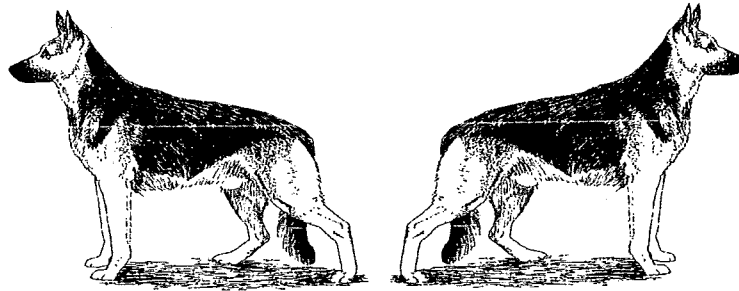
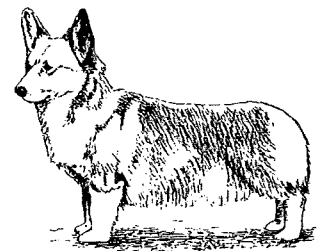
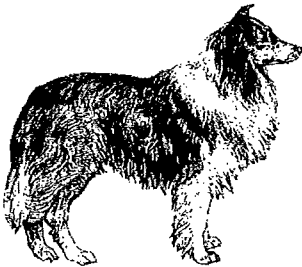
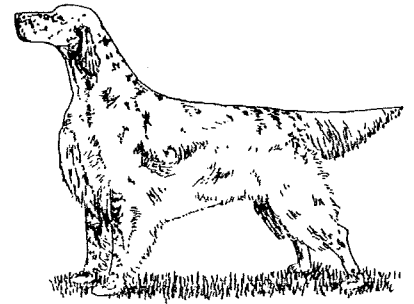
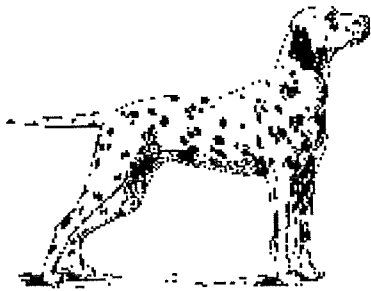


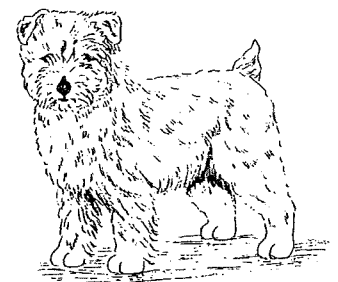
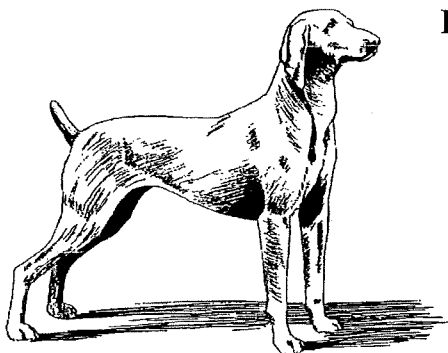
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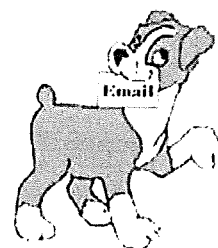
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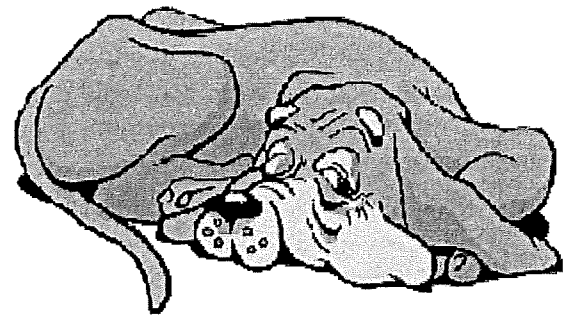
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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**"There is no psychiatrist in the
world like a puppy licking your
face"**

❖ Ben Williams



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This being the last edition for the year, I would like to thank all the Committee and Instructors for their efforts this year and hope to continue a strong working relationship with you all next year. I would like to thank the Members during these past couple of months for their patience and understanding as we go through some changes here at the Club. For us to move forward we need to be pro - active in our endeavours to bring about changes.

On a serious note, I would like to say that I am disappointed in a few people who are going out of their way to make changes difficult. For us as a Club to move forward we need to get out of the past and grow. If you have something to say about what the Committee is doing, I would appreciate correspondence via letter. I will not investigate any actions that come to me second hand and nor will I tolerate any spiteful, malicious gossip from anyone.

Next year we will be introducing new class times and you will see a new class edition, Complex skills. There will also be tracking, flyball, obedience and Agility. Something for everyone. Congratulations to all the triallers who received titles and passes in all canine sports. Good luck to all the members in the up and coming Promotion Day.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Looking forward to seeing you all in Feb 2009.

Tina Button -President

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Hi Everyone,

As I sit here writing this report, I am thinking how quickly the past 12 months have gone by. It seems like yesterday that we were planning the end of year celebrations. As I reflect on the past years, I can't help but think what a year it has been, some highs and some lows.

We saw the exit of our Secretary and Trial Secretary, which left us to possibly cancel our Obedience trials July this year, but thanks to some dedicated and determined people the trials were back on and ran ever so smoothly. Well done to everybody for a successful weekend.

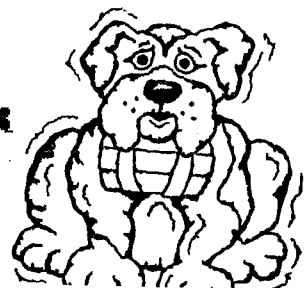
Also we sadly fair welled a very respected and loyal Instructor – Moira McNair who passed away in October. Also In October after four years as President Jim Ball retired from the position leaving us to ponder on the future of the Club.

