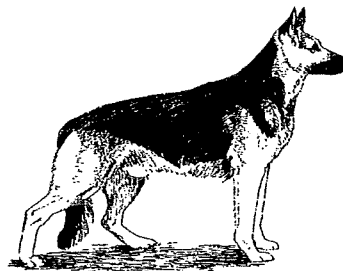
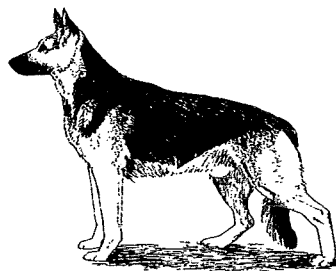
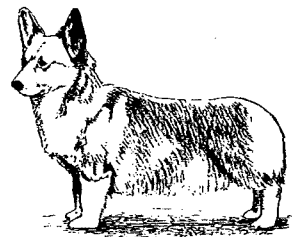
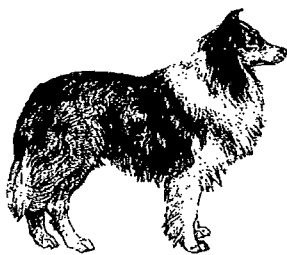
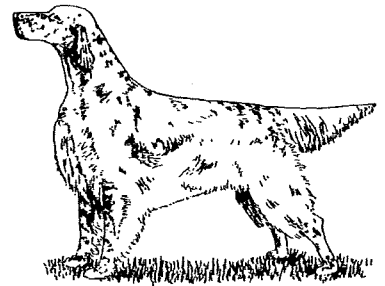
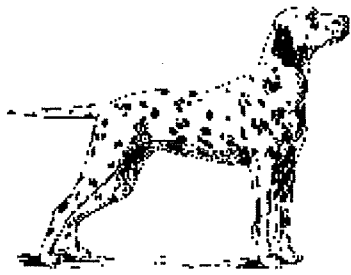
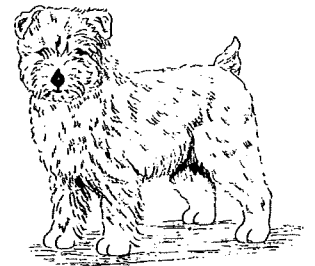
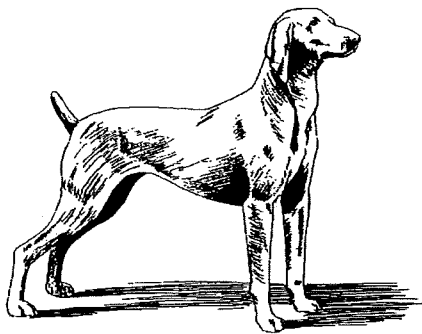


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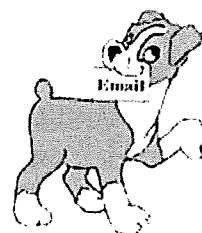
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NEW MEMBERS

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>
<u>14 October 2007</u>		
Hawker Amy/Cropley Jesse	Labrador Retriever	Diesel
Anstis Sarah/Anstis Aaron	Am Staff X	Jackson
Powell Sherry/Powell Jared	Weimaraner	Lenny
Burton Robbie/Skazlic Angelo	Rottweiler	Tex
Laming Janis	Labrador Retriever	Bella
Parker Yvonne/Parker Ken	Hungarian Vizsla	Tisza
Leather Lorna/Leather Steve	Australian Cattle Dog	Monty
Schmidt Dean/Schmidt Irina	Labrador Retriever	Vicky
Van Der Lee Brian/Van Der Lee Jenni	Boxer	Indie
Hill Ann	Golden Retriever	Cobber
O'Callaghan Stephen/O'Callaghan Megan	Border Collie/Labrador X	Kelsea
Blackeley Charlotte/Murphy Colin	Rottweiler	Polo
Eden Marion	Labrador Retriever	Spike
Cuff Ebony/Tippett Shane	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	Archie
	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	Jet
Rakic Amy.Rakic Cedo	Labrador Retriever	Toto



