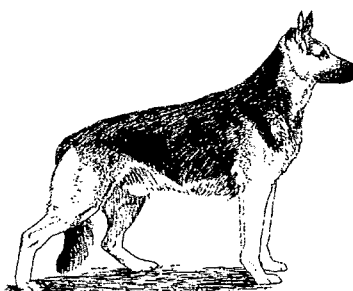
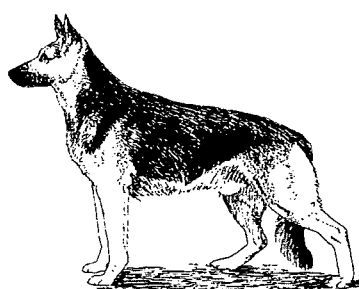
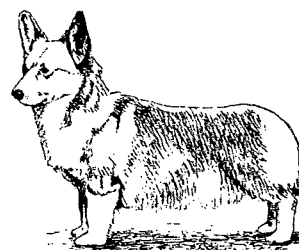
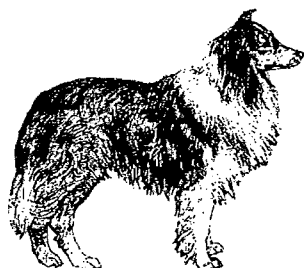
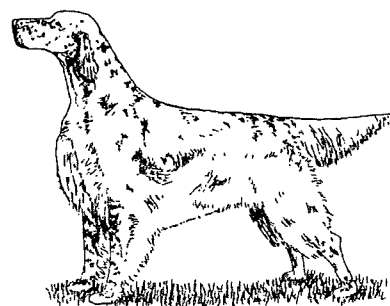
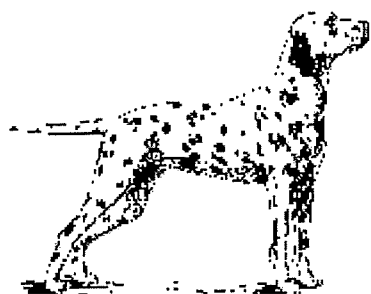


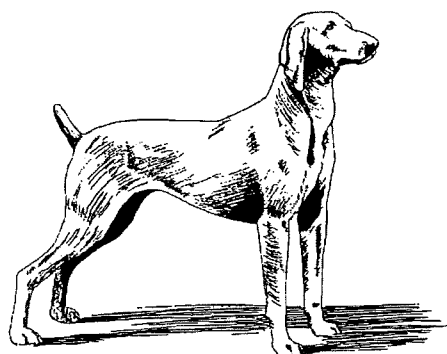
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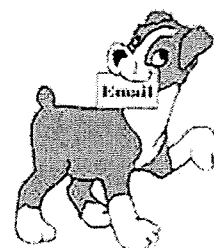
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Please remember the closing date for all Newsletter items is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month



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## NEW MEMBERS

The Committee, Instructors and Members would like to welcome the following new Members who have joined the Club recently. We hope you enjoy your training.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Dog's Name</u>	<u>Dog's Breed</u>
Kate & Vincent Lehmann	Max	German Shorthaired Pointer
Jan Wright	Ellie	Staffordshire X
J Millar & V Edgar	Pippe	Border Collie X
M Harbison & H Blenkers	Gizmo	Dalmation
A & T Brown	Jessy	Kelpie X
Lisa Harvey	Ollie	Kelpie X
Rosemary Egan	Cars	Blue Heeler
A & J Bettess	Fifi	Maltese X Shihzu
Lorraine Hlinak	Abbee	Labrador
Clair Cashion	Oscar	Pug
John Mihelcis	Patch	Fox Terrier X

## CLUB CALENDAR

### May

Sunday	6 May	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	7 May	Agility Trial training. Equipment setup 5.30pm
Tuesday	8 May	Obedience Trial training – 7.15pm
Sunday	13 May	Normal Training
Monday	14 May	Agility Trial training. Equipment setup 5.30pm
Tuesday	15 May	Obedience Trial training – 7.15pm Newsletter closes for articles, reports etc.
Sunday	20 May	Normal Training
Monday	21 May	Agility Trial training. Equipment setup 5.30pm <b>Instructor's Meeting – 7.30pm</b>
Tuesday	22 May	Obedience Trial training – 7.15pm
Sunday	27 May	Normal Training. Newsletter available
Monday	28 May	Agility Trial training. Equipment setup 5.30pm
Tuesday	29 May	Obedience Trial training – 7.15pm

## CLUB INSTRUCTORS

### *Vice President (Training)*

David Gravalin

### *Training Supervisor*

Tina Button

### *Assistant Training Supervisors*

Desma Dickeson

Colin Humphreys

### Obedience

Joan Brophy

Leonie Kelleher

Moirra McNair

Fred Lehrmann

Victor Douglas

Val Moeller

Sandy Malady

Kim Ciezarek

John Shields

Kath Devlin

Pam Convery

Helen Read

Ray Millard

Robyn Everett

Andrew Wallace

### Agility

Trish Gavaghan

Peter Baker

Glenys Murray

Jenny Chase

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

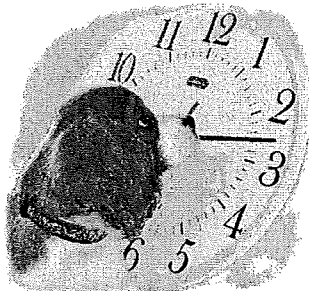
**"While we teach our puppies all about  
life . . . our puppies teach us what life  
is all about"**

**-- Unknown**



## CLASS TIMES

<b>First Session</b>	<b>9.15am to 10.15am</b>	Puppies under 6 months Merit - Merit Revision - Graduate Graduate Revision - Advanced Agility Tricks Class - Social Class
<b>Second Session</b>	<b>10.45am to 11.45am</b>	Beginners - Beginners Revision Agility Foundation – Beginners Agility Intermediate Agility



*So that you can get the maximum benefit please make sure that you are in your designated area with your dog prepared and ready to start on time. In classes where equipment is used, offering your assistance with the setup will reduce delays.*



## REPORTS      REPORTS      REPORTS      REPORTS

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well April has been and gone and May is here. This month we have Easter to interrupt our training and we also have our back-to-back Agility Trials as well. Hopefully not too much I hope. Also if you cannot attend training on any Sunday it is only manners to let your Instructor know that you won't be there. The Canteen Manager would still like some help on Sunday mornings if you can. Please see Scott and let him know if you are able to do so. The Social Secretary and the Fundraising dept. have a new raffle going which should be out as this newsletter comes out. I hope you all get behind it as it is a good prize to win. Hopefully the Agility Trial weekend went off well and all those who entered had some success. Thanks to all of those who volunteered to help out. Remember it is your club and the work you put in helps. Don't forget the Steve Austin Seminar on the weekend of June 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>. If you want any information see us in the office. Well that's all from me till next month.

**Jim Ball**  
President

### SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Good Friday saw eight club members set up on the veranda for a day of talking, relaxing and tasting some mighty fine cooking from the bbq!! There was a total of 6 dogs who also had a great day running and playing at different times over the day.

The weather was pleasant to us although sitting under the veranda it did get a bit cool at times, but after walking the grounds with the dogs we soon warmed up. It was a great day even with so few club members down. Everyone had something different to cook on the bbq and the smells wafted passed as we sat around the tables.

Stay tuned for our next social event which will be a night out at a chinese restaurant.

Until next time  
stay happy

**Leonie Kelleher**  
Social Secretary

## LIBRARY NEWS



### Audio Visual / Magazine Loans – A New Policy

Magazines, VHS and DVD's will be available on WEEKLY loan only to ensure that as many members as possible have access to them. The only exceptions to this policy will be on any Sunday where there is no training for members.

### Inductions Days

Due to the Library's current location it has to be CLOSED on Induction Days. These take place on the first Sunday of every month. On these days Audio Visual and Magazine loans / returns will be conducted from either the Raffle Table on the Club Veranda OR from the space currently occupied by the Club

Bar. To accommodate the unavoidable closure of the Library, the Audio Visual and Magazine Borrowing System is now totally different from that operating for books. Books, due back on that Sunday may be returned to either location.

