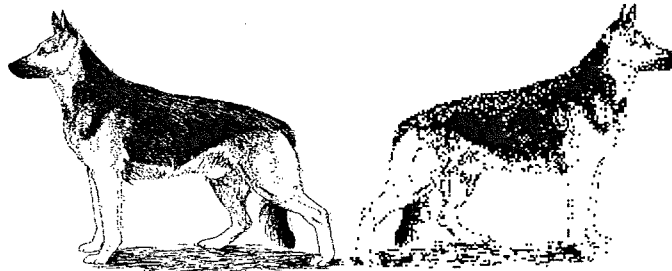
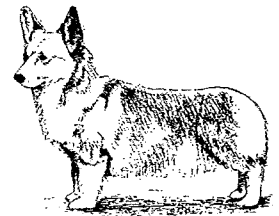
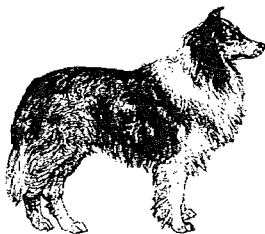
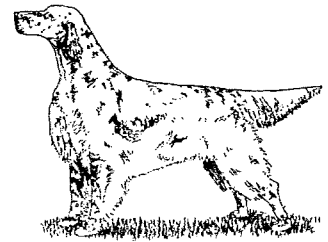
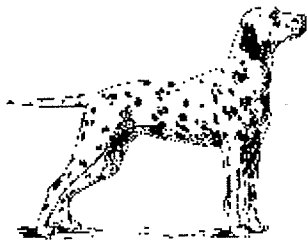


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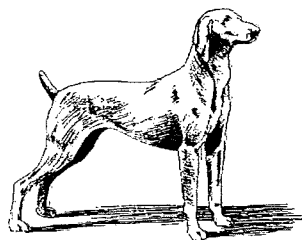


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## CLUB CALENDAR

### October

Sunday	3 October	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5 October</b>	<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 8.00 pm</b>
Thursday	7 October	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Sunday	10 October	Normal training
<b>Friday</b>	<b>15 October</b>	<b>Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc</b>
Sunday	17 October	Normal training.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>18 October</b>	<b>Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.</b>
Sunday	24 October	Normal training
<b>Monday</b>	<b>25 October</b>	<b>Trial entries close</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>30 October</b>	<b>Trial Working Bee – time to be advised</b>
Sunday	31 October	Normal training. Newsletter available

### November

Thursday	4 November	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8- 16 weeks
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5 November</b>	<b>Trial Working Bee –time to be advised</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6 November</b>	<b>BACK TO BACK OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIALS</b>
		<b>"Life Members Luncheon" commencing 12 noon</b>
		<b>"50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bash" commencing at 6.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7 November</b>	<b>"50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Games Day" for all Members. Watch for further details. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months</b>
Sunday	14 November	Normal training
<b>Monday</b>	<b>15 November</b>	<b>Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm. Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc</b>
Sunday	21 November	Normal training. End of Year Awards closing date
Sunday	28 November	Normal training. Newsletter available.

### December

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5 December</b>	<b>PROMOTION DAY</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7 December</b>	<b>General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised</b>
Sunday	12 December	Last day of training for 2004
Thursday	16 December	Office closes for 2004

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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT (from Fred in Germany)**

Guten Tag! After a long tiring flight I arrived safely at my destination. After a week R & R it was off to the "Sieger Schau". Around 3,000 entries and 2,000 dogs presented, it was like Christmas for me. Wonderful to see these dogs in motion. I resisted the temptation at all the stands, which displayed all the doggie gear, etc and have not bought a thing – yet!!!!. But two more shows to come!!!

This will be my last report as President for the magazine. It will be 50 years involvement in the Club in many ways and positions and I will look back on them with pride and many joyful memories and some not so good. This last year was one of them. I made a mistake taking on the position and I was warned. I thought I knew better, that I would be a part of a group that led the Club. But I often felt like the fifth wheel on the wagon and left out of the decision-making.

It brought my thoughts back to the 70-80's when I was very dominant in running the Club and I was reminded by the late Terry Lee that this was not the Freddy Lehrmann Club. It taught me a lesson and I therefore believe that all Members should have a say in running their Club and the decision making process through their input via General Meetings. But it needs the Members also to get off their butts and attend those Meetings, so that they can regularly check on the work of the Committee and control of the Club finances.

I am against this idea of giving the Committee full control. The Committee is to fulfill the wishes of the Members, as this is still a Club and not a private enterprise.

This year was to be a joyful year, being our 50<sup>th</sup> but some of the changes and strange agendas that were pushed on to the Club by certain Members created a lot of bad blood and those Members have a lot to answer for is this Club splits up. I hope that you as Members realize this at the Annual General Meeting. We have quite a few strong loyal Members that have served year after year in many positions and then there are those who appear from time to time like a grassfire, create a lot of smoke and dirt and then die away until next time. These don't really have the Club at heart, only their personal targets.

