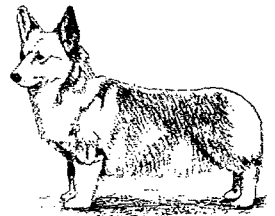
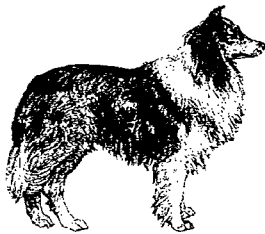
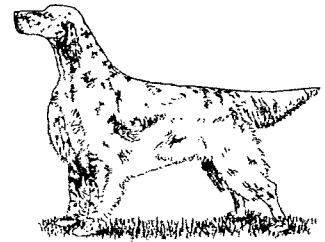
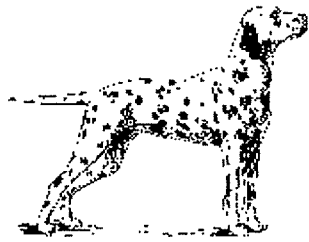


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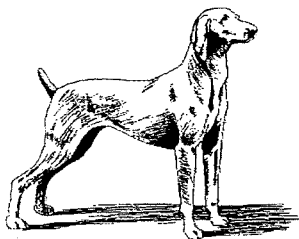


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CLUB CALENDAR

August

Sunday	1 August	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	3 August	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Thursday	5 August	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Sunday	15 August	Normal training. Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Monday	16 August	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm. Distribution of Nomination Forms for Training Supervisor and 2 Assistant Training Supervisors.
Saturday	21 August	Barbara Suckling/Margaret Deakes Seminar
Sunday	22 August	Normal training
Sunday	29 August	Normal training. Newsletter available

September

Thursday	2 September	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Sunday	5 September	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	7 September	Committee and Non-Committee nominations close
Sunday	12 September	Normal training
Wednesday	15 September	Nominations close for Training Supervisor and 2 Assistant Training Supervisors. Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	19 September	Normal training.
Monday	20 September	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm. Election of Training Supervisor and 2 Assistant Training Supervisors
Tuesday	21 September	Life Membership nominations close
Sunday	26 September	PROMOTION DAY. Newsletter available

INSTRUCTORS

Helen Read - Vice President (training)
 Desma Dickeson - Training Supervisor
 Andrew Wallace - Assistant Training Supervisor
 Kim Ciezarek - Assistant Training Supervisor

Colin Humphreys	Bruce Cairns	Arthur Thorogood
Joan Brophy	Moirra McNair	Betty Lawrence
Leonie Kelleher	Meinhard Breiberg	Fred Lehrmann
Victor Douglas	Val Moeller	Sandy Malady
David Gravolin	Naomi Greaves	John Shields
Kath Devlin	Shirley Fletcher	Pam Convery
Trish Gavaghan (Agility)	Sandra McCarthy (Flyball)	

Thought for the day

When you think you've been burning the candle at both ends & partying too hard just remember this:

Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well-preserved body, BUT rather to skid sideways, thoroughly used, totally worn out and loudly proclaiming... "WOW, what a trip!"

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Social Night and the Trials are behind us now. What a hectic time it was leading up to and including the weekend, especially for the Secretary, who, as usual, took charge of the operation. Well done, Pam. After the extensive lobbying for helpers only a handful, namely 5!!!! extra hands turned up for the working bee on Saturday 3rd apart from the ½ dozen regulars. Even some Committee Members decided to pursue their own interests. I've heard this attitude seems to apply to a lot of Clubs nowadays.

The "Christmas in July" Dinner saw some 50 odd people enjoy themselves to very popular tunes of old and new. With the Sunday Trial starting at 7.30 to 8.00 am for the 'workers', it was around 10.30 pm when some started to leave and everything had to be set up for the morning. Both Trials were held in good weather and very successful both in the running and results for our own Members. The Trial Secretary managed enough helpers, but once again had to ring around for some Stewards who also had to be VCA Members. Also here, some noticeable names were missing. A couple of Stewards were unhappy with their job allocation. Let me assure you that ALL jobs are of equal importance for the smooth running of a Trial.

Very favourable comments were made about the 1st Place getters trophies – a framed photo of their dog taken on the day. The Canteen received applause at the presentations and lots of good comments were made to me about the grounds. Negative comments were heard from some competitors with male dogs about too many trees!!

Our Puppy Pens aroused lots of interest. As we supplied plenty of rubbish bins, the grounds were once again left nice and tidy. Congratulations to all competitors also, for following the directions of our parking stewards. Well done. The Office Members were once again at their usual best and very efficient in getting the scores checked and everything ready in very short time for the smooth presentations, which were started on both days with the drawing of the wonderful Raffles that Ola and John Wallace had arranged and luckily some prizes stayed in Geelong. As soon as the last ring finished Judging the Ground Staff swung into action and had everything packed away in no time, thank you.

Talking about the Grounds, we have received 100 trees that need to be planted. We hope for more to come. Let Victor, our Grounds Manager or the Office know if you can help, please PARTICIPATE and try to lift the PARTICIPATION rate to a higher degree, because curiosity may kill the cat, but slack attitudes will certainly kill the Club.

Last year I postponed a trip to Germany to take on this position of President. I have decided that I will not do that again this year. I am going to accept an invitation to come to Holland for the World Union of German Shepherd Dog Club's Championship Show and some top GSD Shows in Germany. I am taking this opportunity while my age and health still permits me to do so and while I have still got friends and relatives over there that will put me up (or will put up with me), whichever way. I will not be back for the Annual General Meeting, so I hope that you will elect a Committee with the desire and dedication to carry the Geelong Obedience Dog Club into the next 50 years, as I have done mine!

Thank you all

Fred Lehrmann - President

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi everyone

Just a quick reminder that the Annual General Meeting Notice and Nomination Forms appear in this Newsletter. Time to give some serious thought to the role that you will play in the Club's future, but please remember that a badge does not give you power and if you take on a position you have a responsibility to your fellow Committee Members. It has been a rather rocky year in many respects, but it has had its lighter moments.

