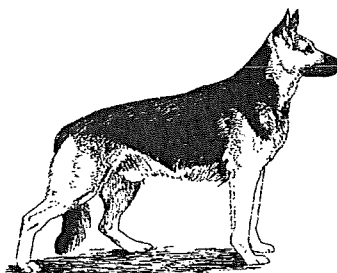
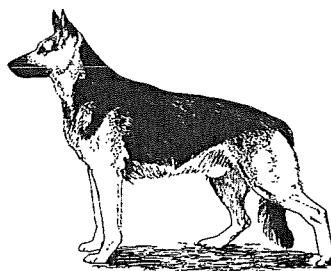
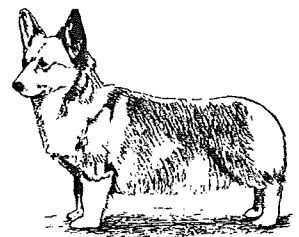
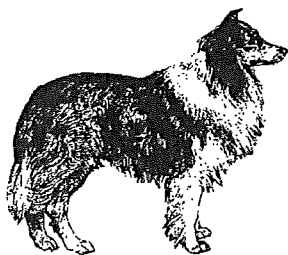
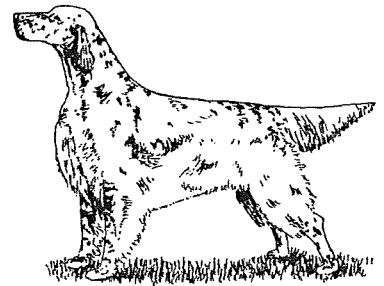
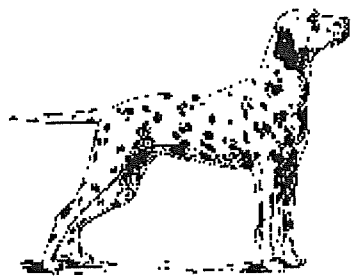
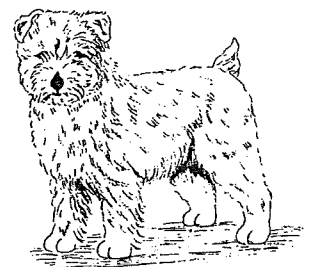
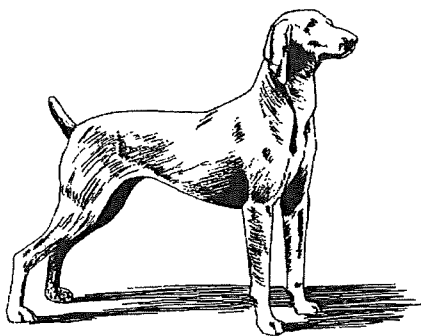


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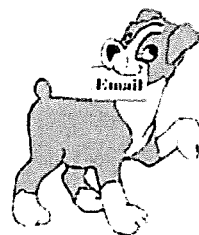
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NEW MEMBERS

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.

4/11/2007

Member

Bankin Jessica
Henry Michael

Harrison Haley Ann/Bamford Bradley John
Di Biagio Lily/Liddle Mick

Latchford Wendy/Latchford Ashley
Scott Kelly/Scott Jordan

Westwick Robert/Sharwell Lisa
Cain Heather
Valkenburg Alex/Valkenburg Gaby

Klemm Stacey
Den Hartog Helen
Wakely Sharon
Smith Thomas/Dower Tarah
Sanders Paul/Sanders Kerrie
Clifford Ruth
Dienes Maria
Wrest Melanie/Lockyer Shane

Sayer Georgina

Dog's Breed

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
Fox Terrier
Fox Terrier

Boxer
Corgi X Beagle
Kelpie X

Dalmatian
Boxer X Staghound
Boxer X Staghound

Labrador X
Border Collie
Dachshund X
Border Collie
Golden Retriever
Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Labrador Retriever

Border Collie
Border Collie
Whippet
Red Heeler/Kelpie
Staffy X
Staffy X
Labrador X

Dog's Name

Mia
Zippy
Daher
Codi
Rex
Milly
Harry
Bona
Archie
Fudge
Ned
Peewee
Zoe
Max
Coco
Jess
Shamehala
Kel
Millie
Cocoa
Saedee
Sparky
Elliott



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CLUB CALENDAR

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

RETURN TO TRAINING 2008

Sunday 3rd February
For current Members



Sunday 10th February
New Puppy and Class 1 Intake

CLUB INSTRUCTORS

Vice President (Training)

Colin Humphreys

Training Supervisor

David Gravalin

Assistant Training Supervisors

Sandy Malady

John Shields

Obedience

Joan Brophy

Fred Lehrmann

Sandy Malady

Kath Devlin

Andrew Wallace

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Victor Douglas

Kim Ciezarek

Ray Millard

Tina Button

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Val Moeller

John Shields

Desma Dickeson

Agility

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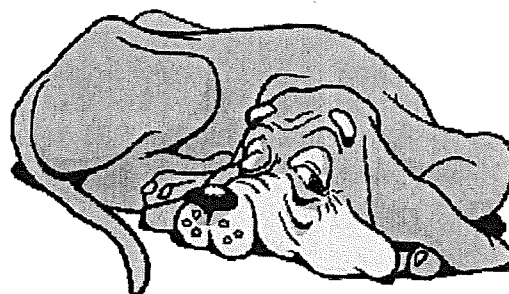
Jenny Chase

Peter Baker

Glenys Murray

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*"Be liberal when praising others
and conservative when praising
yourself"*



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well another month has passed us by. As this will be the last Newsletter for this year may I wish everyone a "Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year".

