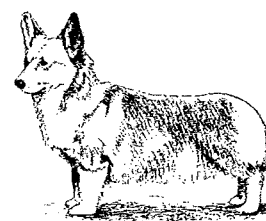
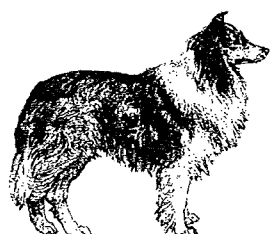
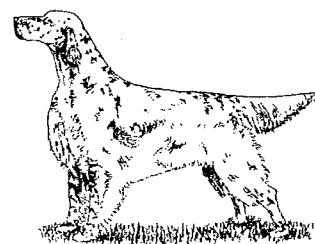
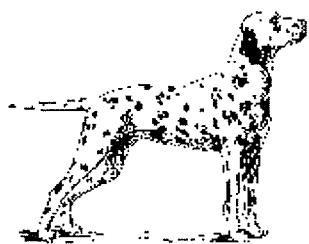


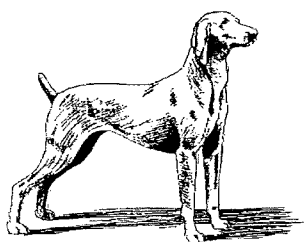
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CLUB CALENDAR

December

Sunday
Tuesday
Sunday
Thursday

5 December
7 December
12 December
16 December

PROMOTION DAY
General Meeting – 8.00 pm
Last day of training for 2004
Office closes for 2004

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Desma Dickeson - Training Supervisor
Andrew Wallace - Assistant Training Supervisor
David Gravolin - Assistant Training Supervisor

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Val Moeller
John Shields
Pam Convery
Sandra McCarthy (Flyball)

RETURN TO TRAINING FOR 2005

FOR CURRENT MEMBERS

Sunday 30 January



FIRST NEW MEMBER'S INTAKE

Sunday 6 February

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC

Patron – Mr Fred Lehrmann

Committee for 2004/2005

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, another year is nearly over for the Club. Firstly I would like to thank everyone who helped out at our 50th Anniversary Trials. My thanks to you all. A special thanks to all of those who came to the working bee's and helped to prepare the grounds and get them in an immaculate condition.

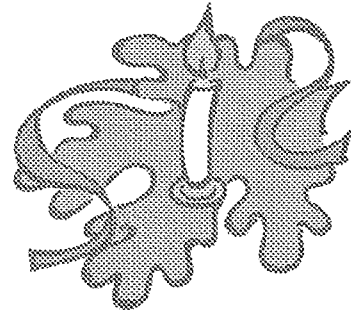
This also brings me to the point where I say we still don't have a Trial Secretary. We need one or these Trials won't happen. If you would like any further information contact the Office or see Janelle, I'm sure she would be only too glad to give you all the information you need.

As for the 50th Anniversary Bash, it all went well and even though there were only about 75 people attending, the night was successful. My congratulations to Mr Fred Lehrmann on being made Patron of the Club and thank you to the workers on the 50th Anniversary sub-Committee. The Members Fun and Games Day was apparently very well received with many positive comments from Members.

In closing I would like to thank all of those who have worked through out the year to keep this Club running smoothly and wish everyone a safe and Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Don't forget to see Lana (Social Secretary) for details on the Christmas party on the 3rd of December. Sadly I will not be there as I have made previous arrangements.

Jim Ball - President



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi Everyone. Firstly I would like to thank the ladies of the 50th Anniversary sub-Committee who helped in putting together a great weekend. The Trials and the dinner went well. Thank you also to everyone who helped at the working bees and were Stewards at the Trials. Congratulations to all those who achieved Passes. Unfortunately Nahla decided it was more fun to play tug-o-war with the dumbbell than to give it to me, so alas we must try again for that elusive Pass in CDX.

Only a month to go before we close for the Christmas break and we have a few festivities underway. Dec 3rd is our annual Christmas dinner; tickets are available for \$15 per head, which includes a spit roast dinner and entertainment from our usual DJ. Get together with some of your classmates, friends or family and come and have a relaxing night out without your four-legged friends.

Dec 5th is the final Promotion Day for the year; I hope everyone is training hard to pass as the next Promotion Day is in April 2005.

Our break-up day is Dec 12th, with lots of fun activities to do, plus of course the man in the red suit will be there for the youngsters and the young at heart. Oh, and don't forget there is a fancy dress competition on the day for the best dressed Christmas combo of dog and handler. There is also the presentation of awards for those who have gained Titles in 2004.

As per usual at this time of year we are asking members to donate goods to the mass raffle hamper and the Geelong Animal Welfare Society (GAWS). There are two boxes located in the clubrooms. Donations of dog food and blankets would be greatly appreciated for GAWS. Any food items donated for the Christmas hamper must be in tins or boxes. No fresh food please.

Further on in the Newsletter are articles on Christmas, dogs in cars and snakes. With the warm weather approaching, please be aware of your four legged-companions.

That's all for now. If you have any questions come and see me.

Until next time - Happy training and keep smiling

Tina Button - Secretary

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CANTEEN MANAGER'S REPORT

Hi all. This is your illustrious Canteen Manager Craig, reporting in yet again. Business thus far has been great. I have enjoyed my time here and send out a huge thank you to all of my helpers, especially those from the 50th Anniversary Trials day. Lana, a big thank you to you for all of your help. I've enjoyed meeting new and old Members and look forward to serving you all in the future.

The 50th Anniversary Trials day went off really well with lots of action in the Canteen. The egg & bacon sandwiches were a big hit. Thanks to my wife Michelle, who played "goffer" for the day. (Love you Pooh Bear). If there are any suggestions for the menu, feel free to speak to me about it.

Craig McMillan - Canteen Manager

PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT

Well, it's been another very busy year. I'm looking forward to a little R&R.

The Club has participated in many outside events. I would like to thank all those Members who participated in these events no matter what weather was provided on the day.

The events included:

Collecting for the Red Cross and Salvation Army

Pako Festa

Fete's and Fairs at schools

Club Dog Walk

Gala Parade

I would also like to encourage you all to endeavour to join in next year's events. I realise you have very busy lives, but I don't think it's much to ask for us all to give a little time and effort so the work load is shared. This Club exists only because people volunteer their time. So, if you have some spare time next year join us in promoting our Club. Remember we have a Display Team and are always looking for Members to become part of the team.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and take the time to rest and enjoy your time off with your dogs. Remember, let them be dogs and enjoy the time off as well.

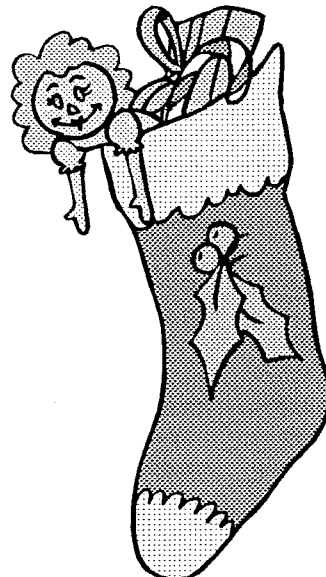
Sandy Malady - Publicity Officer

TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

My final report for the year and firstly, congratulations to Fred Lehrmann on his appointment as Patron of Geelong Obedience Dog Club – an award justly earned – well done Fred.

Our Walk-a-thon, which was held a few weeks ago, was very successful and thanks to those who helped organize the walk. At present it appears that approximately \$900.00 was raised. Thank you to all the Members who took part.

A big thanks must go to the intrepid souls (read utterly mad people) who braved the rain to walk in the Gala Parade – there were 14 dogs and their handlers out meeting the people and promoting the Club. It was very disappointing that only a few turned up, but despite the weather we had fun!



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The Fun and Games Day on November 7th to help celebrate our 50th year seemed to be very successful and thanks must go to Helen Read and her band of helpers for their hard work. I actually got to spend some free time with my older dog who really enjoyed himself – he told me so!!

A reminder for all those training – last Promotion Day of the year is on 5 December, so come on all of you and treat yourselves to an early Christmas gift. After looking around the Classes there needs to be more work and homework put in during the next couple of weeks.

Now, while we love to have children around, we are not a child-minding service – it's the parents responsibility to ensure their children are not upsetting dogs in Class or in the dog boxes, as a nasty incident could result and that would be rather traumatic for everyone.

Thank you so much to both Committee Members and Instructors who have made my job easier through the year – I hope everyone has a happy and safe Christmas and New Year holiday. Remember to look after your dogs and beware of snakes, long grass and hot cars during the summer months.



