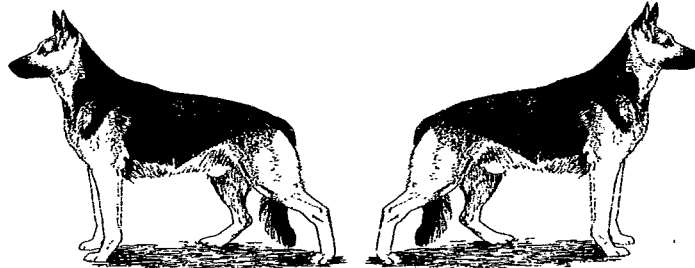
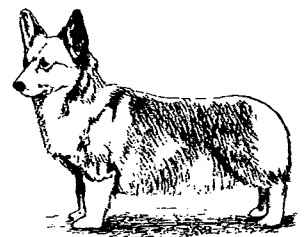
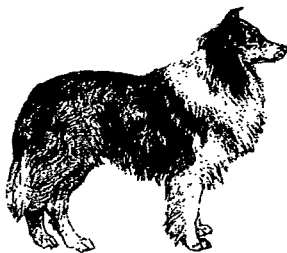
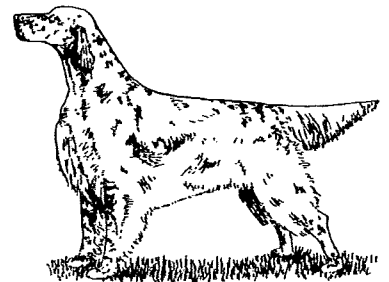
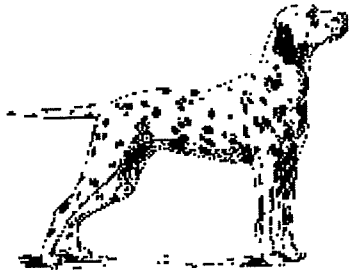
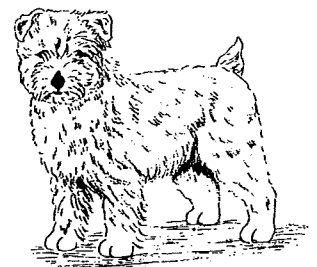
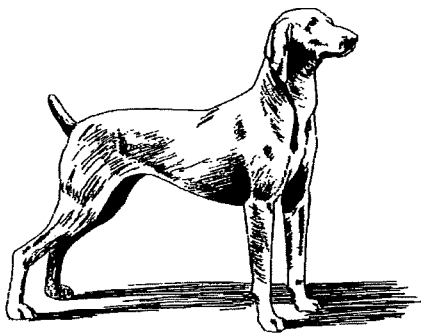


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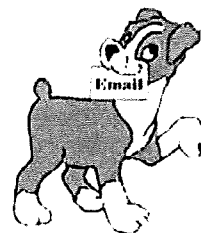
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CLUB CALENDAR

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

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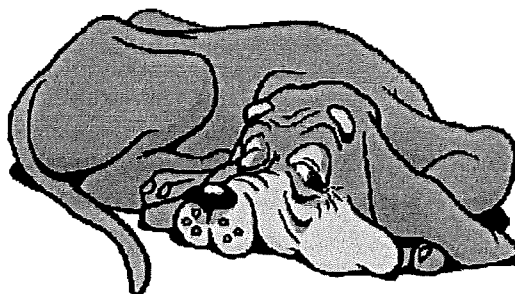
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Andrew Wallace	Tina Button	

Agility

Trish Gavaghan	Peter Baker	Glenys Murray
Jenny Chase		

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever" - Gandhi



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well another year has passed us by. I hope every one has had a very relaxing time during the Club break. It is with deep sadness I must report that our Assistant Librarian, Peg Pope passed away just before Christmas. I, along with the Committee and Members pass on our sympathies to her family.

Now on to things that have been happening while we were in recess. The mezzanine floor in the store-room has been removed and the new racking on the walls should be in place by the time this comes out. Also, what started out as a joke by the Secretary, seems to have backfired on her, as the Office and the Shop area have been repainted. Be careful as to what you say in jest Pam. It might come around and bite you.

Hopefully a few people will have shown up to the working bee that was held on the 26th Jan to get the grounds in a reasonable condition. Grass cut and rubbish removed from around the grounds. I hope everyone will get behind the Committee for the rest of the year and help out where you can. This Club is run by volunteers and the more help we get the easier it makes every ones job.

Please also remember that you need to be here for training on time. It is amazing to see the number of people who seem to continually turn up late for their Class. Have a little consideration for the Instructors, who give up their time to assist you and to your fellow Class mates. Good luck for the rest of the year and please remember," IF IT IS HOT, DON'T LEAVE YOUR DOG IN THE CAR".

Jim Ball -President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Welcome back to training for 2008. I hope you have a successful year whatever your goals may be.

It was a fairly busy holiday season at the Club. The Office and Equipment Shop has been painted – I believe it's been about 20 years and several floods since that's been done. Thanks to Alex Shackleton and Judy Wong for their patience dabbing paint in the brickwork. It certainly looks a lot cleaner and brighter. Then the mezzanine floor was removed from the Storeroom and the walls lined with shelving, which has created a lot more useable and accessible space and thanks must go to Lindsay Wong and his various "assistants" for all their hard work.

