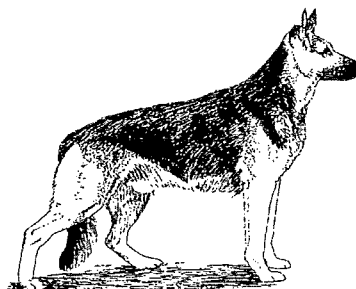
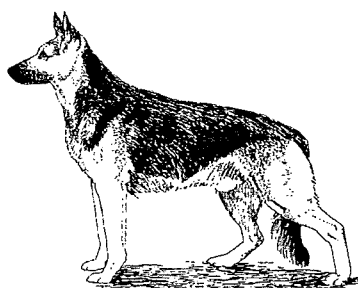
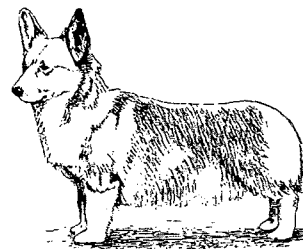
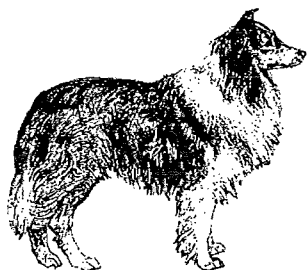
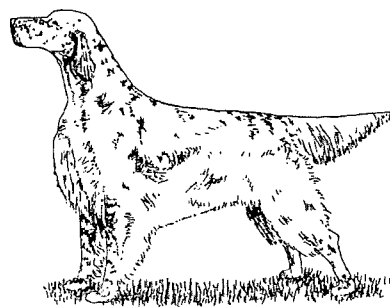
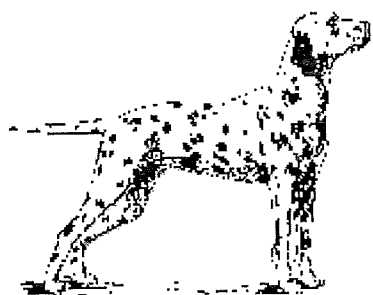
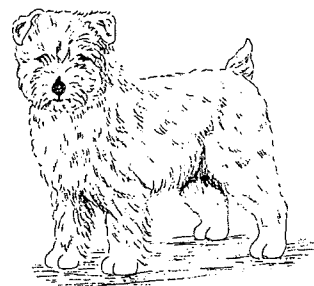
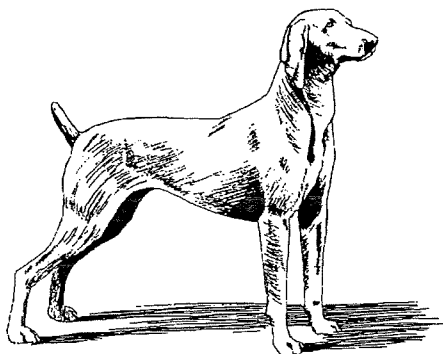


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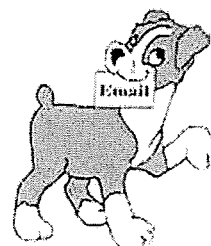
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NEW MEMBERS

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>
Danielle Roche	Oscar	Labrador Retriever
Katie Schroeter	Holly	Kelpie X
Barry & Betty Johnston	Bindi	Curly Coated Retriever
Charles & Elkie Brooks	Roxy	Fox Terrier
Lee-Ann O'Brien	Gemma	Border Collie
Dorinda Zurawel	Lilli	Rottweiler
Bridget Wayne Monaghan	Charlie	English Springer Spaniel
Stephen Henningham & Nancy McGregor	Archie	Rottweiler Staffordshire X
Caroline & Connie Angell	Zac	Miniature Poodle
	Bella	Miniature Poodle
Linda Madden	Ally	Mastif X
Adrian, Thea, Rebecca & Sam Brown	Jessy	Kelpie X
Sarah Kilpatrick	Buster	Jack Russell Terrier
Greg Davies	Hunter	CKCS
Andrew, Deidre, Ben & Stephanie Carmichael	Bronte	Golden Retriever
Justine Salmon & Troy McLean	Kirra	Boxer X
	Max	Irish Wolfhound
Simmon Hellebrand	Reba	Border Collie
Trudi, John, Oscar & Tilly Abikhair	Daphne	Hungarian Vizla
Felicity Ridgeway	Tess	Collie X
Belinda Henderson	Dash	Welsh Springer Spaniel
Elfi Felske & Tim Worrall	Inky	Airedale Terrier
Clare Long & Ben Turnbull	Zeus	Kelpie X
Perry, Leanne & Talia Mills	Ollie	Border Collie
Belinda Mitchell & James Cartledge	Brindle	Staffordshire Bull Terrier

New Member (continued)

<u>Member</u>	<u>Dog's Name</u>	<u>Dog's Breed</u>
Angela Bretnall	Miffy	Labrador Retriever
Emma & Brett Sinclair	Cookie	Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Charls Ferguson	Leela	Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Lorenz & Gerlinde Neukirchner	Tzaesar	Rottweiler
Sue Roberts	Bessie	Cairn Terrier
Chris Schaefer	Harvey	Afghan Hound
Andrew Smitten & Emma McDonald	Jordan	Border Collie
Christine Litchen	Shep	Australian Shepherd
Sandra & Jenny McCollam	Bridey	Jack Russell Terrier
William Page & Olivia Mackie-Coop	Bosco	German Shepherd Dog
Leigh Hampshire & Melinda Harrington	Jaz	Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Jessica & David Ledger	Sage	Golden Retriever
Rachel & Ken Hill	Max	Australian Cattle Dog
Amber Cunningham & Ben, Kooper & Anastasia McKnight	Sanity	Labrador Retriever X
Angela Carr & Ben Hart	Bella	Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Tracie, Daryl, Cassiy, Lachie & Zac	Lefty	Australian Terrier
Melanie Scarlet & Marnie Sweet	Spike	Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Melissa & Tonia Spano	Cora Finn	Beagle
Karen Valentine & Stephen Rodwell	Samson Jack	Curly coated Retriever
Sharon, Sarah & Sam Roberts	Mia	Bichon Frise
Nicole Phillips	Tex	Kelpie X
Tristan Bellears & Georgette Berridge	Patch	Kelpie X
Joe Vrtacic & Ann Mackintosh	Diesel	Kelpie X
Jade Scott & Heath Matheson	Tara	Labrador Retriever
	Basil	Beagle
	Abbey	Mareema Sheepdog
	Skip	Border Collie
	Kernaghan	Kelpie

**REPORTS****REPORTS****REPORTS****REPORTS****PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Well another month has passed us by. I am pleased to report that Jim Broadbent has taken on the role of Canteen Manager for the time being. I hope there are a couple of people out there who can assist him in this job as there is a bit of work required and he does want to train his dog as well. If you can, please see the office or Jim in the canteen. Well the AGM is due on the 2nd of October so I hope we get some people onto the Committee, as we do need them. If you want to know what jobs are available see us in the office.

After all the rain we have had the grass is starting to reshoot so hopefully we will have some nice green grass to train on instead of the dirt and mud. Also we have Gina O'Keefe coming here on the 5th to 7th of October for a training seminar. See Tina if you want to join in on this weekend. As it runs into our Sunday training we will be having a walkathon to raise money for the "Adopt a Greyhound" program. I hope you all get behind this, as it is a worthwhile cause.

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At our last general meeting Tehree Gordon was a guest speaker telling us what was happening with the Dingo Conservation Centre at Chewton near Bendigo. An open invitation was extended to all of us there to call her at Barwon Heads, and if she was up there on a weekend we wanted to go there she would be only too pleased to see us. Well that is all from me for now, remember the AGM on the 2nd of Oct and please give some thought to standing for Committee. It is your club so please give a little time back to help in the running of it. It was nice to see so many people picking up their certificates after promotion day, for those who didn't remember you could also get a ribbon even if you didn't pass. So keep up the good work and happy training.

