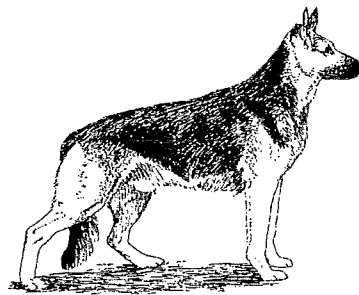
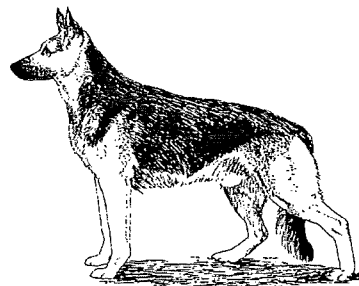
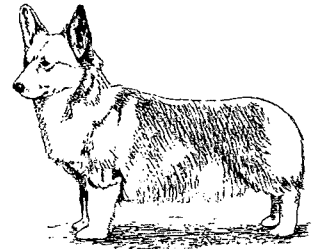
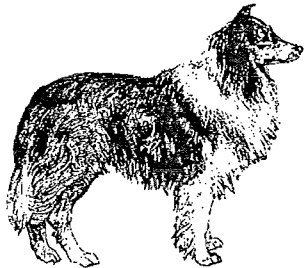
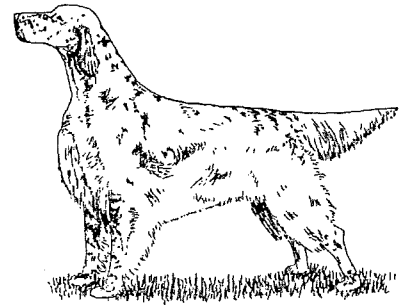
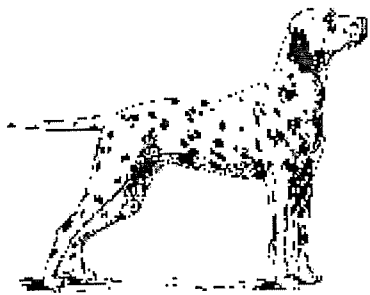


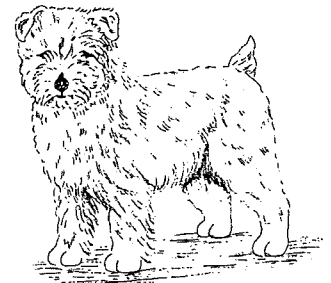
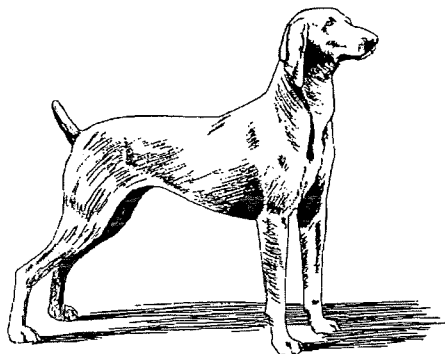
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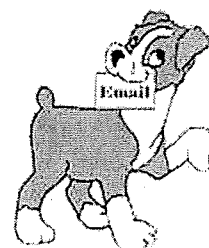
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## EDITORS NOTE

The last twelve months has sped by so quickly and now this will be my last issue of "Faithfully Yours". During my time as Editor I have made some changes to the layout and content, and introduced a few regular type spots and articles. There was also coverage given to many of the activities our Club Members participated in during the year. Promoting the many positive aspects of our Club, dog ownership and dog training was my major focus. It is my hope that you the readers have found these Newsletters to be both interesting and informative, and that you have enjoyed them as much as I have done putting them all together.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who have sent in contributions for publication in the Newsletter, in particular our Club Librarian Robyn Youl who has been a continuous source of interesting bits and pieces throughout the year. Often cost cutting concerns and therefore size constraints have not always allowed me to use some of the very interesting submissions each month, however, these will be passed on to the new Editor, and at their discretion these are most likely to appear in future editions.

And finally, I would also like to especially thank my partner Arty. He has acted as the Newsletter 'proofreader' for me over the last twelve months. It was a task thrown upon an often tired and reluctant reader, but nonetheless he performed this task dutifully throughout my Editorship.

Best wishes to the incoming Newsletter Editor, who I'm sure, will bring their own flavour to the job. I do hope that he or she enjoys their time in this position as much as I have.

**Jenny Chase**  
Newsletter Editor



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## CLUB CALENDAR

### October

Tuesday	2 October	<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 8.00pm</b>
Sunday	7 October	Normal training. Class 1 Intake
		Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	8 October	Agility Trial Training – Setup 5.30pm
Tuesday	9 October	Obedience Trial Training – 7.30pm
Sunday	14 October	Normal Training
Monday	15 October	Agility Trial Training – Setup 5.30pm
		<b>Instructor's Meeting – 7.30pm</b>
		Newsletter closes for articles, reports etc.
Tuesday	16 October	Obedience Trial Training – 7.30pm
Sunday	21 October	Normal Training – 7.30pm
Monday	22 October	Agility Trial Training – Setup 5.30pm
Tuesday	23 October	Obedience Trial Training – 7.30pm
Sunday	28 October	Normal Training. Newsletter available
Monday	29 October	Agility Trial Training – Setup 5.30pm
Tuesday	30 October	Obedience Trial Training – 7.30pm

## CLUB INSTRUCTORS

### *Vice President (Training)*

David Gravolin

### *Training Supervisor*

Tina Button

### *Assistant Training Supervisors*

Desma Dickeson

Colin Humphreys

### Obedience

Joan Brophy

Leonie Kelleher

Moiria McNair

Fred Lehrmann

Victor Douglas

Val Moeller

Sandy Malady

Kim Ciezarek

John Shields

Kath Devlin

Helen Read

Ray Millard

Andrew Wallace

### Agility

Trish Gavaghan

Peter Baker

Glenys Murray

Jenny Chase

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**"Lots of people talk to animals.... Not  
very many listen though.... That's the  
problem."**

