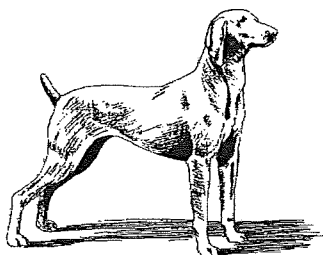
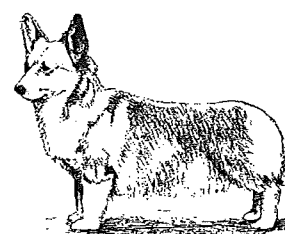
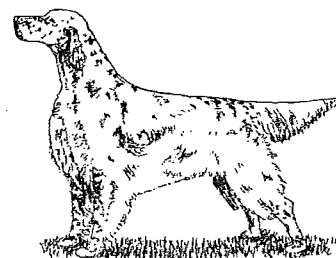
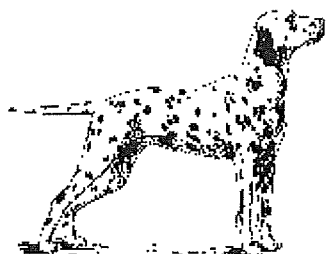


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CLUB CALENDAR

November

Thursday	3 November	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8- 16 weeks
Sunday	6 November	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Sunday	13 November	Normal training
Monday	14 November	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm. Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Tuesday	15 November	Newsletter closes for articles, report, etc
Sunday	20 November	Normal training. End of Year Awards closing date
Sunday	27 November	Normal training. Newsletter available.

December

Sunday	4 December	Normal training
Tuesday	6 December	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Sunday	11 December	PROMOTION DAY
Sunday	18 December	Last day of training for 2005
Thursday	22 December	Office closes

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THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

If you are unfit and overweight your dog is not getting enough exercise

My goal in life is to be as good of a person my dog already thinks I am.
Unknown

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then giving Fido only two of them.
Phil Pastoret

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well another month is nearly over. By now you should all have received the last Newsletter. Well, the AGM has been and gone for another year. For those of you who attended the AGM I thank you. I would like to welcome the newcomers to the Committee, Robyn Everett, who has accepted the position of Treasurer. David Gravalin, who is the 2nd Vice- President. Also to Leonie Kelleher, our Social Secretary, Janelle Convery, who has taken on the job of Trial Secretary. Pam Convery who has gone from Trial Secretary to Secretary. Tina Button who has taken on the job as 1st Vice-President. The people from last year filled all the other positions.

Keep in mind that we do still need help in running our Trials and also to come along to our Social functions. The next one is the Christmas Party on Friday the 9th of December. Remember it is your club so come along and support these functions. I'm sure Leonie will get a few things happening over the next 12 months.

With the onset of Summer coming on don't forget daylight saving and to keep an eye out for snakes. If you can see our Ground's Manager Victor and see if there is something you can do to help as in cutting grass around the perimeter and between the trees. It is for your safety as well as everyone else's.

Jim Ball - President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi everyone

Welcome to my second last report for the year. Christmas has come around really quickly, particularly when you see all the decorations, etc in the shops. If you call into the Club's Equipment Shop you will see Chris has some great gifts for your canine companions who like to see their present under the Christmas tree too.

Don't forget the Christmas collections currently underway. Each year we have collected for the Lost Dogs Home to assist with the great work they do, so add a tin of dog food or packet of dry food to the boxes in the Clubrooms. On the last day of training (18th December) we will invite a representative from the Lost Dogs Home down to receive your donations. The second collection is towards the Club's Christmas Hamper Raffles, which Bernie will run through December so your contribution there will be appreciated.

Another major event coming up is the Club's "Christmas Party in the Club house" on Friday 9th December. Tickets are \$20.00 per head for a two-course meal and a great nights DJ entertainment, plus prizes to be won. So, get some friends together and start off the Christmas season with a night at the Club. You will need to Leonie or the Office and purchase your tickets by Sunday 4th December.

Of course, on the following Sunday 11th December is our last Promotion Day for the year and what a great Christmas present it would be to receive a Certificate on the last day of training. So, lots of short session practices between now and then and you too will end the training year on a high.

Lastly, once again the Club will be taking part in the Gala Day Parade – watch for further information shortly. There is a new route for the Parade and it's later this year so as soon as it's finalised we will let you know the details. If you are available on Gala Day, join in the Club group, it's a great way to show off well-behaved dogs and promote the Club at the same time.

Happy training

Pam Convery – Secretary

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TRIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hello everyone

With the Trial season drawing to a close I think most of our Trialling Members are looking forward to the break. It has been a very successful year for some of our Members who all worked very hard at either Agility/Jumping training on a Monday night or Obedience training on a Tuesday night as well as Sunday mornings. There have also been successes in Tracking, Endurance and Herding.

Would all Trialling Members please remember that the End of Year Awards close on Sunday 20th November. Check that your name is on the list for Title Medallions, don't just assume that it has been done, and hand in copies of your pass cards for End of Year Trophies.

If anyone is interested in donating Specialty Sashes for next years Trial, read the information below. The four Agility/Jumping Trial weekend in April and the four Obedience Trials weekend in July have been confirmed by the VCA. These should prove to be great weekends but as usual we will be looking for your help to make them successful, so please don't just look for the glory, be part of the working team as well.

