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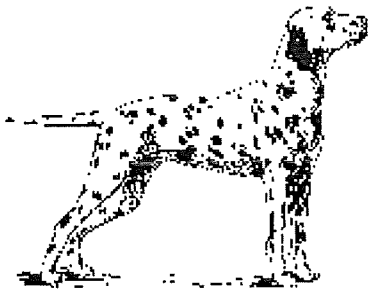

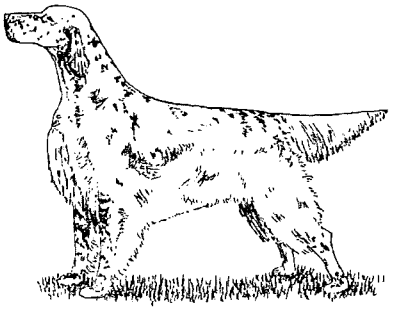

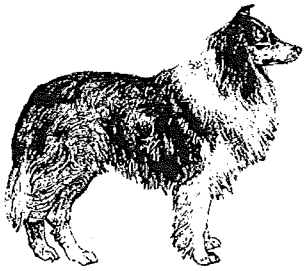

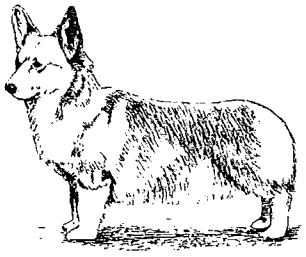

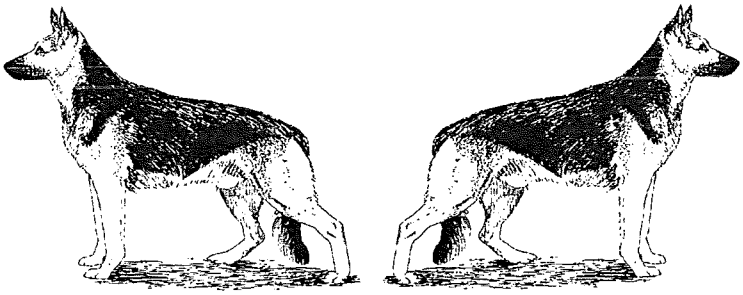

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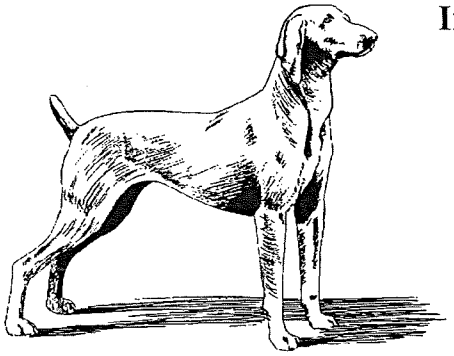

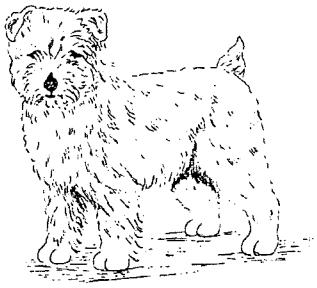

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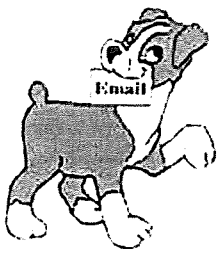

CLUB CALENDAR

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

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THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Your Imagination is a preview of life's coming attractions

Albert Einstein

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, we are nearly at that time of year again when Memberships are up for renewal. As know our Canteen Manager, Jim Broadbent, has resigned, so we are looking for some one to fill in until the AGM. Also as you know our Secretary, my thanks to Sally Hunt for taking up the challenge. Also my thanks go to Tina who has volunteered to take on the role of Newsletter Editor & Trial Secretary for the time being. As you will know by now our Trial on the weekend of the 26th and 27th is full steam ahead, with many thanks to Eric Booth from Ballarat and Frank Valastro , who came to our aid with much help to get the things under way. Eric is looking after the catalogue for us and Frank is going to look after the judge's boards and competitor numbers for us. Well that's all from me.