Jim Ball
President

CLUB CALENDAR**September**

Sunday	2 September	Normal training. Class 1 Intake Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	4 September	Committee and Non-Committee nominations close
Sunday	9 September	Normal Training
Saturday	15 September	Newsletter closes for articles, reports etc.
Sunday	16 September	Normal Training
Monday	17 September	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30pm
Tuesday	18 September	Life Membership Nominations close
Sunday	23 September	Normal Training
Sunday	30 September	PROMOTION DAY. Newsletter available

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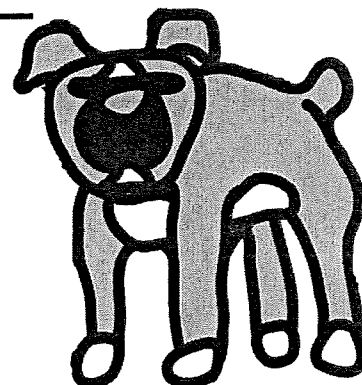
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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**"If your dog is too fat, you are not
getting enough exercise"**

-- Unknown



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Half page Advertisement	12 Months 6 issues (bi-monthly)	\$50.00

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Please note that we do not advertise puppy litters.



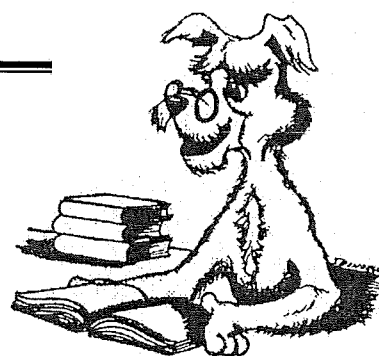
LIBRARY NEWS

Here is an interesting article that I would like to share with you.

Source: <http://pets.robbehaf.com/chocolate.htm>

Dogs & Chocolate

To dogs, chocolate is delicious, but potentially lethal. The cocoa bean, from which chocolate is produced, contains a drug called theobromine. This is closely related to caffeine, which chocolate also contains. The toxicity of chocolate for dogs is due to its theobromide content. Chocolate poisoning is very serious. It contains a long lasting, very potent toxin that can cause death. This toxicity is largely unfamiliar to most people, who may not worry too much if their dog is a bit sick after eating a quantity of chocolate.



If you know your pet has ingested large quantities of chocolate, do not wait for symptoms to occur, induce vomiting and take him to the vet immediately!

Symptoms of Chocolate Poisoning can occur within a few hours, but have been known to be delayed for as long as 24 hours. It can take as long as 3 days for the dog to recover completely. Symptoms include :- Vomiting, Diarrhea, Urinary Incontinence, Hyperactivity, Rapid Breathing and Heart Rate, Muscle Tremors, Seizures and Coma.

Dangerous Quantities of Chocolate

<i>Pet's Weight</i>	<i>Milk Chocolate</i>	<i>Unsweetened Chocolate</i>	<i>Amount of Theobromide</i>
5 Lbs	4 oz	½ oz	200 mg
10 Lbs	8 oz	1 oz	400 mg
20 Lbs	1 Lb	2 ½ oz	900 mg
30 Lbs	1 ¼ Lbs	3 ¾ oz	1300 mg
40 Lbs	2 ½ Lbs	4 ½ oz	1800 mg
50 Lbs	3 Lbs	5 ½ oz	2250 mg
60 Lbs	3 ¾ Lbs	6 ¾ oz	2700 mg
70 Lbs	4 ¾ Lbs	8 ½ oz	3400 mg

Types of Chocolate Listed in Order of Toxicity:- Cocoa Beans, Cocoa Powder, Plain/Baking Chocolate, Dark/Bittersweet Chocolate, Milk Chocolate, Chocolate Drink Mixes, White Chocolate (most contain no real chocolate at all).

Chocolate is also poisonous to cats, but due to their picky eating habits, this type of poisoning is not as serious a problem. If you cat ingests chocolate, treat the situation the same as for dogs.

Happy Heeling---Robyn and Peg

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB STATISTICS

After completion of our 2007 Membership renewals we have following some interesting Club statistics.

Suburbs we live in

Belmont	21	West Geelong	5	Teesdale	3	Bell Park	1
Torquay	17	Whittington	5	Wallington	3	Bell Post Hill	1
Grovedale	15	Bannockburn	4	Anglesea	2	Bellbrae	1
Highton	15	Barwon Heads	4	Breakwater	2	Bells Beach	1
Leopold	12	Hamlyn Heights	4	Marshall	2	Colac	1
Newcomb	12	Jan Juc	4	Mount Duneed	2	Connewarre	1
Ocean Grove	11	Norlane	4	Pt Lonsdale	2	Drumcondra	1
East Geelong	8	North Geelong	4	Queenscliff	2	East Kew	1
Geelong	7	Winchelsea	4	St Albans Park	2	Inverleigh	1
Lara	7	Clifton Springs	3	Aireys Inlet	1	Lethbridge	1
Herne Hill	6	Drysdale	3	Bacchus Marsh	1	Lovely Banks	1
Newtown	6	Manifold Heights	3	Bakery Hill	1	Modewarre	1
Corio	5	Moolap	3	Ballarat	1	Norlane West	1
Waurm Ponds	5	Portarlington	3	Batesford	1	South Geelong	1
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Breeds we own

Crossbreeds	62	German Shorthaired		Manchester Terrier	2	Lagotto	1
Border Collie	46	Pointer	4	Pointer	2	Maltese	1
Labrador Retriever	21	Hungarian Vizsla	4	Shetland Sheepdog	2	Mareema Sheepdog	1
German Shepherd Dog	15	Whippet	4	ACD	1	Newfoundland	1
Golden Retriever	15	Beagle	3	Afghan Hound	1	Norfolk Terrier	1
Cavalier King Charles		Irish Water Spaniel	3	Airedale Terrier	1	Pomeranian	1
Spaniel	12	Jack Russell Terrier	3	Akita	1	Poodle	1
Staffordshire Bull		Poodle (Mini)	3	Australian Kelpie	1	Poodle (Standard)	1
Terrier	12	St Bernard	3	Border Terrier	1	Rhodesian Ridgeback	1
Boxer	6	Bernese Mountain Dog	2	Briard	1	Scottish Terrier	1
Australian Shepherd	5	Bichon Frise	2	Dalmatian	1	Shipperke	1
Brittany	5	Collie (Smooth)	2	Flat Coated Retriever	1	Welsh Corgi	
Cocker Spaniel	5	Curly Coated Retriever	2	Fox Terrier	1	(Pembroke)	1
Kelpie	5	Dobermann	2	Fox Terrier (Wire)	1	Welsh Springer Spaniel	1
Rottweiler	5	English Springer		Irish Setter	1	West Highland White	
Collie (Rough)	4	Spaniel	2	Irish Wolfhound	1	Terrier	1

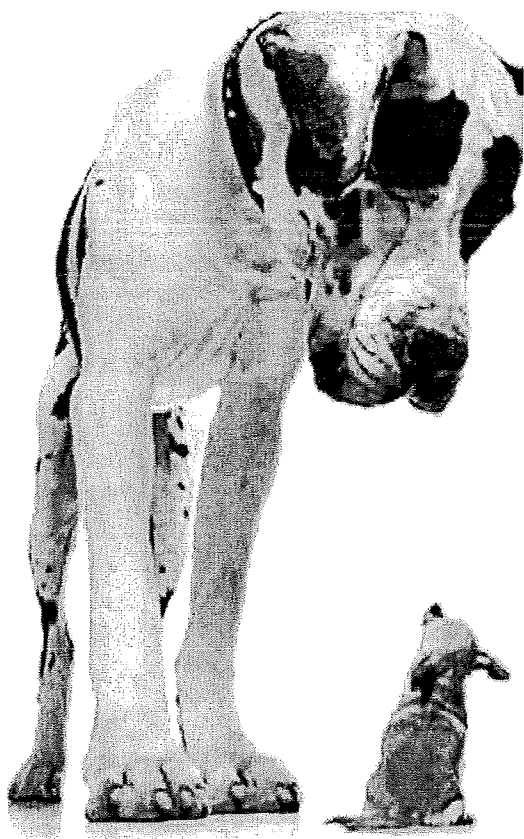
Most Popular Names

Bella	7	Max	4	Abby	3	Holly	3
Jazz	5	Millie	4	Brodie	3	Jasmine	3
Jessie	5	Ollie	4	Gypsy	3	Kelly	3

Types of Membership

Dual	24	Life Member	22	Pensioner Family	7	Single	107
Family	54	Pensioner Dual	5	Pensioner Single	20		





Hard to Train?

by Suzanne Clothier

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Imagine two balloons hanging over your dog's head. One balloon asks "WHY?" as in, "*Why should I heel/stay/come/retrieve/jump?*" The other asks "WHY NOT?" As in, "*Why not chew the shoe, walk over here, eat your sandwich?*"

I believe that these two questions (along with the answers received) constitute the primary inquiries that shape a dog's relationship with his humans. To the extent that we are able to provide satisfactory answers to those simple questions, an extraordinary amount of information can be communicated between ourselves and our dogs. But there is, inevitably, a catch. The answers that we think are satisfactory may fail to satisfy the dog. And being a dog, he turns away from us and gets on with his life while we fumble for more appropriate responses.