Enjoy the holiday people and love your dogs
Desma Dickeson – Training Supervisor

BAR MANAGER'S REPORT

Hi guys,

The new role of Bar Manager has been a nice challenge for me. Thanks Paul for all your help. We now have a good stock of drinks and hope to see you in there at some stage. If there are any requests for a certain drink, let me know and I'll see what I can do. If you do want a drink, between 10am and 12 noon, and I'm not there, please see the Canteen, as I could be in a Class. Craig in the Canteen will be more than happy to help you out.

Michelle McMillan - Bar Manager

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

This is my second term as Librarian. Firstly, heaps of thanks to Assistant Librarian Peg for her hard work, support and umpteen laughs.

First Term meant – all the books home over the Christmas break to transform a motley collection into a small, but professional Library - where books were arranged on the shelves and accessible to borrowers. The Borrowing System was re-defined for greater efficiency. Magazines & Videos were processed in such a way that enabled them to be borrowed as part of the normal collection. Change in policy meant that Instructors had new books on display to enable them to borrow them first.

A booking system for popular titles has been implemented - that involves the Library contacting the borrower personally to advise them that the book is held in their name awaiting collection. It also involves the Library advising borrowers that a wanted book is overdue and is to be returned A.S.A.P.

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As per Committee's request a Video is shown during Training Time. Videos of Dog Breeds will be available for loan next year to overcome the shortfall in the Collection relating to individual breeds. The display of Commercial Dog Advertising Pamphlets was a failure and is discontinued. However - the breed Posters have been a success.

The greatest gap missing in this collection is material pertaining to Agility. That is hardly surprising - few on Committee are Agility minded - therefore their interests are under represented. This is the group that is most in need of Library Resources and the keenest to access them. I am aware Agility Equipment is expensive. I have also heard that this Club has one of the best Agility rings for weekly training in the state. Let's match it with Resources in the Library. Let's introduce Agility in Motion DVDs/Videos, which come out every two Months and the American Magazine - Clean Run.

And in Closing - thanks President Fred & Committee for getting rid of the original ghastly Library setup and installing aesthetic bookcases. Regards

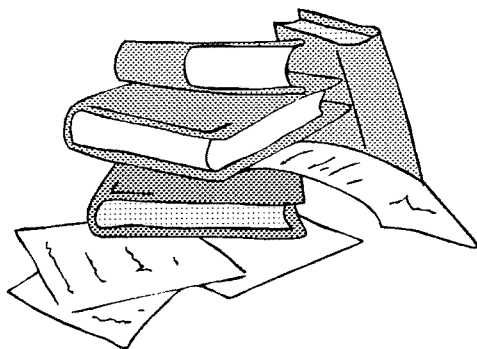
Robyn Youl - Librarian



Library News

All books need to be returned to the Library by

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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

Answers to 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

A	L	O	O	F
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Finnish Spitz Alert Pious Timid

A	L	E	R	T
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Lakeland Terrier Idle Bold Wary

B	O	L	D
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Bullmastiff Artistic Faithful Unstable

F	A	I	T	H	F	U	L
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Swedish Vallhund Spiteful Dyslexic Friendly

F	R	I	E	N	D	L	Y
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Coton De Tulear Gargantuan Boisterous Restrained

B	O	I	S	T	E	R	O	U	S
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Now rearrange the letters from the shaded boxes to make another breed of dog. (11 letters/2 words)

B	A	S	S	E	T
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H	O	U	N	D
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50th ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

Thank you very much for your kind invitation to be part of Geelong O D C celebrations of 50 years of service to the dog world. I have some great memories Trialling and Judging at Geelong. I have met some wonderful people from your club and have been treated well whenever I have attended your functions. Unfortunately, I am a full-time student and need to work weekends to pay the rent, so I am unable to take you up on your offer. Best wishes for your celebrations and here's to the next 50 years.

Ms Sheryl Pretty

Many thanks for your invitation to attend your Club's 50th celebrations. If this was being held on any weekend other than the 6th I would certainly liked to have been there with you all. My local Club – Gippsland – is hosting their Trial on the 7th and as I am Judging there, the distance is just a little too great for a late night. I wish you all a memorable evening and many more years of success in the dog world. I do hope to catch up with you all again.

Roz Buckley

The Victorian Canine Association would like to congratulate your Club on 50 years of existence and service to the community and we hope that your celebrations on November 6 will be an enjoyable one.

Roger Hamson – Chief Executive

Due to an earlier commitment I will not be able to attend, would loved to have been there. Have a great time.

Murray Tyler

Sorry we are unable to attend. Congratulations to Geelong O D C on gaining 50 years!!!! Hope the party goes well.

Mavis and Ray Hanson

Thank you for your invitation to your Club's 50th Anniversary. I'd love to be there to catch up with old faces, but unfortunately I am unable to attend. My mother turns 100 years of age on the same day and I have to get her birthday bash off the ground. I wish your Club continued success

Frank Neeson

Good luck over the weekend and congratulations on the 50th Anniversary. I have had a long association with the Club having gained several Titles there dating back to the 1960's. My mentor, Les Miller was a great supporter and at one stage there was an area at your current ground call the L Miller area. Unfortunately, I am Judging at Bairnsdale, where I am a Member and helping at Gippsland on that weekend. I would love to be there.

Dawn Howard

Please accept my apologies for not attending your anniversary due to a prior commitment. I hope that the evening is a great success and please give my best wishes to Fred on being named as Patron of the Club.

Frank Tipping



TRIAL RESULTS

WARNAMBOOL OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB – 31 October

Masters Agility

Trish Gavaghan Lindenbrae Wildrose Tyra (Meg) Border Collie Pass

Veterans Jumping

Glenys' Murray Zak Associate Clear round

Novice Jumping

Peter Baker	Tillsun Master Key CD (Amigo)	Aust Shepherd	Pass	2 nd Place
Peter Baker	Tillsun Master Key CD (Amigo)	Aust Shepherd	Pass	1 st Place
Peter Baker	Tillsun Master Key CD (Amigo)	Aust Shepherd	Pass	1 st Place

JD Title (Jumping Dog)

Novice Agility

Peter Baker	Tillsun Master Key CD (Amigo)	Aust Shepherd	Pass	1 st Place
Peter Baker	Tillsun Master Key CD (Amigo)	Aust Shepherd	Pass	1 st Place



GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB – 50th Anniversary Trials – 6 November

Morning

Encouragement

Lyn Wills Sandy Brit Associate Pass 2nd Place

Open Obedience

Luba Hopkins Lara Jumping Bunny CD (Jess) Associate NQ
"Highest Scoring Geelong Member"

Afternoon

Encouragement

Judy Wong Gwyndara Hot Shot (Cassie) Irish Setter NQ 3rd Place

Novice

Helen Green Ch Wameika Dentelle (Bella) Brittany NQ 3rd Place

Open Obedience

Peter Baker	Tillsun Master Key CD (Amigo)	Aust Shepherd	NQ	3 rd Place
Lynne White	Coolhand New Orleans Jazz CD (Jazz)	GSP	Pass	3 rd Place

"Highest Scoring Geelong Member"

BALLARAT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB – 14 November

Open Obedience



Morning

Peter Baker Tillsun Master Key CD (Amigo) Aust Shepherd Pass 2nd Place
CDX Title (Companion Dog Excellent)

Afternoon

Peter Baker Tillsun Master Key CDX (Amigo) Aust Shepherd Pass 1st Place

ODD BITS

1. The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue. - Anonymous
2. Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful. - Ann Landers
3. If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went. - Will Rogers
4. A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down. - Robert Benchley

THE SPELL CHEQUER

Sent in by Elaine Longshaw

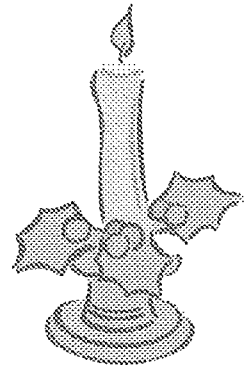
Owed Two A Spell Chequer

Eye halve a spelling chequer, it came with my pea sea.
It plainly marques, four my revue, miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word and weight four it two say,
Weather eye am wrong oar write it shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid, it nose bee fore two long.
And eye can put the error rite it's rare lea ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it, I am shore your pleased two no.
Its letter perfect awl the weigh, my chequer tolled me sew.