Take care and if you can help out in any way for our trial please see the committee.

Jim Ball -President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Talk about being the new kid on the block. I would like to thank all those wonderful people who have offered and are giving me support in my new role as your Club Secretary. It certainly is a steep learning curve which I do Hope I can manage.
We just had our working bee. What an exhilarating morning! The day was very different for me as I am an office worker. I was able to be outside trying my skills at shovelling, raking and using a barrow, as well as being with my best friend ' Ruby'. Ruby made some good friends and all the dogs there gave us some great entertainment. At the end of the morning we achieved our goal and had some great fun on the way. Thanks to all those who attended and for those that couldn't make it this time , you missed out on some great fun.
Hope to see you next time.

Sally Hunt -Secretary

TRIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi Everyone, I have decided to take on this position to assist the Club in the continuity of the trials. There is quite a lot of work involved but only seasonal. I will be covering this position until the AGM , so if anyone is interested in finding out more on what is involved , come and see me. The Trials will only be a week away from when you receive this newsletter, if you are interested in trialling or wish to see some very well trained dogs competing come down, there are four trials over two days. Don't forget that you cannot bring your dog unless you have entered.
Good luck to all those who have entered, hope you have a successful day, and Thankyou to all those people that have helped behind the scenes to keep the trials running. Our next main event will be the Spirit of The West in October. More details later.

Tina Button – Trial Secretary

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.

Leslies Family
Tania Berry
Lauren Patrick
Bagworth Family
Stephen Whitworth
Stephanie Maronis
Mackey Family
Tim Kotteck
Judy Hesler
Perrett Family
Len Chong
Williams Family
Keama Fisher
Louise Davies
Felicity Hughes
Victor Wendt
Schilder Family
Melanie Oliver
Hilditch Family
David Hamilton
Haas Family
Fort Family
Victoria Whelaw
Cara Bavich
Yvonne Hunter
Sally Stokes
Marie Symes
Lauren Roberts
Campbell Family
Daniel Rowan
Mitchell Family
Harley Rea
Rebecca Ware
Gina Stowers
Little Family

Doggy Facts

A dog can run up to nineteen miles per hour when running at full speed. But the members of the greyhound family are the fastest; they can run up to 42 miles per hour.

Dogs often hesitate before going out in the rain. It's not because they're afraid of getting wet, but because the rain amplifies sound and hurts their sensitive ears.

A frightened dog puts his tail between his legs because it cuts off the sent glands in its anal region, a very vulnerable part of the anatomy. Since the anal glands carry personal scents that identify the individual dogs, the tail between the legs action is the dog's equivalent of insecure humans hiding their faces.

Dogs only have sweat glands on their feet, dogs cannot lose heat rapidly by perspiring from head to toe like people do. Instead the dogs sweat by panting, which removes body heat by evaporation from the surface of the tongue.
Dogs also pant when they are nervous or excited.

LIBRARY NEWS

GERMAN SHEPHERD CLUB MAGAZINE (GERMANY)

Write your own caption for this superb shot.
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Dr Ulrike Wurth, Dr Susanne Jacker & Dr Greer Sheridan

COOKING FOR YOUR DOG

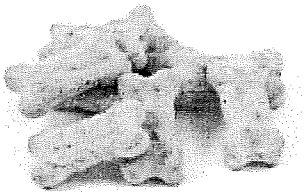
Here are some fun treats you can make for your dog.

