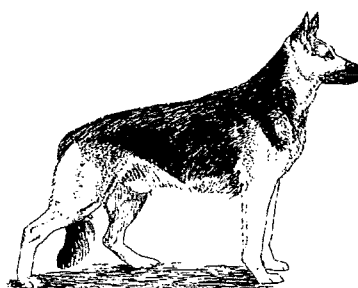
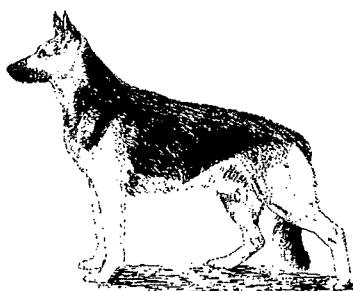
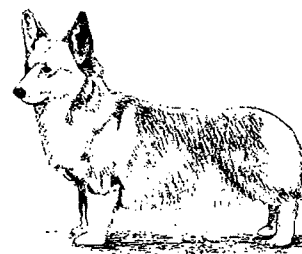
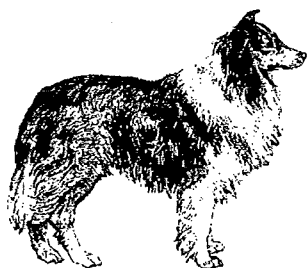
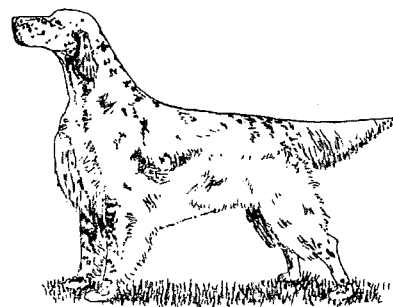
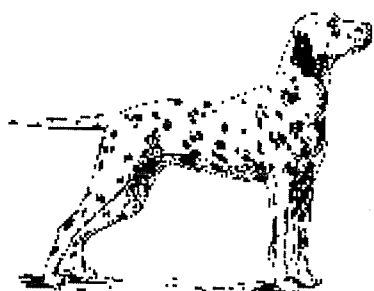


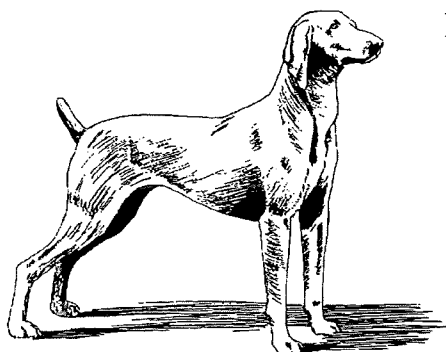
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CLUB CALENDAR

July

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

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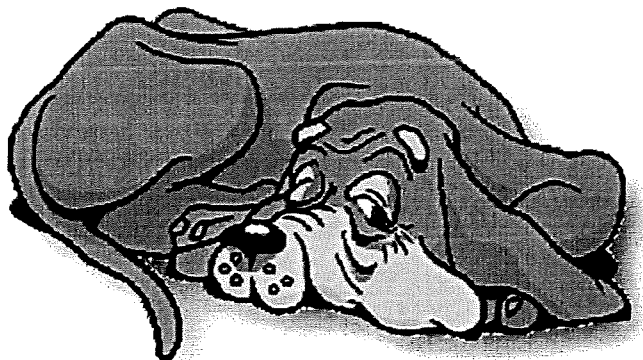
Lisa Pucci

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

MINDS ARE LIKE PARACHUTES.

**THEY ONLY FUNCTION WHEN
THEY ARE OPEN.**

Sir James Denver



NEW MEMBERS

The Committee, Instructors and Members would like to welcome the following new Members who have joined the Club recently. We hope you enjoy your training.