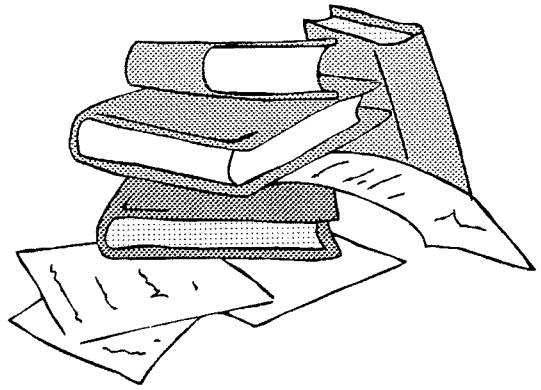
Don't let them take over this wonderful Club and destroy it's past of which a lot of us are proud. I thank the Members who stood by me, not only last year, but over many years and I wish that they, one year, can look back on 50 years service to the Geelong Obedience Dog Club.

**Fred Lehrmann – Retiring President**

# LIBRARY NEWS

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

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# EQUIPMENT SHOP

The Equipment Shop is open early in the morning and between the two sessions 10.15am to 10.45am and is located on the veranda (your dog is welcome). The shop stocks various training items including collars, head halters and leads plus treats for your canine companion. Chris our Shop Manager will be happy to help you.

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### **Winners – Practice of Excellence 2001**

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

1. TYPE and RANGE of Veterinary service provided
2. STANDARD of facilities, equipment and services
3. TRAINING, EXPERTISE and COMPETENCE of both veterinary and nursing staff
4. OVERALL STANDARD OF CARE
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 recredited 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

# TRIAL RESULTS

## Wangaratta Obedience Dog Club – 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> August

### Obedience

Peter Baker	"Amigo"	Australian Shepherd	Open	Pass	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
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### Jumping

Peter Baker	"Poppy"	Border Collie	Open	Pass	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Peter Baker	"Poppy"	Border Collie	Open	Pass	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place

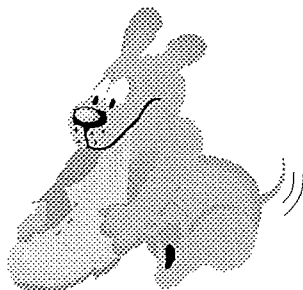
### Tribute to a Golden Retriever

"Cyclists usually do everything possible to restrict the load, especially road racers required to spend hours pedaling in the sun. Yet US time trial gold medallist, Tyler Hamilton deliberately bucked this convention by choosing to carry more weight than usual around the brutal seaside course at Vouliagment.

Hamilton maybe regarded as one of the toughest guys in a very tough sport, but he's still grieving for Tugboat, his Golden Retriever, who died during the Tour de France."

"I had his dog collar with me during the race," Hamilton confessed. "He bought me luck, he was a huge part of my life"

The touching tribute to Tugboat didn't weigh the American down at all - he sailed to victory by 18 seconds.



### The difference between dogs and cats

1. Dogs will tilt their heads and try to understand every word you say. Cats will ignore you and take a nap.
2. Cats look silly on a leash.
3. When you come home from work, your dog will be happy and lick your face. Cats will still be mad at you for leaving in the first place.
4. Dogs will give you unconditional love until the day they die. Cats will make you pay for every mistake you've ever made since the day you were born.
5. A dog knows when you're sad and he'll try to comfort you. Cats don't care how you feel, as long as you remember where the can opener is.
6. Dogs will bring you your slippers. Cats will drop a dead mouse in your slippers.
7. When you take them for a ride, dogs will sit on the seat next to you. Cats have to have their own private basket, or they won't go at all.
8. Dogs will come when you call them and they'll be happy. Cats will have someone take a message and get back to you.
9. Dogs will play fetch with you all day long. The only thing cats will play with all day long are small rodents or bugs, preferably ones that look like they're in pain.
10. Dogs will wake you up if the house is on fire. Cats will quietly sneak out the back door.

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## CLOSED

Christmas Day, New Year's Day and  
Good Friday

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## **GEELONG O D C MEMBERS SPECIALTY SASHES FOR 2004**

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

### **Obedience**

Sunday	17 October	Altona
Saturday	23 October	Werribee
Sunday	14 November	Ballarat

### **Agility**

Saturday/Sunday	30 & 31 October Warrnambool
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### **Members**

Please make sure that you add "Geelong Obedience Dog Club Member" to your entry form, otherwise these sashes cannot be presented.

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## **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

3<sup>rd</sup> October  
17<sup>th</sup> October  
31<sup>st</sup> October  
14<sup>th</sup> November

21<sup>st</sup> November  
12<sup>th</sup> December (last day of training for the year, possibly no Class depending on planned Club activities)

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## **AGILITY 2004**

If you're looking for something different to try with your dog why not consider Agility? Agility is a dog sport, which is lot's 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**

# **Canine Playtime**

## **All work and no play makes Fido a dull dog**

### **Can dogs not know how to play?**

*Q: We adopted a dog from a shelter last month. She isn't very playful and she doesn't seem to know how. How can a dog not know how to play?*

A: Dogs learn to play from each other. A dog that hasn't had much socialisation or attention may have to be taught how. It won't be hard to teach your dog to play if you won't mind acting a little silly!

