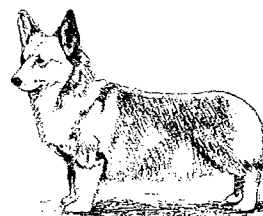
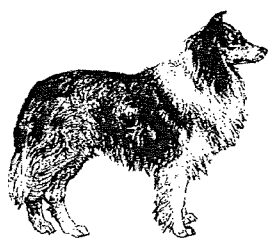
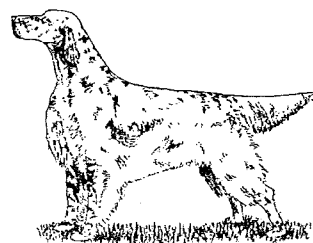
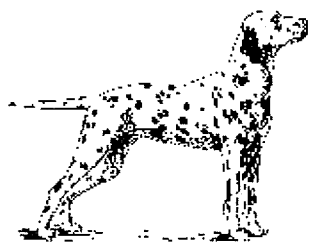


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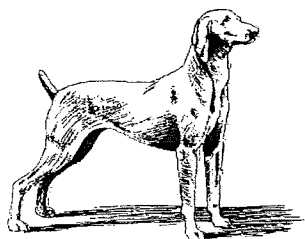


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NOVEMBER

Monday	15 November	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm. Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	21 November	Normal training. End of Year Awards closing date
Sunday	28 November	Normal training. Newsletter available.

DECEMBER

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



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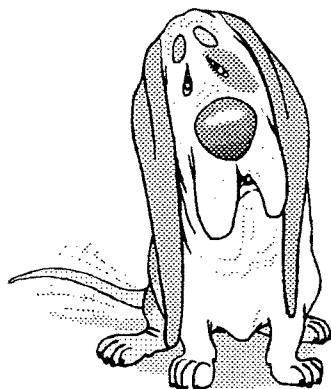
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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY



"We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. In return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made".

M Facklam - reprinted from "Guns n Sashes"

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

G'Day All,

Well, another Annual General Meeting has been held and most positions have been filled. I thank the outgoing Committee for their hard work over the past year, and wish the new one every success.

Craig McMillan who put his hand up for the Bar Managers job resigned that one and took up the position of Canteen Manager. Thanks for that Craig. His wife has volunteered to take over the running of the bar. With some help from Craig I think. As I said at the AGM this is your Club so come to the Meetings and have a say in the running of it. Get behind the Social Secretary, and support the functions she organizes. If you have suggestions for functions I'm sure she would take these on board. Also, as it is our 50th Anniversary year I would hope some of you would attend the function we are having to celebrate this occasion.



Finally, we do need a Trial Secretary. If you have any questions on this position I'm sure Janelle would be only too happy to tell you what is involved, further to that I would like to thank her for continuing on until this trial is over and the Judges for the first Trial next year have been contracted.

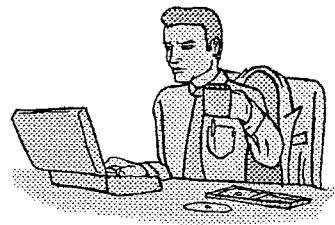
Welcome to all the new members and I look forward to seeing you around the Club so long as I don't have commitments elsewhere. Enjoy your selves and try to let your Instructors know if you can't attend on a particular week.

Jim Ball - President

2ND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I originally hail from Ballarat and have owned various cross breeds with my family, which were usually brought home by my younger sisters. Currently my Dobermann J.D. is nice enough to let my wife and I live with him in Corio. You can usually find me in the Sunday Classes with JD. We are very easy to spot as J.D. is the one howling and singing in Class or going for a gallop around the grounds when he should be doing his Sit and Drop Stays.

Paul Gallagher - 2nd Vice President



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi everyone

Well, haven't I given myself a challenge! I hope I can achieve the standard Pam had, I would like to thank her for all the help she has been giving me to make the transition easy. I dare say there will be times when I may call for help, but I promise to try and keep that to a minimum. Once again, thank you Pam for what you have done for the Club Members. Good luck in achieving the UD Title with Brodie. You both deserve it.



The end of year is almost upon us and we have a few functions happening. First on the agenda is the 50th Anniversary double Obedience Trials and Party. Come down and support Geelong Members competing and have a relaxing day watching what can be achieved with a little hard work.

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Christmas is also fast approaching and this year we have our last day on the 12th December. A fun day is planned and Santa will be here for the kiddies amongst us. We will also be presenting the End of Year Awards for those who have gained Titles in 2004. Triallers don't forget to give me your Title details.

If you have any queries about training or the Club or you simply would like a chat, come and see me, (I'm the one who usually has a few Border Collies in tow), or anyone on the Committee and we will endeavor to give you what you need.