In a deliciously ironic twist, our deliberate selection for certain behavioural traits in purebred

dogs has led to the development of breeds who, more strenuously than others, insist on interesting, well thought out answers to the two primary life questions. For example, a Border Collie might ask "Why?" and be perfectly satisfied with an answer of "Because I told you to." Driven by a nearly insatiable desire to do anything - even busy work - a Border Collie questions no further. On the other hand, a Siberian Husky receiving such an answer might simply cock his head and gaze at his handler with barely contained amusement. (Every Siberian worth his salt knows that "Because I told you to" is not an acceptable answer.) And the dialogue begins.

Handler: You should do this because you love me.

Siberian (truthfully): Love is a feeling, not a reason.

Handler (a bit pompous): It is important that you do this.

Siberian (with great wisdom): Humans give importance to the wrong things.

Handler (growing angry): If you don't do this, I'll punish you.

Siberian (with dignity): Then I may have no choice but to comply. But I can choose not to trust or like you.

Handler (calmer, trying another approach): I'll make it fun for you.

Siberian (interested): How much fun?

Handler: So much fun that you'll beg for more!

Siberian: On that basis, I'll try it. But remember, I'm easily bored. This better be good.

Now, if the handler was trying to get this Siberian to run, the dialogue would be much different:

Handler: I want you to run like the wind.

Siberian: I'm already gone!

At one of my seminars, a handler presented her dog with this complaint: "She just won't stop sniffing the ground while we're heeling, and I'm tired of being embarrassed in the obedience ring. I just don't understand why she does this. What can I do to stop her from sniffing?" Looking down at her dog, I had a hard time not laughing. It was a Bloodhound, behaving precisely as generations of selective breeding insisted that she behave. When I asked why she was so determined to put advanced obedience titles on this dog, the handler responded, "Well, very few Bloodhounds do well in obedience. So, I'm going to do it with this dog."

Hard to Train? (continued)

Technically speaking, all of the obedience exercises were within the dog's physical and mental abilities. The trick, of course, was in the training approach. Whatever the approach being used, it obviously failed to answer the dog's very legitimate question of "Why?" (Or, perhaps more accurately in this case, "Why not sniff?") And until the handler came up with a better answer, the dog was going to continue doing what she enjoyed doing - sniffing the ground.

Here's a basic formula for one cause of training problems:

The greater the distance X is from Z, the more you will have to explain Y.
(X= Desired behaviour Z=Genetically programmed behaviour Y=WHY?)

In other words, it's not difficult to get a retriever to retrieve, a herding dog to herd or a Siberian to run. But you better have some pretty good answers when you send a Mastiff or a Greyhound out to retrieve a duck in icy waters.

There are three basic qualities that make a dog "easy to train":

1. Intelligence (which I define as the dog's awareness of and curiosity about his world)
2. Willingness (the dog's desire to interact socially with other beings), and
3. Confidence (physically, emotionally and intellectually).

Now, to be sure, a good many of the "difficult to train" breeds possess these qualities in generous measure. Add in the considerable athletic ability of many "difficult to train" breeds, and you have, in theory, a dog who can learn to do almost anything. Of course, the less a dog possesses of these three basic qualities, the more difficult it becomes to adequately answer "Why?" and "Why not?" The dull witted, shy/timid or highly independent dog simply may not care much about your answers!

There are three other qualities which impact on training:

1. Sense of humour (what dogs find tremendously funny is not always what tickles the human on the other end of the lead)
2. Boredom threshold (often much lower than humans imagine)
3. Selectively bred behaviours (which are not always in alignment with human behaviours or in

keeping with our training goals - thus the Bloodhound in the obedience ring!)

Each breed is a unique blend of these six characteristics in varying proportions. The "easy" breeds are characterized by high boredom thresholds - they are willing to repeat even relatively meaningless tasks for long periods -

and a range of selectively bred behaviours which are either very broad or particularly well suited to the various tasks of obedience or agility ring. The "tough" breeds are characterized by low boredom thresholds and a fairly narrow spectrum of selectively bred behaviours. Handlers who are successful with "tough" breeds are creative handlers who are willing and able to make training fun, interesting and relevant to the dog. They can answer "Why?" and "Why not?" with great clarity, humour and respect for what makes that breed unique.

As with any breed, successful training of the "difficult" breeds begins with a relationship of mutual trust and affection. There is also a degree of intimacy involved - you must know the dog for who he is. Not what *you* hope he will become, but who he is at any given moment in your journey together. What amuses him? Does he like exuberant praise or games or treats? What does he consider a reward? What worries him? Delights him? How does he learn - in intuitive leaps, or seamless progression or in small chunks that are struggles to master? Whether Siberian or Schnauzer, there is no single recipe for training success except this: intimate knowledge of the individual dog and of yourself.

In our pack of 7 dogs, we have 7 vastly different minds. For example, my husband's Golden, Molson, is willing to work hard, even if the handler's mind is not totally on the training process. But teaching her new tricks is difficult. She believes, for reasons we cannot fathom, that each successfully mastered step is the whole trick, and is momentarily frustrated when we ask for a bit more, like a slightly higher or longer wave of her paw. So, we train slowly, in small chunks, and often intersperse her old tricks to offer her some



Hard to Train? (continued)

relief - "This I know how to do!" Food is a powerful motivator for this dog.

In contrast, Grizzly, our youngest German Shepherd makes intuitive leaps, is highly creative and often generalizes his knowledge to fit new situations. He is not easily frustrated but he requires that we are as enthusiastic and focused as he is. Half hearted training gets half hearted responses from Grizzly. While motivated by food, he loves to retrieve and roughhouse, so games with toys and sessions of tag are powerful rewards for him.

In a world of trainers who often prefer dogs who don't ask many questions, dogs who bend easily to the control and demands of rather arbitrary rules and regulations, there are far too many breeds who have a reputation of being stubborn, tough to train, wilful. What this often means is that this "difficult dog" is an intelligent dog who asks too many questions for the average trainer. Such a canine mind is not automatically compliant, and comes equipped with its own view of the world and its own definitions of what constitutes meaningful, enjoyable activities. This is not to say these dogs are not willing - one of the great charms of these breeds is their keen interest in life and in people. If given the right answers to "Why?" and "Why not?" many of these dogs can be not just agreeable but downright brilliant in the execution of a task.

There are breeds who "carry" their handlers, politely ignoring human failings while carrying out the assigned task with style. By and large,



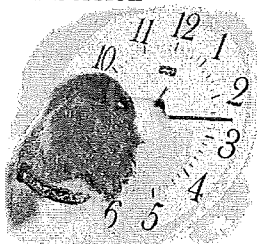
the "difficult breed" dog comes just half way, standing his ground in confidence, with a glint of humour in his eye, waiting for the handler to match him stride for stride. Seeking precision? Then you, these dogs often insist, must also be precise. Fun on your terms? Then you must also learn to have fun on the dog's terms. Is it enthusiasm you seek? Then you must not only find a way to make learning and performing enjoyable, and you must also give yourself 100% to the task - the "tough to train" dog works well in a team, but he will only pull his share of the load.

