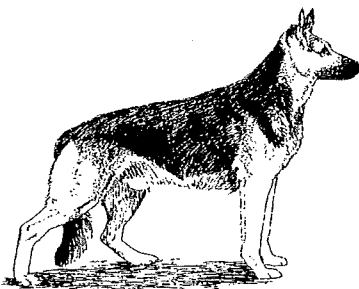
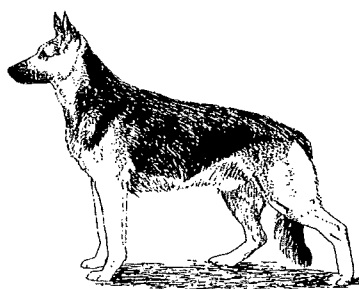
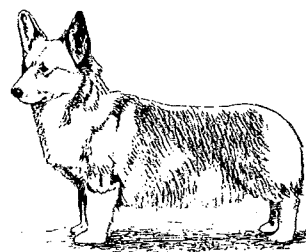
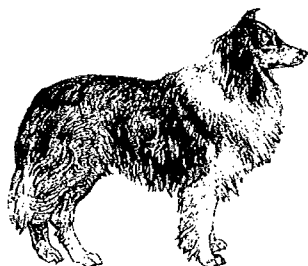
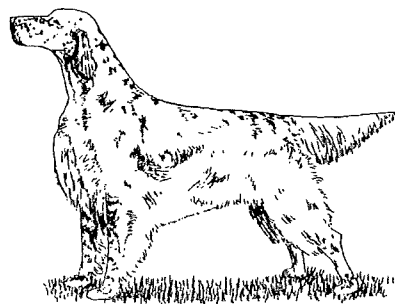
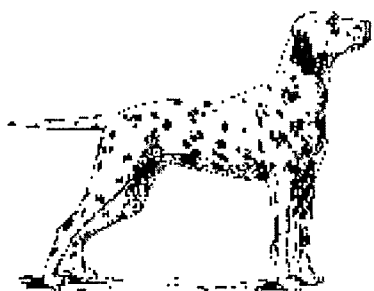


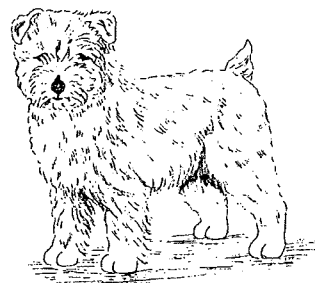
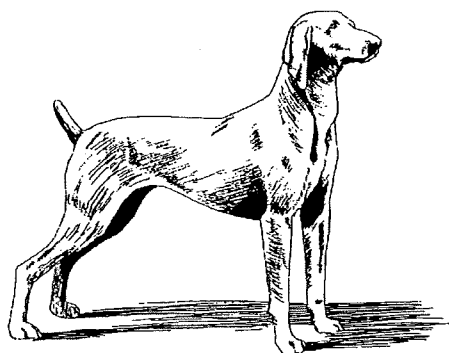
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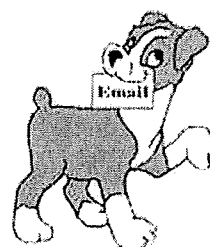
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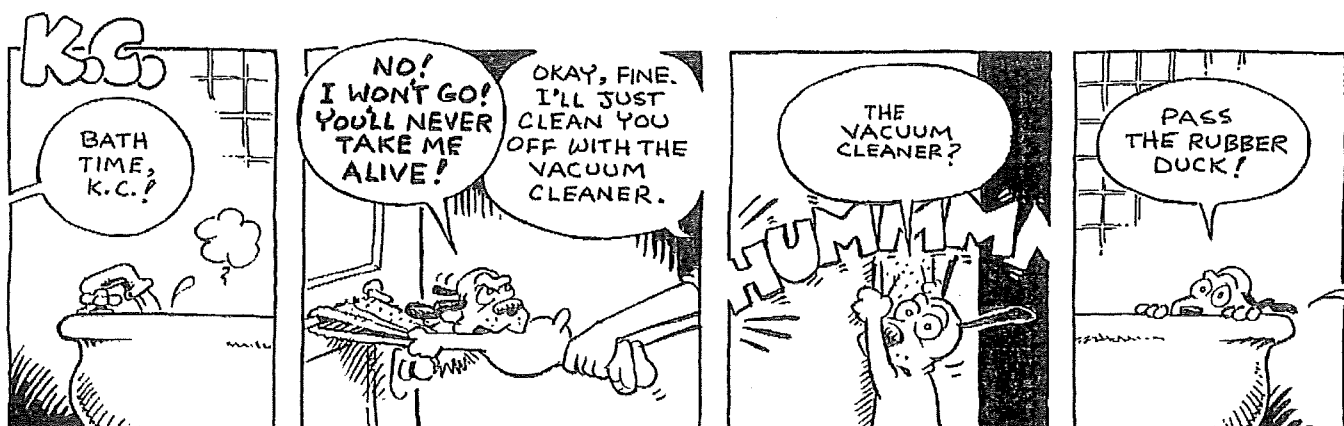
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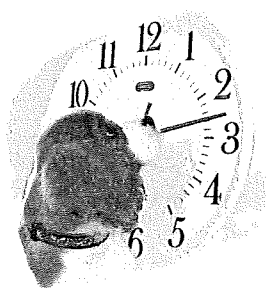
9.15am to 10.15am

Puppies under 6 months
Merit - Merit Revision - Graduate
Graduate Revision - Beginners Agility
Intermediate Agility - Tricks Class - Social Class

Second Session

10.45am to 11.45am

Beginners - Beginners Revision
Agility Foundation - Advanced 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.

