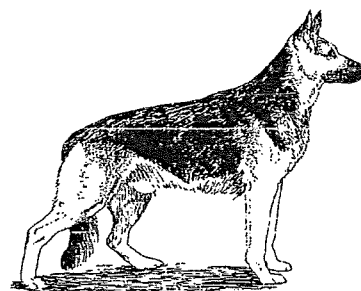
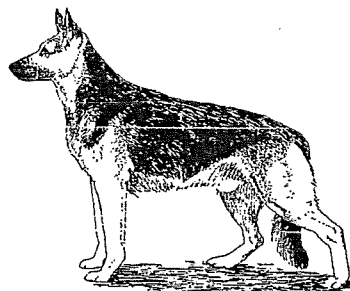
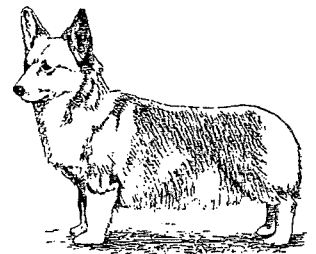
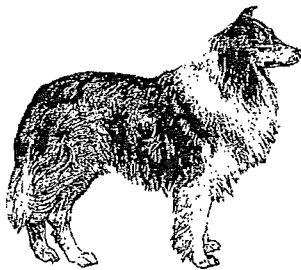
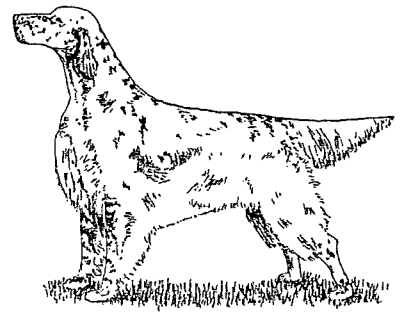
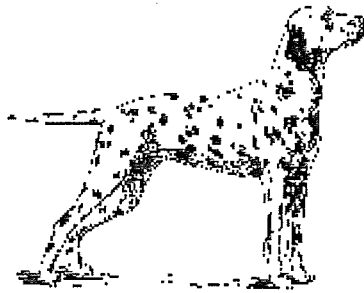


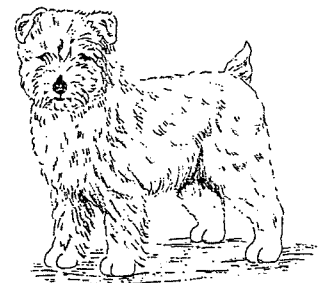
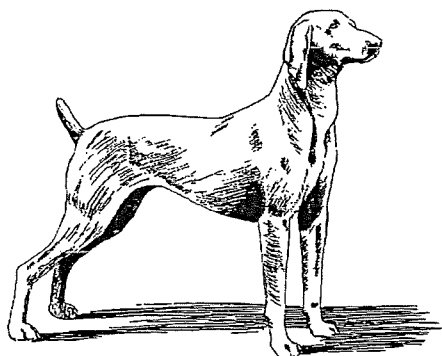
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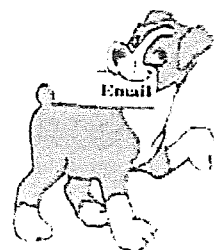
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CLUB CALENDAR

October

Sunday	5 October	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	7 October	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 8.00 pm
Sunday	12 October	Spirit of the West
Wednesday	15 October	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	19 October	Normal training
Monday	20 October	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Sunday	26 October	Normal training. Newsletter available

CLUB INSTRUCTORS

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THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

The greatest pleasure from owning a dog is that you make a fool of yourself with him, and not only will he not scold you, but he will make a fool of himself, too.

