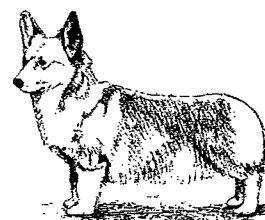
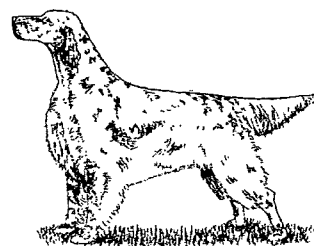
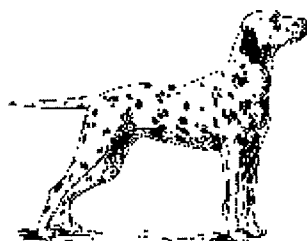


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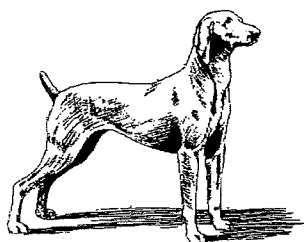


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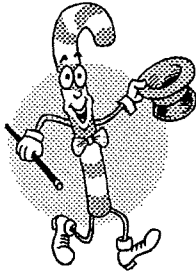
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CLUB CALENDAR

December

Sunday	4 December	Normal training
Tuesday	6 December	General Meeting – 7.30 pm – Guest speaker Melinda Pearson – Vet and Myotherapist
Sunday	11 December	PROMOTION DAY
Sunday	18 December	Last day of training for 2005 – see timetable this Newsletter
Thursday	22 December	Office closes



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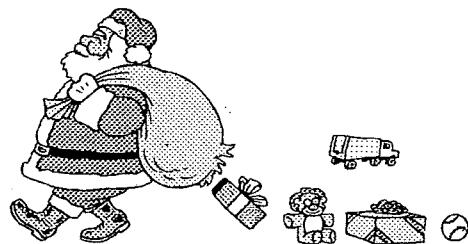
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**Return to training 2006 for current
Members**

Sunday – 29th January

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A clever person turns great troubles into
little ones and little ones into none at all



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well we are nearly finished for this month. Do get behind the Club Dinner on the 9th of December. It should be a good night with our resident DJ leading the way.

Hopefully a few of you came to the "Cleanup Day", which was on the 26th of November, to cut the grass in and around the trees. This needs to be done so as to keep the grass down and to keep the snakes away. As I keep saying, it is your Club, so get in and help to get these small jobs done. Even if you can only come for a couple of hours it all helps.

Remember to water your dogs in the hot weather and "**NEVER**" leave them in your car. You would be amazed at how quickly the temp inside a car goes up even with the windows open. Also, remember the last training day is the 18th Dec. On this day all the Certificates from the previous weeks testing will be handed out as well as the End of Year Awards.

Don't forget to come along to our last General Meeting for the year on the 4th Dec.

Merry Christmas to all Members, have a safe and happy holiday.

Jim Ball - President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hello everyone

Just a quick report mainly to wish all Members a safe and happy Christmas. Take care of your dogs over the holidays, they often get lost in the rush of the Christmas season. They still need their walks and playtime and a bit of training doesn't go astray.

Good luck to all those Members taking part in Promotion Day. This is where we can tell if you have spent that little bit of time each day keeping up with your training. The itinerary for the last day of training is further on in the Newsletter and we hope to see you all there taking part in some of the fun events. Next year we have quite a few Seminars and events planned for Members besides your normal Classes, so watch out for more information early in the New Year. Best wishes for 2006.

Pam Convery - Secretary

TRIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi all

Well another year has come and gone and the Trial season is just about finished. Time to sit back and assess what you have achieved this year and what you hope to achieve in 2006. Club Members have had some great results this year in all disciplines and those results are well earned with a lot of hard work by Members.

The Agility Trial Class on a Monday night has been very well attended and the results speak for themselves. Thanks must go to Trish Gavaghan, Glenys' Murray and Peter Baker for the time and effort they have given to the Members.

The Obedience Trial Class, which trains on Tuesday night has also been a lot of fun and lately we have been training in some unusual places so our dogs can train with different scents and distractions. And of course, we can't forget Jenny's Champagne and nibbles celebration night where not a lot of training was achieved. Thanks to all those who have helped the Members throughout the year.

Thanks also to Val Moeller and Leonie Kelleher for taking the Trial Class on a Sunday morning.

Best wishes for a happy Christmas, look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Janelle Convery - Trial Secretary

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TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

My last report for this year and it will be published before our Promotion Day so good luck to all who are going for their test on the 11th December – I hope you do well and give yourselves an early Christmas present – don't forget to put the practice in daily until "Promo" day.

There are changes occurring in Obedience soon, so next year Merit will change slightly and there will be further alterations to the structure of the Graduate Classes – more to come in the new year!

We are still looking for helpers and prospective Instructors – already a couple of people have come forward to help, but we still need more people to help the over-worked Instructors.

Gala Day is later than usual this year – on the 2nd December – and we will be asking for some hardy souls to walk with us and promote the Club.

Please be aware of snakes, long grass (and grass seeds) and hot cars during these warmer months. I would like to wish everyone a joyous season and safe traveling during the Christmas break.

Thank you to the Instructors and Committee who have made my job easier through the year – do enjoy the holidays.

Remember to love your dogs.

Food for thought

The average dog is a nicer person than the average person

Until we stop harming all other living beings, we are still savages

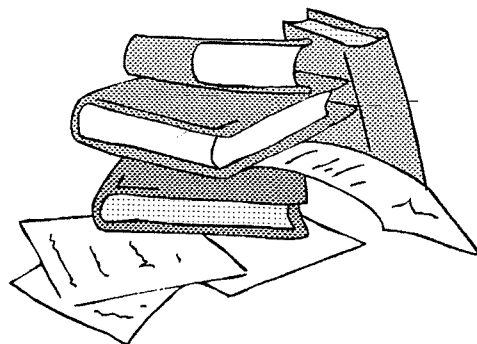
Desma Dickeson – Training Supervisor



LIBRARY NEWS

A very eventful time for your Library.

- ❖ Flood time came - Fred our Patron and frogman extraordinaire saved the books.
- ❖ Fred then organised new Library Shelving - and the Club then flogged the old shelving off to Ballarat.
- ❖ The new shelving is finally organised so that your Librarians can reach the top shelf. We don't have a Tarzan at the Dog Club, but looking at those roof struts we thought we could play - "we Jane" with a couple of ropes to get to those out of reach, too high shelves. Thank you Pam for saving the elderly from swinging the ropes to keep those top shelves open, by lowering the shelves down.
- ❖ Thank you Tina for designing those great Donor Certificates that now are mounted into every donated book.
- ❖ This year donations have been incredible and very, very welcome to the Club. Fred's Video about German Shepherds has been so popular that people are so busy watching it I can't get my claws on it to process.
- ❖ I will need the Christmas Break to process all outstanding Library Items.
- ❖ And guess what - Librarians have dogs too.
- ❖ Laddie now has his Graduate Certificate.
- ❖ Strumpet & Scallop no longer attend Obedience Classes. They are now trained as Animal Assisted Therapy Dogs - a first in Australia.



Happy Heeling

Peg & Robyn

Display Team Members

Our Display Team is in need of additional Members in the New Year

Each year our Club attends various Fetes and Functions, not only promoting the Club, but also promoting responsible dog ownership

If you would like further information, please see
Wendy McCraw or Sandy Malady or call into the Office

FACTS ON NUTRITION

Sent in by Jenny Chase

For those of you who watch what you eat ... here's the FINAL word on nutrition and health. It's a relief to know the truth after all those conflicting medical studies.