A new Committee was formed and it was full steam ahead. We have introduced tracking and flyball. There will be some positive changes in 2009, to help our Club grow bigger and better.

Thank you to everyone for your support of the Club and the new Committee.

Congratulations to all who will be receiving awards at our end of year presentations.

Karen Millard - Secretary



VALE

Moira Mc Nair



Moira McNair:- Friend, Club member for 20 years and Instructor for the past 15 years, lost her battle with cancer recently. She had also fought the effects of Multiple Sclerosis for many years- a fact she kept hidden from most people.

Moira instructed two classes every Sunday until a couple of years ago when she conceded that one class was enough to manage.

Moira joined the club in 1988 after a long and varied career in nursing,- at the time of her retirement she was Director of Nursing at Box Hill Hospital. Her Leisure time was spent working on several Committees, playing a mean

round of golf, trips around Australia and joining the Club with her cattle dog who required lots of work!!

After becoming an Instructor, Moira purchased a delightful, stubborn Golden retriever – Lucy – and they enjoyed each other's company for nearly 12 years. Moira attended General meetings, seminars, instructors meetings and was always willing to help with stewarding at trials. If she was away for any reason she would always call to find out what had occurred in her absence. She had a very dry sense of humour and a strong work ethic. She will be sadly missed.

Moira was a very courageous lady now resting in peace. Vale Moira.

Thank you to Desma Dickeson for this lovely tribute.



******* TRIAL RESULTS *******

Ballarat Dog Obedience Club

Lindenbrae Tarfin Bravado (Simbah) , Border Collie , Alex Shackleton

– 2nd Place, 3rd Pass **CCD *Title***

Werribee Obedience Dog Club 25/10/08 (am)

Tillsun Master Key CDX ADX JDX PT (Amigo) Aust Shep, Peter Baker

Open Pass , 1st Place 173 points

Werribee Obedience Dog Club 25/10/08 (pm)

Tillsun Master Key CDX ADX JDX PT (Amigo) Aust Shep, Peter Baker

Open Pass, 2nd Place 176 points

Congratulations to Peter and Amigo for Best in Trial – Herding in October

4/11/08 Northcote Obedience Dog Club

Ch Lahej KelbTal Kutcha (Anubi), Pharaoh Hound, Tina Button 3rd Pass- **CCD *Title***

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Tillsun Master Key CDX ADX JDX PT (Amigo)

Herding Test title : 28.9.08
Pre- Trial Herding Title : 05/10/08

The first time Amigo was in the ring with three sheep, he would rush in and split them up, pull wool out, bite their backsides and have wool hanging from his mouth. He would then look at me as if to say "whaaaat.. wasn't me". After chasing him with a broom a few times, I taught him that just his presence was enough to move them. Amigo obtained his titles within a period of four weeks. I wanted to enter the most versatile Aussie Shepherd performance trial and herding was one criterion he had to do along with conformation, agility/jumping and obedience. Amigo gained enough points to take out the award of **Most Versatile Australian Shepherd** in November. I was elated. He is a lovely dog with a great temperament. Many Thanks to Geelong Obedience Dog Club for letting me have some Sundays off.



Ch Lahej Kelbtal Kutcha CCD. (Anubi)



Many thought that it wasn't going to be easy to train a Pharaoh hound to do Obedience trialling, even Steve Austin said I had my work cut out for me. We did it in 5 trials and yes it was harder than training my Borders and Shepherd, I put it down to temperament. Anubi has the right mind set that has made my training easier. She has always been quick to learn, although there were times I nearly gave up. It was worth it in the end. I was not going to enter a trial on Melb cup day, but Kathy Stones (bless her) sent in an entry for me and well... the rest is history. You see Karen... oversized rats can be trained for obed...!! She is the first Pharaoh in Victoria to receive a CCD title and possibly in Aust. (yet to be confirmed). Now

it's on to Novice, a Pharaoh has received a novice title many years ago and it's our turn to emulate it. Somewhere along the line we will concentrate on agility and Jumping. It has been challenging but well worth the effort.

Tina Button & Anubi.

Lindenbrae Tarfin Bravado CCD (Simbah)



G'day, my mum asked me to paw some lines after i got my CCD title at Ballarat a couple of months ago. My name is Simbah and I'm a seven and a half year old Border Collie, I used to live with Tina and lots of other Border Collies, but when I was three and a bit, I moved in with Alex – so I had to train a whole new owner. I made some puppies before I moved, but no matter how hard I try now... no more puppies. Anyway, when i first moved in with Alex we had some problems communicating, she used new words and clapped her hands around in different ways to what I was used to, so we both went back to obedience classes (I was already trialling in Novice) we spent a lot of time getting to know each other and after about five tries I passed my beginners cert. Again. We kept going with Merit passing that on

the fourth go, and then started doing agility again along with Graduate. Agility is great fun, I get so excited I jump up and down and grab my mum's clothes (I think it's great she wears my favourite Holy clothes on Sundays), I also sometimes try to move other dogs out of the way – but mum doesn't like me doing this and I keep getting in trouble...not my fault they look at me funny! Back to Obedience – we started to do trial training whilst doing Grad, mum spent a lot of time learning not to stand on me – I still keep a bit wide to avoid that. We passed grad after nine tries – mum took a lot of training to get that bit right. Cos I'm already grown up, it was hard for me to go back to training mum in puppy stuff, but she said until I looked at her and concentrated we weren't going any further. So we did lots of focus work. We started trialling in Warrnambool in 2006; I went with some other dogs that had been doing it for awhile, so they helped me find my way. Their mums and dads helped my mum work things out too. I didn't pass but I came second and got a nice bag of food to take home. I went to another 5 trials before Geelong in 2008 where I got my first 2 passes, mum was sooo pleased with me she even forgave me for eating my lunch in the back of the ute, well nearly..... And so to Ballarat in September, I did the morning trial and watched mum all round the ring in my heeling, I did the other stuff too but she didn't seem pleased when I did a high speed recall and a little sit at the end, still we got the points and we passed. More food. So now we will try for novice but mum is also taking me tracking. Now where is that rabbit?