### Donations

Donations are always welcome – they help your Library grow. We are currently working on a fiction collection as a new addition to our collection for 2008. Audio Visual donations especially welcome.

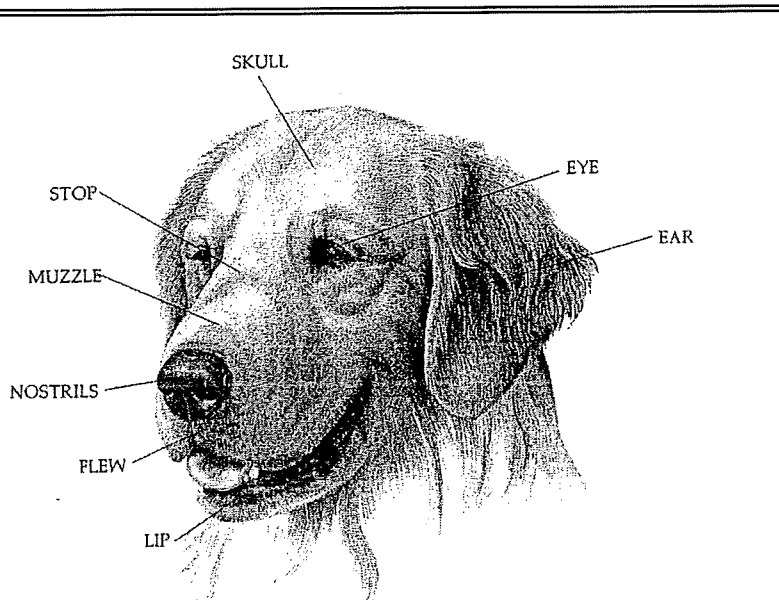
Censorship is always a prickly issue with Libraries and Librarians; however, we do have a censorship policy which is just commonsense.

- No materials which portray excessive violence, offensive language or pornographic themes.
- No materials which specifically outline the methods of training for attack or protection dogs.

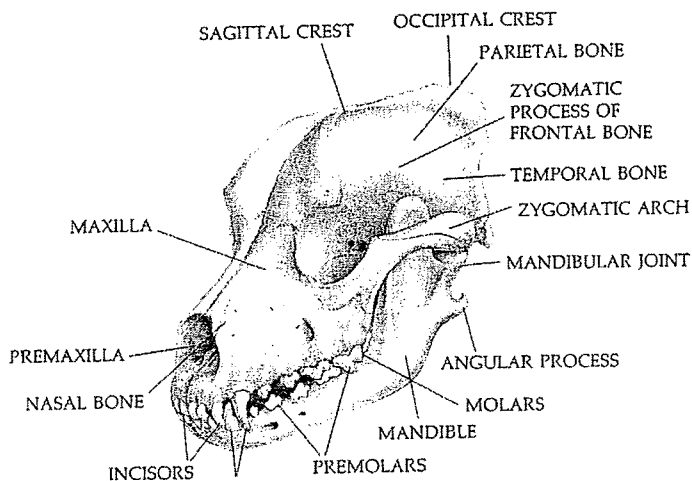
In the wrong hands, for the wrong reasons information on attack or protection training can be grossly misinterpreted with tragic consequences. The professionals (Police and Armed Services etc) assess the dogs they work with and if it does not measure up for temperament and type they get rid of it. The amateurs who belong to Obedience Dog Clubs purchase or adopt their dogs, for better or worse. The relationships they form with their dogs seem to survive better than most marriages. That is why Obedience Clubs teach handlers and dogs skills which lead towards a compatible, non-aggressive lifestyle partnership.

Next month there will be reviews of some of the fantastic DVD's available at the Club Library.

**Peg and Robyn**



**External Features of the Dog's Head**



**Bones of the Skull and Dentition**

# AGILITY CLASSES



Many of you have probably seen the agility classes at work in the chain ring each Sunday and perhaps have thought about joining us at some time. If so, you may be interested in the following information about agility classes at Geelong.

There are actually six classes being held each week – four on Sunday mornings and the other two on Monday evenings. If you and your dog would like to experience the fun of agility after you have completed Merit Class, you need to ask your instructor to sign a form stating your dog is over twelve months old and is effectively under control off lead. Your dog needs to be fit and not overweight.

Having handed your permission form to one of the Agility Instructors you are now ready to join the next intake of agility enthusiasts in the **Agility Foundation Class**. This class is run at 10:45 each Sunday and gives you the opportunity to work on fostering handler/dog relationship, developing the dog's confidence and initiative, developing the dog's rear end awareness, increasing handler control in an off lead situation and learning many of the directional and targeting skills needed in agility. This is all done without the distraction of 'real' agility equipment but does

make use of a variety of everyday props.

When you have completed the Agility Foundation Class you can move into the **Beginner Agility Class** which is held in the chain ring at 10:45. In this class you and your dog will learn how to negotiate the various pieces of agility equipment correctly and safely.

In the **Intermediate Agility Class**, also held at 10:45 in the chain ring, you will focus more on handler skills which enable you to direct your dog through a series of obstacles and to encourage it to work at some distance from you. At the same time you will continue to work with your dog on its speed and accuracy over the equipment.

Our **Advanced Agility Class** is held in the chain ring at 9:15 each Sunday and participants in this group usually rotate around exercises designed to develop further their skills in directional work, distance work, equipment discrimination work and increasing the dog's speed and accuracy.

If, by this stage, you and your dog have really become addicted to agility, you might like to compete in agility trials and so would now move into our **Trialing Class** on Monday evenings. This is a self-help group where we often brave the elements in order to practice and further develop our skills with the assistance and support of other like-minded enthusiasts.

You don't have to aspire to trialing your dog in agility. You would be just as welcome in the agility classes if your aim is only to have fun and do something different with your dog.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

*Trish, Gleny's, Peter  
and Jenny  
(Agility Instructors)*





# STEVE AUSTIN

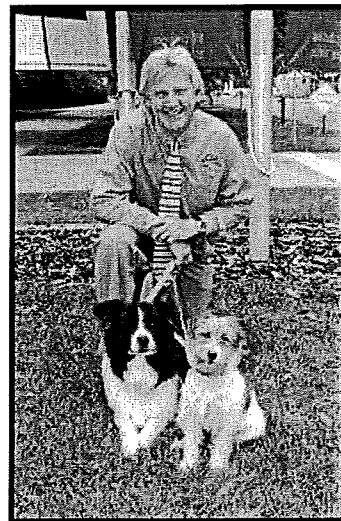
## Workshop

**\*UPDATE\***

*Director of  
Pet Industry Association of Australia (PIAA) and  
Assistance Dogs Australia (ADA)*

*National Trainer, Detector Dog Programs  
Australian Quarantine Inspection Services  
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  
Republic of France, Department of Agriculture, Noumea  
Western Australian Quarantine Inspection Services  
Tasmania Quarantine Inspection Services  
Japanese National Government*

*Australian National Kennel Control licensed Judge*



**To be held at Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc.  
Breakwater Rd, Breakwater**

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> – Sun 17<sup>th</sup> June 2007**

**9am-4pm each day**

**Bookings close 20<sup>th</sup> May 2007**

**Cost: \$120** for participants with dogs

**\$ 60** Auditors, GODC Committee and Instructors

Cost includes Lunch both days, Dinner Saturday night.

Contact: GODC: (03) 52 434 555

Tina : 0414 363 556

NB: Limit of one dog per full paying participant

### Topics

**Principles for conditioning/preparing dogs for training**

**Tracking, Obedience, Agility**

**Dealing with Dog Aggression**

### Accommodation:

Costa Verde Holiday Village 1800 032 339

Hacienda Motel (03) 524345844

Rose Garden Motel (03) 5241 9441

*Booking form to be sent with payment*

*(Incl SSE for receipts)*

Cheques made payable to: **Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc.**  
**PO Box 186, Geelong 3220**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_

With dog \$120

☐

Auditor \$60

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## GENERAL MEETING – 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL, 2007

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Meeting opened: 8.03pm

**Apologies:** W. Ganly, H. Read, M. Killbourne, D. Dickeson, M. McNair, C. Humphreys.

Acc: K. Davies

Seconded: D. Schulz

Carried

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

Acc: L. Kelleher

Seconded: K. Davies

Carried

### Business arising from the Minutes:

1. Vests are currently on order.
2. Thermometer to be replaced (T. Button) re Heat Policy.

### Correspondence Out:

1. T. Button – Request for Celebrity Dog School filming at club grounds okay.
2. R. Youl – Regarding re-location of the library.
3. R. Youl – Regarding water situation.