CLUB CALENDAR

November

Sunday 4 November

Monday 5 November

Tuesday 6 November

Sunday 11 November

Monday 12 November

Tuesday 13 November

Thursday 15 November

Sunday 18 November

Monday 19 November

Tuesday 20 November

Sunday 25 November

Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months

Agility Trial training – 5.30 pm set up

Obedience Trial training – 7.30 pm

Normal training. Remembrance Day. One minutes silence at 11 am.

Agility Trial training – 5.30 pm set up

Obedience Trial training – 7.30 pm

Newsletter closes for articles, report, etc

Normal training. End of Year Awards closing date

Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm. Agility Trial training

5.30 set up

Obedience Trial training 7.30 pm

Normal training. Newsletter available.

December

Sunday 2 December

Tuesday 4 December

Sunday 9 December

Thursday 13 December

PROMOTION DAY

General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised

Last day of training for 2007

Office closes

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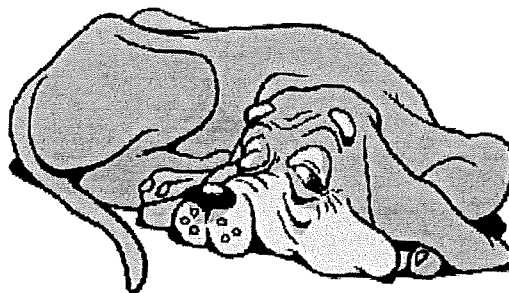
Jenny Chase

Peter Baker

Glenys Murray

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"A warm heart is better than a cold shoulder or a hot temper"



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well another month has passed us by and the AGM has been held. There are some new faces on the Committee so get to know them, as well as a new Training Supervisor and two new Assistants. Hopefully, this will be a very productive and successful year for the Club.

There are a few fundraising ideas in the pipeline, so please help out where you can. On a sad note it is disappointing to see some people arriving for class after they have started. This is very disruptive for the Instructor and the other Class Members. Please be punctual; even getting here before hand is a good thing. Lets your dog get used to the surroundings, not just dragged out of the car and rushed straight into Class. I hope I don't have to say anymore on that subject.

Also you may have seen on the Doggy Gossip that we are looking for a Plumber, a Builder, a Sign writer and maybe a Concreter. If you can help out in any of these, please see the office and they will explain what is we need.

Jim Ball -President

TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Hi and welcome to our new Members.

Our next Promotion Day is Dec 2nd, just over a month away, so take advantage of the extra daylight to get in more practice. Short sessions with a game between, will help keep the dogs interested. Teach new behaviours in a quiet place where you can hold Fido's interest and slowly introduce distractions

As the warmer weather is here, please make sure that your dogs have plenty of fresh water and shade at all times. Don't forget "Dogs Die in Hot Cars!"

David Gravalin – Training Supervisor



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Please note that we do not advertise puppy litters.

LIBRARY NEWS

Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole. ~Roger Caras

The dog is a gentleman; I hope to go to his heaven, not man's. ~Mark Twain, letter to W.D. Howells, 2 April 1899

The most affectionate creature in the world is a wet dog. ~Ambrose Bierce



A dog is one of the remaining reasons why some people can be persuaded to go for a walk. ~O.A. Battista

In order to really enjoy a dog, one doesn't merely try to train him to be semi human. The point of it is to open oneself to the possibility of becoming partly a dog. ~Edward Hoagland

If dogs could talk, perhaps we would find it as hard to get along with them as we do with people. ~Karel Čapek

Near this spot are deposited the remains of one who possessed Beauty without Vanity, Strength without Insolence, Courage without Ferocity, and all the Virtues of Man, without his Vices. This Praise, which would be unmeaning Flattery if inscribed over human ashes, is but a just tribute to the Memory of Boatswain, a Dog. ~George Gordon, Lord Byron, "Inscription on the Monument of a Newfoundland Dog"

The dog was created specially for children. He is the god of frolic. ~Henry Ward Beecher

The greatest love is a mother's; then a dog's; then a sweetheart's. ~Polish Proverb

A man may smile and bid you hail
Yet wish you to the devil;
But when a good dog wags his tail,
You know he's on the level.
~Author Unknown

Happy Heeling
Robyn & Peg.

