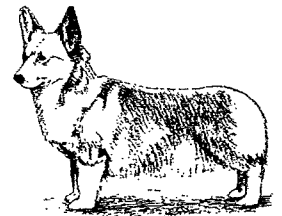
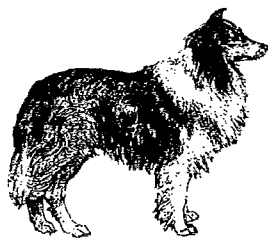
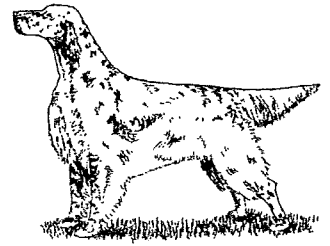
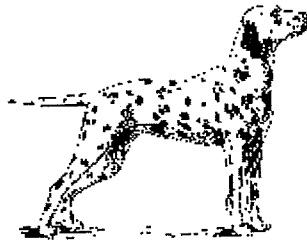
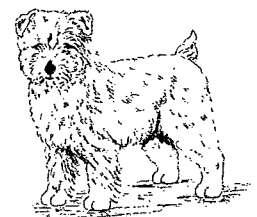
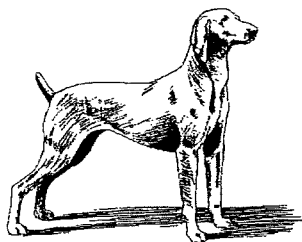


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CLUB CALENDAR

August

Tuesday 2 August
Thursday 4 August
Sunday 7 August

Sunday 14 August
Monday 15 August

Sunday 21 August
Monday 22 August
Saturday 27 August
Sunday 29 August

General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
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. Distribution of Nomination Forms for Training Supervisor and 2 Assistant Training Supervisors. Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc

Normal training

Trial entries close

Trial working bee – to be advised

Normal training. Newsletter available

September

Thursday 1 September
Saturday 3 September

Sunday 4 September
Tuesday 6 September
Sunday 11 September

Monday 12 September

Thursday 15 September
Sunday 18 September

Tuesday 20 September
Sunday 25 September

Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks

Trial working bee – to be advised

Double Open Obedience Trials – NO TRAINING

Committee and Non-Committee nominations close

Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months

Nominations close for Training Supervisor and 2 Assistant Training Supervisors

Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc

Normal training

Life Membership nominations close

PROMOTION DAY. Newsletter available

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Desma Dickeson - Training Supervisor

Andrew Wallace - Assistant Training Supervisor

David Gravalin - Assistant Training Supervisor

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Tina Button

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Trish Gavaghan (Agility)

Betty Lawrence
Fred Lehrmann
Sandy Malady
John Shields
Pam Convery
Sandra McCarthy (Flyball)

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Just when I was getting used to yesterday, along came today

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC

Patron – Mr Fred Lehrmann

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Newsletter closing date for all items – 15th of each month

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well another month has gone by. Membership renewals are underway. Make sure you get yours done before the end of July or you will have to pay a rejoining fee, and we don't want you to do that.

The double Obedience trial has been run and the evening of the Saturday where the new rules were explained to you has also been done. I must thank Fred Lehrmann, for stepping in to host the weekend for me, while I was in Adelaide visiting my Mother and Sister.

Also, don't forget the next promotion day is the 24th of July. The next General meeting is the 2nd of August. If you have something to say about the running of the club come along and have a say.

Jim Ball – President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi everyone

Firstly, a BIG, BIG thank you to everyone who helped with the Trial preparations and especially on the first Trial Day. We had approximately 12mm of rain that day and there were a few soaked people and dogs. It was good to see that training in the rain can pay off. As we are a volunteer Club it's usually all hands on deck, although lately it's been the same people giving up their time.

Our next Trial is on September 4th, (only a few weeks away). Please, if you can spare an hour on the day or at the working bees your help will be greatly appreciated.

I would like to say congratulations to those Members who received Titles and Passes at the Trial and commiserations to those who didn't. There is always next time.

By the time you read this Promotion Day will be over. Let's hope everyone has been training and we have plenty of passes.

That's all for now. Keep smiling

Tina Button – Secretary

TRIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Just a brief report to say thank you to all who helped with the July Trials. The two days were like chalk and cheese. Saturday, people huddled in their cars and on Sunday, pulled out folding chairs to sit in the sunshine. Luckily, we Triallers are made of pretty tough stuff and all the competitors soldiered on regardless. A special thanks to the Stewards who stood out in all conditions to help make these Trials successful and a very special thanks to Janelle and Leonie for once again finalizing rings in record time to get presentations underway. The Office looked like a laundry at one stage on Saturday with score sheets hanging from every imaginable position.

The Dinner on Saturday night, although only attended by a small number, was very informative and I think peaked everyone's interest with the new Class structure for 2006. We are now looking forward to recommencing Tuesday night Trial training in August so we can see how these new Classes will affect our Members.

So, now it is on to September's Trials, when again we will be looking for your help. Don't forget to check the Trial results further on in this Newsletter and see the successes of both Agility and Obedience Members. Well done everyone

Happy training

Pam Convery – Trial Secretary

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teach dog sport, in particular Obedience as well as Agility and Flyball, etc. I noticed a few newer Members who only recently joined, having a look to see what lays ahead of them in their Classes. We might even get 1 or 2 Instructors out of them in the future. Instructing is a very rewarding part of our hobby.

Finally, I would like to thank Pam for giving me the honour to officiate at the presentations, as our President and Vice President were unable to attend due to family matters.

Fred Lehrmann – Club Patron

**Notice is hereby given to all Members of
Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc**

that the

Annual General Meeting

will be held on

Tuesday 4th October 2005

8.00 pm

Clubrooms – Breakwater Road, Belmont Common

All Members welcome to attend

Tina Button – Secretary

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK BUSTER - our Library Mascot - you will see him in his Kennel guarding our shelves. He runs an agony column for FAITHFULLY YOURS.

Dear B.B.

I am only fed **ONCE A DAY**. Since attending G.O.D.C, I have discovered other dogs get a far better deal than I do. **PLEASE HELP.**

STARVATION JANE.

