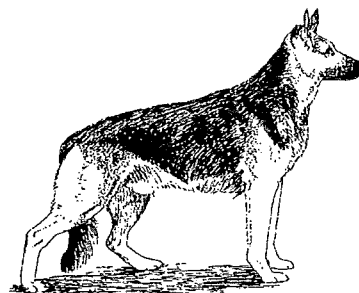
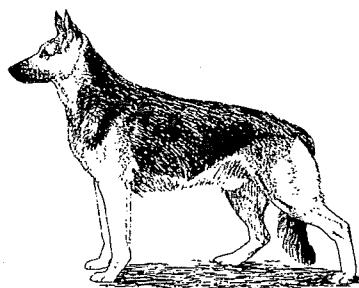
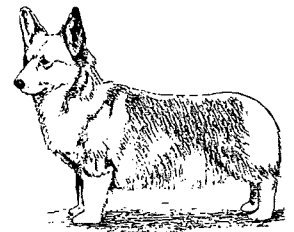
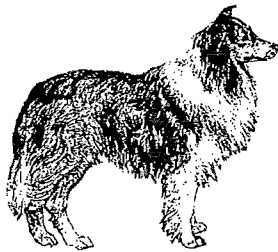
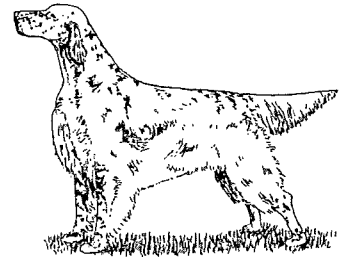
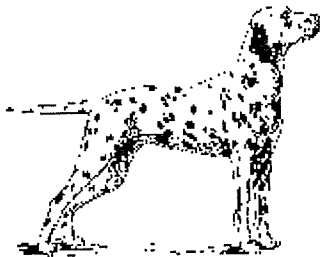


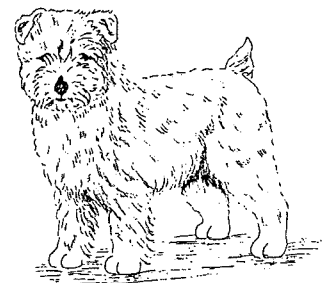
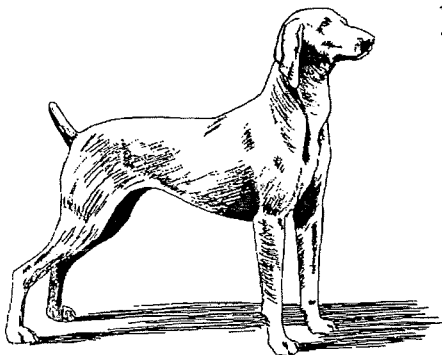
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GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC

STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

(All reference to the Kennel Control Council becomes Victorian Canine Association – Motion 90)

The objects of the Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc are: -

- a. to affiliate with The Kennel Control Council
- b. to promote and raise the standards and exhibition of registered pure bred dogs and Associate Registered dogs
- c. to promote the holding of Exhibitions under the KCC Rules and Regulations and to conduct Exhibitions and/or to promote Obedience training and to conduct Obedience Trials, Tracking Tests and Field Trials
- d. to foster, promote and protect the interest of Exhibitors of dogs at Exhibitions
- e. to collect, verify and publish information relating to dogs and the breeding, exhibition and training of dogs
- f. to educate and encourage Members, Breeders and Judges to abide by the requirements and standards approved by The Kennel Control Council for the conduct of Exhibitions and Shows
- g. to promote good fellowship and sportsmanship amongst Members and those participating in or attending at Exhibitions and Shows
- h. to inform Members of, and make known to them the Laws and Regulations of the State relating to the ownership and care of dogs, and the responsibility of owners for the conduct and actions of their dogs
- i. to hold functions and lectures relating to dogs and to the purposes of the Club generally
- j. to provide awards and donate prizes for competition at Exhibitions and for the competition by Breeders and Exhibitors of dogs
- k. to foster relations with other Clubs and bodies having similar aims
- l. to promote and assist worth causes, as agreed at a General Meeting of the Members of the Club
- m. to invest the funds of the Club not immediately required in such a manner as the Members/or the Committee in lieu thereof, shall determine
- n. to purchase, hire, lease etc and do such things as are conducive or incidental to promoting and achieving the purposes of the Club
- o. to carry on such other activities or promote or encourage interest in the breeding, upkeep and training of and the general well being and improvement of dogs

..... and to do all such other things as may be necessary or conducive to carrying out the objects of the Club

CLUB CALENDAR

February

Sunday	4 February	Return to training for current members
Monday	5 February	Return to Agility Trial training. Equipment setup 5.30pm
Tuesday	6 February	Obedience Trial training – 7.15pm
		General Meeting – 8.00pm unless otherwise advised
Sunday	11 February	Normal training. Class 1 Intake
		Puppy Intake for all fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	12 February	Agility Trial training. Equipment setup 5.30pm
Tuesday	13 February	Obedience Trial training – 7.15pm
Thursday	15 February	Newsletter closes for articles, reports etc.
Sunday	18 February	Normal training
Monday	19 February	Agility Trial training. Equipment setup 5.30pm
		Instructor's Meeting – 7.30pm
Tuesday	20 February	Obedience Trial training – 7.15pm
Sunday	25 February	Normal training. Newsletter available
Monday	26 February	Agility Trial training. Equipment setup 5.30pm
Tuesday	27 February	Obedience Trial training – 7.15pm

CLUB INSTRUCTORS

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John Shields

Kath Devlin

Pam Convery

Helen Read

Ray Millard

Robyn Everett

Andrew Wallace

Trish Gavaghan (Agility)

Peter Baker (Agility)

Glenys Murray (Agility)

Welcome to our Trainee Instructors

Helen Frawley (Agility)

Lisa Pucci (Agility)

Anne Macrae (Agility)

Jenny Chase (Agility)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**"Be yourself. Nobody else is
better qualified."**



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well a new year is upon us. May I wish everyone the best for the New Year and I hope all your dreams and aspirations come true. As you can see there has been some work done over the holiday break. My thanks to those people involved in it all. The painting of the toilets looks very good, as does the Canteen floor. Hopefully these will last for a while. Also you can see the grass is brown here. Be aware of burrs in your dog's coat and watch out for snakes in the trees and out in the oval areas. For those of you who were here on the last day I hope you enjoyed yourselves as I think it was a different format than last year.

Well that is all from me for now. I wish you all the best in your training. Remember we only show you what to do, it is up to you to put in the time and effort.

Jim Ball
President

TRIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi everyone

Welcome to 2007 and a new year of Trials, Titles and lots of successes.

Training is already underway with the Tracking group starting back on Sunday 7th January. We all love the 6.30am starts and the dogs are enjoying their work. Thank you to Wendy Ganly for her time and effort in helping us achieve our goals.

With Obedience Trials not far away, the Tuesday night Obedience Trial group started back on Tuesday 9th January. I think we were all a little bit rusty and it was a fairly lazy night the first night back, but from here on in we will all be aiming for those elusive Titles. Graduate Members, don't forget you are welcome to join in the Tuesday night at 7.15pm for extra training if you wish.

