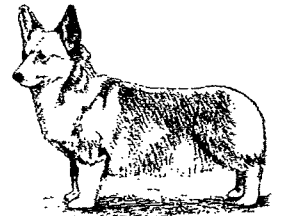
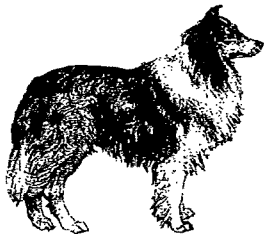
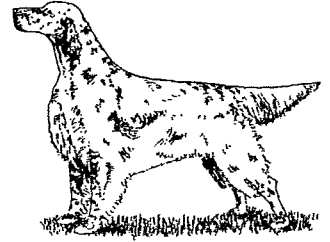
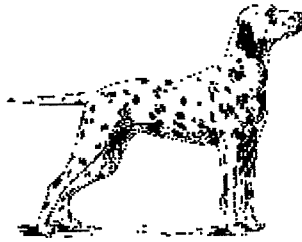


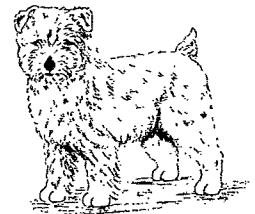
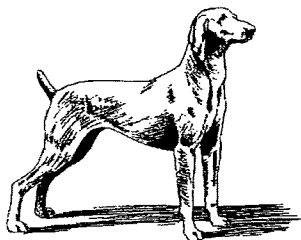
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CLUB CALENDAR

June

Wednesday	1 June	Membership renewals open
Thursday	2 June	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Sunday	5 June	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	7 June	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Sunday	12 June	Queen's Birthday weekend. NO TRAINING
Wednesday	15 June	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	19 June	Normal training
Monday	20 June	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	26 June	Normal training. Newsletter available
Monday	27 June	Trial entries close. Back-to-back Obedience Trials
Wednesday	30 June	End of financial year for all departments. Stocktake required for Canteen, Bar and Shop

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THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

"The real joy is in the privilege and ability to step to the start line with your dog by your side, not in the crossing of the finish line victorious over others." Anon.

Dog Hair: Potentially Dangerous!!!

In a press release today, the National Institute of Health has announced the discovery of a potentially dangerous substance in the hair of dogs. This substance, called "amo-bacter canis" has been linked with the following symptoms in female humans:

Reluctance to cook
Reluctance to perform housework
Reluctance to wear anything but jeans or sweats
Reluctance to work except in support of a dog
Physical craving for contact with dogs (may be an addiction)

Beware: If you come in contact with a female human affected by this substance, be prepared to talk about dogs for hours on end. This has been a Public Service Announcement...

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TRIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi everyone

Well our Agility/Jumping Trial is over for another year and it was a very successful event.

Thanks must go to all those who came down and scrubbed and painted equipment. At one stage I saw the flexible tunnels rolling around and was informed that two Members were inside laying on their backs scrubbing the ceiling. Well done everyone. A lot of hard work was put in, but it showed on the day, with our equipment looking spectacular in the ring.

The usual handful of Members mowed and trimmed around trees and without your help I don't know what we would do. Thank you. The Council takes care of the large areas of mowing, but trimming trees and around trees and mowing around the fence line is our responsibility and it is sad that there are so few Members who consider their need to contribute.

I've often heard it said that if we want the grounds to look good for a Trial then the Trialling Members should do all the work, well, the grounds need to be maintained all year round, not just 3 times a year for the Trials. For example, there had been complaints that the trees in the Committee/Instructors parking area needed trimming, should we consider this general maintenance or Trial maintenance? Perhaps we should look at having working bees at times between the Trials!

We should all consider how lucky we are to have these facilities and it is only when you go away to Trials at other Clubs that you can appreciate our grounds. It has even been suggested that if the lack of support continues that the Club should consider adding a Grounds Maintenance Levy to the Membership so we can then have the luxury of Jim's Mowing to take care of the work that Members are so reluctant to do.

Thanks to those Members who were Stewards on the day, I believe for several it was a real learning curve and to those who helped in the Canteen, thank you also, without your help the competitors would go hungry. And of course, thank you to Bernie for the Raffle, Members on the cake stall and general helpers.

I hope all those who entered, had a great day at the Spirit of the West and now we move on to our next Trial which is the back-to-back Obedience Trials on Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th July. Look forward to seeing you there.

Til then, happy training

Pam Convery - Trial Secretary

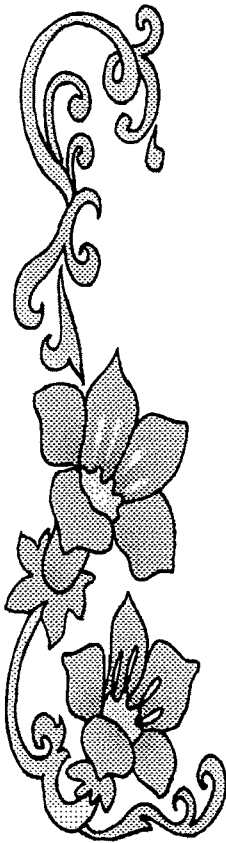
DISPLAY TEAM LEADER'S REPORT

The Display Team had a booking on 7th May at St John's Lutheran Primary School. Beside a few hiccups the day went well. Thank you to all Team Members for your support.

With no other bookings and a baby on the way, the Team and myself will be taking a break for a couple of months, unless we can get more people and dogs interested in joining the Team.

If you are interested, please see the Office or catch up with me.

Wendy McCraw - Display Team Leader



RAINBOW BRIDGE

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge. When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all the special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine and our friends are warm and comfortable. All of the animals that have been ill are restored to health and vigour, those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by.

The animals are happy and content except for one small thing: they each miss someone very special to them who had to be left behind. They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks in the distance. His bright eyes are intent, his body begins to quiver.

Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster. You have been spotted and when you and your special friend meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again.

The happy kisses rain upon your face, your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life, but never absent from your heart. Then you cross the Rainbow Bridge together.

Author unknown.

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK REVIEW

THE BEST FROM TERRY RYAN – Author

THE PUPPY PRIMER

An absolute must read for you in puppy kinder

- ✓ Keys to successful Housetraining
- ✓ The power of positive reinforcement
- ✓ Learning to regard you as a leader

- ✓ Puppy people games
- ✓ Getting used to a leash & collar
- ✓ AND MUCH, MUCH MORE

Check it out in your Club Library.

BOOKBUSTER'S COOKBOOK

1 can of SEAWALL Mackerel

½ cup of cooked Basmati rice

Steam – 1 Bok Choy

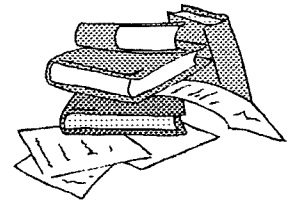
Combine all ingredients together. Add a large glug of Olive Oil.