We are still looking for someone who is a builder to either quote on the verandah extension or maybe you know some one who would do the job for us with some help from the Members.

Don't forget the last training day is the 9th December and the Christmas function on Friday the 7th. I hope to see some of you there.

There will be a working bee to remove the mezzanine floor in the storeroom on the weekend following the last training day. If you are available to help out, see Victor Douglas.

From all reports the Winchelsea day was a success. Not sure if we got any new Members but looking forward to hearing more from those who went.

Also please be aware that snakes are often about in the warmer weather so be careful especially out in the ovals out the back.

Well enough from me. Good luck to those having a go for Promotion Day, and don't forget the free sausage sizzle on the last day and the fun day activities I'm sure the Training Supervisor has planned.

Jim Ball -President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

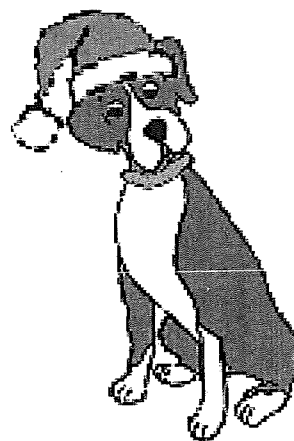
Christmas is almost upon us and with it of course, comes the Christmas break from training. I know our dogs enjoy the break as much as we do and always come back in the new year eager and ready to go.

Thank you to the Members who made the trip to Winchelsea on the 11th November. Wendy Ganly has a report and some photos further on in the Newsletter. The Festival was certainly larger than I expected and extremely well organized. We spoke to quite a few people on the day and handed out the 2008 Brochure and the spectators were very impressed with the dogs working in the ring. The organizers came over as we were packing up and thanked us for our efforts and also invited us back next year.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the Members a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all back for a very productive 2008.

Best wishes

Pam Convery – Secretary



TRIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Just to quick report to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our Schedules have been submitted for our Agility and Obedience Trials weekends for 2008, so will be looking for your help once again. The Trial sub-Committee will get together early in the new year to start planning the Agility weekend.

Congratulations to all the Members who have achieved Titles this year. It has been a very successful year in all disciplines and Members have worked hard for their results.

Enjoy the Christmas break.

Janelle Convery – Trial Secretary

TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Hi, our last promotion day for the year is just around the corner, so good luck.

As this is the last newsletter for the year, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Watch your dogs around Christmas decorations, plastic wrapping and other seasonal hazards. It is also the season for snakes, so beware particularly if near rivers and dams.

Keep up the training and see you next year (training starts back 3rd Feb.)

David Gravalin – Training Supervisor



ADVERTISING RATES FOR "FAITHFULLY YOURS"

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

RATES

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

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

Please note that we do not advertise puppy litters.

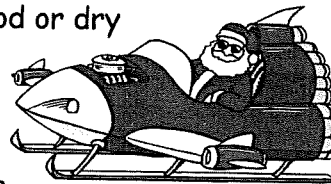


LOST DOGS HOME CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

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



LIBRARY NEWS

Library News.



In the concept of how much the Library walks in step with modern technology, the idea of tying it in to the needs into our members, it is no longer appropriate, to call it a **Library** - from the Latin - "Libra" books.

It has evolved into what is known and recognised as a **RESOURCE CENTRE** - in the provision of Resources to today's clients - our members.

So people who have LIBRARY stamped on their I.D.'S are not Borrowers, they are clients.

The new and absolutely modern approach is really paying dividends.

Book loans are up - as clients are encouraged to search the collection and to apply sophisticated and really easy "menu techniques" to what they read.

Would I dish this up to me? Would I dish it up to my Dog?

It is working, because clients are reading the old and the new books, absorbing information and making informed decisions based on the balance between two personalities - the facilitator (the human) and the partner {the canine companion}

Our Search Initiative has had a fantastic response. A client has a problem - we do the search so that the Client has a full printout the following Sunday.

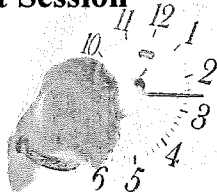
If it is urgent we post the printout to the Client's home.

Happy Heeling

Robyn & Peg.

CLASS TIME CHANGES FOR 2008

First Session



9.00am to 10.00am

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 Class
Advanced Agility

VCA TRIAL RESULTS

Ballarat Obedience Dog Club – Agility Trial - 21/10/07

Strategic Pairs Novice

J & P Convery	Goorambat The Manor CDX AD JD SD GD (Mason) Golden Retriever	3 rd Pass	5 th Place
Betty Lawrence	Tearleen Madam Mizelle ET JD SD (Yoda) Boxer	3 rd Pass	5 th Place
		SPD Title	SPD Title

Novice Agility

Lyn Wills	Sandy Brit JD	3 rd Pass	2 nd Place
		AD Title	

Open Jumping

Roy Lawrence	Shionabox The Wishmaster CD ET JDX ADX SPD SD JDO GD (Kimbo) Boxer	1 st Pass	2 nd Place
Betty Lawrence	Tearleen Madam Mizelle ET JD SD (Yoda) Boxer	NQ	3 rd Place
Peter Baker	Dunnwarren Blue Curacao CD ET GD ADX JDM JDO (Poppy) Border Collie	Pass	2 nd Place
Peter Baker	Dunnwarren Blue Curacao CD ET GD ADX JDM JDO (Poppy) Border Collie	Pass	3 rd Place