With all the updating of the facilities we will need to do some fundraising, so please support any fundraising efforts out there this year.

Don't forget the General Meeting on Tuesday 5th February. Peter Joynson from CGG By Laws Office will be down to answer any questions you may have regarding the new Dog Management Plan. Final submission date has now been extended to the 29th February. So you have time to make informed decisions on how this new Plan will affect you as a dog owner.

Pam Convery – Secretary



LIBRARY NEWS

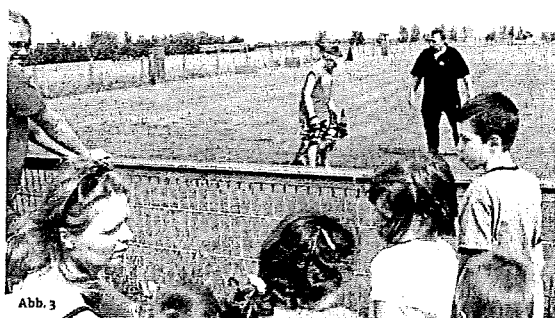
This month we go international to Germany to read about German Shepherds and kids. Thanks to our Patron, Fred Lehrmann who provided the article and the translations from the German.

“An afternoon for 38 children at the GSD Brandi Barleben to learn about living with dogs and about their role in everyday life as Police, Sniffer or Assistance Dogs for handicapped people.



Branch leader Horst Blume, together with the Breed warden, explains the German Shepherd Dog.

The children gather around “Hardy von der Salzblume”, the darling of the afternoon.



The children watch as the youngest Branch member works with his dog.

Breed warden W Hasenbrug explains how to lead a dog.”



This project, which was a joint effort of Peg, Robyn and Fred was Peg’s last “Happy Heeling”.

Peg was born in South Melbourne in September 1924 and died at Grovedale after a short illness on 22 December 2007.

As Assistant Librarian, Peg had a keen sense of what would be a great story for Library News.

This last article with Fred was the essential Peg. Peg, you left us 83 years young and we miss you.

Robyn Youl – Librarian and Fred Lehrmann - Patron

VCA TRIAL RESULTS

Portland Dog Obedience Club – 25th November, 2007

Master Agility

Jenny Chase	Tylker Ganesh CDX ADX JDX SDX SPD GD ET (Cooper) – Boxer	2 nd Place	NQ
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Open Jumping

Jenny Chase	Tylker Ganesh CDX ADX JDX SDX SPD GD ET (Cooper) – Boxer	3 rd Place	NQ
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Warrinal Agility and Jumping Trial – 1st Decemeber 2007

Excellent Agility

Anne Macrae	Misty JDX, GD, AD	1 st Place	1 st Pass
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Masters Agility

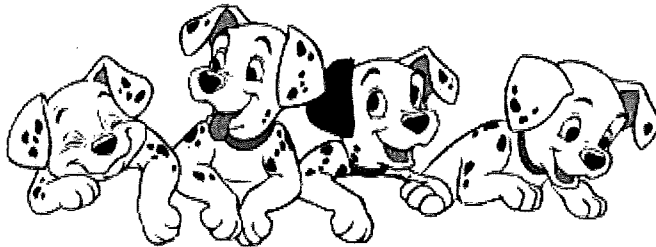
Peter Baker	Dunnwarren Blue Curacao CD ET GD JDO JDM ADX (Poppy) – Border Collie	3 rd Place	Pass
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Masters Jumping

Peter Baker	Dunnwarren Blue Curacao CD ET GD JDO JDM ADX (Poppy) – Border Collie	5 th Place	Pass
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Open Jumping

Peter Baker	Dunnwarren Blue Curacao CD ET GD JDO JDM ADX (Poppy) – Border Collie	2 nd Place	Pass
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Letter to Santa from an Obedience Exhibitor

Dear Santa will you bring me
A gift to make me smile?
Santa will you bring me
Just one high in Trial?

Dear Santa, will you bring me
Just one 200 score?
Just once in my lifetime
and I'd never ask for more

Of course I know, Dear Santa,
Its a lesson that I've learned
A win does not come gift wrapped,
First they must be earned.

What I'd really like, dear Santa
Is a happy "man's best friend"
When an exercise is finished,
He wags his whole rear end

He struts along so proudly,
His head is held up high
You can tell he loves it
By the twinkle in his eye

The gift I'd like, dear Santa,
Is the most important one
My dog and I just want to have
The gift of having fun!!

ELMARO CELTIC CROSS C.C.D. (Kuyan)

Kuyan came into my life when he was 18 months old as an untrained, rehomed dog with an extremely affectionate nature and one he shared with everyone he met by licking them from toe to head (remember you must always start at the bottom and work your way up!). His main philosophy was that life is meant for play and a good part of his earlier Class time was spent in running off to make his introductions to any dog not already known to him, much to my disgust, and that of many of our instructors along the way.



Beginners and Merit were achieved within normal times, but then the rot set in once we got to Basic.

It took us just over a year and a lot of times I despaired we'd never get there. During this time I had a few hiccups being on crutches for a week or so, then later breaking my back, so the road was definitely not easy. Each time we were tested we'd miss out on one exercise, which was very demoralising! Very frustrating when your dog gallops past you in the Recall in search of someone to play with!

