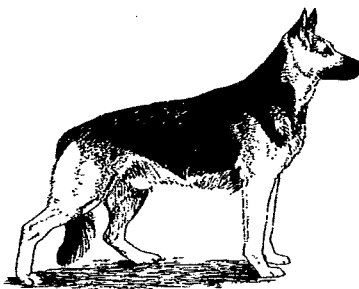
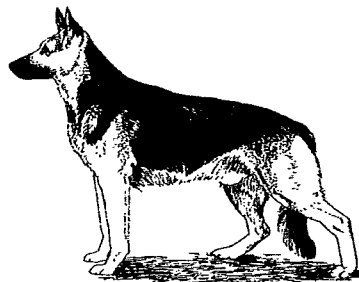
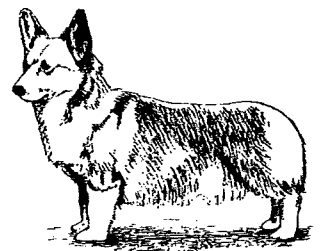
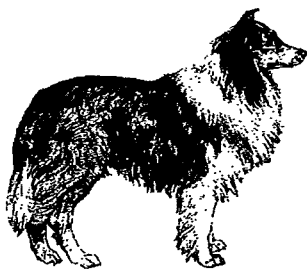
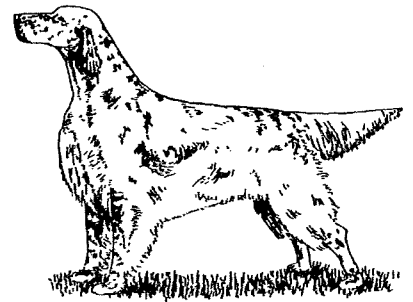
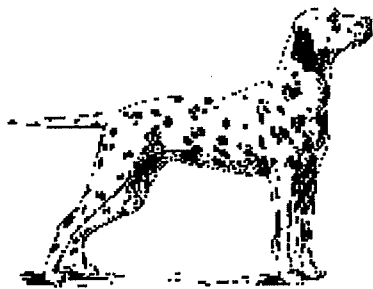


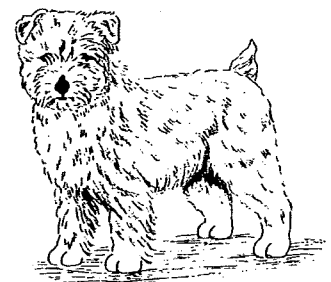
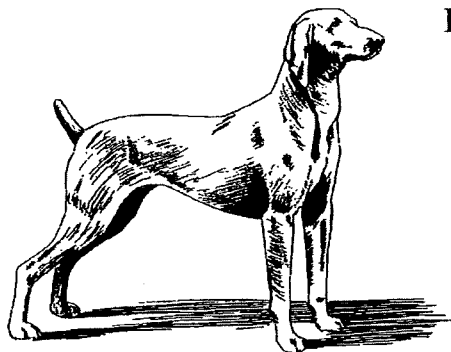
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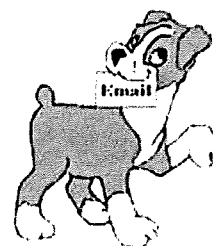
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CLUB CALENDAR

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.

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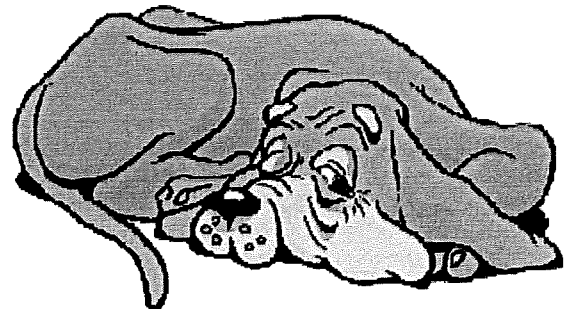
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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*Learn from the mistakes of
others. You can't live long
enough to make them all
yourself*



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, we are nearly at that time of year again when Memberships are up for renewal.

As you will already know our Canteen Manager, Jim Broadbent, has resigned, so we are looking for some one to fill in until the AGM. If you are interested, or would like to know some more, please see us in the Office. \

On the 7th and 8th of June we are having a seminar here. The Saturday will be dogs as pets the Sunday will be for Obedience in the morning and Agility in the afternoon. If you want to attend please contact either the Office or Tina Button for details. This should be a very informative weekend for all.

Just a reminder to all department heads that they will need to do a stock take by the 30th of June so we can send all the info away to the Auditors in preparation for the AGM in October. Well that's all from me for this month. Congratulations to those who passed on the Promotion Day.

Jim Ball -President



TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Hi, well another Promotion Day has gone by. Congratulations to the Members who gained passes and for those who didn't, now is the time to start working on the areas that need improving. It is often worthwhile investigating different methods as some may fit you and your dog better, so ask your Instructor for alternatives.

Although winter is not the best time to be out and about, dogs need mental and physical exercise. So get your coat on and go for a walk.

David Gravolin – Training Supervisor



INCIDENT BOOK CRITERIA

'If a dog rushes at or attacks another dog or person before, during or after Class, both the handler's involved need to see the Training Supervisor or one of the Assistant Training Supervisors and write a report in the Incident Book on the day that it occurs.

The report is to be dated and signed by the complainant and co-signed by the Training Supervisor, Assistant Training Supervisor or Instructor involved.