Monday Agility Trial training will also have returned by the time this Newsletter comes out. Thank you to Peter Baker for all the work he has done on the Agility equipment over the holidays. It looks really great. At the General Meeting on Tuesday 6th February we will need to begin discussion regarding our perpetual trophies for 2007. Our Agility Dog of the Year perpetual is now full and with the changes to Agility, we need to decide if we are going to have Agility Dog of the Year, Jumping Dog of the Year and Games Dog of the Year as separate trophies. So come along and put forward your thoughts.

Congratulations to our first Title successes for 2007. Kaye Rogers and Tina Button both gained HT Titles at Lancefield recently.

Out of courtesy to your Instructors, please let them know if you are unable to attend training. This not only applies to Obedience Trial Classes and Agility Trial Classes, but Sunday morning training as well. Instructors give up their time willingly to help you in any way they can, it is up to you to let them know if you are unavailable. If you can't get in touch with your Instructor, just leave a message on the answering machine at the Club.

Specialty Sashes

If anyone is interested in providing Specialty Sashes for either the Agility Trials or Obedience Trials could they please let me know by the end of February, as we will need to put the order in the first week in March.

The Trial sub-Committee met on Monday 15th January and allocated jobs for the Agility Trial in April. So, when these Members come looking for your help, please keep in mind how much work is involved in running Trials.

Good luck for the coming year.

Pam Convery
Agility Trial Secretary

TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Welcome back everyone; I hope you and your dog had a restful break. I would like to congratulate everyone who achieved an award and certificate last year and hopefully we can have more passes this year in both Club Promo days and Trials.

Our fun day went well with only a few adjustments needed for improvement; I received some constructive suggestions and praises on the format. Congratulations to the winning team. Your photo will be placed on the website and in the Club rooms. Copies can be purchased from Wendy Mitchell our resident photographer. Thank you to everyone who assisted on the last day, it definitely made the day run smoothly.

I would like to call upon any budding Instructors. If you are interested in becoming an Instructor please let me know. There will be a new Instructor course beginning soon. You may start the course while in Merit but must be in Graduate to begin Instructing.

This year we are aiming to have more workshops and seminars, a lot of time and effort is put into organizing these and attendance would be appreciated. We do our best to run these at low cost, while still raising money for the Club. If you would like to suggest a specific workshop, let the office or myself know. All suggestions are welcome.

Make training fun and you will achieve your goals.

That's all for now,

Tina Button
Training Supervisor

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Well I have survived another Christmas function down at the club, with the huge crowd of 30 people having a fantastic time, shame you weren't there! Maybe next year you will be! It was great to see a few new faces that came along to join in, I hope you all had a great time and enjoyed the night.

The food as always was wonderful. Chris from Robbo's Roasts always looks after us very well, with meat, potatoes and salads and then we can't forget the lovely deserts.

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Thank you to Judy, Pam, Alex, Deb and her Dad, (sorry I forgot your name) who helped set the hall up on the Thursday night and to every one who helped on the night from serving food, selling raffle tickets, taking photos, to assisting with the dishes. It just goes to show you that many hands make light work. While on the thank you's, a special one goes to John the DJ for again supplying us with a great range of music.

Some people ventured to the dance floor. We had a lot of fun watching people try their luck at doing the limbo, some average wanna be's of Olivia Newtown John trying to sing like her and a small group enjoying the chicken dance and a few others (hehehehe)

Anyway, by the time you read this Christmas will be over and we would have started into the New Year, so here is hoping that everyone has a great 2007!

While at the dinner it was suggested that we have a similar night early in March, with the music and perhaps a BBQ outdoors so keep this in mind and if you have any other ideas please bring them forward. I would like to see if we can hold a function every couple of months.

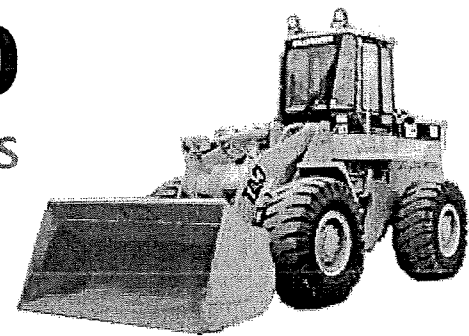
Until next time, happy training.

Leonie Kelleher
Social Secretary



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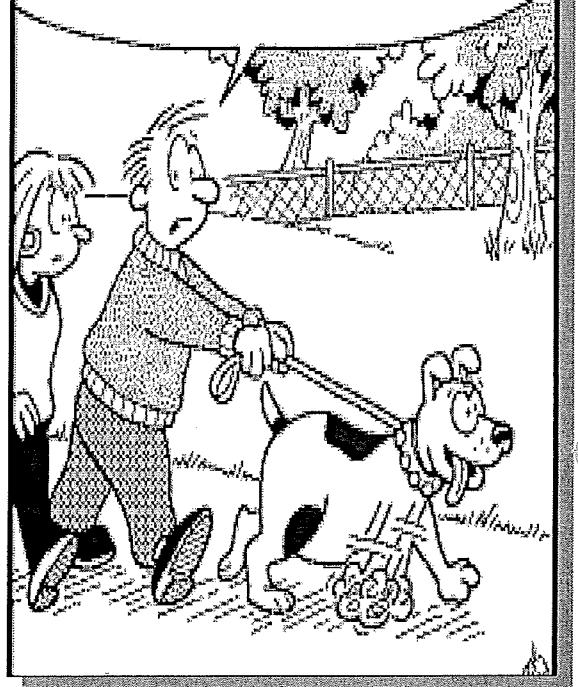
FANTASTIC NEWS

We have 47 books in mint condition donated by David Archer. So many fascinating books. Many very expensive and beautiful books. And guess what – we need more shelving to house this generous donation. Most Librarians are yelling for books – very few Librarians are shrieking for more space to house a sudden and totally unexpected generous donation.

Each book has a Donor Form inserted, so that you are aware where the book came from. Donations are a fantastic bounty for the Library. Thanks to Tina Button for designing the Ex Libris Donor label. It is great.

First day back next year we will have, thanks to the generosity of David Archer, a coming home ceremony for our new family – all 47 babies. A stork is inappropriate for Australia, so my Uncle has made this fantastic flying pelican to be suspended from the ceiling to welcome our newcomers home.

I FOUND HIM IN THE SUPERMARKET
PARKING LOT... HE'S GREAT EXCEPT
FOR ONE FOOT THAT ALWAYS WANTS
TO GO IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION...

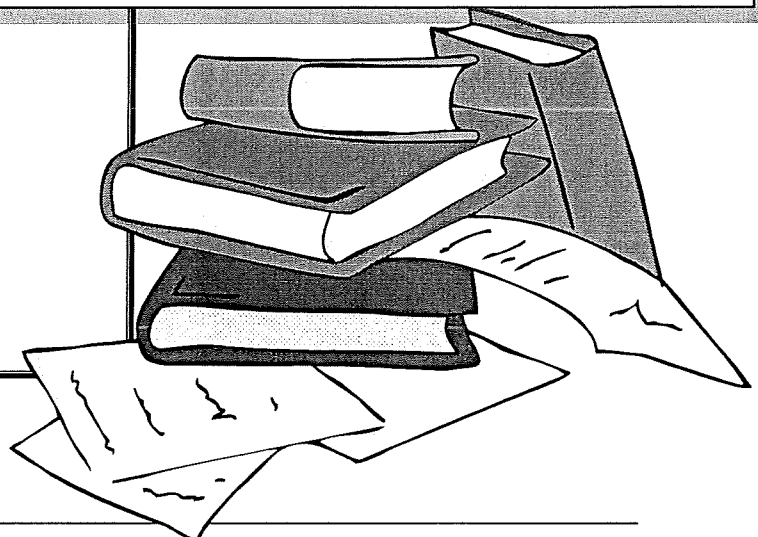


A report from an embarrassed Librarian

My sincere apologies. The donor of this magnificent collection was not the MacDonald Family (as printed in Library News, November 2006) – it was David Archer.