Vicki Fort	Milly	Staffordshire Terrier
Georgia Pohlman & Spike		Poodle (Standard)
Steve Hyland	Tish	Great Dane
Michelle Jepsen	Robert	Fox Terrier X
David Closey & Theraje Bailey	Klaus	Schnauzer (Mini)
Emily Jolley & Arron & Connor Mathewson	Marshall	Labrador x Poodle
Caitie Perry	Mia	Golden Retriever
Marilyn Rae	Cuba	Siberian Husky
Kelly McLean	Kuma	Great Dane
Carey Toyne		
Trent Lowe & Rhianon Black & Eve Fisher	Bella	
Ben Hayden	Alfie	Labrador X
Stuart Evans	Alice	Brittany Spaniel
Liza Hopgood	India	Border Collie
Brice Family	Reg	Poodle (Mini)
Weston Family	Max	Beagle
Scott Ireland & Jennifer Lilburn	Dash	Parson Jack Russell
Robert Whitehand	Tommy	English Springer Spaniel
Johnstone Family	Chelsea	Beagle X CKCS
Manikauskas familiy	Lea	Belgian Shepherd - Groenendael
Leigh DeLongville	Scarlet	Siberian Husky
Alicia Donovan	Jack	Pomeranian x
Terry Bright	Tilly	Labrador retriever
Rebecca Kowalik & Damien Malone	Gus	Kelpie X JRT
Barbara Leaumont	Bella	Maltese Terrier X Shih Tzu
Jennie Hergstrom	Jasper	Cocker Spaniel
Susan Winsor	Ernie	Weimeraner
Micheal Lyons	Meg	Rottweiler X GSD



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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 more, please see us in the Office. Also as you know our Secretary, Trial Secretary and Newsletter Editor both resigned, so we need to at least replace the Secretary and the Newsletter Editor as soon as possible.

The Weekend Seminar with Karin Bridge went off well. I think a lot of information was received by all who were there. Melinda Pearson night was good as well. She spoke of Homeopathic Medicines for dogs and there uses in humans as well.

Our Trials are still going ahead, we will be requiring helpers for that weekend. How you can help forms will be handed out soon. If you can spare some time, let us know.

Jim Ball -President

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Social functions coming up.

Slice drive forms will be handed to Club members soon.

If anyone has any ideas for Social functions, let me know.

Karen Millard – Social Secretary

TRAINING SUPERVISORS REPORT

Hi,

Promotion day is just around the corner (July 20), so step up the practice particularly on the areas that need it. On promotion day do some obedience before you go in the ring to get the dog ready to go right from the start.

Our Obedience Trials are on the 27th and 28th of July and any help would be most welcome. It is worthwhile come down to have a look at what can be achieved (with a lot of effort).

Please watch your dog around heaters and fires now that the cold weather is here.

David Gravalin - Training Supervisor



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PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT

June Newsletter
Publicity Officer

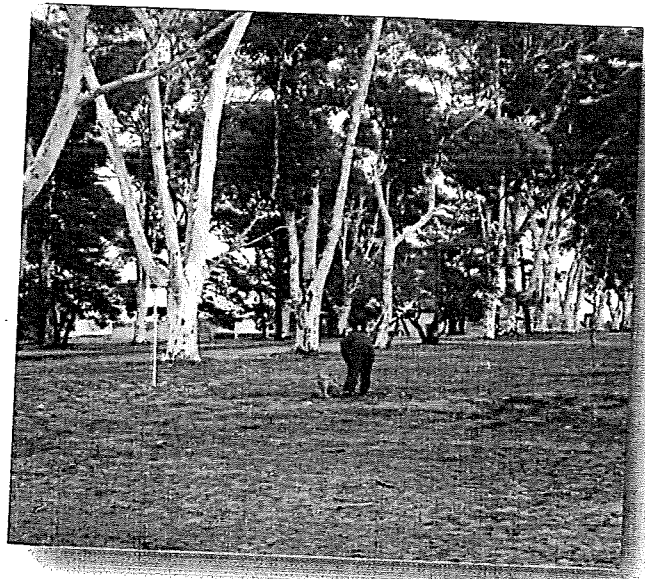
Hi all

The Million Paws Walk pre training went well with the few people that turned up. The instructors were few and far between but those who came along were a great help in keeping the competitors on the straight and narrow.

