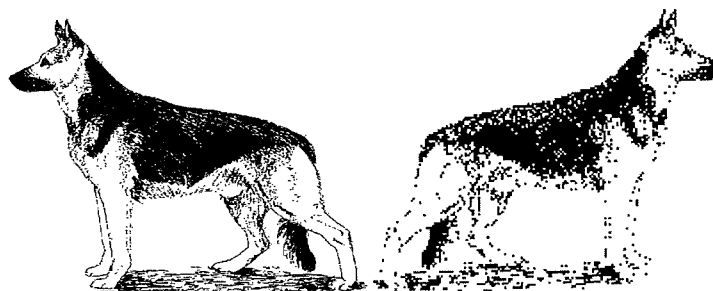
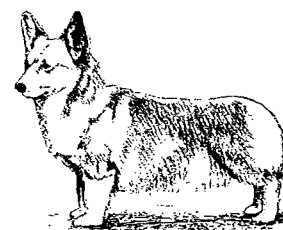
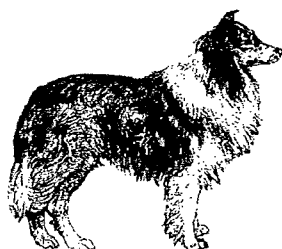
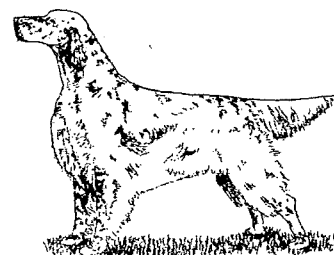
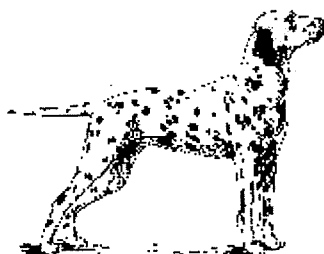


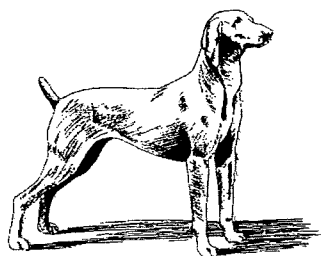
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CLUB CALENDAR

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, 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

October

Sunday	3 October	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	5 October	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 8.00 pm
Thursday	7 October	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Sunday	10 October	Normal training
Friday	15 October	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	17 October	Normal training.
Monday	18 October	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Sunday	24 October	Normal training
Monday	25 October	Trial entries close
Saturday	30 October	Trial Working Bee – to be advised
Sunday	31 October	Normal training. 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 Gravalin	Naomi Greaves	John Shields
Kath Devlin	Shirley Fletcher	Pam Convery
Trish Gavaghan (Agility)	Sandra McCarthy (Flyball)	

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Even if you are on the right track you will still get run over if you just sit there.

50 is the old age of youth and the youth of old age.

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi there!

By the time you read this I will have been and seen the "Sieger Schau", the Annual Championship Show of the top German Shepherds from not only in Germany but from lots of other countries in Europe and abroad. I hope that I'll be able to buy some videos or DVD's to bring home. Then it's off to the "Sieger", it is the Champion Test of Members from the German Club against working dogs of handlers from other European GSD Clubs and also Service Personell like Police, Customs and the Armed Services from many countries; even China and Korea, etc. The 3rd big event will be in Holland in the first week in October. Holland is host this year to the World Union of German Shepherd Associations (to which Australia also belongs). I have not seen this show before, but it is a contest of National teams, so it should be exciting too.

Now there is also a big event coming on our Club Calendar and that is the Annual General Meeting in October. I know that, like myself, quite a few Committee Members are not standing or changing around. I hope that you all have a very good look around at what this Club has achieved in its 50 years and then stand up and volunteer if you are eligible or nominate a Member that is and will truly have the future and welfare of this Club at heart and is not only interested in the facilities. This Club has reached its 50 years through the dedication and hard work of a lot of Members and has a proud name in the Victorian Obedience world and I hope we will keep it that way. But, it needs the Members to stand up and support it by participating in all the disciplines that are now available here. And Members must also attend the Bi-monthly General Meetings to back up and direct the Committee in the running of the Club. Only with your help can the Committee you elect do the job for you and enjoy it at the same time.

A 'Notice of Motion' has been lodged to abolish the bi-monthly General Meetings for Members and give the Committee full and complete power to run the Club's affairs. Consider this very carefully before you vote on this at the October Annual General Meeting. It is YOUR Club.

Good training
Fred Lehrmann

Notice is hereby given that the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB

will be held on

Tuesday, 5th October 2004
8.00pm

MISS ANNABELL TCH

On Monday 16 August 2004, my little black dog, Miss Annabell gained her Tracking Champion Title on a bush track off Schrouders Lane, Haddon, Victoria.

I set her up between the blind start poles, showed her the article and off she went pulling me along after her. We went up and down the contours of the land, over and under branches, tangled up around tree trunks, followed tracks that the Kangaroos had made, and finally to a tree trunk in the middle of the bush with a tracklayer lying on the ground under a ground sheet.