Halitosis Healers
(anti bad dog breath)

Prep Time	Cook Time	Serves
20 mins	30 mins	about 36 biscuits

Ingredients

- 2-3 cups finely chopped/minced fresh parsley
- 1/4 cup finely chopped carrot
- 1/4 cup grated Mozzarella cheese
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil (preferably olive)
- 2 3/4 cups whole meal flour
- 2 tbsp unprocessed bran flakes
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 -1 cup water



Making your very own dog biscuits is fun and only requires a little effort. They make great presents for friends with any breed of dog and they are healthy to boot. With all that parsley your dog's breath will smell just great and there's a stack of Vitamin C and iron there as well!

Step 1 Preheat the oven to 180C. Lightly grease 2 baking sheets or put baking paper on them. In a small bowl mix the parsley, carrots, cheese and oil. In another bowl, stir together the flour, bran and baking powder. Add the parsley mixture and stir well. Gradually add 1/2 cup water. Mix well; adding more water if needed to make the dough moist. Knead for 1 minute on a floured surface.

Step 2 Roll the dough to 1cm thickness. Using a small dog-bone cookie cutter, or even a glass if you don't have cookie cutters, cut as many shapes as you can, re-rolling the scraps. Put them on the baking sheets. Bake for 20-30 minutes, or until biscuits have browned. Cool on a rack. The biscuits will harden as they cool. Store in an airtight (and dog proof) container for up to two months.

Winners of the June Newsletter Competition.

1. Leah Stones
2.
3.

Only one correct entry.

Answers

Pharaoh Hound
Soft Coated Wheaton Terrier
Griffon Bruxellois
Italian Greyhound

Wanted

Large outdoor kennel to suit Labrador. See Kathy Stones (Hall Manager) if you have one for sale.

ADVERTISING RATES FOR "FAITHFULLY YOURS"

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

RATES

Up to 1/8 page Line Advertisement 1 Edition $ 2.00

Half page Advertisement 1 Edition $10.00

Half page Advertisement 12 Months 6 issues (bi-monthly) $50.00

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

Please note that we do not advertise puppy litters.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR INSTRUCTORS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

TINA BUTTON

INSTRUCTOR
NEWSLETTER EDITOR
TRIAL SECRETARY

What type of dog/dog's do you own?
5 Border Collies, 1 German shepherd, 1 Pharaoh hound

How many dogs have you trained?
15 of my own

Do you have any other pets at home?
Sheep, Horses, chickens and a cat

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

What is the most memorable time you have had with your dog?
Winning Best in Trial (Agility) on home ground.

Describe yourself in three words
Outgoing, pro-active, optimistic

Who are your heroes?
My dad, Steve Austin (The dog Trainer)

What makes you laugh?
Most things

If you had unlimited money, what car would you drive?
One that can pull a dog trailer and be comfortable at the same time.

Again, unlimited money, where would you go on holiday?
Antarctica & Crufts World Dog Show

What is your favourite food?
Greek

What is your favourite music?
Retro, most depends on the mood

What is your favourite sport?
Dog Sports, Equestrian

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

Everyone to work together as a team
Increase the amount of Instructors
For everyone to be open-minded when it comes to training.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR INSTRUCTORS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ALEX SHACKLETON

SHOP MANAGER

What type of dog/dog's do you own?
Border Collie (rule!)

How many dogs have you trained?
1 (although it feels like more)

Do you have any other pets at home?
Nope - apart from the borer in the floorboards.

How long have you been involved with the Club?
3 Years

What is the most memorable time you have had with your dog?
Our every night cuddle watching TV

Describe yourself in three words
Tall, red, greeny

Who are your heroes?
Dawn Fraser
Sir Ernest Shackleton

What makes you laugh?
My Dog!
Monty Python

If you had unlimited money, what car would you drive?
Nissan Navara twin cab, steel tray, new canopy, dog fitted.

Again, unlimited money, where would you go on holiday?
Antarctica, followed by the rocky mountains train trip.

What is your favourite food?
Lots!!

What is your favourite music?
Modern Celtic (stop laughing!)