Masters Jumping

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

Werribee Obedience Dog Club – Obedience Trial - 27/10/07

Open Obedience

J & P Convery	Goorambat The Manor CDX AD JD SD GD SPD (Mason) Golden Retriever - 'Highest Scoring Geelong Member'	NQ	1 st Place
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CCD am

Elaine Longshaw	Elmaro Celtic Cross (Kuyan) Dobermann	NQ	3 rd Place
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Warrnambool Agility & Jumping Trial – 3rd November 07

Open Agility

Jenny Chase	Tylker Ganesh CDX ADX JDX SDX SPD GD ET (Cooper) Boxer	4 th Pass	2 nd Place
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Masters Jumping

Peter Baker	Dunnwarren Blue Curacao CD ET GD ADX JDM JDO (Poppy) Border Collie	Pass	4 th Place
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Open Jumping

Peter Baker	Dunnwarren Blue Curacao CD ET GD ADX JDM JDO (Poppy) Border Collie	Pass	1 st Place
Peter Baker	Dunnwarren Blue Curacao CD ET GD ADX JDM JDO (Poppy) Border Collie	Pass	2 nd Place
		Best Geelong Member	

VCA TRIAL RESULTS

Ballarat O D C Obedience Trial – 18th November 2007

CCD

Elaine Longshaw

Elmaro Celtic Cross
(Kuyan) Dobermann

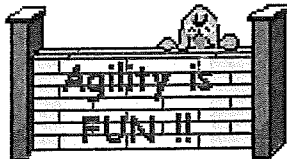
3 Pass 1st Place
CCD Title

Novice

Ray & Karen Millard

Mundoona Karay Dream CCD
(Lexi)

NQ 2nd Place
Highest Scoring Geelong Member



AGILITY CLASSES

The Club offers Agility Classes each Sunday morning for dogs that have gained their Merit Certificate.

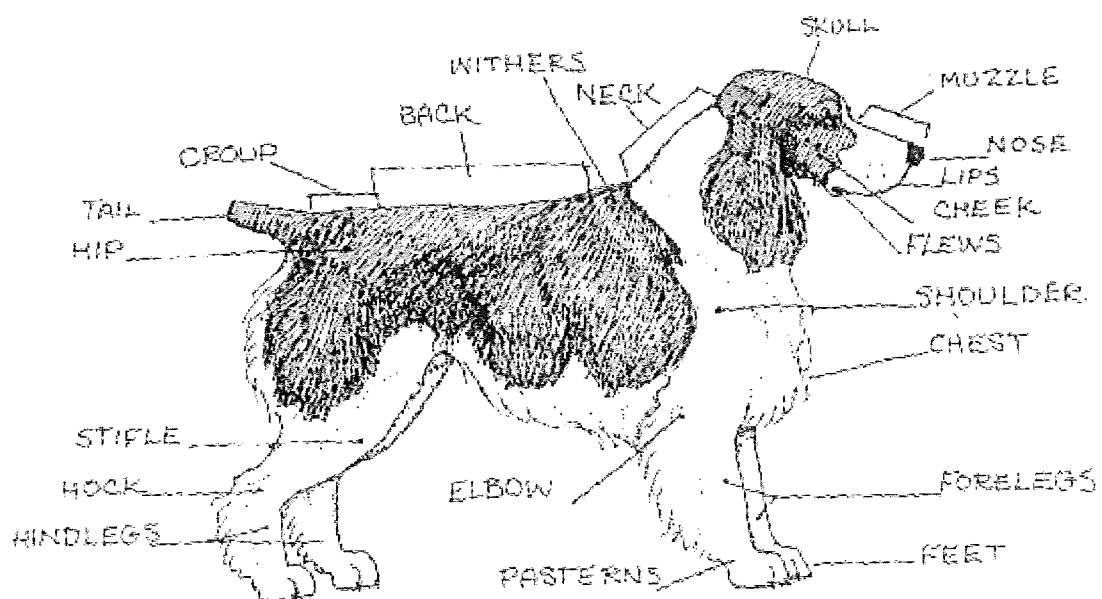
There is a series of four Classes through which you and your dog proceed, beginning with the Foundation Class and moving through Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced. Should you be interested in Trialing after this, there are two sessions offered on Monday evenings with more of a self-help and peer support format

New classes are beginning in 1st term, 2008, so if you and your dog would like to join in, make sure you get a form from the Office or the Agility Instructors, ask your Instructor to sign it for you so we know your dog is under control off lead, and hand it back to the Office or one of the Agility Instructors.



Agility is a lot of fun – just ask anyone who is already hooked!

CANINE ANATOMY



READING DOG BODY LANGUAGE

Sent in by Wendy Ganly

This dog is under extreme stress.

Looking to handler for reassurance.

Ears back and down, pinned flat against neck. Wide open mouth, lips drawn back, rapid respiration.

Center of gravity forward, shoulders lowered, hunched forward. Tail tucked, tension in haunches, probably trembling.

How to greet this dog: Stand sideways, using calming signals - yawn, deep sigh, pick at the floor (imitates sniffing) will help her relax and feel safer.