CLUB CALENDAR

July

Sunday	1 July	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	2 July	Agility Trial training. Equipment setup 5.30pm
Tuesday	3 July	Trial Working Bee – to be advised
Friday	6 July	Obedience Trial Training – 6.00pm
Saturday	7 July	OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIALS
Sunday	8 July	OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIALS. NO TRAINING
Monday	9 July	Agility Trial training. Equipment setup 5.30pm
Tuesday	10 July	Obedience Trial Training – 6.00pm
Sunday	15 July	Normal training Newsletter closes for articles, reports etc.
Monday	16 July	Agility Trial training. Equipment setup 5.30pm Instructor's Meeting – 7.30pm
Tuesday	17 July	Obedience Trial training – 6.00pm
Sunday	22 July	PROMOTION DAY.
Monday	23 July	Agility Trial training. Equipment setup 5.30pm
Tuesday	24 July	Obedience Trial training – 6.00pm
Sunday	29 July	Normal Training. Newsletter available.

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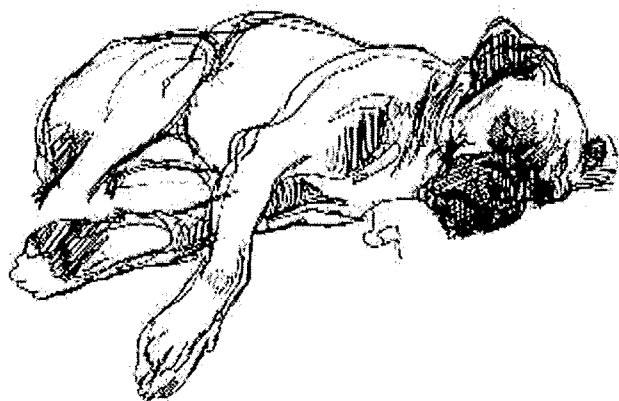
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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY



"Let sleeping dogs lie"
-- Charles Dickens

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well June is about halfway over. The Steve Austin Seminar on the weekend of June 16th to 17th went extremely well. The only thing we had no control over was the weather, which, was fairly cool, but the rain held off until the Sunday morning as most of you would know. From all reports that were told to me by the people that were there, they learnt a lot. Some are asking when we will be holding the next one. All I can say is watch this space as I believe there are moves to get someone else to come here. More on that later.

Don't forget that Memberships are up for renewal and can be paid from now until the end of July. Don't forget, as you will incur a rejoining fee if you do.

Also our "Monster Raffle has been run and won. Our Shop Manager Alex Shackleton took out first Prize; Second Prize went to Erica Nash. Congratulations to both people. I have spoken to the Manager of Beaurepaires Belmont and he has said that if you want tyres or any other sort of services for your car, go and see them and on the production of your "CURRENT" Membership tag they will look after you. Ask for Graeme or Leigh. I guess the next thing on the agenda is the Obedience Trial weekend in July. Any assistance here would be greatly appreciated. See Pam or the office or fill in the "How You can Help" form. Lastly my apologies to our Newsletter Editor for getting this in late. Well that is all from me.

Jim Ball
President

TRIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Our Trial Sub-Committee met two weeks ago to begin organising the Club's Obedience Trials to be held on the 7th and 8th July. Helen Whitelaw has joined the Sub-Committee as Libby Hotchin will not be available due to other commitments. Thank you Libby for your help and welcome to Helen.

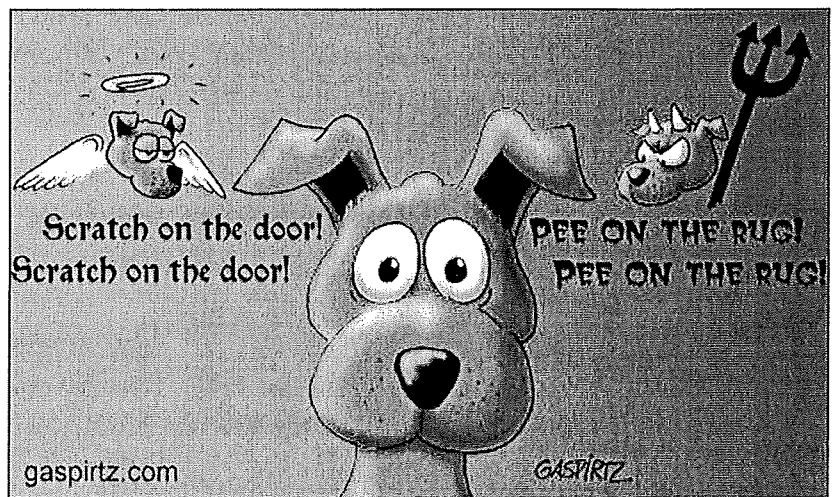
Once again we will be looking for your assistance and the Trial help forms are now available, so please help out where you can. Our main request will be for VCA Members to Steward as we will need 13 Stewards per Trial and Wendy Ganly is once again stepped into the role of Steward organiser. Wendy won't be available on the actual Trial weekend so if anyone is prepared to assist Wendy and take on the role for the Trial weekend please let us know.

We are also looking for Lucky loser prizes. This was extremely popular at the Agility Trials as it gave competitors who were not so successful a chance to win a prize. A bin is available on the table on the veranda for your donation. Prizes can be just \$2.00 shop specials or a packet of Smacko's, but do need to be non-perishable.

Each year our Club and Werribee Obedience Dog Club get together for The Spirit of the West Challenge and this has now been finalised and will be held at Werribee on Saturday 22nd September. At present Geelong has the wooden spoon so it's time to bring the Shield back to Geelong. There are Classes for Members at all levels even our newest puppies, so keep the date free. If you are in doubt as to which Class to enter please see your Instructor. Classes and entry forms will in the next Newsletter.