The Agility group had a good turn up and I hear that one of the Instructors dogs was a bit naughty on the day. Who could blame a puppy when it is taken out of the car and sees this huge space in front of it that is just made for running around?

It was fun to see the dogs trying Agility for the first time, going through the tunnel then over the jumps then trying the weave poles. The Obedience group was put through a course of Stations giving them time to prepare for the next exercise, some of the handlers powered along only to be caught up to on the sit-wait-come station.

It was a perfect day to be out and about with a four footed furry friend. The Winner of the



morning was Leonie and Branko.

Baby Rookie had a go at Tracking while the course was being set out.

Maybe, the next time a day is organised for Members and their dogs I will be very happy with the amount of Members and their dogs as well as Instructors who come along.

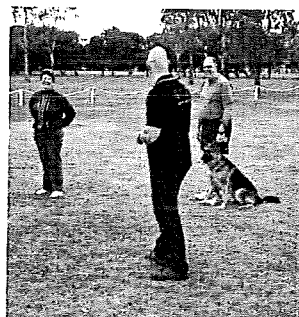
Wendy Ganly – Publicity Officer



SEMINAR/WORKSHOP NEWS

Claude Bertoni Aggression workshop

We were fortunate enough to have Claude from K9 IQ come to GODC and talk about aggression in dogs. His talk was a scientific approach and it goes to show that to mend problems in behaviour you have to know how to read a dog and look for triggers that cause the dog to behave in the way they do. The workshop was open to Instructors and Trainers. We had 5 problem dogs and each of their problems was looked at and assessed. Claude then came down during training the next day and worked on problem dogs in the classes. He will be attending classes again in July.

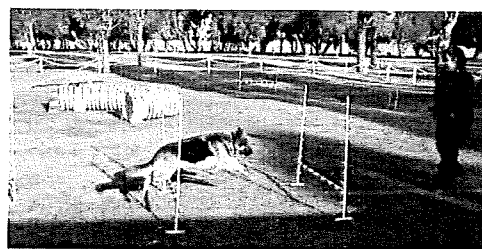
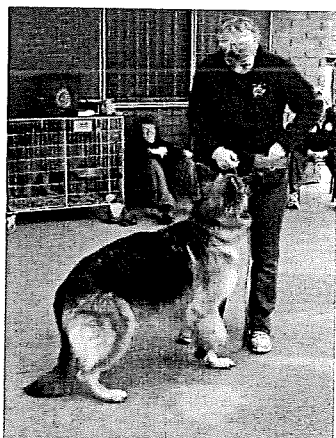


Karin Bridge Seminar

June long weekend we had Karin Bridge attend and give a Workshop on pet behaviour problems, obedience and agility problems. It was well received by attendees and everyone learnt something that would help them in their training. There were attendees from GODC as well as Bendigo and Melbourne. Thankyou to everyone who attended and a BIG Thankyou to those who helped me over the weekend,(too many to name, but you know who you are) made my job a lot easier.

Tina Button

Workshop/Seminar co-ordinator

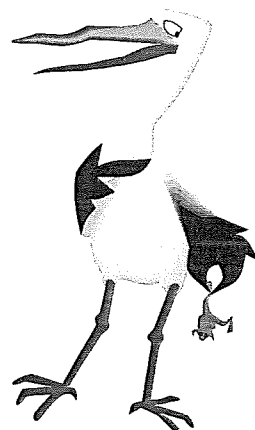


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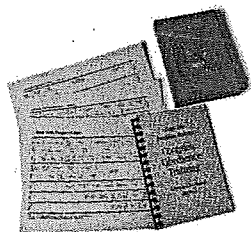


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Connie Cleveland

Dogs Are Problem Solvers Complete Obedience Training ~ The Connie Cleveland Method ~



The Connie Cleveland Method is 5 hours on DVD, with a book, designed to show you the steps necessary to train your dog for obedience (from basic commands through utility exercises).

Includes 3 DVDs,
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8 1/4" x 10 3/4" softcover
290 pages



Available soon from the Library.