I am entirely responsible for this regrettable mistake and I tender my sincere apologies to the Editor, The Club and David Archer.

Happy Heeling - Robyn



GENERAL MEETING - 6th DECEMBER, 2006

Meeting opened: 8.04pm

Apologies : S. Everett, L. Wills, B. Thorogood, J. Brophy

Acc: L. Kelleher

Seconded: S. Malady

Carried

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

Acc: D. Schulz

Seconded: D. Dickeson

Carried

Business arising from the Minutes

1. Fees to be deferred until General Business

Correspondence Out:

1. D. Archer re book donation. R. Youll re correct name of book donor.
2. Invitations for last day of training to 25 year members.

Correspondence In:

1. B.D.A.G. requesting permission to run NADAC trial in 2007 on club grounds with possible dates as options.
2. B.D.A.G. request for permission to have flyball training on club grounds in 2007 on a week day. GODC member to be in attendance at all sessions.
3. Card from J. Brophy thanking club for their consideration whilst she was unwell.
4. Sashas Flexibite pamphlets.

Business arising from Correspondence

1. Regarding B.D.A.G holding Flyball training at club – H. Read had already been to COGG requesting approval. P. Convery believed the letter to club was an afterthought. P. Baker did not consider it practical in our current drought situation. General discussion followed. GODC to send letter to COGG stating we should have first priority and be consulted by council prior to them making such decisions.

Moved: That the appropriate letter be sent to Council. Seconded: C. Humphrey. Carried.
 T. Button moved that this matter be deferred until June General Meeting. Seconded: P. Baker.
 Carried.

Treasurer's Report

S. Eldridge read written report and asked that all accounts be passed for payment. Discussion ensued re club being over budget currently.

Acc: A. Shackleton

Seconded: D. Schultz

Carried

Other Reports

Canteen Manager Written report submitted

Hall Manager Nil report

Grounds Manager Nil report

Publicity Officer Written report submitted

Raffle Steward Nil report

Shop Manager Nil report

GENERAL MEETING – 6th December, 2006 (continued)

Social Secretary Written report submitted

Training Supervisor Written report submitted

Trial Secretary Written report submitted

Acc: J. Convery

Seconded: A. Shackleton

Carried

General Business

1. Membership fees. It was recommended that \$10 be added to all memberships to cover expenses. General discussion followed.

Membership renewals be increased by \$20 for general members and \$10 for pensioners.

Moved: L. Kelleher

Seconded: S. Malady

Carried.

The increase be put in newsletter giving the members the reason for the increasing costs.

2. K. Lee suggested that the club set up a list of doggie B.&B.'s and those people interested in this field. Discussion followed.

3. 1. D. Dickeson suggested a letter be sent to motorcross stating we were not the complainants. An email was sent to L. Atlas clarifying this matter.

2. A base board be placed between the runs in the puppy pens.

4. Certificate of appreciation be sent to B. & S. Stockfeed, Bannockburn re: Nature's Gifts products. T. Button suggested an advertisement for J. Hovell's embroidery (towels and dog coats) go into next Newsletter.

5. A. Shackleton reported that the Government is running a grants program for water recycling. Round III is due to open and there is a registration process to go through. Council is acting as the facilitator.

A working group is needed to apply for a grant.

Moved: L. Kelleher

Seconded: J. Convery

Carried.

6. W. Ganly discussed Members certificates, and those failing one exercise on Promotion day. T. Button explained that this matter was being discussed regarding this. More information on this will be forthcoming.

As there was no further business

Meeting closed: 9.21pm

**TAIL WAGGERS**

Q: What do you call a dog in the middle of a muddy road?

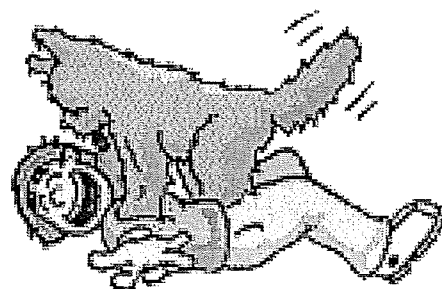
A: A mutt in a rut!

Q: What do you call a happy Lassie?

A: A jolly collie!

Q: What do you call a nutty dog in Australia?

A: A dingo-ling!



Sent in By Elaine Longshaw

CLUB AWARDS 2006

25 Years Membership

Desma Dickeson

Elaine Longshaw

Barry Elliott

Maria Elliot

Committee/Instructor of the Year

Scot Everett

Registered Obedience Dog of the Year

Goorambat The Manor CDX (Mason)

Golden Retriever Janelle & Pam Convery

Associate Obedience Dog of the Year

Lara Jumping Bunny CDX (Jessie)

Associate Border

Luba Hopkins

Agility Dog of the Year

Dunwarren Blue Curacao CD ADX JDM ET JDO (Poppy)

Border Collie

Peter Baker

TITLE MEDALLIONS 2006

Companion Dog

Folecia Makena (Bella)

Golden Retriever

Tony Stewart

Ormslee Kosmic Kali (Kali)

Rottweiler

Joy Mayhew

Companion Dog Excellent

Goorambat The Manor CD (Mason)

Golden Retriever

Janelle & Pam Convery

Lara Jumping Bunny CD (Jessie)

Border Collie

Luba Hopkins

Agility Dog Excellent

Tylker Ganesh CDX AD JDX ET (Cooper)

Boxer

Jenny Chase

Jumping Dog Excellent

Shionabox The Wishmaster CD AD JD ET (Kimbo)

Boxer

Roy Lawrence

Tylker Ganesh CDX ADX JD ET (Cooper)

Boxer

Jenny Chase

Jumping Dog Open

Dunnwarren Blue Curacao CD ADX JDM ET (Poppy)

Border Collie

Peter Baker

Gamblers Dog

Ch Wameika Dentelle CD AD JD (Bella)

Brittany

Helen Green

Snooker Dog

Tylker Ganesh CDX ADX JDX ET (Cooper)

Boxer

Jenny Chase

Tracking Dog

Glenlusk Buff Beauty (Ben)

Golden Retriever

Debbie Hamilton

Goldscout Adventuress (Cassie)

Golden Retriever

Debbie Hamilton

Tracking Dog Excellent

Glenlusk Buff Beauty TD (Ben)

Golden Retriever

Debbie Hamilton

Goldscout Adventuress TD (Cassie)

Golden Retriever

Debbie Hamilton

Tracking Champion

Goldscout Adventuress TDX (Cassie)

Golden Retriever

Debbie Hamilton

A Wag's Tail

*... as dictated by "Wolf" the Poodle, to
Kayelle, His Human.*

Kayelle paid the nice lady \$350 – a bargain, but she never would let up on the fact that my grooming things cost more than what I did... I mean, hey! Is that my fault? I don't even want them anyway, they're useless because I wriggle, snarl, and even bite! HUH! And she thought I was a Nice Boy.