After 8 years as Secretary I have decided not to re-stand, in fact, many would probably say I have overstayed my welcome, but I have thoroughly enjoyed my role and along the way have met some great people and certainly seen some amazing dogs. But, it's time to move on to other things and with a new four legged addition to our household, time to get back to some training and attending Trials and Shows.

Position description will be posted on the notice board and in next month's Newsletter, so you will have some idea of what each position entails. Sadly these days, the laws and rules and regulations make volunteering for Club positions a little more complicated, but with a Committee that fulfills their respective roles and works together it can be very satisfying and a lot of fun. This is a great Club and it deserves to continue on facing the challenges it has in the past 50 years, as I'm sure it will.

Cheers

Pam Convery - Secretary

TRIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

As our President has given a very extensive report on the Trials on 10th & 11th July, I would just like to add my sincere thanks to those Members who helped out in whatever capacity over the weekend and congratulations to the Geelong Members who were successful. It was certainly a very busy weekend with several of us feeling the aches and pains for a few days after.

The Club's next Trial event will be the 50th Anniversary Double Obedience Trials on the 6th November, when again, the Club will be looking for your help.

Best wishes

Janelle Convery – Trial Secretary

TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

This will be a brief report – not a lot of things to report – ½ the year has disappeared and our 3rd Promotion Day will be over before this is printed at the end of July. I hope everyone who went for the different tests did well in the various Classes. Congratulations to the successful duos and better luck next time for the less successful people – don't give up now please.

As you are aware by the rise in Class numbers, some of the Instructors have been absent recently – work, the dreaded flu bug and personal reasons – unfortunately the Instructing ranks are desperately in need of Trainee Instructors to help keep standards high, so come on Members and give serious thought to becoming Trainees – you will get lots of help to achieve the goal of becoming and Instructor – and we are a pretty nice bunch of human beings!

Thanks, as always, to the very hardworking Instructors for the on going hard work every week.

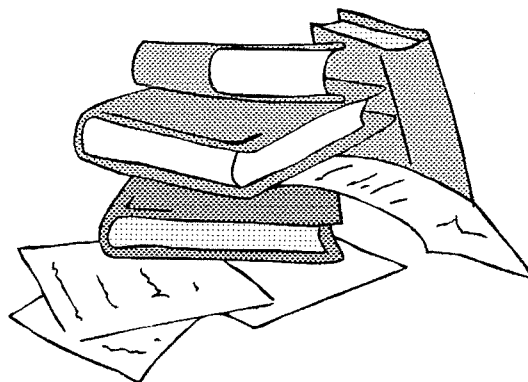
Love your dogs and give them an extra cuddle

Desma Dickeson – Training Supervisor

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



Stay!

I pulled into a crowded parking lot and rolled down the car windows to make sure my Labrador Retriever had fresh air. She was stretched out on the back seat, and I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there.

I walked to the curb backward, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically, "Now you stay. Do you hear me? Stay! Stay!"

The driver of a nearby car, perhaps noting that I am a blonde, gave me a strange look and said, "Why don't you just put it in park?"

A Dog's Life

Sent in by Elaine Longshaw

A woman told a marriage counselor that her husband's complaint that he leads a dog's life is probably well founded.

"He comes in the house with muddy feet," she said, "tracks across my clean floors, barks at nothing, growls at his food and makes himself comfortable on my best furniture."

THE WORM STORY

Four worms were placed into four separate jars.

The first worm was put into a jar of alcohol.
The second worm was put into a jar of cigarette smoke.
The third worm was put into a jar of sperm.
The fourth worm was put into a jar of soil.

After one day, these were the results:

The first worm in alcohol - dead.
The second worm in cigarette smoke - dead.
The third worm in sperm - dead.
The fourth worm in soil - alive.

So the Science teacher asked the class - "What can you learn from this experiment?"

Johnny quickly raised his hand and said - "As long as you drink, smoke and have sex, you won't have worms"



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Consulting by Appointment

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
5. 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 reaccruited 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.

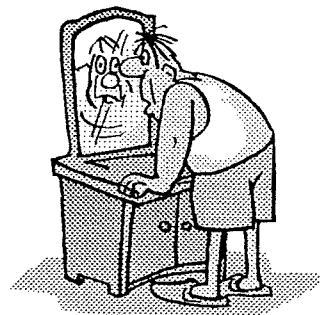
When you entrust us with the care of your animal, you can be assured that we will do our very best, and use the best resources to give you the best possible outcome for your animal's health problem. May 2005

ABOUT GROWING OLDER

Will Rogers

- First - Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.
- Second - The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.
- Third - Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know "why" I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.
- Fourth - When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.
- Fifth - You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.
- Sixth - I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.
- Seventh - One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.
- Eighth - One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.
- Ninth - Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.
- Tenth - Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf.

And finally, if you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you are old



TAKE A LOOK AT THIS...

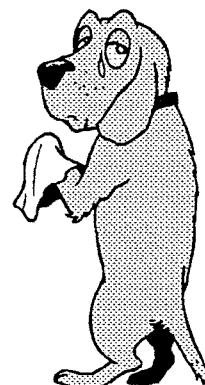
HELP NEEDED

RAFFLE STEWARD

Someone who is prepared to fill the role of Raffle Steward. Raffles are normally run fortnightly (although this can be changed to suit you) and at our Trials and supply valuable funds to purchase books for the Library. If you would be prepared to take on this role, please see John Wallace for further information.

DISPLAY TEAM MEMBERS

Our Display Team attends School Fetes and other functions to promote not only the Club, but also to promote responsible dog ownership. At present we are using a simple dance routine with our dogs, which is very easy to learn and we also do some Agility as well. If you would like further information please see Wendy McCraw or come along to our next training, which is on Saturday 14th August at 10.30 am.



TRAINEE INSTRUCTORS

The Club is currently in need of Trainee Instructors. Our Instructors play a valuable role in providing you with the skills to train your dog. If you have your Merit Certificate and would like to know more about passing those skills on to other Members, please see Desma Dickeson or Helen Read so a Trainee Instructors Course can be planned. Without additional Instructors, our Class sizes will continue to increase or we may need to consider limiting the amount of new Members at each intake.