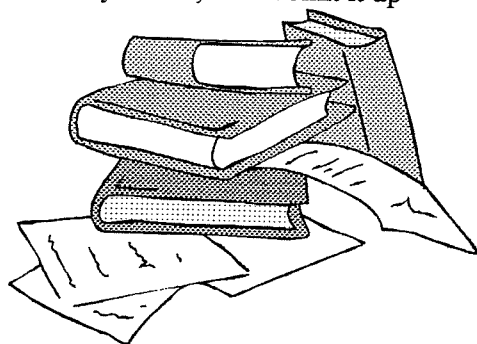
Dear Starvation Jane

Some humans will attempt to feed you just once a day. Pester them persistently for breakfast, lunch, dinner & supper. In-between snacks should also be requested at frequent intervals. Drooling gallons of saliva on a trouser leg (or - even better - on tights)

will encourage your human to provide you with a regular titbit.

HOWEVER BE WARNED!!!!

If your human encourages you to eat after a visit to the vet, treat the contents of your bowl with care. Eat what you can, then vomit it up immediately on the lounge room carpet.



B.B'S BREED REPORT: LABRADORS

Why on earth do you Labradors at G.O.D.C. do as the stupid peasants who think they own you tell you what to do?

This is the **NEW** Competition: Open to all members - **THE B.B. QUIZ**
Important owners of Labradors. Who are they?

Put your results into the Office. The winner scores a fresh Beef Shin Bone to eat alone or share with your dog.

Entries close - August 15TH.

WHAT IS THEIR CLAIM TO FAME - apart from owning a Labrador?

BARBARA CARTLAND

KEVIN COSTNER

TOM CRUISE

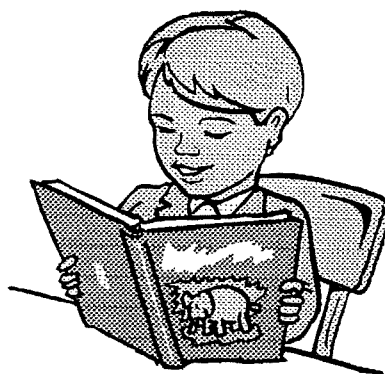
HARRISON FORD

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ED COX.



Book reviews

DONOR: JENNY VIZARD

McLAINE - "Can I pat that dog"?

This would have to be the most delightful and informative child's book about dog sense. Superbly illustrated, written in a language a child can readily understand. A must read for all new parents to our Club.

Library News (continued)

DREWE – “Walking Ella”. I just love this book. If you are looking for training & obedience advice -FORGET IT. This is what we really need to read & think about. Not dogs doing as we tell them - but dogs in literature & more importantly dogs who walk - sometimes - with their people. Especially on Page 69 experience - those of us who are old enough - the story of THE HOBYAS - a Victorian Primary School Experience. Borrow the book & read the story - I was six when we studied it in class.

ROSLIN-WILLIAMS – “Border Terriers today”.

This is a superbly presented book, which encompasses all you need to know about a Border Terrier. O.K. - you don't have a clue what a BORDER TERRIER is - give this book a chance - it has fantastic chapters on caring for your puppy & housing & health care. I reckon it is one of the best breed books I've ever read. Informative, well written & entertaining. Jenny donated it. She has a Border Terrier. Pages 172-174 show her Border's illustrious relatives.

More reviews will follow in the next edition of
FAITHFULLY YOURS

Heel on regardless

Robyn & Peg - Your Librarians

MONEY IS

You aren't wealthy until you have something that money can't buy.

Garth Brooks

All I ask is a chance to prove that money can't make me happy

Spike Milligan

The amount of stuff you actually want to buy, when you can, shrinks a lot. Whereas when I was completely broke, I would have bought anything.

J K Rowlings

Empty pockets never held anyone back. Only empty heads and empty hearts can do that.

Norman Vincent Peale

Money can buy you a great dog, but it won't buy a wag of its tail.

Anonymous

Money is the root of all evil, and yet it is such a useful root that we cannot get on without it anymore than we can without potatoes.

Louse May Alcott

If a dog was the teacher you would learn stuff like:

Sent in by Helen Whitelaw

- *When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.*
- *Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.*
- *Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.*
- *When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.*
- *Let others know when they've invaded your territory.*
- *Take naps*
- *Stretch before rising.*
- *Run, romp, and play daily*
- *Thrive on attention and let people touch you.*
- *Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.*
- *On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.*
- *On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.*
- *When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.*
- *No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout. ! run right back and ke friends.*
- *Delight in the simple joy of a long walk*

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Winners – Practice of Excellence 2001

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

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

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

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

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

When you entrust us with the care of your animal, you can be assured that we will do our very best, and use the best resources to give you the best possible outcome for your animal's health problem. May 2006

Popular Sayings, modified by the Internet

Sent in by Elaine Longshaw

Home is where you hang your @

The E-mail of the species is more deadly than the mail.

A journey of a thousand sites begins with a single click.

You can't teach a new mouse old clicks.

Great groups from little icons grow.

Speak softly and carry a cellular phone.

C: is the root of all directories.

Don't put all your hypes in one home page.

Pentium wise; pen and paper foolish.

Too many clicks spoil the browse.

The geek shall inherit the earth.

A chat has nine lives.

Don't byte off more than you can view.

Fax is stranger than fiction.

What boots up must come down.

Windows will never cease.

In Gates we trust.

Virtual reality is its own reward.

Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach him to use the Net and he won't bother you for weeks.

There's no place like <http://www.home.com>

Know what to expect before you connect.

Oh, what a tangled Web site we weave when first we practice.

Speed thrills.