VCA TRIAL RESULTS

Knox ODC Agility Trial – 6th October 07

Snooker Dog Excellent

J Chase	Tylker Ganesh CDX ADX JDX SD SPD GD ET (Cooper) Boxer	5 th Pass	6 th Place
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SDX TITLE

Agility Open

J Chase	Tylker Ganesh CDX ADX JDX SD SPD GD ET (Cooper) Boxer	2 nd Pass	5 th Place
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R Lawrence	Shionabox The Wishmaster ET CD JDX ADX SPD SD JDO GD (Kimbo) Boxer	5 th pass	4 th Place
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ADO TITLE

Golden Retriever Club of Victoria – Saturday 13 October 2007

Obedience

J & P Convery	Goorambat The Manor CDX AD JD SD GD (Mason) Golden Retriever	Open Pass	1 st Place
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'Best in Trial' 'Best Golden Retriever in Trial'

East Gippsland ODC Agility Trial – 13th October 07

Agility Open

J Chase	Tylker Ganesh CDX ADX JDX SDX SPD GD ET (Cooper) Boxer	3 rd Pass	6 th Place
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East Gippsland ODC Agility Trial – 14th October 07

Jumping Open

J Chase	Tylker Ganesh CDX ADX JDX SDX SPD GD ET (Cooper) Boxer	2 nd Pass	8 th Place
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GEELONG CEMENT RETIREES MUSEUM

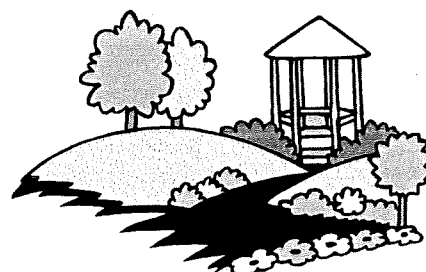
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(Mel Ref 451 C2)

Wander through 26 jam-packed rooms of history, memorabilia and hobby collections housed in a beautiful old bluestone building (the old Protestant Orphanage built in 1855)

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something of interest for everyone

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A Right "Royal" Experience - Anne Macrae

Misty and I have been Agility Trialling for about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years and loving it. We both love to run and have fun. So we decided with a little bit of experience under our belt that we would try the Melbourne Show. It was a fantastic experience.



Misty and I entered Excellent Agility and Masters Jumping. The first entry was fairly expensive, but subsequent runs cheap. (In hindsight we wished we had entered Open Agility and Jumping as well so we had four runs for the day. Next year we will.) Our entries had to be in a couple of months in advance. When we received our information pack on the Royal I was a bit taken back by all the rules and regulations and thought this will be a one and only experience.

The day arrived and Misty and I set off for the Melbourne Show, hair shining and brushed, treats packed, water and water bowl, a chair for me, a cushion for Misty's box and we took the collapsible crate, just in case the box didn't work out. (Should have taken food for me too, it cost \$5.00 for a sandwich.) We parked in the car park, loaded up the trolley and found our way into the dog pavilion. Misty's box was in-between two people we have seen often at Trials and now know well. We met so many new people. All the agility people were together and the confirmation people at the other end of the pavilion. That was an eye opener, never having seen confirmation before. Amazing. Especially the straightening irons used on some of the dog's hair.