Notice is hereby given to all Members of
Geelong Obedience Dog Club
that the
Annual General Meeting
will be held on
Tuesday 5th October 2004 - 8.00 pm
Clubrooms - Breakwater Road, Belmont Common
All Members are welcome to attend

Tylker Ganesh CD ET

aka Cooper Clay Knucklehead

We have always been fans of the Boxer and although having owned this breed for more than 20 years had never previously attempted formal obedience training. Cooper is our first obedience dog.

When we started out, my only goal was to turn a very boisterous bouncy puppy into a slightly more manageable one. Our time spent going through the class levels was memorable, with Cooper and I managing to muck up in most classes. We never managed to pass a level on first attempt and always considered ourselves lucky to eventually get through. At that stage I never dreamed that we would actually end up competing in Open Obedience Trials. Today Cooper is still a clown and usually manages to add his own twist to most new things we try. He is quite character.

I would like to thank the many generous people who have helped and cheered us along the way. In particular to my first instructor Chris Shields who didn't let me give up and walk away from Beginners Class when it all seemed too hard, and also to Leonie Kelleher, my long time Trial Class instructor whose surprising faith in Coopers ability, although sometimes well hidden, never faltered.

Gaining this CD Title has certainly been an interesting journey, taken with a wonderful dog, who has taught me so very much.

Owned and loved by Jenny & Arty Chase

Top 10 Reasons You Need a Vacation from your Dogs

1. When your spouse's shocked voice shouts from the shop, "Honey, come quick, I've had a terrible accident!", you show up breathless with a mop and scent neutralizer.
2. You wake panicked in the middle of the night when you sense you suddenly have room to move your body around the bed.
3. You can't sleep unless you hear lots of heavy breathing in your bedroom
4. The emergency number on your speed dialer is for the dog's veterinarian.
5. When someone taps you on the shoulder, you tell them firmly, "Off!", then "Down!".
6. When tempers flare among your family members, you pull out the long forefinger, pointedly raise your voice and shout "Go to your crates, now!"
7. When someone asks what's for dinner you automatically reply, "Kibbles and Bits"
8. When you are walking a ring around the local park and someone points at you and your dog, you raise both arms over your head, whoop and go looking for a ribbon.
9. When shopping, your best friend asks you what you think of that snappy suit in the window, and you scowl and mutter, "Useless, it is the same color as my dog and it has no pockets."
10. When your neighbor points to her crawling infant and asks you what you think of her new baby, you study it for a minute and reply, "Well, a little short on coat and long in the hock, but that kid has a great topline!"

Everyday Training to Avoid Problem Behaviors

Without even using commands, you can mould your dog's behavior to be almost always GOOD! So many people don't know what it means to reward a good behavior. They are waiting for a good behavior to occur, and they don't recognize it when it happens. Or, they just EXPECT dogs to somehow be good, and don't realize that they won't keep seeing good behaviors if those behaviors go unrewarded. Basically, any behavior that is not a BAD behavior is a rewardable good behavior.

Here is a list to help you know what to look for and what to reinforce with rewards and attention. I list the behavior and a new way of looking at that behavior as a way of eliminating or preventing a competitive behavior which is "bad":

- Sitting (the act of not jumping up)
- Quietness (the act of not barking constantly)
- Eye Contact (giving you their attention; the act of not "blowing you off")
- Going to the bathroom outside (the act of not peeing and pooping in the house)
- Walking on a loose leash (the act of not yanking your arm out of your socket)
- Coming to you for any reason (the act of not running away from you, or avoiding you)
- Lying still (the act of not racing around like a maniac, jumping, pulling on the leash, or barking)
- Bringing you anything (the act of not playing keep away). Even if it's your Rolex! Wouldn't you rather have him bring it to you than sneak out the doggie door and bury it in the back yard?
- Giving you anything (trusting you; the act of not resource guarding)
- Coming or staying near you (keeping tabs on where you are; the act of not wandering off)

If you can do this, you've just taught your dog to Come, Sit, Down-Stay, Heel, Retrieve, Not Jump and Not Bark, and you didn't even have to take an obedience class or even use training equipment. All you have to do is watch for one of these 10 behaviors to occur, and pop a treat in the dog's mouth. This is just TOO SIMPLE, and yet so many people fail to do it and end up with the "dog from hell."

How do you reward or reinforce these behaviors? You can use anything that is pleasing to the dog. Praise alone doesn't mean much to a dog unless it is followed by food. Most dogs respond well to small (very small) tidbits of soft-moist dog treats. Lots of dogs value a play session, or a chance to retrieve a toy, even more than a treat. Use what your dog likes. If you see the dog performing the rewarded behavior more regularly, that means it's working. Remember when he's engaged in one of the behaviors on the list, he is NOT committing one of the incompatible "crimes" (opposite behaviors).

Some people think that they would have to be feeding their dog all the time, to do this type of training. Well, I ask you, would you rather be punishing your dog all the time? Because if you don't reward the listed behaviors, **THEY WILL GO AWAY** and be replaced by self-reinforcing behaviors, like barking, digging, running and chasing things. A dog will only perform behaviors that are productive for him. You can't EXPECT a dog to know to be good. Telling him he is good by rewarding with a treat or an unexpected play session is a great way for him to form positive associations with those behaviors. And he will want to perform those rewarded behaviors **ALL THE TIME!**

You don't have to feed your dog for every breath he takes for his entire lifetime. Once you have formed good **HABITS**, they are hard to break. Just as once bad habits are formed; they are equally hard to break. So, it pays you to do it right the first time. **REWARD** those simple behaviors that you've been taking for granted! Open your eyes and open your treat bag! What you reward is what you'll get.

