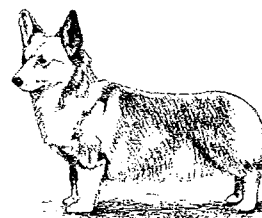
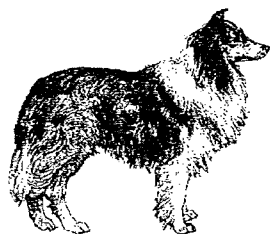
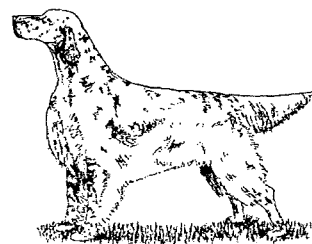
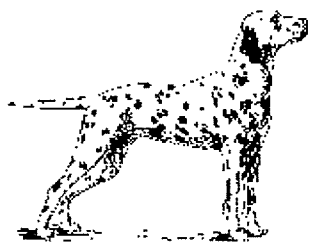


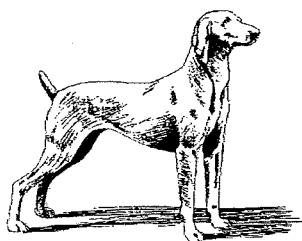
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CLUB CALENDAR

February

Tuesday	1 February	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Thursday	3 February	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Sunday	6 February	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for all fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Sunday	13 February	Normal training
Monday	14 February	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Tuesday	15 February	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	20 February	Normal training
Sunday	27 February	Normal training. Newsletter available

March

Thursday	3 March	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Sunday	6 March	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Sunday	13 March	Labour Day weekend. NO TRAINING

INSTRUCTORS

Colin Humphreys - Vice President (training)
Desma Dickeson - Training Supervisor
Andrew Wallace - Assistant Training Supervisor
David Gravolin - Assistant Training Supervisor

Colin Humphreys	Bruce Cairns	Arthur Thorogood
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Victor Douglas	Kim Ciezarek	Val Moeller
Sandy Malady	David Gravolin	John Shields
Kath Devlin	Shirley Fletcher	Pam Convery
Tina Button	Trish Gavaghan (Agility)	Sandra McCarthy (Flyball)

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Watch your thoughts; they become words.

Watch your words; they become actions.

Watch your actions; they become habits.

Watch your habits; they become character.

Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

When we walk to the edge of all the light we have and take the step into the darkness of the unknown, we must believe that one of two things will happen. There will be something solid for us to stand on or we will be taught to fly.

By Frank Outlaw



Australian Red Cross

Keep This Date Free.

Sat. 19th March



The Club will be collecting for the Red Cross at Waurn Ponds Shopping Centre.

Further Details to follow at a later date.

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC

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Committee for 2004/2005

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome back everyone.

Well another year has started. I hope it is a lot better for everyone than the past year was. May I wish you all good luck in your training and to those who are going on to Trials of the different types I wish you all good luck. For those of you who are just starting out in your training, remember to do your homework. It only takes about ten minutes a day for you to achieve your goals with your training. You can't learn it all in the one hour on Sunday's.

Also get behind your Club and assist at the working bee's and try to support the fundraising and social events.

Jim Ball - President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi everyone

Welcome back and welcome to the new Members. I hope all enjoyed the break.

2005 is looking to be another big year for the Club with Obedience and Agility Trials. Good luck to those aiming to compete. We also have a few fun events being planned throughout the year. If anyone has any suggestions for social activities, please let us know.

Our first Promotion Day for the year is in April so we have a few months to train to gain a pass.

Finally, there were a number of reports in the media of dogs being left in cars during the warm days. Please avoid doing this. If you are going places where your dog cannot be taken out of the car, then don't take them at all.

That's all for now. Happy training

Tina Button - Secretary

CANTEEN MANAGER'S REPORT

Hello everyone and a very happy New Year to you all. Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year with all your family and friends. I am again, very much looking forward to the job as your Canteen Manager this year.

Looking forward to seeing all your happy faces at the window through out the year. All the best to you and your four legged friends for 2005.

Craig McMillan - Canteen Manager

TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Welcome back to all our current Members and of course, Committee and Instructors – I hope everyone had a relaxing and happy Christmas and New Year and are now refreshed and eager to continue with training in 2005. Welcome also to the new Members who joined the Club on 6th February – we trust that your time with us will be both pleasant and productive and you learn lots of tips on how to train your dogs.

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It was a very disappointing end to training in 2004 – there were **no** passes in Graduate and I am at a loss to know where things can be improved, so if anyone has anything constructive to help solve some of the problems, please let me, Andrew or David know.

There will be some useful hints in this and future Newsletters, so do read and pay attention to those pertaining to your Class!!

Thank you to Spot and Daisy – the Dalmatians – for their gift to the Instructors – it was much appreciated. The fun activities on break-up day were a hit and it was lovely to see the Instructors able to relax and join in with their own dogs and of course we cannot fail to be impressed with John conducting his Christmas choir – gets better every year John!!!

Let's make this year a good year for training successes.

Lastly, a little quote – “nobody can fully understand the meaning of love unless he's owned by a dog”.

Til next time

Desma Dickeson – Training Supervisor

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

BOOKS AND WEBSITES - They are both advice in print for people to read. They are simply research tools for you, as a Member of G.O.D.C, to use to help you make informed decisions as to what is the best way for you to handle your dog at home.