Happy Trialling

Janelle Convery – Trial Secretary



Members are invited to donate a Highest Scoring Sash for their particular breed at either our

Agility/Jumping Trials in April 2006

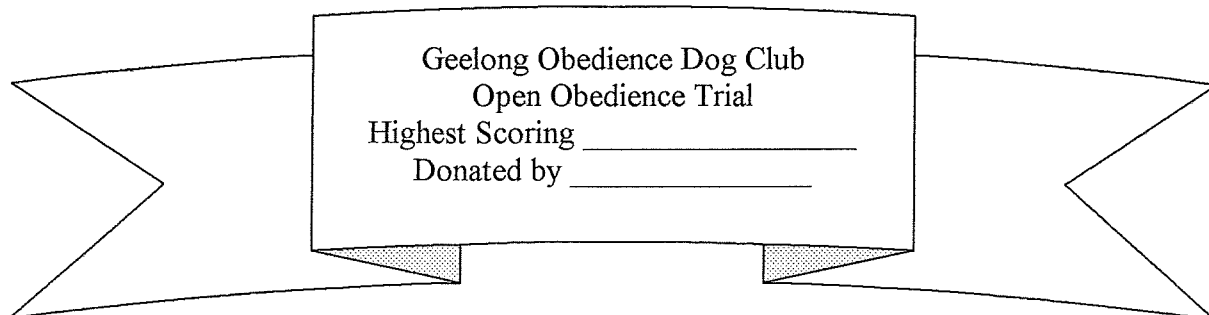
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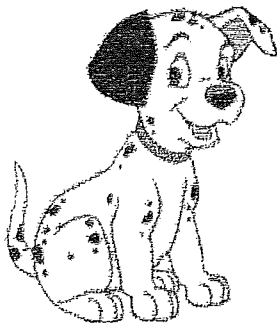
Open Obedience Trials in July 2006

The cost is approximately \$15.00 per sash

Please see our Trial Secretary, Janelle for further details and to see the colour chart. Closing date for orders

Sunday 18th December





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.

Members please note

When you are walking behind cars and in particular cars where the Instructor's and Committee park, please keep a reasonable distance from the cars. The dogs in those cars should not have to feel the need to protect their cars because Members are walking so close.

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

Promotion Day

The next Promotion Day is Sunday 11th December.

Equipment Shop

Check out our Equipment Shop Specials page further on in the Newsletter for some bargains

Calendars

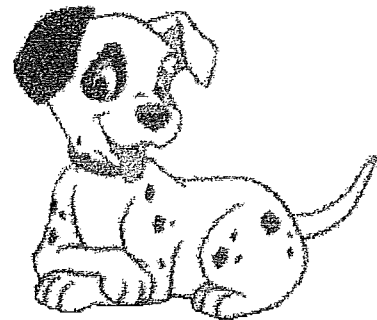
Don't forget to order your Calendar. Sizes and prices are on the notice board. Put your favourite photo into an envelope, write on the front – your name and your order and drop it into the Office with your payment. Orders close on 27th November for delivery on Sunday 11th December.

Two special collections

Lost Dogs Home – add a non-perishable item to our collection for a very worthy cause.

Christmas Hamper - our Raffle Steward, Bernie would appreciate any non-perishable donations so we can raffle Christmas Hampers in the last few weeks of training. All proceeds from our Raffles go towards adding new books to our Library.

Boxes are in the Clubrooms for both collections.



How To Make A Puppy Pie

[Elaine Longshaw]

Take one puppy, roll and play until lightly pampered, then add the following ingredients:

- 1 cup patience
- 1 cup understanding
- 1 pinch correction

- 1 cup hard work
- 2 cups praise
- 1 1/2 cups fun

Blend well. Heat with warmth of your heart until raised or until puppy has doubled in size. Mix with owner until consistency is such that owner and puppy are one.

“Weird”

Sent in by Elaine Longshaw

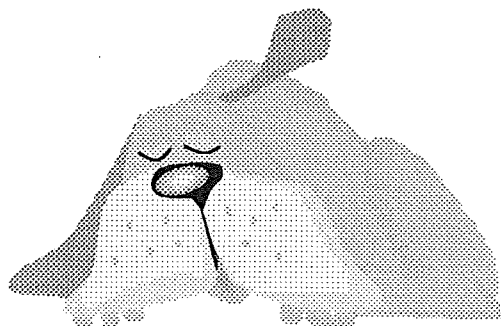
Year 1981

1. Prince Charles got married
2. Liverpool crowned Champions of Europe
3. Australia lost the Ashes
4. Pope Died

Year 2005

1. Prince Charles got married (again)
2. Liverpool crowned Champions of Europe (again)
3. Australia lost the Ashes (again)
4. Pope Died

In future, if Prince Charles decides to re-marry and Liverpool wins another European crown.... please warn the Pope and Aussie cricket team!



DID YOU KNOW

When Good Things End

The trouble with forming a deep attachment is the pain it causes when it ends. The life expectancy of a dog is so much shorter than that of a person, that the loss of a dog is likely to be faced several times in the lifetime of a dog lover.

Although it is considered normal to mourn the loss of another person, society is much less kind when it comes to the very natural similar mourning for a companion animal. When the animal is special, either because of its attributes or because it is continually involved in the day-to-day activities of the owner, the loss of the animal is very difficult to bear. The death of a pet can be a serious emotional upheaval and remarks such as: “It’s only a dog. You can easily get another one”, are insensitive and difficult to forgive in a person who probably finds it impossible to openly admit to feelings of grief.

Fortunately a number of medical papers have been published, notably since 1970, on various aspects of bereavement, and the work of Dr Colin Murray Parkes in particular seems to have led towards a better appreciation of the way in which people can be made ill following the loss of a companion animal.

In 1989 Dr James Harris, a Californian vet who specializes in grief counseling, received the Bustad Companion Animal Veterinarian Award, which is given for outstanding leadership in promoting the human-animal bond. In the same year, the PRO Dogs national charity in Britain started a limited service to provide counseling to help unhappy people come to terms with the loss of a beloved dog.