There were lots of people, noise and new smells. I put Misty in her box and she showed some signs of stress, so put up her crate and put it in the box with the door open and she was her old self again, very happy and relaxed. (Worth taking the crate.) At the Royal there is only one ring and so while waiting, you see all the Competitors competing, that you don't normally get to see. There are crowds of people watching, which I wondered how Misty would react - she didn't turn a whisker, she just concentrated on her beloved Agility equipment and jumps. The people around seemed amazed at what these dogs could do and lapped it up. (No horses made us quite a draw card.)

Whilst we were in our boxes it was amazing how many of the general public stopped and asked about the breeds of the dog. Both Jenny Chase with Cooper and I had many people stop and talk to us about our breed of dogs and "if they were good with children". It was a great opportunity to talk about our breed of dog and for people to talk to us about their dogs and dogs that they were thinking of getting. Misty and I had a terrific time and we will be back next year. If you are thinking it might be fun to enter, it is.

NB. the only hiccup we had was the toileting, Misty was not big on the area provided so I will make sure next year she has done the necessary's before we leave Geelong.

THE 4 D's – Train for a Reliable Response

Help your dog become reliable in all situations by varying the practice situation. Most trainers call this “proofing” the exercise. Try not to change more than one aspect of an exercise at once. The typical variables for Obedience exercises all start with the letter D. Change only one “D” at a time.

DELIVERY – of reward

Very early on in the training you will want to randomize the delivery of your reward. Start to reward only the very best of the behaviours. If you're changing another D Criteria, you may want to go back to delivering the rewards on a higher ratio.

DISTANCE

The “come when called”, if the dog is 3 metres away from you. Now it's time to try moving away a little further.

DURATION

The dog is steady on her Sit Stay for 15 seconds, now it's time to try extending the exercise a little.

DIVERSITY - of context

The dog performs well in her usual, calm training environment (home, yard, Obedience Class), now it's time to complicate matters a little by introducing distractions or taking her to a new training site, which is distraction enough in itself. Will she walk as nicely on a slack leash in the park, as in your back yard? Will she sit and stay in your living room if you walk to the closet and put on your overcoat? Will she come if called while the doorbell is ringing?

As you're increasing one criteria, decrease another. For example – If you are working on Diversity, decrease Distance and Duration, but increase rate of the Delivery of the reward

Terry Ryan – Legacy by mail - Pullman, Washington



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3 Potato Cakes

3 Dim sim

3 Chicken Neg

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VACCINATION INFORMATION NIGHT

Wednesday 21st November

Commencing 8.00pm

Geelong Obedience Dog Club would like to invite all Members to a Vaccination Information night to be held in the Clubrooms

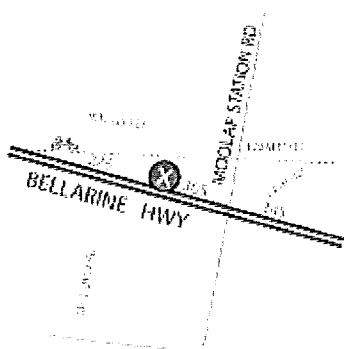
Here is a summary of the talk

1. history of vaccines
2. how vaccines work
3. what we vaccinate for and why
4. what are vaccine reactions
5. what to do if you get one and how to avoid them
6. recommendations concerning vaccination



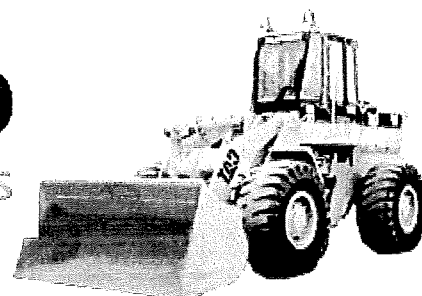
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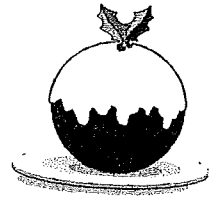
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Have a Cool Yule!