**CLASS TIMES****First Session****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

VCA TRIAL RESULTS

Northern Obedience Dog Club – Open Agility, Jumping & Games Trial – Sat, 15th July, 2007

Novice Gamblers

Jenny Chase	Tylker Ganesh CDX ADX JDX SD SPD ET (Cooper)	3 rd Pass	8 th Place
	Boxer	***GD Title***	

Novice Snooker

Betty Lawrence	Tearleen Madam Mizelle ET JD (Yoda)	3 rd Pass	4 th Place
	Boxer	***SD Title***	

Excellent Snooker

Roy Lawrence	Shionabox The Wishmaster ET CD JDX ADX SPD JDO SD	1 st Pass	6 th Place
	Boxer (Kimbo)		
Jenny Chase	Tylker Ganesh CDX ADX JDX SD SPD GD ET (Cooper)	3 rd Pass	7 th Place
	Boxer		

VCA State Open Agility & Jumping & Games Trial – Sat, 21st July, 2007

Novice Gamblers

Roy Lawrence	Shionabox The Wishmaster ET CD JDX ADX SPD JDO SD	3 rd Pass	3 rd Place
	Boxer (Kimbo)	***GD Title***	

Excellent Snooker

Jenny Chase	Tylker Ganesh CDX ADX JDX SD SPD GD ET (Cooper)	4 th Pass	4 th Place
	Boxer		

Master Jumping

Peter Baker	Dunnwarren Blue Curacao CD ET JDO GD ADX JDM	Pass	2 nd Place
	Border Collie (Poppy)		

Berwick Open Agility & Jumping Trial – Sun, 22nd July, 2007

Novice Agility - AM

Annie Macrae	Misty JDX GD (Misty)	3 rd Pass	1 st Place
	Associate	***AD Title***	

Novice Agility - PM

Annie Macrae	Misty JDX GD (Misty)	Pass	2 nd Place
	Associate		

Dalmatian Club of Victoria – Open Agility & Jumping Trial – Sat, 11th August, 2007

Novice Snooker

Annie Macrae	Misty JDX GD AD (Misty)	1 st Pass	? Place
	Associate		

Open Agility

Jenny Chase	Tylker Ganesh CDX ADX JDX SD SPD GD ET (Cooper)	1 st Pass	3 rd Place
	Boxer		



SIGN SEEN ON A FRONT FENCE:-

"Salesman welcome! Dog food is expensive!"

SIGN SEEN IN VETINERIANS WAITING ROOM:-

"Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

Get the Mail

Interested Club Members, Pet and Working Dog Trainers, Obedience and Agility Triallers and Dog Club Instructors traveled from near and far to attend our second two day Steve Austin Seminar. The Seminar was held at the GODC club rooms on the week end of 16th/17th June. All reports were overwhelmingly positive as is show by some of the letters we received.

— Original Message —

From: Tina

To: wishard_jonnela@geelong.vic.au

Sent: Thursday, 21 June 2007 10:00 PM

Subject: re: wishing to express our gratitude for the Steve Austin Lecture weekend

Hi Tina,

My husband and I really want to thank Steve Austin, yourself and the Geelong Obedience Dog Club for organising the lecture weekend on the 16th and 17th of June. We were extremely impressed with Steve's amazing wealth of knowledge about dogs, of the wide range of topics that he covered and how generous he was with wanting to inform us all of as much as he possibly could in the two days. He was passionate about everything that he said, and it was very obvious of how much he wanted to be there to share his knowledge with us all. Steve's amazing video footage of his experiences over the years from all around the world was also a joy to see. We feel very blessed to have been able to listen to Steve and to learn from him. The information that he gave us will stay with us for our lifetimes and further enrich our lives with all the dogs that we come across.

We also cannot forget Steve advising that "when your dog makes a mistake, you need to ask yourself where have I gone wrong?"

Thankyou once again,

Paviter Sandhu.

PS. All the people at the club are so happy, warm and welcoming that we hated to leave!

Explore the seven wonders



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Wednesday, July 04, 2007

Tina Bulton
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Dear Tina

Re: Steve Austin Workshop Sat 16th & Sun 17th June 2007

Mary McKenna & I attended the above workshop in June this year and wanted to pass on our sincere gratitude and congratulations to you and the Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc for a wonderful weekend.

The weekend was extremely well run and we felt very welcome. The content imparted by Steve was perfect and a great learning experience for us both. Steve Austin is an entertaining, engaging, extremely knowledgeable and credible lecturer who shared some of his practical experience with us and delivered his message extremely well. We are already seeing the benefits of his advice. The catering was perfect particularly given the cold weather and our only regret upon leaving was that we wished it had gone for a week rather than a couple of days.

We are looking forward to any future workshops you may organize and wish to thank yourself and Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc for your very kind invitation and great hospitality.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Cordell
Secretary - Bendigo Branch
GSDCV Inc.



If a Dog be Well Remembered

By Ben Hur Lampman

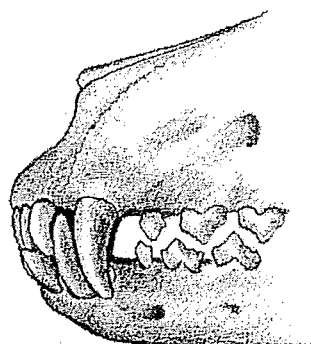
From the Portland Oregonian, Sept 11, 1925

We are thinking now of a setter, whose coat was flame in the sunshine and who, so far as we are aware, never entertained a mean or an unworthy thought. This setter is buried beneath a cherry tree, under four feet of garden loam, and at its proper season the cherry tree strews petals on the green lawn of his grave. Beneath a cherry tree or an apple or any flowering shrub of the garden is an excellent place to bury a good dog.

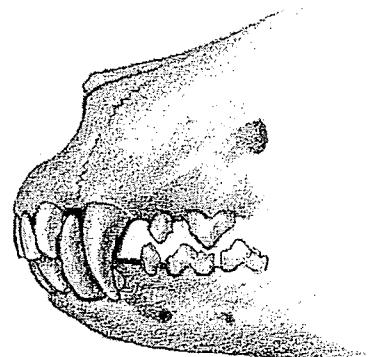
Beneath such trees, such shrubs, he slept in the drowsy summer or gnawed at a flavorful bone or lifted head to challenge some strange intruder. These are good places, in life or in death. Yet it is a small matter. For if the dog be well-remembered, if sometimes he leaps through your dreams actual as in life, eyes kindling, laughing, begging, it matters not at all where the dog sleeps. On a hill where the wind is unrebuked and the trees are roaring, or beside a stream he knew in puppyhood, or somewhere in the flatness of a pastureland, where most exhilarating cattle graze. It is all one to the dog and one to you, and nothing is gained and nothing is lost – if memory lives.

But there is one best place to bury a dog. If you bury him in this spot, he will come to you when you call – come to you over the grim, dim frontiers of death, and down the well-remembered path, and to your side again. And through you call a dozen living dogs to heel they shall not growl at him, nor resent his coming, for he belongs there. People may scoff at you, who see no lightest blade of grass bend by his footfall, who hear no whimper, people who may never really have had a dog. Smile at them, for you shall know something that is hidden from them, and which is well worth the knowing.

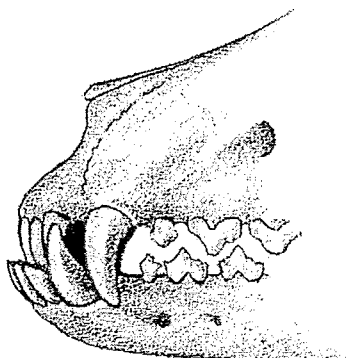
The one best place to bury a good dog is in the heart of his master.



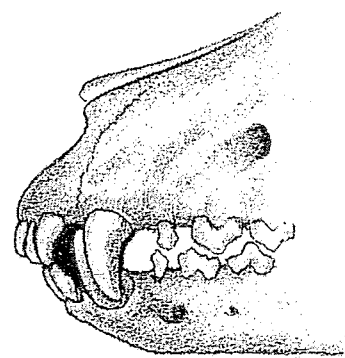
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SCISSORS



UNDERSHOT



OVERSHOT

Dog Bites



Club Membership Cards

Members please note that it is a Club requirement that you wear your Membership Card at all times when on the Club grounds. If you leave your Membership Card at home you will need to call into the Office to collect a day pass before attending your class.

Gina O'Keefe Seminar

GODC presents: Gina O'Keefe Workshop - 5th/6th/7th October 2007

Gina has achieved great success in both the obedience and agility arenas having won at national level in both disciplines. With the use of positive training methods Gina clearly explains how to achieve at both the club/pet training level and also to the highest national level.