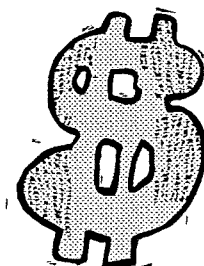
Until next time, happy training

Tina Button - Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

I have been involved in breeding and showing Dobermanns since I was a child. Currently I live with a very vocal Dobermann called J.D. and also have a Whippet that lives with my parents in Anakie. Previously I have been active in other Dog Clubs as a Committee Member for the Dobermann Club of Victoria and as Treasurer for the Junior Kennel Club of Victoria. I hope for our Club to have a positive year and look forward to helping our Members in any way that I possibly can.

Ellen Gallagher -Treasurer

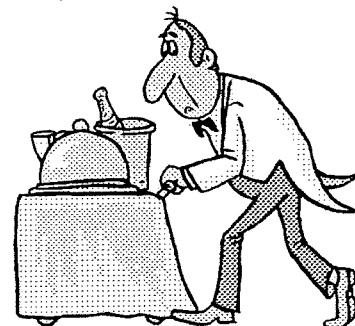


CANTEEN MANAGER'S REPORT

Hello all

I would like to introduce myself to you as your new Canteen Manager. Just a little about myself first. I am married to Michelle, who is also your new Bar Manager, so please make sure you drop in for a drink on those warm days after having fun with your friend. Also, I would like to take this chance to thank Mark for the great work he has done in the Canteen before me and the help he has given me to get going - thanks again, Mark.

I am very much looking forward to this time, as I've done this type of work before, working at places like 7 eleven and Apco stores, so I know how to serve people well and look forward to meeting many new people within the Club. Please feel more than free to drop in and ask if you can help or just say hi as I am always happy to just chat as long as I can of course.



Also if there is something I am not doing right or you would even like added to the list, please come and as, we will certainly look at it, as it's your Canteen I just run it. So, drop in for a drink and a bite to eat and even maybe a chat.

Craig McMillan - Canteen Manager

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi there!

My dog "Tiggy" and I are both relatively new Members of the Geelong Obedience Dog Club, and we're just learning the rules.

Clearly we both need to curb our social excitability at the sight of so many distractions and play opportunities in a new environment, and refrain from our impulses of waving our paws in the air!

It's due to this lack of inner discipline that I have apparently been voted in as your new Social Secretary. My dog is practicing "Leave it!!" commands in the garden, as I'm typing this report for the Newsletter.... just for future reference...



It's awesome to realise that the Club is celebrating it's 50th Anniversary and this fact alone needs recognition and a show of support from all Members for the work that has been done over five decades by willing Committee Members and Trainers and the many people associated with our common interest in improving the relationship between humans and their canine companions.

I hope to be able to continue the tradition of organising events that bring Club Members together to spend fun times in the company of others and generate some revenue towards improvements needed to maintain the high standard of our Clubs' facilities and programs. To this end, I ask you all to feel free to email or phone me with your suggestions. I would like to hear from **YOU** to enable me to plan activities that are of interest and reflect **YOUR** needs. In the next Newsletter, I would like to be able to put some of these suggestions forward for your consideration.

These might range from purely social events such as dinners, theatre outings, shopping expeditions, lectures and work-shops on topics of interest, to camping trips or scheduled dog walks, "Dog/puppy minding groups", tea/coffee and chat sessions, "Doggie" swimming sessions, grooming classes, visits to "dog friendly" locations, illustrations, photos, publications.... the list goes on.

A photographic calendar to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Club and a "Dogue Fashion Parade" was a recent "thoughtette" as an activity in the very near future.

So get your tail wagging and your ears wriggling. I want your enthusiasm and your input! (Grrrrr*)

A Suggestion Box will be placed outside the office or I can be contacted on 52 552 719. Email address: tabitha@pipeline.com.au

Cheers

Lana Shaw - Social Secretary

TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT (from the Annual General Meeting)

My annual Training Supervisor's Report – busy again and rather stressful and there seems to be a few negative vibes, which don't help.

For quite some time there has been a lack of consultation and consideration between Committee and Instructors and this needs to be resolved – it has been on-going for far too long and its been a failing in this Club to only address one side of an issue, not both and base any decisions – often unfairly – on one side of things. I feel this has bee one of the worst years for this attitude.

At the latest Seminars and after Sunday Classes I felt that we – the training staff – had taught nothing in any of the Classes and we were all idiots. I think that the experts would do well to watch and listen before offering a tirade of criticism – we are evolving – (not fast enough for some) and will continue to do so, but do not have to follow the dictates of other Clubs.