A JUDGE'S STORY

Author unknown

Two ninety-year-old men, Moe and Sam, have been friends all their lives. It seems that Sam is dying, so Moe comes to visit him.

"Sam," says Moe, "You know how we have both loved showing and then judging dogs all our lives. Sam, you have to do me one favor. When you go, somehow you've got to tell me if there's dog shows in heaven."

Sam looks up at Moe from his deathbed and says, "Moe, you've been my friend many years. This favor I'll do for you."

And with that, Sam passes on. It is midnight a couple nights later. Moe is sound asleep when a distant voice calls out to him, "Moe.... Moe...." "Who is it?" says Moe sitting up suddenly. "Who is it?"

"Moe, it's Sam." "Come on. You're not Sam. Sam died." "I'm telling you," insists the voice. "It's me, Sam!" "Sam? Is that you? Where are you?"

"I'm in heaven," says Sam, "and I've got to tell you, I've got some good news and some bad news." "Tell me the good news first," says Moe.

"The good news," says Sam "is that there are dog shows in heaven."

"Really?" says Moe, "That's wonderful! What's the bad news?"

"You're judging next Saturday"

Animal Welfare Donations

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Room In Your Heart

Caro Schubert-James

Sorrow fills a barren space
you close your eyes and see my face
and think of times I made you laugh
the love we shared, the bond we had,
the special way I needed you
the friendship shared by just we two.

The day's too quiet, the world seems older,
the wind blows now a little colder.
You gaze into the empty air
and look for me, but I'm not there
I'm in heaven and I watch you,
and I see the world around you too.

I see little souls wearing fur,
souls who bark and souls who purr
born unwanted and unloved
I see all this and more above
I watch them suffer, I see them cry,
I see them lost, I watch them die.

I see unwanted thousands born
and when they die, nobody mourns.
These little souls wearing fur
(Some who bark and some who purr)
are castaways who - unlike me
will never know love or security.

A few short months they starve and roam,
Or caged in shelters - nobody takes home.
They're special too (furballs of pleasure),
filled with love and each one, a treasure.
My pain and suffering came to an end,
so don't cry for me, my person, my friend.

But think of the living - those souls with fur
(some who bark and some who purr)
And though our bond can't be broken apart,
make room for another in your home and your
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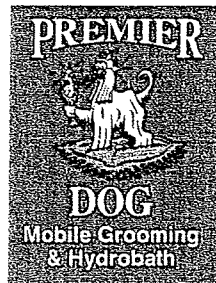


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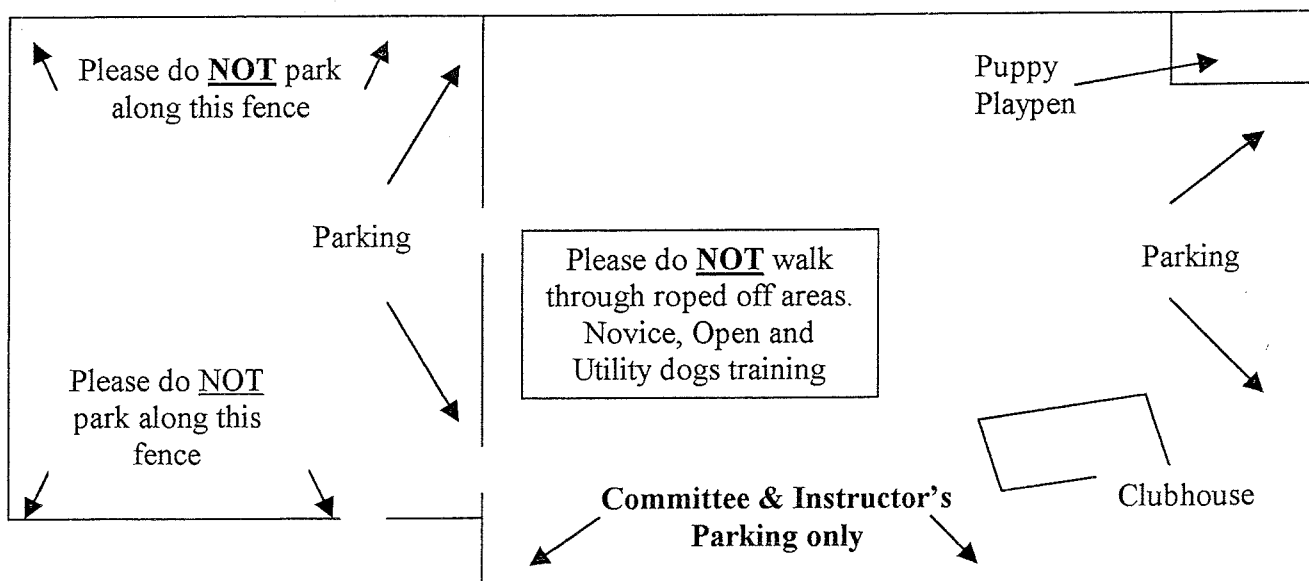


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Lea Cogley - Coolhand GSP's est. 1974
Professional Dog Trainer - Melbourne

Teaching a dog or puppy to heel is a matter of breaking the bits into tiny pieces - splitting. I usually teach bodywork first which is - remain at my left side no matter which direction I go in. I may - or may not - do turns, I may do giant circles starting with the right circle to encourage the dog to keep up, rather than turning left and bumping into the dog. I may do quick changes of pace, alternating with very slow pace, jumping up into fast pace, back to slow pace. I am using a tug toy or ball on a rope, stuffed under my left armpit and thrown in front of the dog to release or reward heeling. I don't let the dog make its own fun - I am the fun.

I do double about turns, double lefts and rights, run down the paddock squealing and suddenly sit down and go boom. The dog licks my face and jumps all over me with me hiding my head. The dog will become happily frantic to lick me, great game.

I sidestep a lot to encourage close heeling. I use a backward inside half circle if the dog loses concentration or dash backwards until the dog looks at me and then resume heeling. It used to be called a crooked sit correction.

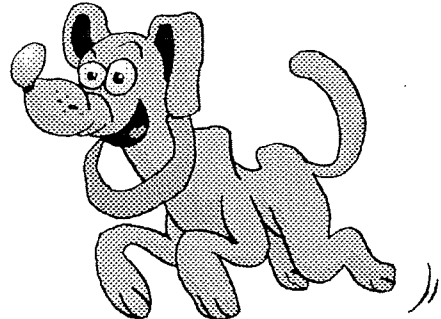
Dawn Jec's "Choose to Heel" is an interesting method but I mongrelise methods like mad. I take a bit of this and a bit of that because each dog is a unique and precious individual and I need to find the key that unlocks the mind of this particular dog.

I am always careful of overshadowing the dog going left. Sensitive dogs do not like to be bumped or leaned over. My shoulders are usually kept upright and square with a slight lean left or right for turns. I do not stuff a chicken neck down my bra or spit food, just my preference.

I teach sit, stand and down, stay and finish separately.

I love teaching heeling by targeting my left hand.

When the dog is able to reliably drop in position, accurately and consistently, same for sitting and standing, when the dog can do all the turns reliably, then I slowly put the whole puzzle together being careful not to heel for a long time, i.e. paddock bashing.



I always move off on my left foot with a half step, graduating to a longer step. I give a forward signal with my right hand from my right hip, never in front of the dog. Dogs peripheral vision is spectacular, their tunnel vision not so good.

I halt by stopping on my right foot and bringing up the left after a shortening pace. I leave on a half step with my right foot for stays, always use "wait" when the dog is to break from position on command - recall, retrieves and "stay" when the dog is not to move until I return. I do not mind left or right hand signals, but use right hand consistently. I never - never - obscure the dog's sight with my hand signals, preferring to give the drop signal towards my right foot, the stand signal towards my right hip and high to encourage attention and to not overshadow or step into the dog.

Making Heeling Fun – Lea Cogley (continued)

I have frequent plays to mark behaviour as correct. When heeling, best behaviour gets a tug on a rope then back into heeling. Never do I release my dogs to play unless behaviour is lovely. I want the dog to play while heeling not be released to play by themselves. I want to be the most valuable person in my dog's whole life and that is not achieved by letting the dog stop heeling as a reward. I teach weaving between the legs as a reinforcer of good behaviour, I also teach targeting with a high jump to touch my hand to relieve tension, toss food between my legs and teach the dog to go through my legs to chase the food. I then turn around and face the dog and do it again to encourage smart fronts and finishes. A side effect of this is that the dog is never afraid of you bending over them, they just love it.