Doggy Facts

- ❖ About 50% of dog owners buy their pets gifts for xmas and birthdays
- ❖ There are an estimated 150 million dogs worldwide
- ❖ The name "poodle" derived from the German word *Puddein* translates to " to splash in water"
- ❖ Dogs do not have collarbones
- ❖ The word "collie" is Scottish slang used to describe sheepdogs
- ❖ Airedales' were used as messengers during times of war
- ❖ Chewbacca of Star Wars was inspired by George Lucas's dog Indiana, an Alaskan Malamute
- ❖ Corgis were once used to drive cattle off land where they did not belong.
- ❖ Weimaraner and Hungarian Vizsla pups are striped at birth
- ❖ The bite of a human is more likely to cause infection than a dogs bite.

LIBRARY NEWS

This month we review the latest edition to our library.

Cesar Millan

Cesar's Way
Be the pack leader.

Both books have been positively reviewed by Instructors. The Dog Whisperer T.V series by Cesar Millan has been enthusiastically greeted by members who bring their dogs into the Club rooms.

Our DVD training collection is becoming popular. Agility is popular viewing as it is an effort for serious and dedicated trainers and if not perfected can be a circus act.

A little about Cesar.

He is an inspiration to us all with his sheer dedication and commitment to dogs. Cesar humbles us. He crossed the border to the U.S, from Mexico; he was illiterate and unable to speak English. He overcame these enormous handicaps and created the Man who runs with a pack of 40 dogs which he has saved and rehabilitated.

Cesar is a family man and a very honest man about his initially troubled journey from an obsession with dogs to a creative and ongoing relationship with his wife Ilusion and his two children.

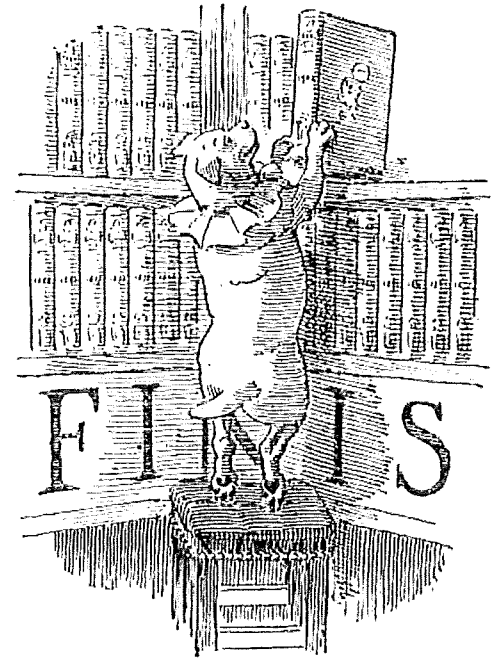
Cesar focuses on family/dog relationships and gives incredible insights as to how the interaction between individual family members and the dog can create incredible tensions within that unit. His theory is that the human family directly contributes to the instability of the canine companion.

It is a different direction to many dog only based theories of dog handling and worthy of consideration. So too is his philosophy of "calm assertiveness" to train dogs.

Enough said – borrow to enjoy a fantastic and thought provoking read.

Happy Heeling

Robyn Youl



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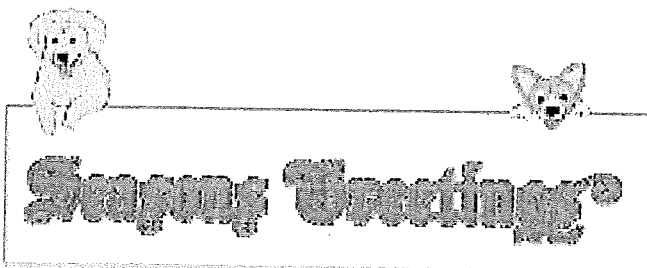
1. Leah Stones
2. Rebecca Kearney
3. Jenni Keeping

Prizes can be collected from the office.

Answers

1. Dogwalk or Walkover
2. See-saw or teeter totter
3. A frame
4. Weavers
5. Tyre or hoop jump
6. Table
7. Broad jump
8. Collapsible tunnel or shoot
9. Tunnel
10. Spread jump

The answer for the picture of the dogs playing poker is:
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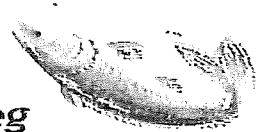
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3 Chicken Neg



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3 Dim sim

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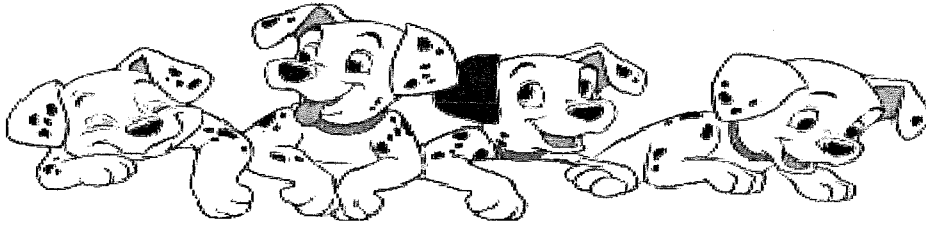
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Dr. Graeme Wraith, Dr. Suzanne Jacker & Dr. Grace Sheehan

It's Flea Season again!!!!
Here are some interesting flea facts.