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May 2006

Use your daily routine to improve your dog's behavior **"But I don't have TIME to train"**

Yes you do. Training doesn't have to involve a long commitment of time. Here's when:

1. During commercial breaks of your TV show - turn the sound down.
2. While your bagel is toasting.
3. While your coffee is brewing or tea is steeping, or the microwave or stove is working on your next meal.
4. While on the phone (remember, you don't need to give commands when you're capturing good behavior).
5. While on the toilet (sits, downs, even "come")
6. Two minutes before your walk - Don't indicate the walk in any way, just start running your dog through his commands. Reward each correct response. After the last one, say, "Good dog! Wanna go for a walk?" and go get the leash. This is a jackpot!
7. Two minutes before the dog gets to go on a car ride. See above.
8. Every time you let the dog in or out a door (ask for "sit" or a "down" before you open the door).
9. Every time you put down a food or water dish (ask for "stay" or "leave it" before releasing them to get it).
10. While playing fetch ask for a "sit" or "down" or other trick before throwing each ball.
11. While your computer is warming up, shutting down, or downloading that slow e-mail or website.
12. When you walk out to pick up the paper or mail (wait at doorways, walk on a loose leash, etc.)
13. Every time you start an interaction with your dog. Don't interact with him unless he is calm and polite - especially when you first come home. Ignore him (pretend he's not there, give him the cold shoulder) if he's being wild or noisy. www.wagnttrain.com

TRIAL RESULTS

Sunbury Agility/Jumping Trial – 2nd July 2005

Open Jumping

Peter Baker Tillsun Master Key CDX AD JD ET (Amigo) Aust Shep Pass

Masters Jumping

Peter Baker Dunnwarren Blue Curacoa CD ADX JDX ET (Poppy) Pass 3rd Place

Border Collie

Best Geelong Member PM

GEE LONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB - Saturday 9 July 2005

Encouragement

J Mayhew Ormslee Kosmic Kali (Kali) Rottweiler NQ 3rd Place

Novice

J & P Convery Goorambat The Manor (Mason) Golden Retriever 3rd Pass 1st Place

CD (Companion Dog Title)

“Highest Scoring Geelong Member”

“Highest Scoring Golden Retriever”

L Wills Sandy Brit (Dusty)

Associate NQ 1st Place

Open

J Chase Tylker Ganesh CD AD JD ET (Cooper) Boxer NQ 3rd Place

Sunday 10 July 2005

Novice

M Breiberg Calsted Regal Dragon (Ben) Collie (Rough) NQ 2nd Place

Handler: F Lehrmann

H Green Ch Wameika Dentelle AD (Bella) Brittany 2nd Pass 3rd Place

Open

L White Coolhand New Orleans Jazz CDX (Jazz) GSP NQ 3rd Place

“Highest Scoring Geelong Member”

V Moeller Voneiffel Aussie Dream CD (Gypsy) Rottweiler 2nd Pass 2nd Place

Broadford Tracking Trial – Saturday 9th July

Debbie Hamilton Glenlusk Buff Beauty (Ben) Golden Retriever TQT

Debbie Hamilton Goldscout Adventuress (Cassie) Golden Retriever TQT

Northern Obedience Dog Club Agility/Jumping Trials – 17th July 2005

Novice Agility

Libby Hotchin Ch Lindenbrae Tarfin Cazaly CD JD (Cady) Border Collie Pass 1st Place

AD (Agility Dog) Title

Fastest Border Collie

Best Geelong Member

Novice Jumping

Anne McCrae Misty Associate Pass 3rd Place

Open Agility

Peter Baker Tillsun Master Key CDX AD JD ET (Amigo) Aust Shepherd Pass 3rd Place

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

Open Jumping

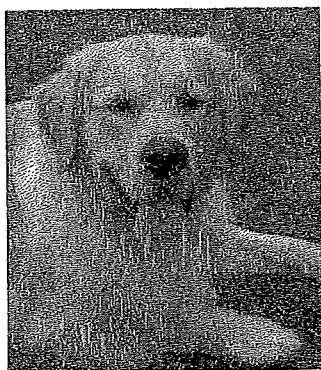
Wendy Gauntlett Willow Branch JD (Willow) Border Collie Pass 2nd Place

Masters Jumping

Trish Gavaghan Lindenbrae Wildrose Tyra ADX JDX (Meg) Border Collie Pass 2nd Place

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

JDM (Masters Jumping) Title - “Poppy’s birthday”



GOORAMBAT THE MANOR CD (MASON)

GOLDEN RETRIEVER

Whelped: 11/6/04

CD – 9/7/05



1 st Pass	Berwick Obedience Dog Club (AM Trial)	15/5/05	193 pts	1 st Place
2 nd Pass	Berwick Obedience Dog Club (PM Trial)	15/5/05	176 pts	5 th Place
3 rd Pass	Geelong Obedience Dog Club	9/7/05	178 pts	1 st Place

"Highest Scoring Geelong Member"

"Highest Scoring Golden Retriever"

Thank you to everyone who helped us along the way to allow us to gain this title at such a young age.

We also thank David & Kerry Cunningham (Goorambat Kennels) for breeding such a beautiful boy with such a wonderful work ethic.

Pam & Janelle Convery

SPONSORS THANK YOU

The Club would like to thank the following businesses for supporting the Club and it's Members recently. Please keep them in mind should you require these services.

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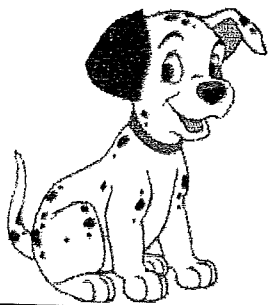
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Also, thank you to our major Trial sponsor

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SPOT'S NEWS IN BRIEF

Membership cards

If you leave your Membership card at home you will need to call into the Office to collect a day pass before you attend Class.

Owners of Male dogs

Please do **NOT** allow your dog to lift their leg on any of the Club's property such as the veranda poles, witches hats or the entrance to any rings set up for training. There are plenty of trees around if they really need to go.

Member's responsibility

It is your responsibility to –

1. Be aware of your dog if you are moving across the veranda. It can be a very busy and confined area, so don't stop chatting and forget you have a dog on the end of the lead.
2. Children are welcome at the Club, but it is your responsibility to maintain supervision at all times. Children should not be wandering through Classes or near the dog boxes as this can be very dangerous.