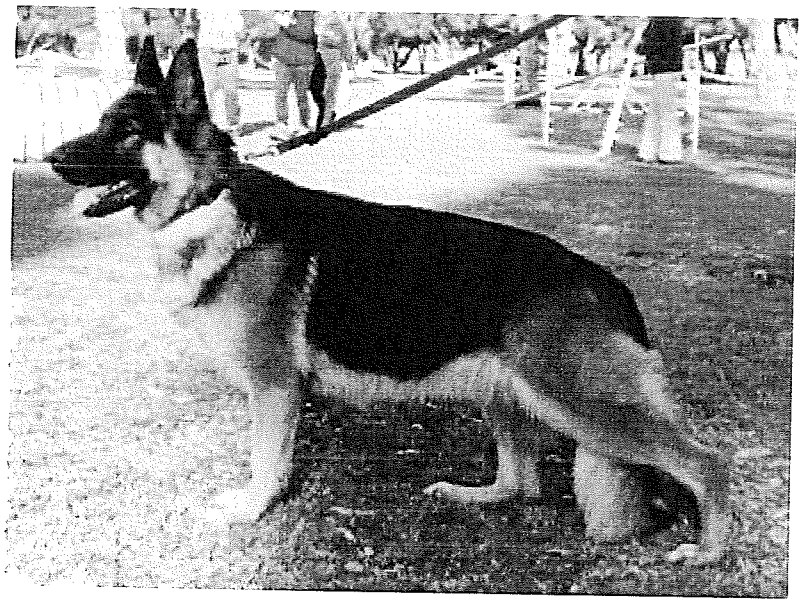
What is your favourite sport?
Lifesaving

What are three wishes you have for Geelong Obedience Dog Club?
That everybody buys lotsa stuff from the shop
That everybody has an enjoyable session every time we get together
That we can get our visions together so that we can get our grounds improved, trees planted, and grass growing.

PS. And a coffee machine would be great!

BREED PROFILE

Each month there will be a profile on various breeds. This month we start with two of the most popular breeds here at GODC.



THE GERMAN SHEPHERD

Established in Germany as a herding and flock guarding dog. Now widely used for many purposes, such as Obedience, Agility, tracking, assistance dog, Police, Army and Personal protection (Security).

General Appearance: medium sized dog, slightly elongated, powerful and well muscled. Height at withers 60-65cms for dogs and 55-60cms for bitches. The length of the body is greater than the height at the withers by 10 to 17%.

Temperament: Must be of well balanced temperament, steady of nerve, self assured, absolutely free and easy, and (unless provoked) completely good natured as well as alert.

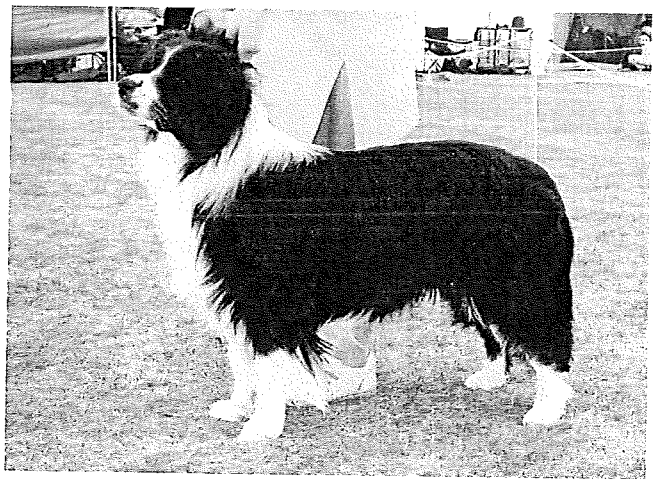
Coat & Colour: Double coat, with undercoat. Top coat dense as possible, straight, harsh and close lying. Should be short on the head, inside ears, front of the legs, toes and feet. Longer on the neck and body. Black nose in all colour types. Black with reddish tan, tan, gold to light grey markings. All black, and all grey; in greys with black saddle and mask. White is not a permissible colour.