### Correspondence In:

1. E. Longshaw – thank you card
2. VCA – Heat Policy
3. City of Greater Geelong – winter season application
4. Bellarine Dog Activities Group – cancellation of movie workshop
5. Leisure Networks – volunteer workshop
6. Leisure Networks- feedback from volunteer workshop
7. Leisure Networks – E. News
8. Steve Austin Flyer
9. Leisure Networks – Leadership workshop
10. R. Youl – Moorabool Street Fish and Chip shop
11. The Dog Tidy Company
12. City of Greater Geelong – ground allocation

### Business arising from Correspondence:

1. Dog tidy bags are more expensive than the ones we already had.
2. Leisure Networks – Leadership workshop, J. Ball and S. Malady to attend.

### Treasurer's Report

S Eldridge read written report and asked that all accounts be passed for payment.

Acc: D. Schulz

Seconded: P. Baker

Carried

### Other Reports

Canteen Manager Nil report

Display Team Leader Nil report

Hall Manager Nil report

Grounds Manager Verbal. Been no need to cut grass, but will have to be done prior to Agility trials being held. Trees to be trimmed also. Posts out front will be replaced shortly.

Publicity Officer Written report submitted

Raffle Steward Nil report

Shop Manager Written report.

Social Secretary Written report

Training Supervisor Written report

Trial Secretary Written report

**GENERAL MEETING -3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL, 2007 (continued)**

Acc: D. Gravalin

Seconded: P. Baker

Carried

**General Business:**

- a) P. Convery moved 'that the Club's Perpetual Trophies, title medallions and patches be restricted to Victorian Canine Association disciplines in which all breeds can compete.' Seconded: J. Convery. Rationale: Too costly for the club to bear otherwise. Carried.
- b) A. Shackleton moved 'that Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc. commence the internal consultative process to scope a grounds layout and management plan. The issues and parameters of the scoping process to be presented at June's General Meeting in order to decide whether or not to proceed with the preparation of a grounds management plan'. Seconded: P. Convery. Rationale: Sub-committee of Victor Douglas and Peter Baker and Alex Shackleton to be formed for this purpose and they to report back. General discussion followed and it was decided that a whole new plan of grass and tree management needs to be made up. Carried.
- c) P. Convery moved 'that an extra floodlight be added to the front of the Barwon River end of the Club house in order to provide safer lighting for the river end corner of the chain ring. Seconded: J. Convery. Carried.
- d) P. Baker moved 'that an additional fluoro on verandah be put up. Seconded: P. Convery. Carried.
- e) Regarding verandah extension – quotes need to go to Council and then we can see if they will assist with any grants for it. This item to be held in abeyance for the time being.

As there was no further business

Meeting closed: 8.45pm.



**Q:** *What happened to the dog that ate nothing but garlic?*

**A:** *His bark was much worse than his bite!*

**WHEN DOES YOUR DOG BECOME OLD**

Larger dogs have shorter life spans than small dogs. The American Animal Hospital Association in Denver put together this table to give an age-range for 'old', which is based on a dog's size:-

SMALL	20 pounds (9 kg)	9 to 13 years
MEDIUM	20 – 50 pounds (9 – 23 kg)	8.5 to 11.5 years
LARGE	50 – 90 pounds ( 23 – 41 kg)	7.5 to 10.5 years
GIANT	Over 90 pounds (41 kg)	6 to 8.5 years

The standard age table used to determine how old your dog is in human years is as follows:

When a dog is:-

3 months old	he's 5 'people' years	8 years old	= 48 'people' years
6 months old	= 10 'people' years	9 years old	= 52 'people' years
1 year old	= 15 'people' years	10 years old	= 56 'people' years
2 years old	= 24 'people' years	11 years old	= 60 'people' years
3 years old	= 28 'people' years	12 years old	= 64 'people' years
4 years old	= 32 'people' years	14 years old	= 72 'people' years
5 years old	= 36 'people' years	16 years old	= 81 'people' years
6 years old	= 40 'people' years	18 years old	= 91 'people' years
7 years old	= 44 'people' years		



## A Message from Max

My name is Max and I have a little something I'd like to whisper in your ear. I know that you humans lead busy lives. Some have to work, some have children to raise.

It always seems like you are running here and there, often much too fast, often never noticing the truly grand things in life.

Look down at me now, while you sit there at your computer. See the way my dark brown eyes look at yours?

They are slightly cloudy now, that comes with age. The gray hairs are beginning to ring my soft muzzle.

You smile at me; I see love in your eyes. What do you see in mine?

Do you see a spirit, a soul inside who loves you as no other could in the world?

A spirit that would forgive all trespasses of prior wrong doing for just a simple moment of your time?

That is all I ask. To slow down if even for a few minutes to be with me.

So many times you have been saddened by the words you read on that computer screen, of others of my kind, passing. Sometimes we die young and oh so quickly, sometimes so suddenly it wrenches your heart out of your throat.

Sometimes we age so slowly before your eyes that you do not even seem to know, until the very end, when we look at you with grizzled muzzles and clouded eyes. Still the love is always there, even when we take that long sleep, to run free in distant lands.

I may not be here tomorrow; I may not be here next week. Someday you will shed the waters from your eyes, that humans have when deep grief fills their souls, and you will be angry at yourself that you did not have just "One more day" with me.

Because I love you so, your sorrow touches my spirit and grieves me. We have now, together. So come, sit down here next to me on the floor. And look deep into my eyes. What do you see?

If you look hard and deep enough we will talk, you and I, heart to heart.

Come to me not as "alpha" or as a "trainer" or even a "Mum or Dad", come to me as a living soul and stroke my fur and let us look deep into one another's eyes, and talk. I may tell you something about the fun of chasing a tennis ball, or I may tell you something profound about myself, or even life in general. You decided to have me in your life (I hope) because you wanted a soul to share just such things with.

Someone very different from you, and here I am. I am a dog, but I am alive. I feel emotion, I feel physical senses, and I can revel in the differences of our spirits and souls.

I do not think of you as a "Dog on two feet" -- I know what you are. You are human, in all your quirkiness, and I love you still.

Now, come sit with me, on the floor. Enter my world, and let time slow down if even for only 15 minutes.

Look deep in my eyes, and whisper into my ears. Speak with your heart, with your joy and I will know your true self.

We may not have tomorrow, and life is oh so very short.

Love,

Max (on behalf of all canines everywhere)

by J.D. Ellis  
2001



## More Designer Dogs – the ones that didn't quite make it

### Collie + Lhasa Apso

*Collapso, a dog that folds up for easy transport*

### Spitz + Chow Chow

*Spitz-Chow, a dog that throws up a lot*

### Bloodhound + Borzoi

*Bloody Bore, a dog that's not much fun*

### Pointer + Setter

*Poinsetter, a traditional Christmas pet*

The Club Equipment shop is open for business every Sunday morning. Come in and see the wide range of training equipment, leads, collars, harnesses, grooming equipment, toys and treats, all at very competitive prices. Our Shop Manager Alex Shackleton will help you make the right selection for your needs.



## CLUB EQUIPMENT SHOP

The Equipment Shop also has Club Jumpers, Vests, Jackets, Hoodies, Hats and Polo Shirts. If you wish you can also arrange to have your particular breed embroidered on the garment, opposite the Club logo.

A \$10.00 deposit is required for all clothing orders. Full payment is required for clothing orders that include breed embroidery.