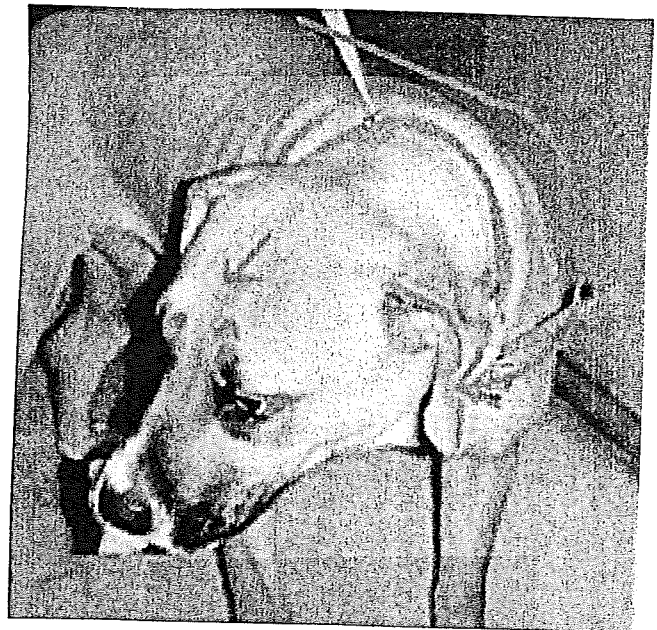
Avoid stroking and cooing "it's ok, it's alright." Excess adrenalin results in suppressed appetite; the dog will be able to take food when her stress level comes down.



Calming signals, appeasement

Body curved in C-shape. Head lowered and turned away, nose down. Ears lowered but relaxed. Tension over eyebrows. Eyes squinted but soft, blinking. Lips soft. Nose, lip lick. Body weight shifted, paw probably raised.

This dog is trying to appear as non-threatening as possible, his goal is to diffuse any aggression from approaching person or animal in a totally passive way. By using appropriate body language and calming signals, you could easily let this dog know that you are non-threatening and ease his tension. Don't loom, hover or stare. Get low, turn sideways, use soft eye and quiet voice.



READING DOG BODY LANGUAGE continued.

Avoidance - aggressive response likely if approached too quickly or cornered.

Dog is in C-shape, looking away, but head is lifted slightly, pupils dilated in a frozen stare, watching with peripheral vision.

Center of gravity is toward oncoming "threat"

Ears back and lowered, tail low.

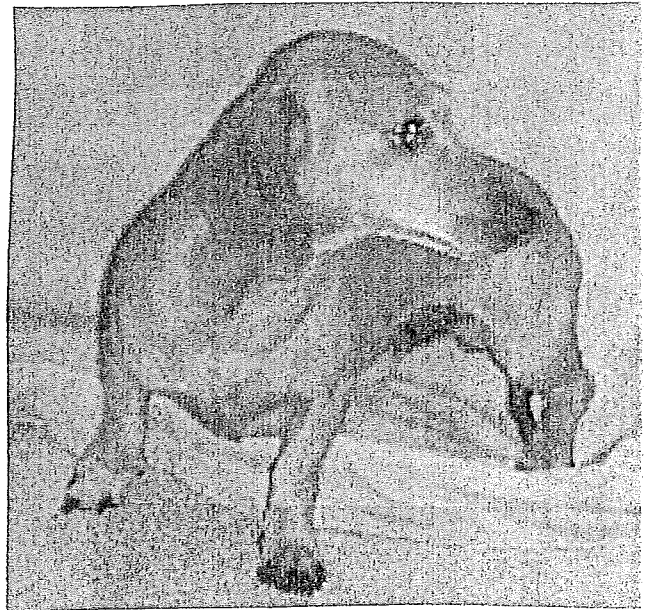
Lips are forward and in tense line.

Tenseness over muzzle, whiskers erect.

Tenseness in the haunches.

"Frozen" defense (freeze, fight or flight)

While this dog is not looking for a fight, it is likely that if reached for suddenly, it would react in self defense with a rapid, probably inhibited, series of fast bites



"La-la-la I don't see you."

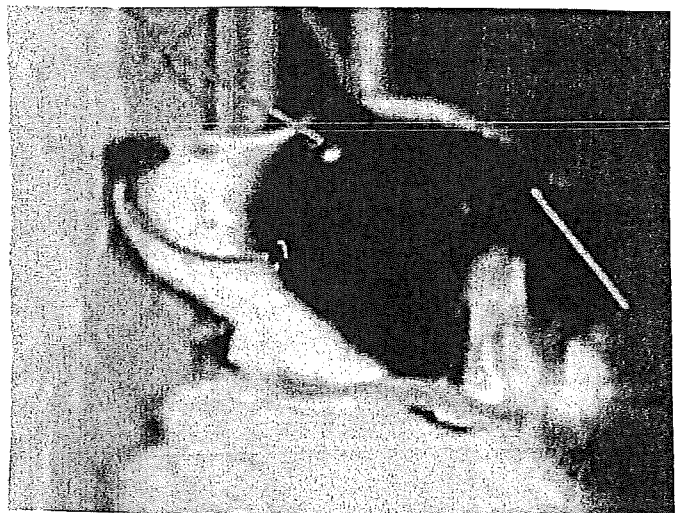
Note: this dog is not looking to a person for reassurance, he's looking at the wall – trying to be invisible.

Nose up, ears back.

Whale eye stare.

Lips drawn back. (fear)

Flight would be his first choice, but he is cornered by being on leash and against a wall.



This pup has also flattened himself against the wall, this time in a more actively self-defensive posture.

Ears back, whale eye, focused on person holding his leash.