Life span: 13 years

Taken from ANKC breed Standard.

BREED PROFILE

The Border collie



The Border collie is highly intelligent with an instinctive tendency to work and is readily responsive to training. Its keen alert and eager expression add to its intelligent appearance. Originating in the counties bordering England and Scotland.

General Appearance: Well proportioned, graceful, athletic, lithe and muscular. Skull is broad and flat between the ears, slightly narrowing towards the eye. The muzzle tapering towards the nose. Nose colour must be solid in colour with no pink or light pigment and shall complement the background colour of the body.

Temperament: Highly intelligent, keen worker. Any aggression is considered a serious fault. Thrives on activity. And is used for stock, agility, showing and obedience. Can become bored easily if not mentally and physically nurtured.

Coat & Colour: Double coated with a moderately long, dense, medium textured topcoat, while the undercoat is short, soft and dense, making a weather resisting protection. Abundant coat to form mane, breeching and brush. Face, ear tips, forelegs (except for feathering), hind legs from hock to ground, the hair is short and smooth. Colours - Black & white, Blue & white, Chocolate & white, Red& white, blue merle, tri-colour black tan white. In each case the basic body colour must predominate and be the background colour of the dog. White must not predominate.

Life Span: 15 years

Taken from ANKC breed standard

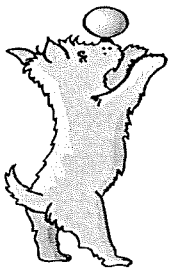
AROUND THE GROUNDS

July 08

"But I don't have TIME to train"

Yes you do. Training doesn't have to involve a long commitment of time. Here's when:

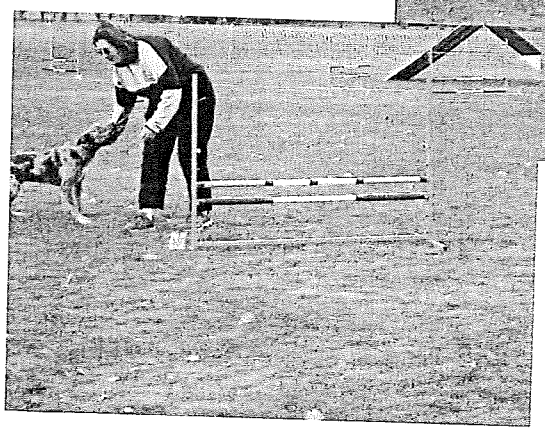
- During commercial breaks of your TV show - turn the sound down.
- While your bagel is toasting.
- While your coffee is brewing or tea is steeping, or the microwave or stove is working on your next meal.
- While on the phone (remember, you don't need to give commands when you're capturing good behaviour).
- While on the toilet (sits, downs, even "come")
- Two minutes before your walk - Don't indicate the walk in any way, just start running your dog through his commands. Reward each correct response. After the last one, say, "Good dog! Want to go for a walk?" and go get the leash. This is a jackpot!
- Two minutes before the dog gets to go on a car ride. See above.
- Every time you let the dog in our out a door (ask for "sit" or a "down" before you open the door).
- Every time you put down a food or water dish (ask for "stay" or "leave it" before releasing them to get it).
- While playing fetch (ask for a "sit" or "down" or other trick before throwing teach ball).
- While your computer is warming up, shutting down, or downloading that slow e-mail or website.
- When you walk out to pick up the paper or mail (wait at doorways, walk on a loose leash, etc.)
- Every time you start an interaction with your dog. Don't interact with him unless he is calm and polite - especially when you first come home. Ignore him (pretend he's not there, give him the cold shoulder) if he's being wild or noisy.