- ❖ Fleas can jump the human equivalent of leaping over the Rialto from a standing start, hundreds of times an hour.
- ❖ They suck 15 times their own body weight in blood everyday
- ❖ Fleas will mate every day, and it takes up to 9 hours
- ❖ Fleas can live for 120 days, laying up to 50 large eggs every day
- ❖ A flea jumps at a force of 140 G's. A jet fighter pilot blacks out at 12 G's
- ❖ Once on an animal, the flea will remain there, enjoying a lifelong orgy.
- ❖ The flea life cycle is 3 – 4 weeks in summer, autumn and heated homes
- ❖ Male sexual parts occupy a third of its body length even when coiled up in its abdomen, it is equipped with spines, lobes and tickling devices resembling feather dusters.

Thanks to Dr Sally Adams of Nth Geelong Vet Clinic for the Information



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SCENT GAMES

by John Rice & Suzanne Clothier

Long before you pull out the tracking flags, dust off the utility articles or decide that your dog needs to learn how to use his nose, he's busy using his nose to explore his world. The sense of smell is functional at birth, and from the moment he's born, your dog lives in a world rich with scents. All you need to do is teach the dog specifically how you want him to use his astonishing olfactory powers. The easiest way to accomplish this is through games. The *Scent Work Games* presented below are suitable for any breed at any age from 6 weeks on, but we recommend strongly that these games be a regular part of your puppy's development. All of these games stress reliance on his nose, not his eyesight.


To avoid confusing your dog, we recommend you choose one word, which indicates food or dog toys (we use "SEEK"), and a completely different word for objects with human scent or people themselves (we use "FIND IT"). In this fashion, the dog is always clear about WHAT he's looking for with his nose and will not confuse food scents with human scent. One of the most common problems with using food to teach scent discrimination or tracking is that you must ultimately teach the dog that the food is not what you really meant at all!

 WHICH HAND? - This is the simplest of all games. With food or a toy in only one hand, present both closed hands to the dog. Ask him, "Which one?" You may improve upon this game by insisting he touch with a paw or scratch lightly at the correct hand before receiving his treat, or simply have his nose bump your hand. If he gets it wrong, show him the correct hand but DO NOT give the treat! Just try again. Add lots of dramatic flair to this - dogs love a good show.

 LIGHTS OUT - This one is great fun for the dog. Show your dog a treat (preferably crunchy) or his favourite toy, and then place it out of his sight but easily accessible in a dark room. Tell him to SEEK - follow him in to listen for his success, which you will praise enthusiastically. Obviously, the rewards for the dog are multiple - he gets a treat or finds his toy plus a very happy handler. If using a toy, be sure to reward his find with some play before starting again.

When multiple treats or toys are used, this particular game helps to build persistence and trust in the handler. The dog may initially find only 2 out of 3 treats, but he quickly discovers that persistence in searching when you give the SEEK command pays off. He learns to believe you - there really is another one there!

You can increase the difficulty of LIGHTS OUT by hiding the cookies in less accessible places (like in a shoe, or placed on a low shelf.) This can be practiced outdoors as well as in your car, or a parking lot or anywhere else!


 HIDE & SEEK - This is a doggy favourite best played at night or in a darkened house initially. Partially open closets are great (closed closets may not allow sufficient scent to escape), as are shower stalls/tubs with the curtain drawn, standing behind an open door, crouching behind a bush, standing very still near a tree (dogs, like all predators, distinguish movement much better than stationary objects) or sitting on a picnic table or laying across your car's trunk, or wherever!

To add to the dog's eagerness (or in the event that you are unable to sneak away or can't leave the dog), have someone hold the dog. They should be verbally exciting to the dog, asking, "Where did she go? What if she gets lost? Can you FIND her?" and release the dog with a FIND IT command.

Scent Games – John Rice & Suzanne Clothier (continued)

such as clearing your throat or a short whistle that does not allow the dog to find you by using his hearing, but helps him target the general area you are in for further investigation with his nose. However the dog finds you, tons of praise is to be heaped upon his head, and of course a treat or two never hurts. Toy motivated dogs will delight in a game of fetch or tugging as a reward.


As the dog gets more skilled at HIDE & SEEK, you can increase the difficulty of the game by throwing a blanket or tarp over yourself, not moving until the dog actually touches you, or even hiding in an area that the dog can smell you, see you (or part of you) but cannot get to you. This is useful for teaching a scratch or bark alert if desired (commonly used in drug work/search and rescue training). ALWAYS praise the dog generously for his brilliance.

 **WHAT A KLUTZ** This game allows you to show the dog how important his nose is to you. Dogs like to feel useful, and this particular game helps boost a dog's confidence and self-importance. As you are walking, discreetly drop an object you have been carrying or held in your pocket. Continue walking for 10-15 steps, then stop as if mildly concerned, patting your pockets and looking around. Here's your chance to really put on a performance! Ask the dog, "Where is it? Can you help? Can you FIND IT?"

Begin walking back towards the spot where you dropped the article, encouraging the dog to sniff the ground by pointing and telling him to FIND IT. As you get closer to the object, give the dog a little room so that he can find it all by himself. If he needs help, try a subtle kick of the object (after all, you are the klutz who dropped it - why not go ahead and trip over it too?) to bring it to his attention while you pretend not to notice. Once the dog indicates the article, make a huge fuss over this genius who has saved you from dropping an old glove!


Vary the type of article you use, and be sure to include metal objects such as car keys, a crumpled soda can, even a ring or bracelet you have worn. Obviously, be careful when you drop these and be sure you can find them again! Don't use valuable items - just facsimiles. Your dog's ability and willingness to work on metal objects will be helpful in the Utility ring, but more importantly, this skill could come in very handy some day should you lose your car keys. NOTE:- Metal/hard objects do not hold scent as well as fabric or leather. This does not mean that your dog can't find them, just that his reaction may be different and he will probably have to work closer to the object before locating it.