If a dog repeats the offence three (3) times, at the discretion of the Training Supervisor, Vice President in Charge of Training and the President, the member will be asked to either remove the dog from the grounds or for the dog to wear a muzzle whilst on the grounds'.

LIBRARY NEWS

Extract from one of the wackiest
books I have ever read
Robyn

Dog's dinner

His pets were waited on by servants

Margaret Nicholas

Nothing but the best was good enough for his dogs, declared Francis Henry Egerton, eighth Earl of Bridgewater. That, to everyone's astonishment, included providing them with the finest and softest leather boots for all four feet.

These boots cost him as much as his own, but the man who made them was only too happy to oblige. Egerton had a passion for footwear which he could well afford to indulge. He himself wore a new pair of boots or shoes every day of the year. The hundreds of pairs he had discarded were arranged

in orderly rows around the walls of his house and used as a calendar to count the days of the year.

A lonely man, who seldom invited anyone to visit him or to dine, he seemed to prefer canine company. He often took half a dozen or more dogs

riding with him in his carriage and every day he dined with his four-footed friends. He would have the table set for 12 people, then his favourite dogs were brought in with napkins tied round their necks. Dressed in the height of fashion for these extraordinary meals, with servants behind their chairs to attend to every want, they were expected to eat from plates while he conversed with them. The Earl said his dogs behaved themselves as well as any gentleman – 'with decency and decorum'. If one of them happened to behave literally like a dog, it was banished from the table until it had learned better manners.

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Indoor Winter Games

Karin Larsen Bridge. Reprinted from Dogs Life July/August 2003

Your dog's favourite activity is probable walking, right? But what do you do when it's just too cold or dark or wet outside? Staying motivated to walk in winter is often hard for people, yet many dogs thrive in the cooler weather, feeling more energetic than ever. Next time you stagger home from work hardly able to lift your feet, only to be greeted by your best buddy beating his leash or ball for action - why not put aside a bit of time for some indoor fun?

There are literally hundred of things you can train your dog to do in the comfort and safety of your own home, ranging from 'serious' obedience manoeuvres to fun tricks and games.

In most cases your dog will learn a new lesson better if he's first taught in the relatively distraction free environment of your home. Not to mention the mental stimulation will tire your dog more effectively than physical exercise. Now you've got the perfect excuse to grab your training bag and stay inside away from the rain.

Basic Training

Some exercises are considered fundamental **behaviours** that all dogs should master to ensure they are safely under control. The most popular are the three positions, sit, stand and down. By teaching three positions rather than two, your dog will never know which position you are going to ask for next. This keeps the training game much more interesting!

- Level 1:** **Sit** - standing in front of your dog, move a food treat above your dog's head. As the head goes up the bottom goes down - 'sit' happens!
 Stand - hold a food treat directly in front of your dog's nose, then, slowly move it forward in the same line - 'stand' happens!
 Down - hold a food treat in line with your dog's nose, move it slowly down between his paws - 'down' happens!
- Level 2:** Drop the food lure and use your hand in exactly the same way. Reward your dog after each successful position change.
- Level 3:** Repeat the procedure with your dog at your left side.
- Level 4:** Add movement, walk forward before asking your dog for 'sit', 'stand' or 'down'.
- Level 5:** See if your dog will respond to the hand signal only and/or the word signal only.
- Level 6:** How much distance can you add? Will your dog sit, stand and drop on your cue from 10 feet away?
- Level 7:** Will your dog respond if you are sitting in a chair? Lying down? What if your dog is behind you? What if he can't see you?

Position changes are simple yet they can be made more challenging by moving up a level. Next time your dog's starts begging for attention, give him 15 position changes in quick succession - all with a lovely smile on your face and a juicy treat at the end. Still begging for more? Go for 15 more minutes.

It's amazing how quickly your dog will decide the bed in the corner is looking pretty good again.

Targeting

Targeting is a very useful and an easy skill to teach your dog, and requires very little space. The easiest thing to teach your dog to 'target' is your hand. You want to get your dog to touch your hand with his nose whenever you present it in a special way - such as a fist rather than a normal open hand.

Indoor Winter Games (continued)

To start, put a treat in your hand and close it to form a fist. Standing just in front of your dog, drop your fist down a few inches from his nose. It is highly likely that your dog will reach forward and sniff, immediately praise and give your dog the treat. Repeat, this time with your fist a little further away, so your dog must move a little to reach out and 'touch' the target – again, reward immediately. If your dog fails to reach the target quickly, take your hand away, move around a few steps then try again. Your hand dropping in and out of his line of vision is likely to attract him, as too the smell of the treat, so if he hasn't noticed your hand, don't just leave it dangling – remove it and try again. If your timing is good and your treats are tasty, your dog will soon be moving several feet to touch his nose to your fist.

The next step is to remove the treat from your hand and repeat, keeping the rest of your gestures exactly the same. If your dog touches your fist – reward immediately from the other hand. This way your dog is learning that even though he may not be able to smell a treat in your fist, he will still get a reward for reaching out and touching.

When your dog is reliably touching your hand every time it is presented, you can add your 'cue word' – "touch". You can make this exercise harder by holding your hand up high so he has to jump for it or down low so he has to crawl under a coffee table or chair. Swap hands; make sure your dog is happy to move towards either hand.