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Author - Leanne Davies



You've imagined what Christmas will be like with your dogs. They'll be perfectly behaved, greet your friends and family with a gently paw shake and a smile, and will sit quietly while Christmas dinner feeds the clan. But in reality, Christmas can be a chaotic times for your dogs and before you know it, they will have chomped their way through the ornaments, eaten the entire Christmas pudding and brought up their Christmas dinner all over the pressies.

Instead of enjoying the holidays, you could be left cleaning up a lot of mess – or worse, heading for the nearest vet clinic to remove your mother-in-law's perfect gift from the inside of your dog's bloated stomach.



Christmas Hazards

Problem: Fairy Lights

Dogs can tangle themselves in the lights, eat them (the lights often contain moderately toxic ingredients), or chew through the cords and electrocute themselves.

Solution:

The best way to keep lights away from your pooch is to wrap them through the interior of the tree, high enough so your dog can't reach. The cords are best run underneath the skirt of the tree, hidden from the dog.

Problem: Baubles and Tinsel

Vets report an increase in emergency surgery around Christmas time because dogs attempt to eat the enticing looking tinsel from the Christmas tree. Ingestion of tinsel can cause bowel blockages and make your dog sick. Ornaments are also a danger as eating them can cause choking and blockages.

Solution:

Make sure you hang ornaments high in the tree out of reach of your dog, along with the tinsel. Supervise you dog around tinsel or ribbon.

Problem: Artificial Snow

This is toxic to dogs

Solution:

Spray in areas inaccessible to dogs, like on the tops of windows and the higher parts of the Christmas tree. Remove the spray can immediately and place out of reach of canine paws.

Problem: Candles

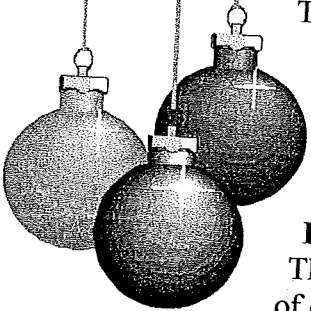
These make wonderful decorative pieces but make sure you keep them out of reach of dogs. Not only is there the danger of your dog being burnt, but it could accidentally knock them over in Yuletide excitement and start a fire in the house.

Solution:

Try using hanging candles, which can be placed out of reach of your dog and only light the candles when the guests have arrived and are settled.

Problem: Guests

When all the family and friends arrive for Christmas dinner, your dog may be overwhelmed by all the sudden noise and activity.



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Solution:

Introduce your dog to the guests and ensure young children know how to correctly approach and pat it. Ask your guests not to feed the dog because even if each person only gives the dog a titbit, by the end of the night it may have consumed an extraordinary amount of food. You should also make sure there is a quiet "time out" spot where your dog can go to escape the crowds.

Problem: Food

Christmas fare will be too rich for dogs and can add to problems like hyperactivity and stomach upsets, not to mention obesity.

Solution:

Make sure food is not left unattended when it's out of the fridge. And remember, chocolate can be seriously toxic to dogs. Dogs don't digest it well and it's bad for their teeth. We could also be "treating" our dog to a rare but deadly condition called chocolate toxicosis, caused by the substance theobromine. Although rare this condition is fatal.

Problem: The Presents

Some kids' toys with small parts can be dangerous if ingested by your dog. And presents containing food can easily be sniffed out by Fido's sensitive snout.

Solution:

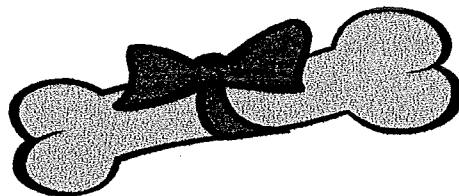
If your dog is sniffing around the tree, remove the presents to a safe area.

Problem: Alcohol

Alcohol can be toxic – especially for small dogs – and can cause poisoning and can even lead to a dog falling into a coma.

Solution:

Lay down a few house rules with the guests, and when things get a little rowdy, put your dog in the quiet part of the house.