2 chopped Carrots

2 cloves of crushed Garlic

Basmati Rice - because of its low GI it is excellent for dogs on a weight loss programme. However - because this meal is pretty sloppy - offer chicken wings as a fang cleanser after. It freezes well BUT is only suitable for puppies as a one off snack. With Puppies I would add a can of sardines in spring water. Fish has a proven record of increasing the intellect of children - I cannot see why it cannot benefit dogs.

Robyn & Peg - Your Librarians



GRIEF MANAGEMENT IN CHILDREN

Sent in by Tina Button

The death of a cherished pet creates a sense of loss for adults and produces a predictable chain of emotions. The stages of grief are typically denial, sadness, depression, guilt, anger and finally, relief (or recovery). However, the effects on children vary widely depending upon the child's age and maturity level. The basis for their reactions is their ability to understand death.

Two and Three Year olds

Children who are two or three years old typically have no understanding of death. They often consider it a form of sleep. They should be told that their pet has died and will not return. Common reactions to this include temporary loss of speech and generalised distress. The two or three year old should be reassured that the pet's failure to return is unrelated to anything the child may have said or done. Typically, a child in this age range will readily accept another pet in place of the dead one.

Four, Five and Six Year olds

Children in this age range have some understanding of death, but in a way that relates to a continued existence. The pet may be considered to be living underground while continuing to eat, breathe and play. Alternatively, it may be considered asleep. A return to life may be expected, if the child views death as temporary. These children often feel that any anger they had for the pet may be responsible for its death. This view should be refuted because they may also translate the belief to the death of family members in the past. Some children also see death as contagious and begin to fear that their own death (or that of others) is imminent. They should be reassured that their death is not likely. Manifestations of grief often take the form of disturbances in bladder and bowel control, eating and sleeping. This is best managed by parent-child discussions that allow the child to express feeling and concerns. Several brief discussions are generally more productive than one or two prolonged sessions.



Seven, Eight and Nine Year olds

The irreversibility of death becomes real to these children. They usually do not personalize death, thinking it cannot happen to them. However, some children may develop concerns about death of their parents. They may become very curious about death and its implications. Parents should be ready to respond frankly and honestly to questions that may arise. Several manifestations of grief may occur in these children, including the development of school problems, learning problems, antisocial behaviour, hypochondriacal concerns, or aggression. Additionally, withdrawal, over attentiveness, or clinging behaviour may be seen. Based on grief reactions to loss of parents or siblings, it is likely that the symptoms may not occur immediately but several weeks or months later.

Ten and Eleven Year olds

Children in this age range generally understand death as natural, inevitable and universal. Consequently, these children often react to death in a manner very similar to adults.

Adolescents

Although this age group also reacts similarly to adults, many adolescents may exhibit various forms of denial. This usually takes the form of a lack of emotional display. Consequently, these young people may be experiencing sincere grief without any outward manifestations.

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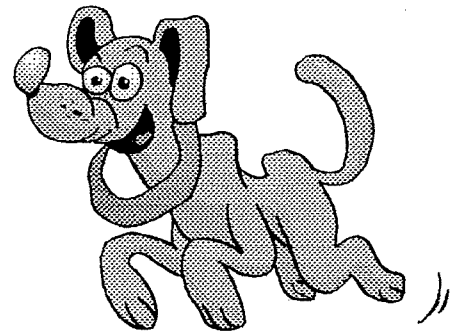
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FLYBALL

Flyball Classes will recommence
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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 reaccruited as an Australian Small Animal Association "HOSPITAL

OF EXCELLENCE", one of only twelve in Victoria. One of only two outside metropolitan Melbourne.

We provide the highest level of services possible in practice in the fields of reproduction, orthopedic and soft tissue surgery, dentistry, cardiology, radiology, clinical pathology, ophthalmology and behavioural sciences. This obviously requires commitment from a TEAM OF DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS – both veterinarians and nurses.

When you entrust us with the care of your animal, you can be assured that we will do our very best, and use the best resources to give you the best possible outcome for your animal's health problem. May 2005

SLOW DANCE

Have you ever watched kids on a merry-go-round?

Or listened to the rain slapping on the ground?

Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight?

Or gazed at the sun into the fading night?

You better slow down. Don't dance so fast.

Time is short. The music won't last.

Do you run through each day on the fly?

When you ask, "How are you"? Do you hear the reply?

When the day is done, do you lie in your bed.
With the next hundred chores running through your head?

You'd better slow down, don't dance so fast.

Time is short. The music won't last.

Ever told your child, we'll do it tomorrow?

And in your haste, not seen his sorrow?

Ever lost touch, let a friendship die

Cause you never had time to call and say, "hi"

You'd better slow down. Don't dance so fast.

Time is short. The music won't last.

When you run so fast to get somewhere.

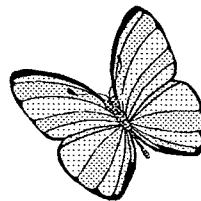
You miss half the fun of getting there.

When you worry and hurry through your day.

It is like an unopened gift... Thrown away.

Life's not a race. Do take it slower.

Hear the music. Before the song is over.



TRIAL RESULTS

Geelong Obedience Dog Club - 30/4/05

Morning - Novice Agility

W Gauntlett	Willow Branch JD (Willow)	Associate	NQ	2 nd Place
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Novice Jumping

T Dixon	Jumadabey Hathel (Kirby)	Staff Bull Terr	Pass	1 st Place
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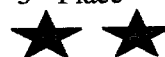
J Chase	Tylker Ganesh CD ET (Cooper)	Boxer	NQ	2 nd Place
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Afternoon - Novice Agility

W Gauntlett	Willow Branch JD (Willow)	Associate	Pass	2 nd Place
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H Green	Ch Wameika Dentelle (Bella)	Brittany	3 rd Pass	3 rd Place
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AD Title



Novice Jumping

J Chase	Tylker Ganesh CD ET (Cooper)	Boxer	2 nd Pass	1 st Place
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"Best Geelong Member"

Altona Civic Obedience Dog Club Inc - 1/5/05

Morning - Novice Jumping

Jenny Chase	Tylker Ganesh CD ET (Cooper)	Boxer	2 nd Pass	5 th Place
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Afternoon - Novice Agility

Jenny Chase	Tylker Ganesh CD ET (Cooper)	Boxer	NQ	3 rd Place
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Roy Lawrence	Shionabox The Wishmaster	Boxer	2 nd Pass	1 st Place
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ET CD JD (Kimbo)

Afternoon - Open Jumping

Roy Lawrence	Shionabox The Wishmaster	Boxer	1 st Pass	
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ET CD JD (Kimbo)