Happy training

Pam Convery
Agility Trial Secretary



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 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.



Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc Back-to-Back Double Obedience Trials Saturday 7 July & Sunday 8 July 2007

Entries close: Wednesday 20 June 2007

Entries to: Mrs Luba Hopkins, 7 Coppards Road, Newcomb, 3219

Phone: (03) 5248 2414

Trial A (Saturday Morning Trial)

CCD – Mr F Brueckner, Mrs J Delmenico

Novice – Mr R Edwards, Mr W Gilmour

Open – Mrs B Cowling, Mr R Hanson, Mr F Valastro

Utility – Mrs J Holbrook, Mrs N McIlroy

UDX – Mrs M Deakes

Trial C (Sunday Morning Trial)

CCD – Mr T Moore, Ms S Stephens

Novice – Mr G Eades, Mr M Klecka

Open – Mr M Tyler, Mr G Parsons, Mrs M Deakes

Utility – Mrs L McKay, Mr F Tipping

UDX – Mr F Valastro

Trial B (Saturday Afternoon Trial)

CCD – Mrs N McIlroy, Mrs B Cowling

Novice – Mrs J Delmenico, Mrs J Holbrook

Open – Mr R Edwards, Mr F Brueckner, Mr W Gilmour

Utility – Mrs M Deakes, Mr R Hanson

UDX – Mr F Valastro

Trial D (Sunday Afternoon Trial)

CCD – Mr G Eades, Mr M Klecka

Novice – Mrs L McKay, Mr F Tipping

Open – Mr F Valastro, Ms S Stephens, Mr M Tyler

Utility – Mr G Parsons, Mrs M Deakes

UDX – Mr T Moore

One entry per form per class stating Trial A, B, C or D. HAS required for Open and Utility. 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 BBO

\$5 per head

**Sausages, Hamburgers,
Veggie Burgers and Salads
provided.**

*To be booked when sending
entries for Trials*

Entry Fee

\$10.00 per class

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

www.costaverde.com.au

Hacienda Motel (03) 5243 5844

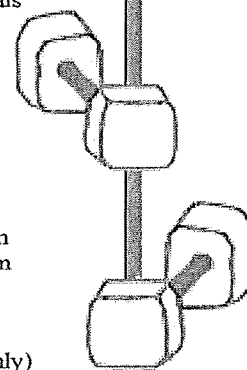
El Dorado Tourist Park (03) 5276 1386

Aristocrat Waurnvale Motel (03) 5244 2111

Rose Garden Motel (03) 5241 9441

Sherwood Village Caravan Park (Sites Only)
(03) 5243 1068

Camping available on the grounds for \$5,
toilet facilities only. To be booked when
sending entries for Trials



LIBRARY NEWS

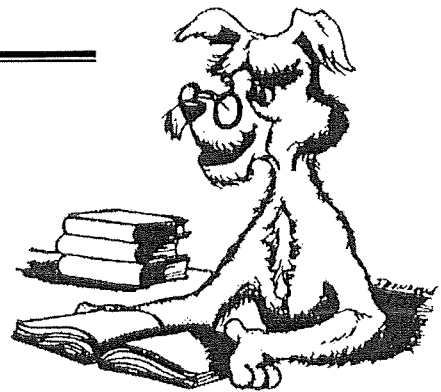
Our DVD Collection is really expanding. If perhaps you have not yet joined the Library because you are not very hooked on reading – have you ever thought about watching our marvelous and ever expanding collection of Dog Training DVD's in your own home?

Many of you reliving years at school have this quaint vision of Libraries – wearing glasses and surrounded by books and “PLEASE BE QUIET”.

This is NOT the G.O.D.C. Inc. Library.

We are the most technologically advanced Obedience Training Library backed up by skilled Obedience and Agility personnel in Australia. We of course offer our DVD collection.

We also offer free of charge, if you do not have access to a computer, our website search. The results will be posted to you. Please do not be embarrassed to ask. It is a great service, it is a Club service and it is free. Tell us what you want to know and we will do a search for you.



To our Dogs
Happy Heeling

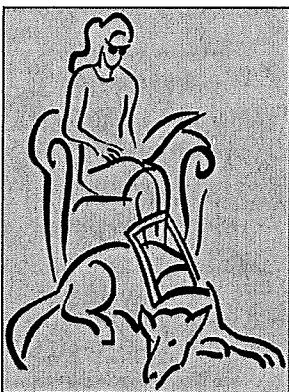
Happy Hurdling

Happy Fun being a pain in the Butt. Robyn & Peg

As an afterthought,



I am only a dog,
Try to understand me.
I want to love and respect you,
Help me to do so.
I need your love and guidance and discipline
Break my spirit,
You will break my heart.
I have only my heart to offer.



DID YOU KNOW –

It costs around \$25,000 to breed, train and support a Guide Dog throughout its working life.

The average working life of a Guide Dog is eight to ten years. Upon retirement a Guide Dog continues to enjoy a happy life as a loved family pet.

It takes 18 months including five to six months of intensive training to turn a lovable puppy into a professional Guide Dog.