Your Instructors teach Classes on a voluntary basis. They have the experience of teaching hundreds of dogs and their handlers; they work hard for that ultimate working partnership between you and your dog. Apart from your Membership fees you don't contribute one cent for your lessons. Many Members do not contribute one second in voluntary labour. So think about it.

Fads-- the flavour of the month in dog training comes and goes. This is what your Club Library provides, heaps of books on how to train in different ways. The Club does not censor books for the Library; it simply purchases what it can afford within available finances. Book selection is a democratic decision made by your Committee. As Club Librarian I have no input into these decisions, and that is how it should be.

Previous Committees decided on books for the Library and although some of these books may now be deemed as opposing more recent training techniques, they are still on the Library shelves. And so they should be. Members have the right to read about other methods of dog training even if they are currently unfashionable! So they remain on the shelves.

The printed word - in a book or on your computer screen - is simply a statement of opinion made by people who have this rare commodity, they were charismatic with dogs. No matter what method they used they simply could not fail. That's why they made heaps of money out of their training techniques. They are different from most of us - keep that in mind when you borrow a book from the Library. Most of us are just ordinary people striving to do the best for our dogs and ourselves.

Regards

Robyn Youl - Librarian

TRIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Even though it is only January, the Club year is well underway already.

Judges have been contracted for the Trials, although we still have to contract an Encouragement Judge for both the Obedience Trials. With only one available we may need to contract a Novice Judge to fill the role. The list of Trials for Specialty Sashes is now available and these Sashes will be sent in the near future and the Sashes order for the Agility Trial is now also ready to be sent.

With so many holidays early in the year we will need to make an early start on preparations for the Agility Trials on the 30th April with own equipment needing cleaning and painting.

As yet I have been unable to contact the VCA with regard to the omission of Saturday's Trial in July as the VCA Office has only reopened this week, but I will continue to pursue this matter and have an amendment printed in VicDog, as Judges have been contracted for the Saturday Trial.

Tina has contacted Werribee Obedience Dog Club regarding a date for this years Spirit of the West Challenge and the date for this year's challenge, which will be held at Werribee Obedience Dog Club on a Saturday, is the 28th May.

Trial training is underway on a Tuesday night and after discussion with the Trial Instructors and the Training Supervisor we would like to invite any Instructors who would like to attend as well as it is often difficult for Instructors to attend Class on a Sunday morning. Please see Leonie if you are interested in Obedience Trialling and would like to know more.

Happy training

Pam Convery – Trial Secretary



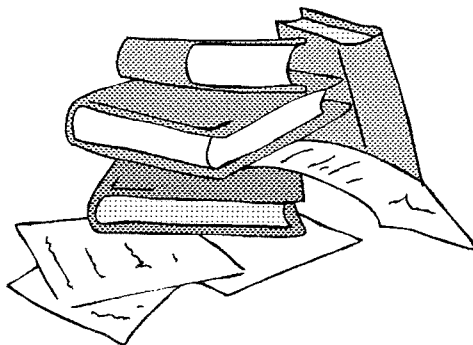
Library News

New addition to the Library

Jean Donaldson's "Culture Clash"

"Quite simply the best dog book I have ever read! The Culture Clash is utterly unique, fascinating to the extreme and literally overflowing with information that's so new it virtually redefines the state of the art in dog training. It reads like a first-rate thriller"

Dr Ian Dunbar, Veterinarian, PhD, author and pioneer of reward-based dog training



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Winners - Practice of Excellence 2001

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

1. TYPE and RANGE of Veterinary service provided
2. STANDARD of facilities, equipment and services
3. TRAINING, EXPERTISE and COMPETENCE of both veterinary and nursing staff
4. OVERALL STANDARD OF CARE
5. CLIENT SURVEY to assess client feedback on all the above

The Bellarine Veterinary Practice is extremely proud of this achievement. It reflects years of hard work and planning, building a range of services that places us at the highest standards nationally. In 2001 the Bellarine Veterinary Practice was reaccredited as an

WHY DOGGY CAN'T HEEL - Author unknown

At obedience class last Tuesday,
Our instructor let us know,
If we trained our dogs with diligence
Results would really show.

I guess I missed on Wednesday
Though my intentions were the best.
I came home from work exhausted
And I had to get some rest.

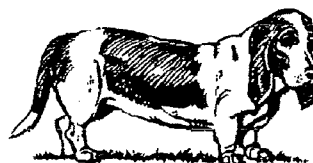
Thursday would be better.
On this I was quite firm.
But my hair looked limp and lifeless
So I went to get a perm.

Friday I was really psyched.
I'd train without a doubt.
But my husband messed my plans up
When he offered dinner out.

At least I had the weekend,
But all it did was rain.
And certainly a soggy yard
Is not the place to train.

My plans were made for Monday.
Training would be fun.
But my house sure needed cleaning
So I had to get that done.

And once again it's Tuesday
And with a heavy heart,
I watch the others doing well.
How come my dog's not smart?



FROM A GROUP DISCUSSION

I have just come back from the river, where I took my dogs for a lovely run. A lady stopped to talk with me and she told me how they had to have their 3 yr old Golden Retriever put down. She was in tears as she just couldn't understand why the dog had changed.

She has three young children and they had grown up with this dog. They had got it as a Christmas present three years ago.