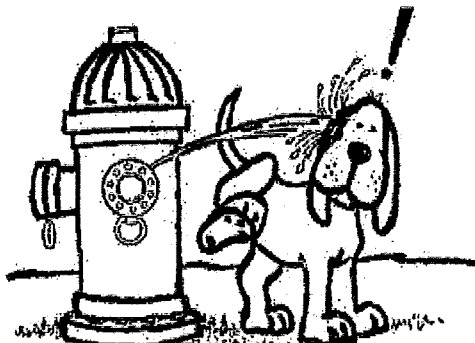
I decided that instead of having to run away to play all the time, I'd get him his own permanent friend and this was the turning point. Also we joined the Agility Class and gave his active body something to do that he really enjoyed. He was tested to be a Pet Therapy dog and this is something he excels in as he loves people unreservedly, and his visiting is ongoing. So we were ahead in this activity.

We joined the Tuesday evening Trial training Class and it was here that we finally started to put it all together. We received our Basic at last.

Then off to Ballarat for a double Obedience Trial in July and we achieved TWO passes. The weather was against us then with Geelong's Trials being cancelled. Next came Werribee where they really turned on the heat and he found the going too much for him. With our fingers crossed we headed off to Ballarat once again in November and he made it obtaining his third pass and CCD title! Hooley dooley!

Thanks go to Pam and Leonie and the other Trial training Class participants without whose help it would not have been possible. And, as for Ballarat, well I may not want to live there, but I will certainly support their Trials there.

Elaine Longshaw



HAVE YOU EVER HAD ONE OF THOSE
DAYS WHEN NOTHING WENT RIGHT!

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CAN YOU GUESS WHICH DOG THIS IS? (OR MAYBE IT SOUNDS LIKE YOUR DOG)

Name withheld to protect reputation

I got to thinking this week after yet another thieving episode as to what my dog has managed to eat (after stealing) in the 3 years that he's lived with me.

To the best of my knowledge, it's something like this

3 cooked chooks

At least 4 loaves of bread

Half a tub of margarine

2 ham rolls (my lunch!)

Cooking steak (burnt his whiskers on that one - it was still in the fry pan)

2 lip balm sunscreens

3 heads of broccoli

2 cakes of soap (one of which he calmly helped himself to whilst I was in the shower)

A small shampoo bottle

My ID card from work

1 chocolate muffin

1 roll of spearmint Mentos (although he evidently didn't like them as he left most of them. Improved his breath tho'!)

Half a tub of Spinach Dip

Half a packet of water crackers (same incident)

Several bread rolls

My work mobile phone

Several leather work gloves (shame he's only at CCD and not doing articles yet!)

A couple of cups of tea

Half a packet of Ginger Nut bickies

A bowl of porridge left to cool

Several other slow-eating dogs' dinners

Friends cat's food

2-3 kg of dry food from a prize bag (sealed) of dry food in the back of a dog trailer was spotted trying to take the lid off the bulk food bin and he has scored a number of cooking items on the BBQ!

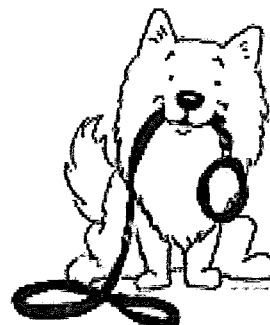
I'm sure I've forgotten a few things, but honestly! The new, high pedal bin has frustrated some recycling efforts, but he has worked out how to open my zippered lunch cooler which lives in my strapped up backpack.

Thank heavens they don't have thumbs!

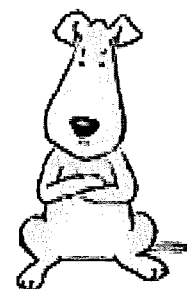
A very patient human

Editor's Note:

I believe toilet rolls have been added to this dog's dietary delights!



LET'S GO!



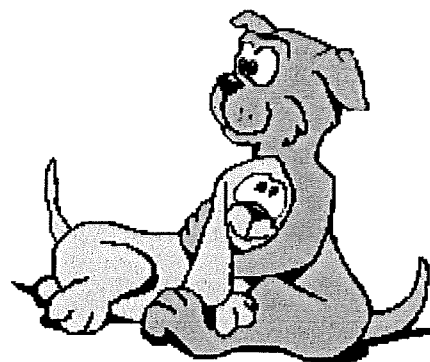
I AM NOT AMUSED



Good Morning

Remembering 25 years

In March 1982, I came down to the Club with my “soul mate”, Emma, a beautiful, sable, long haired German Shepherd Dog. The Club was called Geelong German Shepherd & Obedience Dog Club back then. I was instantly welcomed & felt at home.



I don't know if it was my naivety of training dogs or my youth, but many people saw fit to tuck me under their wing. Back then 50 to 60 plus people would come into the Club house for a coffee/beer etc after Class and catch up after training. Imagine that! The sense of community was very strong and the politics of the Club didn't interfere with the mutual love of dogs, that sense of community and wanting to be involved. Whilst not all agreed with your opinion, there was a sense of respect for that opinion!

I fondly remember those who have passed on, especially Marj Wright (Puppy Class Instructor) who always had wonderful and some hilarious stories about the days she drove trucks in the Army up in Darwin during the war – she was a strong woman who told such colourful stories. I also pay tribute today to other friends we have lost from the Club, John Boeyen (who was MC at my wedding), his wife Jan, gentle Bert Bartels, sweet John Bell, Arthur Thorogood, & most recently, quietly spoken, Ian Templeton.