## Shionabox The Wishmaster ET CD ADX JDX

An early Saturday morning wake up which tells me that the Agility/Jumping Trials have started again for another year.

The family, Roy, Mum (Betty), Yoda and I got into the car and travelled to the K.C.C. Park at Skye on the 31<sup>st</sup>, March, 2007.

There were lots and lots and lots of Black and White dogs running around the Park. No wonder, it happened to be the Border Collie Club of Victoria holding the Trial.

I had one more pass to get to receive my ADX. Went into the morning session ring in high hopes of getting it, but alas I missed the colour on the Seesaw. Still had the afternoon session to try again. This time I was more successful, I GOT MY ADX, even though I was placed seventh. The course time was 62 seconds and I did it in 57.40 seconds.

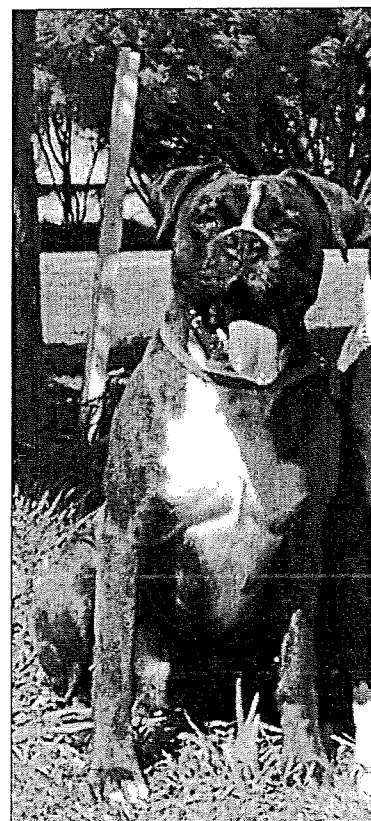
Did not do any good in the other classes, a little rusty from the layoff over the holidays.

Now Roy had to keep his promise, that if I got my ADX he would shave off his beard. When we got home Roy disappeared into the Bathroom and when he came out I did not recognize him. His beard had gone.

Nearly forgot to mention that I had STEAK for tea.

Will be back trialling at Geelong on the 28<sup>th</sup>,/29<sup>th</sup>, April to see how I go in the Games section.

That is all the news for now.



**KIMBO THE BOXER.**

## ADVERTISING RATES FOR "FAITHFULLY YOURS"

Advertisements are restricted to a maximum of 12 half pages per issue.

### RATES

Up to 1/8 page Line Advertisement	1 Edition	\$ 2.00
Half page Advertisement	1 Edition	\$10.00
Half page Advertisement	12 Months      6 issues (bi-monthly)	\$50.00

Half page "Title" and "Vale" notices are provided free to all Members. Copy must be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> 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.*



### Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc Back-to-Back Double Agility/Jumping/Games Trials

**Saturday 28 April & Sunday 29 April 2007**

**Entries close: Monday 16 April 2007**

**Entries to:** Pam Convery, 247 Shannon Ave, Manifold Heights, Vic 3218 Phone: (03) 5229 0145

#### Trial A (Saturday Morning Trial)

- **Agility – Novice, Excellent, Open:** Mr M Tyler
- **Gamblers – Excellent, Novice, Masters & Agility – Masters:** Mr R Padfield
- **Snooker – Masters, Novice, Excellent:** Mr S Pearson

#### Trial C (Sunday Morning Trial)

- **Agility – Novice, Excellent, Open:** Mr M Cowman
- **Strategic Pairs – Excellent, Novice, Masters & Agility – Masters:** Mrs B Pearson
- **Gamblers – Masters, Novice, Excellent:** Mr C Makepeace

#### Trial B (Saturday Afternoon Trial)

- **Jumping – Novice, Excellent, Open:** Mr M Tyler
- **Snooker – Excellent, Novice, Masters & Jumping – Masters:** Mr R Padfield
- **Strategic Pairs – Masters, Novice, Excellent:** Mr S Pearson

#### Trial D (Sunday Afternoon Trial)

- **Jumping – Novice, Excellent, Open:** Mr M Cowman
- **Gamblers – Excellent, Novice, Masters & Jumping – Masters:** Mrs B Pearson
- **Snooker – Masters, Novice, Excellent:** Mr C Makepeace

One entry per form per class stating Trial A, B, C or D. Height required for all classes. Entries postmarked after closing date will be returned. Check in and vetting will be required for all Trials and presentation will be at the completion of each Trial.

#### **Saturday Night BBQ \$5 per head**

Sausages, Hamburgers,  
Veggie Burgers and Salads  
provided.

*To be booked when sending  
entries for Trials*

#### **Entry Fee**

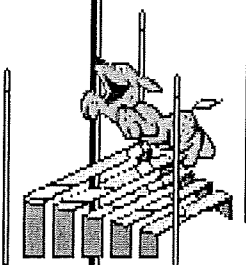
\$7.00 per class  
(except Strategic Pairs \$11 per team)

#### **Check in Time**

Trial A: 8.30am – 9.15am  
Trial B: 12.30pm – 1.15pm  
Trial C: 8.30am – 9.15am  
Trial D: 12.30pm – 1.15pm

#### **Judging Commences**

Trial A: 9.30am      Trial B: 1.30pm  
Trial C: 9.30am      Trial D: 1.30pm



**Full catering will be available on the grounds for both days.**

#### **Accommodation**

Costa Verde Holiday Village 1800 032339  
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Camping available on the grounds for \$5, toilet facilities only. To be booked when sending entries for Trials.

# GETTING STARTED WITH CLICKER TRAINING

## Good Behaviour is a Click away!

by Stacy Braslau-Schneck (Printed with permission)

What is Clicker Training? In a nutshell, it is using a marker signal to indicate when the animal has achieved your training goal, telling them that they accomplished the task and will be rewarded with a significant reward. The clicker is a marvelous tool to help encourage your dog to act in the polite, mannerly way that you want, and to reduce the annoying or dangerous behaviors you want to avoid. Here is an outline of the steps to use.

### Step 1. Charge up your clicker

Click the clicker once (press on the end of the metal tab that does not have the dimple, in-out) and then give your dog a treat. Use something your dog really likes at first. Small pieces of yummy food (dog cookies, hot dogs, cheese) are best because the dog can enjoy it and be ready for the next thing quickly. Repeat this until your dog reacts to the clicker (by startling, pricking her ears, or suddenly looking for the treat). If she does, you're ready for the next step. Technically, this is called "establishing a secondary reinforcer" but most people call it "charging up the clicker"! Remember: click first, then treat.

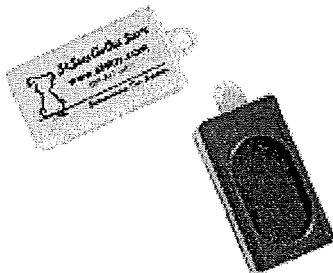
Note: this step is not entirely necessary for the dog's sake; most dogs will quickly form the connection between the click and the treat while you train a behavior. But if you've never used a clicker before, it might help *you* to practice clicking, then handing over a treat.

### **Common questions**

*My dog is afraid of the clicker's sound. What do I do?*

Muffle the sound. For a sound-sensitive dog, place several layers of adhesive tape (any kind) over the little round dimple on the metal tongue.

For less-sensitive dogs, put the clicker in your pocket, or behind your back. It is a loud sound. Don't point the clicker at the dog or click it right by her ears.



*My dog is biting my fingers when he takes the treat! How do I teach him to have a gentle mouth?*

Work on developing a "soft" mouth: Hold a treat between your first finger and thumb and offer it to the dog. Hold on to the treat, and don't let the dog have it until you only feel lips or tongue on your hand. At that moment, click and give the dog the treat. Practice this until the dog always takes the treat gently. Hand-feed the dog's next meal, if necessary. Later, if you and your dog get carried away with the excitement of training and starts to get rough, but you don't want to stop working on the training task, form a little tube out of your hand and cup the treat inside of it, so that the dog has to stick his tongue into your fist to get the treat out. If your dog is very rough, feed the treat with a metal spoon or tongs.