The lady told me that the kids "could do anything" with this dog. They dressed it up, pushed it round in a pram when it was a pup, and the youngest one even rode the dog like a horse. It was truly a beautiful dog she said.

Unfortunately, the boys were playing in the backyard and the dog was lying asleep. The boys fell on the dog and it woke up and bit the older boy. They now said that the dog was too unpredictable to have around the young kids and had to have it put down.

That poor dog. Virtually three years of abuse! Can everyone tell this story at their Club on the weekend to let people know that dogs shouldn't have to put up with this type of "playing" (abuse).

I hate hearing "Oh the dog just puts up with anything from the kids, he's marvellous!"

Unfortunately, this dog paid the highest price.

TRIAL RESULTS

Warringal Obedience Dog Club Inc

Open Agility & Jumping Trial – 27th November, 2004 - Novice Agility

Jenny Chase	Tylker Ganesh CD ET (Cooper)	Boxer	1 st Pass	5 th Place
Peter Baker	Tillsun Master Key CDX AD JD	Aust Shepherd	Pass	3 rd Place
	(Amigo)			<u>Title</u>

Open Jumping

Peter Baker	Dunwarren Blue Curacao CD ADX JDX ET		
	(Poppy)	Border Collie	Pass
			1 st Place

Croydon Obedience Dog Club - Sunday 12 December – Novice Obedience

Rosemary O'Sullivan	Pinedel Midnight Sting (Harley)	Shetland Sheepdog	
3 rd Pass	1 st Place		<u>CD Title</u>

True story, but remember – things aren't always as they appear

A man was flying from Seattle to San Francisco. Unexpectedly, the plane stopped in Sacramento along the way. The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft, the plane would re-board in 50 minutes.

Everybody got off the plane except one gentleman who was blind. The man had noticed him as he walked by and could tell the gentleman was blind because his Seeing Eye dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of him throughout the entire flight. He could also tell he had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached him, and calling him by name, saying, "Keith, we're in Sacramento for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?" The blind man replied, "No thanks, but maybe my dog would like to stretch his legs."

Picture this:

All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a Seeing Eye dog! The pilot was even wearing sunglasses. People scattered. They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines!

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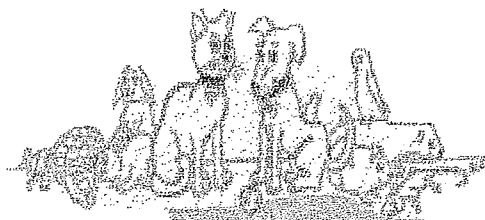
Pets enjoy the company of others and what better place to find others than at a Boarding Kennel.

Pets are in the main pack animals and a good Kennel experience can be very useful in developing their own social skills. (The comment above is made by many of our regular clients).

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Off-street Parking

Off-street parking is available to all members. For the safety of other Members and their dogs, please observe the 8-kph speed limits while on the grounds.

Club Raffle

Our Raffle Steward, Bernie Thomas, has a raffle available, usually, every second training day with special raffles held at various times. The funds raised from this raffle go towards expanding our Library. Bernie would also appreciate any offers of donated goods for the raffle.

Canteen

After training call into the Canteen for that much needed tea or coffee or maybe a cold drink and meet our Canteen Manager, Craig McMillan. There is a sausage sizzle run on a roster basis by each of the Classes, listen to Announcements for up coming dates and make yourself available when your turn comes around. Craig is always looking for help in the Canteen, so if you can spare an hour once a month, see Craig so he can put you on a roster.

Club Library

The Club Library has an extensive range of books on dog training, dog problems, dog stories, etc. If you wish to do some reading to compliment your training you will need to call into the Office and join the Library. The cost is \$2.00, which is valid until the 30th June each year when you will need to renew. Robyn Youl, our Club Librarian, or Peg Pope, our assistant Librarian will be at the Library inside the Clubhouse to help you, from 10.00 am to 11.00 am each training day.

Clubhouse

Members, for the benefit of Members, built the Clubhouse. If it is cold and wet outside, have your tea or coffee in front of the heaters after training. There is a television available for the latest sports scores or maybe you would just like to chat with other Class members before heading home. The photo gallery on the walls of the Clubhouse are of foundation dogs of the Club and dogs that have since gained Titles in the various canine disciplines.

Dog Boxes

These boxes are available to members who would prefer not to leave their dogs in the car and are situated outside the storeroom. Please, for safety reasons, do not leave your dog tied on the veranda.

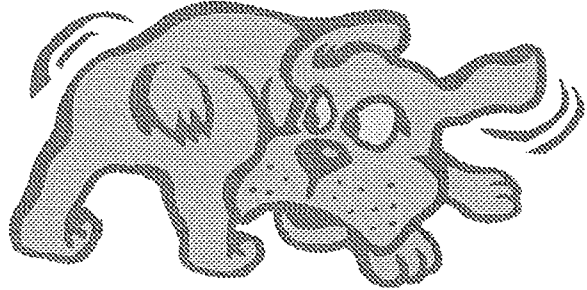
Bar

Bar facilities are available on Trial Days, social functions held within License hours and, on request, from 10.00 am on any training Sunday. See Michelle McMillan, our Bar Manager