After altering the Beginners test recently we have had a much better percentage move on to Merit, so will continue along that path.

Graduate is still a problem as I think a lot of people in that Class are too serious and have forgotten to have fun – the testing in this Class isn't going to get easier as people expect to go Trialling at this level, so they need to put in a lot of effort to achieve their goals – the results should reflect their hard work.

It would be great if some of the Triallers could come out of the square they live in and help other Members along the way to success – maybe they need to be reminded of how difficult and slow their progress was in the early days of their training and who knows they may even learn something!!

Thanks to the Flyball and Agility Instructors and to those people who have helped throughout the year and given support – it is gratefully accepted.

Puppy Kinder still rolls on and we have a lot of fun in these sessions – thank you to Kath who assists in these Classes with me. The Puppy play area is also a great source of fun – its great to see puppies playing safely off lead.

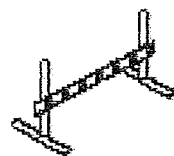
Finally – the Instructors – what can I say except thank you so much – this great group of people put in the hard work week after week despite often unfair criticism being leveled against them. I thank each and every one of them for the support and encouragement they give me and look forward to working with them in 2005.

I would like to wish the Club every success in the upcoming celebrations for the 50th Anniversary
Desma Dickeson - Training Supervisor



TRIAL MEMBERS

The end of year is fast approaching. If you have achieved a Title this year, please make sure your details are correctly recorded in the Office for your Title Medallion. Also, don't forget those scores for the End of Year Trophies



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.

3/10/2004

Graham Bruce	Nash Matthew/Whitehand Amy	Flynn Deanne
Allitt Family	MacDonald Olive/McAlpine Stephen	Potter Family
Fincham Jodie	Pinnow Andrew	O'Brien Lyn
Hall Family	O'Loughlen Family	Roe Tom
Matsen Steven/Medaris Diana	Ash Mark	Mooney Family
Tonkin Jan/Hodgson Christine	Martin Family	Brennan Samantha
Wedding Fran	Gibson Family	Pitfield Matt/Jolley Nicole
Brown Traci/Bell David	Herald Family	De Cicco Luana
Grinter Family	Jones Sion/McCulloch Heidi	Rogers Shelley

TRIAL RESULT

Ballarat Agility Trial – 19th September

Trish Gavaghan

“Meg”

Masters Jumping

Pass

KOBY DUNOON TD

Koby received his TD, Tracking Dog Title at the Tracking Club of Victoria's Trial at Inverleigh on 23.8.2004.

We started Tracking in April this year and this is the only sport to date that Koby gets excited about; he can't wait to get on a track and find the tracklayer. I had two failures at test one (not Koby, he knew what he was doing), so our wonderful tracklayer - Helen Read had to go beyond the call of duty and lay three Test ones for us, thanks so much. The test one that we passed was in Haddon on a day of extreme weather conditions.

Koby has been a challenge to train; he is an independent, stubborn curly coated retriever, who didn't respond well to traditional methods of training. We started having success when Helen Read introduced us to Positive Reinforcement Training, Koby and I now have a wonderful relationship built on loyalty, trust and respect for each other.

Thanks to all our Instructors over the last few years at GODC and also to Wendy Ganly and Susie Baird for teaching us the sport of Tracking, they have been very generous with their time and expertise.

Joanne Dunoon



DOES ANY OF THIS SOUND FAMILIAR?

Author Unknown

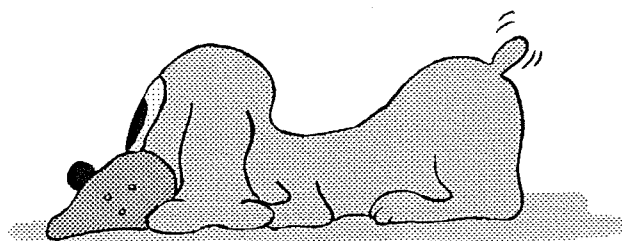
Please choose the answers, which best suit you and your canine companion

Heel on lead means -

1. Walk kinda behind your handler, always staying out of peripheral vision
2. Have fun playing, this may include biting the lead, pants, or a playful nip to the heel of your handler
3. This is really a towing exercise. Either tow your handler or be towed by them
4. All of the above

Figure Eight is for -

1. Making friends with your posts
2. Your last chance to play with the lead
3. A good time to practice those stays
4. All of the above