Samuel Butler



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well another year is nearly over. Our next hurdle to overcome is the Spirit of the West to be held here. Please get behind this event as after all of the upheaval in the club we need to win the shield back from Werribee. All members are encouraged to participate. Most all, we need our Instructors to get in there and help out as Judges or Stewards. This is a fun day with and you would be surprised at how easy it is. Talk to your instructors about it. Well the Club has purchased a new computer and it has been set up with all that we require on it. My thanks go to Tina who organized all of this. By the time you get this new letter the list of people for committee should be on the notice board and window by the door, along with all notices of motion that need to be put at the AGM. If all the positions are not filled I hope that people will come to the meeting and put their hand up. Just remember it is your club and your input is vital. You will have seen that my name isn't on the list as I have been president for the past four years and think it is time for someone else to have a go. I will admit there have been some trying times but there have been some positive ones as well. Well that is all for me for now. I wish the new committee all the best for the future.

Jim Ball -President



TRIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

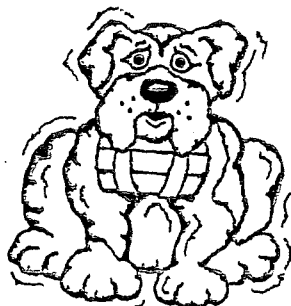
The Spirit of The West Entries close 5th October. I hope you have thought about entering, if you have not done so. There are classes for everyone.

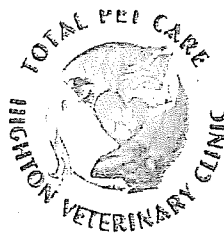
The AGM is on the 7th October, please make the effort to attend and voice your concerns or praises.

Good Luck to the new Committee, I hope it is a successful year.

Finally I would like to Thank everyone who stepped in when the Club needed you.

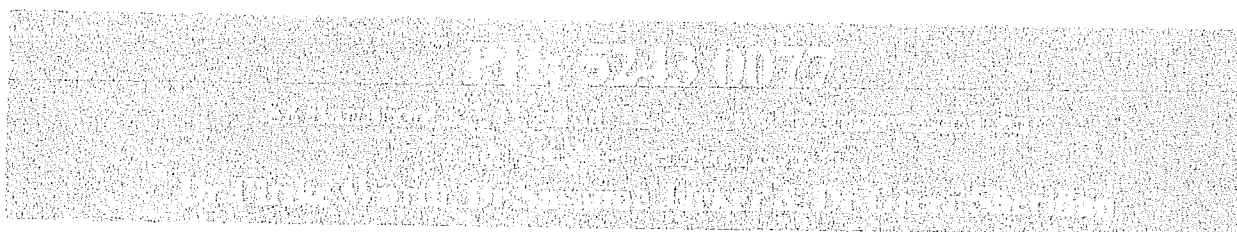
Tina Button – Trial Secretary





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September Newsletter Competition

Caption Competition.

Write a caption for each of the photos. The best of each will win a prize. Entries need to be in by 15th October 2008







GETTING TO KNOW YOUR INSTRUCTORS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**SANDY
MALADY
Instructor**

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

Border Collie

Pointer X

How many dogs have you trained?

2

Do you have any other pets at home?

No

How long have you been involved with the Club?

9 Years

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

Geelong Obed, Highest Scoring Geelong Member

Describe yourself in three words

Approachable, easy going, good listener

Who are your heroes?

What makes you laugh?

Funny Stories from friends

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

BMW convertible x 7, one for each day of the week

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

Travel Australia in a Winnebago

What is your favourite food?

Chocolate

What is your favourite music?

Pop/ rock

What is your favourite sport?

Footy

What are three wishes you have for

Geelong Obedience Dog Club?

More members

More interaction

Updated equipment



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR INSTRUCTORS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ray Millard

Instructor

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

St Bernard

How many dogs have you trained?

3

Do you have any other pets at home?

Horses

How long have you been involved with the Club?

3 years

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

Training and trialling

Describe yourself in three words

Very easy going

Who are your heroes?

What makes you laugh?

Jokes

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

Hummer

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

World Trip Cruise

What is your favourite food?

Seafood

What is your favourite music?

Country

What is your favourite sport?