**-- Benjamin Hoff, THE TAO OF POOH**



## 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>
Leanne Lindgren & Brendan Hill	Coco	German Shorthaired Pointer
	Zali	German Shorthaired Pointer
Heather Frizzell	Raff	German Shorthaired Pointer
	Bonnie	German Shorthaired Pointer
Faye Cooper	Ava	Mini Dachshund
Shara Lockyer & Mark Ferguson	Rupert	Hungarian Vizsla
Mark Harris	Emma	Cocker Spaniel
Judy & Barry Pollard	Coco	
Joseph Biscan	Gypsy	Border Collie/Labrador X
Emily & Neil Collins	Emma	Boxer
Stephanie Woolnough & Ben Elliot	Elle	Border Collie/Golden X
Tracey & David Fulmer	Bobby	X
Brooke Cunningham	Peter	Labrador
	Choko	Labrador
Roxanne Thomson & Anna Savage	Bowie	Rottweiler/German Shepherd X
Theo O'Reilly	Bundy	Rottweiler
Jacinta Travers & Paul Travers	Indy	Kelpie/Border Collie X
Trevor & Joan Watts	Cody	Golden Retriever
Clint & Gaye Jennings	D'Bare	German Shepherd
	CeCe	German Shepherd
Graeme & Veronica Cottee	Oscar	Newfoundland
Toni & Glenn Ollerenshaw	Moe	Collie Rough Coat
	Manu	Collie Rough Coat
Brodie Jacobsen	Pepper	Kelpie/Heeler X
Leanne McPhee	Sam	Kelpie/Heeler X
Joy Howett	Larry	Border Collie/Kelpie X



## REPORTS

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well another month has passed us by. September is over and the AGM is upon us. I hope some of you are planning to attend, as it is your club so come along and hear what goes on. Maybe have some input into what is happening at the Club.

It is disappointing to see some members still arriving late for classes. It would be nice if you could make the effort to be there about ten or fifteen minutes before class starts so as to exercise your dog. It is only manners to be there on time. If you can't make it for training on the day, please ring and either leave a message giving your name, and your instructor's name, so we can pass it on to them. Your Instructors are all volunteers so a little bit of thought would be nice. I hope that some of you might like to have a go at Instructing as we do have an aging population of instructors and without them we wouldn't exist. If you are interested talk to either Tina or David. I'm sure they would gladly welcome your questions.

By the time this comes out bookings for Gina O'Keefe will be finalized. So far we seem to have gotten a good response. I think Tina has another Seminar in the pipeline for some time next year so keep an eye out for it.

**Jim Ball**  
President

**REPORTS REPORTS REPORTS REPORTS (continued)****SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Hi Everyone,

It just seems like yesterday since I took on the role of Secretary and now we are approaching another Annual General Meeting. Due to family commitments I won't be re-standing as Secretary. I have enjoyed the role and the challenges it brought with it. I would like to thank Jim and all the committee members for their support over the past year. A special thanks to Elaine for taking the minutes of every meeting. Your shorthand beats my longhand. Thanks also to Jenni Peppin for looking after the memberships. I wish the new Committee every success for the New Year. Dusty and I will be hanging out in the Agility ring instead of the office.

Lyn Wills  
Secretary



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2007

Meeting commences at 8.00pm followed by a General Meeting

All Members welcome



## ADVERTISING RATES FOR "FAITHFULLY YOURS"

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

**RATES**

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

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

*Please note that we do not advertise puppy litters.*



**General Meeting Minutes – 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2007 (continued)**

Social Secretary      23 people attended the Chinese meal evening and all attendees were satisfied with the event.

Training Supervisor      Written report

Trial Secretary      Written report

**Sub-Committee Reports**

Nil

Acc: L. Kelleher

Seconded: T. Gavaghan

Carried

**General Business:**

1. J. Broadford has offered to do the Canteen again. Volunteer clubs are exempted from the food handling qualifications otherwise necessary. There is a course at The Gordon in November that the club will send J. Broadford to as a courtesy.
2. T. Button moved a motion: That members who enter the Spirit of the West in their respective Classes and pass on the day, be allowed to receive their class certificate, provided that the Judge on the day signs and dates their catalogue number. Seconded: D. Dickeson. Carried.
3. Regarding the Gina O'Keefe workshop, committee and instructors of this club, will be able to attend the Friday evening event;  
for committee and obedience instructors of the club the Saturday workshop will be free; and  
for committee and agility instructors of the club the Sunday workshop will be free.
4. R. Millard suggested that we do something for P. Convery's contribution to the club over the years, and also for J. Convery for her contribution.
5. R. Millard also suggested - Regarding the verandah extension, C.O.G.G. has the money available for a grant, so could a small committee be formed to investigate the requirements for sourcing such a grant.
6. E. Longshaw queried as to whether an invitation had been received from Tehree Gordon to attend a thank-you function at Jirrahlinga to all those clubs who had raised funds to help with the Dingo farm. The invitation was for 2-4 people to attend. E. Longshaw had earlier sent an email to secretary querying this after having spoken with Mrs. Gordon outside the club grounds. The secretary replied that no such invitation had been received by the club.
7. F. Lehrmann suggested that we approach C.O.G.G. to ascertain whether they would contribute any seed to replenish our depleted grounds cover.
8. T. Gordon asked whether the club sent out an invoice to current advertisers in the club newsletter each year asking whether they wished to renew their subscription or not. This is something that the treasurer needs to follow through on.
9. F. Lehrmann said correspondence should be sent to C.O.G.G. re the drain/creek status. A. Shackleton has already spoken to the council representatives regarding this matter.
10. E. Longshaw queried as to why camping was to be permitted on the grounds for the cancelled trials when it is known that July can be wet and slushy, and also because parts of the grounds were currently off-limits to our own club members.
11. J. Ball said that the next meeting will be the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and he hopes Members will nominate for the various positions of office.



There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20pm.





# The Greyhound Adoption Program

## About GAP

The Greyhound Adoption Program, or GAP, is an initiative of Greyhound Racing Victoria dedicated to finding homes for greyhounds that are no longer suitable for racing. While many greyhounds become available for adoption each year, misconceptions about these dogs deter people from owning them as pets. Due to the fact that they are of the sight hound family and aroused by the passion of chase, people mistakenly make the assumption that greyhounds are aggressive. Also, in the past greyhounds were required by law to wear a muzzle in public, creating the perception that they are hostile. It is one of our main goals to change the negative image so many people have of greyhounds, and through a more positive reputation, hope to increase the public's desire to care for these wonderful dogs after their racing careers have finished. Each greyhound is kept by GAP for a period of six to eight weeks in order to expose them to as many different experiences as possible.

All our dogs are thoroughly temperament tested, and we will always take a dog back if your situation changes at any time. GAP greyhounds are desexed, wormed, vaccinated and heartworm tested; an adoption fee exists only to attempt to recover some of these costs. More importantly, these dogs can give as much, if not more, affection than they receive. It is our hope that GAP can improve the image of these beautiful hounds and find loving homes that will bring happiness to both owners and dogs.

## FAQ's

### Why do greyhounds make good pets?

Greyhounds are quiet, well mannered, and very easy to live with. They are friendly, affectionate,

lazy, calm, clean, loving, trusting and good-natured.