### Step 2. Three ways to train: Capturing, Luring, or Shaping

Note: Don't use a command at this point. The dog is trying to figure out what you want, and since she doesn't understand English she will learn to ignore your words while she concentrates on trying to get you to click!

#### ***Capturing a Behavior***

Whenever you see your dog doing something you like, click the clicker during the behavior and give the dog the treat. The action you reward can be anything: lifting one paw, a "sit", touching your hand with her nose, even looking at you (for a distracted dog) or standing with all four feet on the ground (for a dog that likes to jump up). (If your dog is too distracted to notice that you're giving her a treat, go back to "Step 1"). Every time your dog does the behavior again, click and treat. Timing is important. Think of the clicker as a camera that marks the instant the dog's doing the right thing. Note: Don't bother saying the name of the behavior at this point — you'll probably distract yourself and your dog!

If you're trying out clicker training for the first time, try capturing a behavior that your dog does relatively often, such as sitting or looking at you.

## **GETTING STARTED WITH CLICKER TRAINING (continued)**

Both of these are great actions to encourage! Each time the dog sits or makes eye contact, click immediately, then give your dog a treat. If your dog refuses to get up (or look away!), toss the treat to one side to get the dog to move so you can "reset" the dog to do it again!

### ***Luring a Behavior***

Another way you can get a dog to move to a position you want is through *luring*. Hold a treat in front of your dog's nose. She'll probably try to lick it, but don't let her eat it yet. You can use it as a "nose magnet," since she'll probably follow it everywhere. You can "lure" or "guide" her into a sit by slowly moving the treat from her nose back towards the top of her head. Keep it low, so she won't jump up. As soon as she sits, click the clicker and give her the treat in your hand. If she's trying everything *but* sitting, at first click and treat for lowering her back legs and butt. Then try to get her to sit down all the way.

Luring works great for "down", especially for dogs that are hard to physically manipulate into a down. It's harder for little, short-legged dogs (like Dachshunds) but sometimes you can lure them under your outstretched leg (while you sit on the ground), or place the small dog on a table and draw the lure below the edge.

### **Common Question**

*This worked great, but now my dog will only do this action if she sees I have a treat. Do I have to show her a treat up front forever?*

Try to "fade the lure" as quickly as possible. Try luring the dog into position two or three times, then try using an "imaginary lure" - your empty fingers, pretending to hold a treat. Don't forget to reward with the real thing. As your dog succeeds with that, stop pretending so much. Most luring motions turn very nicely into hand signals. Sweeping your hand up towards you makes a nice "sit" command, moving your hand down makes a great signal for "down".

### ***Shaping a Behavior***

This is sort of an advanced form of "capturing". You start by clicking and rewarding the barest hint of the behavior you want to end up with, and then concentrate on taking small steps closer to your goal. For example, you might click and reward every time your dog turns her head to the left. Soon she'll be doing it more and more. Then

you only click and reward when she's turned it further. Then only when she turns it far and takes a step towards the left. Then a head turn and two steps, then three. Eventually you will get her to turn in a complete circle, and will only be clicking and rewarding for that. Then you wait for her to do two circles, and click and reward. Then only click and reward the faster ones. Eventually, you will have "shaped" a spin.

### **Common Question**

*We seem stuck. I can't seem to get her started on the behavior I want to shape!*

Break the overall goal behavior into little tiny pieces. A spin might start with a head turn, or it might start with a glance to the side. Be a behavior "splitter", not a "lumper"; look for the smallest increments of the action you can imagine.

### **Step 3. Add a Cue Word**

When your dog is doing your trick reliably, to the point where *you* can predict when she's about to do it, start adding a cue (saying the command). For example, if you know she's about to sit, say "Sit". If you know she's about to lift her paw, say "Wave!". Match this cue with this behavior many times. Remember: dogs don't know what "commands" are. But your dog *will* learn that if she does this trick when she hears this cue, she'll get a reward.

Warning: if you get in the habit of repeating the cues, your dog will think the cue is "Sit-sit-sit", and she'll *always* wait for you to say it three times before responding!

### **Step 4. Test the Cue**

Try saying the cue word. If your dog does the trick, click and give her a "jackpot" — a whole bunch of really good treats! Whenever you really like something your dog does, identify it with one click and reward it with several or better treats. If she doesn't do the trick when you say the cue word, you were a little early. Work on Step 3 for a while longer.

### **Step 5. Ignore Un-Cued Behaviors**

When she's reliably doing her trick when you say the cue, stop clicking-and-treating her for doing it at other times. Just ignore these "spontaneous" behaviors. Continue to click-and-treat when she does it when you cue.

## GETTING STARTED WITH CLICKER TRAINING (continued)

**Note 1:** You might find that your dog starts doing this trick a lot right after you stop rewarding her. This is normal. It's called an "extinction burst". (You probably do the same thing when a button stops working. Instead of trying something else, you just push the button several times, harder, before you give up!).



**Note 2:** Capturing is a good way to control *unwanted behaviors*, like barking or jumping up on you. But be ready for the "Extinction Burst" (see Note 1). To keep unwanted behaviors under control, it's good to give the cue and reward the behavior every once in a while — have a little barking or jumping session!

### Step 6. Become a Variable Reward Giver

Now try to get your dog to do 2 or 3 repetitions of the trick before you click and treat it (it's still a good idea to say "Good dog!" each time). This is called "putting the behavior on a variable reinforcement schedule". The dog doesn't know when she'll get the big reward, so she keeps trying just like people playing at slot machines or the lottery. Note that if the dog is always giving a satisfactory response, you should *always* reward it in some way, even if it's just by praising, petting or smiling at them.

You can use this step to refine the dog's actions, as well. Since you're rewarding less often, you

can get picky — only reward the *fastest* sits or the *highest* paw-lifts. If you're working on a long-term behavior like walking next to you, click for the closest position, or for walking several steps at your side.

### **Common Question**

*My dog is doing the behavior, but sometimes it's sloppy, or slow, or he'll do something else first, like jump on me. Should I reward all of these?*

No, only reward the behaviors that you really like. Set a criterion of what the "proper" behavior should look like. If a straight sit is important to you, just allow sloppy sits to go unrewarded. For slow reactions, give your dog a limited "window of opportunity" to respond to your cue: Closely observe your dog responding ten times, and count in your head the amount of time it takes her to respond. Figure out the average response time. Then reward any future responses that take place in the average time or less. After a while, shorten the "window" and only reward responses that take less than average, shortening the allowed response time until you are only rewarding quick, snappy responses.

Sometimes dogs develop "superstitious" behaviors, such as jumping up on your and then sitting, or sitting plus offering a "handshake". This is because they think that the extra behavior is important for getting the reward. Watch for variations and only reward the dog when he performs the desired behavior without the extras. Be patient!

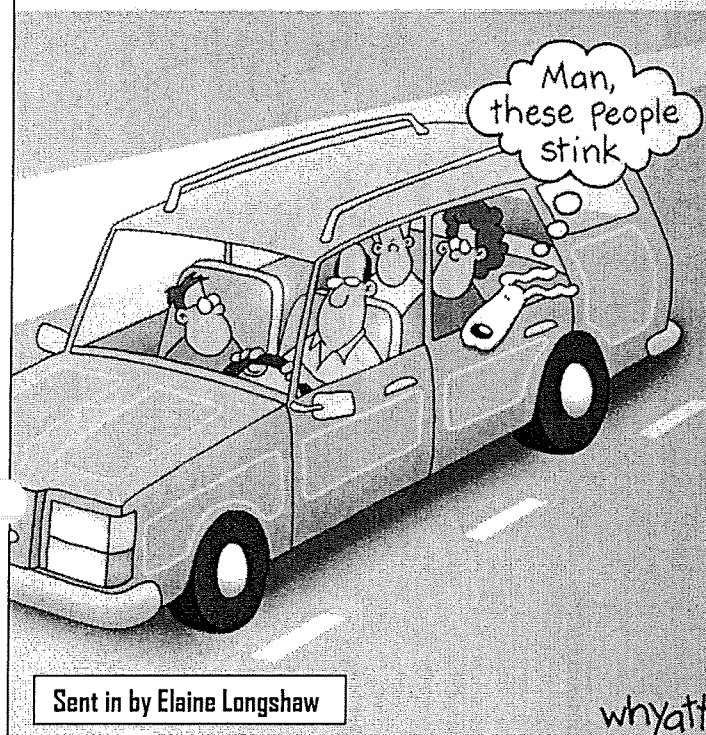
### Step 7. Generalize It

Now teach your dog that this cue will work everywhere. Move to different locations in your house and try it. Go outside and try it. Try it with the leash on, and with it off (in a safe location, of course!). Try it in the car, in the park, and at the vet's. You may need to go back a few steps, maybe even back to Step 2, and you'll want to make the rewards big for each new accomplishment. Your dog will "generalize" the behavior, and she'll learn that it's the cue word that's important, not the fact that she's in the kitchen or it's just before dinner or the leash is on.

