remember right, and the valley was suddenly filled with rushing water, which wiped away all of the people who had set up camp there for the night.

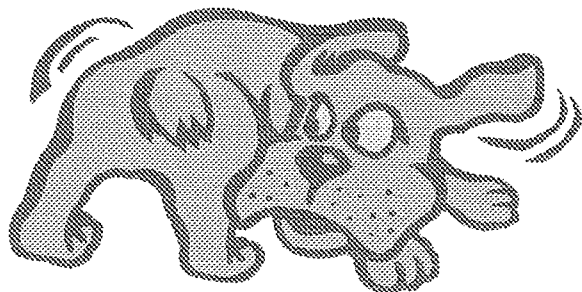


My message here is "Listen to your dog!" A few years back, I read an article about some break-ins that were occurring in California. They all took place during the night, in homes where people had dogs. The dogs didn't alert the homeowner to the presence of the intruder in the middle of the night. This is probably due to the fact that when dogs bark at night, the owners usually just tell them to "shut up!" When I was a teenager, I was vandalizing a friend's house (toilet papering) one night, when the people suddenly let their dog out. The dog was saying, "Hey there's about a half a dozen vandals out here in our yard, hiding behind the cars and stuff! Come quick! Get the baseball bat!" The owners just hollered "Shut up and get in here right now, you stupid dog!" They did not recognize the increased amplitude and intensity of the dog's bark as anything out of the usual. Bummer for them.

Probably the subtlest way dogs "communicate" with us, is when they have a physical ailment. They may not intentionally "tell" you that something is wrong. Dogs are pretty stoic, and sometimes endure amazing amounts of pain or discomfort, without letting on. It may just be that they don't know how to tell you. You have to use your own powers of observation. Watch for stiffness in the dog's gait. Watch for abnormal behavior, like licking or pawing a certain area of its body repeatedly. Watch for head shaking. More than an occasional shake may indicate an ear problem. Inactivity is a major indicator. If your dog's activity level suddenly decreases, it could be indicating that he doesn't feel well. It's hard to know what could be the cause, but it would be a good idea to keep your eye on the dog's stool, checking for parasites or foreign objects.

Communication (continued)

Go over his whole body feeling for any unusually warm areas, which might indicate a swelling or infection. Check the pads of the feet (if they're hurt, he's not going to want to move around much). Take a look at the anal sacs. Dogs, which regularly require grooming services probably, get their anal sacs expunged at the groomer's. If you bathe your dog at home, you may not realize that you should be checking his glands periodically. If they become filled or impacted, it can become very uncomfortable for the dog. You may see him playing "sleigh ride" (scooting his butt along the carpeting), to try to relieve the problem.



I challenge all of you to spend some extra time observing your dogs. Watch what they do everyday. Identify their normal array of behaviors and vocalizations. The only way to determine when something is out of the ordinary is to know what is ordinary. Whenever your dog does anything out of the ordinary, you should investigate. It could be an emergency. He could be exercising the only means he

knows how to communicate something important to you. You need to be listening.



APPLICATION FOR TRAINEE INSTRUCTORS

Members are invited to apply to enter the next Instructors Course, which will commence on

Monday 5th July 2004

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

Applications to Helen Read please

ODE TO "WELLINGTON"

Reprinted from Faithfully Yours – May 1996

Author – "Wellington's Owner"

When "Wellington" was six month old I bought a lead and chain
I joined a Dog Obedience Club, which taught me how to "train".
And it was –

"Left turn, right turn, right about turn and halt
If 'Fido' doesn't do it, it isn't 'Fido's' fault
You haven't done your homework – ten minutes every day
Now drop your dog and sit your dog and tell your dog
to stay".

We practiced hard and often, I rewarded him with praise
We must have done a thousand 'sits' and several hundred 'stays'.
But it was –

"Left turn, right turn, and let your lead go loose
If you don't correct him properly, it isn't any use".
It was "Forward, slow and drop him". It was "Sit him,
forward, fast".
Then, after many weary weeks, he was off the lead at
last.