### Do retired greyhounds require a lot of exercise?

No. Greyhounds are sprinters and as such, tire very quickly. They enjoy, but are not dependent on, moderate exercise. In most homes, the shared experience of a short brisk walk once a day, or every second day, is enough to keep both the adopter and the adoptee in good physical health. They can make good jogging companions, but only after they are properly conditioned for long distances.

### Do greyhounds have to be muzzled in public?

All greyhounds, except for those adopted as pets from GAP, are required by law to be muzzled in public.

### What does it cost to adopt a greyhound?

GAP is a non-profit department of Greyhound Racing Victoria. An adoption fee of \$200 (including GST) is a donation which exists only to partially defray the adoption services.

Each GAP greyhound is supplied with a coat to keep him warm and a special collar that identifies him as a GAP dog, allowing him to be walked in public without a muzzle.

### For further information contact

Greyhound Adoption Program of Victoria

Larissa Hubbard

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Website:

<http://www.grv.org.au>

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## LIBRARY NEWS



**"Our present is determined by our past"**

*G M Trevelyan---British Historian*

### A Snippet of History - Fred Lehrmann our Patron

In May 1978 Fred's dog was only the second dog in Victoria to pass the rigorous German Shepherd Endurance Test.

Fred is a founding member of our club. He joined what was then The Geelong German Shepherd Obedience Club at the inaugural meeting in August 1954.

Happy Heeling. Some of us have been doing it for a long time!

Robyn and  
Peg



# Thor-the top dog

Geelong dog, Engelhart, is only the second dog in Victoria to pass the rigorous German Shepherd endurance test.

And both Victorian holders of this coveted title are owned by Fred Lehrmann of Breakwater, well known in the Geelong area for his breeding and boarding kennels.

Mr Lehrmann and Engelhart, affectionately known as Thor, had to go to Adelaide to take part in the test as the trials are not held in Victoria.

There were 19 starters all from South Australia except Thor and Mr Lehrmann was the only owner to follow his dog on foot.

The major part of the test, based on the strict German format, was a 20 kilometre run which had to be made within two hours.

"All the other dog owners followed on bicycles but I took the route on foot," Mr Lehrmann said.

"I believed that I expect it of the dog I should be able to do it myself."

Mr Lehrmann said the aim of the test was to prove the ability and stamina of the German Shepherd during and after a 20 km run.

"After the run the

dogs have to perform obedience exercises and jump a three foot hurdle," he said.

"The jump tests their stamina and ability and the obedience exercises tests their willingness to co-operate after a tiring run."

Thor followed in his mother's footsteps by successfully passing the test and the coveted E.T. will be added to his pedigree.

"I took Thor's mother Bani to Adelaide about four years ago and she was the only Victorian starter," Mr Lehrmann said.

"I hope when I take a third dog to the next test in August that there will be a few more Geelong entries."

"I feel we should be better represented at these tests to prove the worth of the German Shepherd in this state."

Mr Lehrmann has been breeding German Shepherds for 20 years and enters many of his dogs in the trials of the local German Shepherd Dog Club.



The German Shepherd Dog Club of S.A. Inc.  
ENDURANCE TEST

## CLASS TIMES

### First Session

9.15am to 10.15am

Puppies under 6 months

Merit - Merit Revision - Graduate

Graduate Revision - Beginners Agility

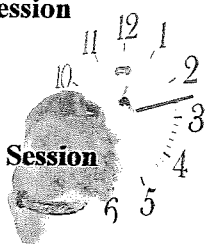
Intermediate Agility - Tricks Class - Social Class

Beginners - Beginners Revision

Agility Foundation - Advanced Agility

### Second Session

10.45am to 11.45am



Libran dogs can be charming and sociable, and normally can be persuaded to see things your way. They are often slow to make up their mind but, as with Taurus dogs, once it has been made up it can be hard to change it! They generally get on well with people and with other dogs, and are usually prepared, after a short period for decision-making, to join in wholeheartedly with whatever the rest of the gang has determined to do. Once a Libran dog has decided to trust you, do be aware that you must be worthy of that trust: any betrayal of it would be cruel.

## YOUR DOG AND THE STARS

### Libra

23 September – 23 October

*Compatible dogs:* Taurus

*Compatible owners:* no special preferences, although Libra dogs do seem to get on particularly well with Sagittarians

*Favourite colour:* pink, pale green and blue

*Lucky number:* 19

*Favourite food:* cauliflower cheese, if available; perhaps a rasher of

unsmoked bacon on a Sunday as a special treat

*Greatest dislike:* hostile cats; ghosts and ghouls

*Attributes:* arrogance; sociability; sulkiness; determination



*Sent in by Robyn Youl*



## CLUB EQUIPMENT SHOP

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

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

A 10.00 deposit is required for all clothing orders. Full payment is required when clothing orders are placed that include breed embroidery.



## TAIL WAGGERS

**Q:** Why are Dalmatians no good at "Hide & Seek?"

**A:** Because they're always spotted!

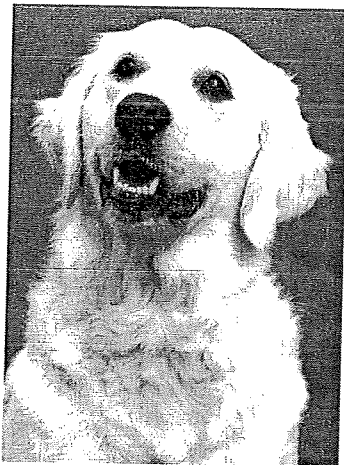
**Q:** What happened when the dogs went to the flea circus?

**A:** They stole the show!



## Strathraer Blue Diamond CD (Elke)

CCD title: February 24, 2007, CD title: September 1, 2007



Elke joined GODC as a baby puppy and progressed through the Puppy Class, Beginners, Merit and Graduate classes. After this, we took up agility training as it looked like fun (and it was!) except for that A-frame that looked like Everest to Elke.

Around the middle of last year, the VCA introduced the new CCD (Community Companion Dog) title, and after some encouragement from Jenny Chase to go for this new title, we took a break from agility and started training in the CCD exercises. Elke seemed to enjoy the break from trying to conquer Everest in the agility ring and got back into the swing of obedience with 3 straight CCD passes (winning the ring twice) to gain her CCD title. The step up to Novice was more challenging (doing every exercise off-lead was scary ... for me, not Elke!). A major turning point in Elke's training came when Leonie suggested we introduce a fun/play time in between

training for each exercise. All of a sudden this obedience stuff became lots of fun, and Elke has really enjoyed her time trialling. She gained her 3<sup>rd</sup> Novice pass recently at Sunbury to gain her CD title. Thank you Jenny for giving us a little push to get into obedience trialling, and thank you also to Elke's instructors (Bruce, Desma, Kim and others) along the journey from Puppy Class to CD title. A particular thank you to Leonie and Pam for their help and encouragement during Elke's trialling training. An added bonus was that Leonie and Pam (and a big GODC cheer squad!) were present at Sunbury when Elke was awarded her title. It was a memorable day!