Many Thanks to Theo Rain for his generous donation of plastic pockets

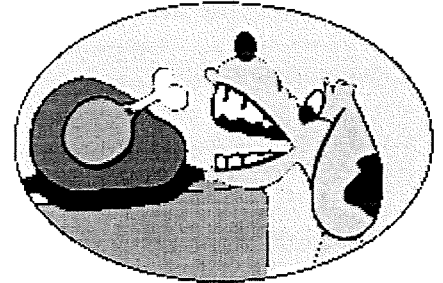
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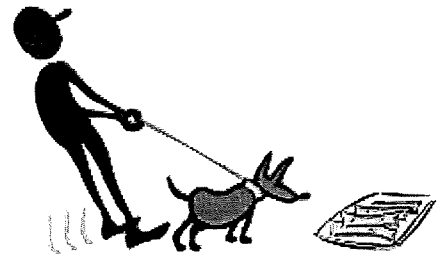
Leave It

LEAVE IT TRAINING

Having a dog that will respond to a "Leave It" cue can save the dog's life! The Dog Scout certification requires that you be able to show that your dog understands and responds to a "Leave It" cue. It also requires that it be demonstrated with both food and another animal. This is because there are many dangerous situations your dog might face. Being able to call the dog away from these situations can help you avoid embarrassment, having people see your dog as rude or needing a trip to the vet. Some of the situations your dog could get into in which you could use "leave it" include:



- Trying to steal a child's snack
- Raiding the garbage cans as you walk down the street or visit a friend's house
- Finding a baited hook on a beach or shoreline
- Going for dropped medication (yours or that of a nursing home patient you might be visiting with your therapy dog)
- Trying to visit someone that is afraid of dogs • Finding a dead animal carcass or other things dog's like to roll in
- Seeing an animal run across your path in front of you (cats, squirrels, chipmunks, etc.)
- Coming across a skunk or porcupine (they usually don't run, because they don't have to!)
- Approaching a less than friendly dog • Any time the dog's eyes lock onto something they can't have for more than 3 seconds
- This list could go on and on!



THE SET UP

If your dog doesn't know a "Leave it" command, it is fairly simple to teach it. Start with some so-so treats (kibble or something the dog will eat, but isn't crazy for, or a toy your dog likes but that isn't his favourite) these will be the "bait." Set the "Bait" on the floor on a paper plate or something to make it more obvious to the dog. You also need some of the dog's favourite treats or his favourite toy (can be hidden in a pouch or pocket). This will be the dog's reward when he does what you want.

BE A POST

You are simply going to stand like a post, holding the leash still (no jerking) so that the dog can't reach the bait. The dog will do any pulling or loosening of the leash, not you. You can even use a waist leash for this to insure that you don't pull on the leash. Don't let the dog take the bait

Be sure you are far enough from the bait that the dog can't lunge and reach it, or use his paw to drag it closer. If he does get the bait, be sure you at least make an attempt to get it out of his mouth (even if you know there is nothing there to get). This will help clarify to the dog that he made the "wrong choice." You will now need to be VERY careful that the dog is NOT able to steal another piece of bait. If he continues to self-reward the stealing behaviour, it is that behaviour that will continue.

Leave It (continued)

SHH, DON'T SAY A WORD

Don't say anything during this exercise. It is up to the dog to figure out what wins him the prize (favourite treats from you). What you are looking for is the moment that the dog backs off a little from his attempts to get the bait. As soon as you see this, click and back up a few steps (to focus the dog's attention on you) then praise and give the dog one of the really good treats that you have near or on you, but out of the dog's reach. Repeat this exercise until the dog looks like he understands that he has to "back off" in order to get the good treat. How fast the dog reaches that understanding depends on the dog. If the dog is too focused on the bait, move away from it a bit and try again. You may even need to be so far away that the dog can barely see the bait (especially when the "bait" is another animal—but that comes later)

NEXT STEP

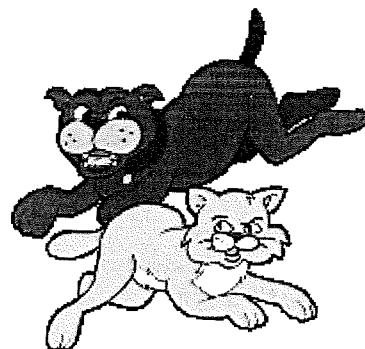
Now you will be raising the criteria a bit. Instead of simply requiring the dog to "back off" a few steps, the dog needs to look at you. Withhold the click until the dog does a quick glance in your direction. When he does, you are still going to back up a few steps to deliver the reward. When the dog figures out that it is looking at you that gets him the click/reward, and then you can drop the "backing up to reward."