The Stand for Exam is for -

1. Licking the judge
2. Sleeping
3. Checking out the audience and finding new folks you want to meet
4. All of the above

Heel Free means -

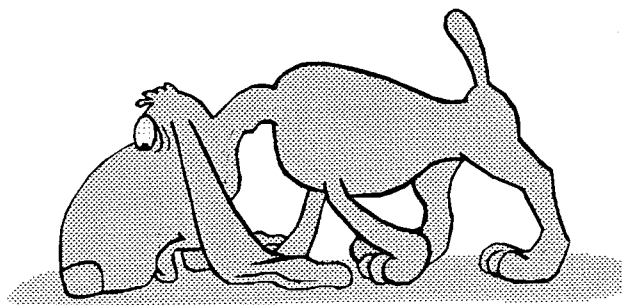
1. Sniff until something interests you then wander away from your handler
2. Time to meet those friendly people you had your eye on during the Stand
3. Time to show your potential for Utility and do a "Go Out"
4. All of the above

Recall means -

1. Hummmmmmm, I don't recall what this means better just sit here
2. Run as fast as you can to your handler and jump on them
3. Run to that spot that smelled so interesting and proceed to check it out
4. All of the above

Stays are for -

1. Twitching to freak out your handler
2. Licking your parts
3. This is play time. I guess I'd better get started
4. All of the above



CD means -

1. Nothing
2. Creative Dog
3. Confused Dog
4. Clueless Dog

A wonderful story, with maybe an extra touch of the truth in it

Sent in by Jenny Chase

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old blue heeler named Belker. The dog's owners - Ron, his wife, Lisa, and their little boy, Shane - were all very attached to Belker and they were hoping for a miracle. I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer.

I told the family there were no miracles left for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for the four-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt Shane could learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away. The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion.

We sat together for a while after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animals' lives are shorter than human lives.

Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why." Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me - I'd never heard a more comforting explanation.

He said, "Everybody is born so that they can learn how to live a good life - like loving everybody and being nice, right?" The four-year-old continued, "Well, animals already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long."

Breeds Brain Teaser

In the six sections below, choose one adjective from the three opposite each dog which is most suited to the characteristics of that breed.

Breed

Afghan Hound	Dumpy	Toxic	Aloof	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Finnish Spitz	Alert	Pious	Timid	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lakeland Terrier	Idle	Bold	Wary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bullmastiff	Artistic	Faithful	Unstable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Swedish Vallhund	Spiteful	Dyslexic	Friendly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coton De Tulear	Gargantuan	Boisterous	Restrained	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Now rearrange the letters from the shaded boxes to make another breed of dog. (11 letters/2 words)

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Answers will be included in the next newsletter.

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CANINE COUGH (KENNEL COUGH)

by Dr Rod Brooks

Commonwealth Serum Laboratories

Kennel Cough is a highly contagious respiratory disease of dogs. Although rarely life threatening it causes coughing bouts which can persist for a number of weeks, despite treatment, creating significant discomfort for both the dog and its owner. Massive outbreaks can occur in kennels with the vast majority of dogs affected. It is far better to prevent kennel cough rather than try and control the signs of infection once they have occurred.

Affected dogs frequently have been resident in boarding kennels or training complex, or have been in close contact with other dogs at shows, race tracks, obedience classes or similar assembly, within the previous 5 to 10 days.

CAUSE

Kennel Cough can be caused by a number of different viruses and bacteria although *Bordetella bronchiseptica*, Canine parainfluenza virus and canine adenovirus type 2 have been most frequently isolated from dogs with kennel cough.

Infection with one of the viruses usually clears up within a week or two, whereas infection with *Bordetella* may persist for several weeks. If a dog is infected with both *Bordetella* and a virus a more severe form of the disease is often seen and coughing may subside during treatment only to return when treatment is finished.

Bordetella can be carried for months by dogs that are not showing any signs of infection. These dogs act as a source of infection for susceptible dogs coming into contact with them.

SIGNS

The classical sign of kennel cough is a spontaneous, harsh cough that often finishes with gagging. The coughing is usually made worse by exercise, excitement or pressure on the throat region. Severely affected dogs may have a fever, be depressed, not eat and can develop broncho-pneumonia. Clinical signs can persist for several weeks despite treatment.

TREATMENT

Your veterinarian can provide the best treatment. This may include antibiotics and symptomatic therapy such as cough medicine. Treatment will not only assist in controlling kennel cough in the affected individual but it will also reduce the risk of spread to other susceptible dogs.

CONTROL

For optimal control of kennel cough, puppies should be vaccinated against all of the important viruses and bacteria that can cause kennel cough. Initially dogs and puppies require two injections four weeks apart. Booster doses should be given annually and before exposure to possible sources of infection such as shows, boarding kennels or obedience classes. Your veterinarian can advise you on the best vaccination programme for your particular circumstances.