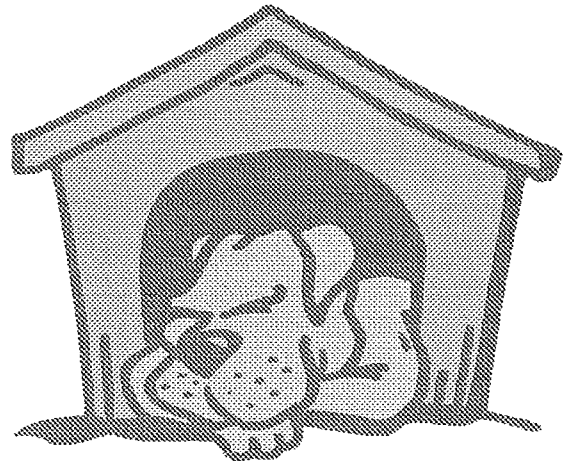
CANINE ETIQUETTE

All members should be aware of the need for canine social skills before, during and after Class. Your dogs are your responsibility and canine etiquette and lifestyle skills are just another part of the learning process.

Don't make the mistake of assuming that because in your eyes, your canine companion is the most sociable creature going, that all dogs are the same. Or, that your sweet social companion is really the angel you imagine. By observing the social skills below your four-legged friend will become the welcome visitor, instead of the one you wish to avoid.



- Not all dogs like the “in your face” attitude of other dogs. Having another dog bound at them face on and putting paws on the back are considered very bad manners in dog terms and usually result in an angry response, particularly from a more mature dog. Sadly, it is often the mature dog that is labelled an angry dog and one to be avoided, when all he/she is really saying is - “where are your manners?”
- Not all dogs like their space invaded and some don't like the space of their handler invaded either, as they often feel the need to be protective, again resulting in an angry response.
- “Eye-balling” (the fixed stare) is also unacceptable behaviour, as this is seen as a challenge in dog terms and particularly if one or both dogs tense their body, raise up on their toes and generally make themselves look more threatening. Unless you are constantly aware of your dog's behaviour these early signals can go unnoticed, resulting in two dogs lunging at each other. By being vigilant you can avoid these situations by turning your dog away, breaking the eye contact and giving him/her something to do like a sit, drop or stand and then rewarding for the attention he/she has paid to you.
- If you would like your dog to meet another dog, sit your dog beside you and ask the handler if it is okay, **before** releasing your dog to play. If the answer is “No” please respect the owners decision as there is probably a very good reason, which may not be obvious.
- Do not allow your dog to approach a dog that is tied up and unattended.
- If you are talking, always be aware of what your dog is doing at the end of the lead. Often we become so involved in our own social activity that we forget that our four-legged friend has his or her own social activity going on at the same time at the end of the lead.



Awards for 2004

Elsa Dahl Award

Judy Wong

Committee/Instructor of the Year

David Gravalin

Registered Dog of the Year

Peter Baker	Tillsun Master Key CDX AD JD (Amigo)	Australian Shepherd
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Agility Dog of the Year

Peter Baker	Dunwarren Blue Curacao CD ADX JDX ET (Poppy)	Border Collie
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Title Medallions 2004

Companion Dog

Jenny Chase	Tylker Ganesh ET	Cooper	Boxer
Peter Baker	Tillsun Master Key	Amigo	Aust Shepherd
Val Moeller	Voneiffel Aussie Dream	Gypsy	Rottweiler
Libby Hotchin	Lindenbrae Tarfin Cazaly (AI)	Cady	Border Collie

Companion Dog Excellent

Peter Baker	Tillsun Master Key CD	Amigo	Aust Shepherd
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Utility Dog

Joy Mayhew	Nahren Force Majeure CDX	Tara	Rottweiler
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Tracking Dog

Joanne Dunoon	Koby Dunoon	Koby	Curly coated Ret
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Tracking Dog Excellent

Wendy Ganly	Miss Annabell TD	Annabell	Associate
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Tracking Champion

Wendy Ganly	Miss Annabell TDX	Annabell	Associate
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Agility Dog

Peter Baker	Dunwarren Blue Curacao CD	Poppy	Border Collie
Libby Hotchin	Ch Lindenbrae Tarfin Aurora CD	Django	Border Collie

Agility Dog Excellent

Peter Baker	Dunwarren Blue Curacao CD AD ET	Poppy	Border Collie
Trish Gavaghan	Lindenbrae Wildrose Tyra AD JDX	Meg	Border Collie

Jumping Dog

Libby Hotchin	Ch Lindenbrae Tarfin Aurora CD AD	Django	Border Collie
Wendy Gauntlett	Willow Branch	Willow	Associate
Peter Baker	Tillsun Master Key CDX	Amigo	Aust Shepherd
Roy Lawrence	Shianobox The Wishmaster CD ET	Kimbo	Boxer

Jumping Dog Excellent

Peter Baker	Dunwarren Blue Curacao CD ADX JD ET	Poppy	Border Collie
Libby Hotchin	Ch Jarrebor Taras Radiance CDX AD JD ET	Sorcha	Border Collie

Endurance Test

Peter Baker	Dunwarren Blue Curacao CD AD	Poppy	Border Collie
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Herding Instinct Test

Tina Button	Pirate CD AD JD	Pirate	Associate
Tina Button	Cedarlodge Bonnie Lass CD	Nahla	Border Collie

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR TRAINING

Being punctual

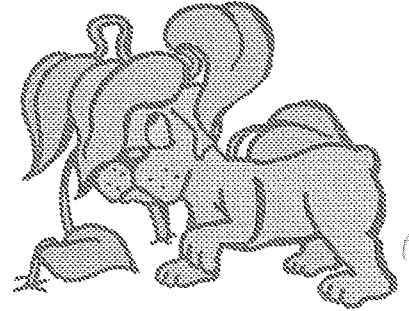
Try to arrive at the Club 15 minutes before your Class begins, this gives your dog time read the “doggy newspaper” (sniff the trees) and settle down ready for Class. Handlers, their dogs and Instructors should be in their Class area 5 minutes before the Class time.