Dogs invite each other to play using body language. They bow, wiggle and bark. Try this with your dog: get down on your hands and knees or as close to her level as you can. Bend your elbows and lower your head, then bark! She'll probably tip her head and look at you as though you're nuts. Bounce up and down on your elbows a little and bark some more. Make it a "happy" bark, not a gruff one.

After a minute or two, she might start to bark back. This is your cue to run away! Run a few steps, turn back toward your dog, get down, bark and invite her to play again. Then run a few steps more and repeat the whole process. Even the most socially deprived dog will respond eventually. She may be a little clumsy at first and unsure about what to do, but she'll catch on!

### **What about playing "tug of war" with my dog?**

*Q: I've heard that I shouldn't play tug-of-war or wrestle with my dog. Why not?*

A: We used "dog language" to teach your dog how to play. Some games have a different meaning in dog language than they do in people language.

Puppies wrestle with each other as soon as they can walk. Wrestling and play fighting is fun for dogs although it can sound very fierce to us. But these games are more than just fun for the puppies; they help determine the pecking order of the litter's pack. The most dominant puppy usually comes out "pack leader."

Wrestling and tug-of-war games are fine for dogs but not always a good idea for us. We're more fragile than littermates and we can be hurt by rough play. Most importantly, we want our dogs to know that we're people, not littermates, and should be treated with respect. Playing these games can give some dogs the mistaken idea that leadership of your family's "pack" depends on who's the toughest in a fight. They can also make a possessive or aggressive dog worse. Games that encourage the dog to growl and bite are risky and may confuse him. It's hard for a dog to understand that sometimes it's okay for him to be aggressive and sometimes it's not. How is he supposed to know the difference?

### **What kind of games are okay?**

*Q: What kinds of games are good to play with my dog?*

A: Almost every dog loves chase games. Instead of chasing you, have her chase a toy. Sticks, balls, stuffed toys (especially ones that squeak), old knotted socks, anything that's safe for the dog to play with. Balls should be small enough for the dog to pick up comfortably but not so small they can be easily swallowed.

Dogs love "hide and seek" too. Make it easy for her at first. Get an especially good treat and hide in another room; somewhere obvious, just behind a chair or a door. Call her in and have her "find" you. Make a happy fuss when she does and give her the treat. Hide and seek has endless variations. It can be played inside or out, and with practice, you can teach her to find almost anything.

# TEACHING SELF CONTROL

*by Suzanne Clothier. Used with permission*

Does your dog pull on lead when someone approaches? When he sees another dog? If joggers run by? If children are playing? If a cat or squirrel dashes through the yard? Is he hard to control at the vet or groomer's? When people come into your house?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, chances are your dog needs to learn self-control. Just as children must learn to control their impulses before they can mature into responsible adults, dogs must learn self-control before they can become well-mannered canine citizens. Self-control must be taught, just as you teach him to sit or speak or come when called.

Every owner can teach his dog self control by following these guidelines:



**Train, don't restrain.** Taking a firm grip on the leash and collar teaches the dog nothing except that you can restrain him. Instead, give a simple command, such as sit, reminding with the lead if needed, then loosen the lead so there is no tension at all. If the dog breaks position, quietly and slowly reposition him, and loosen the lead again.



**Ask for compliance, not submission.** View working with your dog as you would working with any friend. Avoid creating a struggle by asking the dog for more than he can do at the time. For example, if your dog is really excited, he may be unable or unwilling to lay down, but agreeable to sitting quietly with a few reminders from you. Compromise and be reasonable - most struggles between dog and owner are created when the owner attempts to dominate the dog, instead of finding a solution acceptable to both owner and dog.



**Remember the dog does not know what his options are.** A dog that is lacking self-control simply does not know that it is possible to sit quietly in the face of distractions. It is the owner's responsibility to show the dog that he has options other than lunging, pulling or leaping around.



**Move slowly and talk quietly.** A dog that is highly excited needs calm, slow handling. A common mistake owners make is to move quickly, grabbing at the leash and collar, raising their voice and speaking in short, sharp tones. From the dog's point of view, the owner appears as excited as they are, and short sharp tones often sound like barking. Instead of calming the dog, this *reinforces* his excitement. By moving slowly and talking quietly, the owner sends a clear message to the dog that he is not excited and is in control of the situation.



**Remind and ask, don't demand.** A dog that is already excited is likely to resist a harsh correction or respond by becoming more excited. "Ask" by using the lightest possible touch on the leash and collar, and remind the dog what he's doing each time he forgets and shifts position.



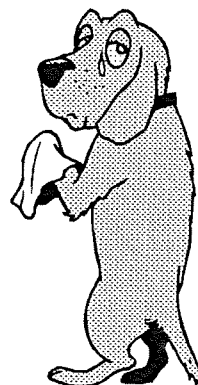
**Work on teaching self-control in all situations.** Begin by working in distraction free areas, and ask your dog to sit on a loose leash for five minutes. Gradually move on to more exciting situations, and practice often. Work at home, at friends' homes, in parks, shopping centres, at dog shows, training classes and the Veterinarian's. As your dog's self control and respect for you increase, you can add lying down quietly for up to 30 minutes to his skills.