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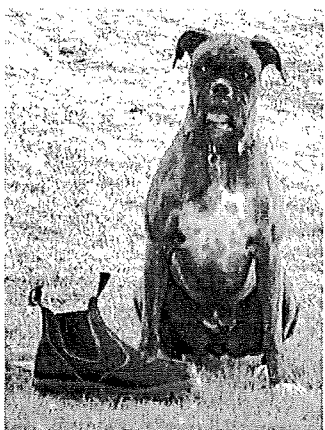
The Golden Leg

by Sherran
Howlett

*Tahni's story
continues...*

After the first week, I noticed that she'd put on a stack of weight – she'd been on Advance Energy because of all her activity and I hadn't given a thought to the food related to her inactivity. So, to add insult to injury she was put on a diet. We add Sasha's Blend to her food and she has one SeaFlex per day as a treat but we'd been doing this for several months before her injury anyway. A week later we took her to our local vet to have the bandage removed. It was stuck fast and in the half hour it took to get off, Tahni yelped and screamed and even tried to bite. Her skin reacted to the bandage and was very red and pimply. Luckily, she's never chewed at stitches so we didn't have to worry about an Elizabethan collar.

Over the six weeks we spent time doing passive tricks with her in her crate – things like getting her to guess which hand held a treat and "touch". We also changed her bedding around constantly giving her different textures to lay on. We moved the crate between rooms and on nice days we took her outside in it. For one of her ten minute walks we'd put her in the car and take her somewhere different. In her mind, ten minutes was never enough and she'd plonk herself down when we turned back and refuse to walk! Pigs ears were a saving grace once I discovered they weren't fattening as they kept her busy for a while. The hardest thing through all this was watching this normally active dog lying in her crate looking up at us with her beautiful big brown eyes not understanding the confinement. It really tugged at the heart strings but we knew we were doing the right thing



and it would pay off in the end. Sometime late in the six weeks, Tahni was standing in her crate and offered me a "Wave Bye Bye" and a "Shake" and for us this indicated a real positive in her rehabilitation. She was confident to bear enough weight on the leg to offer behaviours. Fantastic!

Just as things were looking great, it was time to go back for our 6 week check and the second operation. I felt so sad that she was feeling so good only to have to go through it all again – it almost felt cruel. We got to the surgery only to discover that there was no talk of an injury to the second leg and it was perfect. Wow, such relief. (Don't know what that original conversation was about then but I wasn't going to argue!) Her left leg was x-rayed to check it's progress and the surgeon was impressed – it was completely healed already. The 6 week visit is usually to check that the leg is mending correctly and by the 12 week visit the healing should be complete. We were on a high and didn't have to come back for the 12 week check as there was no point – she was there! Yay!

Between weeks 7 and 12 we increased her exercise to 30 minutes twice a day. Still not enough in her mind! She was crated when inside, during the evening and over night because past experience told us that she could zoom around the house at great speed if desired. Apart from that, she was given the length of a long lead under our pergola or elsewhere outside with us. People were building across the paddock and every morning she'd beg to go outside and make a bee line for an area where she could watch the activity. She would sit contentedly in the sun for hours watching what they were doing. It was a godsend!



The 12 week mark arrived and we headed off to Dogs in Motion to see the physiotherapist and do some hydrotherapy. She was impressed with where Tahni was at already and gave us some exercises to do at home and we decided to come to Melbourne for hydrotherapy for 4

weeks, once a week. It's a long trip but having spent the money on the surgery, I felt it vital to do the rehabilitation properly and thoroughly. In between that, we found a local river where we could walk in shoulder height water twice a week.

The Golden Leg (continued)

Everything was going well. Tahni was happy and at the point where having slowly increased the amount of yard she had access to, she was allowed the entire 2 acres. She was enjoying running around after the cat and shooing the birds from the feeder. A return to agility training was imminent and having not seen another dog for more than 3 months, we went to a few trials to watch and she got to see her friends. Christmas and New Year came and went, we were threatened by bushfire, the crates were put away and my car seats put back in as normal and Neil and I were back at work. Then, all of a sudden, something went wrong. A limp appeared. At first it would go with a little rest and we'd put it down to having done too much. Looking back, this was pretty silly as we weren't doing anymore than we had been for several months. We were no longer making progress and the limp was hanging around for longer and longer. We even commented several times that Tahni was being a bit of a sadsack. We got down to doing no exercise at all but not wanting to panic and still being optimistic that there wasn't too much wrong I arranged an appointment with the physio. It wasn't good that the physio wouldn't touch her and rang immediately to make an appointment with the surgeon for the following Tuesday.

After the longest long weekend there's ever been, we were back at the surgery and the suspicion was that she had a meniscus tear. This is very unusual in a dog that's had a TPLO so we decided to do an arthroscopy and fix it. A couple of hours later my phone rang and it seemed too early for the surgery to be ringing with the report of a successful procedure. What's wrong? The surgeon was on the phone, mid operation telling me that what he was seeing was the most spectacular thing he'd ever seen, it was amazing! She didn't have a meniscus tear but her anterior cruciate tear had progressed from 30% to 70%. He'd never seen this before in a TPLO dog and there's no explanation for it but he assured me it was better news than if she had a meniscus tear. He repaired the problem via arthroscope and I picked her up at 5.30 to go home. I was shown a video of the procedure and to my untrained eye, it's certainly spectacular. The frayed ends of the ACL had been floating around in her leg causing massive inflammation. Tahni staggered out of the surgery, sat on my feet, looked up at me and promptly fell over! My poor sweetie pie. She had no bandages, just 3 stitches and I was assured she'd be right for our first agility trial in 2 weeks!

No need to crate her, just restrict activity for a few days.