Trial Results

State Tracking Trial – Haddon – 10/9/05

Debbie Hamilton Glenlusk Buff Beauty (Ben) Golden Retriever Test 1

Ballarat Obedience Dog Club Agility/Jumping Trial - 18/9/05

Novice Jumping (morning)

Roy & Betty Lawrence	Tearleen Madam Mizelle ET (Yoda) Boxer	3 rd Pass	3 rd Place TITLE
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Novice Jumping (afternoon)

Helen Green	Ch Wameika Dentelle CD AD (Bella) Brittany	2nd Pass	2nd Place
Roy & Betty Lawrence	Tearleen Madam Mizelle ET (Yoda) Boxer	Pass	3 rd Place

Open Jumping (afternoon)

Jenny Chase	Tylker Ganesh CD AD JD ET (Cooper) Boxer	1 st Pass	6 th Place
Peter Baker	Tillsun Master Key (Amigo) CDX JDX ADX Aust Shepherd	Pass	2 nd Place TITLE

Masters Jumping

Peter Baker	Dunnwarren Blue Curacao (Poppy) CD ET ADX JDX Border Collie	Pass	1 st Place
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Fastest Jumping dog in Trial (morning)

Warringal Obedience Dog Club

Open Obedience

Jenny Chase	Tylker Ganesh CD AD JD ET (Cooper)	NQ	2nd Place
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East Gippsland Obedience Dog Club Open Agility/Jumping Trials - 15/10/05

Open Jumping (afternoon)

Jenny Chase	Tylker Ganesh CD AD JD ET (Cooper) Boxer	2nd Pass	1st Place
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East Gippsland Obedience Dog Club Open Agility/Jumping Trials - 16/10/05

Open Jumping (morning)

Jenny Chase	Tylker Ganesh CD AD JD ET (Cooper)	3rd Pass	1st Place
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Open Jumping (afternoon)

Jenny Chase	Tylker Ganesh CD AD JD ET (Cooper)	NQ	2nd Place
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Open Agility (afternoon)

Jenny Chase	Tylker Ganesh CD AD JD ET (Cooper)	NQ	2nd Place
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Trialling Members

Closing date for end of year awards

Sunday 20th November 2005

Please make sure you submit copies of your Pass Cards
and Title information to the Office before that date

Why dogs do not live as long as people...

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife, Lisa, and their little boy, Shane, were all very attached to Belker and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family there were no miracles left for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

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

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

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

Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why."

Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation.

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

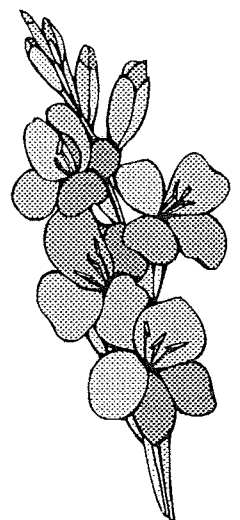
"AGE" Newspaper - Tuesday, 27 Sep 2005

Police in Ballarat expected to find a burglar breaking into a Veterinary Clinic as they responded to a silent alarm early today.

But when they arrived at the Eureka Veterinary Hospital in Creswick Road about 3am they discovered a Dachshund attempting a jailbreak. The dog had freed itself from a cage inside the Clinic and its movements set off the security system, police said.

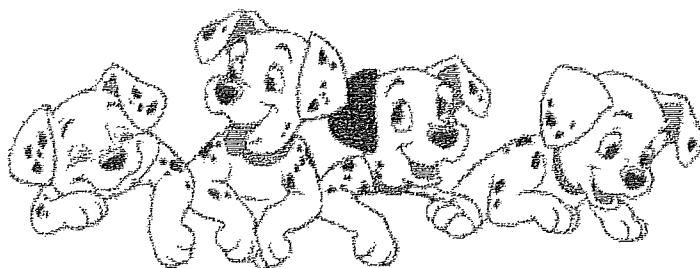
"The pooch was cornered by police and returned reluctantly to its cell where it will be remanded overnight," a police spokeswoman said. "It will face the veterinarian in the morning.

"It's a good thing a canine unit wasn't involved as it may have been faced with a conflict of interest".



LIBRARY NEWS

The donations have been absolutely fantastic - so many books by so many caring members.



Tina's contribution PUPPY CARE GUIDE is a well-produced book for breeders who use PROPLAN. It is a freebie for breeders who use/advocate & promote Purina Dog Tucker. May be we could get that in our introductory pack. I was really impressed by the puppy kit that Tina offers to her new puppy owners.

Peg has donated GREAT WORKING DOG STORIES - a magnificent book - it is the tales of dogs and the pride of the rural Aussie for a great working dog.

We have also had donated to us the complete Sarah Henderson books. This is a Library that welcomes and applauds the courage of women who survive and thrive in the Outback. Thank you Helga and Peg.

Outback Wisdom a wee book by- Sara Henderson is one of the new additions [donated] to our Library. QUOTE: The lure of money does funny things to people that is not funny.

And a new purchase by the Committee - The Ultimate Puppy toolkit. This is a boxed collection of a number of booklets that is a MUST READ for new puppy owners. It is available as a reference - but you can photocopy at the office.

Feeling bored and want to browse through our Library - please feel free to do so. I am no longer training my dogs at Geelong - as so many volunteers do - I work for the Club on Sunday - so the Library is open from 9.15 am until 11.00 am. However, until the Club can work out an alternative strategy, the Library will be closed for Induction days. As I am not required on those days I will not be present at Geelong. Please leave your return books at the office.

Kids are welcome to enjoy our Library Collection, to watch videos, or to learn cartoon sketching offered by your Library - this is not available on induction days.

BREED OF THE MONTH - The Boxer

Some famous people who have owned boxers are--

Humphrey Bogart --Actor

Emily Bronte--English Novelist

Nat King Cole-- Singer

Steffi Graf--Tennis Player

Pablo Picasso--Artist

Sylvester Stallone--Actor



Happy Heeling
Peg and Robyn

Do you remember?

According to today's regulators and bureaucrats, those of us who were kids in the 60's, 70's and early 80's probably shouldn't have survived, because our baby cots were covered with brightly coloured lead-based paint, which was promptly chewed and licked. We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, or latches on doors or cabinets and it was fine to play with pans.

When we rode our bikes, we wore no helmets, just flip-flops and fluorescent 'spokey dokey's' on our wheels.