**TAKE A  
LOOK  
AT THIS...**

**HELP  
NEEDED**

### 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.



### 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 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 5<sup>th</sup> October 2004 - 8.00 pm**

Clubrooms - Breakwater Road, Belmont Common

All Members are welcome to attend

# Good manners at the Vet and Groomer

Socialization outside the home

## Who says dogs like to be groomed!?

*Q: I'm so frustrated! My dog has a long, thick coat and I've tried to groom him but he just won't cooperate. Trying to work with him always turns into a wrestling match and I'm the loser. Sometimes he even snaps at me. I've heard that dogs like being brushed but this one doesn't! Is there anything I can do?*

**A:** Yes! You're not alone -- many dogs have to learn to behave themselves before they realize how nice it feels to be groomed.

An unruly dog's attitude toward grooming isn't much different from that of a small child's. Toddlers often resent having their faces washed or their hair brushed, but being clean and tidy is a necessary part of life. If your child refused to be bathed or threw a tantrum over it, what would you do? Gently, patiently and firmly, you'd teach him to tolerate it. The same for your dog.

First, the dog needs to learn to tolerate your handling of his body, even the parts he'd rather you left alone. Some dogs don't want their feet touched, with others, their rear ends or tails. You can easily teach your dog that this handling feels good and is something to look forward to.

To start this training, choose a time when you're relaxed and in a good mood. Your dog should be relaxed and in a good mood, too. An ideal time is after your dog has had a meal and has settled down for a nap. Sit next to your dog and stroke his body. Talk softly to him while you gently massage him all over. Encourage him to stretch out flat on his side. Rub his belly; scratch his ears, the base of his tail, all his favourite places. Then move on to his unfavoured places usually his feet and rear end. Run your hands down his legs to his paws and gently massage his toes and pads. Massage his ears, rump, thighs and hocks. Praise him for lying quietly. Most dogs enjoy this and relax almost completely. It's very relaxing for the owner, too!

Give your dog a massage for a few minutes every day. It won't take long for him to look forward to this time with you. Dogs love one-on-one attention. They especially love to feel good and this is about as good as it gets!

After a few of these massages, introduce a brush. I recommend a "pin brush" -- it looks similar to a woman's hairbrush. At first, brush only for a few moments and don't try to make any real grooming progress. Your goal is to get him used to the sensation and to associate it with the pleasant massage process. Each day, brush him a few minutes longer, spending time on different parts of his body. Again, praise him for lying quietly and tell him how wonderful he looks.

Although your dog is sure to enjoy his massage and this exclusive attention, after a little while he may decide that enough is enough and try to get up. You'll feel his body tense as he prepares to rise. Before he's actually lifted his head, place the flat of your hand along the side of his neck, just behind his ears and gently but firmly, push his head back to floor, telling him "No, be still." Praise him and rub his tummy as he settles back down. Brush him a little while longer you should be the one to decide when the session is over. Increase the length of the session a little at a time until he'll lie there as long as you want.

Some dogs are too rambunctious or dominant to lie quietly on the floor. Here's a tip from professional groomers -- use a grooming table. On the ground, the dog is in control. He's quicker and stronger than you are and he knows it. Off the ground, he's insecure and you're in control. Grooming tables can be purchased from pet stores or supply companies. You can easily make one

## **Good Manners at the Vets and Groomers (continued)**

with material from the hardware store. A kitchen counter (for a small dog) or a workbench will do in a pinch as long as there's room for the dog to stand comfortably and has a non-skid surface.

To get your dog used to the table, put him on it for a few moments every day. Praise him, give him treats, massage him, and handle his body all over. Make the table a pleasant place to be. Be gentle but firm and insist that he stand, sit or lie quietly while you touch him. If he's really uncooperative, ask someone to help you by steadying him and keeping him from jumping off. Using the same process that I've already described, introduce him to the brush. Each day, increase the length of the session and brush more seriously, praising for good behaviour.

Don't tolerate any growling or snapping! You wouldn't put up with sassiness from your child just because she doesn't want her face washed. You shouldn't put up with sassiness from your dog either. Be firm! Correct each and every instance of nasty behaviour by grabbing your dog's muzzle, glaring at him and saying "No!" in your toughest, meanest voice. Then, matter of factly, continue working. As your dog learns that his antics won't scare you or make you stop, he'll settle down and behave.

A well-groomed dog looks good and feels good. Regular grooming helps to build a close bond between the two of you through one-on-one attention. It keeps tabs on his health by helping you stay in tune with his body and skin condition. A well-groomed dog is a thing of beauty and something to be proud of. Your dog can tell when you're proud of him and he'll strut his stuff with all the flair of a show dog!