Christmas Canine Cookies

Christmas Dog Biscuits

Ingredients:

1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups wholemeal flour
2 tablespoons freshly chopped garlic
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cornflour
2 rashers bacon, chopped

1 teaspoon stock
8 tablespoons sunflower oil
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup water

Method:

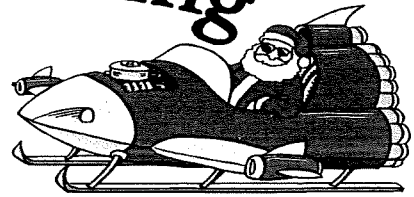
Mix ingredients together well and roll out the mixture until it is about two centimetres thick. Cut out designs with Christmas cookie cutters and place in oven. Baste with a small amount of oil or bacon fat and cook for 35 to 45 minutes at 350 degrees. Allow to cool. Garnish with desiccated coconut or fresh parsley then place in Christmas bags or boxes lined with foil. Seal bags to keep in freshness. Give them to friends with dogs or store them away ready for your own pooch to enjoy as a delightful Christmas morning treat

HOLIDAY ETIQUETTE FOR DOGS

1. Be tolerant if your humans put decorations on you. They seem to get some special kind of pleasure out of seeing how you look with fake antlers.
2. Your humans may come home with large bags of things they call gifts. Do not assume that all the gifts are yours.
3. They may bring a large tree into the house and set it up in a prominent place and cover it with lights and decorations. Bizarre as this may seem to you, it is an important ritual for your humans, so there are some things you need to know: Don't pee on the tree. Don't drink water in the container that holds the tree. Mind your tail (or fake antlers) when you are near the tree.
4. Your humans may occasionally invite lots of strangers to come visit during this season. These parties can be lots of fun, but they also call for some discretion on your part: not all strangers appreciate kisses - don't eat off the buffet table - beg for goodies subtly - be pleasant, even if unknowing strangers sit on YOUR sofa.
5. Likewise, your humans may take you visiting. Observe rule #3 for trees that may be in other people's houses.
6. A big man with a white beard and a very loud laugh may emerge from your fireplace in the middle of the night. **DON'T BITE HIM!!**

Christmas is coming

LOST DOGS HOME CHRISTMAS COLLECTION



Each year we ask for your help with the Lost Dogs Home Christmas Collection. Next time you are out shopping add an extra tin of dog or cat food or dry food to your trolley for those animal friends who are less fortunate than our own. There will be boxes in the Clubrooms for your donation.

The donations will be collected by a representative of the Lost Dogs Home on the last day of training - Sunday 9th December

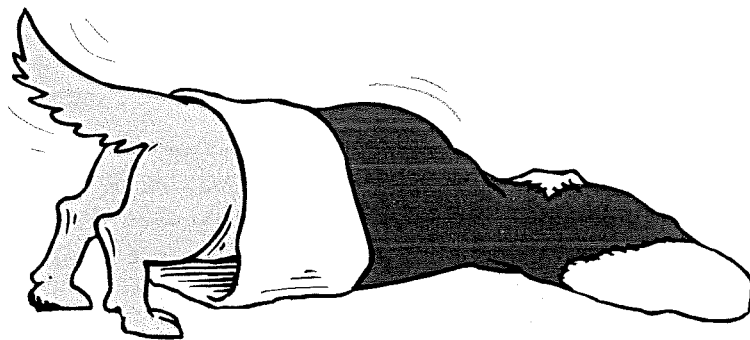
CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS

Bernie, our Raffle Steward, is looking for donations for the Club's Christmas Hampers. If you would like to make a donation, a box will be available in the Clubrooms



CHRISTMAS PARTY AND ITINERARY FOR THE LAST DAY OF TRAINING

Don't forget to watch the weekly GOSSIP SHEET for information regarding these two special events



10 TIPS FOR DEALING WITH PROBLEM BEHAVIOUR

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At one time or another, every owner has to deal with problem behaviour. Understanding why your dog does what he does, and how to handle the situation correctly can help resolve problems quickly.