*Peter Roupas*



## Ch. Evergold Highland Chief TD (Jock)

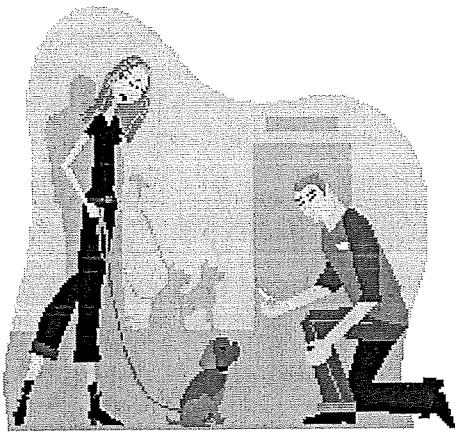
TD title: August 26, 2007



After a successful show career, I tried obedience with Jock and (unfortunately) we were spectacularly unsuccessful! After being shown since he was a baby puppy, he knew he had to stand (for the judge) when I stopped moving, and not sit as was required for obedience. He'd been doing this all his life, and he knew he was right, and he thought I was just confused when I started asking him to sit. Jock is also a very relaxed/laid-back dog and would be prone to falling asleep in a down stay of anything longer than a minute. That was the end of obedience for Jock.

After tagging along with a couple of friends (Tara Middleton and Deb Hamilton) one day who were doing some tracking training with their Goldies, and seeing how much the Goldies enjoyed being in the bush with all those wonderful smells, I decided to attend a tracking workshop with Jock. We both had a great weekend out in the bush at the Shepparton workshop, and Jock seemed to love tracking. After doing some tracking training, and with lots of help and good advice from both Tara and Deb, Jock had his first tracking trial in May where we got his TQT (Tracking Qualification Test) pass. Two trials and two passes later, Jock gained his TD (Tracking Dog) title. I'd heard others talk about the buzz of having your dog "on track" and following a scent through the bush to eventually find a tracklayer, and yes, it's a darn good feeling! It felt particularly good as we bred Jock and I've found an activity you can do with an older dog (Jock will be 9 at his next birthday). I'm looking forward to getting out in the bush with the old boy again next season!

*Peter Roupas*



# TRAINING THE TRAINER

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Hello friends, today we should give our furred friends a break and work on ourselves. Today we'll try to Train the Trainer!

So many times we get wrapped up in "My dog won't do this" or "My dog always does that". We tend to forget the basic fact that many times we cause or at least allow problems to exist, due to our own neglect or ignorance. The training process involves not only schooling our dogs, but also constantly learning new methods of teaching ourselves to be better trainers. We must continuously learn better ways to communicate with our dog and to conduct ourselves during that process, so that our dog better understands the lesson we are trying to teach.

The items that are of importance here are: Leash Handling, Footwork, Timing and Use of Body Language and Facial Expression. These may seem to be primary details-THEY ARE! And because of this, they tend to be overlooked. How can we train our dog correctly if we don't THINK about what we are doing, and how it affects our partner (dog).

For instance, do you know the proper way to return to your dog or do turns? About turns, left and right turns can be done so that they flow like water, or they can look as clumsy as the first steps

of a new colt. YOU can control the outcome by simply placing your feet properly. If you hold your leash incorrectly, telegraphing information to your dog through the leash becomes impossible. The information becomes garbled. Think of your leash as a water pipe, it must be free of kinks and loops to work well. I hope the following lessons will help make communications between you and your dog crystal clear.

## How to Hold a Leash

Begin with your arms hanging loosely down in front of your legs, palms facing in. In the right hand place the loop of the leash over the thumb, loose end crossing the palm. Fold the leash like an accordion, back and forth across the palm until it is a manageable length for working with your dog. The loose end should exit the right hand under the little finger. With your left hand make a loop of your thumb and index finger, run the leash through the loop and across the palm. Wrap your other fingers loosely around the leash, which should exit the left hand under the little finger. At this point there should be enough lead between your left hand and the dog's collar to form a small loop or J, which hangs just before the snap attaches to the collar.

This position is known generally as the "Control" or "Start" position. Use of this position or variations of this position, allows better control of the dog and prevents over control. Basically, the left hand makes corrections and the right hand is stationary when used properly. The leash travels loosely in the left hand and if the dog stays at heel, he is never corrected. This position allows the dog to work himself, instead of being hauled around at the end of a tight leash. It also allows for instant checks (short jerks) and releases, which coupled with the proper verbal messages teach the dog his lesson. The size of a dog will determine at what level of your body you hold your hands. When training a short dog, you might want to leave your hands down in front of your thighs. I am 5'1" and training a 36" Dane, so I find that holding my hands at waist height works for me. Use this as a guide only.

## Timing

This can be so complicated, but it is so important. The importance of timing when working with a dog can be compared to a traffic jam. To prevent one, every thing must move together. The following is an example:

When you give the command "Apollo, Heel" you don't step off as soon as the word "Apollo" spills from your lips. If you do, he won't know what



### **Training the Trainer (continued)**

the next word was going to be (unless he's psychic), and you will end up jerking on his neck for no apparent reason. This can cause him to lack confidence, because he thinks he constantly is being corrected, which results in lagging. The proper sequence would be as follows: Give the command "Apollo, Heel", wait a beat, then step off smartly. This allows time for the dog to hear the command, process the information and react.

When you and your dog are working with an Instructor and are given a command such as "forward" how many times has your dog left the heel position without you? Anticipation of a command by your dog is a timing issue. When he hears the Instructor give the command, he thinks he is doing well to move promptly. Work on using varied delays of between 1 and 5 seconds before responding to your Instructor's commands (please inform your instructor first!).

Use similar tactics when practicing Long Sits and Downs. In Novice Class, you are required to perform 1 minute Sits and 3 minute Downs. NEVER do them for exactly the required amount of time. Your dog has an internal clock that remembers everything, if you perform an exercise the same way each time, at exactly 1 minute the dog will eventually release itself from a sit. This can be disastrous in the Trial ring. It is good practice to extend drill time to 3 to 3.5 minutes on the Long Sit and 5 to 5.5 minutes on the Long Down. This is done as a gradual process over time. The reasons for this are twofold, first Open Work requires the longer time and second, by varying the times by a half minute, your dog never expects a certain release time.