I first squirmed into the world as the Cutest soggy heap you ever did see on the 13th of December 2004... but I'm over 'Cute' now. I might be a Poodle, but I'm a DOG Poodle. Don't you ever call me "Cute"... I'm no Bitch.

When I first met Kayelle, she came with a Camera, it has an eye that stares at me. We kids didn't know what then, but we worked the game out ... when she pointed it at us - the first to put our nose right on the glass bit before it went 'click', was the winner. I always won, but Kayelle doesn't know that because she couldn't tell the difference between us.

I always win at everything! I think she's noticing that now. I'm teaching her.

*

Toys have been a big problem around here since Tammy the Cocker Spaniel came for holidays. SHE knows they are mine, Kayelle knows they're mine... and the toys Tammy brought with her went into My Toy Drawer, so they're mine too.

The question is, why don't they respect that fact? Now I have to go about the house, collect them all up, pile them into a little hill, and sleep on them. It's hard work.

I devised a method of completing the entire collection. When Tammy decides she wants a toy for herself, (she can be Terribly Greedy), I discovered that by exploding into a damned good "WOOO-WOOO-WOOO-

WOOO!" then slamming through the dog door and up to the Garden Defence Post, and staring at an empty section of footpath... Tammy will always join me. This behaviour unfortunately reveals her heritage as a mere Cocker Spaniel.

Then for my 'coup-de grace'.

I turn tail, run back into the house, and while Tammy is still barking at nothing, I place her unguarded treasure on the pile, and have a lovely nap. You have to be smart to keep the Poodle at the top of the 'Clever Dog' list.

*

Sorry. Can't dictate tonight... Too tired. This morning I had to get out of bed, eat food, go for a walk, eat more food, sleep, go for another walk, sleep, eat more food and play with Tammy. It can be tough.

Still, I bear with it all for the sake of Kayelle. She couldn't manage without me.

*

I love to play with Tammy the Cocker underneath Kayelle's arm. It has a very good smell there; she cultivates it throughout the



A Wag's Tail (continued)

day so that I can enjoy it even more at night.
She's very thoughtful.

I found a way to make these under the arm games even more entertaining now... I wait until she's holding a cup of 'steaming stuff' in her hand, and then I play *The Game*.

I wait until she holds the cup up to her face - exposing the underarm, then duck into place and jump around a lot.

The results are amazing... what with all the spluttering and spilling and running for a cloth for the carpet. She doesn't even have time to growl at me in what They reckon is in time for me to remember that I did 'A Naughty Thing'.

I like how They say I can't remember things that happened only a minute ago! But it's

very comforting that she loves me and forgives me for my bit of fun.

*

Kayelle has been telling me a lot about "School" today. I listen very intently with my head cocked to one side then the other, she likes how I do that, and so do I, it makes her talk in a funny squeaky voice. Communication is good because I need to know what is going to happen to me, I don't know what "School" is yet. Looks like I'm going to find out.

I'm a little worried.

This piece was written by Kayelle. It is the first of a three part series. The second installment will be appearing in the February 2007 edition.



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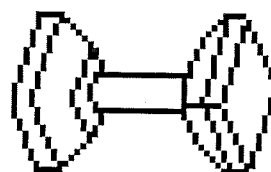
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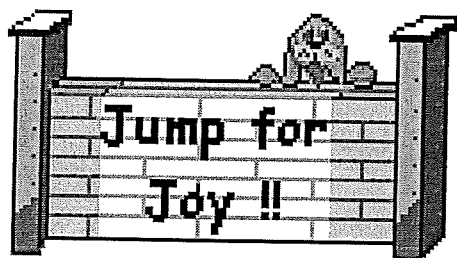
OBEDIENCE STEWARDS' WORKSHOP

Sunday 25th February 2007

Werribee Obedience Dog Club
Presidents Park
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the VCA Inc**



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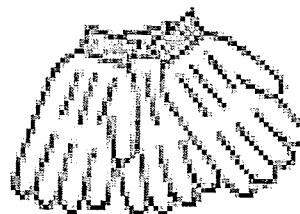
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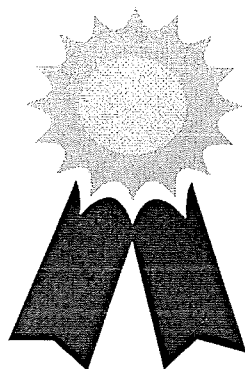


NB: You must be a financial Member of the VCA and/or a financial Member of an affiliated Club to attend

PROMOTION DAY PASSES

Congratulations to the following members who all obtained passes on our Promotion Day - 10th December, 2006

Graduate Certificate



Elaine Longshaw & Kuyan
Lynn-Maree Smith & Barney



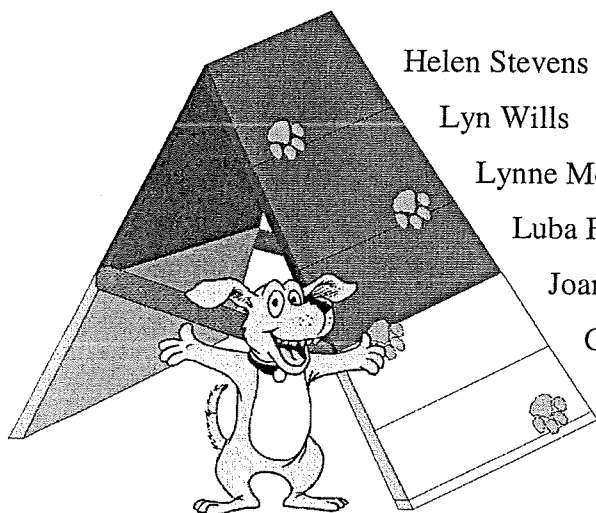
Merit Certificate

Raelene Hartney & Millie

Beginners Certificate

Catherine Ernstzen	&	Buckley	Vicki Giblin	&	Chester
Caitlin Byrne	&	Sally	Jessica McLeod	&	Rascal
Tina Button	&	Karli	Jane MacKinnon	&	Lily
Leonie Kelleher	&	Branko	Gwenda White	&	Tango
Pauline Greaves	&	Tully	Kate Watchorn	&	Billy
Heather Frizzell	&	Raff	Robert Hutchison	&	Misty
Jane Johnstone	&	Tessa	Debbie Larkins	&	Carney
Hayden Ververs	&	Mazie	Jessica Gear	&	Arthur
Ben Dunoon	&	Charlie			

Advanced Agility Certificate



Helen Stevens	&	Georgie
Lyn Wills	&	Dusty
Lynne McNeill	&	Jazz
Luba Hopkins	&	Jessie
Joanne Dunoon	&	Koby
Cornelia Smith	&	Mali
Mathew Stevens	&	Porcha

TEACHING SELF CONTROL

by Suzanne Clothier

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Does your dog pull on lead when someone approaches? when he sees another dog? if joggers run by? if children are playing? if a cat or squirrel dash through the yard? Is he hard to control at the vet's or groomer's? when people come into your house?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, chances are your dog needs to learn **self control**. Just as children must learn to control their impulses before they can mature into responsible adults, dogs must learn self control before they can become well mannered canine citizens. Self control must be taught, just as you teach him to sit or speak or come when called.