A Kangaroo ran on the right hand side of her track at some stage where there was a left turn. It took Annabell a little while to get over the kangaroo. She turned left and off she went again in search of her ball-on-a-string. I dropped the lead after Annabell went around a branch and the judge reminded me that the dog has to find the tracklayer on lead. I quickly ran up and grabbed the lead before she actually reached the tracklayer. I heard the Judge, Steward and the people who came to watch yell out and I knew that my little girl had become a Tracking Champion.

The Tracking Champion (T.Ch.) test is 1100 meters with a minimum of six turns with four articles. The age for the track is from 90 minutes to a maximum of 3 hours.

Since August 2002 she was balloted out of three trials, three were cancelled due to dry ground and failed a Test 1 and Test 5. She gained her TD title in August 2003, TDX in June 2004 and TCH in Aug 2004.

I'm in awe of her when she tracks. Annabell has done Agility, Flyball and Obedience but nothing beats following her when she's tracking.

My thanks go to Helen Read for introducing me to Tracking, Kerrin Sweet for offering to be Annabell's Track Layer, Tracking Club of Victoria Members and all the people who gave up their time to help me 'Trust My Dog.'

Wendy Ganly

NEW MEMBERS

The Committee, Instructors and Members would like to welcome the following new Members who have joined the Club recently. We hope you enjoy training your canine companion.

1/08/2004

Veitz Robin/McDonald Anthony	Gardner Simone	Smith Neil/Krask Jennifer
Foley Sarah/Klein Trent	McMillan Family	Rayner Monica/Klemke Patick
Scully Brenda	Carmicheal June/Palin Brian	Edwards David/Lambert Cindy
Everett Robyn	Thom Family	Edwick Claire/Handley Will
Norris Gillian	Buxton Helena/Mullany Gerard	Walker Family
Garra Shaun	Murphy Karin/Scully Tony	Conway Sue
Hartney Family	Miller Family	Marthey Emma
Nicholls Family	Garra Kyle	Roberts Family

4/07/2004

McCallum Jeannie/Carter Herb	McKiernan Gaye	Mountjoy Family
Dolman Tess	Hill Family	Lightfoot Alix/Alsop Matthew
Gough Janelle	Chappell Chris	Naylor Penelope
Caspar Luke/Loricco Laura	Mathieson Andrea	Lawrence Deborah Lynn
		Rendle Family

History of the Demonstration/Display Team

In the earlier days whilst training was still conducted at Seagull Paddock in North Geelong, Messrs Kitchenmaster and Krygger decided to form a demonstration team compiled from Club Members. Karl Heyne was the team leader of this new formation.

Any members who were capable handlers could become part of the team and it was something that many aspired to, as it meant representing the Club of which members were proud to belong to.

The running of this team passed to Nan Stoger after Karl's early ground work and she undertook this role until such time as Fred Lehrmann took the reins.

In those days formal obedience was not done and promoted as it is in today's society where veterinary practices recommend it and councils/shires encourage it. Most of society only knew vaguely of police dog training and demonstrations.

So once these dogs and handlers started to strut their stuff, the public was in awe of these well trained dogs, and bookings were abundant at a variety of venues with the team travelling to various parts of the state. Some of the Melbourne venues included General Motors Holden, Australian Glass Industries and International Harvester which were paid appointments. During this time the then K.C.C. invited obedience teams from clubs around the state to perform at the Royal Melbourne Show. Geelong was invited to two or three such demonstrations under Fred's guidance. A uniform of black blazers and grey pants together with club ties was worn by the men, and the women wore white slacks and blue and white cravats along with the black blazers. These were sourced from a variety of places including opportunity shops, and then the sewing needles were plied. All dogs had the same coloured leads. The work was well worth it as the commentators were in awe of this well presented team, and equally impressed with the quality of teamwork shown when they strutted their stuff. These teams worked on and off lead with dogs at different levels of training, with all made to feel equal as participants each having their own individual task to complete.

Tehree Gordon was the next team leader to guide the handlers and their charges through their routines. During this period again the dogs were on display at the Royal Melbourne Show grounds. In those days equipment was used which most surely was the forerunner for some of today's agility equipment. The club forged ahead demonstrating at a variety of venues, with training sometimes even being twice a week. Diversity and enthusiasm being the core ingredients for success.

The next team leader was Meinhard Brieberg who gladly took front line honours. Meinhard led this team for approximately five years and participant numbers were still in the 30's. Obviously the venues needed to be of a reasonable size in order to accommodate a team of that proportion and most bookings were for outside areas.

The next team leader was Henry Dahl (deceased) who gladly took front line honours, followed by Meinhard Brieberg who held the position for approximately three years. At that time there were up to 30 members of the team.

In about 1980 Graeme Douglas took the reins. Graeme was fortunate enough to have a young daughter, just as enthusiastic about obedience, in the team. Tehree Gordon and Stuart Innes were usually the commentators in those days, both adept at conveying the training standards required to perform the more complex work and equally able to cover any blooper that happened on the day. It all helped to ensure the public's interest in the demonstration. Apart from the formal on and off lead obedience there were dogs

History of the Demonstration/Display Team (continued)

jumping through hoops and people's arms. It gave spectators a good look at the capabilities of a mixed breed team of dogs and handlers, from the biggest to the smallest, the smooth to the hairy. The team created encouragement to the general public who had a dog at home, that there were possibilities for them to learn some of these skills. It was one of the ways that lured a lot of new members to the Club.