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or airbags - riding in the passenger seat was a treat. We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle and it tasted the same. We ate chips, bread and butter pudding and drank fizzy juice with sugar in it, but we were never overweight because we were always outside playing. We shared one drink with four friends, from one bottle or can and no one actually died from this.



We would spend hours building go-carts out of scraps and then went top speed down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into stinging nettles a few times, we learned to solve the problem. We would leave home in the morning and could play all day, as long as we were back before it got dark. No one was able to reach us and no one minded.

We did not have PlayStations or X-Boxes, no video games at all. No 99 channels on TV, no videotape movies, no surround sound, no mobile phones, no personal computers, no DVDs, no Internet chat rooms. We had friends - we went outside and found them. We played elastics and rounders, and sometimes that ball really hurt! We fell out of trees, got cut, and broke bones but there were no lawsuits. We had full on fistfights but no prosecution followed from other parents.

We played chap-the-door-and-run-away and were actually afraid of the owners catching us. We walked to friends' homes. We also, believe it or not, WALKED to school; we didn't rely on mummy or daddy to drive us to school, which was just round the corner. We made up games with sticks and tennis balls. We rode bikes in packs of 7 and wore our coats by only the hood. The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke a law was unheard of - they actually sided with the law.

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers and problem solvers and inventors, ever. The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all. And you're one of them. Congratulations!

Pass this on to others who have had the luck to grow as real kids, before lawyers and government regulated our lives, for our own good.

For those of you who aren't old enough, thought you might like to read about us. This my friends, is surprisingly frightening and it might put a smile on your face:-

1. The majority of students in universities today were born in 1986 - they are called youth.
2. They have never heard of "We are the World, We are the children", and the Uptown Girl they know is by Westlife not Billy Joel.
3. They have never heard of Rick Astley, Bananarama, Nena Cherry or Belinda Carlisle.
4. For them, there has always been only one Germany and one Vietnam.
5. AIDS has existed since they were born. CDs have existed since they were born.

Do you remember (continued)

6. Michael Jackson has always been white.
7. To them John Travolta has always been round in shape and they can't imagine how this fat guy could be a god of dance.
8. They believe that Charlie's Angels and Mission Impossible are films from the last year or two.
9. They can never imagine life before computers.
10. They'll never have pretended to be the A Team, RedHand Gang or the Famous Five.
11. They'll never have applied to be on Jim'll Fix It or Why Don't You.
12. They can't believe a black and white television ever existed.
13. And they will never understand how we could leave the house without a mobile phone.



Now let's check if we're getting old...

1. You understand what was written above and you smile.
2. You need to sleep more, usually until the afternoon, after a night out.
3. Your friends are getting married/already married.
4. You are always surprised to see small children playing comfortably with computers.
5. When you see teenagers with mobile phones, you shake your head.
6. You remember watching Dirty Den in EastEnders the first time around.
7. You meet your friends from time to time, talking about the good old days, repeating again all the funny things you have experienced together.
8. Having read this, you are thinking of forwarding it to some other friends because you think they will like it too...

Yes, you're getting old!!



NO BAKE LEMON CHEESECAKE – 10 to 12 servings

Crumb Crust

2 cups sweet biscuit crumbs

4oz melted butter

Filling

1 packet lemon Jelly Crystals

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup boiling water

1 tablespoon grated lemon rind

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup lemon juice

1 can evaporated milk, well chilled

8oz Philadelphia Brand Cream Cheese,
softened at room temperature

1 cup castor sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla essence

Crumb Crust

Combine biscuit crumbs and melted butter. Press on the bottom and sides of a 9" springform pan. Bake in a moderate oven (350 to 375 degrees F) for 10 minutes. Cool and chill.

Filling

Dissolve jelly crystals in boiling water, add lemon rind and lemon juice, cool slightly. Beat evaporated milk until thick. Beat the cream cheese until smooth, blend in sugar, vanilla essence and beaten evaporated milk. Fold in warm jelly mixture. Pour into prepared crumb crust and chill for at least 2 hours. Decorate with whipped cream or strawberries if liked.

My Herding experience

A group of us took our dogs off to Mooreholme Park, Melbourne Airport to see if our working dog breeds did have some herding instincts in their genes.

One collie would have nothing to do with the sheep, a baby sheltie didn't understand why she was in with the sheep, a re-homed dog came out of its shell, a kelpie worked wonders, and another collie worked well the first time and then went off to another place after that. A GSD decided it would and could round the sheep up.

David was our Instructor for the day. He first explained the drives of the dogs and how to get the dogs from one drive to another as well as some basics we needed to know regarding casting, eyes, force and gathering. Then we went out and one by one put our dogs in with 3 or 4 sheep. It was wonderful to see each dog's reaction. I, as a handler, had no idea what I was doing but Gambit did. He was as obedient as he could be in the pen, stopping, waiting, and sitting on my commands.

We then stopped and talked about what we thought was happening in the yard with the dogs.

Then we, the handlers, were to pretend we were the dogs and went into the yard with the sheep. Oh, that was so much easier without a dog. We were supposed to be watching David, as he was telling us what to do but it was so much easier to watch the sheep and follow their lead.

I now know that I need to watch the sheep and work out what I want Gambit to do, whether to stop, go back around, etc... before I can go any further.

Another rest period followed and it was back to putting the dogs in the yard with the sheep. The sheep weren't very impressed with any of us this time around and quite a few of them jumped the fence, which took the amount of sheep in each yard from 4 to 2. The dogs knew instinctively what to do. It was great to see how they worked the sheep. Lunch time was next when we had time to hear about each other's dogs, etc.

Back out again to the yards and we were to work our dogs by ourselves.

I did really well with Gambit to start with, then he split the sheep and I lost it, I had no idea what I was doing. Gambit had fun; the only thing he needs to work on is not to cut in between the sheep and myself. The rake helps but as I have no idea what I'm supposed to be doing I asked for help.