We entered an Obedience Trial, a hopeful pair were we
But we needed several entries to get "Wellington's" CD
Then it was –

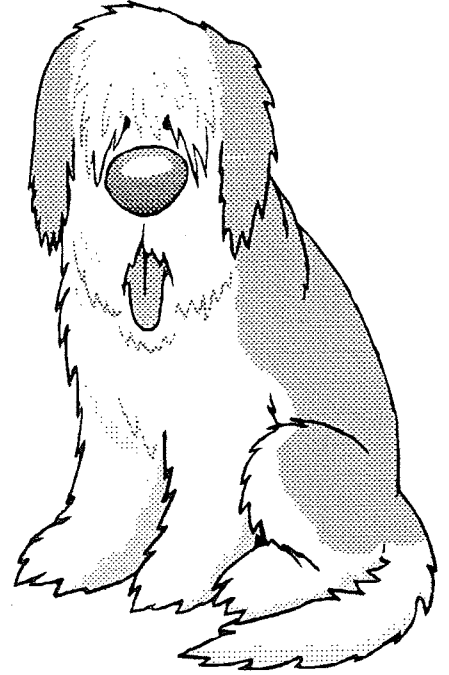
"Left turn, right turn, forward, halt and throw
Send him, take it, finish – he's better than you know!"
It was "Leave him, call him, drop him, call again and
praise.
Send him over, but remember, it's the tone of voice that pays".

Our CDX behind us, we worked for our UD
His 'Scent Discrimination' was a pretty sight to see!
There it was –

"Left turn, right turn and signals only please.
He must learn to do a 'Seek Back' up the hill and in the trees".
It was "Send him to the solid jump, now back and do the bar.
He'll have to watch your signals or he won't go very far!"

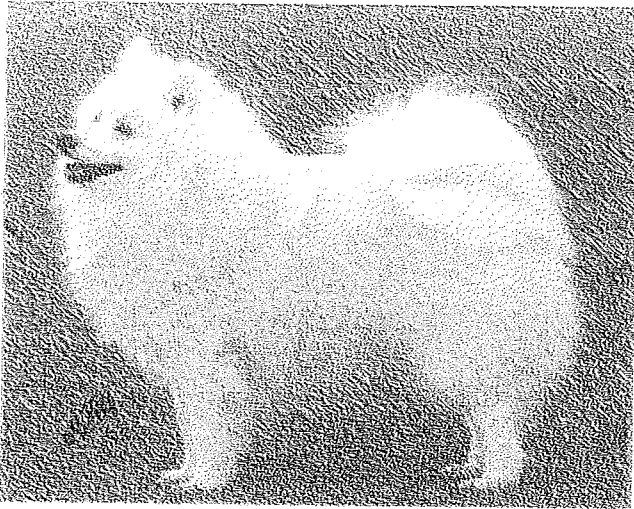
And now, each Sunday morning, without fail in cold or heat
I am teaching new arrivals and the cycle is complete
Because it is –

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DOG BREEDS FROM A TO Z

Japanese Spitz



It seems that many thousands of years ago some "Spitz Type Dogs" from central Europe made their way across Eastern Europe and Asia to Japan, arriving there about the year 500 A.D.

The Japanese people found these dogs to be very suitable as "Companion Dogs" for their large extended families and small gardens. In 1954 the Japanese Kennel Club drew up an official breed standard. It is an adaptation of this standard that is used today.

They are a small to medium dog with a white "off-standing" coat and expressive dark eyes. They are nearly

always smiling, and since their head reaches a little below knee height, they are a good family-sized dog.

"Adaptable" is the word that best describes them. They thrive anywhere from the searing heat of Central Australia to the snowy North of Scandinavia. They live happily inside or outside in most climates. If you want them to run in the park with you they will gladly do so. However, they like a cuddle and being loving and companionable, are more than happy to sit with you while you watch T.V. or do the gardening.

Their fairly light build ensures that they are not likely to knock over frail people, or young children. They are athletic and robust and will jog along with the fitness conscious members of the family. They enjoy the company of other dogs and cats, but playing with children is their favourite pastime. Their coat looks as if it needs a lot of attention. This is not the case. The "Teflon" texture of the outer coat allows mud and dirt to drop off as soon as it dries. One or two baths a year is quite sufficient as this breed has no "doggy odour". Clipping or plucking is not necessary and a 10 minute comb twice a week will keep them immaculate.