Use the clicker to teach behaviors you want to replace the ones you don't want — like sitting instead of jumping on guests. Your dog will find the alternative rewarding!

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## Why dogs stick their heads out of car windows



Sent in by Elaine Longshaw

## COMPULSORY MICROCHIPPING

As from the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2007, all dogs and cats that are being registered for the first time in the City of Greater Geelong must be implanted with a microchip. The council registration fee will then be levied at the reduced rate of \$31.50 for dogs and \$20.00 for cats.



This change, which has been introduced by the State Government, is to assist the re-unification of the animal with its owner should they become separated. The City of Greater Geelong believes that it is also one method which may lead to a reduction in the number of un-owned animals in the community.



## VCA TRIAL RESULTS

### Warrnambool Dog Training School - Open Obedience, Agility & Jumping Trial Sat, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2007

#### Open

Tony Stewart	Folecia Makena CD (Bella)	1 <sup>st</sup> Pass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
	Golden Retriever		

### Warrnambool Dog Training School - Open Obedience, Agility & Jumping Trial Sun, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2007

#### Open

Tony Stewart	Folecia Makena CD (Bella)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pass	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
	Golden Retriever		

### Gisborne & District Obedience Dog Club – Open Obedience Trial – Sat, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2007

#### Open

Joy Mayhew	Ormslee Kosmic Kali CD (Kali)	1 <sup>st</sup> Pass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
	Rottweiler		
Tony Stewart	Folecia Makena CD (Bella)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Pass	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
	Golden Retriever	***CDX Title***	

### VCA Herding Association – Herding Trial – Sun, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2007

#### Pre Trial Level

Kaye Rogers	Jasper Rogers AD JD HT (Jasper)	1 <sup>st</sup> Pass
	Associate	

#### Pre Trial Level

Kaye Rogers	Jasper Rogers AD JD HT (Jasper)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pass
	Associate	***PT Title***

**VCA TRIAL RESULTS (continued)****Border Collie Club of Victoria – Open Agility, Jumping & Games Trial – Sat, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2007****Excellent Agility**

Roy Lawrence	Shionabox The Wishmaster ET CD AD JDX (Kimbo)	5 <sup>th</sup> Pass	7 <sup>th</sup> Place
	Boxer	<b>***ADX Title***</b>	

**Ballaarat Dog Obedience Club – Open Obedience Trial – Sat, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2007****CCD – AM Trial**

Elaine Longshaw	Elmaro Celtic Cross (Kuyan)	1 <sup>st</sup> Pass	? Place
	Dobermann		

**Novice – AM Trial**

Peter Roupas	Strathraer Blue Diamond CCD (Elke)	1 <sup>st</sup> Pass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
	Golden Retriever		

**Open – AM Trial**

Tony Stewart	Folecia Makena CD (Bella)	Pass	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
	Golden Retriever		

**CCD – PM Trial**

Elaine Longshaw	Elmaro Celtic Cross (Kuyan)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pass	? Place
	Dobermann		

**Open – PM Trial**

Tony Stewart	Folecia Makena CD (Bella)	Pass	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
	Golden Retriever		

**“Highest Scoring Geelong Member”****Agility Dog Club of Victoria – Open Agility & Jumping Trial – Sat, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2007****Novice Jumping – AM**

Janelle Convery	Goorambat The Manor CDX (Mason)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
	Golden Retriever		

**Excellent Agility**

Kaye Rogers	Jasper Rogers AD JD HT PT (Jasper)	1 <sup>st</sup> Pass	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
	Associate		

**Novice Jumping – PM Trial**

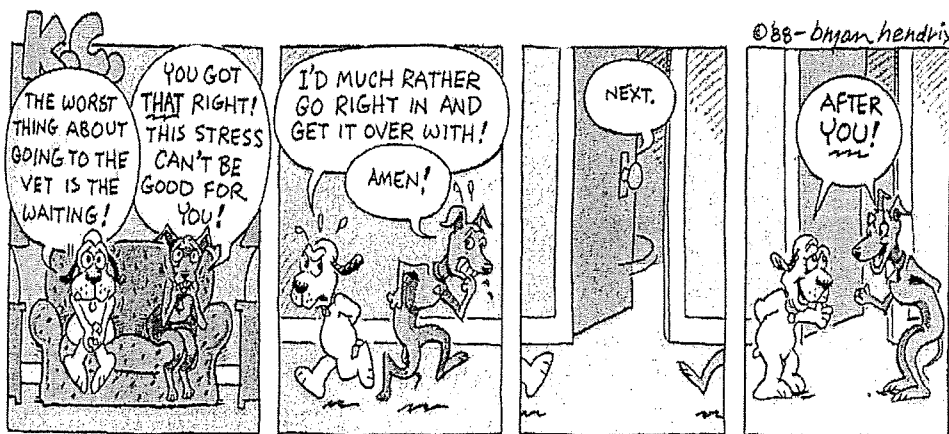
Janelle Convery	Goorambat The Manor CDX (Mason)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Pass	5 <sup>th</sup> Place
	Golden Retriever		

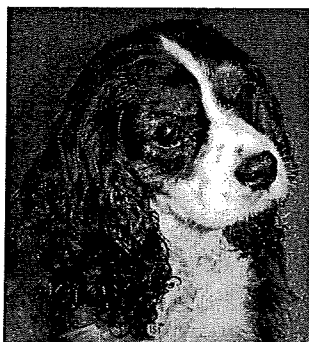
**\*\*\*JD Title\*\*\*****SHORT SHORT STORY***by Noel Smith*

Rain, hail or shine, desire prevails.

Inquisitiveness abounds. Mother Nature's wonderful and weird smells intuitively attract interest. Teasing, carefree birds hypnotise as they frolic. Endless energy

propels. Obedience and commands often forgotten. This is my time; to pursue my interests; to indulge in self-pleasures; to investigate and discover – oh the joy of exercising dogs!





Misty JD, JDX  
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel  
Born 1.3.02

JD (Jumping Dog) Title August 2005  
JDX (Jumping dog Excellent) Title March 2007

Congratulations Misty you have done a great job on getting your titles. You my friend are a great running mate and lots of fun. You always have a smile on your face and tail in the air as you fly over the jumps and dart through the tunnels.

A huge thank you to Trish and Glenys for your fantastic instruction, coaching, support and friendship both in training and trialling. Without you we wouldn't be where we are now. Thank you also to the many people who have helped us along the way and in particular to our fellow trial competitors - great friendship and great support.

We encourage any dog and handler interested in Agility/Jumping to train and have a go. It is a great sport that both you and your dog can enjoy together. We have met so many people and dogs that have become friends.