The same principal applies to returns and the finish after a recall. Do you always return to your dog after a long sit or down and release immediately? Don't! After a bit of time your dog will just get up instead of waiting to be released, this can result in non-qualifying scores in the ring and begin a habit that is hard to break. While practicing, occasionally return to your dog, and then leave again without releasing. Alternate this with a random 1 to 5 second lag in the time between returning to your dog and releasing him. It is also a good practice to release your dog after a recall at least half of the time, instead of always having the dog return to heel position.

Using a metronome or music with a steady beat when doing Heel Work helps develop timing. This can keep your normal walk at a steady pace,

keep your turns from being too fast or slow and acts as a centering point to keep your fasts faster, and your slows slower than your normal walk. Doubling or halving your pace makes changes of pace more noticeable and consistent. A quick change of pace is easier to achieve when listening to a beat as well. This keeps the dog on his toes and paying attention to you, rather than just slouching along.

### **Footwork**

Footwork is a very detailed subject, and is an integral part of a successful performance in the obedience ring.

Your feet can be your biggest aid in training, or your dog's worst enemy. When executing turns, if you do not place your feet properly, you can trip your dog and cause permanently slow turns as an after effect. Conversely, you can turn too quickly even with your feet placed properly, thus causing either forging or lagging. When stepping off into a heeling pattern, be consistent. Always use the foot closest to your dog (left) to lead off. Don't saunter one time and then race off the next. When leaving your dog in any Stay position, use the leg away from your dog (right) to lead off. This gives you another effective aid to clue your dog in to the expected response, along with your words and/or hand signals. This is not cheating, it is a useful method of training and helps focus your dog when he is distracted.

When doing about turns, place your feet in a T position. To accomplish this turn smoothly, place the right foot first pointing straight ahead, next, place the left foot across the tip of your right toe (as in a T). Turn your right foot around so that the arch is behind the heel of your left foot, and then follow with the left. At this point you should be facing 180 degrees from your original direction. This sequence requires practice, but will keep your feet under you, instead of behind you which will trip your dog. It also has the added benefit of slowing your turn so that your dog has time to get around you. I think you can begin to see the importance of thinking about where and how you place your feet.

### **Body Language and Facial Expression**

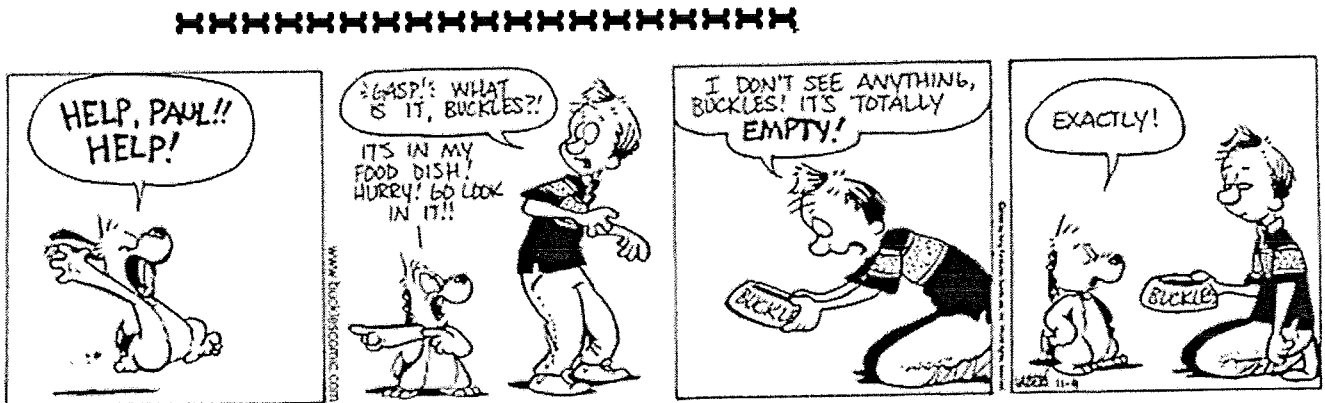
Finally, we come to the subtle art of saying much without speaking. Our animals learn facial and body language from their mums, and inherit knowledge of this from their ancestors as instinct. We have to learn this language and adapt it as part of our training method. Just as we use the "pack" theory to maintain dominance and respect, so we may also incorporate our own body language as a

### Training the Trainer (continued)

teaching aid. Again, this is not cheating but using what resources are at hand to train our companions.

A smile is easy for a dog to read. When asking your dog to come, do you not unconsciously smile to make him feel welcome? Towering or leaning over your dog can be a threatening posture. While never uttering a word or raising a hand, it is possible to threaten. Do we wish to threaten when teaching? The answer is no.

In beginner class when asking your dog to sit in a "come front", you are taught to bend at the knee and keep your back erect while bringing the dog forward and into a sit. This is to help avoid a perceived threat. In the same way we can use subtle signals to aid in our teaching method. Raised eyebrows can be a signal to stay. A smile can be a signal to roll onto a hip and relax when your dog is in a long down. A negative expression is perceived as such, and a positive motion or expression is sensed as positive.



Mundoona Karay Dream CCD  
"Lexie"

The Saint Bernard enjoys one of the most legendary and romantic histories of all breeds. The image of a Great Saint carrying a cask of Brandy strapped around its neck, travelling through the snow, finding and warming a stricken traveller is what we all can picture.

At home in Australia, the Saint is a family protective, children loving loyal member of the household. With a large powerful frame, it is most important to introduce Obedience and Socialization as soon as possible.

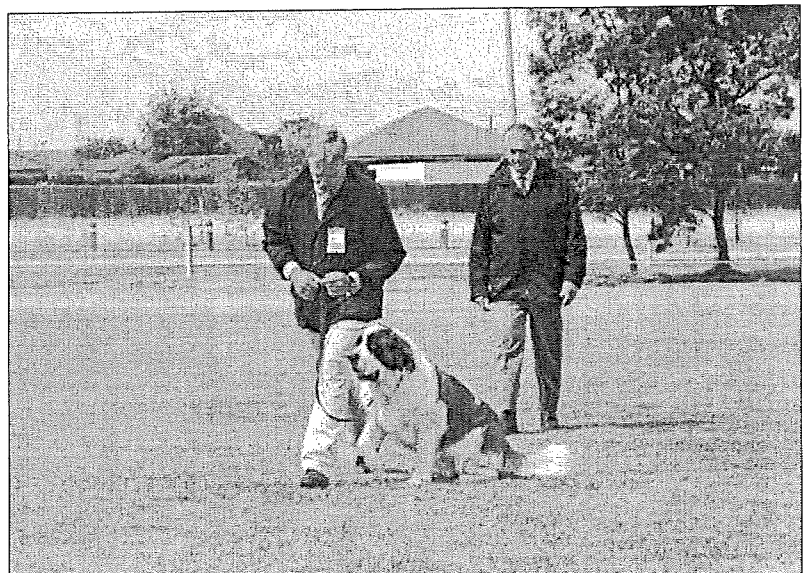
Saints have two different varieties, Rough coats and Smooth coats. Colours vary from white and tan, mahogany, orange, black or brindle in various combinations.