I teach the dog to catch food then use food catching in the heel position. If I don't have my clicker ready, when best behaviour happens I use "yip" in a high squeaky voice as an event marker and a promise of food/reward/praise to come. I have trouble using "yes" as the judge asks "are you ready". If I say, "yes" as a bridge or event marker I cannot praise or reward in the ring *during* an exercise. Inadvertently, I am poisoning the bridge. Other words to use could be "goot" "wow" "hhhh" use your imagination and don't follow slavishly other peoples words. My favourite bitch Lindy used to respond to "gooby gooby" don't ask me why, but she thought it was fun and that's the main thing. Perhaps I was laughing at the time.

Figure of eight is always taught with a fast, fast, fast on the outside and a slow, slow, slow creeping on the inside unless the dog is particularly sensitive and does not like the game – some don't. I throw food forward from my hand in the centre of the figure of eight to encourage fast turning. I teach figure of eight as a triangle with two turns on each end before smoothing this out into a circular pattern. I always change direction frequently to keep the dog on his toes. I may choose to not go into the middle of the figure of eight; I may just heel around in an oblong pattern. Keep the dog guessing which way you will go.



I skip sideways on fast pace, sure makes the dog laughs up at me as I can make eye contact, act like a goose and the dogs really appreciate this.

When the dog is trained sufficiently that I am thinking of Trialling, I pick gradually escalating distractions, shopping centres, agility rings, parks, schools - all sorts of places.

Run-throughs at your Club under trial conditions are particular beneficial, but I always reserve the right to stop the run through and work on a problem. I will ignore the one giving me a run through and go off to work on a problem. I

have to trust the helper will not get offended. I ignore the helpers commands so the dog does not become pattern trained, I will wait for 3 to 5 seconds before moving off or responding to a command. Sometimes I go into fast pace when commanded to halt. Variable and unpredictable.

When I am ready to Trial, I go to a different park every day for five days. If the dog can perform the principal feature of each exercise well and confidently, small errors maybe, then I will put an entry in and organise the dog for Trialling.

This is the most complex exercise you will ever teach your dog and is the basis for everything else. It *must* be fun.

ONE FOR OUR AGILITY MEMBERS

Author unknown

I took my dog to an agility class
it really looked like fun!
He had so much energy
I wanted to see him run!

The first day of class
we made the dog sit/stay
what was going on here?
I thought we were going to play!

Then we ran in circles
with the pups following behind
what was this teacher doing?
Had he gone and lost his mind?

Next, we had the dogs
walk through a stupid ladder
and I could feel myself
slowly getting madder!

When I thought we'd do the real thing
he put a board on the floor!
Well, I had just had it
and I gave that man what for!

I went and found a place
that would let me play outside
We climbed up the tall pointy thing
and down the other side.

Next we ran through tunnels
as fast as we could go
when my dog tried to leave me,
I hollered at him "NO!"

He fell off the see-saw
and now won't get back on
when he wouldn't do the dogwalk
I knew something was wrong.

He hates to go through chutes
and on jumps he knocks down bars
when we tried to do the weave poles
he went out to chase the cars!



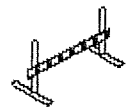
The tire is a disaster
Lead outs are the pits
He'll get up on the table
but all he does are sits!

This has been a disaster
It just isn't any fun!
I should have done the basics
that the other class begun

I know that it was boring
and seemed a waste of time
Your dog is now competing
But what about mine?

He's blowing all his contacts
at the teeter he just hides
I don't understand a pinwheel
and he'll only weave onside

He loves to chase the pigeons
and walks across the broad
this trial is on dirt
but we've only trained on
sod!



So now that I know better
my second dog will be
so much more prepared
for the equipment, you see?

It's worth the extra time
to set a good foundation
Because later on
You avoid so much frustration!

So when the teacher begs you
to do foundation work daily
Please try to remember
you will benefit from it greatly!



YOU AND YOUR PET AT CHRISTMAS

A PET FOR CHRISTMAS

As we busily hurry around in the pre-Christmas chaos, it's easy to think of a pet as a novel and cute gift for a friend or family member. Think carefully about this choice of gift. Only give a pet to someone who you know wants a pet and is committed to caring for it throughout its life – not just for a few weeks.

We're all familiar with the sad story a few months after Christmas of puppies and kittens being dumped. Many of them were gifts where the novelty wore off.

CHRISTMAS HINTS FOR PETS

Beware of Christmas decorations being chewed or swallowed by enthusiastic pets! They can cause tummy upsets and at worst, a blocked bowel.

Don't overfeed your pet on Christmas treats. Remember that any sudden changes in a pet's diet can cause gastric upsets. Too much rich food could ruin your pet's Christmas. A small treat of a piece of turkey breast is always greatly appreciated though!



Don't feed cooked turkey and chicken bones: they can bring disaster. Only ever feed raw bones to your pet.

If the weather is warm, don't forget plenty of fresh water for your pet and heed all the warnings about cars and your family pet when the weather is hot. The temperature inside a car rises very dramatically even on a mild sunny day.

PETS ON HOLIDAYS

Heading off on holidays? Have you thought about what you'll do with your pet? It's important to include your pets in your holiday plans?

1. TAKING YOUR PET WITH YOU

If you're visiting friends or family you may be able to take your pet with you. Your pet will enjoy the holiday too.

There are a number of holiday homes, caravan parks and camping grounds where pets are allowed. There is a directory available with these places listed, copies available from many of the Vets, RACV and a copy is available to borrow from the Club Library.

If traveling by car ensure you have regular breaks for your pet to have a drink and go to the toilet. If your pet suffers from travel sickness, consult your vet about travel sickness medication. If your pet is traveling by plane or train, see your Vet about sedation, if required.

You and Your Pet at Christmas (continued)

2. BOARDING YOUR PET

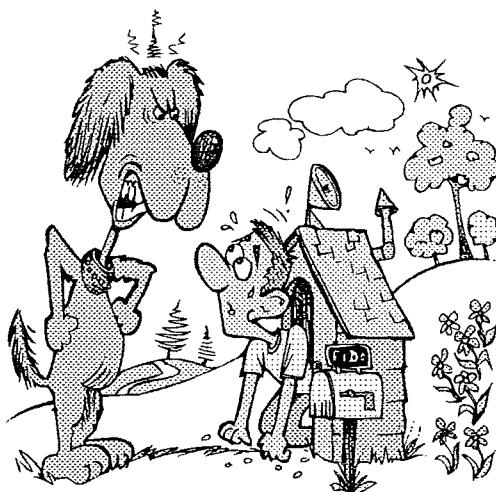
There are a number of excellent boarding kennels for dogs and cats around Geelong. Book well in advance as they get very busy during the holiday season. It's also a good idea to arrange to have a look at the kennel before you leave your pet there

It is usually possible to arrange for special requirements such as diet preferences and medications and all reputable boarding kennels will require a current vaccination certificate for your pet.

3. LEAVING YOUR PET AT HOME

Sometimes the easiest thing is to leave your pet at home, especially in the case of caged birds, fish, guinea pigs and rabbits. There are a number of options for ensuring your pet has adequate care while you're away :-

1. Ask a friend or neighbour to check and feed your pets once or preferably twice a day.
2. Arrange for a friend or family member to house sit for you. This has the added advantage of better security while you're away as well as having someone to empty the letterbox and water the lawn.
3. There are a number of professional house and pet minding services operating in the Geelong area. These people will either visit your house daily or occupy the house, while taking care of your pet and garden.



HOLIDAY HINTS FOR PETS

If taking your dog on outings in the car, be sure to provide plenty of drink breaks, heat stress can occur easily in the warmer months. Carry a bottle of water for the dog in case you can't find a tap.

If walking your dog along the river or beach, be on the look out for dead fish, if your dog eats one he could end up with a very sore tummy.

Also be on the lookout for discarded bait attached to hooks. Dogs will grab the bait and end up with the hook embedded in the mouth.

Check local Council regulations regarding dogs on beaches and be aware of your dog if free running. Most dogs will interact happily when they meet outside their territory, but you don't want to spend your holiday at the Vet's as a result of a dogfight.

Remember to carry a plastic bag or similar to clean up after your dog, regardless of where you are. Regulations are making it more and more difficult for us to have free space with our pets and one of the main complaints is always the droppings left behind, so be a responsible dog owner!