Our last task for the day was to be out in a huge paddock with a huge lot of sheep and our dogs were left to their own devices. Gambit was first. He did round them up and then split them. Gambit's body language told me he couldn't decide what to do, which flock he should go for and then he decided on the smallest group. He's not silly is he? His obedience training came to the fore in this situation. He was well behaved.

All the other dogs had a turn with some amazing results. The GSD wouldn't obey the handler or David. We were worried that the dog would push the sheep into the dam and drown it. A young fellow with a delightful little, I mean little, kelpie, Molly, rescued many sheep by rounding them up and putting them back together again. David eventually got the GSD back under control after a very worrying time for all.

At one stage, Gambit couldn't see what was going on so he put his paws on my shoulders and watched what was happening, one of the girls took a photo so I hope to get a copy.

I'm off on another journey with another dog and looking forward to see how Gambit goes in the herding trials. After that I shall try Gambit at obedience, tracking, flyball, agility, tricks, doggy dancing and whatever else. Oh! if only I had have started this at least 45 years earlier.

Wendy Ganly and her companions - Mister Scotty AD FD

TCh Miss Annabell FDX, VNGC, VNJC, NGC, NAC and Poruse Diamond Dealer (Gambit)

DOGS and what makes them TICK

Sent in by Helen Read

Dogs re NOT humans in furry coats

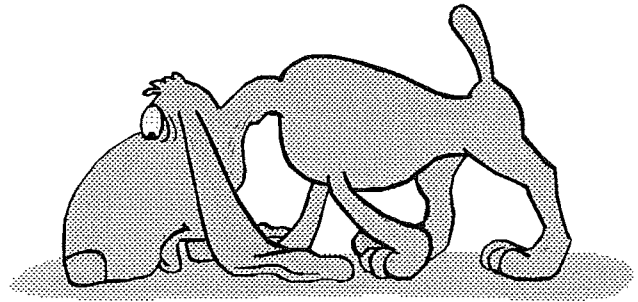
Dogs are NOT like us. However we can still bond with them, share our lives with them and enjoy them, but we need to be aware of the differences that make them dogs. Dogs think differently to us and communicate differently as well.

Dogs are COMPLETELY AND INOCENTLY SELFISH. They are not obedient because it pleases us. They obey because it will bring a pleasant result or to avoid an unpleasant result.

They must be trained to comply and the way to do this is OPERANT CONDITIONING. Which means: what you want repeated, PRAISE, and use a MARKER to mark the behaviour you want. IGNORE or redirect behaviour you do not want.

Dogs have a need for companionship, as they are a PACK or social animal. Dogs are great at working out what will get them a reward they desire, be it play, toy, treats, games.

PRAISE plays a part BUT unless it is linked with a resource the dog desires it will not be an effective training tool.



WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT REAL DOGS from The Culture Clash by Jean Donaldson.

1. It's all chew toys to them (no concept of artifacts, tokens or symbols)
2. Amoral (no right vs wrong, only safe vs dangerous)
3. Self interested (no desire to please)
4. Lemon – brains (i.e., small & relatively un-convoluted brains, which learn only through operant & classical conditioning)
5. Predators (search, chase, grab & hold, dissect, chew all strongly wired)
6. Highly social (bond strongly & don't cope well with isolation)
7. Finite socialization period (fight or flee anything they're not socialized to)
8. Opportunistic & keen scavengers (if it's edible, eat it, NOW)
9. Resolve conflicts through ritualized aggression (never write letters to the editor and never sue)
10. Well-developed olfactory system.

Dogs do not work to please us.

They associate events with what occurs along with them.

Praise works for some individuals, but praise alone, in the absence of any motivational reward is limited in its application.

In traditional training dogs work to avoid aversives – called leash corrections. The primary motivation is said to be praise, but it is really avoidance of aversives or punishment.

Be honest, think about it.

Some owners think using food is bribing the dog and want the dog to work because it wants to please them. This is an attitude some owners and trainers have and it is due to ignorance of the scientific research the domestic dog and how all animals, including us learn.

Find a Motivator

When training any animal first find out what motivates that animal.

Dogs and what makes them tick (continued)

It might be company, play, food, water, sex, opportunity to socialize and get control of desired resources.

All animals are motivated by signals which represent to them the opportunity to gain a primary reward. The relationship between the signal and the reward is clearly defined and the timing ties the two together. This is where a clicker comes in so handy.

By associating the Clicker or Whistle with a primary reward desired by the dog, the click or whistle itself become rewarding. That is, providing that it always produces the desired result for the dog. This may be a game, food, freedom to sniff, a ball etc.

Praise in these circumstances is important, but relying on praise alone to motivate an animal is setting oneself up for failure. Do not confuse bonding activities with training. For training we need more tools that relate to the dog's innate needs such as food, games, fun, and opportunity to socialize or relate to other animals.

Dominance is a fallacy fed by the Pack Theory.

This is just another excuse to inflict on dogs aversive training methods. Fuelled by their lack of understanding on just how dogs think they label behaviours as dominance. Humans are incredibly cruel to dogs. Problems with compliance are not dominance problems.

Dogs need to be trained to comply and this is by operant conditioning. or cause and effect training.

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UNDERSTANDING TRAINING METHODS

Sent in by Helen Read

WHY TRAIN?

Training opens the communications channels and strengthens the relationship between dog and handler. It is particularly important when multiple dogs are owned, for pack peace that the dogs be trained. Having good verbal control enhances your position in the pack as leader, and allows you to interrupt and refocus when squabbles occur in the dog pack.

HOW TO TRAIN

For a dog to repeat a behaviour, there must be a pleasant consequence in it for the dog. Training should be fun. Good leadership is necessary for the dog to feel safe. Finding out about a particular dog will allow the owner to reward appropriate behaviour and deflect inappropriate behaviour by refocusing the dog on something that will bring reward.

REWARDS

Can be anything the dog desires. Company, touching, play, treats, interaction games etc.