Grounds Speed Limit

The speed limit on the Ground is 8 kms per hour. Please be aware of dogs and children

Club apparel

With Winter upon us the Club has warm clothing available in the Club colours. Please see Chris in the Equipment Shop for further information

Winter Training

Yes, we train rain, hail or shine. You would be amazed at how many phone calls come through the Office each Sunday when it rains, asking if we are still training. Ninety-nine percent of dogs still love to get out even if it's raining. So put on warm clothes and good footwear and join us for training.

Canteen

The Canteen is available for you as a Member. Hot tea and coffee available after training and the heaters are on in the Clubrooms.

Equipment set up and pack up

Please offer your assistance to your Instructor with the setting up and packing away of equipment. This not only applies to the Trial Members, but also to other Classes where equipment is used. Your help will be appreciated.

Parking areas

The parking area from the end of the Clubrooms to the gate nearest the river is reserved for Committee and Instructors. Please observe this restriction.

OBEDIENCE TRIAL TRAINING

Tuesday night Obedience Trial Training will recommence on **Tuesday 9th August**. Set up 7.00pm. Hope to see you all there.

ALTERNATIVE BEHAVIOURS

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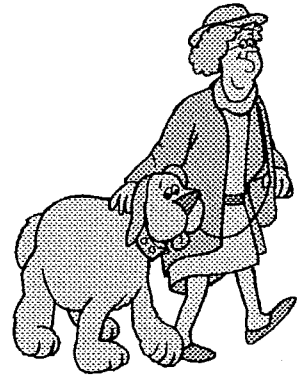
Here's a table with some long-term solutions to many behaviour problems that training an incompatible behaviour can help with.

To Stop:	Train instead:
Jumping on people to greet them	"Sit". Alternatively, train "down", "go to your place" or "Get a toy"
Pulling on a leash	Reward walking on a loose leash. Train the dog to look at you while walking.
Lunging at strangers	Reward walking on a loose leash. Train the dog to look at you while walking. Ask the dog to touch your hand with his nose (see Target Training)
Bark at mail delivery or doorbell	"Go to your place" or "get a toy" - with the sound of the mail being delivered or the doorbell as the cue.
Running through the door	"Wait" or "Sit Stay"
Running away	"Come". Or "sit", "down", "play dead" or any other incompatible behavior
Barking, whining, nudging, scratching, jumping on you, etc., to get your attention	Any trick or action that is less annoying! Be sure that you only respond to your dog when YOU want to. Ideally the dog will only perform these tricks on command, and she will get enough attention, activity and exercise for her to not need to beg for attention.
Begging at the table	"Go to your place"
Barking	"Down" (you can end barking a number of other ways as well)
Making eye contact with other dogs, inciting them to play or aggression	"Pay attention" or hand touch (touch your hand with his nose - see Target training)

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB

DOG WALK-A-THON

& RALLY



Come and enjoy a morning filled
with adventure and find the clues to complete
the course

More information will be provided to you by your
Instructors closer to the date



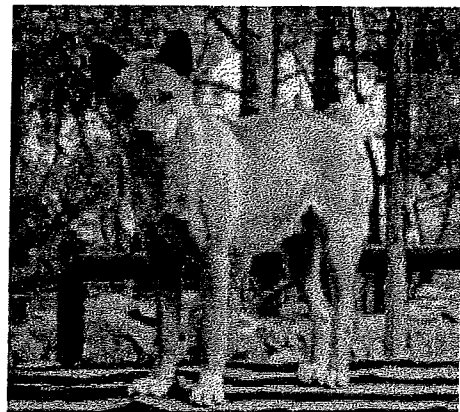
SUNDAY 21st AUGUST

9.30am to 12 Noon

**Eastern Gardens (meeting area
& details to be announced)**

**Sausage Sizzle at end of the
Walk**

**All walk-a-thon money will
be donated to the Save
The Dingoes**



Targeting - What is it?

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A "target" is anything that the dog must focus on and perform some action towards. I usually introduce the idea of a target when I reward a dog for touching my palm, but it has really started earlier than that. Attention is a form of targeting, where the dog is focusing her gaze on your face (or hands). "Come" is a form of targeting in which the dog must find the area right in front of you. In agility, dogs must step within a certain safety area called a contact zone on many obstacles, to prove that they are dismounting correctly and not just flying off the top of a high dog-walk or A-frame.

The dog can show her focus on the target in many ways. The most common are a nose-touch or a paw-touch. Actors - both human and animal - have "marks" on the stage where they must stand. Placing feet on a mark is a form of targeting. At the dolphin lab where I used to train, the dolphins could touch a target with their rostrum [nose], front flipper, or tail fins. Or they could "target" an object by spitting water at it, opening their mouths around it, jumping over it, or swimming under it belly-up.

What's it used for?

There are many specialized uses for targeting. In competition obedience, a dog is trained to move away from the handler on a "go out" in targeting. They're also asked to retrieve certain objects. As mentioned above, agility competitors must touch a contact target. Actors must find their marks. What about pet dogs? Two of the best uses for targeting is teaching a dog to walk by your side, and to go to her bed on command. It's possible to teach a dog to walk at your side just by rewarding her for doing so (and of course removing the reward for walking anywhere else), but it may be that "at your side" is too vague for many dogs. If they have something to focus on, they can immediately know where they're supposed to be. So, if you teach your dog to follow your hand (or a stick in your hand, for a shorter dog) with her nose, she will be perfectly placed and ready to reap your rewards.

There are many times when you might want to send your dog away from you. Maybe you have guests coming over and want to greet them at the door without your dog's help. Maybe the kids are having a messy birthday party, or everyone's sitting on the ground to enjoy a barbeque. Wouldn't it be nice to cue your dog to "go to bed" and have her find her special pillow or crate to curl up for a while? Finding and moving to a special place are forms of targeting. Sometimes you just want to get your dog to move to a particular place - up on the couch next to you, on to the floor, maybe just scooting over a few inches to make room for someone else. Targeting will help.



Targeting is the first step of retrieving, as well. Your dog can't bring something to you if she can't find it first - and it doesn't matter if it's a ball, Frisbee, or stick, or your car keys, TV remote, or missing cordless phone.