Yes they Drool, Yes they are big and do need a lot of grooming, but their loyalty is never in question.

## Introducing Lexie,

Lexie is a three year old rough coat Saint who has just gained her first title of CCD in Dog Trialling. She is my pride and joy, and as a good friend advised me once, as long as you enjoy the journey with your K9 mate, that's all that matters.

Ray Millard





### Dogs Die in Hot Cars

Members please note that with the weather now warming up the temperature in your parked vehicle can become unbearable very quickly. Where possible please avoid leaving your dog confined in your car on warm days. There are a number of 'Dog Boxes' provided on the Club grounds which are available for all Members to use.

### Gina O'Keefe Seminar

**GODC presents: Gina O'Keefe Workshop - 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> 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:** Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 7.30pm - 10.30pm. Saturday & Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 9am - 4pm. **Cost:** \$15.00 per session for auditors (Friday - 1 session, Saturday - 3 sessions, Sunday - 2 sessions). Booking slips are available from the office. For further details please see our Training Supervisor Tina Button.



## VCA TRIAL RESULTS

### Tracking Club of Victoria – Open Tracking Trial – Sun, 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2007

#### Test 2

Peter Roupas	Ch. Evergold Highland Chief (Jock)	Pass	Good
	Golden Retriever	<b>***TD Title***</b>	

### Sunbury & District Obedience Dog Club – Open Obedience Trial – Sat, 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2007

#### CCD

Ray Millard	Mundoona Karay Dream (Lexie)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Pass	? Place
	St. Bernard	<b>***CCD Title***</b>	

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#### Novice – PM Trial

Peter Roupas	Strathraer Blue Diamond CCD (Elke)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Pass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
	Golden Retriever	<b>***CD Title***</b>	

### Hastings & District Obedience Dog Club – Open Agility & Jumping Trial – Sat, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2007

#### Novice Strategic Pairs

Janelle Convery	Goorambat The Manor CDX AD JD SD (Mason)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pass	? Place
	Golden Retriever		
Betty Lawrence	Tearleen Madam Mizelle ET JD SD (Yoda)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pass	? Place
	Boxer		

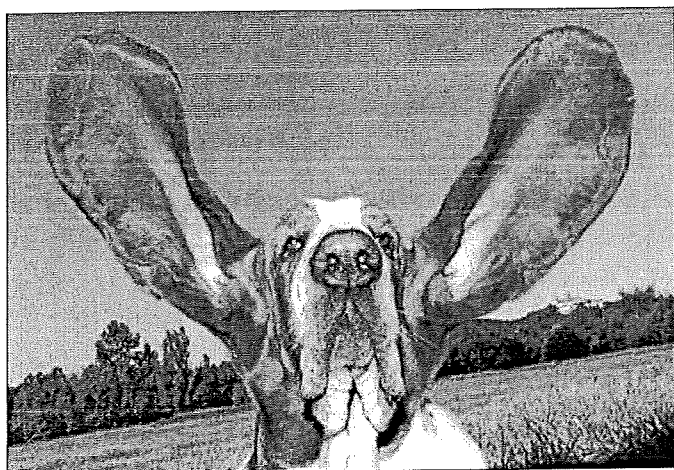
#### Novice Gamblers

Janelle Convery	Goorambat The Manor CDX AD JD SD (Mason)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Pass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
	Golden Retriever	<b>***GD Title***</b>	

**DID YOU KNOW** – The world record for the highest jump cleared by a dog is 167.6 cm (66 in), achieved by Cinderella May A Holly Grey, a greyhound owned by Kathleen Conroy and Kate Long (USA), at the Purina Dog Chow Incredible Dog Challenge Show, Missouri, USA, on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2003.



## DAWG DAZE



*Left:* And you think you get teased a lot!

*Below:* ROLL - Roll Over Laughing Literally.



Sent in by Elaine Longshaw

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



## CANINE COOKERY

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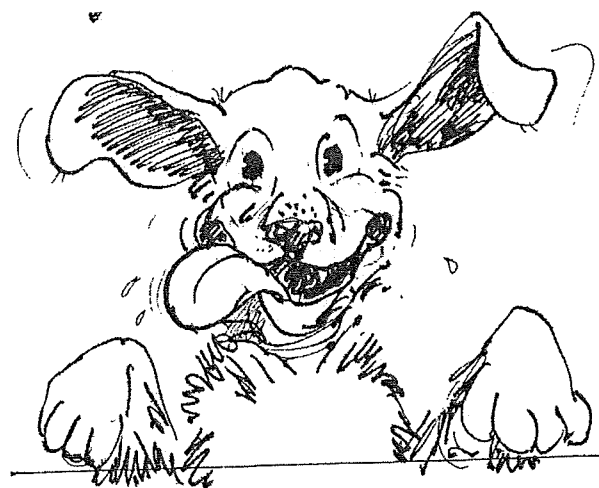
#### *Ingredients:*

2 cups brown rice flour  
1 Tbls. Activated charcoal  
1 tsp. salt  
½ cup chopped fresh parsley  
1/3 cup chopped fresh mint  
3 Tbls. Vegetable oil  
1 egg  
2/3 cup milk

#### *Method:*

Combine flour, charcoal and salt; set aside. Beat together parsley, mint, oil and egg. Gradually add dry mixture to wet mixture while mixing. Stir in enough milk to make a thick, pasty dough. Drop dough by heaping Tablespoonfuls 2 inches apart onto a greased cookie sheet.

Bake in a 400 degree oven for 15 minutes. Cool biscuits and store, covered, in the refrigerator.