Now you have an invisible lead or lure, which can direct your dog towards you wherever you are. Targeting is most common method of training and handling performance animals such as seals, dolphins and other animal actors. Once your dog understands the principles of targeting, you can extend this repertoire to lots of other desired behaviours.

"Close the door please!"

Put a post-it-note or similar on your fist and get the dog to 'touch' as before, making certain the dog touches right on the post-it-note. Now, move the post-it-note onto a cupboard door and encourage your dog to 'touch'. Quite quickly your dog should transfer his touch from your hand to the cupboard door. Now open the door and ask your dog to 'touch' again. At first reward any attempts to put the nose to the door, then slowly reward only stronger pushes – soon your dog will be shutting cupboard doors around the home more reliably than the kids!

"Go find Mum!"

Start training this game by having 'Mum' or another person standing directly opposite you about three to four meters away. Get Mum to hold out her fist while you cue 'go touch'. When your dog is happily running to whoever holds out their fist, change your cue to include the name of the person – "Mum, go touch". Reward immediately the dog touches the target, slowly increase the distance and start moving around corners.

As your dog starts to understand the game you can change your cue to something simple like "find Mum"! Now for the fun part! Hand your dog a 'secret message' (or your dirty socks) and tell him to 'Find Mum'. Mum might not be impressed, but I'm sure your friends will be, and so will your dog with this terrific rainy day game to include the whole family members. Eventually your dog will learn the names of everyone one in the household.

Your dog 'nose' best

Scenting games are a perfect indoor activity and your dog is sure to love them. The dog's sense of smell is truly amazing. No technology can come close to matching the dog's ability to track and identify different smells. The good news is that as your dog already knows how to use his nose (and loves to do so), all you have to do is find fun ways to put it into action.

Hide and seek

This is a great way to expend lots of mental and physical energy indoors. You can hide food treats, favourite toys or even people.

Indoor Winter Games (continued)

Start with a yummy treat or favourite toy. Show it to your dog and tell him to 'sit stay' (or get someone to hold him). Hide the object somewhere simple, such as under a pillow or behind a table leg. At this point your dog is allowed to watch. Go back to your dog and release him in an excited voice with a cue such as 'Find it'. Your dog will race to the hiding spot, feeling very clever. Reward him for his 'find'.

Repeat several times, hiding the treat in different places. Next, remove your dog from the room while you hide the treat in one of the places you used before. Bring him in and tell him to "find it!" Your dog will rush around looking for the treat. Depending on how 'smell orientated' your dog is, he may first 'look' in the previous spots but soon he'll realise the quickest way to 'get the goods' is literally to follow his nose. There are lots of variations to this game. If you prefer, you can hide multiple treats, then allow your dog into the room while you encourage him to 'find' them. Your dog may spend quite a lot of time double-checking he hasn't missed any with this one! If you hide a toy, reward your dog with a short game, or if you hide a person they might want to also reward the 'find' with a little treat.

Once your dog understands this game, it can develop into a traditional game of hide and seek with one person hiding and your dog looking throughout the house. My Border Collie goes crazy for this game, not only does he get to use his nose, but in his mind he is seeking out and 'rounding up' the stray sheep - opps, I mean kid!

The Ball in the Bucket

Remember the old trick using three cups when you have to guess the one that has the pea under it? If your dog has been playing hide and seek, he'll learn this game in a snap. Put a favourite toy or treat under a light plastic beach bucket. Tell your dog to "find it!" Next, add a second bucket and a third and repeat it. At first, your dog may knock all the buckets down to find the ball, but soon he will learn he can save himself the effort by using his nose – reward heavily when he gets it right first time.

Which one smells like me?

It's easy for your dog to identify your scent on an object. The more recently you have touched the object, the 'hotter' your scent will be. Your job is to teach your dog that he will be rewarded for choosing an object with your scent on it, over an object without your scent. (To avoid putting your scent on an object, you need to not touch it or use gloves or tongs).

Show your dog two objects; say two dowels - one with your scent on, one without. If your dog goes to take the scented object, praise him and reward him. If he chooses the unscented dowel, say nothing, pause and try again. Next, put the dowels on the ground and ask your dog to "find it!" – again, praise and reward for the right dowel and ignore any mistakes. Before long your dog will understand that only the object with your scent on it earns a reward. At this point you can start adding more dowels and/or other objects. Your dog should eventually be able to find your scent even among a hundred or more objects!

My dog can spell – can yours?

It's easy to use your dog's scenting abilities to make them look like a genius. Buy a set of alphabet letter in wood or plastic. Take out letters of the word you want your dog to spell and handle them freely to scent them. You might ask your dog to spell his name or yours, or ask him "what kind of animal are you?" The other letters should be kept clean – avoid touching them with your bare hands as much as you can (use gloves or tongs). Get an assistant to lay out all the letters, then get ready to impress as your clever dog picks out the letters of your chosen word. They may not be in spelling order, but hey – still pretty good for a dog and most people will never guess he's using scent to do it.

Indoor Winter Games (continued)

Speak to me

Most dogs can be taught to speak or bark on cue quite easily. What prompts your dog to bark naturally? Is it the doorbell? Or maybe, dinner being made? Waving a toy in front of him? Getting the lead out? Encourage your dog to bark using one of these prompts, as well as a visual signal such as opening and closing your hand. Reward and praise as soon as you get the faintest noise. Repeat your signal and reward for any response.