ADD MORE TIME

When the dog is looking at you quickly, instead of trying to stare the bait into his mouth, you will gradually add the requirement of a longer and longer "look at you" before you click and reward.

OK, YOU CAN ADD A CUE NOW

Once he is reliably backing off and/or looking at you to get the good treats, start saying, "Leave it" just before the dog turns to look at you. The "Leave it" command should be said quietly, about the same as you would say "Hello" to a stranger. It should not have an implied "or else" tone because it won't need to. You may need to move the bait to a slightly different location to get the dog interested in it again.



Moving it just a few feet makes it "new" again. Notice that we didn't add the cue right away. This is because dogs don't know English. If you add the cue before the dog understands the behaviour, then "Leave it" is just babble you keep saying when there is good stuff present. If you add the verbal command too soon, he may even learn that "Leave it" means "there's good stuff here, try to get it!" Let him learn the action expected before you give it a name. That way he is clear that "leave it," means just that... ignore it, and good things will come his way!

MAKING IT HARDER

Once he is responding to the "Leave it" under the above circumstances, now you can change things a bit. Put the really good stuff as bait. Pretend that you are starting all over again. Your dog will go through the steps MUCH faster this time. Now try it in a different location. Again, start from the beginning. Again, your dog will progress through the steps quickly. Now try to walk by the food (like for the Dog Scout certification). Keep in mind that each time you add a variable (different bait, different day, new location, distractions, etc) it is now a new concept for the dog (because dogs don't generalize well).

REALLY LEARNING THE BEHAVIOR

If you use a positive training method and let the dog know that it is OK for him to try to figure things out on his own (to truly learn), then he will first try what he already knows. This is why he will progress through the steps faster each time. He will soon figure out that it doesn't matter where he is, or what the bait is, or who's walking by...when mom or dad says "leave it" it means something specific. If you progress through the steps as outlined, your dog will know the cue means to leave alone what ever it is that has caught his or her attention. It is also likely that the dog

Retrieving

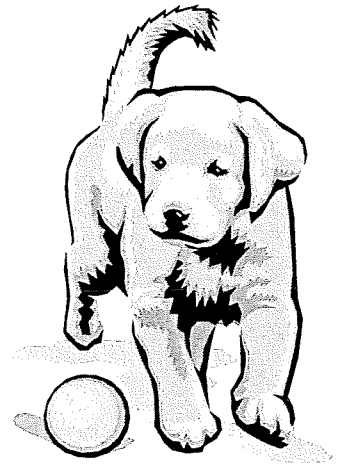
is part of the dog's natural genetic prey behaviour.

In some dogs it is very evident and in others not yet awakened.

Retrieving cannot be forced, but can be shaped, using any little spark of interest to build the fire in the belly. Remember that the dog may have been actively discouraged from picking up things previously and have been "punished" for doing so. With patience any dog can be taught to retrieve. Start as young as possible, baby puppy is the best time, when anything that moves is exciting. Put a ball or cloth on a string and play with the pup.

Teaching the Retrieve

1. First have a "marker" to mark the best of the responses you get. A clicker is ideal for this.
2. The first spark of interest, may be looking at the moving object. Reward this. Fan any spark with excited approval and a reward that the dog desires.
3. Tease the dog with the retrieve object, making it retreat and disappear. Do many repeats. Be enthusiastic for any forward movement any ear movement or pouncing. Try to get the dog to follow as the object moves away. For dogs that are inhibited about chasing or picking up objects, it is risky for them to do so, so you must give enthusiastic and unlimited approval for any tentative try by the dog.