Lips are tight, whiskers forward.

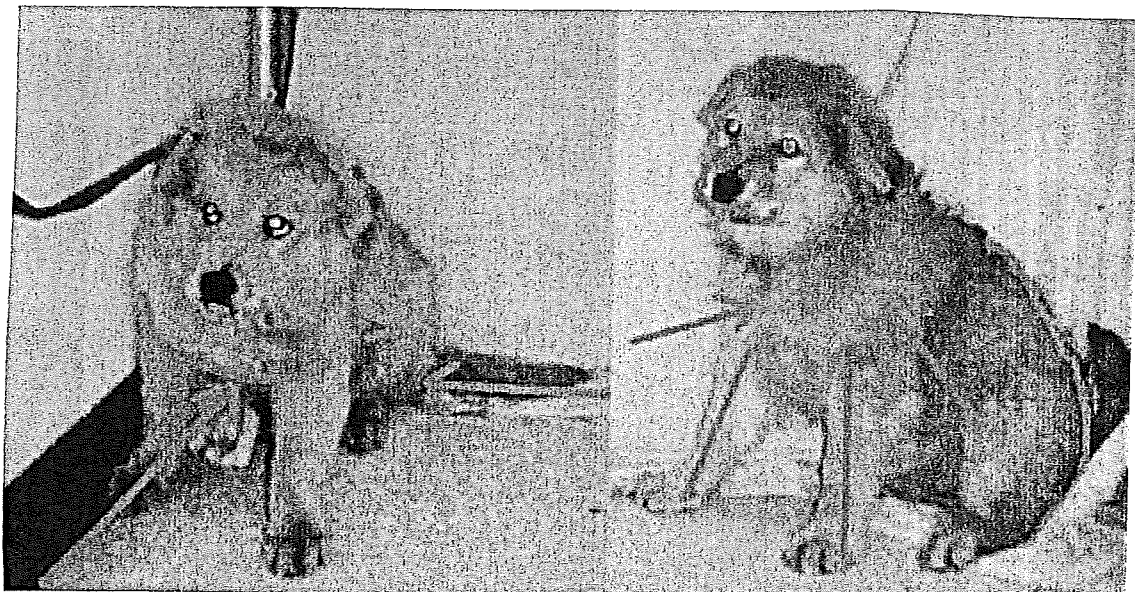
Tail is up, not tucked - he is probably just as stressed but is more confident/aroused than the previous pup.

The previous pup would probably hurt HIMSELF trying to get away, this pup might hurt YOU.



READING DOG BODY LANGUAGE continued.

Beware the cornered dog. You must always leave an escape route.



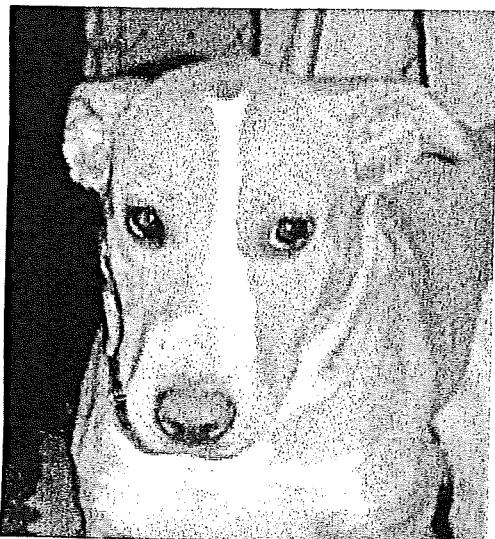
Pup A.

Head is lowered, whale eye, ears back. Backed into corner, lips tight and forward. Shoulders lowered, weight shifted to left, looking for escape route.

Pup B.

Chin up, pupils dilated. Ears back & down, tightness over muzzle, lips forward, whiskers erect. Backed into a corner, legs braced. Direct stare, prepared defend self. Which is more likely bite?

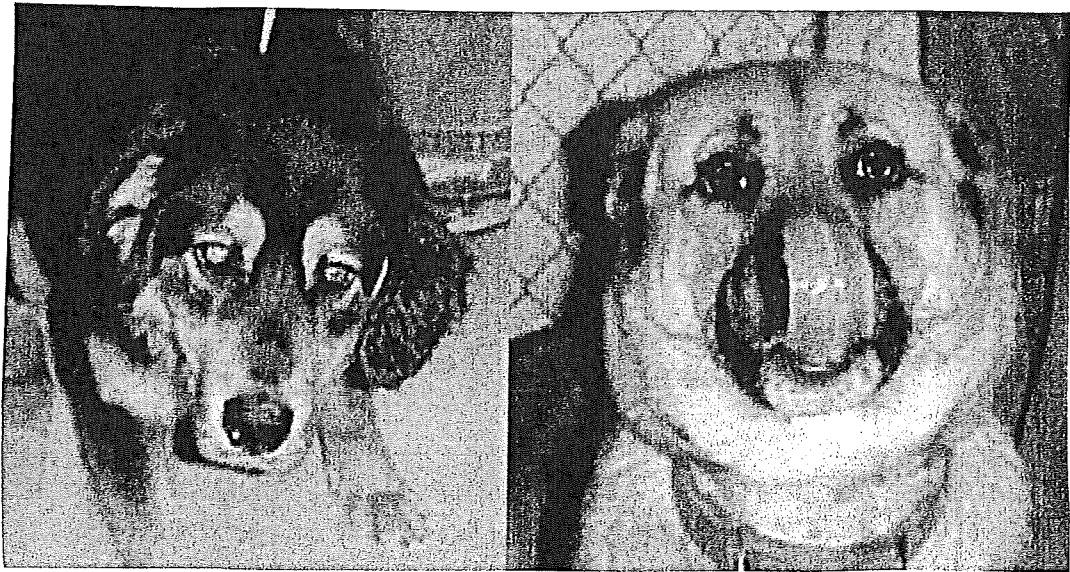
Both of these pups are stressed, fearful and willing to defend themselves if pressed. Pup B is probably most prepared to bite at this moment.