As your dog gets the idea, save your reward for the loudest or quickest responses. If you need an "off switch", wait until your dog has barked a few times, then say 'enough' in a quiet voice, accompanied by a different hand gesture such as a finger to the lips and follow immediately with a treat. Work on both the 'on' (bark) and 'off' (quiet) switch, rewarding both intermittently. This is often an effective way to improve problem barking and also a great way for a barker to let off steam at a time that suits you!

Different cue words will give this trick a different 'feel', for instance "speak" has a different feel to "alert", which has a different feel to "sing for your supper". In every case the dog is simply barking on cue, but people listening will perceive it a different way. A useful way to spend a rainy day.

Fun Tricks

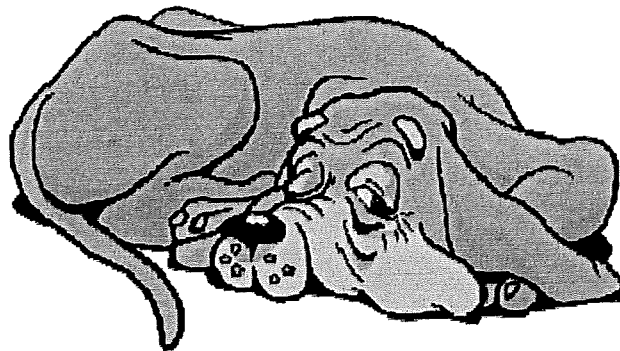
There is no limit to the number and variety of simple tricks you can teach your dog in the quiet and comfort of your own home. Tricks such as shake hands, wave, roll over, play dead, roll up in a blanket, carry a basket, sneeze, spin, scratch, beg, weave through your legs, 'put away your toys', just to mention a few. Let your imagination run wild.

Quick Fixes

Absolutely exhausted? All right, cheat a little and get out an activity ball filled with treats. Dogs love to roll these balls around trying to get the dried treats to fall out. Another alternative is to tear rags into long strips. Roll into each strip a little treat and tie into knots. Make the bundle as tight as possible and then give it to your dog to explore and dissect. Most dogs become really absorbed trying to reach the hidden delectable treats. In some cases the center treasures could be a tennis ball or other popular toy.

Share a Feel-Good Moment

There's more to life than running around and playing games. Had a tough day? How about a little touch therapy? Get a glass of wine and a doggy comb and incorporate a good grooming/massage session into your after work wind-down. Your dog will love the attention - after all, a snuggle on the couch is what being an indoor dog is all about.



Brain Cramps

Question: If you could live forever, would you and why?

Answer: "I would not live forever, because we should not live forever, because if we were supposed to live forever, then we would live forever, but we cannot live forever, which is why I would not live forever,"

Miss Alabama in the 1994 Miss USA contest.
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"Whenever I watch TV and see those poor starving kids all over the world, I can't help but cry. I mean I'd love to be skinny like that, but not with all those flies and death and stuff."

Mariah Carey
.....

"Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very important part of your life,"

Brooke Shields, during an interview to become Spokesperson for federal anti-smoking campaign.
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"I've never had major knee surgery on any other part of my body,"

Winston Bennett, University of Kentucky basketball forward.
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"Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country,"

Mayor Marion Barry, Washington, DC.
.....

"I'm not going to have some reporters pawing through our papers. We are the president."
Hillary Clinton commenting on the release of subpoenaed documents.
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"That lowdown scoundrel deserves to be kicked to death by a jackass, and I'm just the one to do it,"
A congressional candidate in Texas.
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"Half this game is ninety percent mental."
Philadelphia Phillies manager, Danny Ozark
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"It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it."

Al Gore, Vice President
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"It's no exaggeration to say that the undecideds could go one way or another"
George Bush, US President

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3 Dim sim

3 Chicken Neg

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CANINE COUGH (KENNEL COUGH)

by Dr Rod Brooks

Commonwealth Serum Laboratories

Kennel Cough is a highly contagious respiratory disease of dogs. Although rarely life threatening it causes coughing bouts which can persist for a number of weeks, despite treatment, creating significant discomfort for both the dog and its owner. Massive outbreaks can occur in kennels with the vast majority of dogs affected. It is far better to prevent kennel cough rather than try and control the signs of infection once they have occurred.

Affected dogs frequently have been resident in boarding kennels or training complex, or have been in close contact with other dogs at shows, race tracks, obedience classes or similar assembly, within the previous 5 to 10 days.

CAUSE

Kennel Cough can be caused by a number of different viruses and bacteria although *Bordetella bronchiseptica*, Canine parainfluenza virus and canine adenovirus type 2 have been most frequently isolated from dogs with kennel cough.

Infection with one of the viruses usually clears up within a week or two, whereas infection with *Bordetella* may persist for several weeks. If a dog is infected with both *Bordetella* and a virus a more severe form of the disease is often seen and coughing may subside during treatment only to return when treatment is finished.

Bordetella can be carried for months by dogs that are not showing any signs of infection. These dogs act as a source of infection for susceptible dogs coming into contact with them.

SIGNS

The classical sign of kennel cough is a spontaneous, harsh cough that often finishes with gagging. The coughing is usually made worse by exercise, excitement or pressure on the throat region. Severely affected dogs may have a fever, be depressed, not eat and can develop broncho-pneumonia. Clinical signs can persist for several weeks despite treatment.