The first time any dog tries something is the crucial moment that sets the dog up for future success or failure. Watch for these special moments and make use of them.

4. Shaping is what you are doing. Rewarding the dog's best efforts and then gradually raising the criteria till you have the standard you want. Very few people are willing to go at the dog's pace. We are all too ready to throw in the towel and give excuses. Patience and acute observation is necessary on the part of the trainer.
5. The dog's responses will be variable, clustering around a median response. Reward those above the median.

e.g. 30 trials may produce 18 watching with little interest, and 12 responses that were different. Of these 12, 7 times he did not even look at the object and 5 showed greater interest – head cocking, or slight movement, or once pawing the object. These 7 gained him rewards. The rewards can be different. For head cocking, a small reward, a bigger reward for movement and a bonus for pawing.

From here the median would change to moving forward or even pawing or mouthing. Every session will be different and by using a marker signal such as a clicker the dog knows exactly when he has won a point. Rewards must be given and the timing is crucial. The click tells the dog he has won a reward, and the dog and handler can then go together to get the reward with the handler praising the dog all the way to the reward box.

PRESENTATION

The same principals apply here as for retrieving. You select those actions above the median and reward them. This way you crank up the standard.

Read Karen Priors book "Don't Shoot The Dog".

CONTROL GAMES by the Dog

Many dogs will chase happily pick up and run away.

With the dog that wants to play chase me/ keep away games it is important that the handler never show any interest in the object the dog has. You control the food rewards and the ability to make the object come to life with your throw. So relax and shape. This shaping of any movement toward you is an example of counter conditioning, by teaching a behaviour that is mutually exclusive to the one you are trying to get rid of in a given context.

The dog that picks up and runs away is getting a payoff from the environment – you ignore the dog sitting quietly or chewing but pay immediate attention to the dog when takes off with something you want.

To avoid this happening:

1. Pay attention to the dog when he is playing with his own toys.
2. Teach a game of “I am going get you” with a cue and action that is exclusive for your chasing the dog, but does not happen otherwise. Finger wiggling and body shape ready for the chase is usual.
3. Ignore the dog’s actions when he goes to get a forbidden object, or keep them out of reach. Remember the first time you make a great fuss and chase the dog is the time it is imprinted in his memory as a great game.
4. Make retrieving the top of the totem pole with the dog to counter condition the staying away or guarding with the toy.
5. Make the “tug of war” game his reward for bringing the object to you.
6. Once you feel that the fetch to me, has been taught start leaving things around again. Ignore completely any attempts by the dog to get your attention by picking up an object when you have not indicated it is part of the “game”. We want the dog to realize that the game only starts when the cue is given.



Dogs that jump on visitors

Sent in by Helen Read

A dog that jumps on kids.

A dog that grabs at elderly people.

When some dogs meet people for the first time, they cannot contain their excitement and their nervousness. They can therefore greet a guest by jumping on him. Generally, this causes more embarrassment to the master than discomfort for the guest. Sometimes, a dog shows his excess enthusiasm by jumping on a child, an elderly person, or worse still, a person who is afraid of dogs.

The dog must be trained not to jump on anybody. Sometimes, this behaviour is caused by an unconscious reinforcement of said behaviour, either on the part of the master or the guest. The dog could very well have never been trained otherwise, or again, the guests pet the dog when he jumps on them, thus giving the dog the message that this is acceptable behaviour. For reasons of safety and hygiene, it is best to train the dog to greet guests properly.

The dog risks jumping or grabbing when :

1. The dog sees you after an absence.

2. You pet the dog.

3. You are seated in a chair.

4. You are holding food in your hands.

5. You are playing with an excited dog.

6. The dog wants to show his dominance.

The trick consists in finding out what makes the dog jump, recreating the problem situations and showing him not to jump. In order to redress the situation, each person involved must contribute to redirecting the dog's behaviour.

Any arrival at the family home must be done as calmly as possible so as not to excite the dog. Never talk to or pet an excited dog - be neutral. Ask a friend to enter the house; a series of successive entries and exits could be simulated for the sake of practice. Visitors must be advised that the dog must not be petted if he jumps. If the dog jumps, use the following approach :

1. Call "Hey" and sharply clap hands near the dogs ears.

2. Then, tell him to "SIT" and release him with "O.K." after a few seconds. Congratulate him by giving him the praise "GOOD", but withhold the treat.