1. The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the Aussies, British or Americans.
2. The Mexicans eat a lot of fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the Aussies, British or Americans.
3. The Japanese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the Aussies, British or Americans.
4. The Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the Aussies, British or Americans.
5. The Germans drink a lot of beer and eat lots of sausages and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than the Aussies, British or Americans.

CONCLUSION:

Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you.

A Small Hotel in a Midwest Town

Reprinted from Guns n Sashes

A man wrote a letter to a small hotel in a Midwest town, which he planned to visit on his vacation.

He wrote, "I would very much like to bring my dog with me. He is well groomed and very well behaved. Woul you be willing to permit me to keep him in my room with me at night?"

An immediate reply came from the hotel owner, who said, "I've been operating this hotel for many years. In all that time, I've never had a dog steal towels, bedclothes, silverware or pictures off the walls. I've never had to evict a dog in the middle of the night for being drunk and disorderly. And I've never had a dog run out on a hotel bill. Yes, indeed, your dog is welcome at my hotel, and if your dog will vouch for you, you're welcome to stay here, too!!"

Did you know? Raising better children

According to the noted paediatric consultant and psychologist Dr Lee Salk of Chicago, a family pet can help children become better people in a number of ways.

Dogs help people to have a good image of themselves and self-esteem and confidence are vital for everyone, but especially the developing child. A welcoming dog, always pleased to see you, is very good for making people feel they matter.

The majority of crime is caused by people with low, or very low, self esteem.

By learning to recognize and understand differences between pets and themselves, children can learn to adapt to differences among people. They can also learn the pleasures of sharing, which is especially important if the child has no brothers or sisters.

Children can learn the importance of loyalty through enjoying the devotion and protection given naturally to them by the family dog. By using the pet to illustrate this value, the child can learn to cherish it and develop loyalty to their own friends.

I have always considered that to be told you are behaving like an animal is more of a compliment than an insult.

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Consulting by Appointment

Winners – Practice of Excellence 2001

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

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

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

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A Christmas Story for Dog Lovers – Elaine Longshaw

Long ago in the deepest of winters all of the animals on Earth were abuzz with the news. "He is born! He is born!" cried the snowy owl. "Come one and all, rejoice!" roared the mighty lion. "Bring gifts to the new King!" The forest grew bright with the din of excitement. Every creature was running towards the star. The noise was so loud and joyful that it travelled distant lands.

In a quiet glen, under a bramble bush, a small lonely dog raised his head from his slumber and heard the sounds from afar. He raised his little head and wondered. Slowly he raised his tired body and sniffed the air. He knew something was amiss - but he knew not what.

A voice ever so sweet was singing in the distance, this he could hear. The words were not at all clear, but the sound was of waterfalls, and misty mornings and everything dear. Eagerly he followed the sound and soon saw a star. It shone so brightly his little eyes watered. What was this shiny thing that happily glowed? What could be happening that would bring about such a lovely sight?

His little legs beat the path for many days. He became tired and hungry but still he walked on. He had to follow the sound of that voice. The voice that reminded him of warmer and kinder times. He had to follow the light of the star. The star told him of happy things to come.

At last he came into a clearing and his eyes beheld a mystifying sight. Animals were everywhere, and each had a precious gift. Some brought shiny berries from the forest, some brought beautiful leaves, some brought twigs from the rarest of trees and even some brought the most precious wildflowers of the fields. They were laying these gifts at the entrance of a stable. Above the stable the light of the star twinkled more brightly than before. He turned to the deer and asked: "What is all this? Where have I come?"

"You have come to see the new King. He is Born. Where are your gifts for the child?" asked the deer reproachfully. "I have no gifts, I didn't know..." said the lonely little dog with his head hung low. The deer sneered and snubbed and quickly walked away as he tossed his head indignantly. The little dog's body trembled all over, his little tail flew between his little legs, and his little head hung lower than ever. He was ashamed.

And yet...he still wanted to get a little peek at the New King. Quietly, ever so carefully, he crept over to the stable. He was so small he could easily hide under the other animals. Ever so sleekly he crept up to the manger and peeked inside. "Who are you?" boomed the voice of the Lion. "Why do you dare not bring gifts for the new King?"

And the little dog cowered, much humbled. He laid his little head at the foot of the manger and hid his eyes. He was ready to be killed by the Lion, and yet he spoke ever so quietly, ever so meekly, ever so bravely: "I have no gifts, I have no berries, or twigs, or bright flowers of the field...all I have is my life and I will gladly give that, for I have shamed all my brethren tonight." He waited - with his eyes closed, thinking that if he did die tonight, at least he would die beneath the cradle of his King.

That's when a warm and gentle hand was upon him. He did not dare to open his eyes, until he heard a woman's voice speak: "Do not fear little one. You are safe here. This bramble in your fur speaks of the gift you have brought to him." The lonely little dog opened his eyes and looked up at the woman. "But I have no gift to offer, save for myself, and that is very little..."he shyly protested.

The woman smiled and scratched his ears. "Little dog, you travelled far to see the King, that is gift enough when it comes from your heart. What gift is more precious than one given in innocence and humility? No little one, you are welcome here." As she spoke she raised the little dog up. "Behold, your King, the Son of Man. You shall serve him well." And the baby smiled. So it came to pass and dog was lonely no more.

And dog has served man ever since, loyal to a fault, and humble he remains. A gift from God to us, for who but dog will travel miles without explanation? Who but dog will cower from you even if he is not wrong? Who but dog will take a scolding even when he is not to blame? Who but dog is content to die at our feet if he so must? Let us care for dog well.

TRIAL RESULTS

Warrnambool Agility/Jumping Trial – 29th & 30th October

Open Jumping

Peter Baker	Tillsun Master Key CDX JDX ADX (Amigo)	Pass	3 rd Place
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Peter Baker	Dunnwarren Blue Curacao CD ET JDM ADX (Poppy) Border Collie	Pass	1 st Place

Masters Jumping

Peter Baker	Dunnwarren Blue Curacao CD ET JDM ADX (Poppy) Border Collie	Pass	
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Ballarat Dog Club Open Obedience Trial - Sunday 13/11/05

Novice

Joy Mayhew	Ormslee Kosmic Kali Rottweiler	2 nd pass	2 nd Place
Lyn Wills	Sandy Brit (Dusty)	1st pass	3rd place
	Kelpie	Highest Associate in Trial	
Lyn Wills	Sandy Brit (Dusty)	NQ	2nd place
	Kelpie	Highest Associate in Trial	

Warragul & District Kennel & Obedience Club -

Masters Jumping

Peter Baker	Dunnwarren Blue Curacao CD ET JDM ADX	Pass	3 rd Place
Peter Baker	Dunnwarren Blue Curacao CD ET JDM ADX	Pass	3 rd Place

Masters Agility

Peter Baker	Dunnwarren Blue Curacao CD ET JDM ADX (Poppy) Border Collie	Pass	1 st Place
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Saturday 12th November – morning

Novice Jumping

Helen Green	Ch Wameika Dentelle CD AD JD (Bella) Brittany	NQ	2 nd Place
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Sunday 13th November – afternoon

Novice Jumping

Helen Green	Ch Wameika Dentelle CD AD JD (Bella) Brittany	Pass	3 rd Place
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Jumping Dog Title



Competitors Meetings for Obedience rule changes information

Royal Melbourne Showgrounds

Tuesday 29th November – 7.30 pm

CCD Class

Novice Class

Open Class

Tuesday 6th December – 7.30 pm

UD Class

UDX Class



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

Equipment Shop

Call in and see Chris for those Christmas pressies for your canine companions.

Canteen

The Canteen is available for you as a Member. Hot tea and coffee and cold drinks available after training.

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.

Flyball Classes

Flyball Classes will be held on the 4th and 18th of December.