I thank those who gave me the pleasure of their friendship – again, we didn't always agree, but that was okay, we could have an opinion, move on from that then have a cuppa or walk the dogs together. Many of these friends saw me through spinal operation, picking Emma and I up to come down to training, walking Emma for me. These people also saw me through many of life's milestones – turning 21, bring a boyfriend down to the Club (boy did I get a ribbing with that! David stayed around to become involved with the Club as well.) My engagement and wedding to David was celebrated by many friends at the Club, as was the arrival of our first son Liam, who spent more time in the Secretary's office than he did at home in his first 3 years, and also the arrival of our second son, Connor. Many of these friends I made through the Club, I still enjoy the privilege of their friendship today.

I think back over the 25 years and I have much to be grateful for. Wonderful life experiences that have helped me grow, that were the foundation of my passion to train people to train their dogs and to encourage worthwhile human/canine relationships.

Whilst I rarely get down to the Club now, as David & I are at the stage of our family's life where we are helping Liam and Connor to pursue their passions. I do look forward to one day getting back down to the Club to train and trial in Obedience and Agility rings again. For the time being I still manage to get in the Conformation ring regularly.

In closing I thank the Club for this prestigious award. I wish the Club prosperity and ask you all to go beyond the politics of the Club and to mutually come together for the “love of the dog”. After all, at the end of the day – that is why we are ALL here.

Lisa Blackwell
Life Member and now 25 years Member.



HOW TO PLAY WITH YOUR DOG

Control the games, control the dog . . .

The kinds of games you play and how you play them will directly influence your dog's behaviour. A large number of behaviour problems seen in adult dogs can be traced back to the games they played as puppies. Do the games you play with your puppy encourage grabbing, biting or chasing?

"Having a dog is largely a matter of teaching the dog self-control. A good dog - and a safe dog around children - sits when he wants to jump, resists when he wants to take, and releases what he wants to hold onto. Anything you can do to foster that kind of control is for the best. Everything you do with your dog teaches him something! Make sure that the games you play foster the behaviours and attitudes you want ... Good games promote cooperation and control."

Sarah Wilson, Good Owners, Great Pets

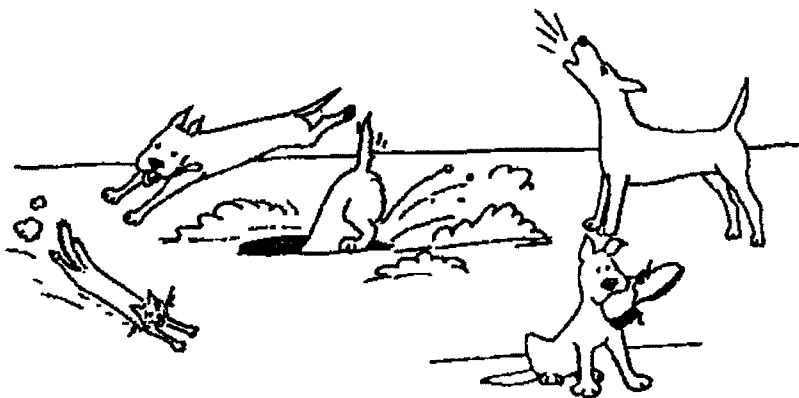
DON'T OVER-STIMULATE YOUR DOG - AVOID COMPETING FOR THE PRIZE.

Avoid any action that might be mistaken as a challenge or teasing. Don't hover and pounce. Avoid games of keep-away, taunting the dog with the toy before it is thrown, wrenching it out of the dog's mouth after a momentary game of tug-of-war, and dangling the toy out of reach or behind your back to keep the dog from grabbing it away from you. These games increase dominant, pushy behaviour.

These might be good ways to entice a shy dog to play, but should be avoided with a highly motivated, confident dog. A dog that enjoys playing these games with the adults in the family cannot possibly know that it isn't the same game when the five-year-old holds his peanut butter sandwich above his head. Tug-of-war games become merely annoying when clean laundry is ripped from the clothesline - it's a dangerous game when the adult dog plays it with a passer-by on a bicycle, or snares a running child.

YOU ARE NOT A TOY

Don't use your body or clothing as part of any game. The most certain way to tell your dog that you are a littermate or a lower pack member is to act like one. You are not a dog. Do not get down on your hands and knees and growl at your dog, or play pushing, wrestling games, which encourage biting.



USE YOUR VOICE EFFECTIVELY

High pitched squealing makes you sound like a squeaky toy - a wounded animal - which brings out the predator in your dog. Whining makes you sound like another puppy - a playmate, not a pack leader. Children and women are usually the most prone to high-pitched tones. "No-o-o-o-o! Do-o-o-on't! -Mum!" If you are giving a command or a reprimand, use your voice effectively. Lower your voice, be calm and matter-of-fact. Tell, don't ask. Give direction. Stop that, do this.