After Henry's term of management the team leader's reins were held by Jan Boeyen until such time as she left the club and the leadership was taken up by Desma Dickeson who was the leader for many years.

By now the other disciplines of agility and fly ball were coming to the fore and members interests started to split. Combined with this, members with children found that they were the preferred form of transport to and from the various sporting activities that they were involved in, hence a conflict of interests, and team numbers started to decline gradually with numbers down to 10 or so, and at times a whole lot less. Demonstrations/displays were done in and around Geelong and sometimes the organizers made a monetary contribution to the club which was greatly appreciated. Work was confined to 'on lead' mostly with the exceptions being selected members doing solo demonstrations of the more advanced exercises. Bookings were mostly at school and community fetes. During Desma's leadership, display uniforms were purchased by the club in the form of blue trousers and jacket accompanied by a white shirt.

By this time organizers of outside events were seeking alternative bookings of Agility and Fly ball teams in order to obtain a better public draw card. Some events even had professionally backed teams from Melbourne at their venues. So saying this, a few organizations continued to seek our team on a yearly basis and this was appreciated by the team leader and handlers.

Again the numbers dwindled down as people's lifestyle changed in accordance with today's busy society and finally the team was disbanded in 2002.

In late 2003 a new format and a new leader started off again. This time trying to make a visually more entertaining routine in an attempt to show the public that they too could have fun like this with their canine companions, yet still needing to learn basic obedience in order to guide their dogs in this manner.

The hardest thing for any team is to firstly, get the numbers and secondly, to get a continuity of commitment from members because they believe they are being adequately guided. Like anything, to achieve success one has to practice regularly before they can display their abilities in public, and with the format of this work being dependant on two teams working together, the numbers have to be there before they can display and give the public a better understanding of the levels of work that dogs and handlers are working towards.

We wish the new team luck as it does offer some fun for our wonderful canine companions, but for success it needs to be polished and have the numbers participating.

By Elaine Longshaw

TRIAL RESULTS

Sunbury Obedience Dog Club – 3rd July

Open Jumping

Peter Baker	Poppy	Border Collie	Pass	3 rd Place
Open Agility	Poppy	Border Collie	Pass	2 nd Place

Northern Obedience Dog Club – 18th July

Open Jumping

Peter Baker	Poppy	Border Collie	Pass	1 st Place
Peter Baker	Poppy	Border Collie	Pass	2 nd Place

Novice Jumping

Roy Lawrence	Shionabox The Wishmaster	Boxer	3 rd Pass	2 nd Place
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JD Title



Masters Agility

Trish Gavaghan	Lindenbrae Wildrose Tyra (Meg)	Border Collie	3 rd place
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German Shepherd Dog Club Tracking Trial – Haddon 14th August

Joanne Dunoon	Koby	Curly Coated Retriever	Test 1
Helen Read	Pixi	Jack Russell Terrier	Test 3
Helen Read	Cobber	Australian Shepherd	Test 4

German Shepherd Dog Club Tracking Trial – Haddon 16th August

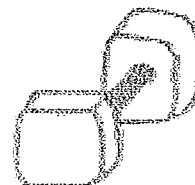
Wendy Ganly	Miss Annabell	Associate	Test 6
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Tracking Champion



HANDYMAN HELP NEEDED

If any of our Members do wood turning, either in their work or as a hobby – or know anyone who does, would you please contact the Office. Several of our Trial Members are really keen to buy turned wooden dumbbells



Good dog!

One day down in Mississippi, a guy sees a sign in front of a house:

"Talking Dog For Sale." He rings the bell and the owner, Bubba, tells him the dog is in the backyard. The guy goes into the backyard and sees a black lab just sitting there.

"You talk?" he asks.

"Yep," the lab replies.

"So, what's your story?"

The lab looks up and says, "Well, I discovered this gift pretty young and I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA about my gift, and in no time they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping. I was one of their most valuable spies eight years running.

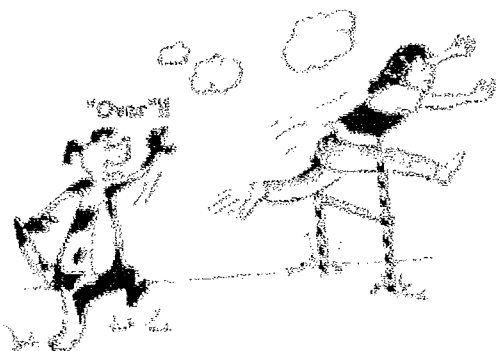
The jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger and I wanted to settle down. So I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security +work, mostly wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings there and was awarded a batch of medals. Had a wife, a mess of puppies, and now I'm retired."

The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks Bubba what he wants for the dog.

"Ten dollars."

The guy says, "This dog is amazing. Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?"

"He's a liar. He didn't do any of that s - - -."



Say What?