*Sent in by Robyn Youl*

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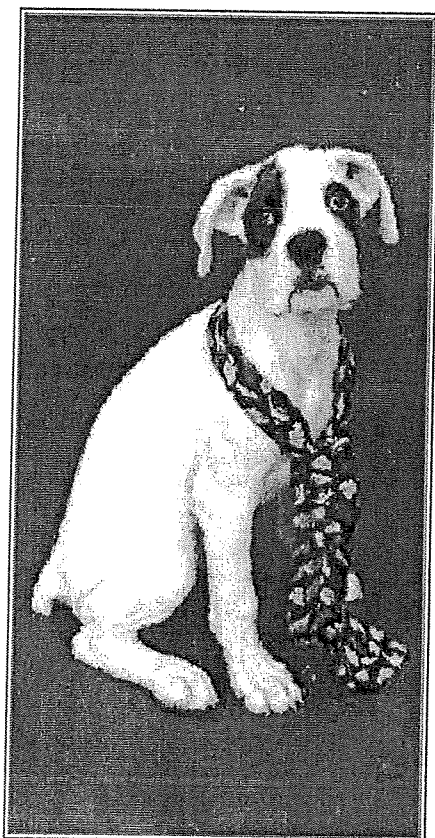
## A POETRY PAWS

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### How Much Do I Love You?

Author: Laurie Shrode

*How much do I love thee?  
Let me count the ways. Thoughts to Think  
While Holding the Cutest Puppy In The World  
And Wondering Whether You Should Get Involved...*



**W**ill I love you when you puddle for nineteen continuous days  
On that gorgeous Indian blanket that my friends have all admired?  
Will I love you when I find you on my pillow when you're tired?  
Will I love your muddy paw prints when you chase a butterfly  
From the garden through the kitchen when the floor isn't dry?

**W**ill I love you when you're shedding and all day I vacuum hair?  
When in digging you demolish ten begonias raised with care?  
Will I love you just past midnight when I let you out and then  
I let you in then let you out then let you in again?

**W**ill I love you when you lunch on a twenty dollar shoe?  
(True you didn't touch the other, but I sort of need the two)  
The day you eat the birthday cake, will I forgive and forget?  
Oh, how much will I love you as I go to pay the vet  
For binding up with tenderness that nasty little gash  
You got while decorating the lawn with all our trash?

**W**ill I love you when you're sandy, dripping water from the beach  
As I chase you across the carpet and you stay just out of reach?  
At these times let me remember how cute you look today  
And sigh and tell myself...

I love you, ANY way!



# CORPULENT CANINES?

by Christine Zink, DVM, PhD – Peak Performance: Coaching the Canine Athlete

## Fit, not fat

Our dogs depend on us to put food in their bowls. And, more often than not, we are putting in too much! I have assessed the weight on hundreds of dogs of a variety of breeds over the past year at seminars all over the country and a conservative estimate is that about 50% of the dogs that I see are overweight; approximately 25% are actually obese. These are not couch potato dogs. These are dogs whose owners expect them to jump in obedience, to run over rough ground in retrieving tests, and to perform in agility. And we are seeing the sad results: ruptured anterior cruciate ligaments (often both legs), severe degenerative arthritis in dogs in their prime, degenerative disk disease, and many more conditions that are caused by, or exacerbated by, excess weight.

Why are so many working dogs overweight? The following are some possible answers to this difficult question:

Keeping a dog at working weight is incompatible with showing in conformation. I have never understood why dogs whose breed standard states that they should be shown in "hard working condition" don't win in the conformation ring unless they are FAT. The only thing that I can think of is that we are mistaking fat for muscle. For breeds such as Golden Retrievers and Labrador Retrievers, assume that if your dog is winning in the conformation ring, it is probably about 8 to 15 lb. overweight. When you are finished showing your dog in conformation, take the weight off, for his own good.

People are feeding their dogs the same amount of food they were fed as adolescents. This is a common mistake. But just as most of us eat less now than we did as teenagers, your dog needs less too. A dog's metabolism slows down with age and adult dogs need less food to maintain their weight.

People believe the suggested feeding regimens that are printed on dog food bags. Even the most active dog doesn't need as much food as most dog food companies recommend. The best way to determine how much food a dog needs is to feed it

the amount that maintains its weight. This is a matter of trial and error.

The dog has been less active, but he is being fed the same amount of food. Adjust your dog's intake to his activity level. Remember that in the winter your dog may not get as much exercise and decrease his intake accordingly.

People don't know how to determine the correct weight for their dogs. Dogs vary in height, bone structure, and muscularity, so there is no one correct weight for a dog of any given breed. The best way to determine whether a dog is overweight is to test 3 different parts of the body: the neck, the ribs, and the hips.

To check the neck, press your thumb and index finger deep into the side of the neck just ahead of the shoulder, and pinch them together. If your fingers are more than 1/2" apart, the dog is overweight. (Note: this is where old dogs tend to carry most of their excess fat, and they may actually be thin in other locations.). To check the ribs, stand with your dog beside you, facing his butt. Place your thumb on the middle of his spine half way down the back and spread your fingers out over his last few ribs. Then run your fingers up and down along his skin. You should be able to feel the bumps of his ribs without pressing in. To check the hips, run your hand over your dog's croup. You should be able to feel the bumps of his two pelvic bones without pressing down.

Some of you may be reading this and thinking, "I would never want my dog to be that skinny!" Think about the Olympic athletes. If you want your dog to be an athlete then it is only fair that you do what you can to help him achieve the body that he will need to perform and stay healthy and injury free for many years.

People worry that their dogs will not get enough nutrition if they feed them less. Premium dog foods are packed with nutrients. If your dog is overweight, unless he has a hormonal problem (e.g. hypothyroidism), he is getting too much nutrition, and cutting back will not put him in jeopardy. Remember: just like humans,

**Corpulent Canines (continued)**

individual dogs vary in their metabolic rate and some dogs just need less food.

People don't know how to get their dogs to lose weight without all the side effects —begging, that sad-eyed look that says "I'm hungry", etc. Try the pumpkin diet. Reduce your dog's regular food by 33% and replace it with a 67% volume of canned pumpkin (not the kind with sugar and spices, ready-made for pies). For example, if you are currently feeding your dog 3 cups of food, you would instead feed him 2 cups of food and a whole cup of canned pumpkin. Dogs love the pumpkin—it has the texture of canned dog food, it provides vitamins and roughage, it makes them feel full (so they don't forage in the yard for leftovers), and they lose weight!

I have asked many vets why they don't tell their clients that their dogs are overweight, and I always get the same answer: "I have lost so many clients because they were offended when I

told them their dogs were overweight that I just don't tell them anymore". So please, don't be offended—it doesn't reflect on you personally.