TRIAL RESULTS

Sunbury Dog Obedience Club - 3rd July, 2004

Agility/Jumping

Masters Agility (afternoon)

Trish Gavaghan	Lindenbrae Wildrose Tyra (Meg)	Border Collie	Pass	1st Place
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Novice Agility

Roy Lawrence	Shionabox The Wishmaster CD ET	Boxer	NQ	3rd Place
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Novice Jumping

Roy Lawrence	Shionabox The Wishmaster CD ET	Boxer	2nd Pass	3rd Place
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Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc - Saturday 10 July 2004

Obedience

Encouragement

Rosemary O'Sullivan	Kirrimist BJ Nblack (Brodie)	Shetland Sheepdog	Pass	1st Place
Tina Button	Monlaird Hyland Mist (Skye)	Border Collie	Pass	3rd Place
P & K Roupas	Strathraer Blue Diamond (Elke)	Golden Retriever	Pass	5th Place

Novice

Rosemary O'Sullivan	Pinedel Midnight Sting (Harley)	Shetland Sheepdog	1st Pass	2nd Place
Val Moeller	Voneiffel Aussie Dream (Gypsy)	Rottweiler	3rd Pass	2nd Place

CD Title

Open

Peter Baker	Tillsun Master Key CD (Amigo)	Aust Shepherd	1st Pass	2nd Place
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"Highest Scoring Geelong Member"

Sunday 11 July 2004

Obedience

Encouragement

Tanya Gladman	Spencer (Spencer)	Associate	NQ	1st Place
Tina Button	Monlaird Hyland Mist (Skye)	Border Collie	NQ	2nd Place

Novice

Libby Hotchin	Lindenbrae Tarfin Cazaly (Cady)	Border Coll	1st Pass	3rd Place
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"Highest Scoring Border Collie"

Open

Peter Baker	Tillsun Master Key CD (Amigo)	Aust Shepherd	NQ	3rd Place
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Utility

Joy Mayhew	Nahren Force Majeure CDX (Tara)	Rottweiler	3rd Pass	2nd Place
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"Highest Scoring Geelong Member"

UD Title

Tracking

Helen Read	Pixie Bell ET	Jack Russell Terrier	Pass	Test 1
Helen Read	Sugargum Fort Bowie UD TD ET	Australian Shepherd	Pass	Test 3

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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	4 September	Sunbury
Sunday	12 September	Northern
Sunday	17 October	Altona
Saturday	23 October	Werribee
Sunday	14 November	Ballarat

Agility

Sunday	19 September	Ballarat
Saturday/Sunday	30 & 31 October	Warrnambool

"Tara"

15/10/1995

Mahren Force Majewre, C.D., C.D.X., U.D.

*"My gorgeous girl" – what a pleasure to have been
your trainer – you have "done us proud"
in gaining your U.D. title at Geelong on
Sunday, 11 July 2004.*

**It has been a wonderful experience to train Tara to this
high level of obedience and I wish to 'thank' the many
Geelong Obedience Dog Club Instructors/Members
for their assistance and ever ready encouragement.
This has been gratefully appreciated.**

To all my "helpers" please accept my personal thanks.

Joy Mayhew

FLYBALL CLASS DATES 2004

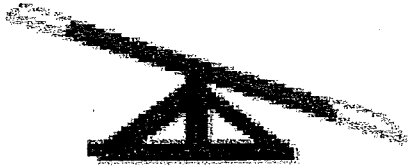
The Flyball Class will only be conducted on the following dates (weather permitting). If you can give prior warning that you are unable to attend Class I would be very appreciative. Flyball will not be held on Promotion Day or the week of training prior to Promotion Day. Sorry for any inconvenience to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

1 st August	
15 th August	
29 th August	
12 th September (only 1 training session in September due to Promotion Day	
3 rd October	
17 th October	

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

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

“A SMART IRISH SETTER”

Author unknown

A wealthy man decided to go on a safari in Africa. He took his faithful pet dog along for company. One day the dog starts chasing butterflies and before long he discovers that he is lost. So, wandering about he notices a leopard heading rapidly in his direction with the obvious intention of having lunch.

The dog thinks, "Boyo, I'm in deep doo doo now." (He was an Irish setter).... Then he noticed some bones on the ground close by, and immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the leopard is about to leap, the dog exclaims loudly, "Man, that was one delicious leopard. I wonder if there are any more around here?" Hearing this the leopard halts his attack in mid stride, as a look of terror comes over him, and slinks away into the trees. "Whew", says the leopard. "That was close. That dog nearly had me."

Meanwhile, a monkey who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the leopard. So, off he goes. But the dog saw him heading after the leopard with great speed, and figured that something must be up. The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the leopard. The cat is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine."

Now the dog sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back, and thinks, "What am I going to do now?" But instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers pretending he hasn't seen them yet. And just when they get close enough to hear, the dog says, "Where's that monkey. I just can never trust him. I sent him off half an hour ago to bring me another leopard, and he's still not back!!"

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 11.00 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 Jubb, 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 or complete payment if you are ordering a garment with a specific breed.

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.

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 expanding our 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, on request, from 10.00 am on any training Sunday.

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR TRAINING

Being punctual

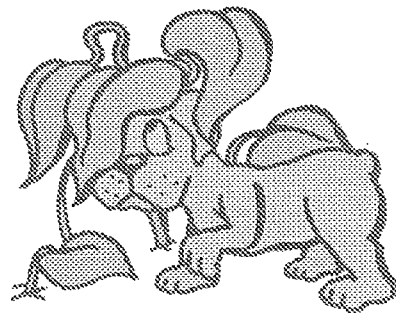
Try to arrive at the Club 15 minutes before your Class begins, this gives your dog time read the “doggy newspaper” (sniff the trees) and settle down ready for Class. Handlers, their dogs and Instructors should be in their Class area 5 minutes before the Class time.

When and When not

The time for effective training is when you have ample time and aren't distracted by other concerns, not when you are tired or not feeling well. Often we can transfer negative feelings down the lead to our dog, which leads to confusion for our canine friend and frustration for you when the session is less than successful.