### **My last dog behaved terribly at the vet's....**

*Q: My last dog behaved terribly at the vet's. I have a puppy now and want to get things started on the right foot. Is there anything I can do to train her so that going to the vet won't be so hard on her -- and me?*

**A:** Sure! There are a lot of hints in the

### **Stood By Your Bed Last Night**

I stood by your bed last night, I came to have a peep.

I could see that you were crying, You found it hard to sleep.

I whined to you softly as you brushed away a tear, "It's me, I haven't left you, I'm well, I'm fine, I'm here."

I was close to you at breakfast, I watched you pour the tea,

You were thinking of the many times, your hands reached down to me.

I was with you at the shops today,

Your arms were getting sore.

I longed to take your parcels, I wish I could do more.

I was with you at my grave today,

You tend it with such care.

I want to reassure you, that I am not lying there.

I walked with you towards the house,

as you fumbled for your key.

I gently put my paw on you, I smiled and said "it's me."

You looked so very tired, and sank into a chair.

I tried so hard to let you know, that I was standing there.

It's possible for me to be so near you everyday.

To say to you with certainty, "I never went away."

You sat there very quietly, then smiled, I think you knew.

That in the stillness of that evening, I was very close to you.

The day is over... I smile and watch

you yawning and say "good-night,

God bless, I'll see you in the morning."

And when the time is right for you to cross the brief divide,

I'll rush across to greet you and we'll stand, side by side.

I have so many things to show you, there is so much for you to see.

Be patient, live your journey out ... then come home to be with me.

### **Good Manners at the Vets and Groomers (continued)**

answer I just gave about teaching a dog to be groomed. Few of us like going to the doctor and few dogs like going to the vet. Like grooming, though, going to the vet is a necessary part of a dog's life. The better your dog behaves, the faster the vet's exam will go and the more effective it will be.

This kind of training is part of what we call "socialization." Socialization is the process of teaching a dog to live comfortably in a human world. To do that, the dog has to learn to accept handling by strangers, meet new people and cope with new places. A dog can be socialized at any age and it's easy to socialize a puppy.

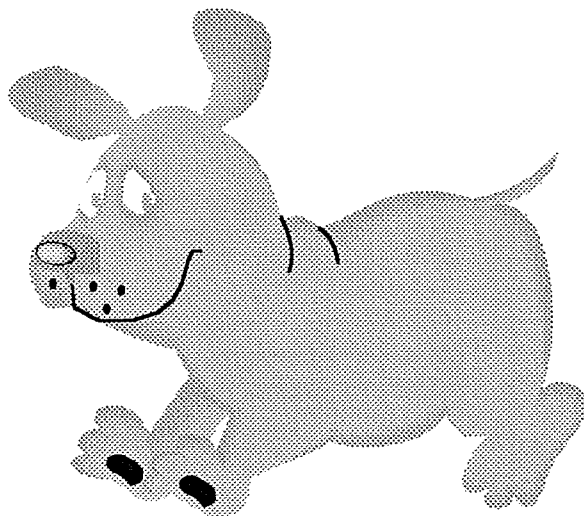
Almost anything can be turned into an opportunity for socialization, even regular playtime. Every chance you get, handle the puppy's feet and toes, open her mouth, look in her ears. Get her used to being touched on all parts of her body. Have your family and friends do the same. Be gentle but firm and don't take no for an answer. Praise her for allowing this handling.

Many dogs are afraid of the vet's examination table. To prevent that fear, pick up your puppy and set her on a raised surface such as a grooming table, desk or kitchen counter a couple times a day. With one hand supporting her rear and your other hand under her chin, teach her to stand quietly, for just a few seconds at first but gradually working up to a couple minutes. Reward her with treats for being calm and still. (Never step away from the table leaving your puppy unattended for even a second. She could jump off in an instant and be seriously injured or killed.)

When you're at the vet's office, help your puppy to be confident by being confident yourself. Don't comfort or try to soothe the puppy if she's frightened. It will only backfire and make her even more frightened. Instead, talk to her in a high-pitched, "happy" tone of voice. Bring along some of her favourite treats and toys and play a game with her. Encourage her to meet and be petted by the vet techs.

In the exam room, put the puppy on the table and hold her in position just like you've been doing at home. This should be familiar to her by now and she knows that you expect her to stand quietly. Be firm, correct her with a stern "No!" and gently put her back in position if she tries to struggle. Reward good behaviour with praise and treats.

**Vicki DeGruy**



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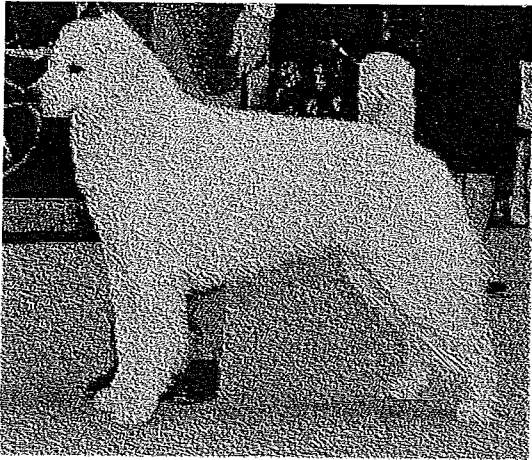
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# DOG BREEDS FROM A TO Z

## ***Kuvasz***



Originally developed as a flock guardian, the Kuvasz has expanded its horizons and is now also used for work of all types.