Venue: Geelong Obedience Dog Club. **Time:** Fri 5 Oct 7.30pm - 10.30pm. Sat & Sun 6 & 7 Oct 9am - 4pm. **Cost:** \$15.00 per session for auditors (Fri - 1 session, Sat - 3 sessions, Sun - 2 sessions). Booking slips are available from the office. For further details please see our Training Supervisor Tina Button.



MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR TRAINING

Being punctual

Try to arrive at the Club 15 minutes before your Class begins, this gives your dog time to read the 'doggy newspaper' (sniff the trees) and settle down ready for Class. Handlers, their dogs and Instructors should be in their Class area 5 minutes before the Class time.

When and When not

The time for effective training is when you have ample time and aren't distracted by other concerns, not when you are tired or not feeling well. Often we can transfer negative feelings down the lead to our dog, which leads to confusion for our canine friend and frustration for you when the session is less than successful.

Smoking, perfume and deodorants

Strong perfume, deodorants and smoking can overpower a canine's acute sense of smell. Obviously, teaching your dog to avoid you or feel discomfort, doesn't lead to successful training.

No "Sunnies" either

Leave your sunglasses at home. Contact is a vital training tool and eye contact tops the list. A dog that can't see your eyes will eventually stop trying.

Feeding

Don't exercise or work your dog sooner than a hour after feeding. Doing so can cause cramps and lessen performance. A hungry dog works better.

Be consistent

Be consistent with our training schedule.

Plan to train at least 4 or 5 days a week, not just Sunday mornings.

You may need a day

off, but your canine companion doesn't. Properly planned training will have your dog looking forward to training sessions.

How long?

Short sessions with play in between will keep your pet interested. Utilize your daily walks to practice a sit, drop and stand.

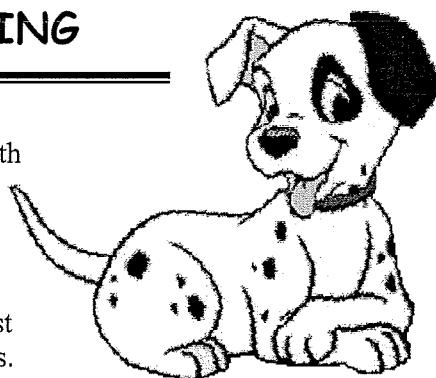
End on a high

End each training session on a positive note with your dog performing an exercise successfully; pick an easy exercise that you know he does well. Never end on a failure; this can create a negative approach to training.

Focus and attention

When you are training, focus your full attention on your dog and the exercise. How can you expect your dogs full attention if your attention is elsewhere?

Obedience training is teamwork – you and your dog working together.



A POETRY PAWS

When I am old...

Author Unknown

When I am old...
I will wear soft gray sweatshirts...
and a bandana over my silver hair....
and I will spend my social security checks on wine and my dogs.
I will sit in my house on my well-worn chair and listen to my dogs' breathing.
I will sneak out in the middle of a warm summer night and take my dogs
for a run, if my old bones will allow...
When people come to call,
I will smile and nod as I show them my dogs...
and talk of them and about them...
...the ones so beloved of the past
and the ones so beloved of today....

I will still work hard cleaning after them, mopping and feeding them
and whispering their names in a soft loving way.
I will wear the gleaming sweat on my throat, like a jewel and I will
be an embarrassment to all...
especially my family...
who have not yet found the peace
in being free to have dogs as your best friends....

These friends who always wait, at any hour, for your footfall...
and eagerly jump to their feet out of a sound sleep, to greet you as
if you are the most revered.
With warm eyes full of adoring love and hope that you will always stay,
I'll hug their big strong necks...
I'll kiss their dear sweet heads...
and whisper in their very special company....

I look in the Mirror...
and see I am getting old....
this is the kind of person I am...
and have always been.
Loving dogs is easy,
they are part of me.
Please accept me for who I am.
My dogs appreciate my presence in their lives...
they love my presence in their lives.....
When I am old this will be important to me...
you will understand when you are old....
if you have dogs to love too.

Sent in by Kaye Rogers



Tylker Ganesh CDX ADX JDX SD SPD GD ET aka 'Cooper Clay Knucklehead'



In July 2006 the ANKC introduced three new Agility Games Titles, those being Snooker Dog, Strategic Pairs Dog and Gamblers Dog. At the Northern Obedience Dog Club Open Agility, Jumping and Games Trial held in July, my Boxer 'Cooper' managed to pick up his final pass in Gamblers, which then completed the set of three Games Titles for him. It took us twelve months to do this and we had a mighty lot of fun along the way.

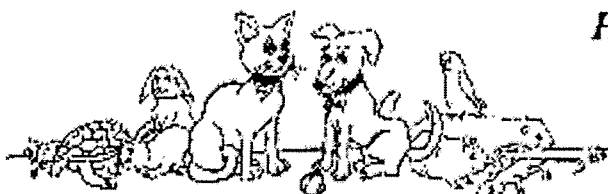
Snooker Dog Title (SD) gained 15th October, 2006
Strategic Pairs Dog Title (SPD) gained 28th April, 2007
Gamblers Dog Title (GD) gained 15th July, 2007

Of course we would not have enjoyed doing this as much without the encouragement, help and support of the great bunch of folk who form the Agility Trialing Crew at GODC. And it wouldn't have been

possible without our long suffering Strategic Pairs partners 'Kimbo' and Roy Lawrence, who some might say foolishly agreed to team up with us. I'm ever grateful that they did.

As I notice the grey flecks beginning to appear on my dog's muzzle, it reminds me that time is steadily marching on – Cooper has just turned seven years old and is now officially a veteran Trialler. Despite the distinguished greying he is still definitely a big pup at heart, is forever the clown and still greatly enjoys being in the Agility Ring.

Jenny Chase



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SPIRIT OF THE WEST CHALLENGE

Saturday 22nd September 2007

WERRIBEE OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC
PRESIDENT'S PARK, WERRIBEE

Agility commences 12.00pm
Obedience commences 1.00pm

Check in:
Agility – 11.30am
Obedience – 12.30pm

Classes are available for ALL members, including puppies

ENTRY FEE – AGILITY - \$2.00, OBEDIENCE - \$2.00, JUNIOR HANDLERS & VETERANS - FREE
INCLUDES A SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH

Return your entries, with your entry fee, to the Office. Entries close at the end of Classes on

SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2007

Please ask your Instructor if you are in doubt as to which class to enter

PUPPY CLASS

(6 months and under)

	EXERCISES	POINTS
Heel on lead	Includes a sit and stand. Corrections permitted	50
Right about and Right turn	Are done in heeling pattern	20
Sit Stay	Individual exercise - 10 seconds only	20
Handler Control	Voice, praise, correction & pace	10
		100

CLASS ONE

Heel on lead	Includes right turns only, sit, stand, drop from sit position	50
Stand Stay	Individual exercise - 10 seconds only	10
Sit Stay	Individual exercise - 10 seconds only	10
Recall	on lead with automatic sit or on handler's command. Handler return to dog	20
Handler control	Voice, praise, correction & pace	10
		100

CLASS TWO

Heel on lead	Includes all turns, sit, stand, drop from sit position, slow pace	50
Recall	On lead with automatic sit. Handler return	20
Handler control	Voice, praise, correction & pace	10
Sit Stay	Group exercise - 30 seconds – on lead, leads length	10
Drop Stay	Group exercise - 1 minute - on lead, leads length	10
		100

CLASS THREE

Heel on lead	Includes all turns, sit, stand, drop while heeling, fast & slow pace and figure 8	50
Stand for Examination	Light head and body only	10
Recall	Off lead 3 metres with automatic sit. Handler return	20
Sit Stay	Group exercise – 1 minute – lead on ground, half width of ring	10
Drop Stay	Group exercise – 2 minutes – lead on ground, half width of ring	10
		100

CLASS FOUR

Heel on lead	All turns, sit, stand, drop, fast & slow pace & figure 8	30
Stand for examination	Full exercise	10
Recall	Off lead - 10 metres - handler around dog	20
Sit Stay	Group exercise - 1 min - off lead - half width of the ring	20
Drop Stay	Group exercise - 2 min - off lead - half width of the ring	20
		100

CLASS FIVE

Heel on lead	All turns, sit, stand, drop, fast & slow pace & figure 8	30
Stand Free for examination	Full exercise	10
Recall	Full exercise plus finish	20

Optional

Change of Position	Full exercise	20
Retrieve Dumbell	Full exercises	20
Sit Stay	Group exercise - 1 min - off lead - half width of the ring	30
Drop Stay	Group exercise - 3 min - off lead - half width of the ring	30
		140

CLASS SIX

Full Novice exercises for untitled dogs

CLASS SEVEN

Full Novice exercises for titled dogs who have not entered an Open Class

CLASS EIGHT

Full Open exercises for untitled dogs

CLASS NINE

Full Open exercises for titled dogs who have not entered a Utility Class

CLASS TEN

Full Utility exercises

CLASS ELEVEN

Full UDX exercises

AGILITY CLASS

To be conducted basically at Novice level, with extra jumps and fault handicaps for all Titled dogs. No refusal penalties for untrilled dogs.