Papillon Club of Victoria

The Papillon Club of Vic is producing a handbook of the breed and would like any information about Papillons who have competed in Obedience, Agility, Tracking, etc. If you know of anyone who has been successful in any of the above sports there is a form available in the Office. Denise Crystal is the contact person.

LAST DAY OF TRAINING

The Itinerary for the last day of training – 18th December is included in this Newsletter.

OFFICE REOPENS

The Office reopens for 2006 on Thursday 12th January – 2.00pm to 6.30pm

Dog's death turned owner into activist

Sent in by Elaine Longshaw

Jetta was a 10-year-old miniature schnauzer, a licensed therapy dog who earned special recognition for her therapy efforts after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Two winters ago, she developed a slight limp. So her owner, Sandi Herman of Schnecksville, took her to the vet. He gave Sandi a container of five pills and instructed her to give the dog one a day.

By the end of the week, Jetta was dead.

I'll tell you more about what happened in a moment, but the bottom line is that Jetta apparently was one of thousands that have succumbed to side effects from non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, known as NSAIDs.

Their owners have filed class action suits, created Web sites and lobbied the Food and Drug Administration and veterinary groups to protect dogs from the potential side effects of drugs such as Rimadyl and Deramaxx, generally used to treat arthritis or postoperative pain and inflammation in dogs.

Demetry Herman, Sandi's husband, turned into one of those activists as he researched Jetta's case. The Web site <http://www.dogsadversereactions.com> enlisted him as its contact for questions about Deramaxx, the drug that Jetta was given. He's received e-mails from many dog owners, whose companion animals had taken Deramaxx and were experiencing problems.

Unfortunately, in many cases, by the time owners realize there's a problem, it's too late. Jetta took the first pill Monday night, and by Tuesday night she wasn't eating or drinking. By Wednesday night, she was listless and withdrawn.

Late that night, she had a bloody bowel movement, the first of two over the next couple of days. Their vet told them to stop giving her the drug, but Demetry believes Jetta already was doomed at that point as the lining of her stomach disintegrated. Early Saturday morning, he found her near death on the floor and took her to an animal emergency room, where she had a heart attack and finally had to be euthanized.

Demetry and Sandi, who have no children, were devastated. "During that whole cycle that week," he says, "I had no idea what I was looking at." As he researched the subject, he realized that if they had known the symptoms to look for, they could have stopped the medicine in time to save their dog.

It's difficult enough for dog owners to cope with losing their companions. When they realize that they unwittingly played a part in their dog's suffering and death, it's torture.

Demetry says, "Every person that sends me an e-mail says, 'I didn't know I was killing my dog.' It just tears my heart out, because I went through it."

His solution seems deceptively simple. In Pennsylvania, despite recommendations from the Food and Drug Administration and the drug companies themselves, there is no requirement that veterinarians inform clients of the potential side effects of these drugs, even when they receive extensive information from the drug companies.

Demetry and other activists want the state Board of Veterinary Medicine to amend its rules of professional conduct to require: 1. pre-screening of animals before the drugs are prescribed, if that is recommended on the product label, and 2. that pet owners be provided with Client Information Sheets for drugs where they are available.

There's nothing radical about this. The FDA says these information sheets should be provided. So do the drug companies. And at first, Demetry says, the state board seemed receptive. "I thought it was easy," he recalls.

But he was wrong. I'll tell you about that next time.

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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

A Dogs Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep
I pray this cushy life to keep.
For bones and smelly things I pray,
To roll in rotten stuff every day.

I pray for yummy doggy snacks,
And someone nice to scratch my back.
For lots of walks, no bloody fleas,
For stalking critters round the trees.

I pray the vets I'll never see,
But if I do Mum's there with me.
I pray I'll never know the pound,
I pray I'm kept safe and sound.

And last of all before I sleep,
I pray this canine rule to keep
To tell no human or the cats,
That dogs rule the world and that's a fact.

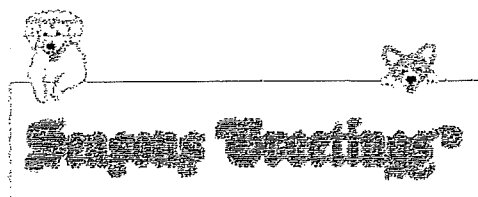
Have a nice day!

Watch for the Club's Veranda Sale

Sunday 4th December

All sorts of odds and ends

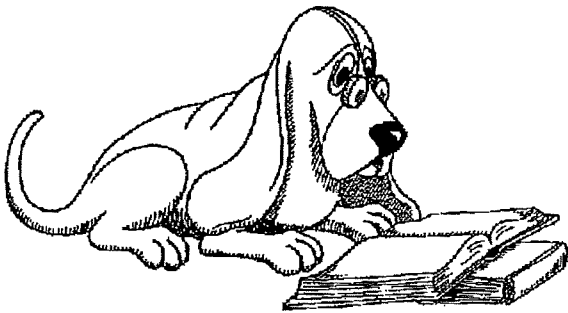
Pick yourself up a bargain



"HOT DOGS"

By Helen Vnuk

Reprinted courtesy of "Dog's Life" - December 1998



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

BACK TO BASICS

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

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

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

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

PLAYING IT SAFE

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

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

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



HOT DOG by Helen Vnuk (continued)

IN THE SWIM

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

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

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

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

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

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

PARKING PROBLEMS

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

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

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

SHORT CUTS

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

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

SUN SMART

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

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

HOT DOG by Helen Vnuk (continued)

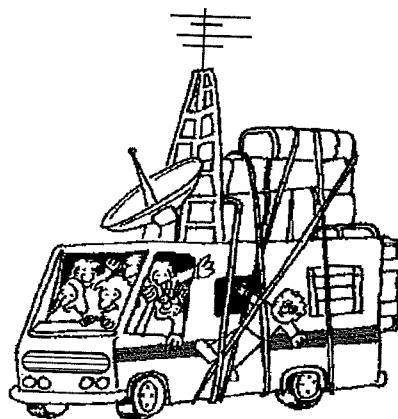
GETTING AWAY

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

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

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

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

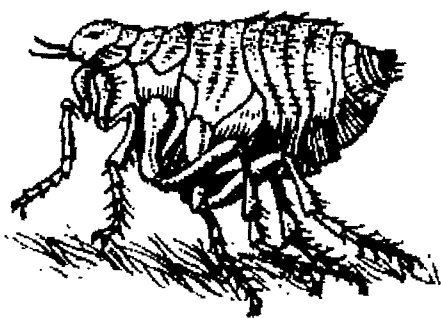


If out camping, be careful of where you tie up your dog. Make sure it can't get tangled in branches, run over or trapped in the heat of the sun as the shade moves.

LITTLE CRITTERS

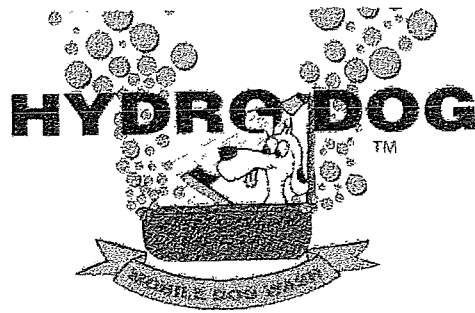
Summer means flea season, as the warm weather and humidity trigger the hatching of flea pupae which may have been lurking around your house for months or even years. New treatments are now available which are highly effective in attacking all stages of the flea life cycle and making it possible for your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

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



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

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



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HOT SPOTS

Hot spots frustrate dogs and owners alike. Guns n Sashes Magazine – April 2002

Introduction

Poor Dusty! She's been licking and chewing on that spot on her flank for the better part of the day, and it's now a raw, open sore, oozing fluid. Dusty has a superficial pyoderma, a skin infection known to veterinarians as pyotraumatic dermatitis and to dog owners as "hot spots". Hot spots are surface skin infections caused when populations of normal skin bacteria grow and overwhelm normal resistance. They are generally circular patches that lose hair, can be swollen, may exude a smelly puss and can be painfully itchy, causing the dog to scratch, lick or bite to the point of self-mutilation. Untreated hot spots can spread and provoke a normally even-tempered dog to growl or nip when touched.