Similar, and yet so different. Dog at right is telling you with his eyes exactly where he intends to bite.

READING DOG BODY LANGUAGE continued.

Response to looming and staring.



A. Direct eye contact -could growl if feels challenged. B. Big calming signal - appeasing nose lick.

Relaxed, confident and well-socialized



Lips, ears, facial muscles, eyes are relaxed, respiration normal.

For more information on body language and calming signals, Turrid Rugaas' Calming Signals booklet and video, available through **Dogwise!**

Christmas Party



7 th December 2007

A great nights entertainment
Spit roast meal, Music D.J.

Only \$20.00 per head to
Finish up the year with your class
Mates and Friends.

Come along and have some fun.
Bookings with Payment should be made
prior to this event and payment can
be made at the clubrooms on Training
days, or contacting Karen or Ray Millard
On PH.52672618

GENERAL MEETING

Meeting opened: 9.04pm, Tuesday, October 2, 2007

Apologies : K. Sproat, H. Read, L. Hotchkin.

Acc: C. Humphrey

Seconded: A. Shackleton

Carried

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

Acc: J. Convery

Seconded: A. Shackleton

Carried

Business arising from the Minutes

1. R. Millard and L. Wills went through the minutes and found several notes in relation to the verandah extension. R. Millard then went to Council. We have basic approval for the extension of the verandah. They suggested we get quotes and then present these at a General Meeting. One quote had already been obtained from a builder for \$17,000. More will be sought.

Correspondence Out:

Trevor Brown – Winchelsea Festival, Sunday November 11 at 1.30pm.

Correspondence In:

1. Lions Club of Hamlyn Heights re World Festival of Magic.
2. T. Gavaghan – hire of grounds for a NADAC competition on Saturday, May 24, 2008.
3. Sportslink registration Approval.
4. Leisure Networks – October E-news available from their website.
5. C.O.G.G. – ground allocation summer season.

Business arising from Correspondence:

1. T. Gavaghan – hire of grounds for a NADAC Competition. (D. Dickeson wrote letter on this previously, and would like noted.) Moved by F. Lehrmann 'that we permit NADAC to use our grounds for competition purposes on Saturday, May 24, 2008.' Seconded: T. Gordon. D. Gravalin moved 'that we add a proviso that the grounds were suitable at the time'. Seconded: L. Kelleher. Carried.
2. Lions Club request for Festival of Magic sponsoring of five children. D. Schulz suggested our focus should be on dog related subjects. Due to insufficient funding currently we are not able to go ahead with this donation.

Treasurer's Report

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

Acc: S. Malady

Seconded: J. Convery

Carried

Other Reports

All reports as submitted to Annual General Meeting this date.

General Business:

GENERAL MEETING

1. P. Convery raised the issue of updating our current PA system. The cost would be approximately \$1300 to replace with a more up-to-date system. A demonstration can be given of the suggested system (mobile PA). L. Kelleher suggested we have a trial of same as soon as possible.
2. F. Lehrmann decided to get back at M. Brieberg for having written about him in Newsletter. F. Lehrmann made a photograph album of the construction of the clubhouse, and then donated the album to the club.

As there was no further business meeting closed at 9.27pm.



GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 4th December 2007
Commencing at 8.00pm
All Members welcome

SIGNS TO LOOK FOR WHEN CHECKING YOUR DOG'S WEIGHT



- Ribs, lumbar vertebrae, and pelvic bones easily visible
- No palpable fat
- Obvious waist and abdominal tuck
- Prominent pelvic bones



- Ribs easily palpable
- Minimal fat covering
- Waist easily noted when viewed from above
- Abdominal tuck evident



- Ribs palpable, but not visible
- Waist observed behind ribs when viewed from above
- Abdomen tucked up when viewed from side



- Ribs palpable with slight excess of fat covering
- Waist discernible when viewed from above, but not prominent
- Abdominal tuck apparent



- Ribs not easily palpable under a heavy fat covering
- Fat deposits over lumbar area and tail base
- Waist barely visible to absent
- No abdominal tuck -- may exhibit obvious abdominal distention

AGILITY WEEKEND

Great weather, great accommodation, great camaraderie and the most picturesque setting imaginable – what more could you want from a weekend's agility trials?

This was what was ahead of us when eleven Geelong Obedience Club members set off for the three-day NADAC Nationals, held this year at Neerim East. As usual, we were laden to the hilt with gear for our dogs and ourselves so it was a relief to be able to unpack and leave everything set up for the three days. We managed to find good spots for the tents near the ring, close to shade trees and close to the creek for those dogs that liked to cool off in it. The ground was part of a natural amphitheatre and covered in lush green grass. Perfect!



Over the three days we participated in sixteen events, covering such things as Regular agility, Jumpers, Hoopers, Weavers, Touch N Go, Chances and Tunnelers, but we also had the opportunity to form teams of three dogs and compete in a team event each day. Geelong Members acquitted themselves well and brought home lots of qualies and rosettes for their efforts.