Smoking, perfume and deodorants

Strong perfume, deodorants and smoking can overpower a canine's acute sense of smell. Obviously, teaching your dog to avoid you or feel discomfort, doesn't lead to successful training



No “Sunnies” either

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

Feeding

Don't exercise or work your dog sooner than an hour after feeding. Doing so can cause cramps and lessen performance. A hungry dog works better.

Plan to succeed not to fail

Remember the six P's. **P**rior **P**lanning **P**revents **P**itifully **P**oor **P**erformance. Effective training results from planning your training, not just approaching it in a haphazard fashion.

Be consistent

Be consistent with your training schedule. Plan to train at least 4 or 5 days a week, not just Sunday mornings. You may need a day off, but your canine companion doesn't. Properly planned training will have your dog looking forward to training sessions.

How long?

Short sessions with play in between will keep your pet interested. Utilise your daily walks to practice a sit, drop and stand.

End on a high

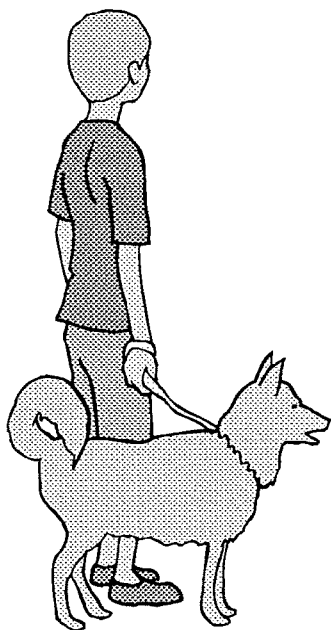
End each training session on a positive note with your dog performing an exercise successfully; pick an easy exercise that you know he does well. Never end on a failure, this can create a negative approach to training.

Focus and attention

When you are training, focus your full attention on your dog and the exercise.

How can you expect your dogs full attention if your attention is elsewhere?

Obedience training is teamwork – you and your dog working together.



GENERAL MEETING

8th June 2004

Meeting opened: 8.00 pm

Apologies; D Dickeson, C Shields, R Johnstone, W Ganly, Mr & Mrs Crutch, T Gavaghan, G Murray,
Acc: L Bruton Seconded: K Devlin Carried

As there were insufficient Members to form a quorum for the Meeting scheduled for 1st June 2004 this Meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday 8th June. April's General Meeting was cancelled to due a lack of a quorum. Minutes from February's General Meeting as distributed in the Newsletter, taken as read

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Business arising from the Minutes

Nil

Correspondence Out: Nil

Correspondence In: Friends of Belmont Common, VCA re Presidents and Secretaries Conference,
Vet2Pet, Lovely Loaves, Association of Dog Training Clubs, Guide Dogs Victoria, Department of
Justice, BestCare, Golden Retriever Club, Royal Agricultural Society, T Gordon

Acc: L Kelleher	Seconded: T Button	
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Business arising from Correspondence

1. VCA Presidents and Secretaries Conference - Items for the agenda a required by Friday 30th July. Members were asked to consider items for the agenda.
2. Association of Dog Training Clubs - 2 delegates are required to attend Association Meetings for 2004/2005, which are held at either Moorabbin or Altona. As no one came forward at the Meeting this item will be placed on the Announcement Sheet.
3. P Convery asked if the letter from the Guide Dogs could be placed in the Newsletter for Members to read. Members agreed. S Malady asked if the Club could remain involved in Visiting Pets for Therapy if no other organisation takes over from Guide Dogs.

Treasurer's Report

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

Acc: S Malady Seconded: K Devlin Carried

Other Reports

Canteen Manager – M Kilbourne presented a written report as per May's Newsletter

Display Team Leader – W McCraw was not available due to work commitments

Hall Manager – L Bruton gave a verbal report on her role in the Club

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

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

Raffle Steward – No report available

Shop Manager – No report available

Social Secretary – No report as there have been no social functions

Training Supervisor – Report as per May's Newsletter

Trial Secretary – J Convery read written report. Report attached to the Minutes Book

Sub-Committee Reports

50th Anniversary sub-Committee

L Kelleher gave a verbal report in the absence of B Elliott. Christmas in July Dinner is underway. Tickets will be available on the 20th June. Robbo's Roast and our DJ have been booked. All Members are asked to support this function. A Pie Drive will also be held in the near future.

Acc: L Bruton

Seconded: T Button

Carried

General Business

1. P Convery reported that due to family commitments John and Ola Wallace would be resigning as Raffle Stewards in August and that due to work commitments David Gravolin would be resigning as Webmaster as soon as someone else could be found to fill the position. Members were asked to consider filling these positions. Both positions to be included on the Announcement Sheet.
2. P Convery asked if an electric blower could be purchased to keep veranda clean. After discussion L Bruton moved 'that we purchase an electric blower at the approximate cost of \$70.00'.
Seconded: J Chase
Carried
3. F Lehrmann reminded Members of the Barbara Suckling/Margaret Deakes Seminar, which will be open to Members at the end of June. At present only 2 Instructors have returned their forms and paid.
4. P Baker asked if it was possible to add a light to the end of the storeroom, which would make night access to the Agility equipment easier and safer. P Convery to contact Greg Keane to provide quote.
5. Canteen Manager, Mark Kilbourne asked that the excess funds from the Canteen Account be transferred to the General Account leaving a balance in the Canteen Account of \$500.00.

As there was no further business

Meeting closed: 8.45 pm

End of Life Decisions

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Our older Dalmatian Mocha will be 13 in June. Arthritis, cataracts and senility are beginning to take their toll and we know he won't be with us much longer. Even though Suzanne was one of the cofounders of the grief education program at Colorado State University's Veterinary Teaching Hospital, and co-author of the Human Animal Bond and Grief, we've been struggling for several months now to know when it's time to say goodbye to Mocha.

Most pet owners have to face this heart wrenching decision at one time or another. We offer these suggestions, all of which we've used both personally and professionally to help us know when.