TREATMENT

Your veterinarian can provide the best treatment. This may include antibiotics and symptomatic therapy such as cough medicine. Treatment will not only assist in controlling kennel cough in the affected individual but it will also reduce the risk of spread to other susceptible dogs.

CONTROL

For optimal control of kennel cough, puppies should be vaccinated against all of the important viruses and bacteria that can cause kennel cough. Initially dogs and puppies require two injections four weeks apart. Booster doses should be given annually and before exposure to possible sources of infection such as shows, boarding kennels or obedience classes. Your veterinarian can advise you on the best vaccination programme for your particular circumstances.



Getting to know your Instructors & Committee Members

Desma Dickeson Instructor



What type of dog/dog's do you own?
German Shepherd Dog

How many dogs have you trained?
7

Do you have any other pets at home?
Not now

How long have you been involved with the Club?
27 years plus

What is the most memorable time you have had with your dog?
Showing in Specialist GSD Shows

Describe yourself in three words
Caring, honest and compassionate

Who are your heroes?
Carers of the disabled

What makes you laugh?
People

If you had unlimited money, what car would you drive?
Mitsubishi 380

Again, unlimited money, where would you go on holiday?
GSD Seiger in Germany

What is your favourite food?
Chocolate

What is your favourite music?
Country and Western, Rock and Roll

What is your favourite sport?
Car racing V8's

What are three wishes you have for Geelong Obedience Dog Club?
Courtesy
Appreciation of Service
Common Sense



A VERY IMPORTANT PERSON PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK

Our Club was saddened to hear of the passing of its most valuable Member "SOMEONE ELSE"

Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with our Club since it's beginning and did far more than a normal person's share. Whenever there was a job to do, rallies to arrange or just washing up the dishes after the Meeting, one name was on everyone's lips, "SOMEONE ELSE".

It's common knowledge that "SOMEONE ELSE" was the largest contributor of their time to our Club. Whenever there was a need for a volunteer, everyone just assumed that "SOMEONE ELSE" would of course, volunteer. "SOMEONE ELSE" was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing to be superhuman. But a person can only do so much, were the truth be told everyone expected too much of "SOMEONE ELSE".

Now "SOMEONE ELSE" is gone, who is going to do the things that we all expected of "SOMEONE ELSE". Now when we are asked to help, remember that we cannot depend on poor old "SOMEONE ELSE" any longer. Isn't it about time that we really stopped volunteering "SOMEONE ELSE" to do the job?

Getting to know your Instructors & Committee Members

Joan Brophy Instructor

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

How many dogs have you trained?
8

Do you have any other pets at home?
No

How long have you been involved with the Club?
17 years

What is the most memorable time you have had with your dog?
Taking him to visit old people

Describe yourself in three words

Who are your heroes?
People who volunteer and visit old people in hospital

What makes you laugh?
Today's world

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

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

What is your favourite food?
Pasties

What is your favourite music?
Classical

What is your favourite sport?
Tennis

What are three wishes you have for Geelong Obedience Dog Club?
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Sent in by Elaine Longshaw

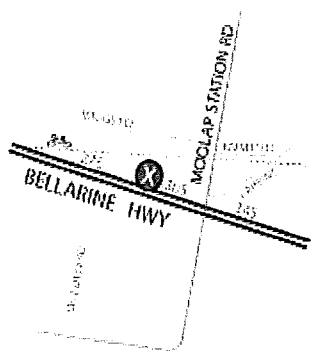
I pulled into the crowded parking lot at a Super Wal-Mart Shopping Center and rolled down the car windows to make sure my Labrador Retriever Pup had fresh air.

She was stretched, full-out, on the back seat and I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there. I walked to the curb backward, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically, "Now you stay. Do you hear me? Stay! Stay!"

The driver of a nearby car, a very pretty young lady, gave me a strange look and said,

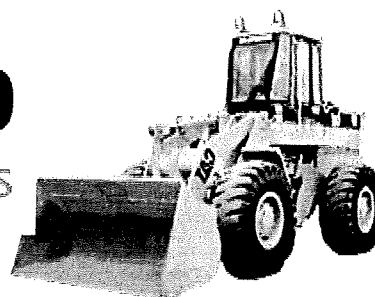
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Good manners at the vet and groomer

Who says dogs like to be groomed!?

Q: I'm so frustrated! My dog has a long, thick coat and I've tried to groom him but he just won't cooperate. Trying to work with him always turns into a wrestling match and I'm the loser. Sometimes he even snaps at me. I've heard that dogs like being brushed but this one doesn't! Is there anything I can do?

A: Yes! You're not alone -- many dogs have to learn to behave themselves before they realize how nice it feels to be groomed.

An unruly dog's attitude toward grooming isn't much different from that of a small child's. Toddlers often resent having their faces washed or their hair brushed, but being clean and tidy is a necessary part of life. If your child refused to be bathed or threw a tantrum over it, what would you do? Gently, patiently and firmly, you'd teach him to tolerate it. The same for your dog.

First, the dog needs to learn to tolerate your handling of his body, even the parts he'd rather you left alone. Some dogs don't want their feet touched, with others, their rear ends or tails. You can easily teach your dog that this handling feels good and is something to look forward to.