Being a bit nervous about it all, I opted to take her back for hydrotherapy for 4 weeks and to swim, walk and do the exercises in between times. I wasn't brave enough to do the agility trial. I wanted to get her fit and strong first to minimize the risk of any other injury. Tahni thinks she can't swim unless you have something to take her mind off the fact she is swimming, so I bought her a buoyancy vest. I think the locals are amused that a dog that goes swimming at the local water hole with a buoyancy vest on! She loves it – so long as she has her vest on and a toy to swim after. It's amazing how she forgets that she can swim as soon as the vest comes off – she can't even swim after her toy! Her muscles are looking good, she's back to normal activity doing muscle strengthening exercises, walking and running and swimming. She took part in an agility demonstration last weekend and did three rounds of agility. It was like she'd never stopped. She's lost none of her speed, remembered to take her cues from my body language (I was a bit slow) and most importantly, wasn't sore afterwards. She even had enough left in the tank to have a big zoom around our yard later in the evening. We're off to our first trial in seven months tomorrow and looking forward to the National Titles in our home town of Adelaide in May. Baby's back!



So, why did this happen to Tahni? I knew she hadn't done it doing agility but suspected that her propensity to toss her soccer ball high in the air then leap up after it, thereby landing on her back legs was the culprit. Not so. The surgeon assures me that it's a conformation thing as with many dogs who suffer this injury. The femur meets the fibula at too steep an angle so falls off

The Golden Leg (continued)

the edge of the joint causing the ligament to tear. The surgery re-aligns the bone so this no longer happens and is designed to get active dogs back to their previous level of activity – even if that level of activity includes sports such as herding and agility. She's no longer allowed to play with the ball because the skidding action when the dog catches up with a thrown ball is dangerous and it's heart wrenching when she continually goes to the place where the soccer ball used to be kept, looking for it. Boy though, it's great to see our little girl doing all the other things she loves to do! There's a chance she'll "do" the other leg but you can't live life not doing things in case something happens, and so it is for her. Tahni became known as "The Golden Leg" amongst my friends although I think it's closer to platinum and I'm pleased to say she's lost none of her character and playfulness through all this. I'm glad we had the TPLO and spent the time and effort to rehabilitate properly and I hope that our story helps anyone faced with this situation in the future.

This was the second and final part of a series that has been running over the last two months.



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

Kerry Blue Terrier + Sky Terrier
Blue Skye, a dog for visionaries

Great Pyrenees + Dachsund
Pyradachs, a puzzling breed

Pekingnese + Lhasa Apso
Peekasso, an abstract dog

**Irish Water Spaniel + English
Springer Spaniel**
*Irish Springer, a dog fresh and clean as a
whistle*

CITY OF GREATER GEELONG ANIMAL FACTS 2006

We seem to be a pet loving community. Partly due to our rural surroundings, Geelong has one of the largest populations of dogs and cats in any Australian municipality. We have 33,186 dogs and 11,971 registered cats.

The sad animal collection statistics are as follows:- For dogs the total impounded was 2,907, consisting of 1657 Reclaimed, 472 Rehomed and 778 Euthanised. For cats it is much worse. The total collected was 2,548, consisting of 66 Reclaimed, 507 Rehomed and 1,975 Euthanised.

The COGG also had to respond to community complaints of 2,403 wandering dogs, 230 dog rushes and 168 dog attacks.



VCA TRIAL RESULTS

Berwick Obedience Dog Club – Open Obedience Trial – Sun, 20th May, 2007

Open Obedience – AM Trial

Janelle Convery	Goorambat The Manor CDX JD (Mason)	Pass	7 th Place
	Golden Retriever		

Golden Retriever Club of Victoria – Restricted Tracking Trial – Sat, 26th May, 2007

Test 6

Debbie Hamilton	Glenlusk Buff Beauty TDX (Ben)	Pass	Very Good
	Golden Retriever	***T.Ch Title***	

Golden Retriever Club of Victoria – Restricted Tracking Trial – Sun, 27th May, 2007

Tracking Qualification Test

Peter Roupas	Ch Evergold Highland Chief (Jock)	Pass
	Golden Retriever	

Working Dog Club of Victoria – Restricted Obedience Trial – Sat, 2nd June, 2007

CCD – AM Trial

Tina Button	Monlaird Hyland Mist (Skye)	2 nd Pass	2 nd Place
	Border Collie		

CCD – PM Trial

Tina Button	Monlaird Hyland Mist (Skye)	3 rd Pass	1 st Pass
	Border Collier	***CCD Title***	

Scottish Breeds Club of Victoria – Restricted Agility Trial – Sun, 3rd June, 2007

Novice Agility – AM Trial

Janelle Convery	Goorambat The Manor CDX JD (Mason)	3 rd Pass	2 nd Place
	Golden Retriever	***AD Title***	

Novice Snooker – PM Trial

Janelle Convery	Goorambat The Manor CDX JD (Mason)	3 rd Pass	4 th Place
	Golden Retriever	***SD Title***	

German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria – Open Tracking Trial – Sun, 10th June, 2007

Test 1

Wendy Ganly	Poruse Diamond Dealer (Gambit)	Pass	Very Good
	Australian Shepherd		



HOUSETRAINING PUPPIES

Some excellent training advice from an anonymous author

The best advice ever given a puppy owner is to take a newspaper, roll it up, secure it tightly, and leave it on the coffee table. Then, when the puppy piddles in the house, chews up a slipper, or breaks any other house rule, you simply take the newspaper and bang it on the top of your head repeatedly, while reciting the phrase, "I should have been watching my puppy!"



A POETRY PAWS

If Only

Author Unknown

If only my dog had stood on his stand,
When I gave him the signal. A move of one hand.
If only he'd stayed on the one minute sit,
Instead of deciding that 50 seconds was it.



A figure 8 perfect, I could almost boast,
If only he'd gone round the other post.
If only he'd dropped on the signal I gave,
And not when he saw the spectator wave.

The retrieve on the flat – he knew what to do,
If only he'd brought back the dumbbell I threw.
The high jump retrieve – the one thing he lacked,
Was the dumbbell that he didn't bring back.