Rugby

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

Unity

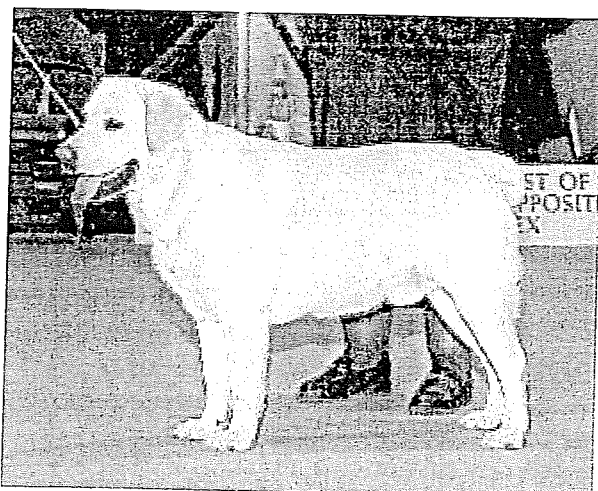
Prosperity

Growth



BREED PROFILE

The Labrador Retriever



One of the world's most popular and most well known breeds of dog. Its amiable personality is reflected in the perpetual motion of its thick otter-like tail. Famous owners include Bing Crosby and Francois Mitterrand.

Contrary to what its name suggests, the Labrador, or Lab (as it is commonly known), originated in Newfoundland, not Labrador. In Newfoundland it was known as the St. John's dog. These dogs were used by the fishermen to drag fishing nets and safety lines from boat-to-boat or to the shore. This watery heritage has stayed with them and they are considered to be one of the best water-retrieving breeds.

The breed was first introduced into Britain in the 1800s. The name Labrador was given to the breed in 1887 by the Earl of Malmesbury after watching them at work in the water. The breed almost died out in its native home due to heavy taxes on dog owners. However, it flourished in its new English home and became extremely popular as a field and water retriever. Today, in addition to its traditional occupations, Labradors are used as guide dogs for the blind, as police dogs, sniffer dogs, and as wonderful family companions.

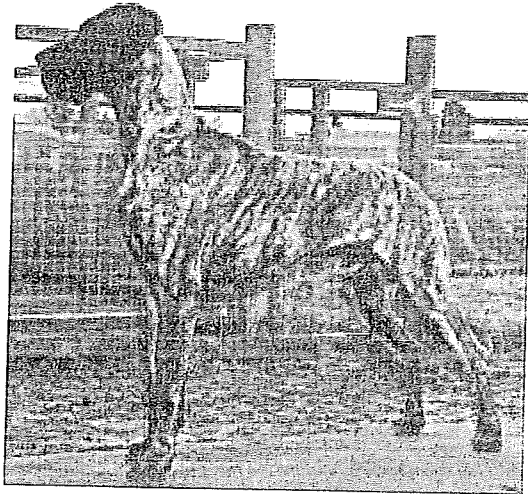
While not a tall dog, the Labrador is solidly built and very strong. Height: 21.5 - 24.5 in (54 - 62 cm). Weight: 55 - 75 lb (25 - 34 kg). They have a broad skull and a medium-length muzzle. Their eyes are medium-sized and dark in colour, as is the large nose. The Labrador ears are set well back and hang close to the head. They have a strong neck and well-built solid body with a deep, broad chest. Their medium-length, thick tail is a characteristic of the breed. The waterproof coat is short and straight, very dense, and not soft. There are three official colours for the Labrador: yellow, black, and chocolate. Other colours are sometimes touted as "rare," but this is usually a sign of crossbreeding.

The Labrador makes a superb companion animal because of its gentle nature. This large dog actually enjoys playing with children and loves to be included in their games. Although it is too gentle to be a guard dog, the Labrador makes an excellent watchdog if encouraged to bark at the sounds you consider important. The dog is still large enough to deter unwanted guests with its marvellous bark. Labradors usually get along well with other dogs. However, sometimes the females and sterilized males can become shy of other dogs so it is wise to socialize them when they are puppies.