Annie and Misty Macrae

## ***Goorambat The Manor CDX JD***

***'Mason'***

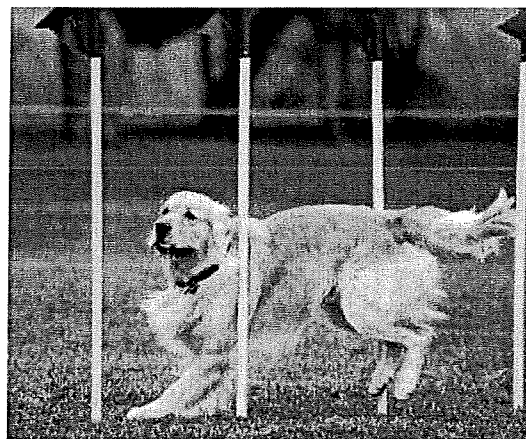
***Golden Retriever***

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pass – Dalmatian Club of Victoria – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pass – Agility Dog Club of Victoria – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Pass (JD title) – Agility Dog Club of Victoria – 5<sup>th</sup> Place**

Thanks to Trish, Gleny's, Peter and all the Agility folk who have helped and supported us towards our JD title.

Hopefully this is only the beginning of our Agility career.

Janelle & Pam Convery



## A BLAST FROM THE PAST

*The piece below was originally titled "JOTTINGS OF THE TRIAL SECRETARY". It was written way back in November 1999 by our then Trial Secretary Wendy Ganly. She was referring to the Open Obedience Trial that our Club was holding that month. I think that these words are still as relevant today as they were then and could just as easily be applied to what is currently required, and the people that are needed, to get our Club's 2007 Agility, Jumping and Games Trial up and running smoothly.*

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The November Open Obedience Trial is just around the corner and it's time I got to thinking about who I can ask to help with the things that need to be done before the Trial and on the day of the Trial.

Let me see, yes, there's the Trialers, they might be willing to help with the cleaning, setting up and the packing away of the equipment. Maybe there are a few Club Members who are willing to help with the cleaning of the Clubrooms and surrounding areas. Oh, I must contact some of the Judges wives who might be willing to Steward on the day.

Who else, ah yes, Club Members who are VCA Members, I need a lot of them. Then there are people needed to help in the Canteen. I nearly forgot, I need someone for vetting and someone to help greet the Judges and Stewards on the day. Oops nearly forgot, I need a VCA representative too. Stop Wendy, slow down, one thing at a time.

What else..... Not much now, but as soon as the closing date has been and gone, there are 101 things to do like, ordering the trophies and sashes, food, setting up the catalogue, checking with the sponsors, letting Stewards know what time they are needed and in what ring they'll be, checking with the Judges. Better make a list for myself, that way I'll be able to keep up with what I need to do.

Okay – Contact  
Triallers, Club Members, etc etc.

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*There are many ways that you can help out with our 2007 Agility, Jumping and Games Trial. Volunteers are still needed.*

*If you are able to offer a little of your time please see our current Agility Trial Secretary Pam Convery or leave your name with Lyn Wills at the Club office.*

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Meal for Two - \$ 13.50

Fries

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2 Potato Cakes

2 Dim Sims



Free drink

Family Pack - \$ 22.99

Fries

3 Flakes

3 Potato Cakes

3 Dim sim

3 Chicken Neg

2 Serve of onion Rings



Free 1.25ml drink

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## A POETRY PAWS

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### Reflections

by Rudyard Kipling

There is sorrow enough  
in the natural way,  
From men and women  
to fill our day.

But when we are certain  
of sorrow in store,  
Why do we always  
arrange for more:

Brothers and sisters  
I bid you beware,  
Of giving your heart  
to a dog to tear.



### Puppy Dogs and Bicycles

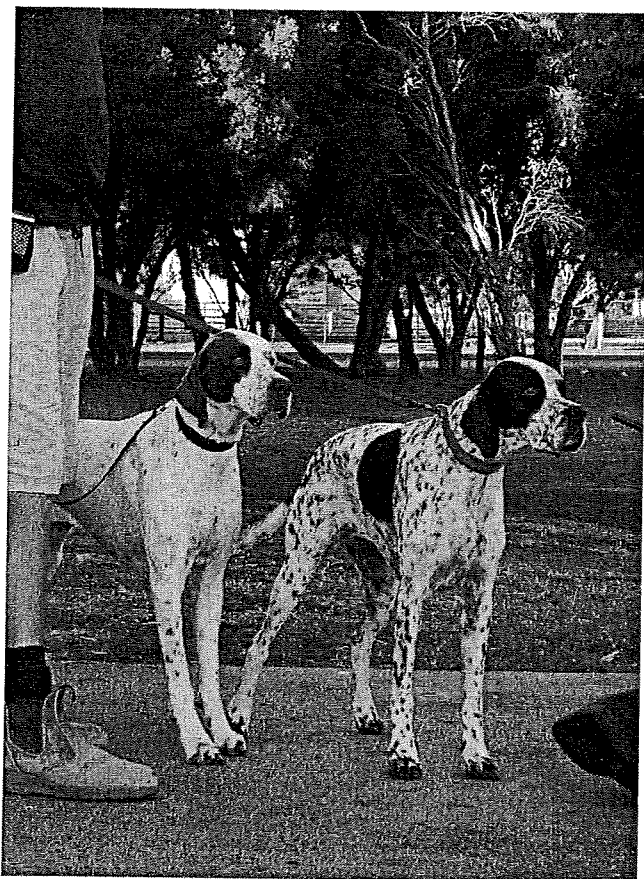
by Stephen Whiteside

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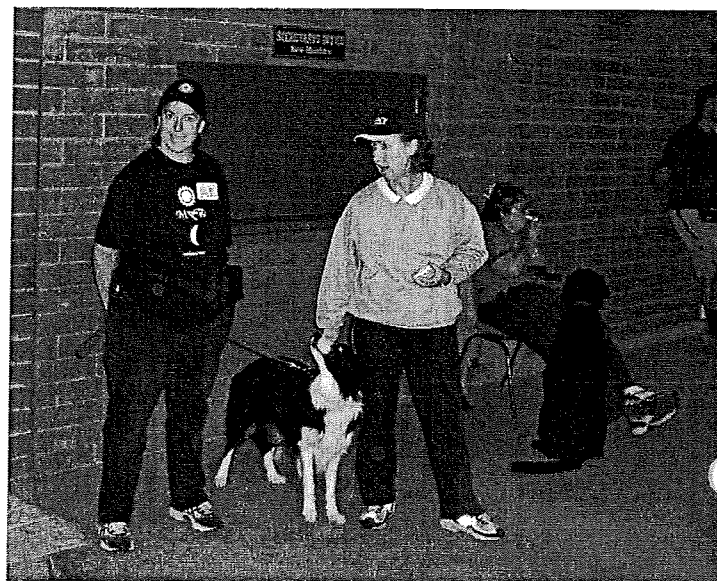
Puppy dogs and bicycles do not go well together.  
The pups don't sense the danger, and they strain against the tether.  
Bikes rush up behind us as we're walking down the path.  
I must be careful, 'else there'll be an ugly aftermath.

Our puppy dog approaches close. She tries to sniff the tyre.  
The bicycle swerves wildly, and the situation's dire.  
There is no clear solution. The drama just repeats;  
Puppy dogs and bicycles, on walking paths and streets.

## AROUND ABOUTS



Above: English Pointers 'Georgie' and 'Portia' are very keen to get going on the Agility course.



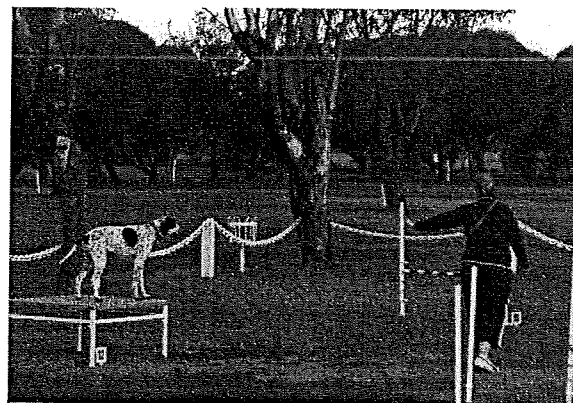
Above: Luba Hopkins and Agility Instructor Trish Gavaghan discuss some of the finer points whilst waiting for their turn on the course.

Below: Helen Frawley asks her kelpie bitch 'Kelly' to focus in before their run.



Above: Libby Hotchin's dog 'Django' displays a perfect two on, two off position.