Ballarat Obedience Dog Club - 8/5/05

Morning - Novice Jumping

T Dixon	Jumadabey Hathel (Kirby)	Staff Bull Terr	Pass	1st place
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Best in Trial (Jumping)

R & B Lawrence	Tearleen Madam Mizelle ET	Boxer	1 st Pass	2 nd Place
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(Yoda)

Morning - Masters Jumping

Peter Baker	Dunnwarren Blue Curacao	Border Collie	Pass	2 nd Place
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CD ADX JDX ET (Poppy)

Afternoon - Novice Agility

T Dixon	Jumadabey Hathel (Kirby)	Staff Bull Terr	Pass	1st Place
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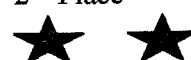
Best in Trial (Agility)

Roy Lawrence	Shionabox The Wishmaster	Boxer	3 rd Pass	2 nd Place
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ET CD JD (Kimbo)

Best Geelong Member in Trial

Title



TRIAL RESULTS (continued)

Afternoon - Novice Jumping

R & B Lawrence	Tearleen Madam Mizelle ET (Yoda)	Boxer	2 nd Pass	1 st Place
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Afternoon - Open Jumping

Roy Lawrence	Shionabox The Wishmaster CD JD ET (Kimbo)	Boxer	NQ	2 nd Place
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Afternoon - Masters Jumping

Peter Baker	Dunnwarren Blue Curacao CD ADX JDX ET (Poppy)	Border Collie	Pass	
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Herding Instinct Test - KCC Park - 14/5/05

Peter Baker	Tillsun Master Key CDX AD JD (Amigo)	Aust Shepherd	HIT Pass	
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Berwick Obedience Dog Club - 15/5/05

Morning Trial

Novice Obedience

J Convery	Goorambat the Manor (Mason)	Golden Retriever	1 st Pass	1 st Place
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Open Obedience

L White	Coolhand New Orleans Jazz CD (Jazz)	GSP	3 rd Pass CDX Title	1 st Place
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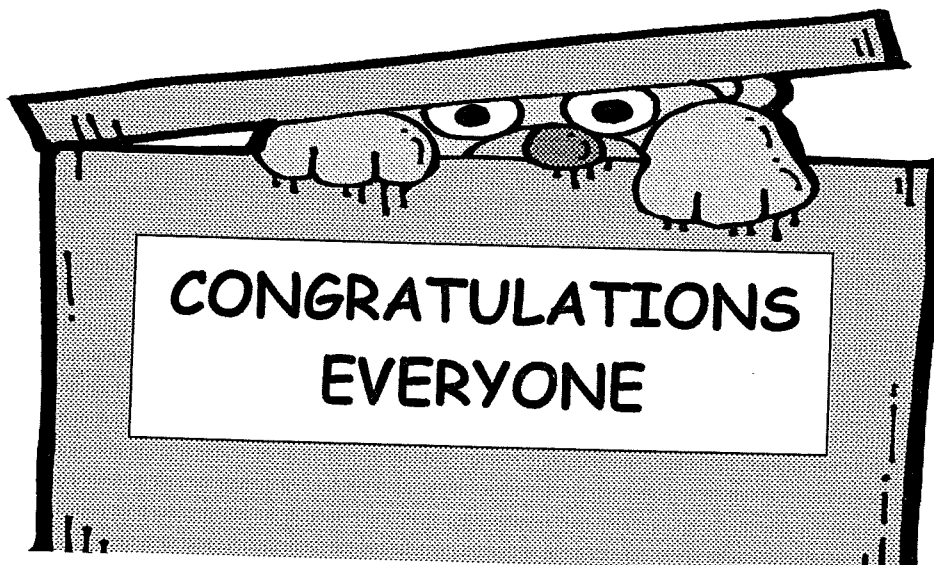
Afternoon Trial

Novice Obedience

J Convery	Goorambat the Manor (Mason)	Golden Retriever	2 nd Pass	5 th Place
H Green	Ch Wameika Dentelle AD (Belle)	Brittany	NQ	3 rd Place

Open Obedience

L White	Coolhand New Orleans Jazz CDX (Jazz)	GSP	Pass	3 rd Place
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Make Your Dog Welcome

I would guess that if you have a dog, you love your dog (otherwise why would you have him?). And, because you love your dog, you like to take him with you on family outings, festivals, walkathons, or other places which may allow dogs to be present. If you want your dog to be able to accompany you, you must give him the skills necessary to be kept under control and not be a safety hazard.

It is so extremely EASY to give your dog a few basic manners, so that he will be welcomed into public places. Yet, many people think that teaching ordinary control exercises are beyond their capabilities. Or, they think that obedience training is just for people who want to make a career out of it, or something.

Teaching your dog some basic manners is all common-sense stuff. You did it with your children (if you had children), and your parents did it with you. If you would have been left to your own devices and never learned right from wrong, imagine what kind of person you'd be. Yet, some people expect to raise their dogs without any "coaching" on the matter of acceptable vs. unacceptable behaviors. Your dog needs even more coaching and "parental guidance" from you, since his social background is completely different from yours. He has much more to learn. The nature of his canine upbringing automatically makes him a "delinquent" by human standards.

Accentuate the Positive

Look for GOOD behaviors and reward them. So often, we don't notice that our dog is doing ANYTHING until he is doing something BAD. Then, the screaming starts. The dog gets all kinds of attention for his misdeed, and he's thinking this is a really good way to get people to notice him. Instead, start looking for the ABSENCE of the bad behavior or the opposite of the bad behavior. If the dog is annoying you with nuisance barking, reward his silence with your praise and attention. If the dog jumps up on you to greet you and you want him to stop, reward only sitting greetings (or with all four feet on the floor) with your praise and attention.

Example: One time I had a man bring a "whiney" Labrador Retriever to the first night of my obedience class. The dog whined and barked almost continuously, and the man asked what he could do to make him stop. I'm sure he expected my answer to be some form of punishment to nip the behavior in the bud. I simply told the guy to wait until the dog went several seconds without whining or barking and to reward the silence with attention, praise and treats. Within 20 minutes, the man remarked at how unbelievable the transformation was. By the end of class the Lab was quiet as a clam, and the man thought that I was the world's best dog trainer!

Eliminate the Negative

When the dog does something you don't like, stifle your urge to react to the incident. Ignore the bad behaviors, and they will usually go away by themselves. There is no need to persist in a behavior that is not "working" in some way to gain the dog some advantage. If your dog jumps up to greet you, and you ignore him and turn away, he will try another behavior to gain your attention (like keeping his feet on the ground). Make sure you reward the more acceptable behavior when it is offered. If the dog is bored, and the behavior is self-rewarding (like barking, garbage raiding and digging), you will need to work very diligently on "rewarding the absence of the behavior" side of the equation, and on managing the dog's environment a little better.