The origins of the Kuvasz lie in Tibet; it traveled from there via Turkey to finally stop in Hungary, where the breed was developed into the breed we know today. The exact Tibetan, Turkish and Hungarian breeds used in the development of the Kuvasz are unknown, but resemblance to the Maremma Sheepdog and the Pyrenean Shepherd suggests a similar origin.

The name is possibly derived from the Turkish word *kawasz* which means "armed guard of the nobility" or from the similar Arabic word *kawwasz* meaning "highly esteemed archer." Both names refer to the traditional use of the breed as a flock and general guard dog.

Despite its fierce reputation, the Kuvasz's expression is soft and intelligent. They are a large breed, but not bulky. Height: 22 - 26 in (56 - 66 cm). Weight: 80 - 120 lb (36 - 55 kg). The body is beautifully proportioned, with a deep chest and powerful legs. The Kuvasz have medium-sized ears that fall forwards and large dark eyes with a black nose. They come in only two colors, the purest of white or ivory, but the color is slightly darker on the ears. The coat is dense and medium-length, and can be straight or slightly wavy. The hair on the lengthy tail is slightly longer than on the body.

The Kuvasz is a bold and very forthright dog. It is very intelligent and more than capable of making its own judgments. As this dog is very smart and also very confident, it requires a degree of assertiveness during training. With perseverance and consistent praise for performing the tasks correctly, this can be a wonderful dog.

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## ***Labrador Retriever***

The Labrador Retriever is one of the world's most popular and most well-known breeds of dog. Its amiable personality is reflected in the perpetual motion of its thick otter-like tail. Famous owners include Bing Crosby and Francois Mitterrand.

Contrary to what its name suggests, the Labrador, or Lab (as it is commonly known), originated in Newfoundland, not Labrador. In Newfoundland it was known as the St. John's dog. These dogs were used by the fishermen to drag fishing nets and safety lines from boat-to-boat or to the shore. This watery heritage has stayed with them and they are considered to be one of the best water retrieving breeds.

The breed was first introduced into Britain in the 1800s. The name Labrador was given to the breed in 1887 by the Earl of Malmesbury after watching them at work in the water. The breed almost died out in its native home due to heavy taxes on dog owners. However, it flourished in its new English home and became extremely popular as a field and water retriever. Today, in addition to its traditional occupations, Labradors are used as guide dogs for the blind, as police dogs, sniffer dogs, and as wonderful family companions.

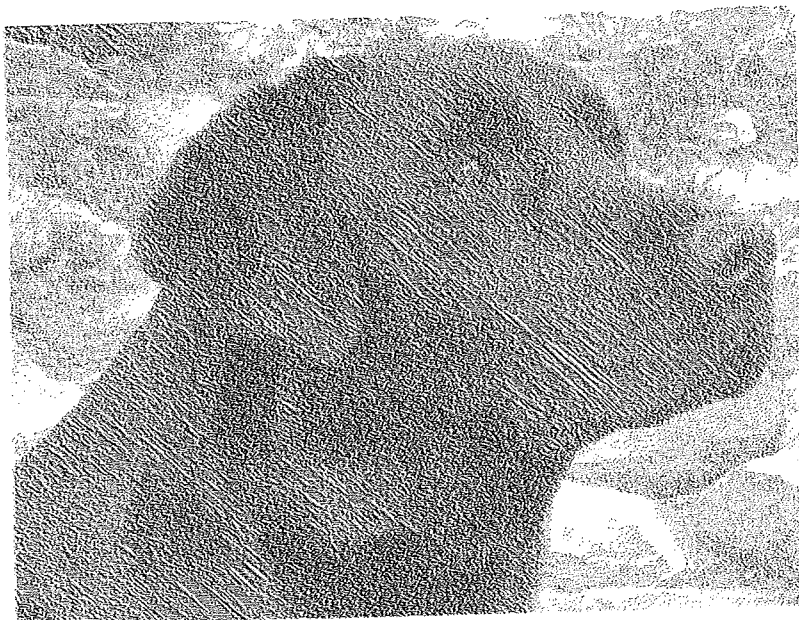


## Dog Breeds from A to Z (con't)

### Labrador Retriever (con't)

While not a tall dog, the Labrador is solidly built and very strong. Height: 21.5 - 24.5 in (54 - 62 cm). Weight: 55 - 75 lb (25 - 34 kg). They have a broad skull and a medium-length muzzle. Their eyes are medium-sized and dark in color, as is the large nose. The Labrador ears are set well back and hang close to the head. They have a strong neck and well-built solid body with a deep, broad chest. Their medium-length, thick tail is a characteristic of the breed. The water-proof coat is short and straight, very dense, and not soft. There are three official colors for the Labrador: yellow, black, and chocolate. Other colors are sometimes touted as "rare," but this is usually a sign of cross-breeding.