These troublesome sores can seem to arise in a matter of hours with no warning, but they do tend to follow a pattern that helps in predicting their occurrence.

Dogs most susceptible to hot spots are those with heavy coats and histories of allergies, ear infections, flea infestations, irritated anal sacs, and grooming problems such as hair tangles and mats, but any dog can develop this infection. Dogs in warm, humid climates may develop hot spots when they shed their undercoats if the dead hair is trapped next to the skin, and dogs with behaviour problems may mutilate themselves by licking and thus encourage an infection to be become established.

The most common locations for hot spots are the legs and feet, flanks and rumps – areas that can be reached by licking or biting – but these localized infections can also appear on ears, neck and chest if the dog is continually scratching.

Hot Spots – (continued)

Treatment

Two approaches are necessary for dealing with hot spots – treat the sore and remove the underlying cause to prevent recurrences

Trim the hair around the sore to prevent further spread of the infection and expose the edges of the lesion

Wash the area in a mild water based astringent or antiseptic

Be prepared to use antibiotics or cortisone if the washing does not give results

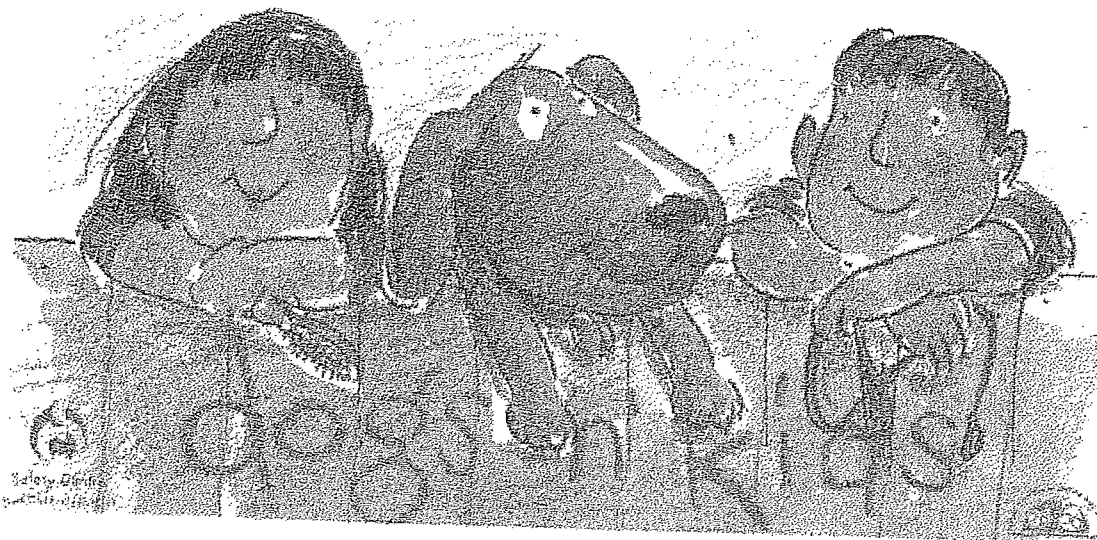
Ackerman recommends against the use of ointments or creams because they can seal in the infection and hinder recovery. In severe cases, a veterinarian may suggest the use of an Elizabethan collar to prevent mutilation and give the hot spot a chance to heal.

Prevention

If the underlying cause is tangled or matted hair or trapped dead hair, put the dog on a regular grooming schedule either at home or at a grooming salon. Collies, Old English Sheepdogs, Shih-Tzus, and other breeds with long hair that tangles easily should be groomed at least twice a week so that snarls and mats do not form. Never bathe a dog with matted or tangled hair – comb the snarls out first. Clip mats if you cannot easily comb them out, and make an appointment for professional grooming every 4 – 6 weeks if you cannot keep the dog mat free on your own.

If underlying cause is allergies, begin an aggressive campaign to rid your home and yard of fleas and work with your veterinarian on a plan to reduce allergy triggers for your pet. Household dust, plant pollen, lawn chemicals, and diet can all cause allergies or can build to a crescendo of allergies if the dog's sensitivities cross a threshold. Frequent vacuuming, supplements to keep the skin and coat healthy, air purifiers, and baths in skin-soothing herbal or medicated shampoos with aloe, oatmeal, jojoba or eucalyptus can help. Next step is over the counter antihistamines such as Benadryl or Atarax – with a veterinarian's approval. If these don't work, then steroids to reduce the inflammation and the immune system reaction to the allergen and perhaps antibiotics to cure the infected hot spot are the next course of treatment.

If the underlying cause seems to be behavioural – if your pet doesn't have allergies or fleas or a more serious skin condition, but is so bored, stressed, or lonely that he maims himself with constant licking or scratching, he may need more exercise, playtime, and attention. This can be the easiest or the hardest treatment to implement because there's no pill or ointment for long-term success; the requirements are time, consistency, and perhaps an investment in training books, an obedience school, a dog sitter, or an animal behaviourist.



YOU AND YOUR PET AT CHRISTMAS

A PET FOR CHRISTMAS

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

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

CHRISTMAS HINTS FOR PETS

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

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



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

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

PETS ON HOLIDAYS

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

1. TAKING YOUR PET WITH YOU

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

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

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

You and Your Pet at Christmas (continued)

2. BOARDING YOUR PET

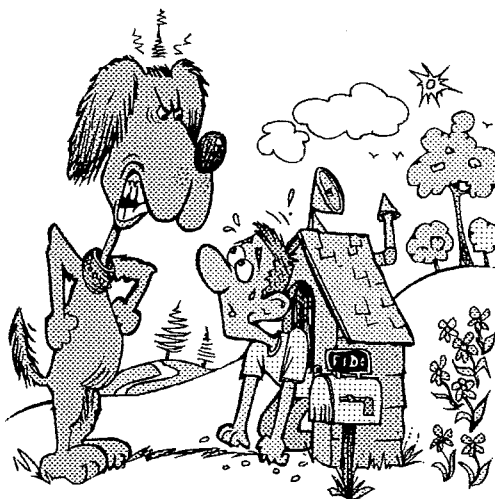
There are a number of excellent boarding kennels for dogs and cats around Geelong. Book well in advance as they get very busy during the holiday season. It's also a good idea to arrange to have a look at the kennel before you leave your pet there

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

3. LEAVING YOUR PET AT HOME

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

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



HOLIDAY HINTS FOR PETS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

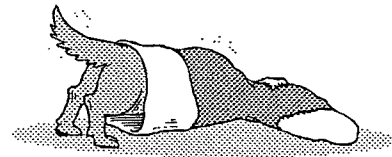
TWENTY POINTERS FOR SUMMER CARE

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1. The dog run should be shaded with shade cloth and/or fast growing vines, for example, pumpkins or chocko
2. Sand, earth and grass runs should be kept constantly damp to prevent them becoming dustbowls. The dampness will help to keep the dogs cool and discourage fleas.
3. A tough shrub in the dog run under which the dog can lie; this may be in a tub or in the ground.
4. Check the kennel temperature at all times for signs of intense heat. If it is hot give it more shade and some roof insulation.
5. Exercise the dog/s after dark and in the early morning.
6. Use sunscreen with insect repellent on the dog's ears and nose.
7. White dogs and dogs with light coloured skin should be kept out of the summer sun.
8. A shallow toddler's wading pool is often much appreciated.
9. Water supply should be fresh and cool at all times. It should be constant. Elaborate methods of fixing the water dish/bucket may need to be implemented.
10. Brush and comb daily to keep the skin clean, cool and aerated.
11. Ensure the dog has access to a snug, dry, draught free bed in case of sudden weather changes.
12. Check dog/s for overheating. This is expressed by excessive panting, prior to cessation of panting when heat stroke (sunstroke) sets in.
13. Concrete and other impervious runs should be wet down regularly to moisturise the atmosphere and to cool the surface.
14. Do not take the dog/s out in the car unnecessarily.
15. Never, never leave dogs in parked cars even for short periods.
16. All food should be moist and in a heat wave, easily digestible.
17. Neither food nor drink should be iced. It should be cool but not iced.
18. There should be darkened areas for the dog to like in away from flies.
19. The dog area should be well ventilated and it should catch any cool breeze. It should be protected from the hot northerlies.
20. Pig waterers (such as Lixit) do not provide adequate water for dogs. Dogs need to be able to put their mouths and often their whole muzzles into their water supply