Example: When your dog lives in relative solitary confinement, any event or change in his environment is exciting for him. Ted Turner, a whale trainer at Sea World says that when the animals are bad, the trainers must steel themselves to remain totally neutral to the event. If the trainer tried to "punish" the whale by grabbing his bucket of fish and stomping off, it would serve to amuse the animal and therefore reinforce him. Ignoring a behavior gives it zero reinforcement value.

Manage the environment.

Minimize the dog's potential for getting into trouble by removing "dog magnets" from the environment (don't leave things out for him to get into or chew up). Control the Reinforcement Value of everything in your dog's life. Everything that could be a possible reward to your dog should be strictly controlled. You want to increase the reinforcement value of rewards and interaction with you. You want to decrease the reinforcement value of squirrels, food left too close to the edge of the table, and shreddable items of your personal possession. To reduce the reinforcement value, make the items impossible to attain. Move them as far away from your dog as possible. Make the possibility of earning one of them less than remote. To increase a reinforcement value of his treats, toys, and playing with you, make these something that is more likely to be attainable.

Example: If your dog's greatest desire is to chase pigeons, then don't practice his training sessions in the park next to the pigeons. The reinforcement value of possibly getting to pounce on pigeons is far too great for you to expect him to give you his attention. Distance him from the thing he wants. This will make it less attainable. Let him see that the chance of receiving the reward of a nice piece of liver (and your attention) is far more eminent. In other words, your dog may see eating liver and playing with you as an "eight" on a scale of one to ten. Pigeons, however, are a "nine." If you want to possibly get through to your dog with any training, you must reduce the reinforcement value of the pigeons. If you can make them a "seven" by moving them out of reachable range, then your liver treats will win out, and you will have your dog's attention, and find that "teachable moment."

Put it to use today!

These basic training principles work the same on spouses, kids, and employees. Put yourself in your dog's "shoes." Do you work better for praise and attention, or for punishment and being ignored? Many bosses and parents miss the boat by not paying attention to these simple fundamentals. I had a job with a large company 20 years ago. I worked from day to day with a boss who only seemed to notice mistakes and not successes. I was loaned to another department one time, and worked under the supervision of a different person. At the end of the first day, my temporary boss took me aside and told me what a great job I had done, and named several specific things that she liked about my work. I don't know if she was telling the truth, or if it was her standard operating procedure, but guess what kind of work I did the next day, and the next? I would have just about killed myself trying to work harder for this person, because she appreciated my effort and positively reinforced it. What do you think my attitude would have been on subsequent days if she would have found fault with my work?

If you follow these three simple guidelines, you will see a behavior change in your dog. You will notice an increase in good behaviors and a decrease in bad ones, without even having to teach your dog any obedience commands. Remember that you are in control of the situation. If you notice your dog has developed a behavior that annoys you, ask yourself what the reward history of that behavior was. Make sure the behavior stops being rewarded, and replace it with a more acceptable behavior which you will reward each time you see it in the absence of the other behavior. It's amazing how many bad behaviors develop in dogs whose owners don't even realize that they are reinforcing the bad habits with their attention, when they should be rewarding the opposite thing instead.

When your dog develops a set of "manners," he will be a joy to own, and no problem to take with you in public. We do recommend basic obedience exercises (teaching your dog to come when called, walk on a loose leash and stay when told). See the pages on basic training for more information.

Train yourself to "wake up" and notice the "good stuff." Reward it when you see it. Keep everything positive. Remember that it works on dogs, children, spouses and employees. Positive reinforcement works on every organism that has a brain.

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VALE

In Loving Memory of Marty Martin who died 19 April 2005. You were born on the 9th January 2001 and came into my life on the 13th May of the same year. You were part of our family my boy, your loving ways, devotion, faithfulness.



My adorable Marty, always ready to go on our daily walks, we talked like two old friends you and I. You loved our outings at the beach or park, always laughing and joyful, playing with Beaut and Mickey and so gentle with the cat, Ginger Boy. You know we all love you and miss you so much.

There maybe other dogs to share my life, but only one Marty Martin.

You left your paw print on my heart. I was so proud of you my boy. Thank you.

Margaret Martin

DEDICATION

When all you have is gone
And all who love you have left
He still remains faithful
His loyalty reaches beyond the barrier of time
His affection and respect cannot be bought
But must be earned
He cannot be bribed with food
As can all the other animals
Proving their inferiority to him
You are everything to him
His life centers around you
Your praise is his greatest gift
Your scorn his deepest sorrow
Ready to serve you at anytime
He is only to eager and willing to prove it
Glad to defend you against all odds

He will give his life for you without you even asking
He would jump willing into the fires of hell
Just to be there with you
Ready he stands at your side like his ancestors have done before him
And his offspring will after him
Whether gently playing with your children
Or guarding your mate with his life
He does his job well, with understanding
Almost super human he has only one fault
That is someday he will break your heart
For dogs live only a little while
And in a few quick years he must say goodbye

RECIPES

LUMBERJACK CAKE - Sent in by Maureen Daymond

2 medium Apples	1 Egg	½ cup firmly packed Brown Sugar
195 gms Dates	1 tsp Vanilla	1/3 cup milk
1 tsp Bi Carb Soda	1 ½ cups Plain Flour	½ tsp Vanilla
1 cup boiling water	½ tsp Salt	1 cup shredded Coconut
125 gms Butter	TOPPING	
1 cup sugar	60 gms Butter	

Peel, core and finely chop the Apples. Chop Dates and cover with boiling water and Carb Soda. Set aside to cool. Cream butter and sugar, add vanilla and egg, beat well. Stir in flour and salt alternately with the cooled fruit mix. Pour into greased and paper lined 20 cm cake tin and bake in a moderate oven for 1 ¼ hours. Meanwhile combine topping ingredients in a pan over low heat until sugar and butter have melted. Spread over hot cake and bake for a further 20 minutes until topping is golden brown.

Everyday Training to Avoid Problem Behaviours

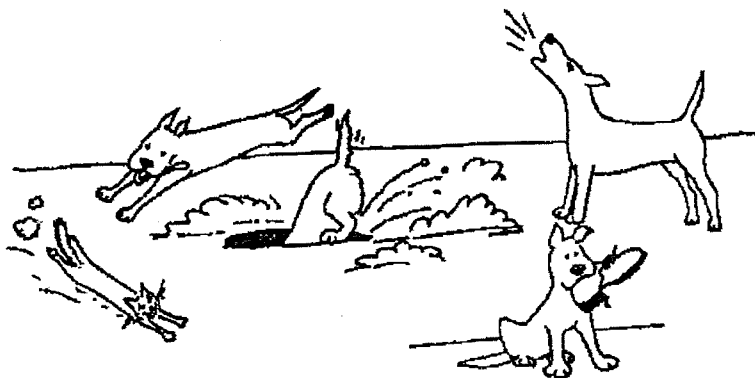
Without even using commands, you can mould your dog's behaviour to be almost always GOOD!