1. Consider the consequences of not euthanizing your pet.

By choosing euthanasia, you ensure you pet will receive a peaceful, painless death surrounded by those who love him. If you wait, your pet may die when you aren't home with him, or may not die comfortably.

2. Trust that you will know when it's time.

It can be frightening to be responsible for saying "it's time". Trust in yourself and in the bond you have with your pet. No one knows your pet better than you do.

3. Find specific ways to say goodbye.

Maybe you take your dog for one last walk on his favorite trail or treat him to a steak dinner. Your cat might enjoy a solid week of evenings spent in your lap or a tuna dinner. Write a letter to your pet telling him what he's meant to you. Create a clay paw print using a Clay Paws kit.

4. Remember you can always change your mind.

Making an appointment for a specific time and day to euthanize your pet can feel overwhelming. Knowing that you can cancel and reschedule another time, may give you the courage to actually make the appointment.

5. Try to think of what's best for your pet, not just what's best for you.

As pets become elderly, they are able to do less and less and their quality of life decreases. Ask yourself if your pet can still enjoy things, or is his health so compromised that life has become an unpleasant, daily struggle.

6. Take it one day at a time.

Notice if your pet has more good days than bad days. Don't count on having your pet for another week or another month. Think of today and tomorrow.

7. Seek support from those who understand and ignore those who don't.

Many cities now have pet loss support programs. Denver has one that is coordinated through the Denver Area Veterinary Medical Society. Being able to talk about your feelings with others helps you know that you aren't alone.

8. Know what's normal.

It's normal to feel guilty, anxious and frightened. No matter how timely your decision, you may wish you'd waited or done it sooner. Trust that you've chosen the time that's right for both you and your pet.

It's not quite time yet for Mocha, but we know it soon will be. And it will be hard to say goodbye to our old friend.

The History and Misconceptions of Dominance Theory

by Melissa Alexander

Note: The information in this article came from an interview with Dr Ian Dunbar who participates in nine years of Dr Beach's study.

The original alpha/dominance model was born out of short-term studies of wolf packs done in the 1940s. These were the first studies of their kind. These studies were a good start, but later research has essentially disproved most of the findings.

There were three major flaws in these studies:

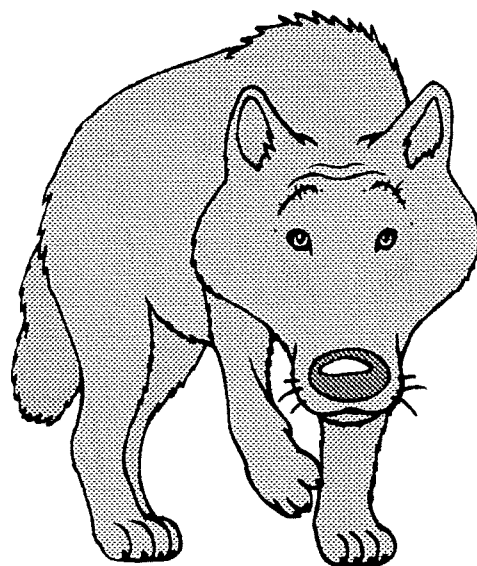
1. These were short-term studies, so the researchers concentrated on the most obvious, overt parts of wolf life. The studies are therefore unrepresentative -- drawing conclusions about "wolf behavior" based on about 1% of wolf life.

For example, the studies spent an inordinate amount of time describing overt interactions between the wolves even though the majority of interactions are subtle and peaceful.

2. The studies observed what are now known to be ritualistic displays and misinterpreted them. Unfortunately, this is where the bulk of the "dominance model" comes from, and though the information has been soundly disproved, it still thrives in the dog training mythos.

For example, alpha rolls. The early researchers saw this behavior and concluded that the higher-ranking wolf was forcibly rolling the subordinate to exert his dominance. Well, not exactly. This is actually an "appeasement ritual" instigated by the SUBORDINATE wolf. The subordinate offers his muzzle and when the higher-ranking wolf "pins" it, the lower ranking wolf voluntarily rolls and presents his belly. There is NO force. It is all entirely voluntary.

A wolf would flip another wolf against his will ONLY if he were planning to kill it. Can you imagine what a forced alpha roll does to the psyche of our dogs?



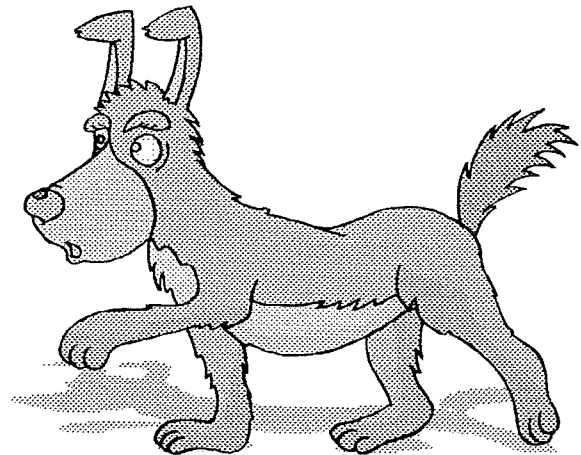
3. Finally, after the studies, the researchers made cavalier extrapolations from wolf dog, dog-dog, and dog human based on their "findings."

Unfortunately, this nonsense still abounds. So what's the truth? The truth is dogs aren't wolves. Honestly, when you take into account the number of generations past, saying "I want to learn how to interact with my dog so I'll learn from the wolves" makes about as much sense as saying, "I want to improve my parenting -- see how the chimps do it!"