Every owner can teach his dog self control by following these guidelines:



owner and dog.

❖ **Train, don't restrain.** Taking a firm grip on the leash and collar teaches the dog nothing except that you can restrain him. Instead, give a simple command, such as sit, reminding with the lead if needed, then loosen the lead so there is no tension at all. If the dog breaks position, quietly and slowly reposition him, and loosen the lead again.

❖ **Ask for compliance, not submission.** View working with your dog as you would working with any friend. Avoid creating a struggle by asking the dog for more than he can do at the time. For example, if your dog is really excited, he may be unable or unwilling to lay down, but agreeable to sitting quietly with a few reminders from you. Compromise and be reasonable - most struggles between dog and owner are created when the owner attempts to dominate the dog, instead of finding a solution acceptable to both

❖ **Remember the dog does not know what his options are.** A dog who is lacking self control simply does not know that it is possible to sit quietly in the face of distractions. It is the owner's responsibility to show the dog that he has options other than lunging, pulling or leaping around.

❖ **Move slowly and talk quietly.** A dog who is highly excited needs calm, slow handling. A common mistake owners make is to move quickly, grabbing at the leash and collar, raising their voice and speaking in short, sharp tones. From the dog's point of view, the owner appears as

Teaching Self Control (continued)

excited as they are, and short sharp tones often sound like barking. Instead of calming the dog, this *reinforces* his excitement. By moving slowly and talking quietly, the owner sends a clear message to the dog that he is not excited and is in control of the situation.

- ❖ **Remind and ask, don't demand.** A dog who is already excited is likely to resist a harsh correction or respond by becoming more excited. "Ask" by using the lightest possible touch on the leash and collar, and remind the dog what he's doing each time he forgets and shifts position.
- ❖ **Work on teaching self control in all situations.** Begin by working in distraction free areas, and ask your dog to sit on a loose leash for five minutes. Gradually move on to more exciting situations, and practice often. Work at home, at friends' homes, in parks, shopping centers, at dog shows, training classes and the veterinarian's. As your dog's self control and respect for you increases, you can add laying down quietly for up to 30 minutes to his skills.



Tricks Class

A reminder to Members - If you would like to try something new, why not join in with Peter Baker and his Aussie Shepherd 'Amigo' and give our new Tricks Class a go. Show off your dog's talent – and your talent too. It's fun and rewarding and is a great way to build a better relationship with your dog.

Classes are held during the first session, most Sundays. Requirements to join the Tricks Class:-

You must have achieved your Merit Certificate or better, and be dedicated.

PS – 'Amigo' loves doing tricks because he has fun and gets nice treats....woof.



2006 END OF YEAR GAMES DAY

Congratulations to all the competitors who took part in the inaugural GODC Dog Olympics. The event was a lot of fun with the general opinion being that a good time was had by all - two and four legged alike. Thank you to the organizers and "Judges" who helped make the day the success it was.

The winners of our Individual Events were:-

Closest Drop to the Rope

- 1st Place Tony Stewart & Bella
2nd Place Sarah Wills-Cook & Tigger
3rd Place Joy Mayhew & Kali

Fastest Recall

- 1st Place Carol Cook & Rajah
2nd Place Tamsyn Pemberton & Seamus
3rd Place Mikal Botting

Fastest Down

- 1st Place Margaret Martin & Mickey
2nd Place Tony Stewart & Bella
3rd Place Roxanne Adamson & Bella

Fastest Good-O Eater

- 1st Place Alex Shackleton & Simbah
2nd Place Roxanne Adamson & Bella
3rd Place Joy Mayhew & Kali

Longest Stand Stay

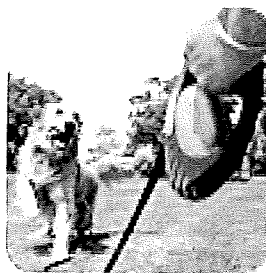
Equal 1st Place Peter Roupas & Elke together with (name unavailable at time of printing). Both dogs stood like statues and did not move for an amazing 13 minutes before a draw was finally called.

The winners of the **Team Agility Event** was – Team One, seen below giving a celebratory cheer.



This photo was taken by Wendy Mitchell. She has kindly given her permission for it to be reprinted here. If you would like to see more of her work please go to her website - Wendy Mitchell Photography. The web address is: www.wendymitchellphotography.com.au or call her on 0409 440 668.

Below is a **CHOICE** roadtest of 12 retractable dog leads - done after a particular retractable dog lead caused a very serious eye injury to a young girl. Action is now being taken to ban that particular brand of lead. If you know of anyone using the offending lead below, it may be worth passing on this information. The recommendation from **CHOICE** is to throw it out if you already have one.



Retractable Dog Leads

Some dog leads can be downright dangerous.
Online 11/06

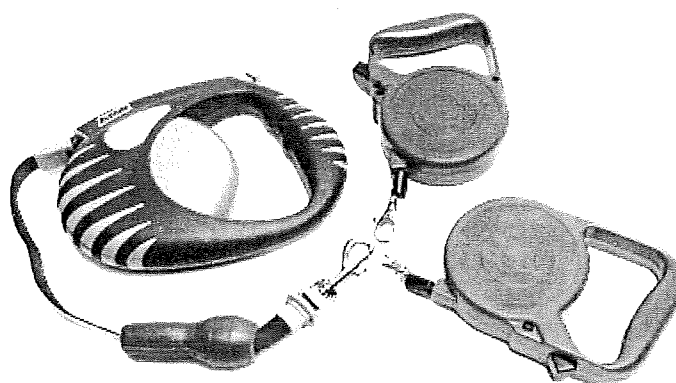
Nothing out of the ordinary had led up to the terrible, life-changing injury nine-year-old Louise Hiatt of Caravonica, Queensland, suffered last January. She'd been walking the family's dachshund when the dog responded to another dog's barking with a pull on the lead — a very typical reaction, as any dog owner would confirm.

But what happened next shouldn't have happened. The **metal clasp** of the retractable dog lead **snapped in half** and, with its jagged edge, went flying back **straight into her eye**, causing major damage.

"I'd just hate this to happen to someone else," Louise's mother, Michelle Hiatt, told us later. "It's not like a cut that'll leave her with a scar on the leg — she's still in danger of losing her eye; she has no sight in that eye; she's lost all her iris; the lens is gone; there's scarring across the cornea. Nothing our daughter did contributed to the accident. The lead had hardly been used and was in good condition. She was using it properly and wasn't doing anything silly."

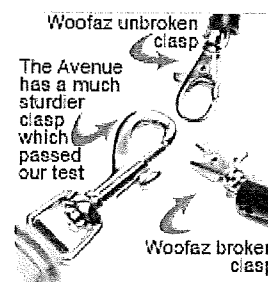
How much danger?

Concerned about the **strength** and **durability** of retractable dog



Avenue

Woofaz - broken and unbroken



leads, we checked out various shops in Sydney and bought a selection for testing. We wanted to find out whether there's an inherent danger in this type of leash or whether it was this particular brand's design or manufacturing quality that led to its metal clasp failing.