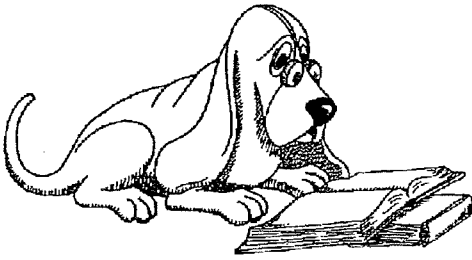
UV radiation affects the skin of animals just as it affects humans; it causes sunburn, dermatitis and eventually skin cancer. Use zinc cream or one of the special preparations on the market for unpigmented skin, such as ears, nose and belly.

Check on the location of the local Vet when visiting an unfamiliar area, in case of emergency.

"HOT DOGS"

By Helen Vnuk

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Summertime.... and the living is easy. Lounging around in singlets, shorts and thongs, sipping an icy cold drink and heading to the local pool for a refreshing dip..... it all sounds fine, unless you're a dog. Trapped in a long coat, left out in the sun and besieged by pesky little critters, summer can be hell for dogs, if their owners don't look out for them.

BACK TO BASICS

While some lucky dogs get to spend summer days flopped inside an air-conditioned house, most are confined to the backyard. Two things are absolutely vital for every dog left in this situation - shade and water!

In direct sunlight dogs are at risk of heatstroke. There must be shade in the yard throughout the day, whether under a verandah or a tree. And dogs should never be tied up on a hot day, as they may not be able to move to get out of the sun.

A constant supply of clean, fresh water is necessary for dogs all year round, but it's more important than ever in the summer. If your dog is the energetic type who has been known to tip over bowls, try buying a solid, heavyweight water bowl or one of the non-skid variety with a rubber base. To make doubly sure your dog will have water all day, leave two bowls out, so even if one is tipped over, there's still one left. Self-waterers are another idea. The Mister Dew Drop pet fountain, sold at Pet World Stores, is a bowl that connects to the garden hose so the water supply won't run out.

Dogs tend to eat less in hot weather because they're exercising less. If the food you give your dog is likely to go off in the heat, try to make sure it doesn't sit around for too long.

PLAYING IT SAFE

Some dogs love to play so much that they would be begging you to throw the ball for them if the mercury was bubbling out of the top of the thermometer. But even if your dog seems keen, you should be careful not to exercise it too much in hot weather. This doesn't mean hanging up the leash for three months, but the timing and the type of exercise are important.

Try to avoid exercising your dog in the heat of the day, as this is a common cause of heatstroke. As well, dogs being walked over hot surfaces such as footpaths and sand can burn the pads of their paws. If the surface is too hot for you to touch, it's probably too hot for your dog to walk on.



Early morning and early evening are the best times of day to take your dog for a walk during hot weather. It's also good to give your dog a drink along the way and the fold-up bowls you can carry in your pocket (available by mail order through Mikmac and Canine Company) make this simple.

IN THE SWIM

Swimming is a great way to exercise you dog and help to keep cool in summer. People assume that all dogs are natural swimmers – or dogpaddlers – but supervision is still needed. Some breeds, such as Labradors and Golden Retrievers will take to the water more easily than others.

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If your dog is swimming for the first time, make it a gradual introduction. Get into the shallow water yourself and encourage your dog to join you. You might like to have another dog there that has swum before, so your dog can follow its example.

Remember, dogs can drown. More dogs drown in private swimming pools than children. Puppies and older dogs are especially at risk, but even dogs that are strong swimmers can drown if they can't get out of the water. This is a particular danger in irrigation channels as well as pools.

Check that the water your dog is swimming in is safe. Beware of strong tides and currents, and watch out for pollution such as blue-green algae, which can be toxic for dogs.

Rinse off your dog after swimming in the sea or in any type of water, if it has sensitive skin. And don't let your dog drink too much seawater – it can be poisonous in large quantities.

If you want your dog to swim in complete safety, you may want to visit one of the swimming pools for dogs. You could also buy a small plastic paddling pool for your yard. Turning the sprinkler on for your dog is another cool idea

PARKING PROBLEMS

The image from the RSPCA's TV commercial is difficult to forget, the dog dazed and suffering after its owner leaves it in a parked car on a warm day. The campaign has done a lot to raise awareness of the dangers of this practice, which is the number one cause of heatstroke in dogs.

Temperatures rise rapidly in parked cars. Even on mild days, when the outside temperature is in the low twenties, the sun beating down on a car can lift the inside temperature to above 50 degrees in a short time.

Leaving the windows slightly open isn't enough, and if the windows are wound down completely the dog could jump out and get run over or lost. Try to avoid taking your dog with you in the car if you're planning to go anywhere dogs aren't welcome.

SHORT CUTS

Short for the summer is the preferred style for many longhaired, woolly and curly-coated breeds of dog. Having their coats clipped short means they will deal with the heat better and can be more active over the summer months. The added bonus is that it will help reduce problems with burrs and fleas.

Shorter doesn't always mean cooler. For breeds such as the Siberian Husky the double coat has an insulating effect and protects the dog from heat as well as cold. But these breeds can shed a lot and you will need to brush regularly to remove dead hair.

SUN SMART

Just as we have learnt to apply the slip-slop-slap rule to ourselves, some of us also need to apply it to our dogs. Dogs can get sunburnt and develop skin cancer. Most at risk are those with white skin, especially Bull Terriers and Dalmatians.

Owners of these dogs should take the same precautions as parents would with children – use sunscreen on them (Filtabac is a zinc-based cream developed for animals) and limit the time they spend in the sun. Baseball caps as well as looking cute, offer extra protection, while all-over Lycra body suits, manufactured by Sydney Company Hotdogs, may be the best solution for dogs that are most at risk.

GETTING AWAY

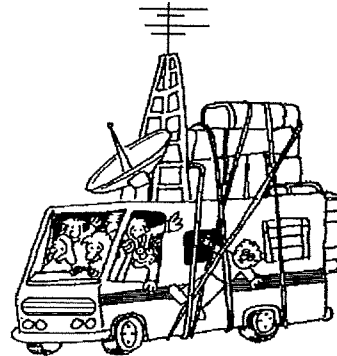
Holidaying with dogs can be fun for both you and them, but to avoid any unpleasant confrontations, it's best to check ahead to find out which places allow dogs. An increasing number of accommodation

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venues are providing for dogs as well as their owners, and several publications, including the "*Life be in it*" *Holidaying with Dogs Guide* will help you with this. Local councils are a good source of information about which beaches and parks allow dogs.

When driving long distances, make plenty of stops so your dog can stretch its legs and have a drink of water. Take everything your dog might need with you, such as bedding and towels, and make sure there are appropriate contact details attached to its collar. Find out where the nearest vet is so you're prepared in emergencies.

New products on the market could help make your trip even better. Dog shoes such as those made by Sydney's *Animate* and distributed through pet stores, could protect paws from being cut while hiking over rough ground, while dog carriers (sold by mail order through *Canine Company*) make it possible for your pet to go with you, even if it is too frail to walk far.

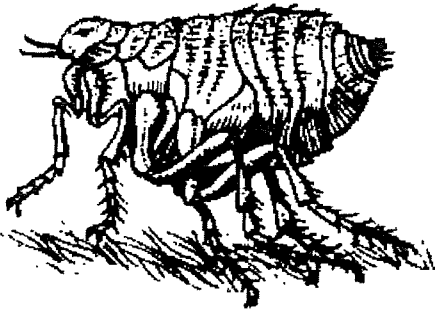


If out camping, be careful of where you tie up your dog. Make sure it can't get tangled in branches, run over or trapped in the heat of the sun as the shade moves.

LITTLE CRITTERS

Summer means flea season, as the warm weather and humidity trigger the hatching of flea pupae which may have been lurking around your house for months or even years. New treatments are now available which are highly effective in attacking all stages of the flea life cycle and making it possible for your dog to be flea-free. You will also need to treat your dog's bedding and perhaps the whole house. Your vet will be able to help you out with advice on which products to use.

Ticks are also more of a danger in warmer weather, especially with people traveling to areas where ticks are widespread. These include bushland areas along the eastern seaboard (Paralysis Tick) and Western Australia (Brown Dog Tick). You'll need to check your dog daily and use preventatives available from your vet.



And don't forget the life-threatening heartworm, which is transmitted by mosquitoes. Dogs should be on monthly or daily preventatives for this.

Summer can be a great time of year for dogs, with the chance to spend more time with their owners and go on holidays or to the beach. But it's up to owners whether summer means fun in the sun or just plain misery.