Here are some basic guidelines that apply to nearly all problem situations:

🐾 **Control the dog and you control the situation.** By putting on a training collar and lead, you can control the dog. For many dogs, their training equipment means business, not playtime, and this can help in a problem situation. A dog who is on lead cannot run away or chase people or other animals, and his owner has a chance to help him understand what he should do by guiding him with the leash and collar.

🐾 **Be positive.** Instead of saying "NO", try giving your dog something positive that he can do for you, such as "Sit", or "Heel". This positive approach means you can praise generously for his good actions, instead of simply yelling at him. For example, a dog that jumps up can be told to sit, and helped if necessary, then praised for sitting.

🐾 **Allow a dog to be a dog.** Often, what owners consider problem behaviour is simply normal dog behaviour that they find unpleasant or annoying. For example, digging is a natural canine activity but distressing to a garden proud owner. Instead of scolding for what comes naturally, it might be kinder to set up an area in which you have buried small treats to make it more attractive than the rest of the yard, and praising your dog for digging in "his" garden. Whenever natural behaviours conflict with what you might like, be creative and see if you can find an outlet for those interests and activities that is suitable for you both.

🐾 **Be consistent.** It is unfair to the dog to change your rules depending on what you're wearing, who's visiting or the kind of day you've had. If your dog is allowed on the furniture, he will be confused when you yell at him because Aunt Bess is visiting and she doesn't think dogs should sit in chairs! If he's allowed to jump up when you're wearing jeans and a sweatshirt, don't be surprised if he can't tell the difference between that and your best evening gown. Whatever your rules are, keep them consistent.

🐾 **Have your dog earn what he wants.** While everyone needs a few freebies now and then, your dog will not think you are a wonderful owner if you play with him, walk him, feed him and pet him whenever he demands it. In fact, this often creates problems since from the dog's point of view an owner who can be "trained" this well is not one who deserves much respect. Teach your dog to say "please" by sitting, lying down or following some other command before he gets what he wants.

🐾 **Be clear.** Owners often confuse dogs by changing the words or commands, repeating them over and over again without showing the dog what is meant, and worst of all, assuming that the dog understands. When in doubt, gently show your dog physically exactly what you mean, giving the command at the same time so that he can associate the two. Use clear, matter of fact commands when addressing your dog, and be sure that your praising tone is excited, enthusiastic and upbeat.

Remember that while we use words to communicate, dogs are masters of reading body language. If your body language tells the dog one thing, but your voice tells the dog something else, chances are he will believe your body language. This is why people who bend towards their dog and shake a finger at them while scolding "No, no, no" often receive a playful bark - their body posture is much more like a dog inviting play than a dog who is annoyed or angry.

Exercise, exercise, exercise! The most common cause of problem behaviour is boredom and a lack of sufficient exercise. While you work or go out, your dog has little or nothing to do, and his need to exercise will not go away. A familiar yard or house is boring, and few dogs' exercise on their own without interaction with their owners. Take the time to play with your dog, jog with him, walk in the woods, swim or take long brisk walks each day. A tired dog is always a well-behaved dog!

🐾 **Provide mental stimulation.** Dr. Roger Abrante's suggestions regarding using 1/3 of your dog's diet for treats to be earned during training, 1/3 to be given as usual in a food bowl, and 1/3 to be "hunted" (try a **Buster Cube**, an ingenious new training aid which the dog must persistently work with to receive a few kibble at a time. This will amuse even a border collie for hours! Buster Cubes are available from *Legacy by Mail* - troydog@maui.net, or from your local pet store.) This "home alone" 1/3-1/3-1/3 program helps your dog expend some energy and provides much needed stimulation

🐾 **Understand your dog's genetic heritage.** Whether you own a Doberman or a Beagle, a Samoyed or a Westie, it is important to understand what your dog was bred to do. Owners often forget that the behaviour that prompts a dog to run or stay close, hunt or guard, chase and kill or herd, work with people or work independently are all the result of generations of carefully selected traits. Research your breed's history, and talk to people who understand your breed's characteristics. You may find that Rover's tendencies, while annoying or amusing, are precisely what makes him what he is. You can then decide how best to work with your dog's instincts and where you need to concentrate training efforts.