NO REWARD MARKER

A cue that shortcuts a behaviour.

Could be "Wrong", "Too Bad", "Ah". Said without emotion this sound will come to mean – You got it wrong. Teach this sound to your dog.

Put this in place to let the dog know that continuing a particular action will be a dead end with no positive result.

DOGS WILL BEHAVE LIKE DOGS.

Healthy dogs need to bark, chew, dig, tear and run around. These are natural dog behaviours. You need to teach the dog what behaviour is appropriate in what place. Most of the behaviours we want are not natural to the dog and need to be trained.

MANAGEMENT is the key to living with a dog successfully

Training plus management is the answer to most household problems.

Keep door and gates shut. Pick up and put away valued objects, have the dog on lead when away from home. Train don't complain.

PUNISHMENT for an action or a failure to respond to a command does not work well, as it happens after behaviour.

Punishment can cause aggression and is not very specific. The dog may connect the punishment with the presence of the owner, and not the action that caused the punishment. **Continual punishment is abuse.**

OPERANT CONDITIONING – is called so because the dog you are training can (operate on) manipulate his environment by his behaviour. B F SKINNER a 1930s behavioural scientist defined these principles. There are four principles in operant conditioning. These are:-

1. **Positive Punishment:-** the behaviour of the dog makes something happen which the dog will not like. The dog jumps on the bed it is scruff shaken and put outside. What it learns may be stay off the bed or it may learn not to get on the bed when someone is home.
2. **Negative Reinforcement :** The dog's behaviour makes something undesirable go away. The dog is on a check chain and pulling. He stops pulling and the choking stops.

Previous to 1985 dog training was based on BF Skinners **positive punishment and negative reinforcement**. This method of training had been practiced since the last world war (military training-master slave training), and has worked well enough with enough dogs to be considered successful. However many dogs have not done well with this training and many owners do not like to punish their dogs in order to train them.

Understanding training methods (continued)

TODAY we know there is a more effective method of training and that is Positive Reinforcement Training, using the B F SKINNER'S remaining two principles.

3. **Positive Reinforcement:** the behaviour of the dog brings something the dog likes. Dog sits and it is allowed inside. Dog sits it is greeted. Dog sits and it is touched. Dog sits and it is given a treat.
4. **Negative Punishment:** The behaviour of the dog makes something desirable go away. The dog jumps around when the owner goes to put the lead on for a walk. The owner goes inside and dog has no walk.

Positive Reinforcement Training, has become the norm with intelligent owners in the last 15 years. Positive trainers think that we, as the more intelligent species should be able to get the dog to give the behaviour we want, without the use of force. We reward the desired behaviour, which increases the likelihood that the behaviour will be repeated (Positive Reinforcement). Using no reward (Negative Punishment) for behaviours we do not want, the behaviour decreases in frequency, because there is nothing in it for the dog.

Using positive reinforcement coupled with negative punishment and management the dog is trained, retains its own personality and has a good relationship with the owner and other humans. This is the basis of Positive Reinforcement Based Training today.

COMPETING IN STYLE!

Weather forecast for the weekend of the 10th & 11th September – cold and showery, possible thunderstorms and hail!! Yes, but it's the NADAC Championships. We booked our accommodation and entered the events ages ago, so let's brave the elements and go anyway.

That was the thinking that led seven Geelong Members and their nine dogs to the three-day Agility competition and Presentation Dinner that was held recently in Daylesford. As it turned out the weather wasn't that bad and we had a wonderful time participating in Agility, Jumpers, Gamblers, Tunnelers, Weavers, Touch'n Go and even some three-dog team games. We won lots of beautiful rosettes and sever cherished qualifications, but we were all able to recognize the positives in our dogs' runs, which far outweighed the mistakes made.

NADAC (North American Dog Agility Council) had sent over one of their very experienced Judges from Canada to run a Judge's Seminar during the week and to Judge the weekend events. She also introduced us to some of the Agility team games that are offered regularly in North America.

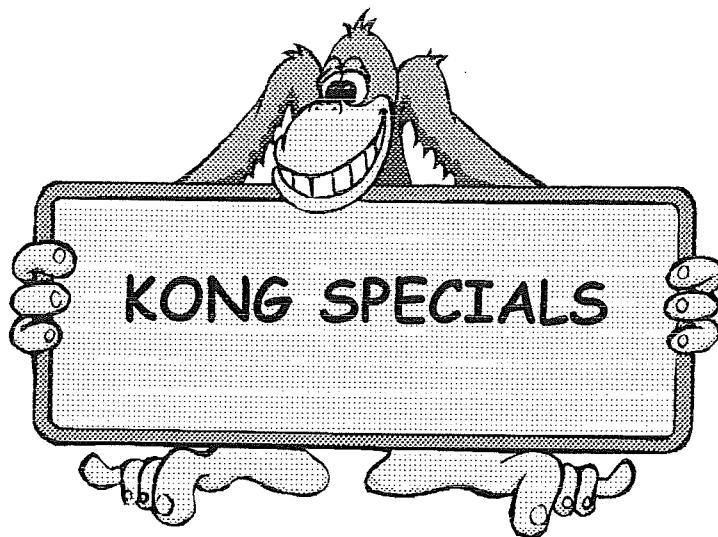
Bracken, Meg and Benton formed a team call "The Big, The Bad and the Beautiful" to compete in the Agility Relay. Jo Hamilton, who owns Benton and Bracken was only allowed to handle one of her dogs, so she had to find someone willing to run Bracken. We love him to bits, but not many of us are equal to the challenge! Luckily for us, Emily Salaviejus said she'd give it a go and, after a couple of minor hiccups at the start, directed him through a brilliant fun. The spectators watched in awe and were very appreciative of Emily's efforts. Benton and Meg ran their sections of the course beautifully, but Bracken's run was breathtaking!

We entered this event just for fun and were probably more surprised than anyone when the Judge handed us rosettes for 3rd Place.