Right: Good distance control shown here from Helen Stevens.



## At Monday Night Agility Trial Training 26<sup>th</sup> March,

2007 — With the end of daylight savings, even the early session group must now train under lights. Whilst the low light conditions do not deter the keen handlers and dogs, it defeated any attempts at 'action' shots on the night.



## Dog's breakfast - so what's a dog really meant to eat?

Source: *The Age* January 31, 2007.

If you thought human nutrition was a minefield of conflicting information, it's no easier if you're a poodle. At one extreme of the dog diet spectrum is the Biologically Appropriate Raw Food (or BARF diet) - this is the doggie equivalent of the human Paleolithic diet which recommends a raw food diet that's as close as possible to what wild dogs evolved to eat - at the other are those who argue dogs do just fine on a vegetarian diet; and somewhere in the middle are the vets who recommend a healthy mixed diet.

If research into the effects of dog ownership on human health is to be believed, dogs deserve the right diet - whatever that might be. Owning a dog appears to be good for human health, helping lower blood pressure and cholesterol. But while they're busy protecting us from heart disease, living with a human is no guarantee for good doggie health - otherwise why would vets be running weight-loss programs, or a canine anti-obesity drug be poised for release in the US? So what should - and shouldn't - go into a dog's dinner?

Off the menu for many dogs, especially the middle-aged and overweight, are fatty foods likely to cause pancreatitis. It's a problem that often peaks post-Christmas when dogs are fed too many foods with a high fat content, says Dr Matthew Miles, Executive Officer of the Australian Small Animal Veterinary Association. Foods known to be toxic to dogs include grapes, raisins, chocolate, macadamia nuts, tomatoes, onion and garlic (there goes garlic's reputation as a natural flea repellent). Cooked bones can splinter and injure the dog. Raw bones are fine - but avoid marrow bones which can be too fatty,

he says, and don't feed salty foods to dogs who are overweight or have problems with their heart or blood pressure.

Like overweight humans, overweight dogs are prone to diseases like diabetes, arthritis and cancer - to keep them around longer, keep them active and don't overfeed.

Matthew Miles suggests a mixed diet that includes a good quality dried food, together with raw beef or lamb and vegetables. Dried food, he says, is a more concentrated source of nutrients (compared with canned food which can contain as much as 60 per cent water) - but provide lots of water. Vegetables like raw broccoli and carrots are good to add extra nutrients and fibre. Raw chicken wings mimic a wild diet and provide calcium and other nutrients. As for fruit, not much is known about fruit and dog nutrition, says Miles, though some dogs enjoy it. But if beagles are anything to go by, a little fruit might be a good thing - a University of Toronto study found older dogs whose diet was supplemented with fruit and

vegetables did better at learning new tasks.



Not everyone agrees with feeding dogs commercial dog food. The BARF diet, developed by Australian vet Dr Ian Billinghurst, recommends a diet based on raw muscle and organ meat and vegetables - and no grains. Meanwhile, many vegetarian organisations, including the Vegetarian

Network Victoria, believe dogs can thrive on a plant-based diet. Check out their website <http://www.vnv.org.au/Articles/Dog&Cats.htm> for information about commercial vegetarian dog food as well as links to information about vegetarian diets for dogs.

Matthew Miles is the first to admit that not everyone agrees on what's the perfect dog diet - if in doubt, ask your vet

*Sent in by Peter Roupas*

**Specialty Sashes 2007****Obedience**

Warrnambool.....	(1 sash) Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 March
Ballarat.....	(1 sash) Saturday 31 March
Keilor.....	(1 sash) Sunday 3 June
Broadmeadows.....	(1 sash) Sunday 24 June
Geelong.....	(2 sashes) Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 July
Sunbury.....	(1 sash) Saturday 1 September
Melton.....	(1 sash) Sunday 23 September
Werribee.....	(1 sash) Saturday 27 October
Ballarat.....	(1 sash) Sunday 18 November

**Agility**

Warrnambool.....	(1 sash) Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 March
Agility Dog Club.....	(1 sash) Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 April
Geelong.....	(2 sashes) Saturday 28 April & Sunday 29 April
Ballarat.....	(1 sash) Sunday 12 May
Ballarat.....	(1 sash) Saturday 20 October
Warrnambool.....	(1 sash) Saturday 3 & Sunday 4 November
Warringal.....	(1 sash) Saturday 1 December

**VCA TRIAL SCHEDULE****May 2007**

Subject to Amendment

Please Note :

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

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

Date	Fixture	Affiliate	Venue	Judging Time	Vic Dog
Sat 5	REST TO GROUP 5 TRACKING TRIAL NOV POINTER & SETTER FIELD TRIAL NOV UTILITY FIELD TRIAL	WORKING DOG CLUB OF VIC GORDON SETTER CLUB OF VIC VICTORIAN GUNDOG CLUB			
Sun 6	OPEN UTILITY FIELD TRIAL OPEN POINTER & SETTER FIELD TRIAL REST TO GROUP 5 TRACKING TRIAL RETRIEVING TRIAL WEIGHTPULL COMPETITION & OBEDIENCE PRACTICE	VICTORIAN GUNDOG CLUB GORDON SETTER CLUB WORKING DOG CLUB OF VIC FLATCOATED RETRIEVER ASSOC		7.45am 8.00am	
Mon 7	REST TO GROUP 5 TRACKING TRIAL	ALASKAN MALAMUTE CLUB	(P)		
Sat 12	AGILITY TRIAL REST TO BREED OBEDIENCE TRIAL REST TO BREED OBEDIENCE TRIAL HERDING TRIAL / INSTINCT TEST AGILITY TRIAL OBEDIENCE TRIAL NOV POINTER & SETTER FIELD TRIAL NOV UTILITY GUNDOG FIELD TRIAL TRACKING TRIAL	WORKING DOG CLUB OF VIC BALLAARAT OBED DOG CLUB GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB VICTORIAN HERDING ASSOC BALLAARAT DOG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB MURRAY VALLEY OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB VICTORIAN GUNDOG CLUB CENTRAL HIGHLANDS WORKING GUNDOG CLUB		9.00am 8.00am 1.15pm 8.00am 9.00am	March March March April
Sun 13	OBEDIENCE TRIAL TRACKING TRIAL OPEN POINTER & SETTER FIELD TRIAL HERDING TRIAL	KNOX OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB MURRAY VALLEY OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB KNOX OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB VICTORIAN GUNDOG CLUB VICTORIAN HERDING ASSOC		7.30am 7.30am	
Sat 19	LURE RACING / EARTH DOG PRACTICE AGILITY TRIAL OBEDIENCE TRIAL OBEDIENCE TRIAL NOV POINTER & SETTER FIELD TRIAL	LURE RACING & EARTH DOG CLUB SOUTHERN OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB OVENS VALLEY CANINE CLUB OVENS VALLEY CANINE CLUB SPORTING GUNDOG CLUB	(P)	8.00am 9.00am 1.00pm	March
Sun 20	OBEDIENCE TRIAL OBEDIENCE TRIAL OBEDIENCE TRIAL OBEDIENCE TRIAL REST TO BREED OBED TRIAL OPEN POINTER & SETTER FIELD TRIAL GROUP 6 FIELD DAY TRAINING	BERWICK OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB BERWICK OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB WANGARATTA K & O DOG CLUB WANGARATTA K & O DOG CLUB LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB SPORTING GUNDOG CLUB VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOC		8.30am 1.00pm 8.30am 1.00pm	April April
Fri 25	REST TO GROUP 3 TRACKING TRIAL	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB	(S)	7.45am	
Sat 26	ENDURANCE TEST RETRIEVING TRIAL REST TO GROUP 3 TRACKING TRIAL	HUNGARIAN VIZSLA CLUB VICTORIAN GUNDOG CLUB OF VIC GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB	(P)	8.00am 7.45am	
Sun 27	REST TO GROUP 3 TRACKING TRIAL OBEDIENCE TRIAL RETRIEVING TRIAL	MORNINGTON OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB VICTORIAN GUNDOG CLUB	(P)	11.00am 8.00am	April