The Labrador animal because of dog actually and loves to be. Although it is too Labrador makes an encouraged to bark important. The over unwanted bark. Labradors other dogs. females and shy of other dogs when they are



makes a superb companion its gentle nature. This large enjoys playing with children included in their games. gentle to be a guard dog, the excellent watch-dog if at the sounds you consider dog is still large enough to guests with its marvelous usually get along well with. However, sometimes the sterilized males can become so it is wise to socialize them puppies.

Be careful not to its pleading eyes

tip a little more food into its bowl. If you regularly exercise your Labrador, you will be rewarded with a happy, healthy, and most delightful dog.

over-feed your Labrador, as can always encourage you to

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Meeting opened: 8.00 pm

**Apologies:** W McCraw, B Lawrence, J Brophy, J Wong, S Malady, P Convery, J Convery  
Acc: W Ganly

Seconded: P Pope

Carried

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

Acc: M Kilbourne

Seconded: T Button

Carried

**Business arising from the Minutes**

1. The Electric blower/vacc for the veranda has been purchased and put to good use.
2. Twenty-seven people are now coming to the Barbara Suckling/Margaret Deakes Seminar
3. The light has been added to the end of the storeroom
4. Excess funds from the Canteen Account have been transferred to the General Account

**Correspondence Out:** Nil

**Correspondence In:** Necia Lynch, Association of Dog Training Clubs, McCormack Family, Jenny Chase via Robyn Youl, Pachworx Publication

Acc: W Ganly

Seconded: L Bruton

Carried

**Business arising from Correspondence**

1. Members were informed that a First Aid Level 2 course was available. Cost - \$70.00 plus shared cost of hall
2. A D T C V Meeting – F Lehrmann gave a verbal report from the Meeting, which he attended. He said there is a lot of confusion regarding the Insurance and it has been suggested that a Meeting be arranged with an Insurance Representative to explain what is actually covered.
3. Request from the Librarian to subscribe to Clean Run (America). Members decided that this magazine was available online for anyone wishing to read it.
4. Pachworx Publication – Members agreed to complete and submit the form.

**Treasurer's Report**

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

Acc: M Kilbourne

Seconded: C Humphries

Carried

**Other Reports**

Canteen Manager – M Kilbourne thanked those Members who helped with the Trial. The Canteen Roster is up and running, but it would be good to have a few more on the roster. All the books have been completed as requested by the recent Health inspection.

Display Team Leader – In the absence of W McCraw, L Kelleher read written report. Report attached to the Minutes Book.

Hall Manager – L Bruton thanked all Members who had helped when she was sick

Grounds Manager – V Douglas said that the new trees had arrived and he needed help with the planting and the new wire was ready to be put up. The big mower needs to be repaired and thank you to those who helped at the Trials.

Raffle Steward – J Wallace read written report. Report attached to the Minutes Book.

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

Training Supervisor – As per the Newsletter

Trial Secretary – In the absence of J Convery, L Kelleher read a written report. Report attached to the Minutes books.

### **Sub-Committee Reports**

Nil

Acc: W Ganly

Seconded: K Devlin

Carried

### **General Business**

1. Proposed change to By Law 10 for Annual General Meeting. Attached to the Minutes Book. H Read spoke about the motion and a general discussion followed. A Marian spoke about changing of the Constitution in regards to General Meetings and she was informed that any changes would need to be in writing. F Lehrmann informed the Meeting that the proposed change would be posted as a Notice of Motion on the notice board and in the Newsletter

2. P Convery moved 'that we invite Frank Valastro to act as Returning Office for the Annual General Meeting'.

Seconded: J Ball

Carried

3. W Ganly asked how many Club Instructors will be attending the Barbara Suckling/Margaret Deakes Seminar. H Read reported that to her knowledge, 5 were attending

4. F Lehrmann asked Members for a Leave of Absence from the Club as he was going overseas. D Dickeson moved 'that the Leave of Absence is granted'.

Seconded: M Kilbourne

Carried

As there was no further business

Meeting closed: 8.45 pm

Meeting opened: 8.00pm

**Apologies:** T Button, R Youl, A Trueman, T Saunders,

Acc: P McCormack

Seconded: J Ball

Carried

Minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting were read and adopted as a true and correct record

Acc: E Longshaw

Seconded: J Ball

Carried

P Convery moved 'that Frank Valastro be accepted as Returning Officer'

Seconded: H Read

Carried

P Convery moved 'that Sheridan La Peyre and Bob Davey be accepted as Scrutineers'

Seconded: C Humphreys

Carried

P Shakespeare moved 'that Scott & Co Accountant be appointed as Auditor for the 2003/2004 Financial Year'

Seconded: M Kilbourne

Carried

### **Auditor's Report**

P Shakespeare read Auditor's Report and report on the Financial Statements

P Shakespeare moved 'that the Auditor's Report and Financial Statements be accepted'

Second: J Ball

Carried

### **President's Report**

A Thorogood read the President's Report

A Thorogood moved 'that the President's Report be accepted'

Seconded: P McCormack

Carried

### **Secretary's Report**

P Convery read the Secretary's Report. Written report attached to the Minutes Book.