On the Saturday night at the Presentation Dinner, awards were given out to those competitors who had achieved exceptional results over the past year. Geelong Members were well represented, but special mention must be made of Gleny's Murray and her dog Zac. Zak is one of our more 'mature' dogs (11 yrs old) and competes in the Veterans' Division. We were very proud when Gleny's and Zak were awarded plaques for "Highest Lifetime Agility Dog – Veterans Division" and "Highest Lifetime Earnings – Veterans Division".

To Casey, Bella T, Bella G, Bracken, Benton, Jasper, Bess, Zak, Meg and all their handlers – huge congratulations on your successes and thanks for making the weekend so much fun.

Trish Gavaghan



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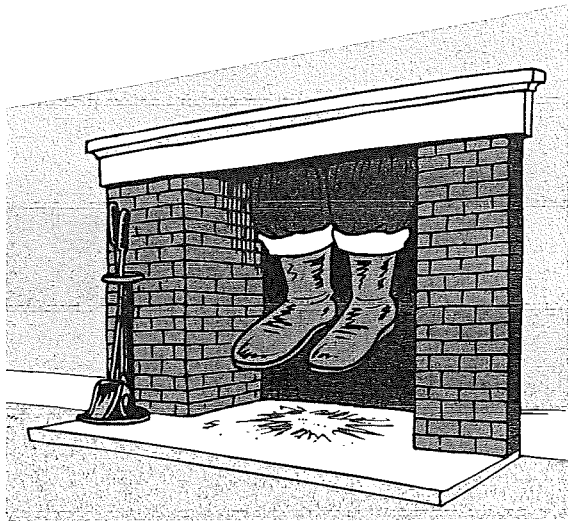
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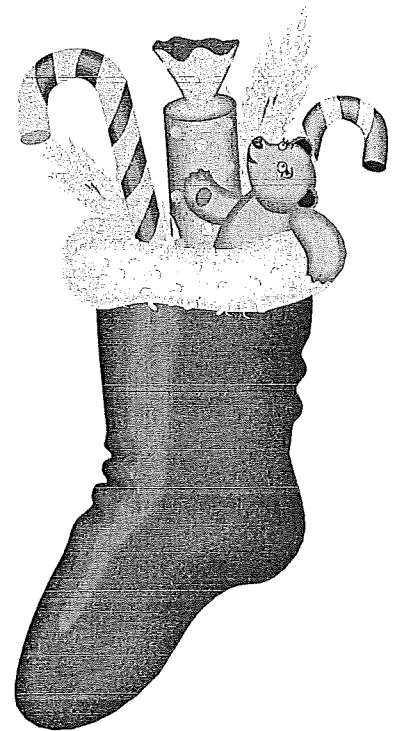
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Make up a table of Class mates or
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DOG BREEDS FROM A TO Z

Old English Sheepdog

The tradition of docking the tail of the Old English Sheepdog (OES) began when droving dogs were exempt from taxes; the shepherds docked their dogs' tails to positively identify them.

The Old English Sheepdog was developed in the West Country of England during the 1800s. They are probably the product of crosses between the Bearded Collie and imported large European Sheepdogs such as the Bergamasco. For a while it was thought that the Old English Sheepdog was related to Sheepdogs from the Himalayan regions, but that theory has now been discarded. During the nineteenth century, the Old English Sheepdog, or Bobtail, was widely used for herding flocks of sheep or for droving them to market. In 1873, the OES made its show debut in Britain, and its popularity has grown so much that it is now a popular pet all over the world.



Under the coat, the OES has a compact, powerful body with no exaggerations. Height: 22 - 24 in (56 - 61 cm). Weight: around 66 lb (30 kg). The actual shape of the OES is difficult to see at first glance, as this breed is adorned by a huge shaggy coat that covers it from head to docked tail. The coat is harsh and crinkled, and should never curl or be straight. As puppies, the coat is white with dark slate markings, usually a saddle, but the dark colors fade with age to finish in various shades of blue, gray or grizzle.

The profuse coat gives the impression that an Old English Sheepdog has a huge head; in fact, while it is broad and strong, it is not cumbersome. The dark brown eyes are set wide apart and the small ears hang close to the head. The only part of the head that shows is the nose, and that is black and large.

This large dog retains much of the intelligence formerly required of it from its working days. These dogs can, however, be quite variable in their temperament. Mostly they are of a stable disposition and very gentle. However, a small minority can be rather fearful of people and other dogs. This fear can translate into aggression. This problem appears to be inherited, and intending owners should purchase their puppy from a reputable breeder.

This dog's coat is truly magnificent, but it does take a lot of effort to maintain it in top condition. It is wise to allow sufficient time for the coat to thoroughly air-dry after bathing, to avoid the musty odor. This dog is easy to train and once it has been cleared of any congenital problems, it will make a marvelous companion animal.

Otterhound

Owners say that the Otter Hound has a lovely, melodious, deep-baying voice. They are another of the breeds that gained royal favour; both King John of England and Queen Elizabeth I hunted with packs of this breed.

While today there are fewer than 1000 Otter Hounds worldwide, they were once used in large packs to hunt their namesake, the Otter. The Otter Hound is an old breed; there are references dating to the twelfth century that describe these dogs. The most likely ancestors used to develop the Otter Hound are the Bloodhound and some type of pack hound, probably the Foxhound. To enhance their swimming ability, the Water Spaniel was also included in the mix.

Dog Breeds from A to Z (con't)
Otterhound (con't)

The decline in popularity and numbers has also changed the role of the Otter Hound; they no longer hunt Otter and they no longer work in packs, but have turned their paw to trailing other small game.

The Otter Hound is a large breed that has a wide range of acceptable heights and weights. Height: 24 - 26 in (61 - 66 cm) for the bitch and 26 - 27 in (66 - 69 cm) for the dog. Weight: around 65 - 100 lb (29.5 - 45 kg) for smaller females and 95 - 115 lb (43 - 52 kg) for males.