21 Reasons why the English language is so hard to learn:

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- 18) After a number of injections my jaw got number.
- 19) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- 20) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 21) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Vaccination Certificates Required

"Zail" Conway Sue	"Will" Berry Family	"Tilly" & "Bella" Green Helen
"Tess" Mathieson Andrea	"Spot" Stephens Adrienne/Chakir Tufan	
"Snoopy" Bolton Julie	"Roxy" Cox Matthew	"Rooky" Mazza Enrico
"Rayah" Naylor Penelope	"Rasa" & "Flynn" Baird Family	
"Peppy" Voogt Family	"Nelly" Osborne Family	
"Nahla" & "Simbah" Button Tina/Hogben Peter		
"Moss" & "Lochie" Mottram Family		
"Molly" & "Daisy" Buchanan Family		
"Molly" Whyte Anya	"Mini" Collard Family	"Maggie" Scully Brenda
"Kiap" Shakespeare Pamla/Saunders Tona		"Jaffa" Mills Murray
"Jade" McCubbin	"Ivan" Mitchell Family	"Indhi" Cook Reg
"Gohan" & "Videl" Kilbourne Mark/Johnstone Rachel		
"Gandalf" Johnstone Jane/Coles Mick		"Finn" & "Cara" Sproat Kathy
"Dozer" Baensch Family	"Crikey" O'Donnell Family	
"Cosmo" Jackson Suzette/Bett Sean		"Connie" Tomczak Christine
"Boof" McMillan Family	"Bess" & "Rosie" Robertson Helen	
"Benton" & "Bracken" Hamilton Jo-Anne		
"Bella" & "Poppy" Van Vliet Margaret		
"Bella" & "Zak" Lucas Heather/Richardson Peter		"Archi" Archibald Family
"Angel" Cunningham Melissa		



Certificate Passes – 25 July 2004

Beginners

Cornelia Smith & "Mali"	Jason Buchanan & "Molly"	Dean Caruso & "Shari"
Maura Fitzgerald & "Caffrey"	Joanne Smith & "Reggie"	Paul Bennett & "Munchkin"
Paul Gallagher & "JD"	Debbie Reynolds & "Shance"	Libby Hotchin & "Cady"
Rosemary O'Sullivan & "Brodie"		

Merit

Roxanne Adamson & "Bella Adamson"	Helen Cameron & "Ebony"
Melissa Cunningham & "Angel Cunningham"	Maree Shell & "Rusty"
Michelle Cameron & "Tyson"	Rosemary O'Sullivan & "Brodie"
Debra Hamilton & "Goldscout Adventuress"	Libby Hotchin & "Cady"

Graduate

Tina Button & "Monlaird Hyland Mist"	Juliet English & "Belle"
John Wallace & "Robbie"	Debra Hamilton & "Benjamin"
Peter Roupas & "Elke"	Libby Hotchin & "Cady"
Peter Parry & "Mollie"	

CLUB INFORMATION FROM MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Where our Members live

3031	1	3221	8	3280	1
3102	1	3222	7	3321	1
3211	1	3223	7	3328	2
3212	11	3224	6	3331	4
3213	1	3225	3	3332	1
3214	17	3226	9	3340	1
3215	21	3227	2	3354	1
3216	74	3228	23	3355	1
3218	16	3232	2	3357	1
3219	22	3240	2		
3220	12	3241	1		

Types of Membership

Family	69	Pensioner Dua	14	Single	95
Junior	3	Pensioner Family	16		
Life Member	21	Pensioner Single	25		

Breeds Represented

Crossbreeds	63	Poodle (Mini)	4	Bernese Mountain Dog	1
Border Collie	39	Australian Shepherd	3	Border Terrier	1
German Shepherd Dog	24	Curly Coated Retriever	3	English Springer Spaniel	1
Golden Retriever	21	Dalmatian	3	Fox Terrier	1
Labrador Retriever	20	American Staffordshire		Hungarian Vizsla	1
Boxer	13	Terrier	2	Italian Greyhound	1
Jack Russell Terrier	12	Cairn Terrier	2	Japanese Spitz	1
Rottweiler	12	Flat Coated Retriever	2	Newfoundland	1
Shetland Sheepdog	10	Great Dane	2	Norfolk Terrier	1
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	9	Irish Setter	2	Old English Sheepdog	1
Dobermann	7	Irish Water Spaniel	2	Papillion	1
Brittany	6	Labradoodle	2	Pomeranian	1
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	6	Manchester Terrier	2	Rhodesian Ridgeback	1
Poodle (Standard)	6	Pointer	2	Samoyed	1
Australian Cattle Dog	5	Pug	2	Sharpei	1
Australian Kelpie	5	Schipperke	2	Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier	1
Beagle	5	Schnauzer	2	Welsh Corgi (Pembroke)	1
Maremma Sheepdog	5	Whippet	2	West Highland White Terrier	1
Cocker Spaniel	4	Airedale Terrier	1		
Collie (Rough)	4	Akita	1		
German Shorthaired Pointer	4	Alaskan Malamute	1		

Most popular names

Bella	Kelly	Tess	Molly	Toby
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Indoor Winter Games

Karin Larsen Bridge. Reprinted from Dogs Life July/August 2003

Your dog's favourite activity is probably walking, right? But what do you do when it's just too cold or dark or wet outside? Staying motivated to walk in winter is often hard for people, yet many dogs thrive in the cooler weather, feeling more energetic than ever. Next time you stagger home from work hardly able to lift your feet, only to be greeted by your best buddy beating his leash or ball for action - why not put aside a bit of time for some indoor fun?