To start this training, choose a time when you're relaxed and in a good mood. Your dog should be relaxed and in a good mood, too. An ideal time is after your dog has had a meal and has settled down for a nap. Sit next to your dog and stroke his body. Talk softly to him while you gently massage him all over. Encourage him to stretch out flat on his side. Rub his belly, scratch his ears, the base of his tail, all his favorite places. Then move on to his unfavorable places usually his feet and rear end. Run your hands down his legs to his paws and gently massage his toes and pads. Massage his ears, rump, thighs and hocks. Praise him for lying quietly. Most dogs enjoy this and relax almost completely. It's very relaxing for the owner, too!

Give your dog a massage for a few minutes every day. It won't take long for him to look forward to this time with you. Dogs love one-on-one attention. They especially love to feel good and this is about as good as it gets!

After a few of these massages, introduce a brush. I recommend a "pin brush" -- it looks similar to a woman's hair brush. At first, brush only for a few moments and don't try to make any real grooming progress. Your goal is to get him used to the sensation and to associate it with the pleasant massage process. Each day, brush him a few minutes longer, spending time on different parts of his body. Again, praise him for lying quietly and tell him how wonderful he looks.

Although your dog is sure to enjoy his massage and this exclusive attention, after a little while he may decide that enough is enough and try to get up. You'll feel his body tense as he prepares to rise. Before he's actually lifted his head, place the flat of your hand along the side of his neck, just behind his ears and gently but firmly, push his head back to floor, telling him "No, be still." Praise him and rub his tummy as he settles back down. Brush him a little while longer you should be the one to decide when the session is over. Increase the length of the session a little at a time until he'll lie there as long as you want.

Some dogs are too rambunctious or dominant to lie quietly on the floor. Here's a tip from professional groomers -- use a grooming table. On the ground, the dog is in control. He's quicker and stronger than you are and he knows it. Off the ground, he's insecure and you're in control. Grooming tables can be purchased from pet stores or supply companies. You can easily make one with material from the hardware store. A kitchen counter (for a small dog) or a workbench will do in a pinch as long as there's room for the dog to stand comfortably and has a non-skid surface.

To get your dog used to the table, put him on it for a few moments every day. Praise him, give him treats, massage him, handle his body all over. Make the table a pleasant place to be. Be gentle but

firm and insist that he stand, sit or lie quietly while you touch him. If he's really uncooperative, ask someone to help you by steadying him and keeping him from jumping off. Using the same process that I've already described, introduce him to the brush. Each day, increase the length of the session and brush more seriously, praising for good behaviour.

Don't tolerate any growling or snapping! You wouldn't put up with sassiness from your child just because she doesn't want her face washed. You shouldn't put up with sassiness from your dog either. Be firm! Correct each and every instance of nasty behaviour by grabbing your dog's muzzle, glaring at him and saying "No!" in your toughest, meanest voice. Then, matter of factly, continue working. As your dog learns that his antics won't scare you or make you stop, he'll settle down and behave.

A well-groomed dog looks good and feels good. Regular grooming helps to build a close bond between the two of you through one-on-one attention. It keeps tabs on his health by helping you stay in tune with his body and skin condition. A well-groomed dog is a thing of beauty and something to be proud of. Your dog can tell when you're proud of him and he'll strut his stuff with all the flair of a show dog!

My last dog behaved terribly at the vet's....

Q: My last dog behaved terribly at the vet's. I have a puppy now and want to get things started on the right foot. Is there anything I can do to train her so that going to the vet won't be so hard on her -- and me?

A: Sure! There are a lot of hints in the answer I just gave about teaching a dog to be groomed. Few of us like going to the doctor and few dogs like going to the vet. Like grooming, though, going to the vet is a necessary part of a dog's life. The better your dog behaves, the faster the vet's exam will go and the more effective it will be.

This kind of training is part of what we call "socialization." Socialization is the process of teaching a dog to live comfortably in a human world. To do that, the dog has to learn to accept handling by strangers, meet new people and cope with new places. A dog can be socialized at any age and it's easy to socialize a puppy.

Almost anything can be turned into an opportunity for socialization, even regular playtime. Every chance you get, handle the puppy's feet and toes, open her mouth, look in her ears. Get her used to being touched on all parts of her body. Have your family and friends do the same. Be gentle but firm and don't take no for an answer. Praise her for allowing this handling.

Many dogs are afraid of the vet's examination table. To prevent that fear, pick up your puppy and set her on a raised surface such as a grooming table, desk or kitchen counter a couple times a day. With one hand supporting her rear and your other hand under her chin, teach her to stand quietly, for just a few seconds at first but gradually working up to a couple minutes. Reward her with treats for being calm and still. (Never step away from the table leaving your puppy unattended for even a second. She could jump off in an instant and be seriously injured or killed.)

When you're at the vet's office, help your puppy to be confident by being confident yourself. Don't comfort or try to soothe the puppy if she's frightened. It will only backfire and make her even more frightened. Instead, talk to her in a high-pitched, "happy" tone of voice. Bring along some of her favorite treats and toys and play a game with her. Encourage her to meet and be petted by the vet techs.

In the exam room, put the puppy on the table and hold her in position just like you've been doing at home. This should be familiar to her by now and she knows that you expect her to stand quietly. Be firm, correct her with a stern "No!" and gently put her back in position if she tries to struggle. Reward good behaviour with praise and treats. **Vicki DeGruy.**



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The Ultimate Weight Reduction Program

Through no fault of my own, I inadvertently discovered the ultimate weight reduction program for people with dogs. The beauty of this particular diet is that you can eat as much as you want of anything that you want. But you probably will not have the time or the energy to do much eating.