### **Other Reports**

Canteen Manager – R Johnstone gave a verbal report and said she had enjoyed her time as Canteen Manager. The Sausage Sizzles were very successful and although the Trials were a lot of work they were also fun days. Rachel also thanked all the Members who had helped her in the Canteen this year

Hall Manager – J Wayth gave a verbal report and said how other Club's had commented on our facilities and the Club's achievements.

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.

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

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

Training Supervisor – D Dickeson read written report. Report attached to the Minutes Book.

Display Team Leader – No report available

Equipment Shop Manager – J Convery gave verbal report and said that the Shop had traded successfully this year.

Raffle Steward – J Wallace read written report. Report attached to the Minutes Book.

Reports acc: B Elliott

Seconded: M Breiberg

Carried

### **Life Membership**

No Life Memberships awarded.

A Thorogood declared all positions vacant and asked the Returning Officer to take the chair

1. Nominations for President – one only received – F Lehrmann - duly elected
2. Nominations for Vice Presidents (two required) – two nominations received  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – H Read - duly elected  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – T Button – duly elected
3. Nominations for Secretary – one only received – P Convery - duly elected
4. Nominations for Treasurer – no nominations received. Nominations were called from the floor. B Elliott nominated J Ball. Seconded: F Lehrmann. J Ball accepted the nomination. Duly elected
5. Nominations for Trial/Assistant Secretary – one only received – J Convery - duly elected
6. General Committee – Six required – Five nominations received  
V Douglas, L Kelleher, S Malady, L Bruton, M Kilbourne. All duly elected. Nominations were called from the floor to fill the sixth General Committee position. P Baker offered to fill the position. Seconded: J Ball. Duly elected

### **Non Committee nominations**

Bar Manager – no nominations received – deferred to General Meeting

Display Team Leader – one nomination received – W McCraw – duly elected

Librarian – one nomination received – R Youl – duly elected

Newsletter – one nomination received – P Convery – duly elected

Raffle Steward – one nomination received – J Wallace – duly elected

Training Manager – one nomination received – B Thorogood – duly elected

Web Master – no nomination received – D Gravalin has expressed interest and will be approached.

F Lehrmann thanked the outgoing Committee and congratulated the incoming Committee for taking on positions.

As there was no further business

Meeting closed at: 8.35pm

# *50th Anniversary celebrations*

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### **SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**

### **MARK THIS WEEKEND ON YOUR CALENDAR**

#### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

Gala Day Parade

Join other Club Members behind the 50<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary banner. Please add your name to the clipboard on the veranda near the Shop

#### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

Morning Obedience Trial. Schedule this Newsletter

#### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

Life Members Luncheon - commencing at 12 noon

#### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

Afternoon Obedience Trial

#### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bash - commencing at 6.00pm.  
Further information this Newsletter

#### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

##### **Fun and Games Day for all Members**

Games will include

Automatic Sit Game

Directed Agility

Fastest Recall

Rally O Course

Weaving race

Drop Game

# GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB

**"Celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Year"**

## **Anniversary Trials**

**Double Obedience Trials and Anniversary Bash**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2004**

**Belmont Common, Breakwater Road, Breakwater**

**Entries Close: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

**Entries to:** Janelle Convery, 247 Shannon Avenue, Manifold Heights 3218  
**Telephone:** (03) 5229 0145

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### **Trial A**

**Encouragement:** Mr G Eades

**Novice:** Mr A Adams, Mrs B Cowling,  
Mr C Gibson

**Open:** Mr G Parsons, Mrs A Adams,  
Mr W Gilmour

**Utility:** Mr B Wilkinson, Mrs U May,  
Mr F Valastro

### **Trial B**

**Encouragement:** Mr G Eades

**Novice:** Mr F Valastro, Mr B Wilkinson,  
Mr A Adams

**Open:** Mr C Gibson, Mrs B Cowling,  
Mrs U May

**Utility:** Mr G Parsons, Mr W Gilmour,  
Mrs A Adams

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One entry per form per class stating Trial A or Trial B. HAS required for all classes.  
Entries postmarked after closing date will be returned

**Entry fees:** \$10.00 first entry. \$5.00 for any further entries in either Trial A or Trial B (includes VCA levy and catalogue)

### **Check in Time**

Trial A: 8.00am – 8.45am

Trial B: 12.30pm – 1.15pm

### **Judging Commences**

Trial A: 9.00am

Trial B: 1.30pm

Full catering available on the grounds for both Trials.

### **Awards**

**1<sup>ST</sup> Place:** Trophy and Sash      **2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Places:** Sashes

Title sashes and qualifying ribbons available

**Highest Score in Trial:** Trophy and Sash

**Runner-up Highest Score in Trial:** Sash

50<sup>th</sup>  
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*Bash*  
6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2004

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**BOOKING FORM**

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bash 6<sup>th</sup> November. Please return to the Office by  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

PAID (\$15.00 per head) \_\_\_\_\_