There are literally hundred of things you can train your dog to do in the comfort and safety of your own home, ranging from 'serious' obedience manoeuvres to fun tricks and games.

In most cases your dog will learn a new lesson better if he's first taught in the relatively distraction free environment of your home. Not to mention the mental stimulation will tire your dog more effectively than physical exercise. Now you've got the perfect excuse to grab your training bag and stay inside away from the rain.

Basic Training

Some exercises are considered fundamental **behaviours** that all dogs should master to ensure they are safely under control. The most popular are the three positions, sit, stand and down. By teaching three positions rather than two, your dog will never know which position you are going to ask for next. This keeps the training game much more interesting!

- Level 1:** **Sit** - standing in front of your dog, move a food treat above your dog's head. As the head goes up the bottom goes down - 'sit' happens!
 Stand - hold a food treat directly in front of your dog's nose, then, slowly move it forward in the same line - 'stand' happens!
 Down - hold a food treat in line with your dog's nose, move it slowly down between his paws - 'down' happens!
- Level 2:** Drop the food lure and use your hand in exactly the same way. Reward your dog after each successful position change.
- Level 3:** Repeat the procedure with your dog at your left side.
- Level 4:** Add movement, walk forward before asking your dog for 'sit', 'stand' or 'down'.
- Level 5:** See if your dog will respond to the hand signal only and/or the word signal only.
- Level 6:** How much distance can you add? Will your dog sit, stand and drop on your cue from 10 feet away?
- Level 7:** Will your dog respond if you are sitting in a chair? Lying down? What if your dog is behind you? What if he can't see you?

Position changes are simple yet they can be made more challenging by moving up a level. Next time your dog's starts begging for attention, give him 15 position changes in quick succession - all with a lovely smile on your face and a juicy treat at the end. Still begging for more? Go for 15 more minutes.

It's amazing how quickly your dog will decide the bed in the corner is looking pretty good again.

Targeting

Targeting is a very useful and an easy skill to teach your dog, and requires very little space.

Indoor Winter Games (continued)

The easiest thing to teach your dog to 'target' is your hand. You want to get your dog to touch your hand with his nose whenever you present it in a special way - such as a fist rather than a normal open hand.

To start, put a treat in your hand and close it to form a fist. Standing just in front of your dog, drop your fist down a few inches from his nose. It is highly likely that your dog will reach forward and sniff, immediately praise and give your dog the treat. Repeat, this time with your fist a little further away, so your dog must move a little to reach out and 'touch' the target - again, reward immediately. If your dog fails to reach the target quickly, take your hand away, move around a few steps then try again. Your hand dropping in and out of his line of vision is likely to attract him, as too the smell of the treat, so if he hasn't noticed your hand, don't just leave it dangling - remove it and try again. If your timing is good and your treats are tasty, your dog will soon be moving several feet to touch his nose to your fist.

The next step is to remove the treat from your hand and repeat, keeping the rest of your gestures exactly the same. If your dog touches your fist - reward immediately from the other hand. This way your dog is learning that even though he may not be able to smell a treat in your fist, he will still get a reward from reaching out and touching.

When your dog is reliably touching your hand every time it is presented, you can add your 'cue word' - "touch". You can make this exercise harder by holding your hand up high so he has to jump for it or down low so he has to crawl under a coffee table or chair. Swap hands; make sure your dog is happy to move towards either hand.

Now you have an invisible lead or lure, which can direct your dog towards you wherever you are. Targeting is most common method of training and handling performance animals such as seals, dolphins and other animal actors. Once your dog understands the principles of targeting, you can extend this repertoire to lots of other desired behaviours.

"Close the door please!"

Put a post-it-note or similar on your fist and get the dog to 'touch' as before, making certain the dog touches right on the post-it-note. Now, move the post-it-note onto a cupboard door and encourage your dog to 'touch'. Quite quickly your dog should transfer his touch from your hand to the cupboard door. Now open the door and ask your dog to 'touch' again. At first reward any attempts to put the nose to the door, then slowly reward only stronger pushes - soon your dog will be shutting cupboard doors around the home more reliably than the kids!

"Go find Mum!"

Start training this game by having 'Mum' or another person standing directly opposite you about three to four meters away. Get Mum to hold out her fist while you cue 'go touch'. When your dog is happily running to whoever holds out their fist, change your cue to include the name of the person - "Mum, go touch". Reward immediately the dog touches the target, slowly increase the distance and start moving around corners.

As your dog starts to understand the game you can change your cue to something simple like "find Mum"! Now for the fun part! Hand your dog a 'secret message' (or your dirty socks) and tell him to 'Find Mum'. Mum might not be impressed, but I'm sure your friends will be, and so will your dog with this terrific rainy day game to include the whole family members. Eventually your dog will learn the names of everyone one in the household.