USE YOUR BODY POSTURE AS WELL AS YOUR VOICE

If your dog isn't taking you seriously, stand up so you are taller than your dog. Look down on him as you give a command. If the dog is trying to steal something from you, whether it's his favourite

How to play with your dog (continued)

toy or your T-bone steak, use your body language and voice to let him know that he doesn't stand a chance. Don't squeal, don't pull away or raise the item above your head; this will encourage a chase response. Move toward the dog, hug the item close to your body and make eye contact. Lower your tone of voice.

THE WINNER KEEPS THE TROPHY

Control all access to interactive toys. Squeaky toys, balls, Frisbees, tug toys are stored out of reach, not left on the floor. You select the toy. You decide when the game starts, what the rules are, and when the game ends. The dog should never be allowed to wander off with the toy when the game is over. It is your toy and you allow the dog to play with it when you say so.

YOU MAKE THE RULES

Retrieving games can teach control. Start with short throws on-leash. Incorporate the SIT or DOWN and STAY commands in every game. "Sit - good sit!" "Stay" (toss the toy) "Get it!"-or- "Fetch!" "Bring it here!" "Sit"-"Out." The delivery and release of the toy are very important. The dog should remove himself from the toy. Don't allow the dog to initiate games of keep-away or tug-of-war. Stop the game when the dog is still eager to play, not when he decides to quit. Take the toy, "Out." (You might trade for a treat.) Tell him, "OK, that's enough, good game!" - Leave it. Place the toy in plain sight for several minutes. He may not touch it once you say the game is over. When he has resigned himself to the fact that he can't have it, quietly put the toy away until your next play session. Never allow your dog to shove toys at you or bark at you, demanding that you play *his* games.

Control games help teach commands and reinforce good manners. The rules are black and white. No going for the toy until the get it command is given. (Stay!) No leaping for the toy when it is in the owner's hand (Leave it!), no jumping up (Off!), barking (Quiet!), leaping or lunging (Off - Sit!). The reward for following the rules is getting to play.

Dogs are by nature exploring, investigative, and curious animals that are in constant need of physical and mental stimulation to be satisfied. Your dog will chew, dig, bark and get into things - he has to.

Your job is to provide ACCEPTABLE outlets for these activities.

TIRED DOGS SLEEP!

When your dog picks up something he shouldn't, trade him for something much more interesting that he SHOULD play with - make a big deal about the toy you have to offer! Rotate his toys and chews to keep them interesting. When you see him choose the right thing notice it! Praise him and have a quick game. Most dogs steal things because it is certain to get you out of your chair. Catch me if you can is an awfully fun game - for the dog,

TOYS FALL INTO TWO CATEGORIES

INTERACTIVE and PACIFIER.

Interactive toys are toys, which are the most fun played with YOU.

Pacifier toys are toys designed to keep the bored dog occupied. Provide Safe Pacifiers for "alone times":

Kongs - rubber toys that look like rattlesnake tails and bounce which way and that. Add a bit of peanut butter, a square of cheese, a big biscuit too large to fall out and a few that will. Fill several and hide them in the house or yard and they will keep your dog busy for hours.

How to play with your dog (continued)

Nylabones - they come in a variety of shapes and sizes and hardness's, from the "edible" varieties which are intended to be eaten, to the dental bones designed to massage gums and clean teeth, to the Galileo version for the most powerful chewers. If your dog isn't interested, roughen the edges so it looks like another dog enjoyed it first, and then rub peanut butter or squeeze cheese into the crevasses. Mmm mmm good!!

Chew toys - Hooves, rawhide, pig ears, knucklebones etc. - Chosen carefully (the right size and hardness for your dog's particular chewing style) can provide hours of chewing satisfaction. If your dog bites off chunks or consumes them quickly they could cause digestive upset or intestinal blockage. Real bones can be safe for some dogs and not for others, depending on how powerfully they chew - heavy chewers can suffer from tooth fractures. There is much debate over raw vs. cooked.

Knotted ropes - Chewing a knotted rope can massage gums and keep your dog's teeth clean, plus the added play value of shaking, tossing, pouncing and "killing". Some come with rubber toys or tennis balls added for even more fun. You can hide biscuits in the knots to encourage your dog and add interest.

Dental devices - various shapes and sizes of flexible, knobby edges massage gums and clean teeth. Some are designed so you can put doggy toothpaste in the grooves and let your dog brush his own teeth!

Fleece toys - Many retrievers and "mothering types" seem to find comfort in carrying a soft toy with them, and frequently present them to their owners upon their arrival home from a long day at work. Squeakers may encourage "disembowelling" and your chew man might soon be without his insides, but most dogs continue to enjoy them even without their stuffing.

BRAIN TOYS/SELF AMUSEMENT

Buster Cubes - This durable plastic cube gives dogs mental stimulation, exercise and relief from boredom. It is designed to be filled with bite sized dry pet food or treats. The food is released as the dog rolls the cube with its nose or its paws.

Huge balls - herding breeds especially love playing soccer alone or with you.

A suspended ball - remember playing tetherball as a kid? Many dogs also enjoy this game, especially Boxers and Bulldog breeds. The ball should be suspended from a horizontal pole, not a vertical one for safety.

A kid's wading pool - water-loving breeds will love spending hot summer days splashing in a shallow kid's wading pool.

A sandbox of his own - If your dog loves to dig, make him an appropriate place to do it. Bury his favourite toys, bones and a biscuit or two before you turn the dog out to play.