We bought 12 different retractable dog leads, including the WOOFAZ PA0087B, whose clasp had snapped in half, injuring Louise. Nine months after the incident, it was still available for sale. We tested the dog leads to a maximum force of **500 N**, which is equivalent to an average-size (20 kg) dog pulling two-and-a-half times its weight, a force that smaller, weaker people would have problems resisting.

Most of the brands that passed our strength test cost around \$20–\$50; they're listed below. The \$4 PET HAVEN Dog Lead Retractable 21657054 broke just under our maximum force at 469 N (the

Retractable Dog Leads (continued)

stitching gave way). But the \$2 WOOF AZ Retractable Dog Leash PA0087B again failed miserably. Its metal clasp broke at 135 N and a second lead's clasp also failed at 156 N.

Our advice

Don't buy a WOOF AZ retractable dog lead. Throw it out if you're already using one. We've brought the matter to the attention of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), which has **taken action to ban the product**. See our **media release**

<http://www.choice.com.au/viewArticle.aspx?id=105484&catId=100281&tid=100008&p=1&title=Retractable+dog+leads>

If you want to use a retractable dog lead, the brands that passed our test should withstand the steady pull of an average-size dog. We didn't test every dog lead on the market, but we did test a wide selection from several shops.

Choose one with a **sturdy, heavy clasp**, but be aware of the damage it can do if it should ever break and fly back at your face. So use it with utmost care, especially if your dog is jerking at the other end. Never use one that's rated lower than the **weight of your dog** or that has **no size or weight rating** at all.

Passed our strength test

AVENUE Retractable Tape Leash M/M 74522
BAGS ON BOARD Retractable Leash with Built-in Bag Dispenser
FERPLAST Flippy Regular Medium 75003025
FLEXI Compact 2 Medium C25.116.INT
PEARSONS Starvin Marvins Retractable Dog Lead
PET LIFE Extending Lead for Dogs Large 85802
PET LIFE Extending Lead for Dogs Medium 85801
SHENG FA Retractable Dog Leash & Flashlight ZI 99 2 15524.X

Passed the test but have no weight

PET HAVEN Retractable Dog Lead Deluxe 22125583
PETS 'N PALS Retractable Dog Lead AN9745

Sent in by Peter Roupas

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Half page "Title" and "Vale" notices are provided free to all Members. Copy must be submitted by the 15th of the month. If you would like photos etc returned, please provide a suitably sized SSAE.

Please note that we do not advertise puppy litters.

BRILLIANT DEBUT

Geelong Obedience Dog Club Member Lisa Pucci and her Manchester Terrier Dixiedaly Jet Setter better known at the Club as 'Sam' have been doing well with their Agility work. During 2006 they moved up into the Triallers group which train at the Club grounds on Monday nights. After much encouragement from fellow training mates, they finally set their sights on the Warringal Agility and Jumping Trial as their 'coming out'. This Trial is held at La Trobe University on the first Saturday of December. It is always a popular Trial as it is the final one of the season. This year attracting a strong 500+ entry.

Although Lisa said she was a little nervous, it did not affect their performance. Not only did they manage to run clear and pick up a Pass on their very first run, they also managed to come in faster than all the rest and win their Novice Agility Ring. What a brilliant debut for Lisa and 'Sam the Man'.



VCA TRIAL RESULTS

Ballaarat Dog Obedience Club – Open Obedience Trial – Sun, 19th November, 2006

CCD – AM Trial

Peter Roupas	Strathraer Blue Diamond (Elke)	1 st Pass	1 st Place
	Golden Retriever		

CCD – PM Trial

Peter Roupas	Strathraer Blue Diamond (Elke)	2 nd Pass	1 st Place
	Golden Retriever		

Warringal Obedience Dog Club - Open Agility and Jumping Trial – Sat, 2nd December, 2006

Novice Agility – AM Trial

Lisa Pucci	Dixiedaly Jet Setter (Sam)	1 st Pass	1 st Place
	Manchester Terrier		

Novice Snooker – AM Trial

Betty Lawrence	Tearleen Madam Mizelle JD ET (Yoda)	1 st Pass	? Place
	Boxer		

Novice Strategic Pairs – PM Trial

Anne Macrae	Misty JD (Misty)	1 st Pass	7 th Place
	Associate		
Jenny Chase	Tylker Ganesh CDX ADX JDX SD ET (Cooper)	2 nd Pass	8 th Place
	Boxer		
Roy Lawrence	Shionabox The Wishmaster CD AD JDX ET (Kimbo)	2 nd Pass	8 th Place
	Boxer		

Novice Gamblers – PM Trial

Trish Gavaghan	Lindenbrae Wildrose Tyra ADX JDX (Meg)	1 st Pass	? Place
	Border Collie		

VCA Trial Results (continued)**Master Jumping – PM Trial**

Peter Baker Dunnwarren Blue Curacao CD ADX JDM JDO ET (Poppy) Pass 1st Place
 Border Collie

Lancefield Kennel Club – Herding Trial – Fri, 29th December, 2006**Herding Instinct Test**

Kaye Rogers Jasper Rogers AD JD (Jasper)
 Associate
 Tina Button Monlaird A NewHope (Hope)
 Border Collie
 Wendy Ganly Poruse Diamond Dealer (Gambit)
 Australian Shepherd



1st Pass 1st Place

2nd Pass

1st Pass

Herding Test 1

Tina Button Monlaird Poseidon (Sebastian)
 Border Collie
 Kaye Rogers Jasper Rogers AD JD
 Associate

1st Pass

Encouragement Award

1st Pass

Central Highlands Kennel Club – Herding Trial – Fri, 29th December, 2006**Herding Instinct Test**

Kaye Rogers Jasper Rogers AD JD (Jasper)
 Associate
 Wendy Ganly Poruse Diamond Dealer (Gambit)
 Australian Shepherd

2nd Pass

2nd Pass

Herding Test 2

Tina Button Monlaird Poseidon (Sebastian)
 Border Collie
 Kaye Rogers Jasper Rogers AD JD (Jasper)
 Associate

2nd Pass

Encouragement Award

HT Title

2nd Pass

HT Title

AGILITY GAMES WORKSHOP**KCC Park**

Saturday 10th February 4.00pm to 9.00pm
 Saturday 24th February 10.00am to 4.00pm

In conjunction with Judges training the VCA would also like to invite any Stewards who are interested in attending and will also need the help of Trialers and their dogs to make the Workshops effective.