You can use targeting to start a lot of "tricks", too. You can teach a dog to spin a circle or push doors closed by following a target with a nose, and you can teach a paw wave or pushing a lever with a paw-touch on a target. You can easily groom a dog who is keeping her nose or feet on a

Targeting – what is it? (continued)

target. "Hearing ear" dogs for the deaf often touch their partners with a paw to alert them to phones, doorbells, or fire alarms. You can teach your dog to run to a door or to a certain part of the yard at the sound of your own smoke alarm.

A lot of dogs have a good time just finding and touching the target when it's presented as a challenging game. One dog I know loves to run over to his target, touch it emphatically, then run back at the sound of the clicker to get his treat or praise. Many other dogs love to jump up to touch a high target, just like a killer whale in an aquarium show, or compete in a speed game to see how quickly they can get their nose or paw to the target you surprise them with!

How do you train it?

The beginning of target training takes advantage of the dog's natural curiosity. Most dogs will sniff or even touch your palm if you hold it out to them - especially if you've just been handling food treats. Simply click and reward your dog for each touch. It helps if you hold it close to their nose, maybe just below their nose level. If you want to eventually transfer the nose-touch to some inanimate object - like a target stick, sticky note (such as a Post-It©), or margarine lid, simply put some food smell on that, too, and hold it cupped in your hand when you start.

To train the paw touch, move your hand around in short, jerky movements low to the ground near the dog's paws, or hold a treat under your hand. Most dogs will paw at this. Again, click and reward for each touch.

Repeat this a few times. See if your dog gets more confident in her touches. I've found that many dogs, even those with some experience with "making you click", act as if they don't believe that simply touching your hand will work. Make sure you reward this easy first step quite a few times before making it any harder.

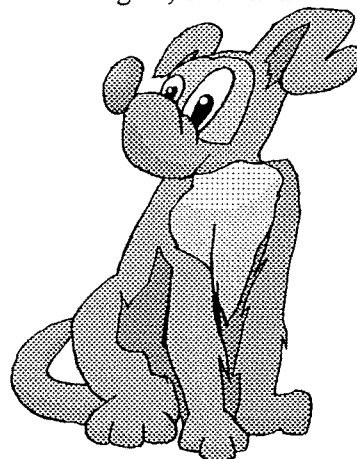
Once you have the initial touching fairly confident, hold the target out a little bit further - a few inches away, or just enough for the dog to really stretch out her neck (or leg) to touch it. Click and reward those touches, repeating a few times.

Now start varying the position of the target relative to the dog, and relative to you, and you relative to the dog. Hold it out slightly to one side, then the other; hold it an inch or two above or below the original level. Hold the target out while you stand, sit, or kneel; while you face the dog or have the dog at your side. Make it clear that it's touching the target that is causing the click and reward, not any of the other factors your dog is seeing.

Are you willing to bet that your dog will touch the target at any one time? Then add a cue, like "Touch!", "Target!", or "Paw it!", or a hand signal like touching the target yourself with two fingers of the other hand. Add the cue just before you think the dog will do it, to form the association between the cue and the action.

Stationary Targets vs. Moving Targets

There are two different types of targets: stationary and moving ones. Stationary targets stay where they are, and the dog must move to reach them and then can stay put there. Moving targets move around, and the dog must follow them. The actor's mark, the agility contact zone, and the dog's bed are all stationary targets that the dog must move to in order to touch. Your hand, your front, your eyes, and target sticks are all moving targets. The dog must move to follow your hand or target



Targeting – what is it? (continued)

stick as you walk or lead her around. The dog must come towards you to target your front on a "come" command, and move to your line-of-sight to pay attention to you.

Stationary and moving targets can be initially trained the same way, but the more advanced steps differ slightly. To train a stationary target, you want to start each repetition by moving the dog further away from the target (or the target further away from the dog) and get her used to taking first one, then two, then several steps towards it to make contact and get clicked and rewarded. You can set up a few trials where the treat is waiting at the target when the dog gets there, too.

To train a moving target, start moving the target slowly as the dog approaches it so that she has to follow it. Start with having her follow it for a second, then for two, then several, before she gets her click and treat.

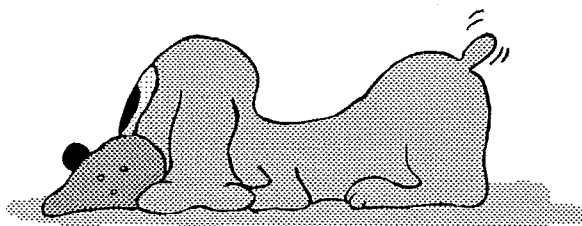
For both types of targets, gradually build up the distance or difficulty, occasionally throwing in an easier (shorter) practice, and being sure to "jackpot" especially good successes.

Fading the Target

For some actions, you won't ever need to take away the target. Your front and eyes will always be there for your dog to find on a "come" or "pay attention". Your dog's bed or crate will always be there for her to trot over to when you ask her to go there.

For other actions, you'll want to fade away the target. You probably don't want to walk with your hand or target stick in front of your dog's nose. If you're teaching a paw wave or head shake you'll want the dog to move her body without having to follow your target. So you'll need to fade it away.

You can make it less relevant by making it smaller (cutting down the margarine lid, shortening the target stick, or fading your palm to a few fingers) or by holding it further away, while still rewarding the dog for following through with the actions you want. In fact, the less relevant you make the target, the more you want to reward the action. You're shifting the importance from following the target with nose or paw to completing the action in the absence of the target.



ADVERTISING RATES FOR “FAITHFULLY YOURS”

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1 edition		\$10.00

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FIRST AID SEMINAR

SUNDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2005

1.00pm to 3.00pm

Conducted by
Dr Peter Bond
Bannockburn Veterinary Clinic

Proposed topics

Canine emergency first aid
Snake bite

Poisons

Shock treatment



\$7.00 per person
includes a sausage sizzle lunch

Book early as there will be a limit of 40 people
(without dogs)

Bookings close on Sunday 11th September

NAME _____

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CLOSED

Christmas Day, New Year's Day and
Good Friday

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).