THE EYE-CONTACT GAME

(From Chris Bach's "game")

It is good to have your dog give you his attention. If you don't have your dog's attention, how can you teach him anything? YOU should be the center of his universe, and the giver of all good things. You want to "shape" the occurrence of your dog giving you his attention by rewarding those times when he chooses to look at you. As you know, what is rewarded will be repeated, and you will experience your dog giving you his attention more and more.

Start with your dog either "naked" or on a tether or on a leash with your foot on the end (for dogs with really short attention spans). You just want a reasonable expectation that your dog will stay in the general vicinity with you so that you can teach him something. With your dog sitting in front of you, have a bunch of bite-sized treats ready. Get your clicker in one hand and a treat in the other. Have the rest of the treats nearby, but not really obvious to the dog, and not where he can get to them without working for you. Here you go:

1. Show the dog the treat (this becomes the "signal" to watch).
2. Move the treat out to your side at an arm's length or less.
3. When the dog's eyes follow the treat, do nothing. He may stare at it for a long time.
4. Sooner or later, he will wonder what's up with this, and look to you questioningly.
5. The instant his eyes meet yours, click and hand him the treat. You must pinpoint the instant he looks at you, because he might instantly look away again. That's why I like to use the clicker-it's fast. You could use a verbal reward marker, like "YES!" instead. It's important that you don't move your hand to give him the treat before you MARK the behavior you wanted: EYE CONTACT. His eyes will be on that treat again if you move your hand. That's ok, though if you've already marked the desired behavior with the click or the "yes."

Repeat steps 1 - 5 again. Notice he's not sure if he should look at you or the treat (especially if you had lousy timing with the clicker). He may glance back and forth quickly with his eyes between you and the treat. Be very patient. Some dogs are persistent about staring at the treat. They must learn that this behavior NEVER gets them the reward. The payoff is in looking to the handler.

Next time, wait a half-second before clicking his attention. Require that he look at your eyes steadily for a brief moment before marking and reinforcing the behavior. Each time you play the game, wait a little longer and a little longer before you mark the behavior. Count the seconds in your head. Just smile and look back at him. If he looks away too soon, you can break off the game and look away, too. Then start over and when he looks at you, begin counting again.

When your dog will look at you for an eternity, begin adding small distractions, and require him to pay attention, even though there might be something else going on. After he has looked at you for several seconds, move your hand. If he breaks eye contact to look at the hand, start counting all over again. He will learn to stop falling for your "fake-outs." He will learn that the fastest way to get the goodie is to "tune out" everything else, and focus only on you.

In the advanced stages of this exercise, you can drop toys or pieces of food, and the dog will be required to continue making eye contact and not go after the toy or food. Notice that all of this is done completely without corrections. You don't want to FORCE or INTIMIDATE your dog to look at you with FEAR. You want him to choose to look at you because that is where the goodies come from. It is very rewarding

The Eye-Contact Game (continued)

for him to make and maintain eye contact. The dog's only "punishment" is not receiving the food if he falls for some of the distractions you provide, or fails to look at you.

Notice also that we have not named this "trick" yet. Naked Dog Obedience is not a "command-based" training method. We don't shout commands and proceed to punish everything the dog does that is not the correct response. How can you expect a dog to give a correct response to a command he doesn't even know yet? After we **teach** the behavior we want (eye contact), we then name the behavior. Something like "watch me" or "ready" is fine. You give this verbal cue as the dog is watching you, so that he learns that the cue means what he is doing. Then, when he is not watching you, and you want to start the "game," you can ask for eye contact with the cue word.

This exercise (Chris Bach calls it a **game**, so that more people will want to do it with their dogs) has many **benefits**. Your dog will pay more attention to you in his everyday life. He will learn not to "help himself" to things, but to look to you for permission. He will have a point of reference for maintaining a heel position. He will be less likely to miss cues given to him, because he'll be watching you more, even without a cue to do so. In general, he will be more in tune with you and "tuned in" to you.



WHY DOES MY DOG PULL ON THE LEAD?

Dr Nick Branson

When dogs are young their high level of arousal (excitability) when going for a walk usually means they pull the lead tight. Often the owner moves forward with the dog. The young dog soon learns that going for a walk is so much fun and if I pull on the lead, we go much faster. Yippee!!! In this way, the dog has trained itself to pull on the lead.

How do I stop my dog from pulling on the lead?

Do not go forward when you dog pulls on the lead. Yes – STOP, STAND STILL, DON'T MOVE FORWARD – until the dog has moved back towards you and lead is loose. Then move forward whilst the lead is loose, but as soon as the lead becomes tight again – STOP, STAND STILL, DON'T MOVE FORWARD – until the lead is loose.