Your dog 'nose' best

Scenting games are a perfect indoor activity and your dog is sure to love them. The dog's sense of smell is truly amazing. No technology can come close to matching the dog's ability to track and identify different

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smells. The good news is that as your dog already knows how to use his nose (and loves to do so), all you have to do is find fun ways to put it into action.

Hide and seek

This is a great way to expend lots of mental and physical energy indoors. You can hide food treats, favourite toys or even people.

Start with a yummy treat or favourite toy. Show it to your dog and tell him to 'sit stay' (or get someone to hold him). Hide the object somewhere simple, such as under a pillow or behind a table leg. At this point your dog is allowed to watch. Go back to your dog and release him in an excited voice with a cue such as 'Find it'. Your dog will race to the hiding spot, feeling very clever. Reward him for his 'find'.

Repeat several times, hiding the treat in different places. Next, remove your dog from the room while you hide the treat in one of the places you used before. Bring him in and tell him to "find it!" Your dog will rush around looking for the treat. Depending on how 'smell orientated' your dog is, he may first 'look' in the previous spots but soon he'll realise the quickest way to 'get the goods' is literally to follow his nose. There are lots of variations to this game. If you prefer, you can hide multiple treats, then allow your dog into the room while you encourage him to 'find' them. Your dog may spend quite a lot of time double-checking he hasn't missed any with this one! If you hide a toy, reward your dog with a short game, or if you hide a person they might want to also reward the 'find' with a little treat.

Once your dog understands this game, it can develop into a traditional game of hide and seek with one person hiding and your dog looking throughout the house. My Border Collie goes crazy for this game, not only does he get to use his nose, but in his mind he is seeking out and 'rounding up' the stray sheep - opps, I mean kid!

The Ball in the Bucket

Remember the old trick using three cups when you have to guess the one that has the pea under it? If your dog has been playing hide and seek, he'll learn this game in a snap. Put a favourite toy or treat under a light plastic beach bucket. Tell your dog to "find it!" Next, add a second bucket and a third and repeat it. At first, your dog may knock all the buckets down to find the ball, but soon he will learn he can save himself the effort by using his nose – reward heavily when he gets it right first time.

Which one smells like me?

It's easy for your dog to identify your scent on an object. The more recently you have touched the object, the 'hotter' your scent will be. Your job is to teach your dog that he will be rewarded for choosing an object with your scent on it, over an object without your scent. (To avoid putting your scent on an object, you need to not touch it or use gloves or tongs).

Show your dog two objects; say two dowels - one with your scent on, one without. If your dog goes to take the scented object, praise him and reward him. If he chooses the unscented dowel, say nothing, pause and try again. Next, put the dowels on the ground and ask your dog to "find it!" – again, praise and reward for the right dowel and ignore any mistakes. Before long your dog will understand that only the object with your scent on it earns a reward. At this point you can start adding more dowels and/or other objects. Your dog should eventually be able to find your scent even among a hundred or more objects!

My dog can spell – can yours?

It's easy to use your dog's scenting abilities to make them look like a genius. Buy a set of alphabet letter in wood or plastic. Take out letters of the word you want your dog to spell and handle them freely to

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scent them. You might ask your dog to spell his name or yours, or ask him “what kind of animal are you?” The other letters should be kept clean – avoid touching them with your bare hands as much as you can (use gloves or tongs). Get an assistant to lay out all the letters, then get ready to impress as your clever dog picks out the letters of your chosen word. They may not be in spelling order, but hey – still pretty good for a dog and most people will never guess he’s using scent to do it.

Speak to me

Most dogs can be taught to speak or bark on cue quite easily. What prompts your dog to bark naturally? Is it the doorbell? Or maybe, dinner being made? Waving a toy in front of him? Getting the lead out? Encourage your dog to bark using one of these prompts, as well as a visual signal such as opening and closing your hand. Reward and praise as soon as you get the faintest noise. Repeat your signal and reward for any response.

As your dog gets the idea, save your reward for the loudest or quickest responses. If you need an “off switch”, wait until your dog has barked a few times, then say ‘enough’ in a quiet voice, accompanied by a different hand gesture such as a finger to the lips and follow immediately with a treat. Work on both the ‘on’ (bark) and ‘off’ (quiet) switch, rewarding both intermittently. This is often an effective way to improve problem barking and also a great way for a barker to let off steam at a time that suits you!

Different cue words will give this trick a different ‘feel’, for instance “speak” has a different feel to “alert”, which has a different feel to “sing for your supper”. In every case the dog is simply barking on cue, but people listening will perceive it a different way. A useful way to spend a rainy day.

Fun Tricks

There is no limit to the number and variety of simple tricks you can teach your dog in the quiet and comfort of your own home. Tricks such as shake hands, wave, roll over, play dead, roll up in a blanket, carry a basket, sneeze, spin, scratch, beg, weave through your legs, ‘put away your toys’, just to mention a few. Let your imagination run wild.