How to play with your dog (continued)

BRAIN GAMES

Tricks and more tricks - You are only limited by your imagination! Sit up, shake hands, roll over, chase your tail, take a bow, balance a biscuit on his nose.

Hide his breakfast - using his nose can be the most tiring activity for your dog. Leave widely spaced trail of kibble to the hidden bowl ... gradually, day by day, decrease the number of "clues" til your dog is finding it all on his own.

Hide and seek - Have a family member hide, have them call "come!" and send the dog to find them - start out easy and make it more and more difficult day by day. Play this game in the dark to encourage your dog to use his sense of smell.

Find your toys - Take him out of the room and hide his favourite toy and send him in to find it ... if your dog doesn't like toys, play "hide the biscuit" instead. Variation: Name his toys - and send him to retrieve them by name. Can you put out a pile of his favourites and have him retrieve them one by one, by name?

Message delivery - Teach your dog to deliver notes or other items to other family members. "Take it to daddy" could save you a trip downstairs and give your dog a job he can be proud of!

Obstacle courses - Over, under, around and through. Large cardboard boxes can become tunnels, a wide board and a couple of blocks can become a bridge.

Clicker Training! - 101 things to do with a cardboard box. Free shape a behaviour with your clicker!

ACTIVE GAMES & OTHER ACTIVITIES

Retrieving - "sit" "stay" "get it" "out" - dumbbells, Foxtails, Tennis balls.

Jumping - Start slowly. Keep the jumps low and the landing surface soft, especially for young dogs. Avoid repetitive jumping or height until your dog is completely through growing.

Bike riding, jogging - start slow and build distance gradually, soft surfaces and short distances for young dogs, check pads before and after every run, avoid the heat of the day.

Cart or sled pulling - The Iditorod. Cart pulling is enjoyed by Newfoundlands, Bernese Mt. Dogs, Pyrenees and others.

Swimming - is good exercise and a great way to cool off. Not all dogs naturally know how to swim! Doggy life jackets are a good idea when boating. Important: Swimming pools are strictly off-limits to unsupervised dogs.

DOG SPORTS

ANKC Obedience Trials – Community Companion Dog (CCD), Novice (C.D.), Open (C.D.X.), & Utility (U.D.), Utility Dog Excellent (UDX). Dogs are judged on precision and response to commands.

How to play with your dog (continued)

Tracking - Following an aged scent trail with his nose over different terrain.

Agility - jumps, hurdles, tunnels, weave poles, an A- frame and even a seesaw - a timed event.

Herding - for those breeds bred to herd sheep or cattle. A favourite of Border Collies, Australian shepherds and Australian Cattle Dogs and many others.

Fly ball - the dog jumps a series of low hurdles and triggers a tennis ball from a spring-loaded box, then returns with the ball over the jumps to the handler. A timed relay race for teams.

Lure coursing - the sport of sight hounds like Whippets, Greyhounds, Afghans, Salukis, Pharaoh Hounds and Basenjis. A lure (often a white plastic bag) travels along a pulley- system along a varied course. Dogs are judged on speed, agility and style.

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Pet-Assisted Therapy - Dog/handler teams visit patients and work with therapists in hospital & nursing home settings.

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Agility/Jumping/Games Dog of the Year 2007

Shionabox The Wishmaster CD ADX ADO JDX JDO SD
GD SPD ET (Kimbo) – Boxer – Roy Lawrence

Committee/Instructor of the Year 2007 – Trish Gavaghan

Titles for 2007

Community Companion Dog

Elmaro Celtic Cross	Kuyan	Dobermann	Elaine Longshaw
Monlaird Hyland Mist	Skye	Border Collie	Tina Button
Mundoona Karay Dream	Lexi	St Bernard	Ray Millard
Strathraer Blue Diamond	Elke	Golden Retriever	Peter Roupas

Companion Dog

Strathraer Blue Diamond CCD	Elke	Golden Retriever	Peter Roupas
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Companion Dog Excellent

Folecia Makena CD	Bella	Golden Retriever	Tony Stewart
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Agility Dog

Goorambat The Manor CDX JD	Mason	Golden Retriever	Pam & Janelle Convery
Misty JDX GD	Misty	Associate	Anne MacRae
Sandy Brit JD	Dusty	Associate	Lyn Wills

Agility Dog Excellent

Shionabox The Wishmaster CD AD JDX ET	Kimbo	Boxer	Roy Lawrence
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Agility Dog Open

Shionabox The Wishmaster CD ADX JDX JDO SD GD SPD ET	Kimbo	Boxer	Roy Lawrence
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Gamblers Dog

Dixiedaly Jet Setter JD SD	Sam	Manchester Terr	Lisa Pucci
Goorambat The Manor CDX AD JD SD	Mason	Golden Retriever	Pam & Janelle Convery
Lindenbrae Wildrose Tyra ADX JDX SPD	Meg	Border Collie	Trish Gavaghan
Misty JDX	Misty	Associate	Anne MacRae
Shionabox The Wishmaster CD ADX JDX JDO SD SPD ET	Kimbo	Boxer	Roy Lawrence
Tylker Ganesh CDX ADX JDX SD SPD ET	Cooper	Boxer	Jenny Chase