On the broad jump, if only he'd jumped all the way,
And not tiptoed between to my utter dismay.
When I signaled the glove it was there in plain sight;
If only he'd gone for the glove that was right.

His go-out was perfect – he just went so far,
If only he hadn't both times jumped the bar.
We'd have had a 200 – he could do everything,
If only he hadn't run out of the ring.

DOG TOYS AND HOW TO USE THEM

Reprinted from "Guns 'n Sashes" and Knox Obedience Dog Club Newsletter

"Safe" Toys

There are many factors that contribute to the safety or danger of a toy. Many of those factors, however, are completely dependent upon your dog's size, activity level and personal preference. Another factor to be considered is the environment in which your dog spends his time. Although we can't guarantee your dog's enthusiasm or his safety with any specific toy, we can offer the following guidelines.

Be Cautious

The things that are usually the most attractive to dogs are often the very things that are the most dangerous. Dog proof your home by checking for string, ribbon, rubber bands, children's toys, pantyhose and anything else that can be ingested.



Toys should be appropriate for your dog's current size. Balls and other toys that are too small can easily be swallowed or become lodged in your dog's mouth or throat. Avoid any toy that starts to break into pieces or have pieces torn off. You should also avoid "tug-of-war" toys, unless they'll be used between dogs, not between people and dogs. Ask your Vet about which rawhide toys

are safe and which aren't. Unless your Vet says otherwise, "chewies" like hooves, pig's ears and rawhides should be supervision-only goodies. Very hard rubber toys are safer and last longer.

Take note of any toy that contains a "squeaker" buried in its centre. Your dog may feel that he must find and destroy the squeaker source and could ingest it, in which case squeaking objects should be "supervision only" toys. Check labels for child safety, as a stuffed toy that's labeled as safe for children under three years old, doesn't contain dangerous fillings. Problem fillings include things like nutshells and polystyrene beads, however, even a "safe" stuffing isn't truly digestible.

Remember that soft toys are not indestructible, but some are sturdier than others. Soft toys should be machine washable.

TOYS WE RECOMMEND

Active Toys

- Very hard rubber toys like Nylabone-type products and Kong type products. These are available in a variety of shapes and sizes and are fun for chewing and carrying around.
- "Rope" toys that are usually available in a "bone" shape with knotted ends.
- Tennis balls make great dog toys, but keep an eye out for any that could be chewed through and discard them.

Distraction Toys

- Kong type toys, especially when filled with broken up treats or, even better, a mixture of broken up treats and peanut butter. The right size Kong can keep a puppy or dog busy for hours. Only by chewing diligently can your dog access the treats, and only in small bits – very rewarding! Double check with your Vet about whether or not you should give peanut butter to your dog.
- "Busy Box" toys are large rubber cubes with hiding places for treats. Only by moving the cube around with his nose, mouth or paws can your dog access the goodies.

DOG TOYS AND HOW TO USE THEM (cont)**Comfort Toys**

- Soft stuffed toys are good for several purposes, but aren't appropriate for all dogs. For some dogs, the stuffed toys should be small enough to carry around. For dogs that want to shake or "kill" the toy, it should be the size that "prey" would be for that size dog (mouse-size, rabbit-size or duck-size).
- Dirty laundry, like an old t-shirt, pillowcase, towel or blanket, can be very comforting to a dog, especially if it smells like you! Be forewarned that the item could be destroyed by industrious fluffing, carrying and nosing.

Get The Most Out Of Toys

- Rotate your dog's toys weekly by making only three or four toys available at a time. Keep a variety of types easily accessible. If your dog has a huge favourite, like a soft "baby" you should probably leave it out all the time, or risk the wrath of your dog!
- Provide toys that offer a variety of uses – at least one toy to carry, one to "kill", one to roll and maybe one to "baby".
- "Hide and Seek" is a fun game for dogs to play. "Found" toys are often much more attractive than a toy which is blatantly introduced. Making an interactive game out of finding toys or treats is a good rainy day activity for your dog, using up energy without the need for space.
- Many of your dog's toys should be interactive. Interactive play is very important for your dog because he needs active "people time". By focusing on a specific task, like repeatedly returning a ball, Kong or Frisbee or playing "hide and seek" with treats or toys, your dog can expel pent-up mental and physical energy in a limited amount of time and space. This greatly reduces stress due to confinement, isolation and/or boredom. For young, high-energy and untrained dogs, interactive play also offers an opportunity for socialization and helps them learn about appropriate and inappropriate behaviour with people and with other animals, like jumping up or mouthing.



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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.



Body language matters!

"It's not what you say but how you say it!"

Q: *I've been taking my dog to obedience classes but I'm still having problems getting him to understand what I want him to do. My instructor says I'm not using the right tone of voice or body language but I don't know what she means. Can you help me?*

A: Since dogs don't talk, spoken language isn't as important to them as it is to people. While they can learn what certain words mean, dogs understand non-verbal signals like tone of voice, gestures and posture better than they understand words.

For example, get your dog's attention and then, in a happy voice, call him to you using a different command than he's used to and a different name than his own. If his name is Barney, say "Over here, Fred!" Guess what? Even if he's never heard those words before, he'll still come because he recognizes the inviting tone of voice you always use when you want him to come.

Dogs are also very sensitive to facial expressions and eye contact. He knows that a smile means you're happy and a scowl means you're not. Here's another example: Using that same cheerful voice combined with a big smile, tell him that he's a terrible, awful, miserable dog and that you're really mad at him. What does he do? Instead of cowering in shame, he wiggles, wags and wants to kiss you! Why? Because you're talking to him in the same tone that you normally use to praise him. He doesn't care what words you use – it's your happy attitude that he's responding to.