When and When not

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

Smoking, perfume and deodorants

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



No “Sunnies” either

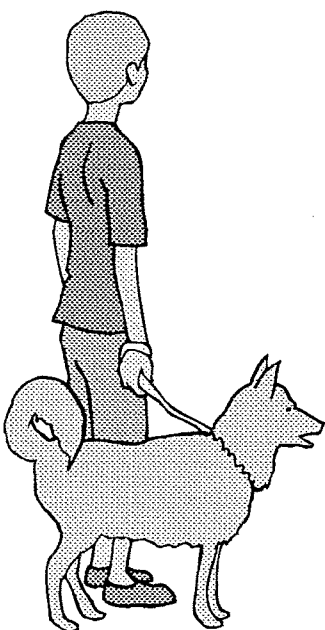
Leave your sunglasses at home. Contact is a vital training tool and eye contact tops the list. A dog that can't see your eyes will eventually stop trying.

Feeding

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

Plan to succeed not to fail

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



Be consistent

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

How long?

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

End on a high

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

Focus and attention

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

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

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

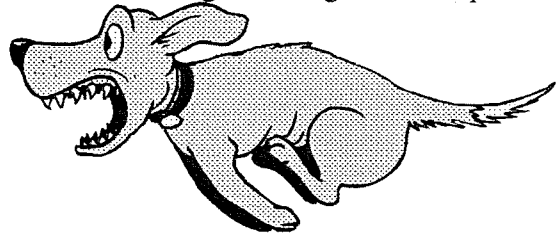
Living with the high prey drive dog

Some dogs just aren't couch potatoes

Picture in your mind an English field line Labrador Retriever enthusiastically returning his master's downed duck from a marsh in a Canadian province. Or conjure up a young Border Collie intensely working sheep on a farm in the American west, insuring that the farmer's flock make it safely back to the corral at the end of the day. These dogs serve well the purpose for which it was bred, and it can retire at night to the company of its master and a relaxed evening at home.

Now picture the same two dogs in different scenes. Take the Lab from the side of his hunting companion and the Border Collie from the farm and move both to the suburbs. Now the dogs live with owners who work long hours in an office and have kids to haul to soccer, band practice, and school functions. Chances are neither the owners nor the dogs will have many relaxed evenings at home. Instead, the combination of owners' long hours, hectic schedule, and lack of quality time for the dog mixed with the dogs' ever-increasing high energy level will result in a long list of behavior problems that could ultimately frustrate the owner and send the dog searching for a new place to call home.

Ownership of a high energy or high drive dog has its benefits and drawbacks. Having a dog that is always ready to work can be very enjoyable for an active person who spends time with the dog and finds ways to release the energy. Avid duck hunters may use a Labrador Retriever to bring back downed birds just as they have done for hundreds of years. High drive European-bred working dogs such as German Shepherds, Rottweilers, and Belgian Malinois are brought into the US by eager schutzhund competitors, police departments, and working dog trainers because their hardiness, sound temperaments, physical structure, and high drives make them suitable for the work required. However, it's becoming increasingly common to find owners who have very little knowledge of the requirements when owning such a dog. As a result, they are paying the price and finding the drawbacks of owning such a dog.

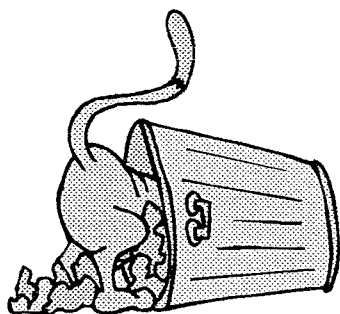


All dog breeds were developed with a specific purpose in mind. The retrievers and terriers bred for sporting and the herding and working breeds all retain levels of the inherent drives that made them suitable for the tasks they were bred to perform. Acquiring a dog strictly for looks or image without taking these breed characteristics into account can lead to problems.



A dog with extremely high levels of pent-up energy can become difficult to live with. Destructive behavior occurs because the dog must vent his energy. Destructive chewing is the most common avenue for release of trapped energy. Chewing soothes the dog's adrenal system in much the same way a smoker's cigarette provides relaxation to its user. Digging stimulates the dog's curiosity and helps tire the dog as well. It is not unusual to observe bursts of energy where the dog runs in what appears to be a mad frenzy around the house, leaping over furniture, bowling over anything standing in their path, and generally creating chaos in the process. Dogs with too much stored energy may also bark too much, jump fences, or mouth human body parts.