The difficulty of WHAT A KLUTZ can be increased by: longer periods of time between the drop and the search, having the object thrown to the side or even off the path you are travelling, and multiple object drops. Especially fun are surprise set-ups where you plant an object along a path before taking the dog that way. You may point out the object to the dog with a question of "What's that?" and praise him for investigating, or walk past it and then send him back with a FIND IT command. This is a great preparation for tracking dogs who must learn to indicate on found items. A final twist for tracking prospects is the addition of objects dropped by people other than you. Be warned - this can be so much fun for the dog that he'll gladly show you all the neat trash dropped by other folks along the street, in the rest areas, etc.! John had been shown some unusual objects by his dogs while simply out walking.

 **3-2-1-FIND IT** - Use a favourite toy or even just a stick that you come across in the woods. After a few moments of playing with object, hold the dog as you throw the object into grass, brush, woods thick enough to lightly disguise the object. The dog may see and "mark" the fall of the object, but as the difficulty of the game increases, this will only help him define the area he needs to search. Once the object has landed and stopped moving, count to 3 before releasing the dog to "FIND IT." You may gradually increase the time before releasing the dog, and of course, the heaviness of the cover (one good reason to avoid mowing your lawn regularly!)

Give the dog a chance to work it out, but if he passes you more than twice, give him a "clue" by making a noise AFTER he's passed you the third time. A good clue is a distinctive but brief sound,

Scent Games – John Rice & Suzanne Clothier (continued)

 THINGS THAT GET LOST IN THE NIGHT - Using the same rules as 3-2-1-Find It, this game relies on the natural cover of darkness to encourage the dog to use his nose. Instead of marking the fall with his eyes, your dog may listen carefully. Once again, this only helps the dog narrow the area he will have to search. This can be played inside (throwing the object into a dark closet, corner or room) or outside. When beginning this game, don't get too enthusiastic and throw the toy very far. The point of all these games is success, not frustration for the dog. Also, be sure YOU know where the heck it landed in case the dog needs some help.

 ONE & ONLY - This is a more advanced scent game, but extremely useful to teach the dog the concept that only one object is desired from a group of similar objects. I normally start this with tennis balls (my dogs' favourites). Play with the dog for several minutes with the One & Only object you'll want the dog to find. This allows your scent (as well as lots of good dog spit) to thoroughly cover the object. Then move off to an area where you have planted several similar objects. Throw the One & Only into that area, using a 3-2-1-Find It technique. If the dog picks up an incorrect object, say nothing as you take it and put it down or pocket it, but with enthusiasm, give the FIND IT command again, leading the dog back to the general area to be searched if needed. Obviously, when the dog gets it right, reward this with a minute or two of play before repeating ONE & ONLY again. This can be combined with the more difficult levels of 3-2-1-FIND IT for really advanced discrimination by the dog.

Once your dog has mastered these games, any formal scent discrimination exercise becomes a snap for that educated nose. Furthermore, you have learned to understand just how powerfully discriminating a dog's nose can be, and to trust that when it comes to working in a world of scent, your best bet is to follow the guy who knows what he's doing - your dog.



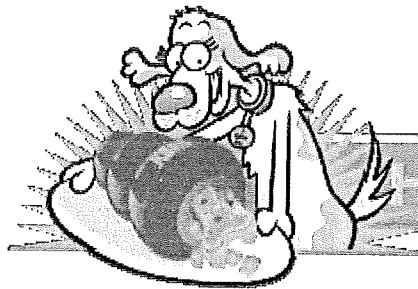
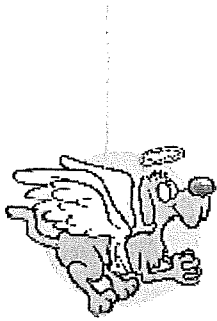
Dont Forget

LAST DAY OF TRAINING FOR 2008

14TH DEC. SEE FLYER FOR ACTIVITY PROGRAM

**Return to training in 2009
1st Feb.**

Remember to take note of the new class times



HOW TO USE KONG

RECIPE FOR THE "ALMOST PERFECT" DOG

It is reassuring to know that the ingredients for an "almost perfect" dog are available to any responsible dog owner. You can enjoy the wonderful benefits of an "almost perfect" dog. The ingredients are:

1. One clean bill of health. You can help ensure this vital ingredient with current vaccinations and regular veterinary check ups.
2. One proper I.D. Make sure your dog has a license and/or I.D. (dog tags, tattoo, canine microchip).
3. One well-nourished, well-exercised dog. Feed your dog as recommended by your veterinarian, professional trainer or breeder. Exercise your dog as often as possible.
4. One safe, secure, comfortable environment free from abuse and neglect. If your dog spends much time outdoors, a well-insulated doghouse in a fenced area should be provided. Inside, a crate (dog den) is recommended by most trainers. Start crate training early - ask your veterinarian or trainer!
5. A full measure of time. Time spent with your dog should include training flavoured with reward, correction/positive reinforcement, petting, grooming and exercise such as walking, playing, fetching, and just being with you and your family.

Missing ingredients result in behaviour problems. Over 60% of dogs in shelters are there as a result of behaviour problems or lack of identification.

MOST BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS ARE CORRECTABLE!

Don't despair! Make sure your dog has a clean bill of health, then contact your professional trainer and/or animal behaviourist for help.

Prevention is always the best cure for behaviour problems! Lack of training and physical and mental under stimulation (boredom) are primary causes of misbehaviour. They can be easily prevented by enrolling in basic training classes (contact your veterinarian for a referral) and using Kong Dog Toys for healthy physical and mental stimulation.

How to use Kong (continued)

Kong Dog Toys are widely used and recommended for therapy and prevention of under stimulation, boredom, separation anxiety and other behaviour problems. Following are some simple ways Kongs can be utilized to promote good behaviour in your dog.