The First Six Months

You're never too young to learn

Norma Bennett Woolf

Introduction

- ♥ *Sassy and Michelle play tug-of-war with Michelle's socks, Sassy growling her puppy growls and Michelle yelling at the puppy for tearing the cotton with her needle-sharp teeth. Sassy is a three-month-old Airedale Terrier.*
- ♥ *Tiger is still peeing in the corner, even after he's been outside to relieve himself. Tiger is a five-month-old Chow Chow mix.*
- ♥ *Misty chases Sean and Traci and grabs their pant legs. Last week Traci fell and banged up her knee and Sean smacked the puppy for chasing his sister. Misty is a four-month-old Shetland Sheepdog.*
- ♥ *Dixie takes her owner for a drag every morning and sometimes darts out the door for a romp on her own. Dixie is a six-month-old Labrador Retriever*

Sassy, Tiger, Misty, and Dixie are prime candidates for surrender to an animal shelter.

Dog tales

The first six months after puppy comes home are critical in shaping the relationship between puppy and family. Lapses and mistakes here can take months to fix, and families often do not have the time, persistence, or inclination to repair companionship-gone-wrong. Thus a trip to the shelter or rescue group with a tale of woe and a plea to find this "good dog but he . . ." a new home, a trip often followed a week or month or year later with purchase or adoption of another dog and a new beginning on the same path.

It's easy to blame the puppy or the breed — Labs are really too energetic or terriers are too nippy or "We only took this puppy because he was free —" but the truth is that almost any dog can be suitable for almost any family if the family is willing and able to spend the time and energy on the first six months.

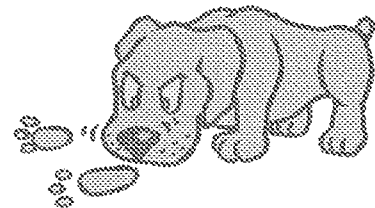
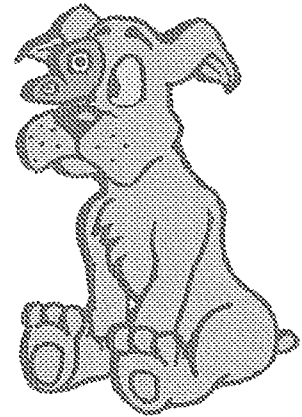
Much of the early problems in puppy training occur because of the persistence of an old belief that dogs are not ready for training until they are six months old.

Wrong!

Puppies are ready to learn when they are born. Training merely formalizes the learning so that the family and the puppy can get along and build a bond that lasts a lifetime. The trick is to teach appropriate behaviours and squelch inappropriate behaviours so that Sassy or Tiger becomes the dog of your dreams — faithful, well mannered, playful, obedient, a joy to live with and brag about.

New puppies

New puppy care is relatively easy if tiring. Just get the little guy outside to relieve himself, feed him three times a day, and put him in the crate to sleep. He doesn't really need a leash because he can't run fast enough to get away, he's fun to play with because he'll chase the ball and act ferocious, he's ready to lick your face at a moment's notice, and he's soooooo cute when he's asleep.



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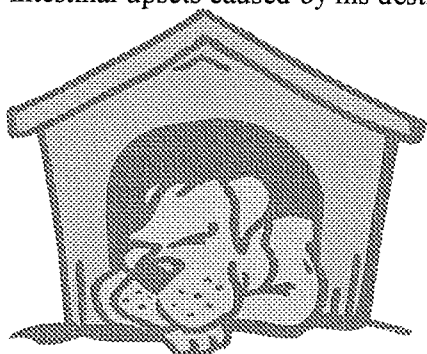
Christmas puppies reach the terrible **three-month** stage about the end of January, and then the troubles begin. At three months, most puppies can run faster than most kids and many adults. And they are beginning to assert some independence that may translate to growling if a toddler approaches the food bowl or a grade school youngster tries to retrieve a stolen action figure.

By **four months**, the pooch is agile enough to slip out the door when the kids come home from school and big enough to knock a nine-year-old on his backside. He may also be bold enough to steal snacks from tiny hands or from the table.

By **five months**, a big-breed puppy is large enough and strong enough to drag even older kids and small adults — if they are lucky enough or foolish enough to clip a leash to the collar.

By **six months**, the pup may have destroyed the furniture in his teething frenzy, eaten a dozen pairs of socks, ruined bedspreads and stuffed toys and carpets, and required a couple of trips to the vet for intestinal upsets caused by his destructive activities. By this time, the kids may be afraid of the

growing pup, Mom may be disgusted with his antics, and Dad may be ready to ship him out as an economic measure.



All this trouble can be avoided if the pup is trained from the moment he arrives in the home. And it can become a thing of the past if appropriate remedies are applied. In other words, those Christmas puppies can be well on the way to becoming loyal, affectionate, and obedient family pets by Easter with a modicum of persistence, a change in focus, and a determination to save the relationship.

Control

The best control over the dog and family relationship is the selection of an appropriate breed or mix for the family character and circumstances. Active families will be happier with active dogs; neat families will be happier with dogs that don't shed and drool; and quiet, shy families will be happier with mild-mannered breeds that need only moderate exercise. However, if a mistake has been made in the selection of a breed, all is not lost. With flexibility and determination, there's no need to give the pet away or to doom him to the backyard or the animal shelter. It is up to the adults in the family to exert control over the relationship with the puppy. Control is physical and mental.

Physical control involves guiding the puppy to do the right thing or placing him in a position to do the right thing. It does not mean spanking him with a hand or object when he makes a mistake.

Mental control means developing a relationship with the puppy that clearly places you in the role of leader. If you have mental control, the puppy looks to you for approval and obeys your commands. Control is established in a number of ways.

- ♣ **With a leash and collar:** Even if Sassy couldn't possibly run fast enough to escape, she should learn to wear a collar and leash when she is less than three months old. If she pulls on the leash, you can change direction and coax her to follow you. Make it a game. Let her chase you; if she's a pant leg-grabber, distract her with a toy or treat. Don't drag her around; make it fun to be with you and she'll learn quickly.
- ♣ **With food:** Feed Tiger at least twice a day. Teach him to sit before you put the bowl on the floor by holding it above his head. When he tips his head to look up, his haunches will hit the floor. Praise him and quickly put the bowl down. If he stands up too soon, have someone hold him gently in sitting position while you put the bowl down. Treats are great training aids for puppies. Just make sure that Tiger obeys a command before getting his treat.
- ♣ **With a crate:** Crates are dog rooms, not dog prisons. They are safe havens for a tired or sick puppy and a necessity for putting puppy out of harm's way. Crates protect furniture and carpets

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- ♣ from puppy damage when you are not home. And crates are great relievers of frustration — when Misty is running amok and the kids are screaming that she stole their cookies and you just discovered a pile of faeces in the corner, it's great to send her to her room until she calms down and you get things under control.
- ♣ **With companionship:** A dog that travels with its family is a dog that has good manners out of necessity. And a well-mannered dog is a joy to take along on trips to the kids' soccer game or the park or a family picnic or even a vacation. On the other hand, a dog that is banished to the back yard or the garage because it is ill mannered generally becomes more so out of boredom and loneliness.
- ♣ **With formal training:** Obedience training has lost its mystique in recent years. No longer the sole province of Hollywood trainers and show competitors, obedience training has been modernised and adapted for family pets. Dog training schools and business exist in just about every nook and cranny of the country. Kennel clubs and breed clubs offer assistance to pet owners and provide literature about selecting a breed and breeder and training a puppy at hundreds of dog shows throughout the country. Many animal shelters offer counselling services and obedience classes to help prevent or solve problems so that families can develop a solid relationship with their pets. And dozens of books are available to help owners understand puppy behaviour and train pets at home.
- ♣ **By spay or neuter surgery:** Dogs that are spayed or neutered tend to be less aggressive and to stay at home. They also tend to be healthier.