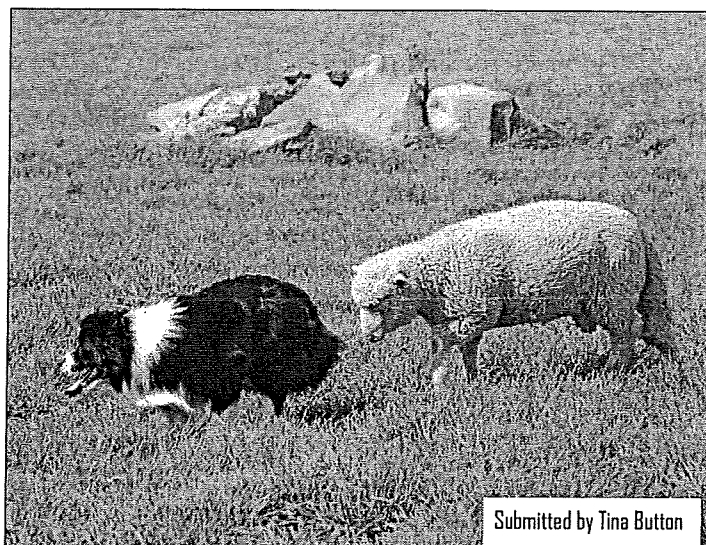
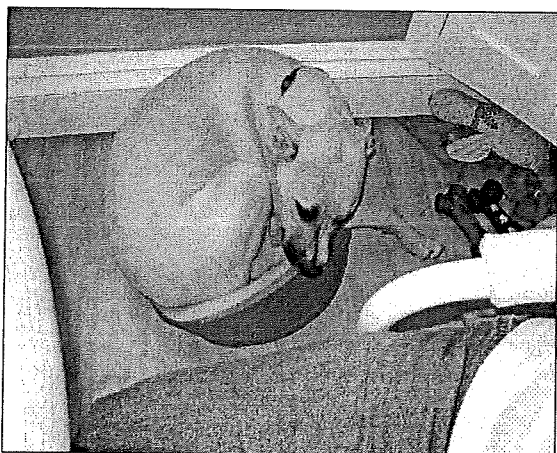
Please contact Judy Haynes at the VCA Office 9788 2506 or email jhaynes@vca.org.au if you wish to attend.



DAWG DAZE

Right: hmmm, something is not right here!!!

Below: Wrong bed again...



Have you got a funny photo of your dog? If you think others would enjoy it and would like to share it with us, write a caption and send it in. We'd love to see it here.



CANINE COOKERY

LIVER CAKE

This cake is definitely not one to serve to friends for morning tea, but your dog will love it.

Ingredients:

1 Butter Cake Mix
1 Liver
Some Garlic
A Couple of Eggs



Blend the liver in a blender or food processor. Mix it with the Cake mixture made to directions on the packet. Add the extra eggs and garlic. Cover a baking dish with foil, spray on non-stick cooking spray, pour the mixture into the baking dish. Bake at 180 degrees for approximately 45 minutes.

Remove from the oven and cut slits through the cake to allow air in. Return cake to the oven, which should now be turned off or very low, so cake can dry out slightly. Cooking time will vary depending on size of liver.

WHO IS GOING TO HELP? – THIS CLUB NEEDS YOU!



We are always in need of new Instructors. Members are invited to apply to enter the Geelong Obedience Dog Club Instructors Course, which will commence shortly.

Members who apply will receive education in the following:-

- *Our Club, how it works and its 50+ year history*
- *What makes a good Instructor*
 - *Understanding how dogs learn*
 - *Understanding how people learn*
 - *Being familiar with the difficulties people have in learning and how to recognize them when they occur*
 - *How to overcome difficulties when they occur in Class*
- *Advances in dog training*
- *What the public expect*
- *Positive training and how it works*
 - *Scientific research results on which positive training is based*
 - *Training theory*
 - *Training methods*

The Geelong Obedience Dog Club Instructors Course time frame is usually 12 weeks plus a hands on 'apprentice' period spent with a qualified Club Instructor. After completion an Instructors Certificate will be issued.

To apply you will need to have the following:-

- *An ability to communicate with people*
- *An ability to impart knowledge clearly in a Class situation*
- *An ability to offer a reasonable term of commitment (12 months)*
- *A willingness to attend Trainee and Instructors Meetings as required*
- *A Merit Certificate to commence as a Trainee and a Graduate Certificate before commencing as an Instructor*

If you think this sounds like you, please see our Training Supervisor Tina Button for further details or leave your name with Lyn Wills at the Club Office.

A POETRY PAWS

Roger Wants to Play

Written by Stephen Whiteside.

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The puppies all have gone to bed
We've come to end of day
I'd like to go to sleep as well
But Roger wants to play.

For Long John, Curly, Snuggles, Blue
Sleep has come to stay
For Bubbles, Coco, Ringo too
But Roger wants to play.

He wants to trot around the yard
He will not brook delay
He wants to run, and growl, and pounce
Yes, Roger wants to play!

I'd love to lie inside my bed
It fills me with dismay
All I want to do is sleep
But Roger wants to play.

It's time to face the world again
Away from home I creep,
I drag my limbs, I'm in a fog...
And Roger's fast asleep.



Roger at 8 weeks old, on his way to his new home



Roger & his littermates

BLASTING THE DOMINANCE AGGRESSION MYTH

By Helen Read

What is DOMINANCE? It is a concept used to describe the animal's ability to maintain and regulate access to desired resources. It is not synonymous with status.

INTERACTION between Dominant and a Subordinate animal involves withdrawal of the submissive animal and not necessarily aggression by the dominant animal.

What is Dominant Behaviour? A dominant animal is self-assured, confident and has no need for threats. Dominant people and animals don't have to resort to aggression as their followers WANT to do what they suggest. The same cannot be said for members in the chain of command as they vie for position.



Managing a Dominant Dog

DO NOT – punish, confront, alpha roll or scruff, push out of the way or use aversive training equipment such as the check chain or shock collars.

INSTEAD – control the resources, be in charge of the things that are important to the dog – food, toys, play, touching, company, freedom.

Ask don't order.

Reward compliance with a resource the dog desires.

Be a leader yourself.

Use a head halter in potentially confrontational situations.

WHAT IS THE RESULT OF THESE MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES?

The dog is still confident, but his confidence is in himself and his owner and he is keen to please the owner because the owner is the source of his FUN!

What is AGGRESSION? The appropriate or inappropriate threat or challenge that is resolved by combat or deference (Overall 1997).

Stages of Aggression

Display – Stand off – Displacement behaviour. It is difficult to categorize aggression as there is often an overlap. Categories do not take into consideration the environmental conditions.

- Fear Aggression
- Protective Aggression
- Inter-dog Aggression
- Territorial Aggression
- Possessive Aggression
- Redirected Aggression
- Play Aggression
- Pain Aggression
- Idiopathic Aggression – we don't know what causes it
- Maternal Aggression

Predatory Behaviour

Behaviour is not aggression? Why?

- it is an instinctive behaviour
- no warning
- intensity is often breed specific

What is DOMINANCE AGGRESSION?

Dominance Aggression is an abnormal inappropriate, out of context aggression that is manifested by dogs towards people when the "resource" is access to control (Overall 1997).

Blasting the Dominance Aggression Myth (continued)

Many trainers ascribe any aggressive display towards an owner as dominance aggression. Dogs displaying dominance aggression are not necessarily dominant dogs.

Control of Aggression.

Work out what you want to achieve and if this is feasible.

Options with Aggression

- Tolerate
- Train
- Manage
- Rehome
- Euthanise

Training to Reduce Aggression

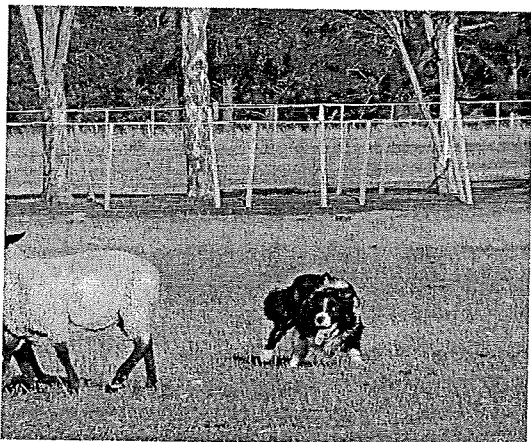
Find out the triggers for the aggression and isolate the dog from the trigger initially and remember that every aggressive event increases the chance of a repeat.