Bring your pet, any special requirements and current vaccination certificate. This is very important so that we know that your pet is covered and as a safeguard to the other animals in care. Bedding, Feed Dishes and Toys are supplied by Jirrahlinga.

Discount offered to Geelong Obedience Dog Club Members for dog boarding - upon presentation of your current Membership Badge and proof of ownership of dogs, eg Council Registration paper May 2006

Games Dogs Love

That will make both of you happier

There are many reasons to play games with your dog. It will strengthen your relationship. It will keep the dog from getting bored, which will keep him from things you don't want him doing, and make him healthier. Many of the games described here will actually help train your dog. It's important that you can establish control of your dog even when he's very excited. And finally, most people get a dog for companionship -- isn't playing with your dog the whole point? One thing to keep in mind is your attitude while playing. Most dogs will have fun if it's clear you're having fun, too.

Games as Rewards

Remember that any activity that your dog likes but which you control can be used as a reward for good behavior. Use a favorite game like tug or fetch to reward recalls, long stays and exemplary bouts of loose-leash walking!

Hide and Go Seek

When you are out of sight of your dog, call her to you. You can either use your normal "recall" command or just her name. Be very excited when she arrives. Start making it more difficult by "hiding" behind doors, couches, etc. If she doesn't find you at first, call her again. If your dog is

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very good at "stay" you can use this to keep her in place while you hide. Some dogs will use their noses for this task, others will just look. Most of them will learn a faster recall. This is a great game for kids to play with dogs, as long as the kids don't encourage the dog to chase them. (I played this for hours with my first dog when I was young!)

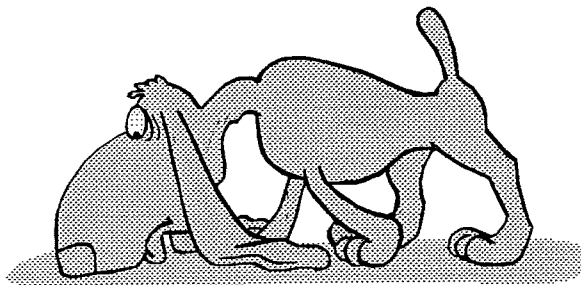
Treasure Hunt

Put your dog in a down-stay and place a treat (food or toy) within sight. Return to your dog and release her, and encourage her to go to the treat -- she can eat it or play with it.

Repeat this, varying where you put the treat.

Next time, "hide" the treat where the dog can't see it, but she can see you putting it there (behind a piece of furniture, for example). Release her, and let her get the

treat (show her if necessary). Next, hide the treat in further away, then in another room, out of sight, and if she stays in her "stay" let her find it. You can increase the distance, difficulty, and even number of treats (several small food bits) as your dog gets better at "stay". This is especially good for dogs that have begun to learn "stay" but are nervous about having their people go out of sight. (Thanks to Janet A. Smith for this one!)



Clean Up Your Toys

Get a box or bucket and collect a number of toys and other dog-safe items (don't start with things your dog likes to hoard or that you don't want them *ever* touching). Scatter the toys in a small pile on the floor. Through shaping and teasing, get the dog to pick up the items one at a time, and place them in your hand. Once the dog is lifting the items high enough to get your hand underneath to receive, you are well started. Be sure to reward each "gift" with a food treat. Make it harder and harder to put stuff in your hand, while maintaining the fun of this "return for refund" game. Each item retrieved is dumped into the bucket. The dog will leave harder ones for later, so over time make substitutions that make the items increasingly difficult for the dog. Some dogs take the leap and start putting things directly into the bucket themselves. (Thanks to Diana Hilliard for this one!)

Simon Says

If you have the right attitude, you can make obedience training a game. Let your dog prove how clever she or he is by sitting when you say "sit", lying down when you say "down", etc. Try it when your eyes are closed, your back is to the dog, or you are in a different position like lying down or even standing on your head! Mix up "drop it", "take it/get it", "hold it", and "leave it".

Fetch

Some dogs are natural fetchers, others are not. All can learn to enjoy this game. Be sure to teach and practice "drop it" first. If your dog refuses to return the ball (and this is pretty instinctive!), or drops it too far away, end the game in disgust. Don't turn "fetch" into "keep away"! "Fetch" can be shaped by rewarding interest in a toy, then approaching a toy, then touching it, then mouthing it, then picking it up. Use a clicker to click-and-treat faster retrieves, catches in the air, or a neater return.

Tug of War

The secret to playing this game successfully is for you, the human, to control it. For this game, choose one particular toy that will be used as your tug rope (don't use one of your socks, or food

Games dogs love (continued)

items, or the leash!). Never play tug with any other toy. You start the game by picking up the toy and encouraging your dog to also pick it up. Give a particular cue that the game has started, like "Let's tug!". Some dogs will refuse to do this with you, especially if they've been punished for tugging in the past. You can start small by clicking and treating them for holding one end while you hold the other. However, tugging is instinctive for dogs (it's a cooperative act in packmate feeding) so your dog should catch on quickly. Tug a few times, then tell your dog "drop it". (You can use the same cheerful tone of voice you use for "sit" or "come"). You can reward him for dropping it with either a treat or another round of tug (preceded by "Let's tug!").

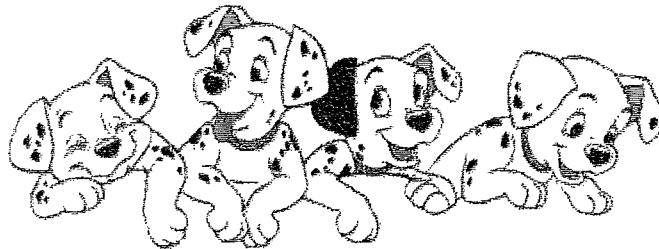
Make sure that you end the game if your dog gets too rough or agitated. Simply ask for "drop it", praise for it, and put the toy away. If the dog refuses to let go, you let go of your end and walk away (it takes two to tug). Don't try to take the toy back because that will be starting the game over. Ignore the dog if she or he tries to start the game. Wait until she or he has stopped bugging you and is doing something you want to reward (even if that's lying quietly). Practice Tug - Drop it - Tug - Drop it. If the dog starts anticipating and grabs the toy, drop your end and leave in disgust. You decide when the game is over; reward the last "drop it" and then put the toy away where the dog can't get it.