Dr. Frank Beach performed a 30-year study on dogs at Yale and UC Berkeley. Nineteen years of the study was devoted to social behavior of a dog pack. (Not a wolf pack. A DOG pack.) Some of his findings:

The History and Misconceptions of Dominance Theory (continued)

- Male dogs have a rigid hierarchy.
- Female dogs have a hierarchy, but it's more variable.
- When you mix the sexes, the rules get mixed up. Males try to follow their constitution, but the females have "amendments."
- Young puppies have what's called "puppy license." Basically, the license to do most anything. Bitches are more tolerant of puppy license than males are.
- The puppy license is revoked at approximately four months of age. At that time, the older middle-ranked dogs literally give the puppy hell -psychologically torturing it until it offers all of the appropriate appeasement behaviors and takes its place at the bottom of the social hierarchy. The top-ranked dogs ignore the whole thing.
- There is NO physical domination. Everything is accomplished through psychological harassment. It's all-ritualistic.
- A small minority of "alpha" dogs assumed their position by bullying and force. Those that did were quickly deposed. No one likes a dictator.
- The vast majority of alpha dogs rule benevolently. They are confident in their position. They do not stoop to squabbling to prove their point. To do so would lower their status because...
- Middle-ranked animals squabble. They are insecure in their positions and want to advance over other middle ranked animals.
- Low-ranked animals do not squabble. They know they would lose. They know their position, and they accept it.
- "Alpha" does not mean physically dominant. It means "in control of resources." Many, many alpha dogs are too small or too physically frail to physically dominate. But they have earned the right to control the valued resources.
- An individual dog determines which resources he considers important. Thus an alpha dog may give up a prime-sleeping place because he simply couldn't care less.



So what does this mean for the dog-human relationship?

Using physical force of any kind reduces your "rank." only middle-ranked animals insecure in their place squabble.

- To be "alpha," control the resources. I don't mean hokey stuff like not allowing dogs on beds or preceding them through doorways. I mean making resources contingent on behavior' Does the dog want to be fed. Great -- ask him to sit first. Does the dog want to go outside? Sit first. Dog want

The History and Misconceptions of Dominance Theory (continued)

to greet people? Sit first. Want to play a game? Sit first. Or whatever. If you are proactive enough to control the things your dogs want, *you* are alpha by definition.

- Train your dog. This is the dog-human equivalent of the "revoking of puppy license" phase in dog development. Children, women, elderly people, handicapped people - all are capable of training a dog. Very few people are Capable of physical domination.
- Reward deferential behavior, rather than, pushy behavior. I have two dogs. If one pushes in front of the other, the other gets the attention, the food, whatever the first dog wanted. The first dog to sit gets treated. Pulling on lead goes nowhere. Doors don't open until dogs are seated and I say they may go out. Reward pushy, and you get pushy.

Your job is to be a leader, not a boss, not a dictator. Leadership is a huge responsibility. Your job is to provide for all of your dogs need... food, water, vet care, social needs, security, etc. If you fail to provide what your dog needs, your dog will try to satisfy those needs on his own.

In a recent article in the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) newsletter, Dr Ray Coppinger -- a biology professor at Hampshire College, co-founder of the Livestock Guarding Dog Project, author of several books including "Dogs: A Startling New Understanding of Canine Origin, Behavior, and Evolution; and an extremely well-respected member of the dog training community -- says in regards to the dominance model (and alpha rolling)...

"I cannot think of many learning situations where I want my learning dogs responding with fear and lack of motion. I never want my animals to be thinking social hierarchy. Once they do, they will be spending their time trying to figure out how to move up in the hierarchy." That pretty much sums it up, don't you think?

Melissa Alexander
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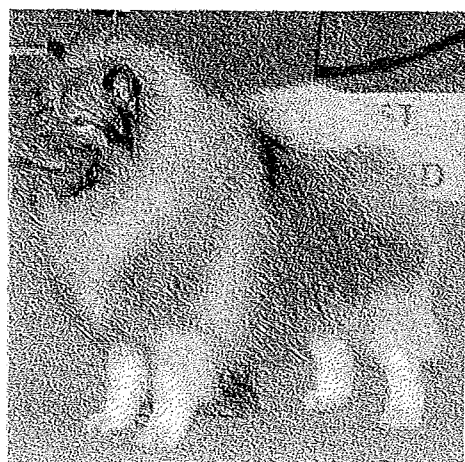


ANIMAL WELFARE - LOST DOG'S HOME

If you have any collars or leads you are no longer using, please drop them into the Office as the Lost Dogs Home can certainly make use of them. We will forward them on, on your behalf

DOG BREEDS FROM A TO Z

Keeshond



The Keeshond (pronounced "kayshond") is a Dutch breed that has become popular throughout the world as a wonderful pet and watch-dog.

The Keeshond is a Dutch breed that is a descendant of the German Wolfspitz, with some other unknown Dutch breeds mixed in. They were traditionally used as guards and companions on the Dutch canal boats. When they were first brought to England in the 1800s, they were unkindly called "overweight Pomeranians," but they eventually became known as Dutch Barge Dogs. It is likely that the ancestor of the Keeshond came to Europe with ancient Nordic voyagers around the sixteenth century. There is debate over the origin of the name Keeshond. Some say that it is from a popular Dutch name, Jan Kees, and others say that it stems from the Dutch patriotic leader Kees de Gyselaer, who owned a dog of this breed.

The Keeshond's body is short and compact. Height: 17 - 19 in (43 - 48 cm). Weight: around 55 - 66 lb (25 - 30 kg). The Keeshond is a small to medium dog that has a profuse and beautiful silver-gray coat, especially on the neck where it forms a dense ruff. The color on the head is usually lighter and that around the eyes darker, giving it the appearance of wearing spectacles. The small, triangular, upright ears and dark eyes make it seem to be smiling, and it has the nickname of the "smiling Dutchman."

These attractive dogs are capable of becoming wonderful companions. Most Keeshonds are very independent dogs with strong personalities. It is wise to act assertively towards them when they are young, as they have the potential for becoming quite bossy.

Their confident manner and air of independence make them good watch-dogs. Although they are only small to medium size, they also make reasonable guard dogs for the house, as their tenacious spirit acts as a deterrent to would-be intruders. Keeshonds usually get along well with other dogs, but if two females are kept together, one must be allowed to dominate the other.