It is important for dogs to succeed at their "work". Make it easy to remove the Kong stuffing at first. As they become more experienced, you may want to make their job more challenging - here's how:

1. Pack stuffing tighter.
2. Wedge biscuits inside the cavity using the inside rim of the opening to secure them.

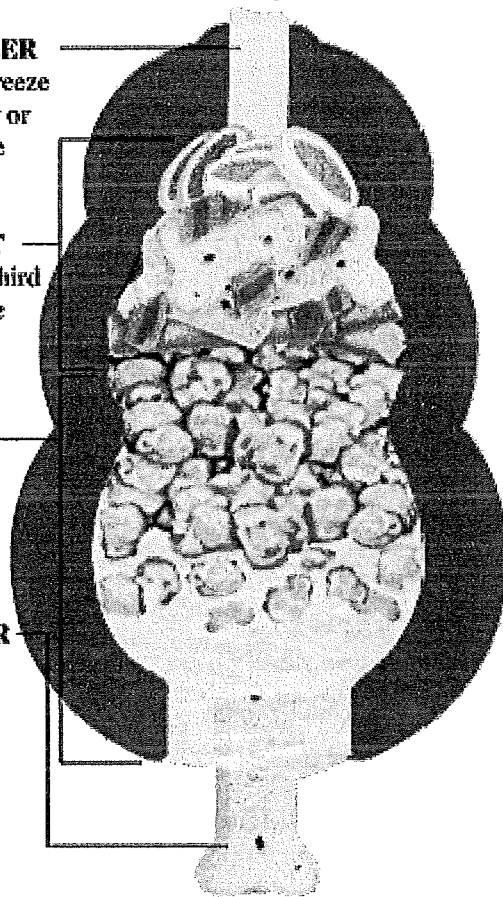
EXAMPLE - Step One: Start with a few clean Kong toys appropriately sized for the largest dog that could access them (see size chart).
NOTE: small breeds need medium Kongs for stuffing.

Step Two: TANTALIZER
Place a little morsel of freeze dried liver, peanut butter or cheese into the little hole on top.

Step Three: DESSERT
Fill approximately one-third of the cavity with doggie treats such as biscuits, marrow bites, etc.

Step Four: MAIN COURSE Fill the last two-thirds with canned food or food roll mixed with food nuggets.

Step Five: APPETIZER
Leave a nice tidbit sticking out of the opening. The "easy pickins" will provide an immediate pay off and entice your dog to "get serious" about the job.



3. **FREEZE IT!** Very Popular! Try various combinations of canned food, gravy, noodles, rice and mashed potatoes mixed with food nuggets and freeze. **KONGSICLES** are a favourite with many hot dogs! Put a dab of peanut butter in the small end of the Kong to plug it. Turn it upside down in a cup. Fill it full of water, chicken broth or fruit juice and freeze. Cool doggies! Kongsicles are recommended for outdoor use.

4. **CHEESE IT!** Mix cheese pieces or cheese spread with food nuggets and microwave until cheese melts. Let it cool to a safe temperature. **NOTE -** Use a cup to contain the Kong when freezing or microwaving.

A variety of Kong toys are available in the Club's Equipment Shop. Call in and see Chris.

KONG STUFFING RECIPES

As you create recipes, be sensitive to your dog's tummy as you experiment. Following are recipes created by veterinarians, dog trainers and dog lovers worldwide.

🐾 **BANANA RAMA**: 1 fresh banana · 2 tbs wheat germ · 1 tbs plain yogurt (can use your pet's favourite flavour as well) · Kong Toy that best fits your pet's chewing temperament. In a bowl, mash up banana. Then, add wheat germ and yoghurt. Mash all ingredients together and use spoon to add to Kong. Freeze for 4 hours. Makes 1 serving for Medium Kong. Double for every Kong Size that is bigger.

🐾 **CHEESY DENTAL KONG DELIGHT**: 3 slices of your pet's favourite cheese · Dental Kong Toy a very simple and creative way to make any pet drool in delight. Just place the 3 slices of cheese directly onto the grooves of your pet's Dental Kong (if model has rope - make sure cheese does not get onto it). Melt in microwave for 20 to 30 seconds. Give to pet after it cools.

🐾 **PHILLY STEAK**: steak scraps · 1-ounce cream cheese · appropriate Kong Toy. Place small scraps of the steak inside Kong toy. Spread cream cheese in large hole to hold scraps.

🐾 **FRUIT SALAD**: grapes · apple and carrot chunks · 1/4th of a banana · appropriate Kong Toy. Place grapes, apples and carrots in Kong Toy. Mash the banana in large hole to hold fruit in place. You can include other fruits and veggies: orange slices · peach and/or nectarine chunks · celery sticks · broccoli and/or cauliflower · tomato and black olive mixture.

🐾 **VEGGIE KONG OMELETE**: 1 egg · your choice of shredded cheese · any vegetables that your pet may like · appropriate Kong Toy. Scramble egg and fold in vegetables. Put into Kong toy. Sprinkle some cheese over the top and microwave for about 20 seconds. Cool thoroughly before giving to dog.

🐾 **MAC 'N CHEESE**: Leftover macaroni and cheese · small cube of Velveeta · appropriate Kong Toy. Melt Velveeta in microwave until gooey. Add mac 'n cheese to Kong Toy. Pour heated Velveeta into Kong. Make sure it has cooled before giving to your pet.