So many people don't know what it means to reward a good behavior. They are waiting for a good behavior to occur, and they don't recognize it when it happens. Or, they just EXPECT dogs to somehow be good, and don't realize that they won't keep seeing good behaviors if those behaviors go unrewarded. Basically, any behaviour that is not a BAD behaviour is a rewardable good behaviour. Here is a list to help you know what to look for and what to reinforce with rewards and attention. I list the behavior and a new way of looking at that behavior as a way of eliminating or preventing a competitive behavior which is "bad":

- Sitting (the act of not jumping up)
- Quietness (the act of not barking constantly)
- Eye Contact (giving you their attention; the act of not "blowing you off")
- Going to the bathroom outside (the act of not peeing and pooping in the house)
- Walking on a loose leash (the act of not yanking your arm out of your socket)
- Coming to you for any reason (the act of not running away from you, or avoiding you)
- Lying still (the act of not racing around like a maniac, jumping, pulling on the leash, or barking)
- Bringing you anything (the act of not playing keep away). Even if it's your Rolex! Wouldn't you rather have him bring it to you than sneak out the doggie door and bury it in the back yard?
- Giving you anything (trusting you; the act of not resource guarding)
- Coming or staying near you (keeping tabs on where you are; the act of not wandering off)

If you can do this, you've just taught your dog to Come, Sit, Down-Stay, Heel, Retrieve, Not Jump and Not Bark, and you didn't even have to take an obedience class or even use training equipment. All you have to do is watch for one of these 10 behaviors to occur, and pop a treat in the dog's mouth. This is just TOO SIMPLE, and yet so many people fail to do it and end up with the "dog from hell."

How do you reward or reinforce these behaviors? You can use anything that is pleasing to the dog. Praise alone doesn't mean much to a dog unless it is followed by food. Most dogs respond well to small (very small) tidbits of soft-moist dog treats. Lots of dogs value a play session, or a chance to retrieve a toy, even more than a treat. Use what your dog likes. If you see the dog performing the rewarded

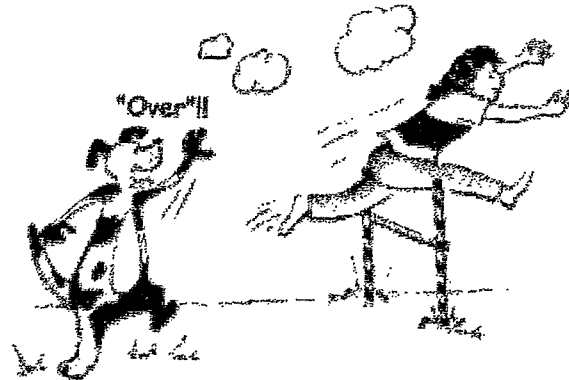


Everyday Training to avoid Problem Behaviours (continued)

behavior more regularly, that means it's working. Remember when he's engaged in one of the behaviors on the list, he is NOT committing one of the incompatible "crimes" (opposite behaviors).

Some people think that they would have to be feeding their dog all the time, to do this type of training. Well, I ask you, would you rather be punishing your dog all the time? Because if you don't reward the listed behaviors, **THEY WILL GO AWAY** and be replaced by self-reinforcing behaviors, like barking, digging, running and chasing things. A dog will only perform behaviors that are productive for him. You can't **EXPECT** a dog to know to be good. Telling him he is good by rewarding with a treat or an unexpected play session is a great way for him to form positive associations with those behaviors. And he will want to perform those rewarded behaviors **ALL THE TIME!**

You don't have to feed your dog for every breath he takes for his entire lifetime. Once you have formed good **HABITS**, they are hard to break. Just as once bad habits are formed, they are equally hard to break. So, it pays you to do it right the first time. **REWARD** those simple behaviors that you've been taking for granted! Open your eyes and open your treat bag! What you reward is what you'll get.

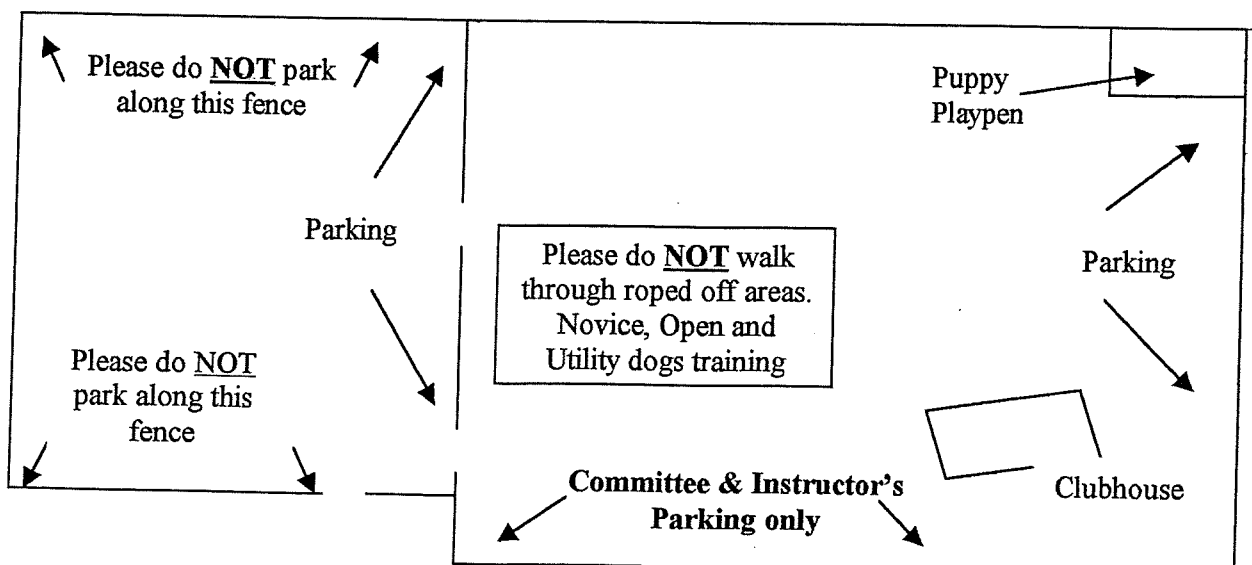


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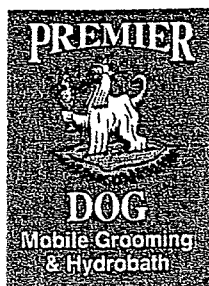


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AGILITY 2005

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 Agiliteers. We're all more than happy to let you know why we enjoy agility so much.