Dog's Rules For Christmas

1. Be especially patient with your humans during this time. They may appear to be more stressed-out than usual and they will appreciate long comforting dog cuddles.
2. They may come home with large bags of things they call gifts. Do not assume that all the gifts are yours.
3. Be tolerant if your humans put decorations on you. They seem to get some special kind of pleasure out of seeing how you look with fake antlers.
4. They may bring a large tree into the house and set it up in a prominent place and cover it with lights and decorations. Bizarre as this may seem to you, it is an important ritual for your humans, so there are some things you need to know: Don't pee on the tree... Don't drink water in the container that holds the tree... Mind your tail when you are near the tree... If there are packages under the tree, even ones that smell interesting or that have your name on them, don't rip them open... And don't chew on the cord that runs from the funny-looking hole in the wall to the tree.
5. Your humans may occasionally invite lots of strangers to come visit during this season. These parties can be lots of fun, but they also call for some discretion on your part: Not all strangers appreciate kisses and cleans. Don't eat off the buffet table. Beg for goodies subtly. Be pleasant, even if unknowing strangers sit on your spot on the sofa -- they don't know any better. Don't drink out of glasses that are left within your reach unless you can get away with it...
6. Likewise, your humans may take you visiting. Here your manners will also be important: Observe all the rules in #4 for trees that may be in other people's houses. (4a is particularly important) Respect the territory of other animals that may live in the house. Be nice to the kiddies. Turn on your charm big time.
7. A big man with a white beard and a very loud laugh may emerge from your fireplace in the middle of the night. **DO NOT BITE HIM!!!**



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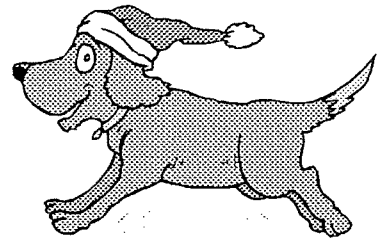
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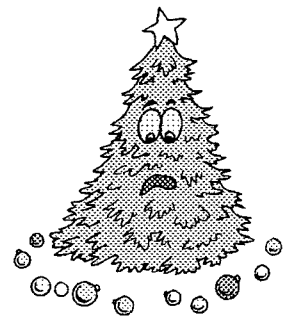


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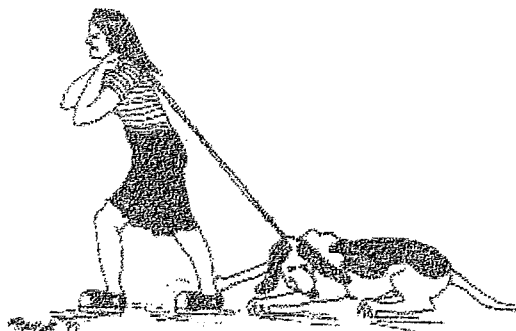


"Prof. LoSkore on Lagging"

By Joachim J Volhard

(A comical look at a common problem)

It is a fallacy to think it is easy to teach a dog to lag. It requires consistency and effort. Above all, the handler must be determined to have the best possible lagger training can produce. Many of you have already been very successful in teaching your dogs to lag. Others, however, are still consistently scoring 195 or better. Those with scores like that obviously need help.



For those not familiar with the inner workings of obedience competition, a word of explanation. Exhibitors whose dogs lost the least amount of points are called "winners". The first three in any given class are publicly singled out and given trophies, which they must polish for the rest of their lives, sometimes, they even get money to be used to enter more shows. The one who loses the least amount of points is called High in Trial. He has to wait until the end of the show and, before all to see, is given more trophies. A good lagging dog, however, will lose a lot of points and the handler will thus never find himself in that position.

Many people assume that some dogs are better lagers than others are and that a handler with one of those dogs has an easy job. While it is true that some dogs have a greater tendency to be better lagers than others do, credit must still be given to the handler for bringing out the best in his dog. Consistently good lagging does not come overnight, but reflects a high degree of dedication and hard work on the part of the handler.



Figure 1 The quickest way to train the dog to tune out the handler completely is constant uninterrupted chatter delivered in monotone

Before actually going into some of the techniques used to teach lagging, there are several points, which should be clarified. The first is the use of the voice. The voice, used properly, can be a very effective tool in teaching lagging. The objective is to train the dog to tune out the handler completely. The quickest way to accomplish this is by constant and uninterrupted chatter, preferably delivered in a monotone, while working with the dog such as “good boy”,

“that a way”, “let’s go”, “move it”, “come on”, etc. By the way this includes commands and praise so that the dog has no way of distinguishing between the two.

Many handlers have difficulty in being able to tell exactly when the dog has tuned them out. There is a simple test however to ascertain whether you have reach this objective – give a command in a normal tone of voice – if the dog ignores you, he has tuned you out and you have succeeded. For those who want to make sure that the dog will not suffer a relapse when a command is screamed, follow the same procedure outlined above except constantly shout at the dog until he ignores that too. Most dogs learn this very quickly and you should have no problem in getting the dog to ignore anything you say in a matter of a week to ten days.

Prof. LoSkore on Lagging (continued)

The second point concerns the use of the collar correction. Perhaps the most controversial topic among the fancy today, but one, which must be faced, head on and dealt with accordingly. No discussion on this subject would be complete without thorough analysis of the impact of the collar correction on lagging. I did not feel, however, that I was in a position to tackle this subject without some outside help. With this in mind, I went straight to the top and interviewed, Prof. Vera LoSkore, the country's leading authority. I consider Prof. LoSkore's message of such vital materiality that I am repeating it in its entirety.

Prof. LoSkore: "In answer to your question as to the impact of the collar correction on lagging, I can state unequivocally, and without fear of successful contradiction, that there is absolutely no reliable evidence to support the proposition that a relationship exists between lagging and an accurately timed and properly executed correction. This is not to say, of course, that the correction cannot be used at all to teach lagging. Quite to the contrary. I go into this at great length with my students and we spend a lot of time on it. The trick is to learn to correct in such a way that the correction has no effect on the dog whatsoever. Once my students have mastered this technique, I instruct them to correct often and without any purpose or reason. I call this nagging and have found it to be one of the best techniques to teach lagging.

I consider it so effective that I made up a little saying to enable my students to remember this important principle – "no lagging, without nagging". It really works beautifully and many of my followers have become so adept at this that they can almost subconsciously and continuously correct without any effect on the dog. I am sure you have seen them around the ring. You can recognise them by the left arm which pumps periodically, almost like a twitch, and without any readily discernable objective.

At the same time, I also like to see a definite immunity on the part of the dog to the heel command. To achieve this immunity, I tell my students to repeat, "Heel, Heel, Heel" as often as they correct. The results have been fantastic. In a very short period of time the dogs become totally immuned to the heel command and oblivious to the corrections. By this simple technique, we have produced some outstanding lagers. By preaching the concept, "never say what you mean and never mean what you say," I have been more than successful". Certainly sound advice for a good lager from Prof. LoSkore!