FAMOUS RECIPES

🐾 **AUNT JEANNIE'S ARCHEOLOGY KONG** (for advanced dogs) LAYER ONE (deepest): roasted, unsalted cashews · raisins · freeze dried liver bits LAYER TWO: dog kibble, cookies or liver biscotti · Cheerios · sugar-free, salt-free peanut butter · dried banana chips, apples and apricots LAYER THREE: carrot sticks · turkey or leftover ravioli or tortellini · Kong Toy (the larger the better!) Pack as tightly as possible. The last item inserted should be an apricot or piece of ravioli, presenting a smooth "finish" under the main opening. LIGHT VERSION: substitute crumbled rice cakes for cashews, Caesar croutons for freeze-dried liver, fat free cream cheese for peanut butter. - by **Jean Donaldson**

🐾 **KONG ON A ROPE**: Dry dog kibble · appropriate Kong Toy · Rope Take the rope, pull it through the Kong Toy and knot it. Hang this upside down from a tree, deck or post. The small hole should be facing the ground. Take the kibble and fill the Kong Toy. Make the toy hang just low enough that it is out of your dog's reach. The dog will spend hours trying to retrieve the kibble from the Kong Toy. At the end of the day, take the remaining kibble and give to your pet as a reward. This is advanced work for your dog. - by **Ian Dunbar**

♥ **FROZEN JERKY POPS:** Peanut butter · bouillon · Jerky Strips · Water · appropriate Kong Toy · muffin tin Smear a small amount of peanut butter over small hole in your Kong Toy. Fill the cool water and add a pinch of bouillon. Place a Jerky Stick inside Kong Toy and freeze. This can also be put (once frozen) in a children's size swimming pool for a fun day of fishing for your pet. - by Terry Ryan

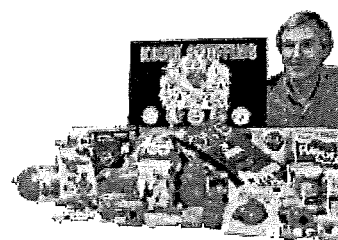
♥ **SIMPLE, TRIED AND TRUE:** Peanut butter · appropriate Kong Toy Smear peanut butter inside the cavity of your Kong Toy. It's that easy! - by trainers and vets worldwide

♥ **TRIXIE'S FAVORITE:** Trixie, a 50-pound Aussie/Springer mix, loves turkey, chicken or marrow bites mixed with slightly moistened food nuggets frozen inside her Kong. She is very clean about unstuffing - some dogs are not! - by Joe Markham

Every dog has a favourite recipe - finding your dogs will be fun! **REMEMBER: Some foods are not healthy for dogs. Check with your vet first.**

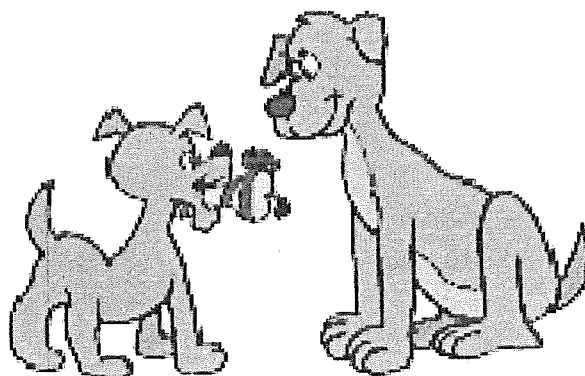
KONG HUNTING

Hide stuffed Kongs indoors and/or out. The hunt is great fun and rewarding.



IMPORTANT!

- a. Provide stuffed Kong's randomly so they won't always be associated with you leaving.
- b. If your dog is unstuffing several Kongs per day, you should appropriately reduce the amount of bowl feeding.
- c. **CLEAN KONGS THOROUGHLY AFTER USE!** Dishwasher is recommended. Your dog's job will last until the Kongs are unstuffed. You can keep your dog "working" all day if you provide enough stuffed Kongs!



Intelligence Test

(A fun test for you to try at home)

The number of points scored for each task is in brackets

TEST 1: Problem solving. Place treat under soup can. If dog gets treat in: less than 5 seconds (5), 5-15 seconds (4), 16-30 seconds (3), 31-60 seconds (2), tries but fails to get treat (1), shows no interest (0).

TEST 2: Problem solving. Quickly throw a large towel over the dog's head and shoulders. If dog gets free in: less than 15 seconds (5), 16-30 seconds (4), 31-60 seconds (3), 1-2 minutes (2), doesn't get free within 2 minutes (1).

TEST 3: Problem solving. Place a treat under a small towel. If dog gets treat in: less than 15 seconds (5), 16-30 seconds (4), 31-60 seconds (3), 1-2 minutes (2), tries but fails to get treat (1), shows no interest (0).

TEST 4: Short-term memory. Let the dog see you put a biscuit on the floor then turn him loose. If dog: goes straight to the treat (5), searches systematically and finds treat (4), searches randomly but finds treat in under 45 seconds (3), searches but fails to find treat (2), shows no interest (1).

TEST 5: Long-term memory. Let the dog see you put a biscuit on the floor (a different place to previous test). Remove him for 5 minutes, play with him, return and let him loose. If dog: goes straight to treat (5), goes to the spot from Test 4, then the correct spot (4), searches systematically and finds treat (3), searches randomly but finds treat in under 45 seconds (2), searches but fails to find treat (1), shows no interest (0).

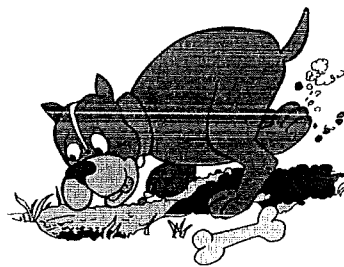
TEST 6: Problem solving and Manipulation: Place treat under a low platform (too low and far enough back to reach with mouth). If dog: gets treat in under 1 minute (5), gets treat in 1-3 minutes (4), uses paws and muzzle but fails to get treat (3), uses muzzle only a few times and gives up (2), doesn't try (1).