As well as the two international judges from America and Canada we were very fortunate to have three others on their team to advise and support us too. At no other agility trial have I experienced the help given to us by these five wonderful people. There was a mini seminar scheduled for the Friday night, but on Saturday afternoon the Trial was stopped for twenty minutes or so and another impromptu, but very relevant, explanation/demonstration was also given.

They taught us so much, and in reply, we tried to further their education re Australian slang and colloquialisms. Some expressions they had learned from the internet and some of their American equivalents were just too inappropriate!

Throughout the three days there were many individual highlights and personal bests but the prevailing atmosphere of fun and friendship was what made the Nationals the special event it was.

Trish Gavaghan



To Dog Owners Everywhere: A Dog's Plea

Author unknown – Sent in by *Gerlinde A. Neukirchner*

Treat me kindly, my beloved friend for no heart in all this world is more grateful for kindness than the loving heart of me.

Do not break my spirit with a stick for though I should lick your hand between blows, your patience and understanding will more quickly teach me the things you would have me learn.

Speak to me often, for your voice is the world's sweetest music, as you must know by the fierce wagging of my tail, when your footsteps fall upon my waiting ear.

Please take me inside when it is cold and wet for I am a domesticated animal, no longer accustomed to bitter elements.

I ask no greater glory than to have the privilege of sitting at your feet beside the hearth.

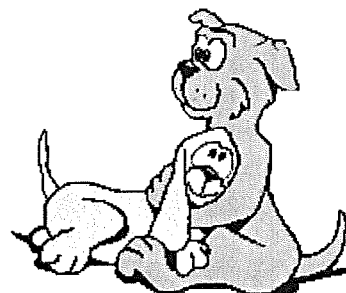
Keep my pan filled with water for I cannot tell you when I suffer thirst.

Feed me clean food that I may stay well, to romp and play and do your bidding, to walk by your side, and stand ready, wiling and able to protect you with my life, should your life be in danger.

And my friend, when I am old and no longer enjoy good health and sight, do not make heroic efforts to keep me going, I am not having fun.

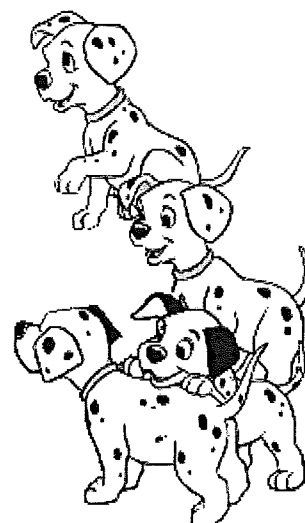
Please see that my trusting life is taken gently.

I shall leave this earth knowing with the last breath I draw that my fate was always safest in your hands.



Dog Proverbs

- ❖ "There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face."
- *Ben Williams*
- ❖ "Whoever said you cannot buy happiness forgot about little puppies."
- *Gene Hill*
- ❖ "Money will buy you a pretty good dog, but it won't buy the wag of his tail." - *Unknown*
- ❖ "No one appreciates the very special genius of your conversation as your dog does." - *Christopher Morley*
- ❖ "A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself." - *Josh Billings*
- ❖ "I've seen a look in dogs' eyes, a quickly vanishing look of amazed contempt, and I am convinced that basically dogs think humans are nuts." - *John Steinbeck*
- ❖ "Say something idiotic and nobody but a dog politely wags his tail." - *Virginia Graham*
- ❖ "All knowledge, the totality of all questions and answers, is contained in the dog." - *Franz Kafka*



WINCHELSEA FESTIVAL 11 November 2007

Twenty one members and 19 dogs travelled to Winchelsea to show off to the public their Obedience, Agility, Tricks and Flyball skills for those who stopped to watch.

A quick run through of the exercises were done by the newer Members of the Club at the grounds after Classes had finished before we went on our way.

Ohhhh's and Arhhhh's were heard as the dogs completed the exercises over the playing of music by the Bellarine Country and Western Group that went all day.



Peter Baker, Janelle & Pam Convery and Leonie Kelleher ventured out early in the morning to set up camp. It was a very hot day and the shade that was provided by the Gazebo was very welcome.

Peter put on a display of tricks that he and Amigo do while we waited for everyone to arrive.

Leonie gave a running commentary on what was happening in the ring as I yelled out the instructions over the band on what exercise they were about to do.

All the dogs performed well in a very noisy situation and it was great to see one dog that I was told had issues perform every exercise that was asked of him.

It is hoped that more demonstrations will be done in the very near future.



I would like to congratulate all those who participated on the day.

You allowed people to see what can be achieved by training your dog. The exercises were ones that can be used in a normal day with Furry Friends.

Those who came along were:

Peter Baker, Poppy and Amigo, Debbie Larkin and Carney, Leonie Kelleher and Branko, Wendy Ganly and Gambit, Sarah Bennett, Charli and Deisel, Leah Stones and Bandit, Janelle Convery and Mason, Jeanette Hewitt and Bella Wendy, Skye & Gordon McCraw with Gypsy and Digga, Gaye and Clinton Jennings with D'Bare

and CeCe, Girlinde and Lorenz Newkirchner and Tzaesar, Peter Banta and Coco, Lisa McNamara and , Ray and Karen Millard with Lexie and Maddison.