This breed's most striking feature is its shaggy coat. This too varies in length and can be from 2 - 6 in (5 - 15 cm) long. It has a rather unkempt appearance; the coat is wavy but doesn't hang in neat swathes. The undercoat is wooly and protects the dog from the elements. The head is large, and appears even more so because of excess hair that forms eyebrows, moustaches, and a beard. The long pendulous ears are also well-covered and hang close to the neck. This breed was designed to work in the fast-flowing rivers in England, and a legacy of their great swimming ability is their webbed feet.



The Otter Hound is a very confident dog. Its alert manner makes it a very efficient watch-dog, and its large size acts as a deterrent to any would be intruders. Generally the Otter Hound gets along very well with other dogs, but it will behave competitively if several dogs are kept in the same household.

Although this dog was not bred to be a companion animal, it will fit in with a family as long as it is treated assertively from the outset. This large active dog should be provided with plenty of exercise and would suit the more active person. Care should be taken to regularly check this dog's ears, as some individuals may be prone to infections. A wonderful dog for the dedicated enthusiast.

6th September 2005

Robyn Youl
Librarian
Geelong Obedience Dog Club

The Boxer Handbook by Joan Dunkels c 1951

Don't be fooled by the age of this little book. It discusses the origin and history of the Boxer in Germany, and the early days of the breed in the United Kingdom and United States.

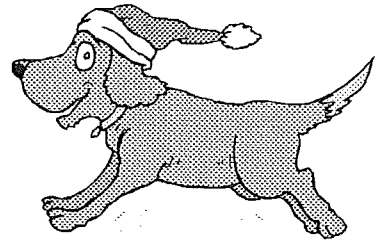
It includes many black and white photos of famous early show Boxers and also includes a number of pedigrees of influential Boxers who have contributed to make the modern Boxer the popular dog it is today

Anyone who has an interest in Boxers and the formation of this breed would find this quite an interesting book.

Kind regards
Jenny Chase

Yes, it's almost Christmas again

Each year the Club asks Members for their support with 2 collections

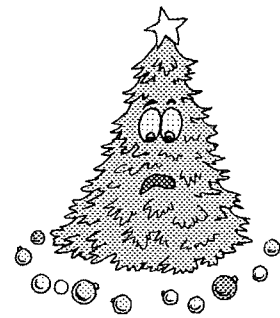


Lost Dogs Home Christmas Collection

For those of our animal friends who are less fortunate than our own. Tinned and dry food would be appreciated

Club Christmas Hampers for our human Members

Tickets for the Christmas Raffles will be sold in December and drawn on the last day of training - December 18th



Boxes for both collections will be available in the Clubrooms from Sunday 2nd October

So, please add an extra non-perishable item or two to your shopping trolley over the next few weeks



CALLUM (JAYSHELL DESIGNER GENES) AZ

9 July 1993 – 23 June 2005



Callum is Moira's and David's pride and joy, he is a very handsome male German Shepherd longhaired variety, which it seems, his breeder only discovered when Callum's hair grew long at three months of age. It started at the back of his ears and went from there and since this lady showed her dogs, longhaired Shepherds are not permitted to be shown so she put him up for sale and Moira and David bought him.

Callum and Bonny are only one month apart in age, Bonny being the older one, so when Callum came they became the best of friends, much to Brutus's chagrin. They went through everything together including school where they had to be put into separate Classes, as they would just want to play and

disrupt the whole Class.

Callum just lives for fun and food nothing else is important to him, he passed all of his Obedience Certificates first time but that was that. Moira thought that as he passed so well she might try to Trial him, but Callum had different ideas. Every trip to a Trial was just an opportunity to have fun and meet other dogs for him. Time in the Trial ring for Callum was absolute torture, he hated it, but once outside the ring he would come back to life and be full of fun. After a particularly embarrassing day at a Trial in Sunbury one Sunday, when Callum became overly familiar with the Golden Retriever sitting beside him in a minute Sit Stay, Moira decided not to punish herself anymore and retire (not so gracefully).

Callum loves Frisbees and Moira bought one for Bonny also and she too looked for it every lunchtime and as soon as Moira had finished lunch, they would go to the laundry and bark and whine at the Frisbees. Bonny was the instigator, Callum just joined in.

Callum is also a very independent dog, he would arrive here and immediately do the rounds of the place looking for any food that may be lying around or that Bonny had buried the night before. Moira would always say "where's Callum" and he would be right down the bottom of the paddock following his nose, then next minute he would be up in the front paddock, then he would be in at the fridge, he just loves to eat.

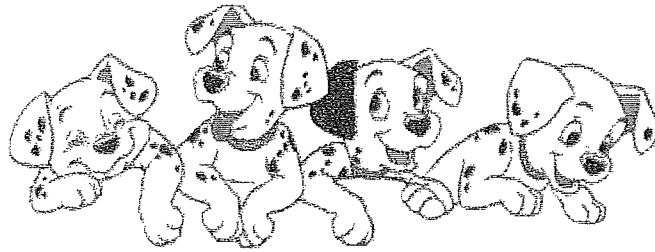
Callum and Bonny would spend the day chasing each other around the pool and back around the green house, and then at about 3.00pm, Callum would have to get up on the couch for his afternoon nap before going home.

Callum went on the father a litter of beautiful puppies, which have gone on to produce a long line of descendants.

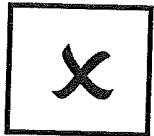
Sadly, Callum passed away on the 23rd June 2005, 16 days short of his 12th birthday as a result of cancer, a devastating loss. He is buried in Moira and David's back yard along side Reece always close to those who adored this magnificent dog. Bonnie looks for him every time Moira and David come; she misses her best friend, as we all do.



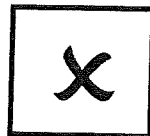
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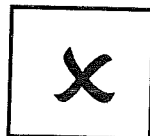


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