Finally, there is your dog. Many of you have a dog that is quite bouncy, even exuberant. Those who have already been training for a while might recall that dogs start out as perhaps a bit unruly, but generally happy go lucky. At one time, they were actually pulling ahead and forging. If you want a good lager, you cannot tolerate, much less encourage such an attitude. A good lager gives a downtrodden and doleful appearance as though he is thoroughly disinterested, even disgusted which he usually is. An enthusiastic dog obviously spoils that image and you must take immediate steps to remedy this situation.

In addition to these general hints for a good lager, I would be remiss were I not to share with you a few specific steps, some of which I originated myself and found astonishingly effective for producing good lagging.

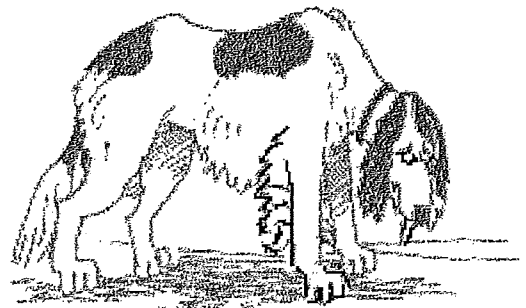


Figure 2 A good lager gives a downtrodden and doleful appearance, as tho thoroughly disinterested – even disgusted.

Prof. LoSkore on Lagging (continued)



Figure 3 Turn, Yank and Bellow

The first one is called TYB (Turn, Yank and Bellow). The TYB technique is especially effective for those who have a dog that already lags a little, but who want him to lag even more. This can be accomplished by frequently turning the upper part of your body back towards the dog in a menacing fashion, reaching for the collar, yanking and at the same time bellowing "heel" as obnoxiously as you can make it. This works particularly well with the longhaired breeds, because when you grab the collar you can always catch a few hairs. Consistently applied, this procedure is guaranteed to produce a dog that will stay a respectful two to three feet behind you in just a few days. How far back the dog will lag depends on your determination to turn, yank and bellow. There is

a word of caution, however: if you are too ferocious some dogs overreact by either bolting or freezing, neither of which is a desirable result. For these dogs you should use the reverse to the TYB technique which is the BYT (Bore Your dog to Tears) method.

The BYT method is excessively simple and requires absolutely no aptitude on the part of the handler. Begin by going to an Obedience Trial and observing the Novice routine. Since the Novice routine is the dog's introduction to obedience, it is designed to be easy. You will note that the heel exercise is done twice. Not only that, it is repeated in identically the same way. The purpose, I think, is to enable the dog to become familiar with the pattern, so that if he gets carried away on the first go around and forgets to lag, he has a second chance at it. Some dogs are so adept at memorising the pattern that they can stop at a given point, let the handler complete the pattern and meet up with the handler on his return. In Open, for example, this aid is no longer available to the dog and he only gets one shot at lagging. Begin by practicing the same or similar pattern day in, day out with unrelenting repetitiveness and drudgery.

Only go a few steps at a time before making a turn or a halt so that at no time the dog has the chance to get the feel of heeling. For really good lagging, throw in frequent stands and downs so that the dog is constantly confused. The more interruptions to heeling you can dream up the better. After about a week of this, your dog (and you) will be thoroughly confused and bored, an outlook, which translates itself into beautiful lagging. As I mentioned before, it is easy to bore the dog in Novice. In Open work it is much more difficult because he gets to do fun things like jumping and retrieving.

While on the subject of fun, this observation – for good lagging it is absolutely essential that there is never even a hint of enjoyment displayed during practice. Enjoyment, either on the part of the handler or the dog, is not consistent with good lagging. The handler must learn to approach this exercise with disdain, like a chore, on a par with taking out the garbage.

In conclusion, a tip on handling. Wear something, which interferes with the dog's ability to remain in the heel position. Also, get into the habit of walking much more slowly than you are capable of and assume an unsteady gait, as though you are not quite sure where you are going. This can be practiced to perfection by picking a location where it is impossible to be smooth, like a gravel pit.



Figure 4 Correct often without purpose and correct in such a way that the correction has no effect on the dog

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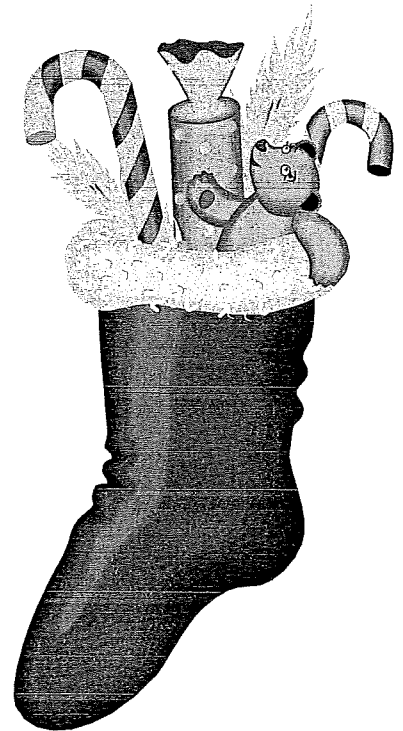
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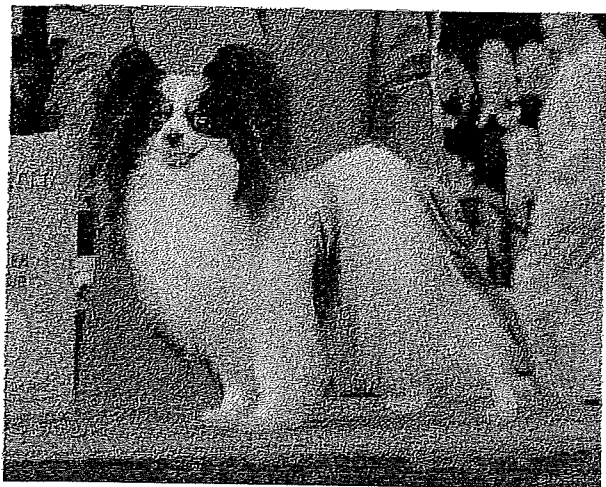
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DOG BREEDS FROM A TO Z

Papillon



Although tiny and delicate, the Papillon (French for butterfly) is not short on alternative names; it is also known as the Continental Toy Spaniel, the Squirrel Spaniel, and the Epagneul Nain.

The history of this breed before the 1600s is mostly founded on speculation, as the first recording of a Papillon was in 1545. The Papillon is thought to have been a product of Belgium, although its ancestors were probably brought to Belgium from Asia. The physical similarities between the Papillon and the Chihuahua indicate that there may be some connection, and it is possible that Papillons were crossed with Chihuahuas to produce the Long-coated Chihuahua.

The Belgian royalty were said to have favoured a small companion dog, the Epagneul Nain or Dwarf Spaniel, and it is likely that this breed formed the genetic basis for the modern Papillon. The final development and naming of the modern Papillon was completed in France. The erect ear type of Papillon was probably developed after the drop-eared type called Phalene (or Moth). Papillons are very popular and have been owned by many famous people through the ages. Marie Antoinette even took her Papillon with her to the gallows.

The Papillon is a small, delicate dog whose body is slightly longer than it is tall. Height: 8 - 11 in (20 - 28 cm). Weight: 9 - 10 lb (4.1 - 4.5 kg). Both the Papillon and Phalene are identical except for the carriage of the ears. In the Phalene, the large feathered ears hang down, while the Papillon has its ears standing erect. In some countries, the two types are shown separately, and in others together. The name "butterfly" comes from the symmetrical markings on the face and the illusion of wings created by the ears.