Wendy Ganly
Publicity Officer

Winchelsea Fun



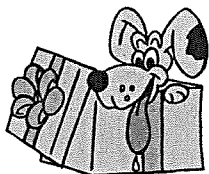
Stand for Exam and Down Stay



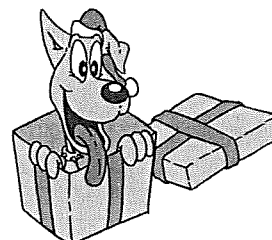
Food Refusal and Dumbbell Retrieve

A tight squeeze through the tunnel!





Geelong Obedience Dog Club Christmas Break Up Sunday 9th December 2007



9.30	<p><u>Fun & Games</u> 1st and 2nd session classes will be combined. <u>All</u> classes will commence at 9.30 am. Classes to move thru each area every 15 mins.</p>
To	<p><u>Area 1 - Obstacle course</u> Including Tunnel, broad jump and weaving poles.</p>
10.30	<p><u>Area 2 - Fastest Good O Eater</u> Each dog will have food placed in front and the first to finish is the winner</p>
	<p><u>Area 3 - Dice Game</u> Toss the dice and carry out the action (Sit, Drop etc). First to complete is the winner.</p>
	<p><u>Area 4- Drop closest to the rope</u> The handler who can get their dog to drop closest to the rope wins</p>
10.30	
to	
11.00	<p>Santa clause will arrive at 10.30 am for the children</p>
	<p>Free sausage sizzle on the verandah. Free tea and coffee available for the canteen.</p>
11.00	<p>Presentation to Animal Welfare</p> <p>Presentation end of year trophies, title medallions, Special awards.</p> <p>Certificates from the last Promotion Day</p>
to	
12 noon	

At the end of presentations it will be a Merry Christmas to everyone and we will see you next year

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB CALENDAR 2008

January

Thursday	10 January	Office re-opens – 2.00 pm to 6.30 pm
Monday	21 January	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Saturday	26 January	Australia Day

February

Sunday	3 February	Return to training for current Members
Tuesday	5 February	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Sunday	10 February	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for all fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Friday	15 February	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	17 February	Normal training
Monday	18 February	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	24 February	Normal training. Newsletter available

March

Sunday	2 March	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Sunday	9 March	LABOUR DAY WEEKEND. NO TRAINING
Saturday	15 March	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	16 March	Normal training.
Monday	17 March	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Sunday	23 March	EASTER WEEKEND. NO TRAINING
Sunday	30 March	Normal training. Newsletter available

April

Tuesday	1 April	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised.
		Agility Trial entries close
Saturday	5 April	Trial working bee. To be advised
Sunday	6 April	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Friday	11 April	Trial working bee. To be advised
Saturday	12 April	BACK-TO-BACK AGILITY TRIALS
Sunday	13 April	BACK-TO-BACK AGILITY TRIALS. NO TRAINING
Monday	14 April	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	20 April	Normal training. Newsletter available
Sunday	27 April	ANZAC DAY WEEKEND. NO TRAINING

May

Sunday	4 May	PROMOTION DAY.
Sunday	11 May	Normal training.
Thursday	15 May	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	18 May	Normal training
Monday	19 May	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Sunday	25 May	Spirit of the West proposed date. Newsletter available

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB CALENDAR 2008

June

Sunday	1 June	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	3 June	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Sunday	8 June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND. NO TRAINING
Sunday	15 June	Normal training. Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Monday	16 June	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	22 June	Normal training.
Sunday	29 June	Normal training. Newsletter available
Monday	30 June	End of financial year for all departments. Stocktake required for Canteen, Bar and Shop.

July

Sunday	6 July	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Friday	11 July	Obedience Trial entries close
Sunday	13 July	Normal Training.
Tuesday	15 July	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Monday	14 July	Instructor's Meeting - 7.30 pm
Saturday	19 July	Trial working bee. To be advised.
Sunday	20 July	PROMOTION DAY. Newsletter available
Friday	25 July	Trial working bee. To be advised
Saturday	26 July	OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIALS
Sunday	27 July	OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIALS. NO TRAINING

August

Sunday	3 August	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	5 August	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Sunday	10 August	Normal training
Friday	15 August	Newsletter closes for articles, report, etc
Sunday	17 August	Normal training
Monday	18 August	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Sunday	24 August	Normal training.
Sunday	31 August	Normal training. Newsletter available

September

Sunday	7 September	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	9 September	Committee and Non-Committee nominations close
Sunday	14 September	Normal training.
Monday	15 September	Instructors Meeting – 7.30 pm. Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	21 September	Normal training
Tuesday	23 September	Life Membership nominations close
Sunday	28 September	PROMOTION DAY. Newsletter available

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB CALENDAR 2008

October

Sunday	5 October	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	7 October	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 8.00 pm
Sunday	12 October	Annual Walk-a-thon. To be advised
Wednesday	15 October	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	19 October	Normal training
Monday	20 October	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Sunday	26 October	Normal training. Newsletter available

November

Sunday	2 November	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Sunday	9 November	Normal training
Saturday	15 November	Newsletter closes for articles, report, etc
Sunday	16 November	Normal training. End of Year Awards closing date
Monday	17 November	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	23 November	Normal training.
Sunday	30 November	Normal training. . Newsletter available

December

Tuesday	2 December	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Sunday	7 December	PROMOTION DAY
Sunday	14 December	Last day of training for 2008
Thursday	18 December	Office closes