Judging at completion of competition while scores are being tallied

CLASS TWELVE – JUNIOR HANDLERS

Two age groups – 7 to 12 years, 12 to 18 years. Juniors must handle the dog they normally handle in Class. Class One (1) level will be used to conduct the test.

CLASS THIRTEEN – VETERAN'S CLASS

For dogs 7 years or over. Exercises will be provided on the day.

"SPIRIT OF THE WEST" ENTRY FORM

HANDLER'S NAME _____

DOG'S NAME _____

CLASS ENTERED _____ **Height at shoulder (Classes 8, 9, 10, 11)** _____

INSTRUCTOR _____ **DOG'S DATE OF BIRTH (Veterans)** _____

If you are not entering, but would be willing to Steward or Judge, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please complete the form below and return it to the Office, circling whether stewarding or judging and Class preferred

NAME _____

STEWARD

JUDGE

CLASS PREFERRED _____
(If possible)

Source: The Age June 18, 2007

Let's go walkies

by Megan McAuliffe

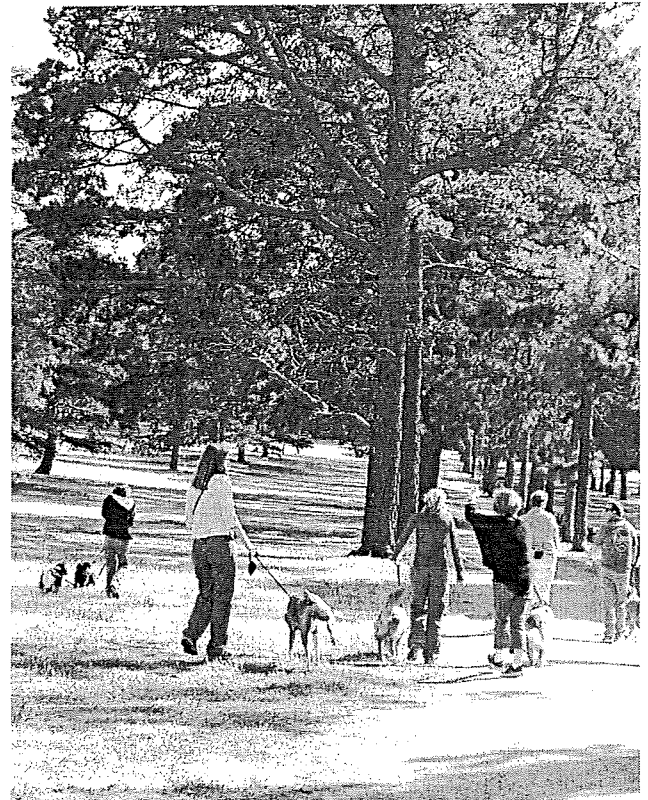
Exercising with others builds social skills for dogs and their owners.

Every day in parks across Sydney the canine equivalent of mothers' groups assemble for their morning ritual. With coffee in one hand and poo bag in the other, dog owners look on proudly as their pooches frolic. At Leichhardt's Hawthorne Canal Reserve, one of Sydney's most popular dog-walking haunts and home to Cafe Bones, a group of dog owners place their usual order as golden retrievers, schnauzers, a labrador and a schnoodle dance playfully around each other.

A sense of community can seem elusive for city dwellers, but dog parks can provide the social connection we crave: the common bond of dog ownership brings people together and leads to an exchange of advice and the swapping of stories about pets and life in general.

As Jim Josevski strolls over to his brunch club friends his golden retrievers, Molly and Libby, bound towards their schnauzer mates and tumble about in a wild frenzy. "I wish I came down here when I was single," Josevski says with a grin. "I used to go to bars to meet people but this would've been better. Nobody has an agenda. You come to walk your dog and it's a bonus when you form friendships. And you really get to know each other's dogs. Dogs are great for communities. They really bring people together."

Professional dog walker Katie Brett, of Paws at Play, knows couples who have met while walking their pets. "People feel like they belong in a group because they have a common denominator: their dog," she says. "It gives them a sense of place. And it's a good excuse to get out and exercise."



"We all want to feel proud of our children, whether they're furry or not. It's human nature." As with a child, Brett says, "you want to see your dog progress and interact well socially, which is what happens when you take your dog to a playground".

Almost 3 million Australian households own at least one dog (according to figures from the Australian Companion Animal Council), which makes the heavy traffic in dog parks hardly surprising. Animal experts agree that as much as owners benefit from the social scene, interaction with other dogs is essential for the wellbeing of the pets themselves.

Gladesville vet Pam Short says: "Dog parks are great because they are neutral territory where dogs learn to interact normally". In her 30 years as a vet, Short has seen plenty of examples of what happens to dogs that have not been socialised from an early age. "You see injuries sustained from other dogs with behavioural problems. If a puppy hasn't learnt to understand canine body language or been socialised with other people they can become fear biters or develop inappropriate territorial behaviour" she says.

"Having designated dog-walking areas is important. Dogs in urban environments need these areas to exercise and run free, especially larger, more active dogs such as border collies and Dobermans. A happy dog makes for happy people".

Let's go walkies (continued)

Behaviourist Trudi Thorpe, who runs dogLOGIC dog training with Julie Adams, adds a note of caution about the need for owners to be responsible when using off-leash areas. "Dog owners, like parents, can be very defensive," Thorpe says. "Say what you like about the parent, but don't say anything about the child. You have to be responsible for your own dog." Thorpe believes it is important for dogs to interact with other canines from an early age. "We need dogs to learn social skills, such as how to play and share with other dogs. [And] if you have a shy child they will benefit from playgroups just like a timid pup will," she says.

Dog walker Nicola Davis has been coming to the Centennial Park for 18 years and some of her cohort are third and fourth generation dog park regulars. Davis was instrumental in the "Battle of the Valley" at the time of the Sydney Olympics when the park's trust wanted dogs to be on leads at all times. Dog owners won back the right to walk their dogs off-lead. "This park is definitely worth fighting for and keeping. People need to be responsible and respect the wonderful parklands," she says.



Dog parks run in shifts and the time of your daily dog walking ritual will determine who you and your dog mix with. However, friends Bonnie McKay and Debbie Jenkins believe it was more than just timing that brought them together. "It was love at first sight for our dogs," Jenkins giggles. "Our pups met and just clicked and then we started talking. Now our doggies are best mates."

So dogs do make friends? "Definitely," Brett says. "Dogs are just like kids and the dog parks are like mothers' groups. Dogs need to run around and let off steam. It's a doggy playground: a dedicated area for them to run amok and just be dogs."