🐾 **Train your dog.** Every dog should have basic manners, but dogs are not born knowing how to behave. Take the time to train your dog on a consistent basis using kind, positive methods. Find a class near you whose methods and philosophies you like. If faced with a behaviour problem you can't solve, ask people you trust for a recommendation of an experienced trainer and get professional help fast. The sooner you begin working on a problem the sooner you will have it solved.



TRAINEE INSTRUCTORS

Members are invited to apply to enter the Instructors Course, which will commence in the New Year. Members applying will receive education in

- The Club – how it works and its history
- What makes a good Instructor?
- Understanding how dogs and people learn
- Be familiar with the difficulties people have in learning
- How to overcome these difficulties
- Understand how dogs learn
- How to be a successful Instructor
- Advances in dog training – what the public expect
- Positive training – what it is and how it works
- Learn training theory. Learn training methods

Course time frame 12 weeks plus apprentice time with a qualified Instructor. A Certificate will be issued after completing the course

Merit Certificate pass to commence as Trainee. Graduate Certificate pass required before you commence instructing.

Members! Did you know?

The Club has the following facilities available for your convenience

Equipment Shop

Open from 8.30 am to 9.00 am and 10.15 am to 11.00 am each training day. Come in and see the range of training equipment, leads, collars, harnesses, grooming equipment and treats, all at very competitive prices. Alex Shackleton, our Equipment Shop Manager will help you make the right selection for your needs. The Equipment Shop also has Club Jumpers, Vests and Polo shirts available in Club colours with the Club logo. If you wish, you can also arrange to have your particular breed embroidered opposite the logo. A \$10.00 deposit is required when you place your order or complete payment if you are ordering a garment with a specific breed.

Off-street Parking

Off-street parking is available to all members. For the safety of other Members and their dogs, please observe the 8-kph speed limits while on the grounds.

Club Raffle

Our Raffle Steward, Bernie Thomas, has a raffle available, usually, every second training day with special raffles held at various times. The funds raised from this raffle go towards expanding our Library. Bernie would also appreciate any offers of donated goods for the raffle.

Canteen

After training call into the Canteen for that much needed tea or coffee or maybe a cold drink and meet our Canteen Manager, Jim Broadbent. There is a sausage sizzle run on a roster basis by each of the Classes, listen to Announcements for up coming dates and make yourself available when your turn comes around. Jim is always looking for help in the Canteen, so if you can spare an hour once a month, see Jim so he can put you on a roster.

Club Library

The Club Library has an extensive range of books on dog training, dog problems, dog stories, etc. If you wish to do some reading to compliment your training you will need to call into the Office and join the Library. The cost is \$2.00, which is valid until the 30th June each year when you will need to renew. Robyn Youl, our Club Librarian, or Peg Pope, our assistant Librarian will be at the Library inside the Clubhouse to help you, from 10.00 am to 11.00 am each training day.

Clubhouse

Members, for the benefit of Members, built the Clubhouse. If it is cold and wet outside, have your tea or coffee in front of the heaters after training. There is a television available for the latest sports scores or maybe you would just like to chat with other Class members before heading home. The photo gallery on the walls of the Clubhouse are of foundation dogs of the Club and dogs that have since gained Titles in the various canine disciplines.

Dog Boxes

These boxes are available to members who would prefer not to leave their dogs in the car and are situated outside the storeroom. Please, for safety reasons, do not leave your dog tied on the veranda.

Bar

Bar facilities are available on Trial Days, social functions held within License hours and from 10.00 am on any training Sunday.