This diet is deceptively simple to follow. The only thing you need to follow this diet is to get one eight-week-old puppy of an active, medium-sized breed. For purposes of discussion, let us assume that the puppy in question is a bouncing baby Australian Shepherd. The only thing you need to do to follow this diet is let this Aussie puppy run loose in your house and your yard while you try to prevent her from destroying either one. Good luck!

Most diets not only restrict the type and amount of food intake, but also mandate forced exercise. Another beautiful aspect of this diet is that, in keeping your Aussie puppy out of trouble, you will get all kinds of exercise. I believe that more than enough cardiovascular exercise is involved to put anyone's physician into ecstasy.

I happened to discover this diet upon the arrival of my new Aussie puppy who flew into town two months ago at the tender age of eight weeks. She is a red merle with one blue eye and one blue and amber eye. She is beautiful, brilliant, and bombproof. She is also an absolute force of nature unto herself, along the lines of having a miniature wildfire tear through the house and yard. My little angel, as her breeder calls her, is a niece of my Mr. Oliver.

My puppy delights in everyone and everything. She is also very fast. As a result, my puppy races all about the house and yard getting into all kinds of puppy trouble. The key to this diet is that I have to be right behind her making sure she does not commit puppy suicide or destroy the house or yard in her explorations. Often this involves picking her up and out of harm's way. Somehow I managed to pull all the muscles on the entire right side of my torso by the end of her first week.

I also take my puppy all over the place for socialization. Since she puts absolutely everything in her mouth, she is the first puppy I ever had who rides crated. This means that I am constantly lifting her up into the van and then down out of the van. More weight lifting exercises. My puppy goes with me on my Saturday morning errands which generally involve going to at least four different places. That is a lot of puppy lifting which, of course, provides much lifting exercise.

My puppy is a clean puppy. She is such a clean puppy that she positively delights in swimming in and then dumping every

single water bowl in the house. Mopping is excellent core exercise too. Of course, my puppy always dumps water all over her crate. So much for non-tipping bowls. Every morning and every evening I wash her bedding. Each load involves climbing a full flight of stairs six times, which makes a total of 12 full flights of stairs per day. When she first arrived, I carried her up and down the steps as well. Who needs a stair master?

My puppy enjoys gardening very much. Every evening she digs a huge hole in the same place in the mulched flower bed. So every evening I have to fill the hole. More core exercising. Then there is the exercise involved with me running after her as she romps around the yard with a rhododendron flower in her mouth.

The other part of this diet involves potty training. It is incredible how often an eight-week-old puppy needs to go potty. A puppy cannot go potty outside alone. I have to climb a half flight of steps to go out into the backyard. More stair climbing. At first, I had to carry my puppy in and out of the house, seemingly 50 times a day. Still more stair climbing with weights.

Puppies do not necessarily believe in sleeping. They especially do not believe in sleeping when you want to sleep. Apparently it is against their religion. Consequently, I have spent the last two months getting up twice during the night plus a half hour earlier to take my puppy out to potty.

Usually I put my puppy on a light long line when we go outside. She does not yet believe in recalls either. Last night during our second foray outside at 3:00 AM, I forgot to put on her long line. I do not do my best thinking at that hour. My puppy spent twenty minutes racing around the yard at full speed before I could catch her. I can only hope that my neighbors were asleep and did not witness me outside in my cherry blossom pajamas trying to catch a runaway puppy. We Washingtonians take our annual Cherry Blossom Festival extremely seriously. Running is considered great exercise.

Of course, the moment she came inside, she promptly tinkled on my best Oriental rug. Bending, as in cleaning up puppy tinkle, is also considered excellent exercise, I believe even core exercise.

Sleep deprivation over time works as an excellent appetite suppressant. I have neither the time nor the inclination to eat much once I get home. I am exercising nonstop from the time I get home until the time I get into my bed. If I ever had the chance to sleep enough to dream, I am quite sure that all I would dream about would be sleeping, certainly not eating. The bottom line is that, thanks to my new Aussie puppy, I have lost weight and have terrific muscle tone.

Who knew?



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GENERAL MEETING

1st April 2008

Meeting opened: 8.04p.m.

Apologies: D. Dickeson, M. McNair, J. Brophy.

Accepted: C. Humphreys.

Seconded: L. Kelleher.

Carried.

Minutes from the previous General Meeting were not distributed in the Newsletter, the President read same.

Accepted: K. Millard.

Seconded: J. Convery.

Carried.

Business arising from the Minutes

1. Club magnets are now available.
2. Wendy Ganly has made 14 bibs with the Club logo on the front and these were used on the Animal Welfare, Dogs Day Out event.
3. Congratulations to Sally Hunt on the work she did regarding the broken glass. Replies are in Correspondence.

Correspondence Out: Dogs Victoria; Broken glass letter to local members and C.O.G.G., Breweries; Agility Committee; Dogs Victoria re Agility trials.

Correspondence In: Lisa Neville; The Mayor; Ian Trezise, John Eren; Office of the Minister; Darren Cheeseman (broken glass); Geelong Club Network (forthcoming seminar); City of Greater Geelong (Rental increase of 3%, now \$339.03 per year); Recreation Liason Officer (Winter grounds approval); Dogs Victoria (advising of further Agility trial dates); Animal Welfare (Thank you card which accompanied flowers previously received).