Kerry Blue Terrier

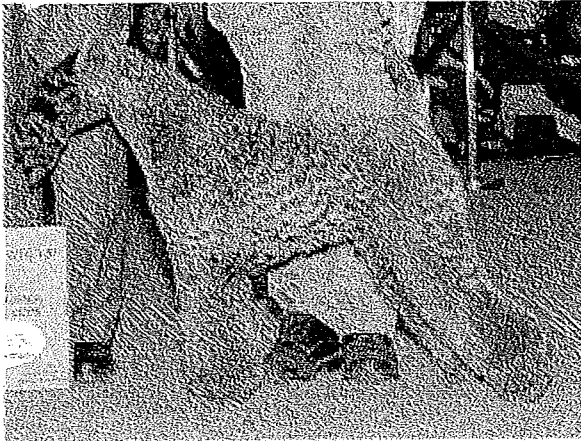
This stunning blue breed is a native of Ireland, the Emerald Isle; the pups are born black and don't turn blue for nearly 2 years.

The Kerry Blue Terrier or Irish Blue Terrier originated in the mountainous Kerry County of Ireland. They are all-purpose dogs and were used to herd cattle, kill rats, foxes and badgers, as well as retrieve game and serve as a guard dog. This impressive list of skills leaves you in no doubt as to why they are considered the national dog of the Republic of Ireland.

There is a cloud of mystery over the development of the breed, even as to when it first arrived in Ireland. Some say that it is a pure Irish breed, coming from Bedlington Terrier and Soft-coated Wheaten Terrier stock. Others say that it descended from Spanish dogs that reached the Irish coast from shipwrecks in the 1580s.

Dog Breeds from A to Z (con't)

Kerry Blue Terrier (con't)



Height: 17 - 20 in (44 - 51 cm). Weight: 33 - 40 lb (15 - 18 kg). The head of the Kerry Blue Terrier is its most outstanding feature, or rather the coat on the head. The hair on the head is short and smooth, except for a large bushy beard and extremely profuse moustaches. The ears are v-shaped and fall forward onto the cheeks. The coat is very soft, thick and curly, and is an unusual blue-gray color.

The coat on the neck is short, medium on the body and tail, and longer on the legs. These Terriers have a short body compared with their leg length, and a deep well-sprung chest. Their tails are customarily docked to about one third of the natural length, and are

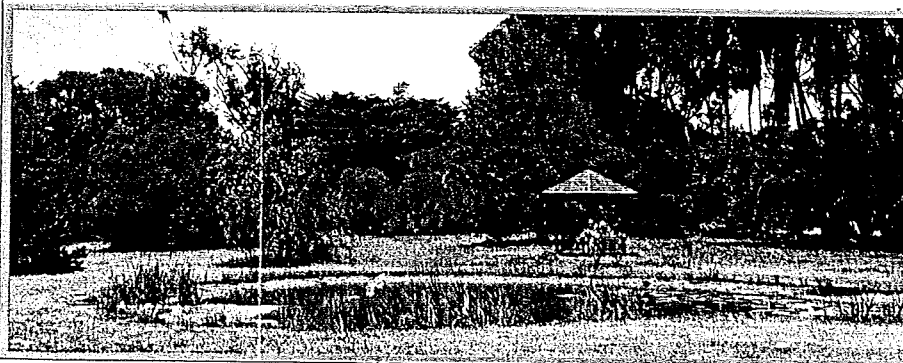
carried pointing straight to the sky.

The Kerry Blue Terrier makes a wonderful companion animal. However, this is not a dog for the meek and mild person. It is essential that this charming dog be strictly controlled when it is young. Although the Kerry Blue is happy to be a companion animal, it needs plenty of mental stimulation as well as physical exercise. If these dogs are allowed to become bored, they can become destructive. The Kerry Blue is rather a hardy dog and is only subject to the common ailments.

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WORD SEARCH COMPETITION

Circle the listed words in the word search, place your entry in the marked box on the veranda by Sunday 15th August and if yours is the first correct entry drawn you could be a winner. Result announced in next month's Newsletter.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Included with this Newsletter is the notice for our Annual General Meeting and Nomination Forms to nominate or be nominated for the Committee positions as listed below. All Committee positions become vacant at the Annual General Meeting and those current Committee Members wishing to re-stand must nominate again.

Nominations close on **Tuesday 7th September**. Nomination forms must be completed correctly (one position per form) and placed in the ballot box in the Clubrooms prior to the closing date

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1 x President **2 x Vice Presidents** **1 x Secretary**
1 x Treasurer **1 x Trial Secretary/Assistant Secretary**

(Executive Committee Members must be Members of the Victorian Canine Association. If you wish to stand for one of these positions, but are not a VCA Member, there is provision for the Club to pay your VCA Membership Fees)

GENERAL COMMITTEE

There are six (6) General Committee vacancies for which you can nominate, but at the first Meeting of the new Committee each of those Members must be prepared to accept one of the following positions

Canteen Manager **Hall Manager** **Publicity Officer**
Social Secretary **Grounds Manager**
Equipment Manager/Assistant Grounds Manager

NON-COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Nominations are also called for the following Non-Committee positions. If you wish to nominate for any of the following positions, please use the Nomination Form provided and place the completed for in the Ballot Box in the Clubrooms.

Nominations close all **ALL** positions on **Tuesday 7th September**.

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

LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS

Nominations are also called for Life Membership of the Club. If there is someone you think is worthy of Life membership who meets the criteria, write a brief resume and hand it, in a sealed envelope addressed to "The Chairperson, Life Membership Sub-Committee", to the Secretary no later than

Tuesday 21st September 2004

Life Membership Criteria – 'any person, after a period of 5 years continuous Membership, may be appointed as a Life Member of the Club in recognition of services rendered to the Club. However, under exceptional circumstances the 5-year period may be waived'.

NOMINATION FORM

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC NOMINATION FORM

Position _____

Nominee _____

Signed by Nominee _____

VCA Membership No
(where applicable) _____

Nominated by _____

Seconded _____

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Members can complete one or all of the above nomination forms, but remember if they are not filled in completely they will be invalid. Please use a separate nomination for each position. Nomination forms are to be placed in the Ballot box no later than 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.