The coat of a Papillon or Phalene is long and silky with feathering on the ears, legs and tail. The tail is carried curled over the back. It is predominantly white with solid markings in any colour except liver, allowed on the body and head. The markings on the head should leave a clearly defined white blaze between the eyes (the butterfly's body) and around the muzzle.

The Papillon is a marvellous little companion animal. Although this dog still retains a noble spirit, it is usually more even-tempered than other small dogs. However, it is still essential not to completely spoil this dog, even when it looks at you with its big eyes. The Papillon makes a good watchdog; it delights in warning its owner of potential intruders.

This dog gets along very well with people, and with love will soon become a most loyal companion. This dog should be socialized with children and other dogs when it is a puppy to avoid it becoming fearful in later life. As this dog's teeth may have a tendency to build up tartar, it is essential to brush them regularly or occasionally feed them raw chicken wings.

Parson Russell Terrier

GENERAL APPEARANCE- Workmanlike, active and agile; built for speed and endurance. Overall picture of balance and flexibility. Honourable scars permissible.

CHARACTERISTICS- Essentially a working terrier with ability and conformation to go to ground and run with hounds.

TEMPERAMENT- Bold and friendly.

HEAD AND SKULL- Flat, moderately broad, gradually narrowing to the eyes. Shallow stop. Length from nose to stop slightly shorter than from stop to occiput. Nose black.

EYES- Almond shaped, fairly deep-set, dark, keen expression.

EARS- Small, V-shaped, dropping forward, carried close to head, tips of ear to reach corner of eye, fold not to appear above top of skull. Leather of moderate thickness.

MOUTH- Jaws strong, muscular. Teeth with perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping the lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

NECK - Clean, muscular, of good length, gradually widening to shoulders.

FOREQUARTERS- Shoulders long and sloping, well laid back, cleanly cut at withers. Legs strong, must be straight with joints turning neither in nor out. Elbows close to body, working free of the sides.

BODY- Ribs not over-sprung. Chest of moderate depth not to come below point of elbow, capable of being spanned behind the shoulders by average size hands. Back strong and straight. Loin slightly arched. Well balanced. Overall length slightly longer than height from withers to ground.

HINDQUARTERS- Strong, muscular with good angulation and bend of stifle. Hocks set low and rear pasterns parallel giving plenty of drive.

FEET- Compact with firm pads, turning neither in nor out.

TAIL- Strong, straight, moderately high set carried well up on the move. Preferably docked with length complimenting the body while providing a good handhold.

GAIT/MOVEMENT- Free-striding, well co-ordinated, straight action front and behind.

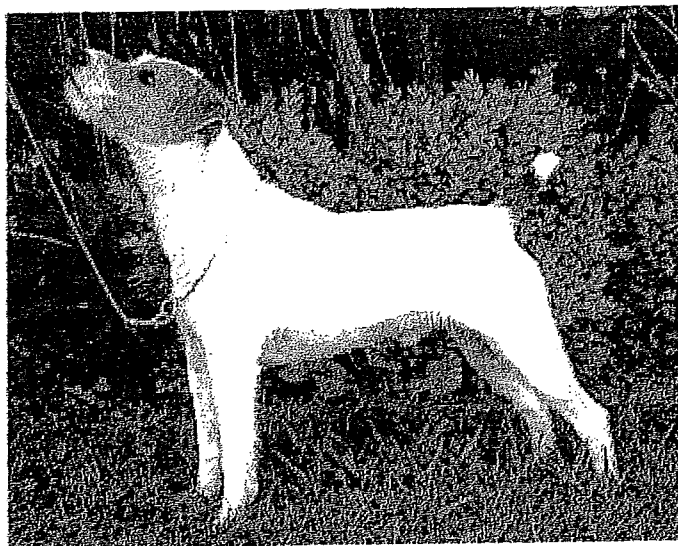
COAT- Naturally harsh, close and dense, whether rough or smooth. Belly and undersides coated. Skin must be thick and loose.

COLOUR- Entirely white or predominantly white with tan, lemon or black markings, or any combination of these colours, preferably confined to head or root of tail.

SIZE- Dogs Ideally 35 cms (14ins) at withers

Bitches Ideally 33 cms (13ins) at withers.

2.5 cms (1") above or below the ideal is acceptable.





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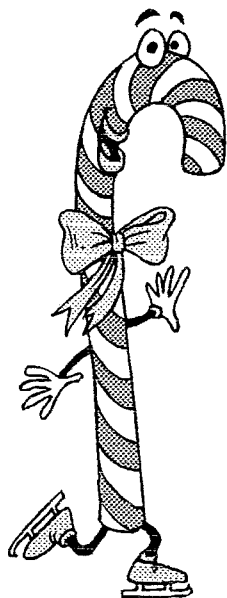
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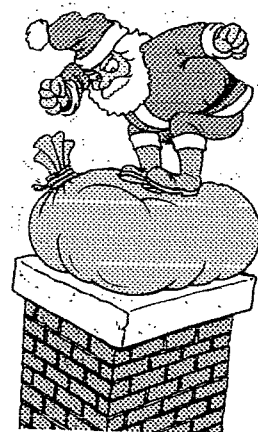
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9.30am - 10.30am	1 st and 2 nd session Classes will be combined. <u>All</u> Classes will commence at 9.30 am.
10.30am - 11.00am	Santa Claus will arrive at 10.30 for the children. Val Moeller and "Caden" will be there with the cart, weather permitting.
11.00am	Free Sausage Sizzle on the verandah. Free tea & coffee available from the Canteen
11.15am	Presentation of End of Year Trophies, Title Medallions, Special Awards and Certificates from the last Promotion Day.
At completion of presentations	Fun events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Obstacle Course (watch for further details) ▪ Best Dressed Christmas Dog ▪ Fastest Good O eater ▪ Fastest Recall ▪ Drop closest to the rope ▪ Instructor's class (handling other people's dogs) ▪ Best represented breed

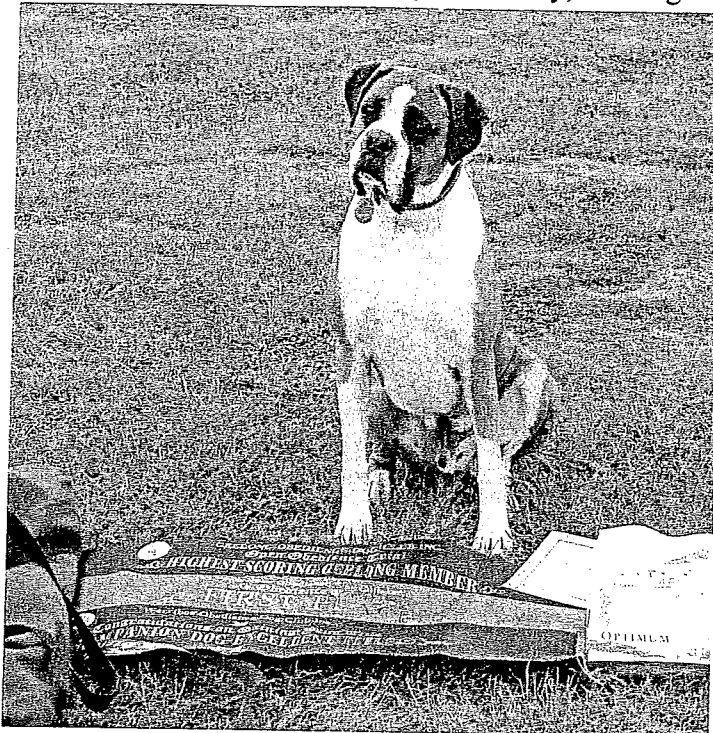
Tylker Ganesh CDX AD JD ET aka Cooper Clay Knucklehead

Well believe it or not we actually got there. Cooper picked up his third and final pass to gain his CDX Title at the Werribee Obedience Trial in October. He did it in such wonderful style too, taking First place in his ring for two of the required three Passes.