People who are allergic to dog hair usually have no trouble with this breed. These dogs are not fussy eaters, are cheap to feed and don't have skin complaints. Japanese Spitz are easy to train but, of course, as with any dog, you must spend some time with them showing them what it is that you want them to learn. This is especially important in the first few months of their lives.

They are a healthy dog and apart from vaccinations, visits to the vet should be very few, if any.

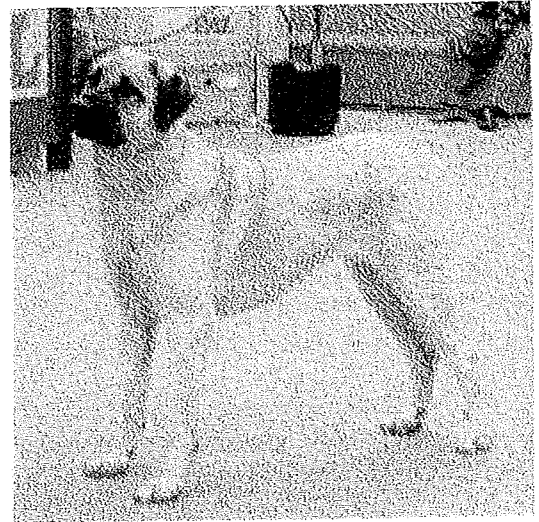
Kangal Dog

The Kangal or Kangal Kopegi is one of a few native Turkish breeds and is the national dog of Turkey.

The Kangal dog comes from the center of Turkey, the Kangal District, and is a breed revered by the people of Turkey. They were originally bred as livestock guardians, a task that they still undertake today. The fierce nature of the Kangal and its value as a protector of irreplaceable livestock mean that they are usually not kept as pets. This breed is so valuable to the shepherds of the Kangal region that the Turkish government sponsors breeding programs so that the breed is not lost or changed. Although this breed is not recognized by any kennel clubs around the world, there is a dedicated band of breeders and owners in the US which has formed a club with the express purpose of preserving and protecting the breed.

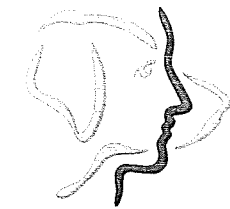
This is truly a magnificent breed that radiates power in every line.
Height: minimum of 28 in (71 cm) for the bitch and 30 in (76 cm) for
dog. Weight: 75 - 150 lb (34 - 69 kg), with an average of 120 lb
(54.5 kg).

The Kangal dog is strongly built with massively muscled thighs, shoulders and neck. The head is not massive, but the expression is by no means soft. Turkish owners often crop their dogs' triangular forward-folding ears to make them appear even more intimidating, and this image is complemented by a large spiked collar. Unlike most other flock guardians, the Kangal is never white. It has a black face and ears, and the body color can range from light dun to steel gray. It usually has a white patch on the chest, blaze and stockings. The coat is short and dense but not harsh. The hair on the curled tail is dense.



This large powerful dog is very confident in its strength. Its ability to think for itself, coupled with its sheer power, makes for a formidable guard dog. Only a foolish person would try to get past a Kangal. With early socialization it is possible to make a companion animal out of this breed, but it would still not be wise to leave it alone with children. The Kangal appreciates the stimulation of regular exercise and may become moody if kept in close confinement.

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Dear Sir/Madam

In recent days, Guide Dogs Victoria has regretfully had to announce our need to close our Visiting Pets as Therapy (VisPAT) program. Geelong Obedience Dog Club have made a wonderful contribution to the program over the years and we wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your support.

Guide Dogs Victoria's core mission is to help vision impaired Victorians achieve enhanced independence through a range of mobility services. Over the past year, we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of clients seeking our assistance. GDV relies on community and corporate support to continue our vital work for vision impaired Victorians.

With a limited supply of funding to address the needs of an expanding group of clients, we have had no other choice but to close our Visiting Pets as Therapy program as of 30 June 2004. We have offered a number of suggestions to our volunteers so that they have the option to continue their service to the centres they currently visit.

We'd like to thank you for your contribution to a wonderful program that has brought joy to so many people. Allowing us to use your facilities for dog testing and member meetings has been invaluable.

Yours sincerely

Brian Ritter
Chief Executive Officer