Keep the dog you have

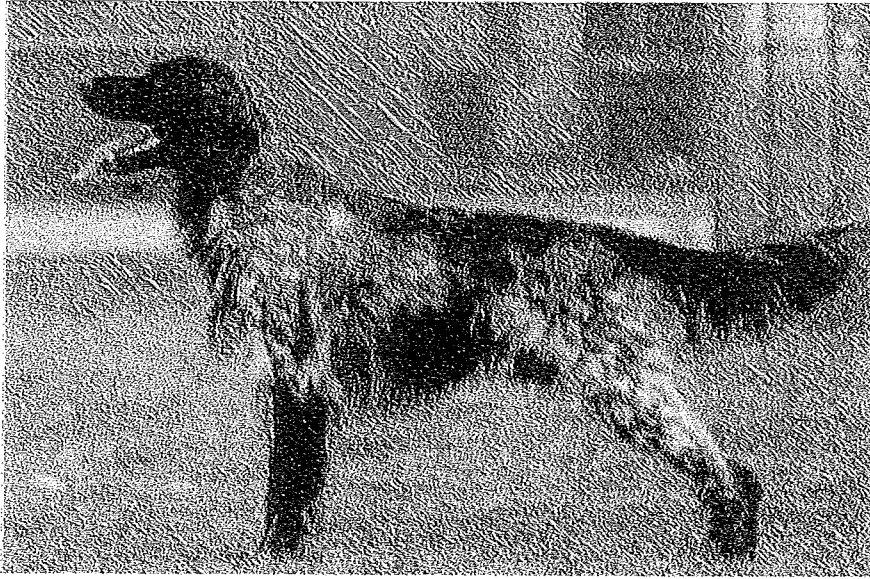
When the bond between man and pet fails to blossom or breaks down, dogs frequently end up in an animal shelter. Many young dogs surrendered to shelters are euthanised because they have behaviour problems that need never have developed. They are runaways or chewers or nippers or growlers or barkers or domineering or fearful or just plain difficult to control. Sometimes families that can deal with the behaviours adopt them, but often they are returned to the shelter because the new owners are as frustrated as those who surrendered the pooch in the first place. And most often, these dogs are euthanised before they get a chance at a new home.

The trick to keeping dogs out of shelters is to prevent bad behaviours from developing and to train away bad behaviours that have formed. The first six months are crucial to achieve that end.



DOG BREEDS FROM A TO Z

Large Munsterlander



The Large Munsterlander originated in German, and may be traced back to the early 19th century. Once recognised as the black & white versions of the Deutsch Langhaar - German Longhaired Pointer, the Large Munsterlanders history is one of a breed trying desperately to survive, whilst the world around it threatened its extinction.

In 1878 the Deutsch Langhaar breed name was fixed, at this time they decided that the black & white offspring could not be registered. Consequently many black & white puppies were put down at birth, with only a few being allowed to survive, given away to gamekeepers and farm workers. It

was with these people that the breed started to gain a following. Several years later the breed club was convinced to readmit the black & whites for registration. A somewhat short lived decision, with them once again being struck off the register in 1908.

1919 brought about the most significant event in the breed's history. A meeting of supporters of the black and white dogs was held at Haltern im Munsterland Westphalia. At this meeting the breed name of Grosser Munsterlander - Large Munsterlander was fixed, with registration only going to black and white dogs! A register of these dogs was compiled which totalled 83 Large Munsterlanders.

At last the breed seemed to be safe, experimental matings with German Longhaired Pointers during the 1930's took place to increase the gene pool. The numbers of Large Munsterlanders added to the list grew and all looked well.....

Unfortunately life took a turn for the worse for the Large Munsterlander as with all the German breeds with the onset of World War II. Many Munsterlanders found themselves in the hands of military personnel, one litter even being whelped by Benno Fisher at the home of Adolf Hitler. Two less than fortunate dogs ended up at Auschwitz. Once again life had tried to eliminate the Large Munsterlander. Records of the breed, matings and kennels during that time are very sketchy, although it is believed that only six kennels survived the war.

Was it not for the efforts of the breeds enthusiasts guided in the breed warden Herr Egon Vornholt, they would surely not have survived. In 1973 the German Longhair was again crossed with the Large Munsterlander to increase the gene pool. In pedigrees the letters DL after a dogs name denotes the dog was a Deutsch Langhaar. Even now the occasional liver and white puppy will be produced in a litter of Large Munsterlanders, from black and white parents.

The first Munsterlander was imported from Germany into the United Kingdom in 1971 by the end of 1972 six bitches (five in whelp) and one dog had made their home in the U.K.. The Large Munsterlander Club in the U.K. was formed the following year in 1973. Although the breed was accepted by the U.K. Kennel Club Challenge Certificates were not on offer to Large Munsterlanders at shows until 1980 at Crufts. The first CC being awarded to Craigburg Baron of Hansmic.

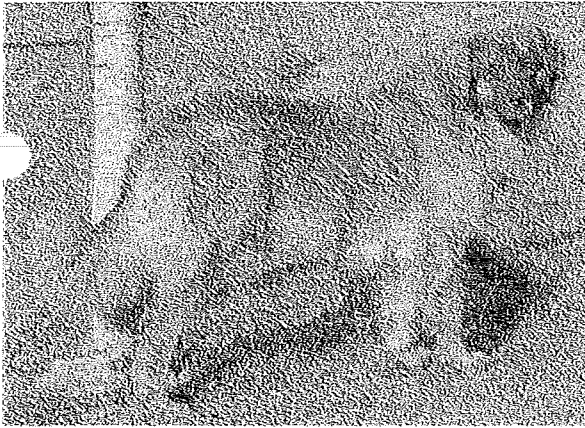
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The first Large Munsterlander imported in whelp into New Zealand was Datroy Briarvanter in 1982 by Mr Dawson. A second bitch in whelp was imported by Mr W. Newport of Ivydale soon after, Foxbrae Jean at Datroy, these bitches and their progeny formed the basis of the breed in New Zealand, with several of the blood lines making their way into Australia.

The first Munsterlander to arrive in Australia in April 1983 was Dawsons Munster Aktiva (Imp NZ). This bitch was imported by Mark Nielsen of Victoria. She went on to become the first Australian Champion and whelped the first home bred litter to Aust & NZ Ch Everard of Ivydale. From the same litter Dawsons Munster Adrett by Atkinson (NSW) and Dawsons Munster Adel by McLaughlin (Vic) also reached Australia.

Leonberger



The Leonberger has been compared to a BMW or Mercedes Benz by lovers of the breed, for it is classy, elegant, and powerful. It has been owned by royalty in many countries, including Empress Elizabeth of Austria, Emperor Napoleon II, the King of Belgium, and King Umberto of Italy.

The Leonberger is a relatively new breed that originated in Leonberg in Germany. The history of this breed is unusual in that it wasn't bred to perform any function except one - to resemble the lion which was the town symbol. Heinrich Essig was a public figure in the town, as well as a professional dog breeder. It is thought that he crossed a large St. Bernard with a Landseer Newfoundland. The

cross was further refined by the input of Great Pyrenees blood.

In 1846, the first litter that the breeder deemed worthy of being called the Leonberger was born. However, it still took several generations to stabilize the breed. During the two World Wars, the breed declined in numbers, even though it was being used as a backpack carrier through the mountains.

The Leonberger is a large, powerful, but gentle dog. Height: 26 - 31 in (65 - 80 cm). Weight: 75 - 110 lb (34 - 50 kg). Leonbergers have an endearing, kindly, intelligent expression, very reminiscent of the St. Bernard. Their ears are well-feathered with hair and are medium-sized, falling close to the head. The head is rather square, with the muzzle the same length as the skull. The body is slightly longer than the height.

The all-important coat color ranges from light yellow to red-brown. There are darker markings on the face and ears, and dark points are allowed on the tail and chest. The coat is of medium length, with longer hair on the tail, which reaches to the hock, and on the back of the legs.

The Leonberger is a classic gentle giant. This large and powerful animal is slow to anger and extremely tolerant. When training this magnificent dog, it is best to use firm and persistent persuasion coupled with generous praise. The size of the Leonberger may initially make other dogs shy away, but they soon realize that this is a very sociable dog. The Leonberger makes a great deterrent to intruders, as few people would be silly enough to cross this dog. However, those that know it recognize it as a gentle and amiable dog.