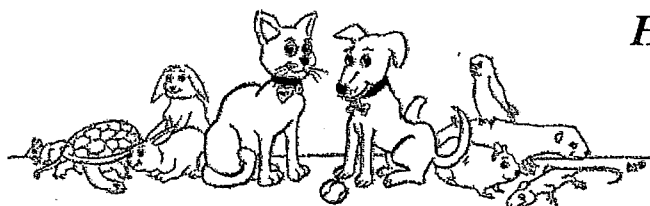
Cooper is in every way a typical Boxer dog. He is on the one hand a very smart boy, and a great companion. He is also always full of mischief and will forever be the class clown.

It has been an interesting journey and both Cooper and I have learnt quite a lot along the way. As always there have been many people that have helped us. A huge thank you to Pam and Janelle Convery, Lyn White and Val Moeller, all of whom have contributed to and had great faith in the abilities of one nutty Boxer dog and a girl who can still get confused with which way is left and right.

Thanks also to all the folk we have trained with during the year. Those cold and blustery winter nights and mosquito plagued spring evenings were all the more bearable when mixed with a few laughs and the general good fun that was had at each training session.



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APPLICATION FOR TRAINEE INSTRUCTORS

Members are invited to apply to enter the Instructors Course, which will commence in the New Year. Members applying will receive education in

- The Club – how it works and its history
- What makes a good Instructor?
 - Understanding how dogs and people learn
 - Be familiar with the difficulties people have in learning
 - Recognise these difficulties when they occur in Class
 - How to overcome these difficulties
 - Understand how dogs learn
 - How to be a successful Instructor
- Advances in dog training – what the public expect
- Positive training – what it is and how it works
 - Scientific research results on which positive training is based
 - Learn training theory
 - Learn training methods

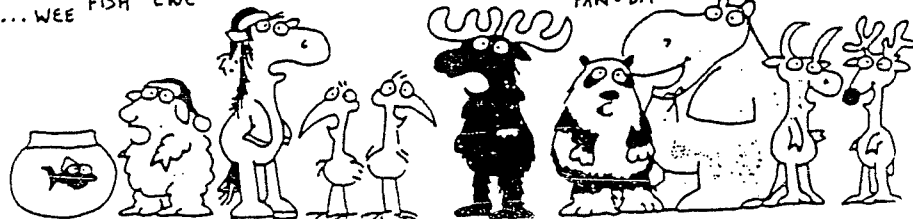
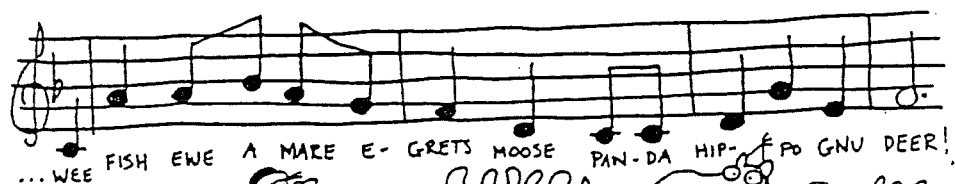
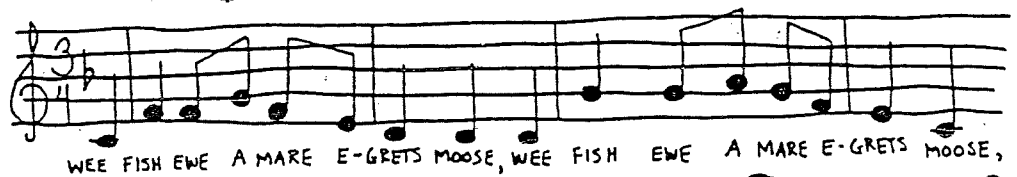
In return the Trainee must guarantee to give the Club 12 months of their time as an Instructor after completing the course.

Course time frame 12 weeks plus apprentice time with a qualified Instructor. A Certificate will be issued after completing the course

Merit Certificate pass to commence as Trainee. Graduate Certificate pass required before you commence instructing.



Merry Christmas &



GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB CALENDAR 2006

January

Thursday 12 January
Sunday 22 January

Thursday 26 January
Sunday 29 January

February

Thursday 2 February
Sunday 5 February
Tuesday 7 February
Sunday 12 February
Wednesday 15 February
Sunday 19 February
Monday 20 February
Sunday 26 February

March

Thursday 2 March
Sunday 5 March
Sunday 12 March
Wednesday 15 March
Sunday 19 March
Monday 20 March
Sunday 26 March

April

Sunday 2 April
Tuesday 4 April
Thursday 6 April
Sunday 9 April
Monday 10 April
Wednesday 12 April
Saturday 15 April
Sunday 16 April
Saturday 22 April

Office re-opens – 2.00 pm to 6.30 pm

Instructor's Workshop – further information available soon. Instructors encouraged to attend. This will take the place of the January's Instructors Meeting
Australia Day

Training resumes for current Members. Newsletter available

Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks

Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for all fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised

Normal training

Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc

Normal training

Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm

Normal training. Newsletter available

Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks

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

Labour Day weekend. NO TRAINING

Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc

Normal training

Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.

Normal training. Newsletter available

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

General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised

Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks

PROMOTION DAY

Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm

Trial entries close- Agility/Jumping Trials

Newsletter closes for articles, report, etc

Easter weekend. NO TRAINING

Trial working bee – to be advised

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB CALENDAR 2006

Sunday 23 April
 Friday 28 April
Saturday 29 April
Sunday 30 April

Normal training. Newsletter available
 Trial Working Bee – to be advised
BACK-TO-BACK AGILITY TRIAL
BACK-T0-BACK AGILITY TRIALS. NO TRAINING

May
 Thursday 4 May
 Sunday 7 May
 Sunday 14 May
Monday 15 May
 Sunday 21 May
 Sunday 28 May

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

June
 Thursday 1 June
 Sunday 4 June
 Tuesday 6 June
Sunday 11 June
 Thursday 15 June
 Sunday 18 June
Monday 19 June
 Wednesday 21 June
 Sunday 25 June
Friday 30 June

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

July
 Saturday 1 July
 Sunday 2 July
 Thursday 6 July
 Friday 7 July
Saturday 8 July
Sunday 9 July
 Saturday 15 July

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

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB CALENDAR 2006

Sunday 16 July
Monday 17 July
Sunday 23 July
Sunday 30 July

Normal Training
Instructor's Meeting - 7.30 pm
PROMOTION DAY
Normal training. Newsletter available

August
Tuesday 1 August
Thursday 3 August
Sunday 6 August
Sunday 13 August
Tuesday 15 August
Sunday 20 August
Monday 21 August
Sunday 27 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
Newsletter closes for articles, report, etc
Normal training
Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Normal training. Newsletter available

September
Sunday 3 September
Tuesday 5 September
Thursday 7 September
Sunday 10 September
Friday 15 September
Sunday 17 September
Monday 18 September
Tuesday 19 September
Sunday 24 September

Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Committee and Non-Committee nominations close
Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Normal training.
Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Normal training
Instructors Meeting – 7.30 pm
Life Membership nominations close
PROMOTION DAY. Newsletter available

October
Sunday 1 October
Tuesday 3 October
Thursday 5 October
Sunday 8 October
Sunday 15 October
Monday 16 October
Sunday 22 October
Sunday 29 October

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

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB CALENDAR 2006

November

Thursday 2 November
 Sunday 5 November
 Sunday 12 November
 Wednesday 15 November
 Sunday 19 November
Monday 20 November
 Sunday 26 November

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

December

Sunday 3 December
Tuesday 5 December
Sunday 10 December
 Sunday 17 December
 Thursday 21 December

Normal training
General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
PROMOTION DAY
 Last day of training for 2006
 Office closes