Sent in by Peter Roupas

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Special Offer

Kids Happy Meal - \$ 5.50

Fries

2 Fish Bites

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Free drink

Meal for Two - \$ 13.50

Fries

2 Fish

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Free drink

Family Pack - \$ 22.99

Fries

3 Flakes

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3 Chicken Neg

2 Serve of onion Rings

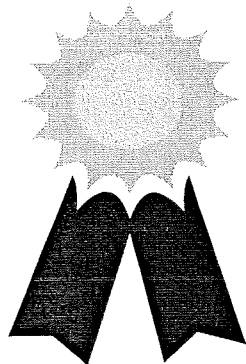


Free 1.25ml drink

PROMOTION DAY PASSES

Congratulations to the following members who all obtained passes on our Promotion Day – 22nd July, 2007

Graduate Certificate



Alex Shackleton	&	Simbahe
Jenni Peppin	&	Calleigh
Leonie Shell	&	Piper
Anna Kirley	&	Stella
Elaine Feaver	&	Jess
Lee Rendle	&	Murray

Merit Certificate

Alan Darke	&	Rosie
Stephen Lee	&	Sully
Amanda Lee	&	Cleo
Amy Lelliot	&	Rosie
Leah Stones	&	Bandit
Alan Pescott	&	Ruby



Beginners Certificate

Christine Stephens	&	Chester	&	Daisy
Bryony Herbert	&	Pip	&	Boag
Deb Murray	&	Cobber	&	Ralph

Advanced Agility Certificate

Debbie Hamilton	&	Cassie
Nicole Timms	&	Kira

Intermediate Agility Certificate

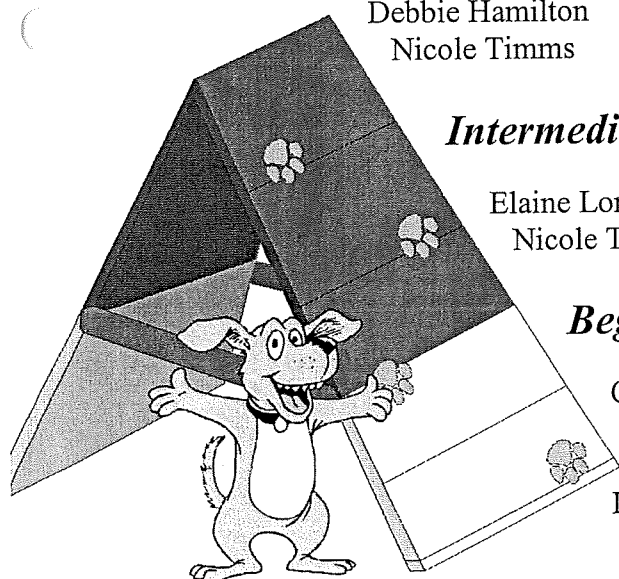
Elaine Longshaw	&	Kuyan
Nicole Timms	&	Ebony

Beginners Agility Certificate

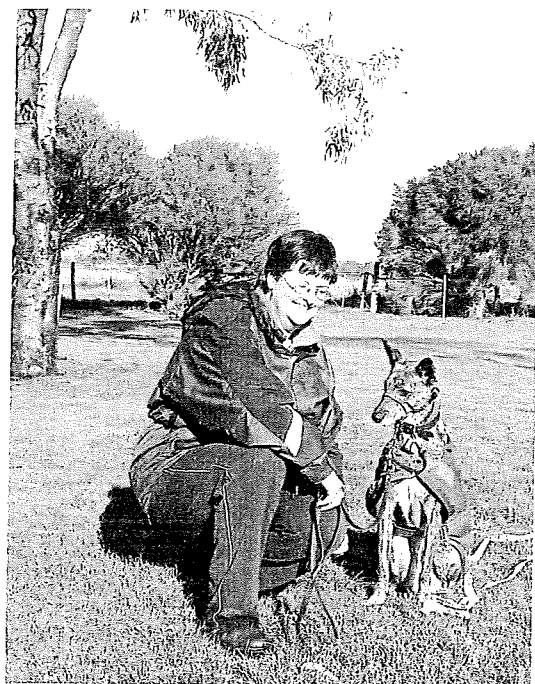
Christine Kenyon	&	Kipper
Carol Sparks	&	Lacey
Lisa Newton	&	Kelly
Debbie Schulze	&	Nina

Foundations Agility Certificate

Lee Rendle	&	Murray
Graham Boyd	&	Ollie



AROUND ABOUTS



Above: Not everyone was testing on the day, in Ray Millards' Merit Class Lisa McNamara was practicing the stays with her 2 year old Whippet Roxy.



Right: Judge for the day, Kim Ciezarek works out the scores with her Steward Alex Shackleton.



Right: Amy Lelliott and her 11 month old Labradoodle Rosie are about to tackle the Merit Ring.

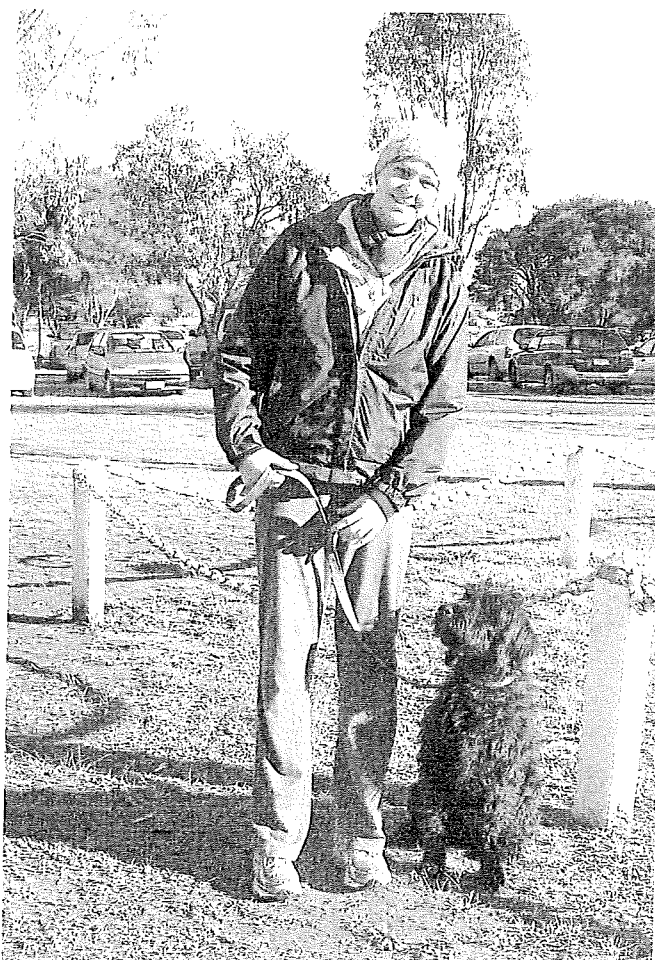
Left: Graduate Testers Anna Kirley with her Labrador Stella, Elaine Feaver with her Border Collie Jess and Lee Rendle with her Golden Retriever Murray.

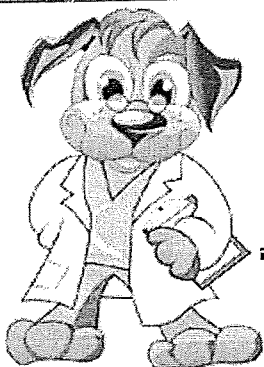
Below: Waiting their turn for the Merit Test, Heather Cook-Gearon with Scarlet the Hungarian Visula, Kate Watchorn with Billy the Boxer and Louise Stephens with Harvey the Border Koolie



At GODC Promotion Day 22nd July, 2007 —

A very crisp morning, and early frost on the ground meant Members needed to be well rugged for there tests. There were nerves apparent but most managed to smile and enjoy the morning.





KENNEL COUGH

by Eric Allan & Rowan Blogg – Everydog 1998

Kennel cough is an infection of the throat and sometimes of the major air passages of the lungs. It is not one specific disease. There are many agents which cause similar signs, and they all tend to be lumped together under the label 'kennel cough'.

The most common cause of kennel cough is the parainfluenza virus. The specific virus responsible varies from area to area. In many cases, a combination of agents seems to be responsible. In others, bacteria alone are implicated.

Some forms are more severe than others. However, as a rule, kennel cough is a nuisance disease rather than a dangerous one. Very few dogs die, but the viral forms are highly contagious, especially in groups of dogs such as in kennels, pounds or litters of pups. Young, old or debilitated animals are especially liable to develop complications such as pneumonia.

Kennel cough begins as a dry cough which may develop into a deep, hacking cough. An affected dog will often seem to be in considerable distress, and owners not infrequently believe that their dog has something stuck in his throat. The dog will put his head forward, cough, gag and sometimes even vomit. Once coughing starts, a paroxysm may continue for several minutes. Kennel cough usually runs a course of about seven to 14 days, but occasionally the cough will persist for much longer.

Treatment of kennel cough

Mild cases will run their course without the need for treatment – just like a human cold. The types of kennel cough caused by bacteria respond well to treatment with antibiotics, but most forms are caused by viral infections. There is no specific anti-virus drug. However, when a viral infection is complicated by a secondary bacterial infection, antibiotics can reduce its severity. Antibiotics are especially useful when complications such as bronchitis or pneumonia have developed.