Jumping Dog

Braeloch Jazz	Jazz	Border Collie	Lynne McNeill
Dixiedaly Jet Setter	Sam	Manchester Terr	Lisa Pucci
Goorambat The Manor CDX	Mason	Golden Retriever	Pam & Janelle Convery
Sandy Brit	Dusty	Associate	Lyn Wills

Titles for 2007 (con't)

Jumping Dog Excellent

Misty JD

Misty Associate

Anne MacRae

Jumping Dog Open

Shionabox The Wishmaster
CD ADX JDX SD SPD ET

Kimbo Boxer

Roy Lawrence

Snooker Dog

Dixiedaly Jet Setter JD
Goorambat The Manor CDX AD JD
Shionabox The Wishmaster
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Tearleen Madam Mizelle JD ET

Sam Manchester Terr
Mason Golden Retriever

Lisa Pucci
Pam & Janelle Convery

Kimbo Boxer
Yoda Boxer

Roy Lawrence
Betty Lawrence

Snooker Dog Excellent

Tylker Ganesh
CDX ADX JDX SD GD SPD ET

Cooper Boxer

Jenny Chase

Strategic Pairs Dog

Goorambat The Manor CDX AD JD SD GD	Mason	Golden Retriever	Pam & Janelle Convery
Lindenbrae Wildrose Tyra ADX JDX	Meg	Border Collie	Trish Gavaghan
Shionabox The Wishmaster CD ADX JDX ET	Kimbo	Boxer	Roy Lawrence
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Tracking Champion

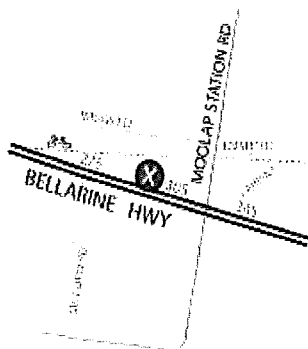
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Ben Golden Retriever Debbie Hamilton

Tracking Dog

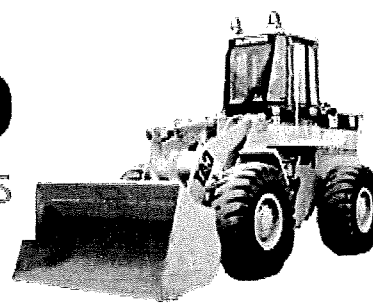
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Getting to know your Instructors & Committee Members

Jim Ball
PRESIDENT

What type of dog/dog's do you own?

German Shepherd

How many dogs have you trained?

Six

Do you have any other pets at home?

No

How long have you been involved with the Club?

28 years

What is the most memorable time you have had with your dog?

Getting Best in Trial at Bendigo in pouring rain. Dog doing Stays in 2 inches of water

Describe yourself in three words

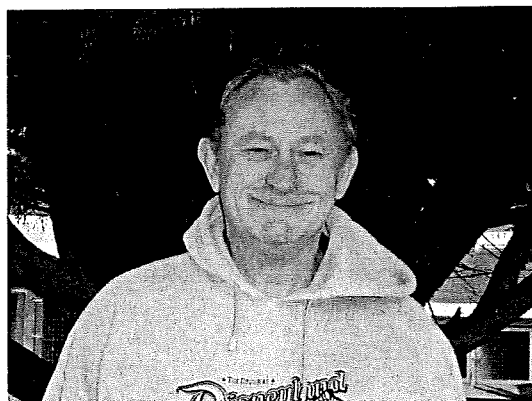
Very easy going

Who are your heroes?

Those who died for our country

What makes you laugh?

Funny stories and pictures



If you had unlimited money, what car would you drive?

An ordinary Falcon S/Wagon

Again, unlimited money, where would you go on holiday?

Europe

What is your favourite food?

Steak

What is your favourite music?

Easy listening – 60's, 70's and 80's

What is your favourite sport?

Cricket

What are three wishes you have for Geelong Obedience Dog Club?

To prosper

To grow

Harmony

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Please note that we do not advertise puppy litters.

Getting to know your Instructors & Committee Members

Trish Gavaghan
AGILITY INSTRUCTOR

What type of dog/dog's do you own?

Border Collies

How many dogs have you trained?

Four

Do you have any other pets at home?

No

How long have you been involved with the Club?

Don't know. Quite a long time

What is the most memorable time you have had with your dog?

That would have to be those Agility runs when Meg and I have put it together and run as one. An exhilarating experience!

Describe yourself in three words

Can't back Trailers

Who are your heroes?

Ray, for getting us through Beginners and Merit

What makes you laugh?

Watching Star at play

If you had unlimited money, what car would you drive?

Winnebago and with my unlimited money I could employ someone to reverse it whenever necessary

Again, unlimited money, where would you go on holiday?

Caribbean

What is your favourite food?

Pizza

What is your favourite music?

Rod Stewart

What is your favourite sport?

Agility

What are three wishes you have for Geelong Obedience Dog Club?

A large indoor training area suitable for Agility

An enclosed lagoon swimming pool available for dogs all week

A forward looking Club open to new ideas and with everyone involved working cooperatively with each other and showing respect for each other



CLASS TIMES

First Session

9.00am to 10.00am

Second Session

10.45am to 11.45am



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

Volunteers

Volunteers are the life-blood of every sport and leisure organization. They contribute time and energy year after year to assist in the development of sport and leisure activities. Without these people sport and leisure organisations fail to function effectively.

Volunteers are extremely valuable and deserving of recognition.