Train an alternative behaviour, starting in an environment free of distractions. Gradually add low level distraction. If the owner cannot keep the dog's attention he is pushing on too fast.

Return to the original situation where the aggression is likely to occur and starting far away; practice the alternative behaviour and keep the dog's attention. Gradually get closer as you succeed in focusing the dog on yourself and rewarding non reactive behaviour.

INSPITE of training and management, the probability of an aggressive response has been reduced but NEVER eliminated.

AGGRESSION is natural in all dogs. Owners need to control the context and the motivation.



Monlaird Poseidon HT (Sebastian)

He may have bombed his Grad test, but on the 29th December, Sebastian's true talent came forth. Lancefield was the setting for our showdown with the four legged woolly creatures, 7:30am and the scene was set.

In his first test Sebastian began with gusto (a little too much) and a couple of the sheep felt his grip, oops!! Three times in fact. A warning was given, one more nip and we were done for. I made him stop and

wait and sent him on his way again, much better this time... We needed to perform a figure 8, with the sheep in between myself and the dog. We had 10 minutes to do the test. Finally he was settling down, after a couple of minutes, I could see it in his eyes, he was going for the nip again, "keep off" I yelled, Phew he listened. 3 minutes and 33 seconds later the judge asked for a stop and recall. Done. We passed our first herding test, one more to go.

The judge for the second test pulled me aside and let me know that if Sebastian nipped twice in his test he was out... Ouch! Just the confidence boost I needed before doing a test to achieve a title. The second test began just before lunch; we were on third, into the ring we went with the judge's words going over in my mind. Sebastian began with a little too much enthusiasm, "Steady" I yelled out, Sebastian performed exceptionally he was enjoying the run; in 3 minutes it was over. We passed! Now we have a title... Oh what a day!!!

I would like to thank Greg Campbell for his guidance and training. Sebastian is not the easiest dog to train in Herding because of his enthusiasm. Congratulations to Kaye Rogers and Jasper for gaining their HT.

Tina Button and Sebastian.



Above: A happy group. Elaine Longshaw, Lynne McNeill, Tam Dixon, Vanessa Bridges and Alex Shackleton

AROUND ABOUTS



Above: John Garminati & Anna Kirley share a laugh with Peter Roupas



Right: Lisa Pucci, Cornelia Smith & Helen Whitelaw

At the Agiliteers
Dinner, Monday 4th
December, 2006 – The Agility Members gathered at the Cremorne Hotel in Pakington Street, Newtown. The meals were great and so was the company.

Right: There are always a few geese in every crowd, Tam Dixon, Helen & Matthew Stevens, Jenny Chase, Debbie Hamilton, Peter Baker & Lyn Wills



Below: Tucking in - Kathy Sproat, Anne Macrae & Kaye Rogers



Left: Trish Gravaghan chats with Lee & David Rendle, Nicole Timm & Doreen Brooks





HEAT STRESS

Oxford Everydog – E Allen and R Blogg, 1998

If a dog becomes overheated he will become extremely uncomfortable and the condition can progress to the point where the dog collapses and may die.

Dogs lose heat by panting. Panting has the same cooling effect that humans achieve through sweating. (Dogs cannot sweat except through their foot pads.) If the build up of heat is faster than the rate at which the dog can control himself by panting, then his body temperature rises and heat stress begins. Dogs that have been bred for short noses, such as the English Bulldog, Pekingese and Pug have a seriously reduced ability to pant. A dog of a short-nosed breed is more likely to die if kept in a car in the hot summer sun. Old and very young dogs are also especially susceptible to heat stress.

The first sign of heat stress is panting. This panting becomes very rapid and the dog will appear to be in a stupor. The heart rate (or pulse) will become very rapid and the gums will turn bright red. The legs and head become hot to the touch and there may be watery or blood-stained diarrhea. Eventually the dog collapses and may lose consciousness. Death may follow.

Treatment:

First get the dog into fresh, cooler air, then cool him further by submerging him in a cold bath, or by playing a cold stream of water over his head and body for a few minutes. If necessary, repeat. Get the dog to a vet for treatment to stop swelling of the brain (cerebral oedema).

To prevent heat stress:

- Avoid confinement in a hot place, such as a car. A dog left in a closed car on a hot day is in great danger of developing heat stress. It is not enough to leave the window open a little – dogs simply must *not* be left for more than a short time in a hot, closed car or small shed.
- See that inside ventilation is good, especially on days of high humidity.
- In very hot climates, it is wise to select a breed with normal length of mouth and face as dogs with flat faces are more prone to heat stress.

Confinement and lack of water are the two major factors in heat stress.

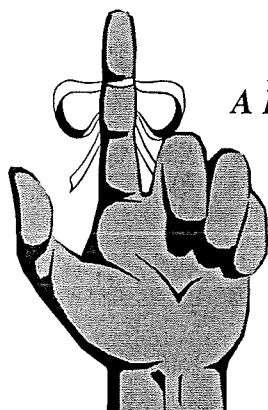


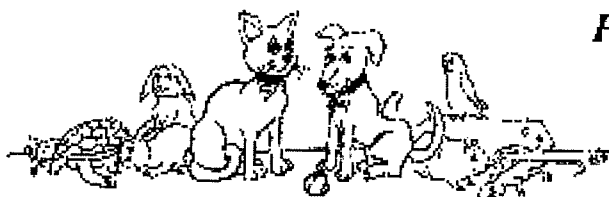
Equipment Set Up and Pack Away

A Reminder to Members. Our Instructors and Grounds people volunteer their time at the Club each Sunday to help you. They often struggle alone with the setting up and packing away of equipment and water buckets etc.

Please offer your assistance where you can. This not only applies to the Trial and Agility Members, but also to the other Classes where equipment is used.

Your help will be very much appreciated.



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VCA TRIAL SCHEDULE

February 2007

Please note :

(S) Showgrounds, Epsom Rd, Ascot Vale, Vic 3032 Melway Ref 28 E12

(P) KCC Park, 655 Westport Highway, Skye Vic 3977 Melway Ref 128 J12

Date	Fixture	Affiliate	Venue	Judging Time	Vic Dog
Sat 10	UDX WORKSHOP FOR JUDGE, HANDLERS & STEWARDS	OBEDIENCE, TRACKING & ENDURANCE COMMITTEE	(P)	9.00am	
Fri 16	TWILIGHT AGILITY / JUMPING TRIAL	K9 AGILITY CLUB	(P)	7.30pm	
Sat 17	TWILIGHT AGILITY / JUMPING TRIAL	K9 AGILITY CLUB	(P)	6.00pm	
	HERDING TRAINING	VICTORIAN HERDING ASSOCIATION			
	REST TO BREED AGILITY/JUMPING TRIAL	PAPILLON CLUB OF VIC	(P)	10.30am	
Sat 24	TWILIGHT OBED TRIAL	HASTINGS & DISTRICT OBED CLUB	(P)		
	RETRIEVING TRIAL	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF VIC		8.00am	
	RETRIEVING TRIAL	GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER CLUB		8.00am	