Living with the high prey drive dog (continued)



Prevention is the best cure. Conscientious breeders of predictably high drive puppies carefully screen prospective buyers to determine if they can offer the puppy a suitable lifestyle. Such owners will have a fenced yard, ample time in their schedule to exercise the dog, the physical ability to handle the dog properly, and sufficient knowledge of the breed and its characteristics. Allowing a non-suitable buyer to obtain such a puppy could inevitably end in disaster. A wise breeder will refer non-suitable buyers to pet-quality breeders where high drive dogs are not so prevalent, discuss the possibility of a more suitable breed for the client, or discourage dog ownership of any kind

for those clients who lack the lifestyle for owning a dog.

Those individuals who acquire a high drive dog through adoption or a private party should research the breed in the library, by talking to breeders and other owners, or by browsing the Internet. Being informed helps prevent problems.

Problem solving

There is hope for owners of high drive dogs that exhibit behavior problems. Success depends largely on the owner, not the dog. Daily exercise such as extended walks can do wonders to calm an energetic dog. Dogs with high drive generally also have high prey or chase instincts, so lots of play with balls, Kong toys, Frisbees, and other active toys can use up energy. Hide and seek games and tricks can be fun energy-releasing alternatives. Involvement in obedience classes where the stress associated with learning will wear out even the most energetic dog is another option. Learning to control the dog enables owners to enjoy him more.

Some training facilities also offer agility and tracking classes for those interested in harnessing their dog's athletic skill and inherent scenting ability. Both effectively expend pent-up canine energy and are enjoyable for dogs and their owners.

Breed clubs help owners learn about their dogs, keep in touch with others who have high drive dogs, and find out about activities related to the breed. In addition, crate training can prevent digging or chewing problems by keeping the dog confined when he cannot be observed.

Picture again the Labrador or Border Collie with his suburban family. The owner gets up an hour early to take the dog on a long walk. The dog is enrolled in an obedience class where the whole family attends and watches one member handle the dog and everyone learns how to control him. The children play with the dog in the backyard, throwing toys to be retrieved. The dog stays in a crate in the family room when no one is at home. Everyone is happy and content. Now that's a picture everyone can live with!

Jeff Finlay

On the first day of creation, God created the dog.

On the second day, God created man to serve the dog.

On the third day, God created all the animals of the earth to serve as potential food for the dog.

On the fourth day, God created honest toil so that man could labor for the good of the dog.

On the fifth day, God created the tennis ball so that the dog might or might not retrieve it.

On the sixth day, God created veterinary science to keep the dog healthy and the man broke.

On the seventh day, God tried to rest, but He had to walk the dog.

"My dog always jumps on me...."

"Four on the floor" is the rule for bouncy dogs

Q: My dog jumps on me and on everyone we meet. I find this very annoying, and my friends don't like him tearing their clothes and getting them dirty. What can I do to teach him not to jump?

A: Jumping is normal dog behaviour; so most dogs will jump up on people unless they are taught not to do so. All canines, wild or domesticated live by a set of "canine etiquette rules" taught to each pup from birth. As soon as they are able to eat solid food, the mother canine carries bits of food in her mouth back to her waiting pups. On her return, the young pups greet her by licking the bits of food from around her lips. As canines grow older, this behavior translates into acceptable, canine greeting. If you have more than one dog, or if your dog encounters a dog friend, they are likely to lick each other around the mouth to say hello. This behavior is similar to the human habit of shaking hands.

As early as a puppy can remember, it has been taught to greet its mother and other dogs in this manner.

When a pup moves from its litter into your family, its human pack, it retains this "Glad to see you," greeting behavior. However, humans walk upright and have mouths that are high off the floor. When your dog is happy to see you and wants to greet you in the only way he knows how, he has to jump in an attempt to lick you around this high-up mouth. People find the jumping up and the mouth licking rather disgusting and often react by scolding the dog or pushing it away.

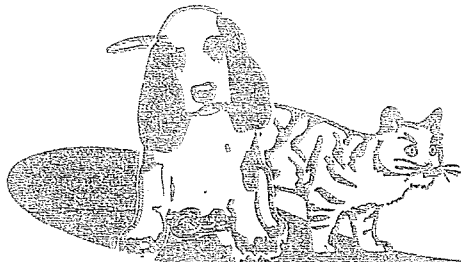
To a dog not taught differently, this can be very confusing. To put this in human terms, if you have been taught that the polite, proper way to meet a new person or greet an old acquaintance is to shake hands, and you suddenly found yourself in a different culture where shaking hands was not the custom and was even found to be repulsive, you would be confused if you were pushed away and looked on with disgust. If someone took you aside and taught you that in this culture people bow to greet each other instead of shaking hands, you could easily comply and soon be out greeting people in their acceptable way.

Your dog is this stranger in a new culture, and can be taught an acceptable way to greet people. There are many training methods to break a dog of jumping up. One of the oldest is to bring your knee up on his chest as he's in the act of jumping. I have not had a great deal of success with this method, nor have I heard of others using this method very well. Another way is to have the dogs leash and collar on. When he jumps pull him with a sharp jerk down and away, saying a command like "Off!" (Do not use the word "down" to make the dog stop jumping. If you do the slightest bit of further training, "down" will be used to tell the dog to lie down.)

The best way to train a dog not to jump is to teach him an alternative behavior that is more acceptable to humans such as "sit," and "sit-stay." Each time you return home from running errands, have a dog biscuit handy. When Fido rushes to greet you, say, "sit!" If he jumps and squirms, ignore his advances. When he sits, he gets the treat and the greeting. When friends come to your home and when you meet people outside, tell Fido "sit-stay" by your side before he gets petted. He should only get pats and treats if he remains sitting.