Trish Gavaghan – Agility Instructor

YOUTHFUL UNDERSTANDING

A farmer had some puppies he needed to sell. He painted a sign advertising the 4 pups. And set about nailing it to a post on the edge of his yard. As he was driving the last nail into the post, he felt a tug on his overalls. He looked down into the eyes of a little boy.

"Mister," he said, "I want to buy one of the puppies".

"Well," said the farmer, as he rubbed the sweat off the back of his neck, "these puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money." The boy dropped his head for a moment, then reaching deep into his pocket. He pulled out a handful of change and held it up to the farmer. "I've got thirty-nine cents, is that enough to take a look?"

"Sure," said the farmer and with that he let out a whistle. "Here, Dolly," he called. Out from the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly followed by four little balls of fur. The little boy pressed his face against the chain link fence. His eyes danced with delight.

As the dogs made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse. Slowly another little ball appeared, this one noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then in a somewhat awkward manner, the little pup began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up....

"I want that one," the little boy said, pointing to the runt. The farmer knelt down at the boy's side and said, "Son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would."

With that the little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and began rolling up one leg of his trousers. In doing so he revealed a steel brace running down both sides of his leg attaching itself to a specially made shoe. Looking back up at the farmer, he said, "You see sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands. With tears in his eyes, the farmer reached down and picked up the little pup. Holding it carefully he handed it to the little boy.

"How much?" asked the little boy. "No charge," answered the farmer, "there's no charge for love."

The world is full of people who need someone who understands.

NEW MEMBERS

The Committee, Instructors and Members wish to welcome the following new Members who have joined the Club recently. We hope your stay will be enjoyable and remember, if you have any problems please speak to your Instructor or a Committee Member.

1/05/2005

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Archibald Tania

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Liddy Margaret

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NEW MEMBERS (Continued)

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Mann Family	Kellett Dean/Hull Rebecca	Milligan Family
Hubers David	Ellard Tara/Delaney Gerard	Keely Astrid
Rogerson Felicity/Green David	O'Toole Eve	
Morgan Linda	Self Sandra	Ball Family
Aherne Sarah	Wright Family	Troy Hayley/Blue Robert
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Stevenson Belinda/Bartlett Tom		



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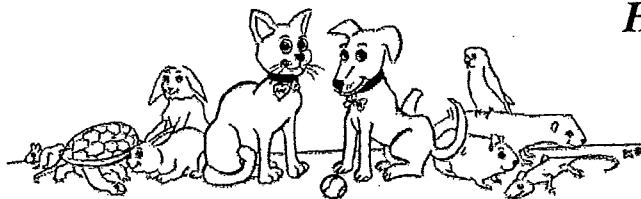
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Burke's Backyard Magazine – April 2005

The ongoing power struggle between canine and feline has turned many backyards into battlefields over the years, so after all this time is it possible to achieve peace and turn loathers into lovers?

Here are 10 easy ice-breaking suggestions to help your cat see a different side to your dog.

Don't dine together

As romantic as it seems to enjoy a quiet dinner together, it's an aperitif to an argument for cats and dogs. So separating their eating areas will help a lot. Food is seen as the sacred object to both cats and dogs and competition for it is all too common. Let your cat 'enjoy' her dinner rather than having to defend her bowl from pilfering pooches. It will mean much less tension for the next 24 hours.

Play favourites

Much of the agro between a dog and cat arises from competition and the competition for your affection is high on their list of priorities. If you can make them feel like the war is already won the prospect of peace increases. Spending quality time alone with each pet is the key. Make them feel like they are the favourite and they won't be nearly as concerned about the other 'hanger-on'.

Start them young

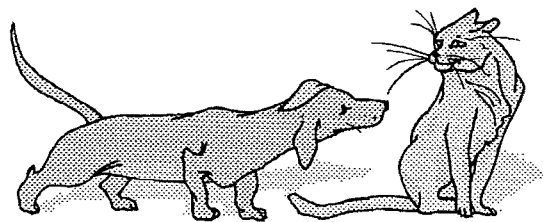
If a kitten can have positive and relaxed experiences with a dog then chances are the comfortable feelings towards the dog will last a lifetime. The same goes for you puppies with older cats. The 'socialisation' period (between 3 and 9 weeks of age for a kitten and 3 and 12 weeks for a pup) is when a pet forms its own opinions on its immediate surroundings. This is when the crucial and gentle first introductions should be made. Typically, if the right kind of introduction is made during this critical time, the likelihood of ongoing tension is much smaller.

Let cats spectate

Allow the cat to watch from the sidelines. Playtime for your dog is the highlight of the day and the highpoint in terms of exuberance and excitement. Don't throw balls or toys anywhere near where your cat might be resting or retreating. Your cat can all too easily become part of your dog time, which will far from impress puss.

Introduce them slowly

Carefully managing that crucial first meeting is essential. This applies to any age of cat or dog, just don't rush it, take your time. The new cat or dog should first be allowed to acclimatize to the new surroundings without any threat or intrusion. So separate them to different parts of the house so that they may be heard and smelt by the existing pet, but not seen. When both cat and dog seem to be quite comfortable an initial meeting at a safe distance may be attempted. Dogs don't seem to know the meaning of 'gentle' when meeting a cat so place the dog on a short lead and keep it under control. While holding both animals, the interactions should be relaxed and you should reward calm behaviour with treats. Over a number of encounters, increase the time spent and the proximity to each other. Remember though that you must separate them at the first sign of fear. This is an



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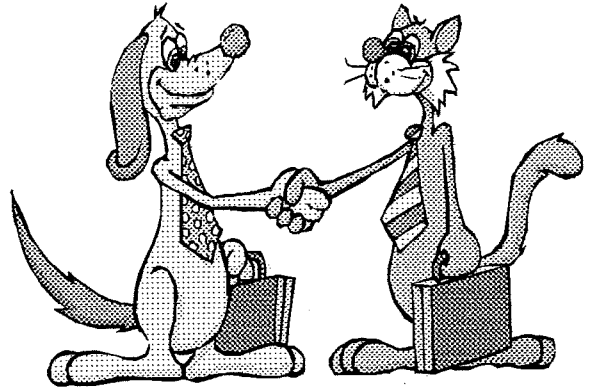
especially important time for a young cat. Cats must have positive experiences in early life if they are to willingly interact with a dog later on.

Build trust

If the feud has been long running, try to build some trust. Make no mistake, this is difficult and will take some time. The key here is to have controlled interactions at a safe and comfortable distance. The dog should be made to sit (while attached to a short leash) a few metres away from the cat. You should hold and stroke the cat while she builds a level of comfort with the dog's presence. Doing this while watching TV is often a good start. If the cat struggles and frets then move further away from the dog. Over time, lessen the hold on the cat and also the distance between the combatants.