Be careful not to over-feed your Labrador, as its pleading eyes can always encourage you to tip a little more food into its bowl. If you regularly exercise your Labrador, you will be rewarded with a happy, healthy, and most delightful dog.

BREED PROFILE

The Great Dane



One of the gentle giants of the dog world, the Great Dane is the embodiment of enormous power combined with a kindly nature.

Although the name suggests a Danish origin, the Great Dane is a wholly German breed. The breed is very ancient, and dates back to pre-Christian times. The Great Dane's ancestors were originally used for fighting, and were then developed into a formidable boar hunter. It is possible that this ancestral breed was brought to Germany by Phoenician traders, or by the Roman legions. This dog was much heavier than today's Great Dane and was known as the Alaunt or Molossus.

These dogs were spread throughout the world by the Alans, who took their dogs with them when they invaded Gaul, Italy, and Spain. It is believed that the slender body shape and agility of today's breed was brought about by judicious crossings with Greyhounds. The old British name given to this breed is the German Boarhound, which reflects its ancestry. A dog closely resembling the Great Dane appears on coins dating from the first century BC.

The Great Dane is a well-formed and elegant dog with no rough edges. This is one of the tallest breeds in existence today. Height: 28 - 32 in (71 - 81 cm). Weight: 120 - 150 lb (55 - 68 kg).

The Great Dane's head is flat and relatively narrow with a broad, very deep muzzle. The ears, set high on the head, are medium-sized and triangular, and fold forward to sit close against the head. In the US and Canada, the ears are usually cropped. The eyes are medium-sized, set deep into the face, and are dark in colour. The body of the Great Dane is strong, with a deep chest, well-rounded ribs, and a slightly arched back. The tail is long and tapering. The legs are neither thin nor bulky but in proportion to the body, and are powerful and well-muscled.

The coat of the Great Dane is short and glossy, and comes in the colours brindle, fawn, blue, black, and harlequin (white with black markings).

The cartoon character Scooby Doo portrays the Great Dane as a large lovable dog that is not always as smart as it should be. Real life Great Danes are certainly intelligent animals. They give the impression of being slow starters, but this is because it takes a while for their large frames to catch up with their rapid thoughts. Great Danes make very effective watch-dogs, but their usually friendly nature towards people undermines their use as guard dogs.

Care should be taken that their size does not scare smaller dogs who can be quite terrified on their first meeting. A pair of Great Danes playing together is a marvellous sight to behold. Owners are advised to carefully control children around their Great Dane, as they can get scared if they are accidentally knocked over during play. If kept in hot areas, these large dogs should be provided with plenty of shade and water, as they overheat very quickly during exercise. It is wise to pay attention to their feet after vigorous exercise, as they can be oblivious to small injuries.

September Newsletter winners

Brooke Wauchope

Kim & Christine.

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Apologies for any inconvenience caused. EDITOR

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Fries

3 Flakes

3 Potato Cakes

3 Dim sim

3 Chicken Neg

2 Serve of onion Rings

Free 1.25ml drink



GENERAL MEETING

Meeting opened: 8pm on August 5, 2008

Apologies : B. Thoregood, M. McNair.

Acc: S. Malady. Seconded: K. Millard. Carried.

Minutes from the previous General Meeting were read as not previously published in Newsletter.

Acc: L. Kelleher. Seconded: K. Stone. Carried.

Business arising from the Minutes

1. Concrete repairs - V. Douglas said that not much further had progressed at present. He needs to see if we can get a grant, needs to take further as is an OHS issue.
2. New Instructors course - C. Humphreys said there are two people to be passed.
3. Scales, board flexibility - needs to have base further balanced. Is currently okay for small dogs, but not good for large dogs.

Correspondence Out:

1. Dogs Victoria - notification of new Trial Secretary's details.
2. Dogs Victoria - notification of agenda item for Conference on October 27, 08.