In high distraction environments this can be difficult to achieve so start in the backyard or other quiet area and slowly build up to walking down the beach or park where your dog's ability to concentrate on you will be much less because of all the activity. The more interesting you can make yourself (voice, pats, food treats, change of direction, change of walking pace), the more likely your dog will be to stay near you with the lead loose.

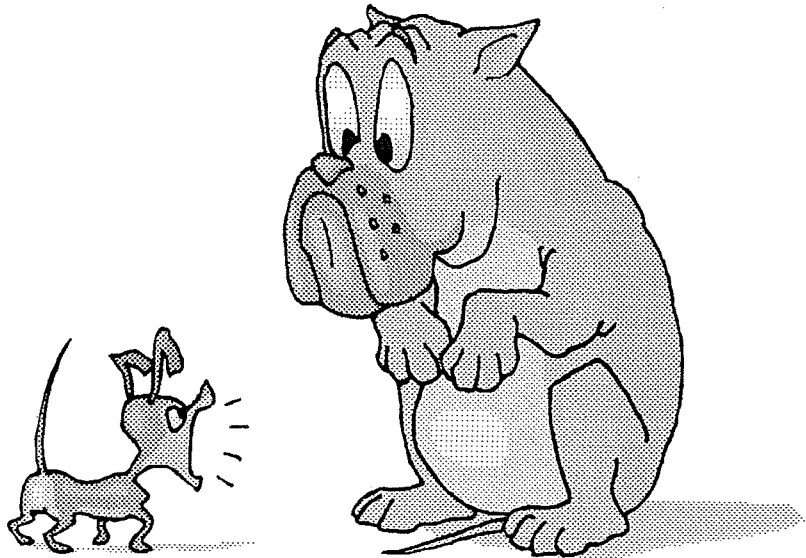
Remember, the dog is pulling on the leash because there is something/someone out there MORE INTERESTING THAN YOU!!!!

Canine Greeting Behaviour is a Mystery to Many Owners

It is amazing how many people just do not know very much about how dogs think. We learn about exotic animals but very few bother to learn much about the animal that we all have close intimate contact with.

CANINE MANNERS FOR HAPPY OWNERSHIP

1. Keep doorways clear. Don't stand and talk with your dog in a doorway obstructing other people. Dogs see doorways as high priority areas and may be aggressive in this circumstance. After all we keep them to be alarm systems.
2. Ask for a sit from your dog before allowing it to move towards other dogs or people; and then only if the dog or person wants to meet your dog or you. Sit means Please! If you indicate that you are the leader in this circumstance it is highly likely that the dog will look to you for clues to its behaviour.
3. Give other dogs enough space to feel comfortable. Dogs have space requirements, they do not like other dogs in their faces any more than we like a person that stands close to talk to us.
4. Move to block your dog's vision if it fixes its gaze on another dog. This means move in front of the dog to block it, then turn it away. A fixed gaze is intimidating to other dogs and may lead to an aggressive response from the other dog.
5. Keep your mind on your dog when out and about. If you want to chat, put the dog away or in a drop position beside you.
6. Do not leave your dog tied up unless it is under your gaze. Dogs can be very defensive when tied up.
7. Never allow your dog to rush up to another dog. This is rude behaviour to a dog and your dog may be forcefully evicted.
8. If another dog enters your dog's space and your dog growls or snaps; turn away and work the dog in obedience exercises such as sit and drop. Do not punish the dog in the presence of another dog. If you do so your dog's behaviour in this instance will escalate.
9. If we all stick to these polite behaviours the dog and you will enjoy outings and so will the rest of the public.



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CHRISTMAS BREAKUP

SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER

9.30am – 10.30am	1 st and 2 nd Session Class will be combined. All Classes will commence at 9.30am
10.30am – 11.00am	For the children and those of us who are still children at heart, Santa Claus will arrive at 10.30am and Val Moeller will have her Rotti family and cart available
11.00am – 12.00noon	Free sausage sizzle on the veranda. Free tea and coffee from the Canteen Plus Fun events including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obstacle Course • Best dressed Christmas dog • Fastest Good O eater • Fastest Recall • Drop closest to the rope • Instructor's Class (Instructor's handling other people's dogs) • Best represented breed
12.00am	Presentation of End of Year trophies, Title Medallions, Special Awards and Certificates from the last Promotion Day