Like most Clubs, our Club relies on Volunteers to survive. Your Instructors all volunteer their time to help you with your training. The Committee and Non-Committee Members all volunteer their time in various areas of administration and service.

The following areas of the Club are looking for help in 2008, so if you are prepared to contribute please see the relevant people or call into the Office for further information.

Library – Sadly our Assistant Librarian, Peg Pope passed away on the 22nd December. Peg will be sadly missed both as a Member and as an Assistant to Robyn in Library.

Equipment Shop – Alex our Shop Manager is involved in Life Saving and will be away some Sunday mornings during the Summer and is looking for someone to fill in when she is away.


Social Secretary – Karen Millard would like some assistance to organize Social Functions at the Club. Perhaps you would be willing to be part of a Social Sub-Committee to share the workload.

Canteen – Jim Broadbent our Canteen Manager is also training his dog and would like some help so he can attend Class.

Raffles – Bernie our Raffle Steward works every second Sunday and needs someone to run the Raffles when she is at work. Bernie is prepared to organize the Raffles, etc all you would need to do is sell tickets.

Trial Sub-Committee – We have one position on the Trial Sub-Committee to fill this year. The main role of that person would be to organize, with help of course, the Judges/Stewards lunches at the 2 Trial weekends we hold during the year.


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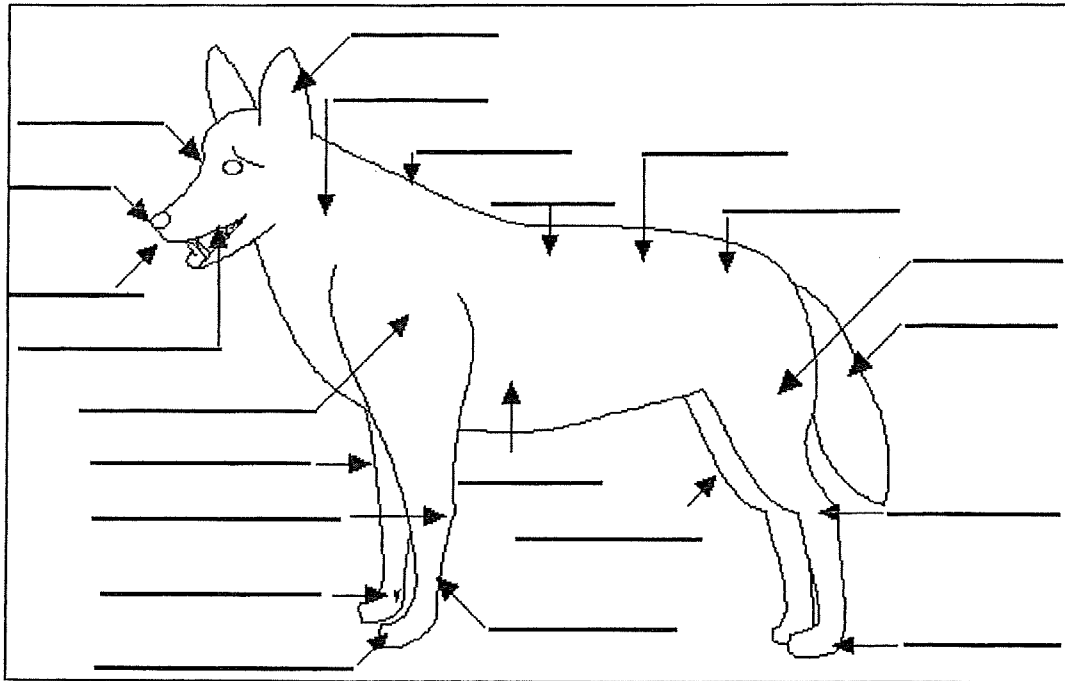
Fries
3 Flakes
3 Potato Cakes
3 Dim sim
3 Chicken Neg
2 Serve of onion Rings

Free 1.25ml drink

Please label me!

Correctly label the dog parts from the list below to be in the running for a shopping voucher from the Club Equipment Shop. Place your entry in the box provided on the veranda before the end of training on

Sunday 16th March. Winner will be announced in March's Newsletter.



Back – the part of the body between the loin and the withers

Brisket – the chest of the dog

Carpals – the wrist, the bones of the pastern joint

Dewclaw – the tiny, useless, fifth claw located on the inner part of the leg above the other toes

Ear – the fleshy, often triangular appendages on the head associated with hearing

Flews – the hanging part of the dog's upper lip

Forearms – the parts of the forelegs between the elbow and the pastern

Forefoot – the front feet

Hindfoot – the back feet

Hips – the joints at the uppermost part of the hindlegs

Hock – the bones that form the ankle/heel of the dog

Loin – the parts of the body located on both sides of the backbone between the ribs and the hips

Muzzle – the front parts of the jaws

Nose – the tip of the muzzle

Pastern – the part of the leg below the knee of the front leg or below the hock of the hind leg

Ruff – the long, thick hair that grows around the neck

Shoulder – the joint at the uppermost part of the forelegs

Stifle – the dog's knee, located on the hind leg above the ankle

Stop – the indented part of the skull between the eyes

Tail – the hind-most part of the backbone, set on the rump

Thigh – the upper part of the hind leg

Withers – the top of the shoulders just behind the neck

NAME _____