Seal the deal with rewards

Associate the dog with good times. When there is at the very least mutual respect for each other, this is the way to take the relationship to the next level. With the cat as close to the dog as possible, lavish the cat with pats while the dog receives the occasional treat for calm, relaxed behaviour. Extend the sessions for up to 10 minutes. Have 30 seconds break and then start another session. Over time you should aim to move them closer and closer together. The beauty of this technique is that it teaches your cat a pleasant association response. Your cat will begin to see your dog as the site and possible source of affection and your dog will know that calm behaviour around the cat results in some very desirable rewards.



Be patient, it takes time

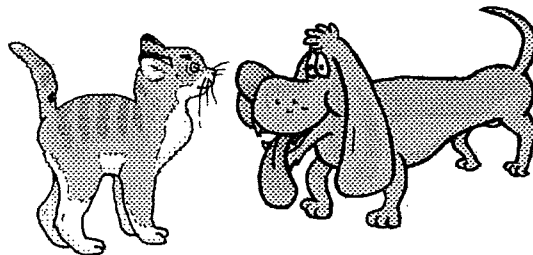
Just as it is the case in human relationships, every dog and cat situation is different, and the ideal solution may take time to figure out. So be prepared that not every piece of counseling advice will work first time around. You'll find that time will often be the best healer of all.

Set up safe zones

Create dog-only and cat-only areas. A dog rummaging through a cat's bed and food bowls isn't a foundation for a loving bond. Create a place that your cat can run to – a dog 'no go' area. This 'safe-zone' helps your cat feel more comfortable in her normal surroundings – there is a place to go if the need arises.

Turn on the charm

To really turn on the charm, make the dog wear the cat's favourite aftershave. Rubbing some catnip plant or extract (also available in a spray) onto the dog's collar might just make the dog seem more interesting and even alluring to a flirtatious feline! Just consider it as a magic love potion.



DOG BREEDS FROM A TO Z

Newfoundland

The Newfoundland resembles a large cuddly bear, but far from being a mere object for affection, it is an accomplished water retriever and lifesaver.

There are two theories about the ancestral origins of the Newfoundland. Some say that they were descendants of Great Pyrenees or the Greater St. John's Dog brought to Newfoundland by Basque fishermen. Others think that they accompanied the Vikings in the tenth century. However they reached Newfoundland originally, they ended up as companions to the Beothuk Indians on the island, and it was on Newfoundland that breed type was set.

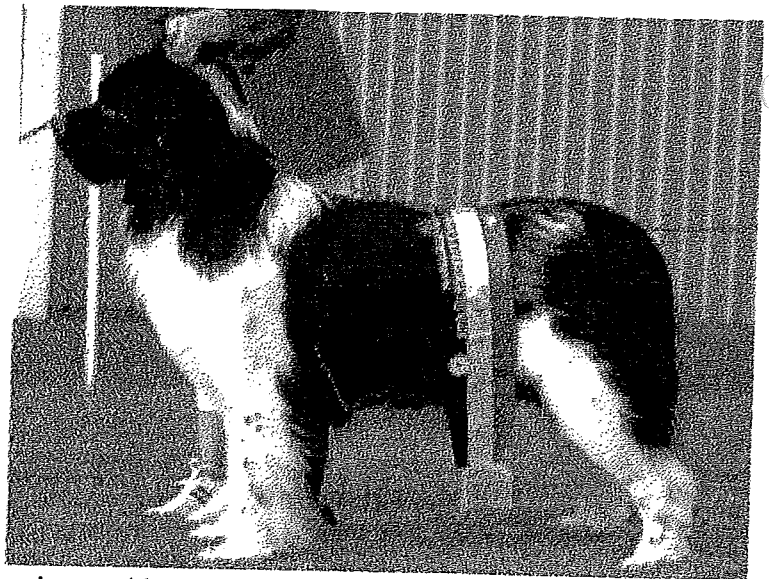
They were used to help fishermen haul nets, and so have developed into excellent swimmers. They were also popular as draft dogs and sea rescue dogs, tasks to which their great strength and outstanding swimming ability made them ideally suited. The Newfoundland was first imported into France and Britain in the eighteenth century and became popular as ships' dogs. The dog Nana in the classic children's tale Peter Pan, was based on the author J.M. Barrie's own Newfoundland.

Height: 26 - 28 in (66 - 71 cm). Weight: 110 - 150 lb (50 - 68 kg). A profuse coat combined with big bones makes the Newfoundland appear to be a stately, ponderous breed. In fact, they are surprisingly light on their feet and should never be too inactive. As puppies, they closely resemble bear cubs, and as they grow, the cuddly label never really disappears. Being of the Mastiff type, they have a massive skull with a short square muzzle. The eyes are small and dark brown, set deeply into the skull and spaced widely. The ears are small and set back on the head to hang closely to the neck. The Newfoundland has a large strong body with a deep chest and powerful legs. The feet have the unusual characteristic of being webbed, a real asset for this water dog.

The coat is double, with a straight, medium-length outer coat that is water-resistant. The undercoat is dense and soft. There are three colors of Newfoundland, the most common being black, but they also come in chocolate or black and white, which is also called Landseer.

The Newfoundland is a wonderful dog to own. It moves around with a powerful grace and is always ready to interact with people. This is a confident dog with a well-balanced attitude to life. Perhaps because of its size, it is very tolerant of children and actively seeks out their company. Although it enjoys boisterous play and is very slow to anger, it is still a very large dog and should not be encouraged to chase and knock people down.

As this dog matures, its interest in active exercise declines but it still should be taken out walking to provide it with mental stimulation. As this dog is difficult to bathe, it is advisable to keep the coat clean by regular brushing. When it is still growing it is vital that it be provided with a well-balanced diet of sufficient calcium and protein to avoid any bone formation problems.



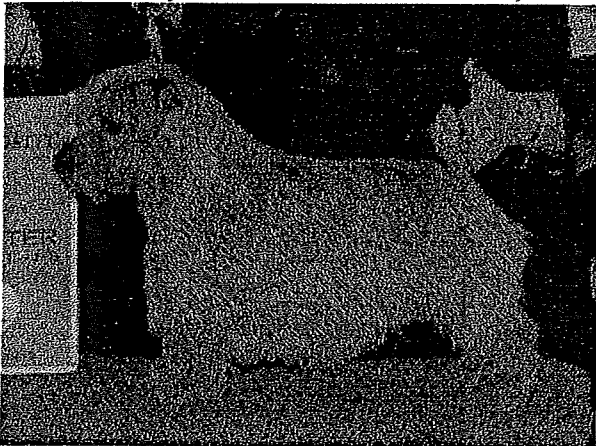
Norfolk Terrier

The Norfolk Terrier is one of the smallest of the working Terriers and also one of the most recently developed.