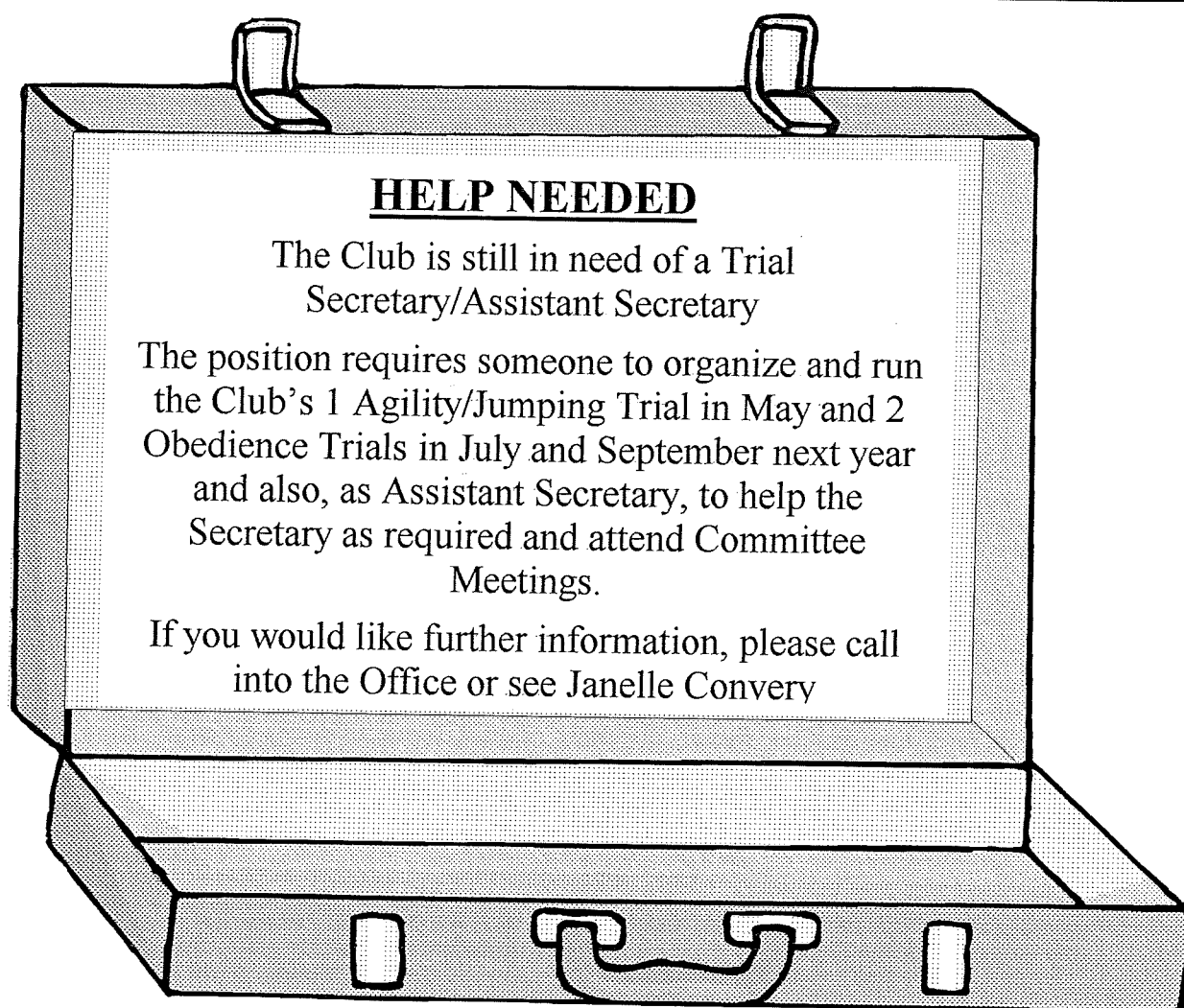
2005 RETURN TO TRAINING FOR CURRENT
MEMBERS

SUNDAY 30th JANUARY

UPCOMING TRIALS

Saturday	13 th November	Southern O D C	Obedience Trial	Entries close
Saturday	13 th November	Club L'Epagneul Breton	Retrieving	Closed
Saturday	13 th November	Warragul & D K & O C	Agility Trial	1/11/04
Sunday	14 th November	Warragul & D K & O C	Agility Trial	1/11/04
Sunday	14 th November	Ballarat D O C	Obedience Trial	Closed
Saturday	14 th November	Club L'Epagneul Breton	Retrieving	
Saturday	27 th November	Warrigal O D C	Agility/Jumping	12/11/04
Saturday	27 th November	Portland O D C	Obedience Trial	15/11/04
Saturday	27 th November	Portland O D C	Agility Trial	15/11/04
Sunday	28 th November	Portland O D C	Obedience Trial	15/11/04
Sunday	28 th November	Portland O D C	Agility Trial	15/11/04
Sunday	5 th December	Victorian Obed D C	Obedience Trial	15/11/04
Sunday	12 th December	Croydon & D O D C	Obedience Trial	28/11/04

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DOG BREEDS FROM A TO Z

Lagotto



Lagotto were originally used for hunting wildfowl in Romagna in north-east Italy but with the draining of the marshes at the end of the 19th century the Lagotto was out of a job. Instead of hunting wildfowl, the dogs were switched to searching for truffles.