Business arising from Correspondence

1. Secretary asked S. Hunt if she wished to take the broken glass matter further. S. Hunt said she would like to take further action on this issue. A. Shackleton suggested that an approach to the Waste Management committee might prove more fruitful as they were the ones actively involved in street rubbish. Their voice might be the strongest in suggesting to suppliers that the use of glass bottles be discontinued.

J. Ball passed a vote of thanks to S. Hunt for all her work in this matter to date. Has been a job well done.

Treasurer's Report

S Eldridge read written report and asked that all accounts be passed for payment for the period 25.02.08 – 31.3.08.

Accepted: J. Convery.

Seconded: T. Button.

Carried.

Other Reports

Canteen Manager - Nil report.

Display Team Leader - Nil report.

Hall Manager - Everything had been restocked for the 'Dog Day Out'.

Grounds Manager - Work had been undertaken to clearing/trimming trees along the sideway. Congratulations to Council for undertaking it. Weather has not been kind to the grounds in general. Mice had harvested the unused grass seed we had, the lives of which have since been terminated. Septic has been cleaned.

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Publicity Officer	- As per Newsletter.
Raffle Steward	- Nil report.
Shop Manager	- Written report.
Social Secretary	- Thanked all who were able to sell Easter eggs. Profit made will be between \$700-800.
Training Supervisor	- Nil report.
Trial Secretary	- Written report.

Sub-Committee Reports

Instructor's Meeting - C. Humphreys said that the class structure changes had not been written into training manual yet, and they needed another committee meeting to finalize same, and hopefully they will be implemented for May 1 start-up.

T. Button said that the proposed attendance by instructors for Dog Aggression seminar on May 10 was not a full complement.

Acc: P. Baker.

Seconded: K. Millard.

Carried.

General Business

1. T. Button is having a training demo on April 20 and would like to borrow club agility equipment. L. Kelleher moved "T. Button be allowed to borrow equipment providing we are not using items for training on the day." J. Convery moved an amendment to the motion that "T. Button be allowed to borrow equipment." Seconded: K. Stone. Carried. Trish Gavaghan to be notified.
2. P. Convery spoke to a club member who was a concrete repairer (Matt Finish Concreting) and asked him to look at concrete repair. Quotation given for repair of broken concrete and a doggie pool. Quote was duly provided. T. Button moved "that the concrete be repaired to make it safe, and that we install a doggie wading pool." C. Humphries suggested we do the concrete paths repair now and wait til later for the pool. Motion seconded by W. Ganly. Carried.
3. a) Aggression Workshop - designed for Instructors and trainees. To date only 14 instructors from GODC have indicated their attendance at this event. The workshop will be video-taped and a copy given to the club.
b) Karen Bridges - C. Humphreys' to pursue attendance by Instructors.
c) Tracking and trailling workshop. Limited numbers. Will be on in August.
4. A. Shackleton moved a motion "that in the next financial year profits from the Dog Shop be put towards the purchase of dog scales." Seconded: P. Baker. Carried.
5. W. Ganly asked the Training Vice-President, C. Humphreys, why some instructors never attend the seminars or workshops that are run. C. Humphreys said that you could only ask them to attend, as they were all volunteers. T. Button said that as Seminars/Workshops are now FREE for the Instructors, J. Ball (President) needs to attend an Instructors meeting and have an open forum on the subject. Discussion followed. J. Convery suggested that we set aside TWO weeks per year of no training, where instructors can attend a seminar/workshop in lieu of having classes. This to be included in the yearly club calendar. C. Humphreys to discuss at Instructors' meeting. K. Millard stated that despite attendance at seminars and learning new methods, our weekly training never changes. W. Ganly asked when the next Instructors course will occur. D. Gravalin handled this matter and needed to be spoken to.

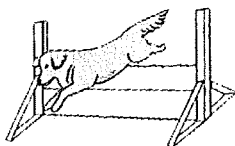
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6. T. Button said that the session with Malcolm Hertzal was successful and he went over 15 dogs. He will be down for another session on May 11. \$5 from each consultation will go to the club and this could go towards the club scales also.
7. L. Kelleher suggested that W. Ganly train the only two people interested in becoming part of demo team up and they then put on a display for the members. C. Humphreys suggested that they do it in a class situation thus enabling everyone to see.

There was no further business and Meeting closed at 9.07p.m.

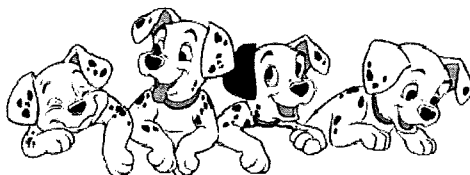
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MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR TRAINING

Being punctual

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

When and When not

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

Smoking, perfume and deodorants

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



No “Sunnies” either

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

Feeding

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

Plan to succeed not to fail

Remember the six P's. Prior Planning Prevents Pitifully Poor Performance. Effective training results from planning your training, not just approaching it in a haphazard fashion.

Be consistent

Be consistent with your training schedule. Plan to train at least 4 or 5 days a week, not just Sunday mornings. You may need a day off, but your canine companion doesn't. Properly planned training will have your dog looking forward to training sessions.

How long?

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

End on a high

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

Focus and attention

When you are training, focus your full attention on your dog and the exercise.

How can you expect your dogs full attention if your attention is elsewhere?

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