Dogs pay attention to your posture, too. Crouching to the dog's level invites them to come or play. Standing straight with your shoulders back is a more commanding posture and tells the dog you are someone to be respected.

Dogs become very confused when their owners' words, expressions and tones don't match. If you were to crouch down and call your dog using a

BODY LANGUAGE MATTERS! (Continued)

happy voice but with a frown on your face and a stern look in your eye, he wouldn't know what to do! Is he supposed to come or are you mad at him? If he does come, he'll probably do it fearfully since frowns and stern eyes usually mean something unpleasant is in store! Since your signals are mixed, he can only guess at what you want or what will happen to him.

Many owners give commands in a questioning tone: "Barney, sit?" This tells the dog you're not sure of yourself and don't know exactly what you want him to do. If you don't know, he won't either! Others draw the word out into something that sounds soothing, sinister and questioning at the same time: "Barney, siiiiiit?" The poor dog doesn't know what in the world you're trying to get across and might not respond at all!

To be most effective when training and communicating with your dog, your expression,

eyes and tone of voice all must say the same thing. You need to use different expressions and tones for different situations and keep those signals consistent. When you tell your dog to do something, use a low-toned, firm, matter of fact voice. "Barney, sit!" Your facial expression should be neutral, neither smiling nor frowning, you should be standing up straight and your eyes should say "Do it!" This is as clear to the dog as it gets – he sees that you expect him to do as he's told and if he understands the command, he will do it.

If he obeys, give him a huge smile and praise with a happy, cheerful voice. Let him know exactly how pleased you are with him. If he didn't obey, give him a dirty look and drop your voice as low as you can to deliver a short but totally unmistakable "no."

by Vicki DeGruy



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.



AROUND ABOUTS

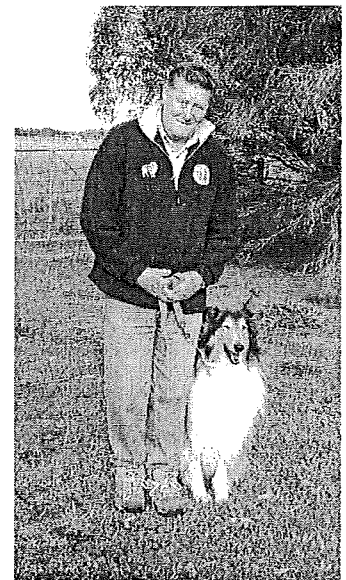


Right: Busy pups Bella, Winston and the Cavalier trio resting up in the dog boxes.



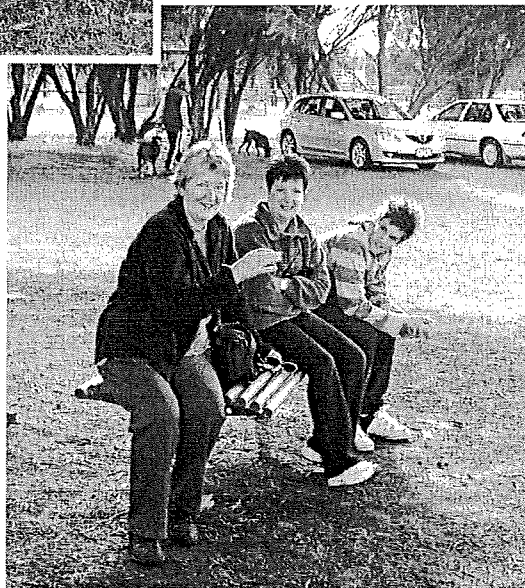
Left: Having fun in the Tricks Class Ron Matthews has his Labrador Sasha sit beautifully on the box.

Right: Club Instructor John Shields and eight year old Biggles join in with the new Merit Class for a spot of practice.



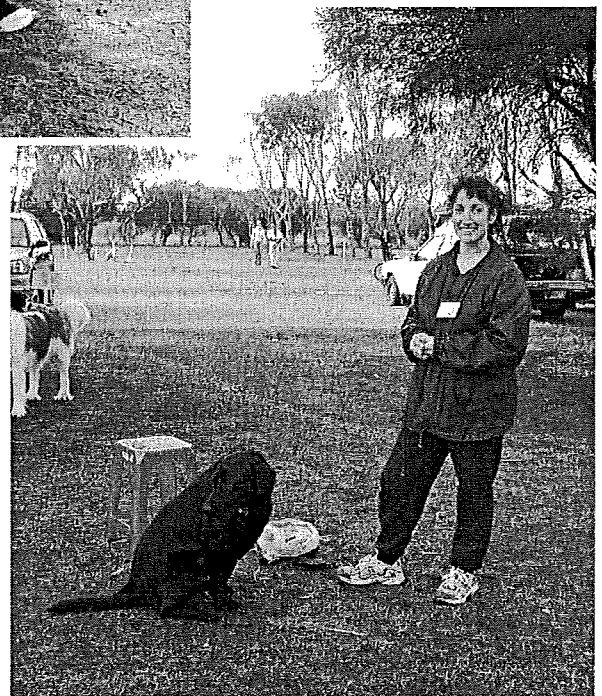
At Sunday Training 2nd June, 2007 — All rugged up against the cold, our Members were out enjoying a crisp morning at the Club grounds.

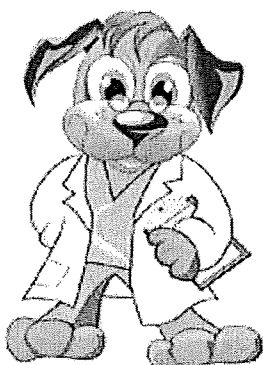
Right: Here for Induction Day, Dorinda Zurawel chats with current Members Rhonda Verves and her son Hayden.