The following is a 'real life' example. Julie Daniels, a well-known agility competitor, was showing her female Rottweiler, Jessy, in conformation. After she got her first major (5 points), Julie decided that she would rather compete with Jessy in agility. Now Rottweilers are not ideally structured for agility. So she took 21 lb (yes 21 lb.—this is not a typo) off the dog. The dog looked lovely, and in the process lost 1 1/2" in height at the withers. (For many medium-sized dogs this could mean the difference between having to jump 26" and 22" in agility.) Jessy is the all-time top winning Rottweiler in agility (USDAA National Finalist 5 years in a row) and is healthy and injury-free at the age of 10 (and still competing in Veterans).

So why not do this for your best friend?

**VALE****Kardella Sealight Gem****"SOPHIE"**

**8/6/1996 - 2/9/2007**

Sophie & Danny  
3 months



During our lifetime we are lucky to have some special friends. One of our special friends was a Border Collie who we named Sophie and who captured our hearts with her sweet, affectionate and gentle nature. When she was a puppy and excelled at "pass the puppy" in dog kinder, we realised she was a "people" dog and during her lifetime she managed to win over everyone she met.



When we moved to acres, how she used to enjoy running free and always used to race the dog next door down the long drive to the gate. She retired from racing undefeated. She would spend many hours under her favourite tree with watchful eyes looking out for anyone who came up the drive. She would be happy to lie in the sun gnawing one of her many bones that she stored away, or else be shaking plums off our greengage tree.



She was sister and companion to our other Border Collie, Danny, and will be sadly missed. After a two year battle with cancer, she told us that it was time to say goodbye.

Our sweet, gentle girl has now gone to her rest under her favourite tree. She was one in a million - such a special friend.

Sophie - you were simply the best!

Rod, Carole & Danny Birrell



Sophie's  
favourite tree



## "YODA"

My Kennel name is Tearleen Madam Mizelle JD SD ET, known at the Geelong Obedience Dog Club as "Yoda".

I have just had my Eighth Birthday, I live with Betty (Mum), who got me as a Birthday Present, and Roy and my Bed Mate "Kimbo".

I got a fright when I was four months old, and do not like people coming into my space. I traveled with the gang and watched "Kimbo" going over hurdles etc., winning sashes at the various Agility Trials. Then one day we were up early, another Trial for "Kimbo" at Altona, how wrong I was, instead of taking "Kimbo" Roy took me on a 20km run and I obtained my Endurance Title.

Roy then decided to take me over the Jumps, it took awhile to get use to working with him, but I tricked him when he entered me in the Jumping Class and I got my Jumping Dog Title, plus 1<sup>st</sup> Place and Sashes at Ballarat. Since then I have tried to get passes in Excellent Jumping, but somehow I seem to put my rear landing gear down too early as I go over the last hurdle and OFF goes the bar.

Now that Games are being held at the Agility Trials I am enjoying them with Roy and at Northern I got my Snooker Dog Title.

At present I am working with Mason doing Strategic Pairs so I hope I can keep my landing gear up in my future Trials and make Mum proud of me as she is in ill health at the moment, and may not be able to see me compete for some time.

*Betty Lawrence*



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## VCA TRIAL SCHEDULE

### October 2007

Subject to Amendment

Please Note :

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

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

Date	Fixture	Affiliate	Venue	Judging Time	Vic	Dog
Sat 6	OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIAL (OUTDOORS)	GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB	(P)	2.00pm		
	OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIAL (INDOORS)	GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB	(P)	6.30pm		
	RETRIEVING TRIAL	IRISH WATER SPANIEL CLUB		8.00am		
	OBEDIENCE TRIAL	MURRAY VALLEY OBED DOG CLUB		7.30am		
	AGILITY TRIAL	KNOX OBED DOG CLUB		9.00am		
	AGILITY TRIAL	KNOX OBED DOG CLUB		1.00pm		
Sun 7	DOUBLE OBED TRIAL	WARRINGAL OBED DOG CLUB				
	HERDING TRAINING	VICTORIAN HERDING ASSOC				
	RETRIEVING TRIAL	IRISH WATER SPANIEL CLUB		8.00am		
	OBEDIENCE TRIAL	MURRAY VALLEY OBED DOG CLUB		10.00am		
Sat 13	REST TO GROUP 3 OBED TRIAL	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB	(P)	Noon	Aug	
	DOUBLE AGILITY TRIAL	EAST GIPPSLAND OBED DOG CLUB		9.00am		
	DOUBLE AGILITY TRIAL	EAST GIPPSLAND OBED DOG CLUB				
	EARTH DOG TEST	LURE RACING & EARTH DOG CLUB	(P)			
Sun 14	DOUBLE OBEDIENCE TRIAL	KNOX OBED DOG CLUB		9.30am		
	DOUBLE AGILITY TRIAL	EAST GIPPSLAND OBED DOG CLUB		8.30am		
	DOUBLE AGILITY TRIAL	EAST GIPPSLAND OBED DOG CLUB				
Sat 20	VICTORIAN STATE RETRIEVING TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP	VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOC		7.30am		
	AGILITY TRIAL	WESTERN PORT OBED DOG CLUB	(P)	9.00am	Sept	
	AGILITY TRIAL	WESTERN PORT OBED DOG CLUB	(P)	1.00pm	Sept	
	EARTH DOG TEST	EARTH DOG CLUB OF VIC	(P)			
Sun 21	AGILITY TRIAL	BALLAARAT DOG OBED CLUB		9.00am	Sept	
	AGILITY TRIAL	BALLAARAT DOG OBED CLUB		11.30am	Sept	
	OBEDIENCE TRIAL	EASTERN SUBURBS OBED DOG CLUB		Noon	Sept	
	VICTORIAN STATE RETRIEVING TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP	VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOC		7.30am		
	REST TO BREED OBED TRIAL	SCHNAUZER CLUB	(P)			
	WEIGHTPULL COMP & OBEDIENCE PRACTICE	ALASKAN MALAMUTE CLUB	(P)			
Fri 26	NATIONAL RETRIEVING TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP	VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOC		7.30am		
Sat 27	OBEDIENCE TRIAL	WERRIBEE OBED DOG CLUB		9.00am	Aug	
	OBEDIENCE TRIAL	WERRIBEE OBED DOG CLUB		1.30pm	Aug	
	LURE RACING / EARTH DOG PRACTICE	LURE RACING & EARTH DOG CLUB	(P)			
	NATIONAL RETRIEVING TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP	VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOCIATION		7.30am		
Cancelled Sun 28	OBEDIENCE TRIAL	GISBORNE & DISTRICT OBED DOG CLUB				
	NATIONAL RETRIEVING TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP	VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOCIATION		7.30am		