Don't scold your dog, be patient, and only reward the positive behavior of sitting nicely. Most dogs quickly learn that they get a lot of attention when they practice this new form of communication when greeting people.

By Ozzie Foreman



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Geelong Animal Welfare Society

13 December, 2004

ABN 65 005 093 756

The Secretary
Geelong Obedience Dog Club
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Dear Sir/Madam

We would like to thank the Geelong Obedience Dog Club for their involvement with the "Dog's Day Out" held on the 20th November 2004. The day was a huge success with over 1,600 people and their dogs attending and the obstacle course was a great hit. Final figures are yet to be tallied but we estimate that over \$6,000 was raised which was a great effort by all involved.

As you may be aware we receive no government funding and without the continued support of organisations like yourselves we would not be able to continue our work of helping lost and stray animals in the Geelong region.

The Geelong Obedience Dog Club has always been a major supporter of our Centre and we greatly appreciate their contribution to what was an extremely successful day

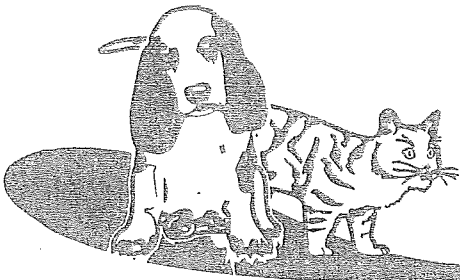
Thank you once again

Yours sincerely

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6 January, 2005

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Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Geelong Animal Welfare Centre I would like to thank your organisation for the donation of food for the animals during our Christmas Appeal.

The response from the people of Geelong & surrounding district has once again been very generous.

All food donated helps us to continue our work and we are grateful to you for your support.

Thank you again and we wish you good health and happiness for 2005.

Yours sincerely,

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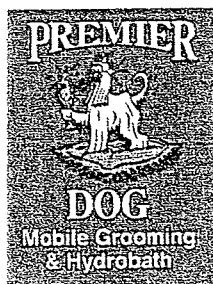
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AGILITY 2005

If you're looking for something different to try with your dog why not consider Agility? Agility is a dog sport, which is a lot of fun and a way of keeping fit for both you and your dog. Your dog needs to be at least twelve months old, physically fit, definitely not overweight, and willing to work with you even when it is off-lead. It doesn't matter what breed your dog is or whether it is big or small - we welcome all sociable, non-aggressive dogs.



You and your dog will learn to work as a team as you direct it around an obstacle course made up of equipment such as hurdles, tunnels, tyres, A-frame, see-saw, walkover (bridge), weaving poles etc. If you find that you and your dog enjoy it you can eventually enter Agility Trials where you pit your skills against those of other dogs and handlers and hopefully gain enough passes to earn various agility titles. Alternatively, you can forget about trialing and just do it for fun!

If you think you might be interested and would like to be part of the fun and challenges associated with Agility, you will need to ask your Instructor to sign a form, which says your dog is old enough and suitably under control.

For any more information about this exciting sport please come and speak to me or the other Agiliters. We're all more than happy to let you know why we enjoy agility so much.

Trish Gavaghan – Agility Instructor

GENERAL MEETING

7th December 2004

Meeting opened: 8.00pm

Apologies J. Convery, R. O'Sullivan, M. McMillan, D. Schulz, B. Lawrence, K. Ciezarek, D. Gravalin, P. Hogben

Acc: P. Gallagher

Seconded: P. Baker

Carried

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

Acc: C. Humphreys

Seconded: S. Malady

Carried

Business arising from the Minutes
NIL

Correspondence Out: NIL

Correspondence In: J. Ball, Entertainment book, ADTCV, VCA Pres. & Sec minutes. J. Convery

Business arising from Correspondence
NIL

Treasurer's Report

E. Gallagher read written report and asked that all accounts be passed for payment

Acc S. Malady:

Seconded: C. Devlin

Carried

Other Reports

Canteen Manager C. McMillan read written report. Report attached to the minutes book.

Display Team Leader Nil

Hall Manager L. Bruton read written report. Report attached to the minutes book.

Grounds Manager V. Douglas gave verbal report and said that he had serviced the mower, the following maintenance would be done in the near future - picture railings, notice board, post replacement at entrance to grounds.

Publicity Officer S. Malady read written report from November's newsletter.

Raffle Steward Nil

Shop Manager Nil

Social Secretary L. Shaw gave verbal report on the Christmas party and on plans for the break up day on Sun. Dec 12th.

Training Supervisor D. Dickeson read written report from November's newsletter.

Trial Secretary In the absence of J. Convery, T. Button read written report. Report attached to the minutes book.

Sub-Committee Reports

NIL

Acc: C.McMillan

Seconded: D.Dickeson

Carried

General Business

1. J. Ball moved ' that the resignation of J.Convery as Trial Secretary be accepted and the nomination of P. Convery to fill this position be effective immediately'.