TEST 7: Language comprehension. Leave dog as if for a recall. If dog comes when you call: "refrigerator" (3), "movies" (2), "(dog's name) come" (5), "(dog's name) come twice" (4), dog fails to come (1).

TEST 8: Problem solving. Show the dog treat through slit in a large cardboard barricade. Dog should not be able to get treat through slit. Encourage dog to get treat. If dog goes around barrier in: less than 15 seconds (5), 16-30 seconds (4), 31-60 seconds (3). Handler stops encouraging dog after 1 minute. If dog: goes around barrier in 1-2 minutes (2), tries to reach through slit and gives up (1), shows no interest (0).

SCORING

36-40 Genius
32-35 Highly intelligent
28-31 High average
20-27 Average
16-19 Low average
12-15 Borderline
0-11 !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



"NEWS FLASH"

RETURN TO TRAINING FOR 2009
1st FEB

NEW CLASS TIMES

SESSION 1 - 9am-9:45am

Puppies

Merit

Merit Revision

Complex Skills

FlyBall

Agility

SESSION 2 - 10:15am - 11am

Graduate

Graduate revision

Beginners' revision

Agility

SESSION 3 - 11:30am - 12:15pm

New Beginners

Trial training

Agility

Tracking is also available. Times will be allocated by
the Instructor.

**ITINERARY FOR GODC
CHRISTMAS BREAKUP**

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2008

9.30am - 10.30am	1st and 2nd session Classes will be combined. <u>All</u> Classes will commence at 9.30 am. Fun Events. See Below
10.30am - 11.00am	Santa Claus will arrive at 10.30 for the children.
11.00am	Free Sausage Sizzle on the verandah. Free tea & coffee available from the Canteen
11.15am	Presentation of End of Year Trophies, Title Medallions, Special Awards and Certificates from the last Promotion Day.
	Fun events: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dog that sits the longest▪ Dog with the waggiest tail▪ Fastest Good O eater▪ Fastest Recall▪ Drop closest to the rope▪ Instructor's class (handling other people's dogs)▪ Best represented breed▪ Best Dressed Christmas dog

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB CALENDAR 2009

January

Thursday 15 January Office re-opens – 2.00 pm to 6.30 pm
Monday 26 January Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
 Monday 26 January Australia Day

February

Sunday 1 February Return to training for current Members
Tuesday 3 February General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
 Sunday 8 February Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for all fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
 Sunday 15 February Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
 Sunday 15 February Normal training
Monday 16 February Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
 Sunday 22 February Normal training. Newsletter available

March

Sunday 1 March Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Sunday 8 March LABOUR DAY WEEKEND. NO TRAINING
 Sunday 15 March Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
 Sunday 15 March Normal training.
Monday 17 March Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
 Sunday 22 March Normal training
 Sunday 29 March Normal training. Newsletter available

April

Sunday 5 April PROMOTION DAY
Tuesday 7 April General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised.
 Agility Trial entries close
Sunday 12 April EASTER WEEKEND. NO TRAINING
 Friday 17 April Trial working bee. To be advised
Saturday 18 April BACK-TO-BACK AGILITY TRIALS
Sunday 19 April BACK-TO-BACK AGILITY TRIALS. NO TRAINING
Monday 20 April Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
 Sunday 26 April **ANZAC DAY WEEKEND. NO TRAINING**

May

Sunday 3 May Normal Training. Intake for Class 1 & Puppies
Sunday 10 May Normal training.
 Friday 15 May Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
 Sunday 17 May Normal Training
Monday 18 May Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Saturday 23 May Steve Austin Seminar
Sunday 24 May S.Austin Seminar. Walk-a-thon for non-participants.
 Sunday 31 May Normal Training. Newsletter Available

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB CALENDAR 2009

June

Tuesday	2 June	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Sunday	7 June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND. NO TRAINING
Sunday	14 June	Normal training. Intake Day Class1 & Puppies. Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Monday	15 June	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	21 June	Normal training. Obedience Trial entries close.
Sunday	28 June	Normal training. Newsletter available.
Tuesday	30 June	End of financial year for all departments. Stocktake required for Canteen, Bar and Shop.

July

Sunday	5 July	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Friday	10 July	Working Bee
Saturday	11 July	OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIALS
Sunday	12 July	OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIALS. NO TRAINING
Wednesday	15 July	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	19 July	Normal Training
Monday	20 July	Instructor's Meeting - 7.30 pm
Sunday	26 July	PROMOTION DAY

August

Sunday	2 August	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	4 August	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Sunday	9 August	Normal training
Saturday	15 August	Newsletter closes for articles, report, etc
Sunday	16 August	Normal training
Monday	17 August	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Sunday	23 August	Normal training.
Sunday	30 August	Normal training. Newsletter available

September

Sunday	6 September	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	8 September	Committee and Non-Committee nominations close
Sunday	13 September	Normal training.
Monday	14 September	Instructors Meeting – 7.30 pm. Newsletter closes
Sunday	20 September	Normal training
Tuesday	22 September	Life Membership nominations close
Sunday	27 September	PROMOTION DAY. Newsletter available

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB CALENDAR 2009

October

Sunday	4 October	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	6 October	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 8.00 pm
Sunday	11 October	Normal Training
Thursday	15 October	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	18 October	Normal training
Monday	19 October	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Sunday	25 October	Normal training. Newsletter available

November

Sunday	1 November	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Sunday	8 November	Normal training
Sunday	15 November	Normal Training. Newsletter closes for articles, report, etc End of Year Awards closing date
Monday	16 November	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	22 November	Normal training.
Sunday	29 November	Normal training. . Newsletter available

December

Tuesday	1 December	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Sunday	6 December	PROMOTION DAY
Sunday	13 December	Last day of training for 2009
Thursday	17 December	Office closes



Merry Christmas &

Happy New Year

To all Members and their families of GODC