Quick Fixes

Absolutely exhausted? All right, cheat a little and get out an activity ball filled with treats. Dogs love to roll these balls around trying to get the dried treats to fall out. Another alternative is to tear rags into long strips. Roll into each strip a little treat and tie into knots. Make the bundle as tight as possible and then give it to your dog to explore and dissect. Most dogs become really absorbed trying to reach the hidden delectable treats. In some cases the center treasures could be a tennis ball or other popular toy.

Share a Feel-Good Moment

There's more to life than running around and playing games. Had a tough day? How about a little touch therapy? Get a glass of wine and a doggy comb and incorporate a good grooming/massage session into your after work wind-down. Your dog will love the attention - after all, a snuggle on the couch is what being an indoor dog is all about.



My First Dog Show

First time at a dog show, I'll tell you quite plain,
I'll never, no never, go back there again.
The breeder said "Show him", when I bought my dog,
I showed him alright - the whole place was agog!
They gave me a number, they gave me a pin,
But I just couldn't bear to stick the thing in.
So I rushed to the shop and bought some clear glue,
And stuck the card onto his rear in the loo.
We arrived at the ringside to find we were first
In the pup class (this was definitely the worst!)
We marched together as fast as was able,
Arrived at the judge who said, "Up on the table."
This really surprised me, my skirt was quite tight
And I just couldn't make it, try hard as I might.
The judge looked quite worried. He said "Listen here,
Put the dog on the table, not you, my dear."
By now I was trembling, I felt such a fool,
But I said to myself, "We'll just play it cool."
"How old", said the judge, I heard it quite clear,
Well REALLY!! thought I...and said, "Fifty, next year."

The steward, poor fellow, threw a kind of fit,
He spluttered and coughed, his eyes ran a bit.
"I'd have that cough seen to," I said to him when,
He'd finally stopped...but then started again.
"Once round the ring, dear, as fast as you can,"
Said the judge, so I just ran and ran.
But when I arrived (out of breath, I'll admit)
The judge said, "Your DOG dear", I felt such a twit.
Off round again, I kept my head bent.
Oh, the shame: my pup crouched and just went
and went.
A lady came running, a bucket and spade,
With manure that pricey...has she got it made!
We came back to the judge, who said with a frown,
"Stand your dog." Said I, "He's not lying down."
"You can take the First Place Stand", he said. I
said, "Ha!"
What a job I had getting that stand in the car!

"Django"

Ch Lindenbrae Tarfin Aurora CD JD AD

Yes, against all odds (most of them imposed by his remarkable lapses in concentration), Django completed his Novice Agility Title at Morwell in atrocious conditions on the Queen's Birthday Long Weekend in June. We have gone on to gain an Open Pass in both Agility and Jumping, so we have had a successful few months.

Thanks to the burgeoning Geelong Agility trialler-group for company, success-sharing and commiserations (Trish, Peter, Jenny, Wendy, Helen and Roy). That's way more fun than heading off to trials on my own. And particular thanks to Trish for her ideas, challenges, course designs and general organisation.

Libby Hotchin



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'.

"Letter to the Dog"

Sent in by Elaine Longshaw

Dear Dogs,

When I say to move, it means go someplace else, not switch positions with each other so there are still two dogs in the way.

The dishes with the paw print are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food. Please note, placing a paw print in the middle of my plate and food does not stake a claim for it becoming your food and dish, nor do I find that aesthetically pleasing in the slightest.

The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a racetrack. Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help, because I fall faster than you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king size bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue to sleep on the couch to ensure your comfort. Look at videos of dogs sleeping, they can actually curl up in a ball. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximize space used is nothing but doggy sarcasm.

My compact discs are not miniature Frisbees.

For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, try to turn the knob, or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. I must exit through the same door I entered. In addition, I have been using bathrooms for years, canine attendance is not mandatory.

The proper order is kiss me, then go smell the other dogs butt. I cannot stress this enough. It would be such a simple change for you.

Sincerely, Your Overwhelmed Owner

WORD SEARCH COMPETITION

Lisa Pucci was the winner of last month's Word Search Competition. Congratulations Lisa and thank you to all the Members who entered.

FLYBALL CLASS DATES 2004

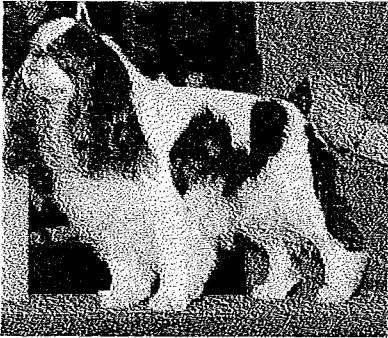
The Flyball Class will only be conducted on the following dates (weather permitting). If you can give prior warning that you are unable to attend Class I would be very appreciative. Flyball will not be held on Promotion Day or the week of training prior to Promotion Day. Sorry for any inconvenience to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

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, possibly no Class depending on planned
Club activities

DOG BREEDS FROM A TO Z

King Charles Spaniel



This small Spaniel is also sometimes called the Carpet Spaniel or Charlie, and was a long-term favorite of European royalty since Elizabethan times.