GENERAL MEETING

Meeting opened: 9.00 pm

Apologies As per Annual General Meeting

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

Acc: S Fletcher

Seconded: H Read

Carried

Business arising from the Minutes

Nil

Correspondence Out: Nil

Correspondence In: Northern Obedience Dog Club, Pet Lovers Press, A D T C V Minutes 20th July & 22nd July, Jardine Lloyd Thompson, A D T C V AGM Notice, A D T C V General Meeting Notice, A D T C V Committee Nomination Form, A D T C V AGM 2003 Minutes, VCA Presidents & Secretaries Conference Agenda, VCA Affiliation Fees & Insurance Levy 2005, R Youl, Tracking Club of Victoria

Business arising from Correspondence

1. Pet Lovers Press – S Malady suggested that we provide 1,000 Club brochures and some of our fridge magnets to Pet Lovers Press for their Show Bags
2. A D T C V – Volunteers were called for Members to attend the Association Meeting on Thursday 21st October at Altona Obedience Dog Club. T Button offered to attend and will ask another Member to attend with her
3. President's and Secretary's Conference – T Button will attend the Conference on Monday 18th October at the Melbourne Showgrounds

Treasurer's Report

As per the Annual General Meeting

Other Reports

As per the Annual General Meeting

Sub-Committee Reports

50th Anniversary sub-Committee – L Kelleher advised Members that the tickets in the major raffle were now available and asked Members to support this effort.

Acc: K Devlin

Seconded: J Convery

Carried

General Business

1. The Lions Club have again requested our support in sponsoring 5 disabled children to attend a Magic Show. M Elliott moved 'that the Club sponsor 5 disabled children at a cost of \$30.00 per child

Seconded: J Ball

Carried

2. E Longshaw said that the Committee had the right to veto any articles in the Newsletter. This matter to be check and the Newsletter Editor informed.
3. V Douglas suggested that any work done outside the normal range made need to be paid work in future as Working Bees are usually very poorly attended.

As there was no further business

First Committee Meeting – Sunday 10th October – 12 noon

Meeting closed: 9.55 pm

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CHRISTMAS BREAKUP

SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER

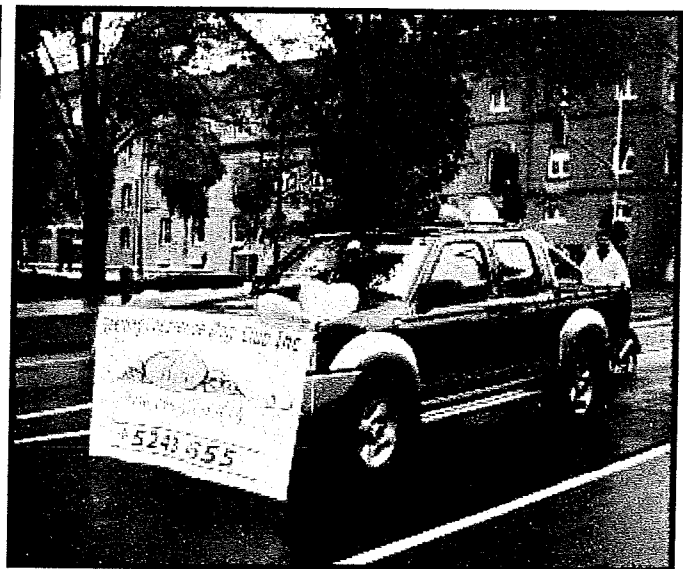
9.30am – 10.30am	1 st and 2 nd Session Class will be combined. All Classes will commence at 9.30am
10.30am – 11.00am	For the children and those of us who are still children at heart, Santa Claus will arrive at 10.30am and Val Moeller will have her Rotti family and cart available
11.00am – 12.00noon	Free 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

GALA PARADE 2004

The Gala Parade was held on the 6th November. The amount of participants was disappointing for our 50th Anniversary. I would like to thank those who braved the wet conditions and hopefully we will see you all next year. A special thank you to Gordon and Wendy McCraw for providing transport in the parade.

The route of the parade was altered to begin in the Eastern Gardens and walk along Malop St and finish at Cunningham Pier. The weather kept the crowd away but still it was enjoyable and another successful outing promoting our Club.



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

Trait family

7/11/2004

Buften Trent/Jolly Brooke

Macrae E. Anne

Raimondi Gabriella

Wakefield Louise

Krzyzak Tracy

Campbell Kate

Willis family

Newton Lisa

Lewis family

Dawson Kay

Broadbent family

Kelly Jennifer

Jones Davina

Bjork-Billings family

Follett family

Confoy family

Orsetti Lenny/Van Parreren Gill

Heyward family

de Wit Harry

Bernhard family

Withers Georgia

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Van Dorp Dorothy

Jones Thea

Shehan family

Harris Micheal/Anderson Heather

Portelli family

Johnson Nyree

Nyirati Kelly

Walker Matthew

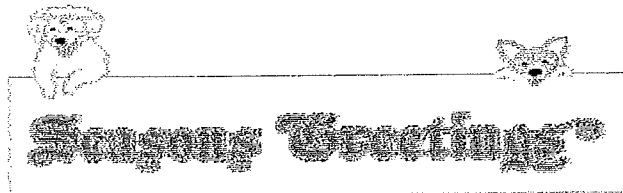
Miller family

Kolmus family

Orchard Calista

Hoddinott family

McNeill Lynne Maree



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hi there everyone,

Well I'm back after 10 wonderful weeks in Europe. The highlight of this trip was the World Championship of German Shepherd Dog Clubs. Thirty-two nations took part with teams of 5 dogs each. The competition went over 4 days starting at 6 am, culminating on the Sunday with the march in of all teams with their respective national flags – like the “little Olympics” – and the presentation of the trophies. Next years Championship will be held in France. For more details of results, etc contact me, I took some nice photos also.

At our Club's 50th Anniversary Bash on Saturday 6th I was honoured with the title of Patron of this Club for the 50 years service. I would like to thank the Club and especially those responsible for the idea. It certainly was a surprise. I still don't know what it really means; I hope that I am not responsible for financial losses!!

I congratulate all those that took up positions on the Committee, etc, a fresh wind might blow new life into everything and I hope that all the Members get behind the new team starting with our Christmas break-up dance early in December. I hope to see you all there.

Fred Lehrmann – Your Patron (not SAINT yet)

HOW TO AVOID SITUATIONS THAT MAY LEAD TO DOG FIGHTS

1. Dog to dog fixed stare is to be avoided, by the handlers watching their dogs at all times.
2. If a dog does fix its gaze on another dog and stiffens, **the handler must take immediate action.**
3. This means that the handler is to break the dog's gaze by moving in front of the dog turning the dog smartly away, gain its attention and move away from the other dog.
4. Ask for and gain willingness from the dog to obey the sit command several times, before coming back into the group situation.
5. Repeat as necessary. Reward for willingness to obey handler and **DO NOT SHOUT OR PUNISH THE DOG IN THE PRESENCE OF ANOTHER DOG.** Since dogs learn by association, the dog will blame the presence of the other dog for the reprimand.
6. In a Class situation the handler with the dog that is displaying any of the above attitudes should be asked to immediately wheel their dog away and out of the Class format, removing the dog from the area.
7. When away from the Class this handler is to work the dog, demanding attention and obedience to each change of direction and pace. Only when the dog is obeying the handler, should the pair return to the Class situation.
8. If a fight is occurring before the handlers are aware. Follow the drill below.

NEVER PUT HANDS IN TO SEPARATE FIGHTING DOGS

REMEMBER the dog that started the fight **MUST** be taken away first to avoid that dog thinking he had won the fight. Winners stay, losers leave. **BUT both handlers** are at fault because they were not watching their dogs.

FIGHT DRILL - The Exercise

This drill is to be practiced in Class so that when the event happens, as it will, everyone will react correctly. If dogs are locked in fight, **NO SCREAMING, KICKING OR PULLING.** Everyone that is not involved is to leave the area.

1. The fighting dogs simultaneously have their back legs grasped and held high off the ground like the handles of a wheelbarrow.
2. Wait in this position until the dog lets go. **NO PULLING** the dogs apart as this is when the damage occurs.
3. As the grip loosens with the rear traction removed, the persons holding the dog's legs, wheelbarrows the dogs backward away from each other. You need to move fast enough to stop the dog grabbing at the person holding his rear legs.
4. Continue to move backward quickly, turning the dog away from the other dog as you move. **KEEP GOING** until the will to fight leaves the dog. This is obvious by the relaxation of the dog's body.
5. Handler is then to take charge of the dog. Put the lead on if it is not already and demand a sit or if possible a drop. If this appears to be dangerous, keep walking the dog and establish control with commands such as "Heel" with quick direction changes, then give the "Drop" command.
6. When the dog relaxes and submits to this subordinate position it is to be allowed to its feet. Dog is then walked under the control of the handler.

THIS EXERCISE CANNOT BE PRACTICED IN A CLASS SITUATION WITH DOGS, as the dogs are not in fight drive and you may scare the dogs. **HOWEVER** please practice in miming the actions with handlers acting out their part.

Helen Read