3. Two minutes later, if the dog has not jumped, congratulate him once again (GOOD!) and treat.

4. If each attempt at jumping is immediately dealt with, the dog will not jump on anybody. When the dog has shown he understands the conditioning, reward him.

You can then practice the exercise with other people, because once the dog has gotten accustomed to a person, he becomes less excited. It is therefore wise to expose the dog to someone new at regular intervals.

What to do after a few practice sessions? At the moment of encounter, having the dog "SIT" every time you have guests, and you reward him for it, he will quickly adopt this behaviour.

If the dog resumes his jumping, give him the clap startle with the "HEY" and resume the exercise. A dog that jumps and doesn't respect the "SIT" command should never receive food or attention from the guests. Rather, give him warning "HEY" as soon as the dog is poised to jump.

Do not look at him, do not give him the attention he craves. When the dog "SITS" as he meets people, congratulate him and give him some affection. Such a gesture reinforces the link between good behaviour and the command, notwithstanding the benefits that a good master-dog relationship can bring to your quality of life. In order to eliminate any possibility of repeating the faulty behaviour, give him the proper command every time the dog encounters people.

In order to keep the dog sharp, put him to the test. Don't forget to recreate the situation with a witness, and maintain the same attitude when a real guest arrives. Come home with a bag full of treats which you put in a place where the dog is likely to jump for it. If the dog resists the temptation to jump, give him a treat. If he jumps, use the technique described above. If the dog jumps, use the VW "HEY!" as a warning, because it has already been associated with the sudden sound of clapping, thus keeping its full warning impact.

Good luck.

GODC OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIAL

26th -27th JULY

If you can help on either or both days, let us know.

Any Members who wish to Trial please have your entries in at the office as soon as possible.

VCA TRIAL RESULTS

Keilor ODTG

CCD Sandy Brit AD JD (Dusty) 85 points 6th place 1st pass

Highest Scoring Geelong Member



AGILITY CLASSES

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

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

If you and your dog would like to join in, make sure you get a form from the Office or the Agility Instructors, ask your Instructor to sign it for you so we know your dog is under control off lead, and hand it back to the Office or one of the Agility Instructors.



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



Getting to know your Instructors & Committee Members

This month

Elaine Longshaw
Minutes Taker

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

Dobermanns

How many dogs have you trained?

Six

Do you have any other pets at home?

Galah, Cockatiel, Fish

How long have you been involved with the Club?

27 years

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

When he got recent Title and when he nuzzles patients in the nursing homes

Describe yourself in three words

Long haired wobbler

Who are your heroes?

Inspector Rex and clever Dobies

What makes you laugh?

Crazy red dogs

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

A 4WD

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

Somewhere with sun and sand, water and grass for dogs

What is your favourite food?

Meringues and Ice cream

What is your favourite music?

Jazz

What is your favourite sport?

Equestrian jumping

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

Training keeps up to date with modern gentle methods

They have adequate Instructors

No more floods

Getting to know your Instructors & Committee Members

This month

Wendy Ganly
Publicity Officer

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

Australian Terrier Cross, Cocker Spaniel Cross and an Australian Shepherd

How many dogs have you trained?

3

Do you have any other pets at home?

No

How long have you been involved with the Club?

13 years

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

Too many to name

Describe yourself in three words

Friendly, happy, talkative

Who are your heroes?

People who rock climb

What makes you laugh?

Funny things

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

Chev Commander

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

Norfolk Island

What is your favourite food?

Chinese (home cooked)

What is your favourite music?

Any except punk rock and Country and Western

What is your favourite sport?

Most

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

Water system

Instructors to be part of the Club and to be given the chance to take one Class not both.



Guess the breeds

Have a go at working out the breeds below. Once you have filled in the names hand your answers in to the office. Prizes for first three correct entries drawn. Entries close July 13th. Winners announced July Promotion Day.