Winter Fun at NADAC Trials

Ballarat in the middle of winter and it was cold, cold, cold! Many conversations centred around how many layers of clothing it was possible to wear and still be able to run. Nevertheless, five Geelong members spent the day sending their dogs over jumps, A-frames, dog walks and through tunnels and hoops in hope of gaining qualifications which lead to titles. In between times they time kept, scored, scribed, changed jump heights and helped change courses… AND they had FUN!
It was a NADAC agility trial that had brought them and other competitors to Ballarat on the 12th July in order to enter events such as Regular agility, Jumpers, Chances, Touch'N'Go and Weavers. Some competitors would even thaw out over night and do it all again the next day.
The accompanying photos were taken on the Saturday and show some of our Geelong Members and their dogs in action.

Trish Gavaghan



COMMON TRAINING PROBLEMS

Using food in training:

1. Food is never out of sight

When luring, food is always in sight. It is essential to quickly move to the next level where food is out of sight. The dog then has to work out what he needs to do to get you to pull that treat out of your pocket. At this level instead of simply following a lure he has begun to use his brain - "Oh if I sit you treat' – now I get it!" This is the step that many people fail to achieve. Sometime it is because:

2. The Treat has become the 'signal'.

Many owners find lure training so fun and easy *they* become dependent on having a treat in their hand. From the dog's point of view the treat actually becomes part of the signal to sit – 'when mum has a treat in her hand and moves it up it means 'sit'. When she doesn't have a treat in her hand and waves it around I don't know what it means.' You must be certain to establish clear signals or cues for all behaviours that you want to train that do not include food in sight.

3. The Treat has become 'release'

Just as you need to teach a clear signal to commence a behaviour such as 'sit' you also need to teach a clear signal to indicate 'release' from a behaviour (usually a word). This is particularly important with long duration behaviours such as 'sit' 'down' and 'stay'. Many dogs unintentionally learn that the treat ends the behaviour. "I lie down, I get a treat, I get up." This is made worse when owners then grab out another treat to lure the dog down again. What has the dog just learned? 'Every time I get up mum gets out another treat' – and so the pop up dog syndrome starts. The answer is to withhold the treat briefly after the dog lies down then start to put several treats down in quick succession on the ground – so he is rewarded now not for *going* down but for *staying* down – followed by a release word such as 'free'. If the dog pops up all the time not only is he unstable but he never learns there *is* a release word that he needs to wait for!

4. Dropping out the lure and the reward at the same time.

When first attempting to drop food out of the hand (lure) many owners fail to reward a correct response. This teaches the dog that food in the hand predicts a reward and no food in hand predicts no reward – exactly what we don't want. Owners then complain "he's so smart, he only does it when he sees the food". This needs to be turned around. If you need to lure your dog into a sit, withhold the treat and just

praise him. Try signaling your dog to sit without a treat visible and if he does so reward him immediately with a treat hidden in a pocket or nearby bowl.

5. Rewards insufficient or reduced too quickly

Professional and competitive positive trainers are generally far more generous with their rewards then most pet owners – who seem only too keen to 'stop using food'. Insufficient rewards are like providing too few pieces of the behaviour puzzle. Remember food is information. When first training a behaviour one should reward every correct response until one is reliably achieving 9/10 correct responses. After this it is appropriate to reduce treats and alternate with a lesser reward such as praise alone. Provided you have avoided Mistake # 1 (food never out of sight) this should be an easy process. The dog will be use to performing the behaviour *first*, then wait to see what your choice of reward will be - a treat, praise or a game.

6. Ineffective Treats.

A reward will only increase behaviour if it is desired by your dog. Though the ideal is to use your dog's daily food allowance in training there may be times when you need to supplement your training rewards with something a little more exciting such as fresh chicken, cheese or sausages – particularly when you are in a highly distracting area such as a training class full of playful young dogs. It is a great idea to have a variety of treats – some favorites some less so – so your dog can never predict what treat he may get next. Variety will keep your dog hoping his favorite treat may be the next one and avoids him 'being in the drivers' seat' and deciding ' I'm getting a bit sick of liver, I think I'll just skip it this time'.