Correspondence In:

1. Dogs Victoria - Forms and Regulations for Obedience Trials July 26 and 27.
2. G. Murray - Requesting secretary contact her class members re change of time for Agility training.
3. H. Read - requesting we let members know about workshop on Positive Reinforcement training.
4. T. Gavaghan - use of grounds on October 4, 08 for NADAC agility trial.
5. Dept. of Justice, Office of Director of Liquor Licensing - notification of new laws, to tackle alcohol related violence.
6. Barwon Health - Gala Day family fund day - Saturday, November 22, 11am, Parade, noon Family Fund Day.
7. Barwon Health - Parade and another display/disciplines for the crowd.
8. Dogs Victoria - Obedience trial form incorrectly completed.

Business arising from Correspondence:

1. Dogs Victoria - Forms and Regulations forwarded to T. Button.
 2. Positive Reinforcement Training Workshop - placed on Noticeboard.
- T. Button moved "that H. Read conduct training sessions for four(4) weeks on a Wednesday night throughout August for the Instructors and assistants."
- Seconded: L. Kelleher. Carried.
3. NADAC Trial W. Ganly moved "that we would set up as previously done for last NADAC trial." (extract from previous minutes added the proviso that the grounds were suitable at the time.) Seconded: P. Baker. Carried.
 4. Gala Day Parade - W. Ganly and L. Kelleher handling. Club was rung then L. Kelleher requested a letter to the club setting out details. Suggested we would do a static display and put on some demonstrations throughout the day. Publicity Officer to pursue.
 5. Dogs Victoria - We will forward the GST for trial as requested.

GENERAL MEETING

Other Reports

Canteen Manager - Nil report.

Display Team Leader - Nil report.

Hall Manager - Nil report.

Grounds Manager - Written report.

Publicity Officer - Photos. Taken of members around the grounds by various committee personnel. Regarding Gala Day will organize a meeting. Thank you for stewards at the trial.

Raffle Steward - Written report.

Shop Manager - Written report.

Social Secretary - Handed out slice drive sheets.

Training Supervisor - Nil report.

Trial Secretary - Written report.

Sub-Committee Reports - Nil

Acc: K. Millard. Seconded: T. Gavaghan. Carried.

General Business

1. Discussion of committee structure. T. Button discussed a proposal to change the Management structure. Item 23 of constitution. Current structure no longer suitable. Other clubs do not have TWO Vice-Presidents. Also to include the Canteen and Shop manager positions to be committee positions as they both deal with money. Drop the positions of social secretary and publicity officer and let general committee deal with same on a needs only basis. Will put out a motion for members to vote on at the next A.G.M., will give 14 days notice of so doing beforehand. General discussion followed.
2. S. Hunt suggested that we get a new computer or upgrade existing one as not compatible with computers users have at home. H. Read moved a motion "that we obtain a new computer suitable for the needs of the club today and in the future." Seconded: P. Gearon. Carried. S. Hunt will look at suitable computers etc.
3. Puppy Kinder - S. Malady willing to start in September on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. \$55.00 for four week course. Available for puppies 8-14 weeks old.
4. A. Shackleton moved a motion "that the embroidery for promotional clothing be changed to that design as per sample circulated." Seconded: K. Millard. Carried.
5. A. Shackleton requested a monthly financial report go to shop.
6. Dogs Life Magazine - R. Youll cancelled this for the library without it going to secretary and through committee/members.
7. T. Button and R. Millard hoping to go for their VCA judges licence. T. Button requested that the club contribute to this end, a cost of \$250 per person for their first year. F. Lehmann stated that previously members paid for themselves when striving to attain this. W. Ganly moved "that the

GENERAL MEETING

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8. E. Longshaw queried where we had got the dog treats from for the trial. Beautifully presented but contents mouldy.
9. K. Stone asked if the club could look into the purchase of a small oven for canteen area. T. Button moved a motion "that K. Stone find out information and pricing to bring to the next meeting." Seconded: K. Millard. Carried.

As there was no further business

Meeting closed: 9.15pm