Children's cough syrup may be used to reduce the severity of kennel cough, but consult your vet

regarding a good safe product and the correct dose.

Warning: The coughing patient may not have kennel cough, but other problems such as distemper, heart problems, pneumonia or bronchitis. If the dog is distressed or lethargic, have it examined by your vet.

Vaccinating against kennel cough

Vaccines are available to reduce the chances of infection and to minimize the severity of the disease. The parainfluenza virus is the one most commonly implicated in kennel cough. Vaccination programmes can begin at six weeks of age, with boosters at 12 to 14 weeks, 16 to 18 weeks, then annually to maintain immunity. The bacteria *Bordetella bronchiseptica* is closely linked with many cases of kennel cough, and a vaccine against it can be given in conjunction with the parainfluenza virus.



Common questions

Q Is kennel cough infectious to humans or other animals?

No

Q Once a dog has had kennel cough, can he get it again?

Yes, only a temporary immunity results. Also, there is more than one cause of kennel cough, so while the dog may develop immunity to one cause he is not immune to them all.

Q Why is kennel cough more common in kennels?

The disease is spread by airborne droplet infection. When dogs are confined together the concentration of virus particles in the air becomes much higher and the chance of a dog breathing in air full of this virus or bacteria is far greater.

Efficient ventilation and air circulation in kennels will reduce the incidence of kennel cough.

VCA TRIAL SCHEDULE

September 2007

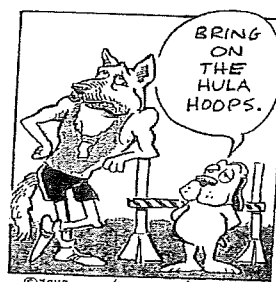
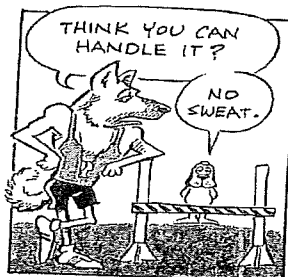
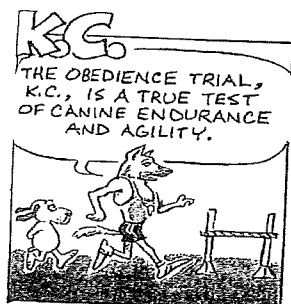
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Please note :

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

(P) KCC Park, 655 Westernport Highway, Skye, Vic 3977 Melway Ref 128 J2

Date	Fixture	Affiliate	Venue Judging Vic	Time Dog
Sat 1	OBEDIENCE TRIAL	SUNBURY & DIST OBED DOG CLUB		9.30am July
	AGILITY / JUMPING TRIAL	SOUTHERN OBED DOG TRAINING CLUB		9.00am
	AGILITY / JUMPING TRIAL	SOUTHERN OBED DOG TRAINING CLUB		1.00pm
	EARTH DOG TEST	LURE RACING & EARTH DOG CLUB	(P)	
	SPANIEL & RETRIEVER FIELD TRIAL CHAMP	VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOCIATION		
	TRACKING WORKSHOP	RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB (members only)	(P)	8.00am
	WEIGHTPULL COMP & OBEDIENCE PRACTICE	ALASKAN MALAMUTE CLUB	(P)	
Sun 2	REST TO BREED OBEDIENCE TRIAL	POODLE CLUB	(P)	10.00am
	SPANIEL & RETRIEVER FIELD TRIAL CHAMP	VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOCIATION		
Sat 8	DOUBLE AGILITY TRIAL	CROYDON & DIST OBED DOG CLUB		
	STATE TRACKING TRIAL	VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOCIATION		7.00am Aug
	JUDGES TRAINING DAY	VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOCIATION	(P)	
	OPEN SPANIEL & RETRIEVER FIELD TRIAL	ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL CLUB		
Sun 9	JUDGES TRAINING DAY	VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOCIATION	(P)	
	OBEDIENCE TRIAL	NORTHERN OBED DOG CLUB		
	STATE TRACKING TRIAL	VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOCIATION		7.00am Aug
Mon 10	STATE TRACKING TRIAL	VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOCIATION		7.00am Aug
Sat 15	AGILITY TRIAL	HASTINGS & DIST OBED DOG CLUB		9.00am
	AGILITY TRIAL	HASTINGS & DIST OBED DOG CLUB		1.00pm
	TRACKING QUALIFICATION TRIAL	TRACKING CLUB OF VIC		7.30am
	RETRIEVING TRIAL	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB		
Sun 16	LURE COURSING EVENT	PENINSULA STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER SOCIAL CLUB	(P)	
	TRACKING QUALIFICATION TRIAL	TRACKING CLUB		7.30am
	RETRIEVING TRIAL	VICTORIAN GUNDOG CLUB		
Thu 20 -	OBED & AGILITY TRIAL & ALL BREEDS	ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY	(S)	10.00am May
Sun 30	CHAMP SHOW			
Sat 22	RESTRICTED TO BREED OBED TRIAL	GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER CLUB	(P)	9.00am
Sun 23	LURE RACING / EARTH DOG	LURE RACING & EARTH DOG CLUB	(P)	
	PRACTICE			
	OBEDIENCE TRIAL	MELTON DOG OBED CLUB		9.30am
	WEIGHTPULL COMP & OBEDIENCE PRACTICE	ALASKAN MALAMUTE CLUB	(P)	



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 2nd October, 2007

Meeting commences at 8.00pm followed by a General Meeting

All Members welcome



NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Nomination Forms are now available to nominate or be nominated for the Committee positions as listed below. All Committee positions become vacant at the Annual General Meeting and those current Office Bearers wishing to re-stand must nominate again.

Nominations close on Tuesday 4th September, 2007. Nomination Forms must be completed correctly (one position per form) and placed in the Ballot Box in the Clubrooms prior to the closing date.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President
Vice President x 2
Secretary
Treasurer
Trial Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Executive Committee Members must be Members of the Victoria Canine Association. If you wish to stand for one of these positions, but are not a VCA Member there is provision for the Club to pay your VCA Membership Fees.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

There are six (6) General Committee positions for which you can nominate. At the first Meeting of the new Committee each of those Members must be prepared to accept one of the following positions.

Canteen Manager
Hall Manager
Publicity Officer

Social Secretary
Grounds Manager
Equipment Manager/Assistant Grounds Manager

NON-COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Nominations are also called for the following Non-Committee positions.

Shop Manager
Membership Officer
Minutes Officer
Training Supervisor
Training Manager
Display Team Leader
Bar Manager

Librarian
Assistant Librarian
Newsletter Editor
Webmaster
Raffle Steward
Assistant Training Supervisor x 2

If you wish to nominate for any of the above listed positions, please use the Nomination Form provided and place the completed form in the Ballot Box in the Clubrooms. Nominations close for ALL positions on Tuesday 4th September, 2007.

GODC LIFE MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

'Any person, after a period of five (5) years continuous Membership, may be appointed as a Life Member of the Club in recognition of services rendered to the Club. However, under exceptional circumstances the five (5) year period may be waived'.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Nominations are also called for Life Membership of the Club. If there is someone you think is worthy of Life Membership who you feel meets the above criteria, write a brief resume, place it in a sealed envelope addressed to "The Chairperson, Life Membership Sub-Committee", and hand it to the Club Secretary not later than Tuesday 18th September, 2007.

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC NOMINATION FORM

Position: _____

Nominee: _____ Signed by Nominee: _____

VCA Membership No: _____
(where applicable)

Nominated by: _____ Seconded by: _____

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC NOMINATION FORM

Position: _____

Nominee: _____ Signed by Nominee: _____

VCA Membership No: _____
(where applicable)

Nominated by: _____ Seconded by: _____

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC NOMINATION FORM

Position: _____

Nominee: _____ Signed by Nominee: _____

VCA Membership No: _____
(where applicable)

Nominated by: _____ Seconded by: _____

Members can complete one or all of the above Nomination Forms, but remember, if they are not filled in completely they will be invalid. Please use a separate Nomination Form for each position. Nomination Forms are to be placed in the Ballot Box no later than twenty one (21) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.