Seconded: D.Dickeson

Carried

2. T. Button on behalf of T Gavaghan requested the Club purchase a years subscription of Agility training DVD'S at a cost of \$151 from Reg Dwyer. After discussion members agreed unanimously.
3. D.Dickeson proposed that promotion days be altered to 3 per year as of 2006. After lengthy discussion it was decided that the question be put to the general members via the newsletter with voting slips available. Voting to close by May 31st, with discussion to be continued at the June General Meeting.
4. Mr F. Lehrmann made a donation to the club towards the 50th Anniversary expenses.
5. D.Dickeson said that Members should be informed of totals of money raised at events within a fortnight of function., months later.
6. F.Lehrman moved ' that the request of Aprils Committee meeting allowing the use of the Club grounds to Bellarine Dog Activities Group. be rescinded'.

Seconded: C.Humphries

Carried.

President Mr J.Ball wished everyone a Safe and Happy Christmas and thanked everyone for their attendance.

As there was no further business

Meeting closed: 8.45pm

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 1st February

Commencing - 8.00 pm

**Come along and become involved in the running of your
Club**

CLUB CALENDAR 2005

January

Thursday 13 January
Monday 24 January
Wednesday 26 January
Sunday 30 January

Office re-opens – 2.00 pm to 6.30 pm
Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Australia Day

Training resumes for current Members. Newsletter available

February

Tuesday 1 February
Thursday 3 February
Sunday 6 February
Sunday 13 February
Monday 14 February
Tuesday 15 February
Sunday 20 February
Sunday 27 February

General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for all fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Normal training
Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Normal training
Normal training. Newsletter available

March

Thursday 3 March
Sunday 6 March
Sunday 13 March
Tuesday 15 March
Sunday 20 March
Monday 21 March
Sunday 27 March

Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Labour Day weekend. NO TRAINING
Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Normal training. Newsletter available
Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Easter weekend – NO TRAINING

April

Sunday 3 April
Tuesday 5 April
Thursday 7 April
Sunday 10 April
Monday 11 April
Friday 15 April
Sunday 17 April
Monday 18 April
Saturday 23 April

Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Normal training
Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Newsletter closes for articles, report, etc
PROMOTION DAY. Newsletter available
Trial entries close
Trial working bee – to be advised

CLUB CALENDAR 2005

Sunday 24 April
Friday 29 April
Saturday 30 April

Anzac Day weekend. NO TRAINING
Trial Working Bee – to be advised
BACK-TO-BACK AGILITY TRIAL

May

Sunday 1 May
Thursday 5 May
Sunday 8 May
Monday 9 May
Sunday 15 May
Sunday 22 May
Sunday 29 May

Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Normal training. Mother's Day.
Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Normal training. Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Normal training
Normal training. Newsletter available

June

Thursday 2 June
Sunday 5 June
Tuesday 7 June
Sunday 12 June
Wednesday 15 June
Sunday 19 June
Monday 20 June
Sunday 26 June
Monday 27 June
Wednesday 30 June

Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Queen's Birthday weekend. NO TRAINING
Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Normal training
Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Normal training. Newsletter available
Trial entries close. Back-to-back Obedience Trials
End of financial year for all departments. Stocktake required for Canteen, Bar and Shop.

July

Saturday 2 July
Sunday 3 July
Thursday 7 July
Friday 8 July
Saturday 9 July
Sunday 10 July
Monday 11 July
Friday 15 July

Trial Working Bee – to be advised
Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Trial Working Bee – to be advised
OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIAL
OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIAL. NO TRAINING
Instructor's Meeting - 7.30 pm
Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc

CLUB CALENDAR 2005

Sunday	17 July	Normal Training
Sunday	24 July	PROMOTION DAY. Newsletter available
<i>August</i>		
Tuesday	2 August	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Thursday	4 August	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Sunday	7 August	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Sunday	14 August	Normal training
Monday	15 August	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm. Distribution of Nomination Forms for Training Supervisor and 2 Assistant Training Supervisors. Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	21 August	Normal training
Monday	22 August	Trial entries close
Saturday	27 August	Trial working bee – to be advised
Sunday	29 August	Normal training. Newsletter available
<i>September</i>		
Thursday	1 September	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Saturday	3 September	Trial working bee – to be advised
Sunday	4 September	Double Open Obedience Trials – NO TRAINING
Tuesday	6 September	Committee and Non-Committee nominations close
Sunday	11 September	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	12 September	Nominations close for Training Supervisor and 2 Assistant Training Supervisors
Thursday	15 September	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	18 September	Normal training
Tuesday	20 September	Life Membership nominations close
Sunday	25 September	PROMOTION DAY. Newsletter available
<i>October</i>		
Sunday	2 October	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	4 October	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 8.00 pm
Thursday	6 October	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Sunday	9 October	Normal training
Monday	10 October	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Friday	15 October	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc

CLUB CALENDAR 2005

Sunday 16 October
 Sunday 23 October
 Sunday 30 October

Normal training
 Normal training
 Normal training. Newsletter available

November

Thursday 3 November
 Sunday 6 November
 Sunday 13 November
 Monday 14 November
 Tuesday 15 November
 Sunday 20 November
 Sunday 27 November

Puppy Kinder for puppies 8- 16 weeks
 Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
 Normal training
 Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm. Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
 Newsletter closes for articles, report, etc
 Normal training. End of Year Awards closing date
 Normal training. Newsletter available.

December

Sunday 4 December
 Tuesday 6 December
 Sunday 11 December
 Sunday 18 December
 Thursday 22 December

Normal training
 General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
 PROMOTION DAY
 Last day of training for 2005
 Office closes