The breed came close to extinction by the 1970s when it was estimated that only twelve pure bred Lagotto remained in Romagna. Fortunately a group of fanciers started a conservation program and today Lagotto are found in small numbers in many countries throughout the world.

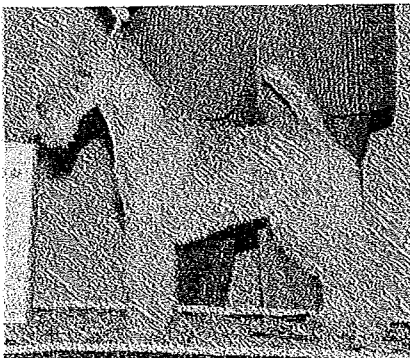
The Lagotto is reported to be the only breed which specialises in finding truffles which are, weight for

weight, one of the most expensive foods on the planet. The white is the finest and tartufi bianchi can cost well over \$3000 a kilo. Truffles are a fungi that grows underground and is located by scent. Obviously a good truffle dog is highly prized. While working it displays passion and efficiency, using its excellent sense of smell. The instinct for the chase has been bred out of the breed so that it is not distracted from its truffle searching by chasing game.

The Lagotto is medium to small in size, measuring between 41-49 cms and weighing 11-16 kgs and its general appearance is rustic. It has an attentive, intelligent and lively expression. It is affectionate and strongly attached to its owner, making it an excellent companion dog and it is highly trainable. The water-proof coat has a woolly texture, forming very thick, ring-shaped curls with visible undercoat. Curls are distributed all over the body, except on the head, where the curls are more loose, forming abundant eyebrows, whiskers and beard. The continuously growing hair tends to become felted, and it is important to groom regularly for the dog's comfort. If not groomed the hair tends to become very matted, therefore pet dogs require regular clipping. If the dog is a show dog clipping is limited.

The colours of the Lagotto are solid white colour, white with liver-brown or orange markings, liver-brown roan, liver-brown solid colour (in different shades) orange solid colour. Some dogs have a brown or dark brown mask. This unusual breed is adaptable to country or city living but requires regular exercise and thrives on companionship.

Lakeland Terrier



If this smaller Airedale look-alike was to be summed-up in one word, it would be "courageous."

The Lakeland Terrier originated in the Lake District of England in the County of Cumberland. The hills of this district hid a fox so wily that a special breed was needed to stop lamb and poultry losses - enter the Lakeland Terrier. A breed was created with all the required attributes from a variety of Terriers. It is thought that the Border, Bedlington, and Dandie Dinmont Terriers, as well as the Fox Terrier, contributed.

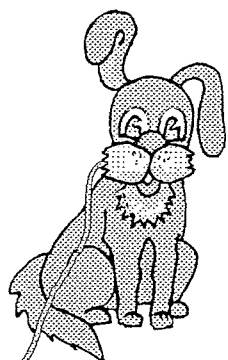
Dog Breeds from A to Z (con't)

Lakeland Terrier (con't)

The Lakeland Terrier is an old breed originating around the 1700s. Hutchinson's Dog Encyclopedia claims that this breed type has been known since the time of John Peel. The most famous Lakeland Terrier is Stingray of Derrybach, who won best in show at Crufts in 1967, and then the following year won the top award at Westminster in the US. This dog has been known by other names, such as the Fell or Patterdale Terrier, but these names are no longer used.

The Lakeland Terrier closely resembles a small Airedale Terrier. Height: 13 - 15 in (33 - 38 cm). Weight: 15 - 17 lb (7 - 8 kg). This is a squarely built dog, with longer legs than most Terriers - a legacy of the need to keep up with Hounds during fox hunts. The double coat has a wiry, water-proof and hard upper coat, and a soft undercoat. The hair on the body and tail is short, and long on the legs and face. The facial hair forms eyebrows, moustaches and beard. The Lakeland comes in a variety of colors: blue and tan, black and tan, red, wheaten, red grizzle, liver, blue, or black. The tail is high set, carried high, and is usually docked to about half length. Lakelands tend to have a narrow chest, which enables them to fit through small openings to chase their quarry.

The Lakeland Terrier has such a strong personality and such endearing ways that it soon becomes the center of all attention. Although it has such superb good looks, it is wise not to be too permissive with this dog, especially when it is young. The Lakeland has an alert manner and a strong sense of protection for its owner, and so makes a good watch-dog. It will appreciate the stimulation of going out for regular walks.



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Early in December
(Date to be advised)

We may even have our great DJ back

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