Some books will warn against this because of the fear that the dog will try to establish dominance, or that the dog will refuse to drop other items. Dogs and wolves do not try to establish dominance through tug-of-war games, and the fact that **you** start and stop it the game at **your** will maintains your "dominance". If your dog has a problem with guarding items or refuses to drop things, work on that first. One way to train "drop it" is to give the dog a large item to hold, then offer a very desirable treat in exchange. Be patient -- don't try to chase the dog around, offering the treat (why should the dog take food from you when getting chased by you is so much fun? See "Keep Away", below). When the dog goes for the treat, click as soon as the toy is dropped and give the treat. Don't grab for the toy yourself. If the dog picks it up again, try another exchange. When the dog is dropping the toy regularly, start giving the cue "drop it" before each treat offer.

Keep Away

Like tug-of-war, this is a fun game your dog will enjoy while you continue to establish control. Again, choose **one** item. Give it to your dog and give some cue like "keep away!" (**Jean Donaldson** and I use "I'm gonna GET ya!"). It helps to use consistent body language, too -- exaggerated stalking or reaching pose. Chase your dog, repeating your cue. End with an "OK, good dog!" and then ignore any of her or his attempts to get the game started again. Remember, **you** start the game and you end it.



GENERAL MEETING

7th June 2005

Meeting opened: 8:05pm

Apologies B. Lawrence, J. Brophy, P & E Gallagher, L. Bruton, H. Read, P. Hogben, M. McNair
Acc: P. Pope

Seconded: C. Devlin

Carried

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

Acc: D. Dickeson

Seconded: C. Shields

Carried

Business arising from the Minutes

1. 2 Tunnels, digital camera, mini walkovers and Hot Water service were purchased as discussed in previous General Meeting.

Correspondence Out:

Correspondence In: RASV x2, VitaPower, Cadbury, National Pen, Delta Update, ADTCV, Barbara Thorogood, Margaret Liddy.

Business arising from Correspondence

1. RASV. P. Convery moved "that the club donate a Best Open Bitch Sash at this years-Royal Melbourne Show Obedience Trial."

Seconded: D. Dickeson

Carried

Other Reports

Grounds Manager Read Written Report. Report attached to minutes book.

Publicity Officer Read Written Report . Report attached to minutes book.

Training Supervisor. Read Written Report. Report attached to minutes book.

Trial Secretary. Read Written Report . Report attached to minutes book.

Acc: P. Baker

Seconded: V. Douglas

Carried

General Business

1. ADTCV. J. Ball discussed options for Insurance Cover as covered by ADTCV general meeting. Copy of the minutes in Correspondence In Folder. A Decision as to which option to select is required to be made at the next ADTCV General Meeting in July. After much deliberation Members decided to allow the committee to make the final decision at the next Committee Meeting on the 4th July.
2. F. Lehrmann discussed the funeral of Obedience Judge Clive Gibson. "A fitting final tribute to a wonderful man." GODC sent flowers to the Gibson Family.
3. B. Davey moved "that GODC send sympathy card to Dr J Ayerve on the passing of his wife."

Carried

As there was no further business

Meeting Closed: 8:50pm

DOG BREEDS FROM A TO Z

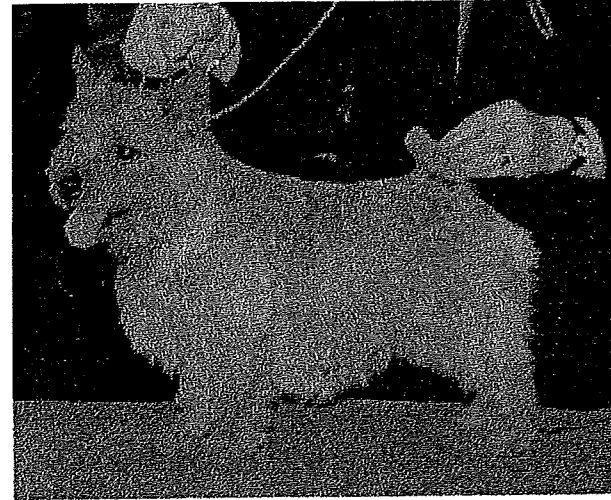
Norwich Terrier

The Norwich Terrier is one of the native breeds of England and was developed in the 1800s in the area of East Anglia.

The Norwich Terrier has an interesting past. They were probably developed from crosses between Border, Cairn, and Irish and Yorkshire Terriers, and were used for hunting rats and rabbits. In the 1870s, a man called Charles "Doggy" Lawrence started a fashion amongst Cambridge undergraduates by selling them "Red Terrier" pups which after many years went on to become the Norwich Terrier. The breed became known as the Cantab Terrier, because of this association.

Like many breeds, the Cantab was decimated during the First World War, and in the early twentieth century it was revived by a trio of dedicated breeders in England. This was the first time that any sort of formal breeding program had been used on this breed. There are many claims about the exact date of origin of the breed, with people citing paintings by two artists, Dychmans and Hepper, which contain dogs of the Norwich Terrier type.

The Norwich and Norfolk Terriers are almost indistinguishable in type and size, apart from a difference in ear set. Height: 10 - 10.25 in (25 - 26 cm). Weight: 11 - 12 lb (5 - 5.5 kg).



The Norwich has prick or erect ears that sit on the top edge of the skull. The skull itself is broad and the muzzle wedge-shaped, while the eyes and nose are both small and black. The chunky neck joins a long robust body and short muscular legs. The coat has a harsh outer layer that is short on the back, top of the head, and tail. Red in various shades is the most common coat color, although the Norwich can also be black and tan, grizzle, or wheaten. The tail is customarily docked very short.