The Norfolk Terrier wasn't recognized as a distinct breed until 1964 in the UK and 1979 in the US. Previously, they were considered to be a variety of Norwich Terrier. The main difference, and the one that led to the split between the breeds, is ear carriage. Originally, both prick and drop ears were found in the Norwich breed, and they were often inter-bred.

However, this led to indistinct and unpredictable ear carriage, so the cross-breeding was stopped. Unfortunately, this led to dissent between the breeders, so a complete split was inevitable. The Norfolk were developed as ratters and rabbits and often accompanied the hunt.

Height: 10 - 10.25 in (25 - 26 cm) at the shoulder. Weight: 11 - 12 lb (5 - 5.5 kg). The feature that distinguishes the Norfolk Terrier from other closely related breeds is its ear carriage. The Norfolk ear is small, set on the side of the head, and drops forward over the cheeks. Norfolks have a wedge-shaped head with a strong muzzle and keen acquiring eyes. Their neck is relatively long and strong, and the body is long with short, sturdy legs. In the past the tail was always docked to less than 5 cm, but now it is optional to leave the tail intact.



The coat, as with many Terriers, is not soft, but has a harsh outer coat that is longer around the face, underbelly, and legs. There is a wide range of acceptable Norfolk colors with red in various shades being the most popular. Others include black and tan, grizzle, and wheaten.

The Norfolk Terrier may be only small in stature, but it is very large in spirit. This feisty little Terrier most certainly has enough courage to chase and catch rats, but its main tasks now are to alert its owners to the presence of intruders and to act as a constant companion. This dog thrives on the attention provided by its owner and is very anxious to please. To keep the Norfolk Terrier in top condition, it should be given regular games to play in and around the house, and also taken out occasionally.

Kaye's Quiches

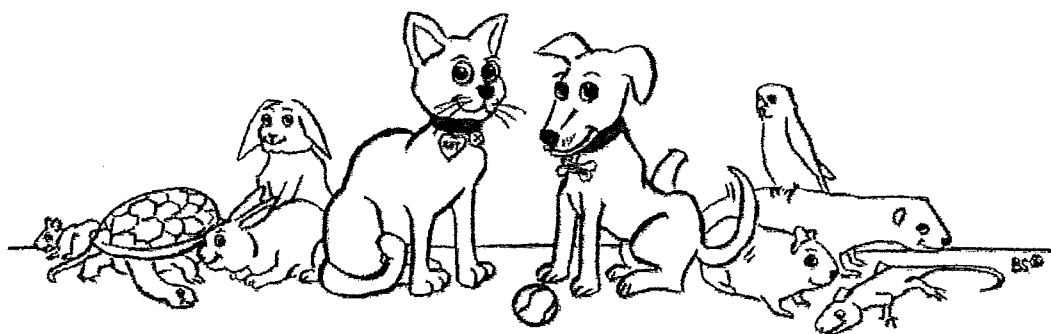
A popular addition to lunches at the Agility/Jumping Trials

Lightly grease a 12-cup muffin tin. Remove the crusts from 12 slices of bread of your choice. Lightly roll the bread slices and place each slice into the muffin tins.

Beat 9 - 12 eggs (depending on size) together with any filling of your choice, i.e. diced bacon, spring onion, finely diced capsicum. Pour egg mix into the muffin tins.

Bake in a moderate oven until golden brown and filling is set.

Kaye Rogers



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Apologies V.Douglas, J.Brophy, W.McCraw, P.Baker, E.Longshaw, B.Lawrence
Acc: P.Gallagher

Seconded: D.Dickeson

Carried

Minutes from the previous General Meeting as distributed in the Newsletter, taken as read
Acc: L.Bruton

Seconded: K.Devlin

Carried

Business arising from the Minutes

1. Tunnels. P. Convery moved "that the Club purchase 2 tunnels at a cost of approximately \$170 per tunnel from Purple Pig."
Sec. C.Humphreys.

Carried

2. Digital Camera.- S. Malady said that the Digital Camera will be purchased at the end of the chocolate fundraiser and will hold off until the end of year sales.

Correspondence Out:

Correspondence In: VCA heat policy, St Johns Lutheran School Fete, Salvation Army Highton Vet Clinic, COGG, M. McMillan. ADTCV (via email)

Business arising from Correspondence

1. The resignation of M.McMillan as Bar Manager was accepted.
Acc: J. Chase

Sec: C. Shields

2. S.Malady to organise with W. McCraw School Fete Demo.

3. S.Malady to organize Red Shield Appeal collection tin.

4. T. Button to place copy of heat policy on notice board.

Treasurer's Report

E Gallagher read written report and asked that all accounts be passed for payment
Acc: L. Kelleher

Seconded: J. Chase

Carried

Other Reports

Canteen Manager (Acting) L. Bruton read written report. Report attached to minutes book.

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

Grounds Manager. T.Button read written report on behalf of V. Douglas. Report attached to minutes book

Publicity Officer. S. Malady read written report. Report attached to minutes book.

Training Supervisor. Report as per newsletter.

Trial Secretary P. Convery read written report. Report attached to minutes book.

Sub-Committee Reports

Acc: J. Convery

Seconded: J. Shields

Carried

General Business

1. T. Button moved " that the remainder of the GODC material shopping bags be distributed to new members."

Seconded. L. Bruton

Carried

2. J. Ball informed members of insurance levy increase. . J. Convery moved "that increase of insurance levy should be at time of membership renewals. That being 1st June 2005."

Seconded P. Gallagher

Carried

3. P. Convery nominated J. Broadbent as new Canteen Manager. 2nd F. Lehmann. Carried

4. D. Dickeson moved " that the club purchase 2 mini walkovers to be used during training sessions."

Seconded. D. Gravalin

Carried

5. The hot water service in the bar area will cost approximately \$750 to replace. As the Club has a Bar license, hot water must be available as by law. L. Kelleher moved "that the club purchase a hot water service from Geelong Hot Water ."

Seconded: J. Shields

Carried

6. T. Gavaghan moved " that a NADAC (Nth American Dog Agility Council) qualification be considered an acceptable criteria for entry to an Agility training class at GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC"

Seconded J. Chase

Carried by Majority

7. E. Gallagher moved "that the Ride-on Mower be repaired by John Deere at a cost of \$550."

Seconded: P. Gallagher

Carried

As there was no further business

Meeting closed: 8:55pm

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership renewals are with us again. All Memberships need to be renewed by Sunday 31st July. There are no exceptions for late renewals; you will be required to pay a joining fee again.

Current vaccination certificates must be sighted with all renewals regardless of when you joined.

Please see the Secretary if there is any reason you are unable to pay your renewal by the due date.