7. A variety of rewards not conditioned.

If you don't want to be overly reliant on training treats you need to install other effective rewards for your dog. The most important of these is praise. Every time you treat your dog you should also praise him with a specific and genuine praise voice that tells him he's done the right thing. Treating as you praise will classically condition a higher value to your praise so that even if you don't treat some of the time, your praise will have a positive reinforcing effect.

Some dogs naturally love chasing ball or playing games of tug but for those who don't it is worth investing the time to train them as alternative rewards. Food again can be an important tool in training these activities in a fun way. Ultimately the greater the variety of rewards you can offer your dog the better.

TRAINING A NEW BEHAVIOUR

1. **GET THE BEHAVIOUR**
   try free shaping, prompting or luring

2. **MARK THE BEHAVIOUR**
   with a conditioned reinforcer e.g. clicker, 'yes'

3. **REWARD THE BEHAVIOUR**
   with treat or game

4. **REPEAT**
   until there is a 90% correct response rate to the prompt or hand signal

5. **ADD A VERBAL CUE**
   And/or reinforce hand/body cue

6. **USE THE CUE TO GET THE BEHAVIOUR**
   Change to random & variable rewards

NOW YOU CAN ELICIT YOUR BEHAVIOUR BUT IT IS NOT FULLY TRAINED UNTIL YOU HAVE STIMULUS CONTROL

7. **CUE - STARTS behaviour.**
   - Reward ONLY in the presence of the cue
   - Do you both recognize the same CUE? Is the dog attending to - hand /verbal/ eyes/ feet /context?
   - must be recognized, clear & consistent

8. **RELEASE - ENDS behaviour**

JULY NEWSLETTER COMPETITION

Name: _____

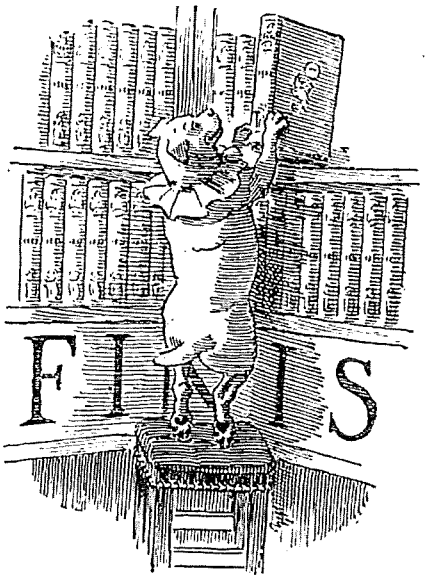
Have a go at answering the following questions. Points will be tallied and the three highest scores will win a prize. In the event of a tie, names will be drawn from a barrel to determine the placings. Entries need to be in at the office by August 15th. Winners announced in August Newsletter.

1 Point

1. What breed of dog does the Queen of England own?
2. Name of the Native dog of Australia?
3. Another name for the Australian Cattle Dog?
4. What breed of dog does Dr Harry Cooper own?
5. What breed of dog is used at the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service?

2 Points. Name the breeds the following 5 dogs represent.

6. Inspector Rex?
7. Scooby Doo?
8. Fred Basset?
9. Snoopy?
10. Lassie?



3 Points

11. Where on the dogs' body is the Pinea?
12. Name 3 parts of the dog?
13. Are pups born with their eyes open?
14. What is the gestation period of a dog?
15. what is the normal temperature of a dog?

4 Points

16. What are the 4 diseases that a C4 vaccine covers?
17. Name 4 worms that a dog can get.
18. How many teeth does and adult dog have?
19. What is HD? (Common in many lge breeds)
20. If your dog has Halitosis, what is it suffering from?

BONUS QUESTION. 1point for each correct group.

Name the seven ANKC breed groups. (Group 5 has been done for you)

1.
2,
3.
4.
5. Working
6.
7.