Right: Michele Phillips with aptly named 20 month old Inky participating in the Tricks Class.

Left: Taking a break in Graduate Revision class, long time member Margaret Martin with Mickey the Jack Russell and Raeleen Hartney with Millie the Cocker Spaniel.





How to Stop Your Dog's Excessive Licking

by M. Bruno – <http://www.dogs-4life.com/disobedient-dog-help.html>

If your dog licks excessively, you can easily stop this behaviour once you understand the root cause of his excessive licking.

In order to get to the bottom of this mysterious and compulsive dog behaviour you will want to look at two root causes of excessive licking.

Medical

A dog that is excessively licking may be doing this because of a medical condition such as skin allergy, dry skin, irritation to the pads on his paws as a result of contact with ice, snow or the salt on a road. He may be having an allergic reaction to cleaning fluids, a sensitivity to certain soaps or be in discomfort due to a more serious condition such as canine arthritis, common in senior dogs.

It's a good idea to take your dog to the veterinarian to rule out any medical reason for his excessive licking. If there is a medical condition, your vet will likely prescribe a simple remedy that will provide relief to your dog and stop your dog's excessive licking.

Behavioural

Non medical causes for excessive licking in dogs are most likely behaviourally based. Many dog trainers feel that the cause is anxiety. Your dog may lick excessively so that someone will notice him, as a show of affection, or to give you a message. That message in dog language can mean a number of things, such as, I want to go for a walk, I love you, I want to play, I want food, I

feel anxious, or I miss you and want you to come back. This last one manifests itself as separation anxiety when you are not at home.

Two ways to stop you dog licking today

Once you identify the specific root cause of your dog's excessive licking you can take steps to stop it. Let's use separation anxiety as an example. If you conclude that your dog licks excessively when you leave the house, you can easily correct this behaviour.

Start leaving the house for short intervals without making a fuss when you leave. No announcements or good byes. Just leave and come back without fanfare in five minutes. Then repeat the process and extend it to ten minutes. Do it again, this time for twenty minutes, then again for an hour. Before long you will be able to leave the house and return a few hours to several hours later without your dog reacting by excessive licking.

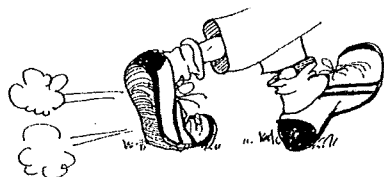
Another simple technique you can use to stop you dog's excessive licking is to divert his attention. When he starts to lick his paws, your face, the floor or anything at all, catch his attention and throw a ball for him to fetch. He'll soon forget about licking because he's having more fun playing ball!

Sent in by Elaine Longshaw



For Dog's Sake, pick up!

Please clean up after your dog to ensure that dogs retain their rights to parks, beaches, dog-friendly accommodation facilities, walking trails and other public places.

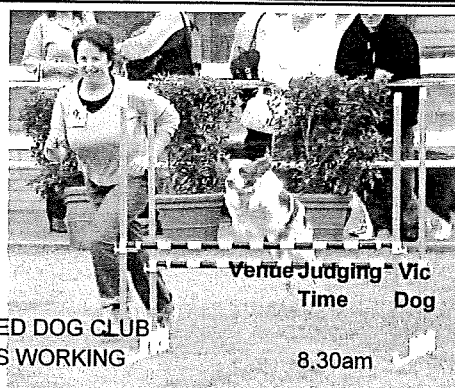


VCA TRIAL SCHEDULE

July 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	Time	Dog
Sun 1	TRACKING TRIAL RETRIEVING TRIAL	MURRAY VALLEY OBED DOG CLUB CENTRAL HIGHLANDS WORKING GUNDOG	8.30am	
Sat 7	REST TO BREED OBED & AGILITY TRIAL OBEDIENCE TRIAL OBEDIENCE TRIAL TRACKING TRIAL AGILITY TRIAL ENDURANCE TEST	COLLIE CLUB GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB TRACKING CLUB OF VIC SUNBURY & DISTRICT OBED CLUB EAST GIPPSLAND OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB	(P) 9.00am 9.30am 1.30pm 7.45am 8.30am	Mar
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Sat 14	REST TO BREED OBED TRIAL TRACKING TRIAL HERDING TRIAL	GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB GIPPSLAND OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB BORDER COLLIE CLUB	(P) 8.00am 9.00am	
Sun 15	DOUBLE AGILITY TRIAL TRACKING TRIAL RESTRICTED TO BREED ENDURANCE TRIAL HERDING TRIAL	NORTHERN OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB GIPPSLAND OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB ROTTWEILER CLUB BORDER COLLIE CLUB	9.00am 8.00am (P) 8.00am 9.00am	
Mon 16	TRACKING TRIAL	GIPPSLAND OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB	8.00am	
Sat 21	TRACKING TRIAL HERDING TRIAL HERDING INSTINCT STATE AGILITY TRIAL	BALLAARAT DOG OBED CLUB VICTORIAN HERDING ASSOCIATION VICTORIAN HERDING ASSOCIATION VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOCIATION	7.30am (P) 8.00am (P) 8.00am (P) 9.00am	May May June
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Mon 23	TRACKING TRIAL	BALLAARAT DOG OBED CLUB	7.30am	
Sat 28	TRACKING TRIAL RETRIEVING TRIAL	MURRAY VALLEY OBED DOG CLUB LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB	8.00am	
Sun 29	TRACKING TRIAL RESTRICTED TO GROUP 5 OBEDIENCE TRIAL RETRIEVING TRIAL	MURRAY VALLEY OBED DOG CLUB BORDER COLLIE CLUB LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB	(P)	