The Norwich Terrier behaves very similarly to the Norfolk Terrier. This is a dog formerly used to catch rats, which is now used almost solely as a companion animal. If this dog is to be kept in the house, it may be wise to sterilize it if it is a male. This course of action will lessen the chance of it marking its territory by urinating on the furniture. The Norwich Terrier is a playful little dog with most endearing ways.

Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever

The Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, or the Toller as it is colloquially known, is used to lure or toll birds within range of the hunter's gun. This is a trait that is borrowed straight from the wily fox.

The history of this breed is totally obscure. If anyone knows which breeds were used in its development they remain silent. Whatever the origin, the Toller appeared on the horizon in the late nineteenth century in Yarmouth County, Nova Scotia. The Canadian hunters had noticed that foxes sometimes lured their prey close to the edge of the water by playing on the bank - this is one case where curiosity does kill the duck.

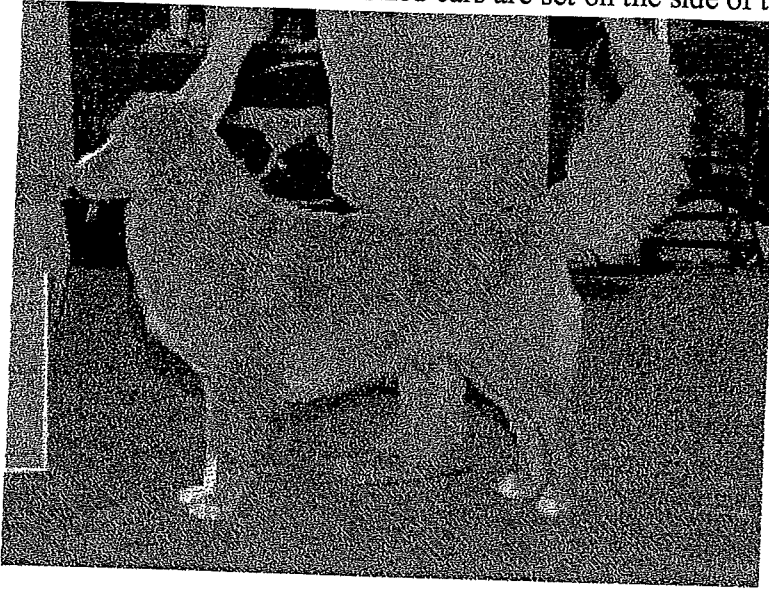
They developed the Toller to duplicate this activity, and then to double as a retriever when the duck was shot. The dogs have never been widespread outside their native land, but are starting to become popular throughout the world. Tollers can now be found in the US, the UK, and Australia.

Dog Breeds from A to Z (con't)

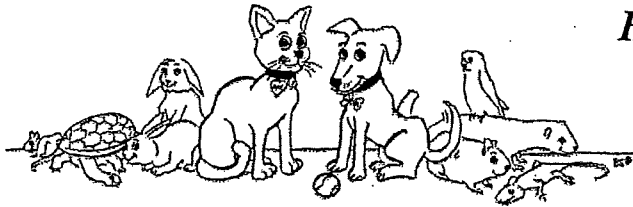
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever (con't)

The Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever is a medium-sized dog. Height: 17 - 21 in (43 - 53 cm). Weight: 37 - 51 lb (17 - 23 kg). The Toller almost resembles the fox that it emulates. It has a richly colored coat that can be pale to dark red, with paler feathering on the chest, underside and back of the legs.

The Toller has a wedge-shaped head with dark brown eyes and a brown or liver nose. The nose color is in harmony with the coat. The medium-sized ears are set on the side of the skull and hang down the sides of the head. The stocky body is slightly longer than the dog is tall, but does not appear elongated. The coat is medium-length, with longer hair on the chest, neck, ears, legs, and tail. The tail is bushy and is carried low.



The Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever makes a good all-round dog for the owner who likes the outdoors. This dog thrives on the attention its owner gives, and it is most happy in its retrieving function. In most cases, this dog makes a good family companion, but it is still wise to socialize it with children when it is a puppy. The Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever can make a good watch-dog as long as it is encouraged to bark just at the sounds you consider important.



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NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Included with this Newsletter is the notice for our Annual General Meeting and Nomination Forms to nominate or be nominated for the Committee positions as listed below. All Committee positions become vacant at the Annual General Meeting and those current Committee Members wishing to re-stand must nominate again.

Nominations close on **Tuesday 6th September**. Nomination forms must be completed correctly (one position per form) and placed in the ballot box in the Clubrooms prior to the closing date

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1 x President 2 x Vice Presidents 1 x Secretary
1 x Treasurer 1 x Trial Secretary/Assistant Secretary

(Executive Committee Members must be Members of the Victorian Canine Association. If you wish to stand for one of these positions, but are not a VCA Member, there is provision for the Club to pay your VCA Membership Fees)

GENERAL COMMITTEE

There are six (6) General Committee vacancies for which you can nominate, but at the first Meeting of the new Committee each of those Members must be prepared to accept one of the following positions

Canteen Manager Hall Manager Publicity Officer
Social Secretary Grounds Manager
Equipment Manager/Assistant Grounds Manager

NON-COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Nominations are also called for the following Non-Committee positions. If you wish to nominate for any of the following positions, please use the Nomination Form provided and place the completed for in the Ballot Box in the Clubrooms.

Nominations close for ALL positions on **Tuesday 6th September**.

Librarian Bar Manager Display Team Leader Shop Manager
Newsletter Editor Training Manager Web Master

LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS

Nominations are also called for Life Membership of the Club. If there is someone you think is worthy of Life membership who meets the criteria, write a brief resume and hand it, in a sealed envelope addressed to "The Chairperson, Life Membership Sub-Committee", to the Secretary no later than

Tuesday 20th September 2005

Life Membership Criteria – 'any person, after a period of 5 years continuous Membership, may be appointed as a Life Member of the Club in recognition of services rendered to the Club. However, under exceptional circumstances the 5-year period may be waived'.

NOMINATION FORM

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Members can complete one or all of the above nomination forms, but remember if they are not filled in completely they will be invalid. Please use a separate nomination for each position. Nomination forms are to be placed in the Ballot box no later than 28 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.