Thought to have originated in Japan or China, the breed has been in Europe for several centuries, achieving its greatest popularity during the reign of King Charles II (1660-85). Up until the 1800s the King Charles Spaniel was a popular sporting dog at woodcock shoots, but later cross-breeding has diminished its sporting qualities.

A small, happy little dog. Height: Under FCI standards: 10.5 - 12.5 in (26 - 32 cm); under Canadian standards: 12 - 13 in (30.5 - 33 cm). Weight: 9 - 12 lb (4 - 5.4 kg) Under Canadian standards and elsewhere 8 - 14 lb (3.6 - 6.4 kg).

Large skull in relation to overall body size, dome-shaped and full over the eyes, and a well-defined stop. A short muzzle with an upturned, black nose and a wide lower jaw. The eyes are set well apart, and are large and dark, with a friendly expression. The ears are set low, are well-feathered and long. The neck is arched, medium-length, and flows down to a short back. The tail is set low and is well-feathered. The forequarters are short and straight and the hindquarters are straight with firm pasterns.

The coat of this Spaniel is long, straight and silky, with abundant feathering. The coat colors fall into four distinct groups: 1) Black and tan with rich, glossy black and mahogany tan markings on the muzzle, chest, legs, inside of the ears, and underside of the tail, and spots above the eyes. 2) Tricolor: pearly white with well-distributed black patches and brilliant tan markings on the cheeks and inside of the ears, and spots over the eyes and under the tail. A wide, white blaze is between the eyes and through the forehead. 3) Blenheim: a base color of white with well-distributed chestnut red patches. Also with a wide, white blaze through the center of the face, and with small spots in the center of the skull. 4) Ruby: a chestnut red all over.

The English Toy Spaniel is a charming and wonderfully playful little dog. It soon becomes devoted to its owner and will bring many years of happiness. This dog quickly gains center stage and comes to expect regular attention from its owner. People who keep this dog on its own will be wise to allow it to spend time socializing with both people and other dogs when it is a puppy. This socialization will reduce the chance of this little dog becoming fearful and aggressive towards strangers during its later life. An ideal companion dog which may be kept in the house.

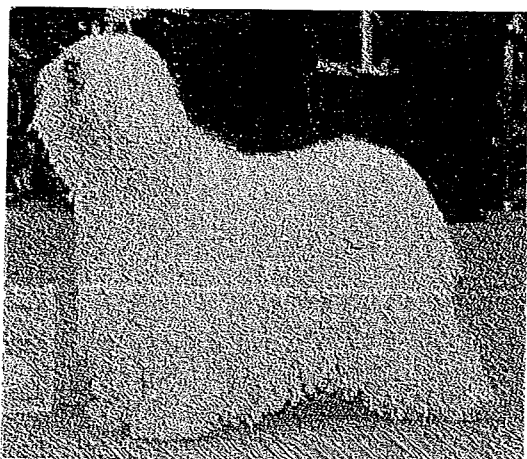
Komondor

With its distinctive corded coat, the Komondor looks decidedly like a Rastafarian, but it is actually a native of Hungary.

The Komondor is primarily a livestock guardian, although it does occasionally herd. Its ancestor, the Aftscharka, first came to Hungary with the Magyar nomads about 1000 years ago. The combination of weather extremes and practical breeding programs produced this breed and its unusual coat. It is actually a good insulator as well as being a protection from predator bites, and helps to camouflage the dog while it is guarding its flock.

Dog Breeds from A to Z (con't)

Komondor (con't)



The name Komondor is thought to have been derived from the words komondor kedvu which mean somber or angry. Never a widespread or well-known breed, this may soon change because it has recently been used as a police dog in the US, and a popular rock artist has used a picture on an album cover of a Komondor going over a jump.

These are large dogs, with a wide range in size due to the differences in the breed between countries. Height: 23 - 32 in (58.5 - 81 cm). Weight: 80 - 150 lb (36.5 - 69 kg). The coat of the Komondor is formed into cords and reaches to the ground, obscuring most of the body. The only other breed that has a similar coat is the smaller Hungarian Puli. The body is strong and muscular

with a large-boned frame. The adult coat starts to form around 6 months and may take up to two years to fully develop. The finished product has the texture of felt.

The Komondor is generally a confident dog and can often behave in a rather aloof manner. It makes rather a good watch-dog as it soon develops a keen sense of territory. Its large size acts as a good deterrent against would-be intruders. The Komondor does benefit from early socialization, and it is wise to expose it to a wide range of people, particularly children, if it is going to be kept as a companion animal. Although these magnificent animals usually have a gentle disposition, it is advised not to leave them unattended with small children.

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



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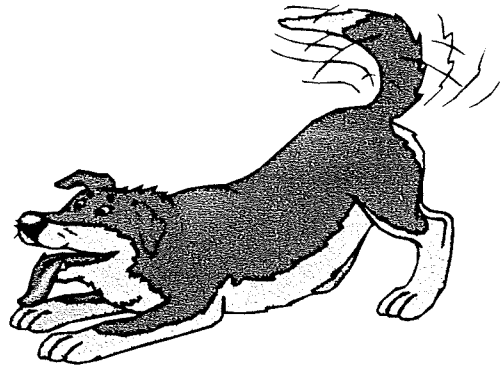
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