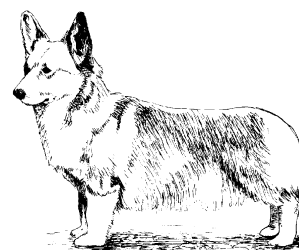
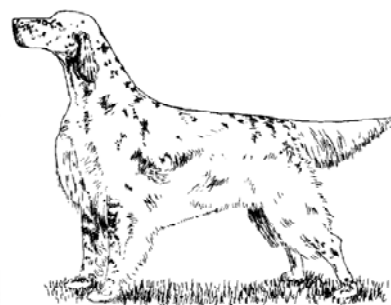


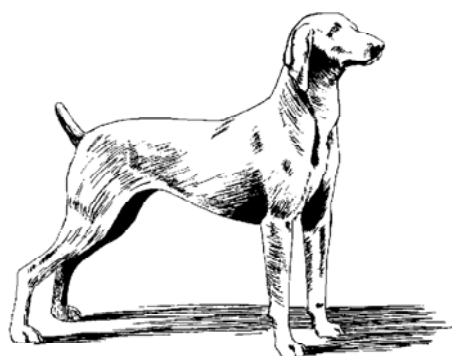
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Please remember the closing date for all Newsletter items is the 15th of each month

Club website – www.godc.org.au

CLUB CALENDAR

February

Tuesday **2 February**
Sunday 7 February

General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for all fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months

Sunday 14 February
Monday **15 February**

Normal training
Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.

Sunday 21 February
Sunday 28 February

Normal training.
Normal Training. Newsletter available

March

Sunday **7 March**
Sunday 14 March

LABOUR DAY WEEKEND. NO TRAINING

Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months

Monday **15 March**

Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm. Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc

Sunday 21 March
Sunday 28 March

Normal training
Normal training. Newsletter available

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ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment Books will be available at the Club in the next few months and have a special bonus offer for pre-ordered books, so watch this space for further details.

FACEBOOK

GODC now has a Facebook Fans site, just another avenue to keep up to date with what is going on at the Club. You can join Facebook at www.facebook.com

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well another month has passed us by. I hope everyone had a very Happy New Year and that you are all well and ready for the new year ahead.

I look forward to working with you all in the near future when I start to train my new dog in March this year. So I guess you will see another side of me. This will be new to me as I haven't trained a dog for some time now. I guess this puts me on a par with a lot of the Members.

Well that is all for me. Keep up the good work.

Jim Ball – President

TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Welcome back everyone. I hope you and your canine had a wonderful break.

The new times for Classes will no doubt get a bit of getting use to, I am sure all will be well in no time. The training team have put together a new Class training proposal which will be presented to the Members at the next General Meeting, we are aiming for pet friendly training and replacing Promotion Day with a Fun Day. To find out more you will need to come to the next General Meeting on the 2nd Feb. I hope to see many Members there and to hear their inputs.

There will be a number of mini Workshops/Seminars this year with the first on Saturday 15th May. It will consist of Dr Bruce Symes (Vets All Natural foods) , Dr Charles Kuntz (Cancer specialist) , Dr Richard Woolley (Cardiologist), & Dr Steve Maschmedt (Frontline).

I wish you all well in your training endeavours for 2010.

Tina Button – Training Supervisor

YOUR LIBRARY AT WORK

HOW DOES THE LIBRARY ORGANISE THE WAY BOOKS ARE PUT ON THE SHELVES?

Our Club Library is organised differently from a Municipal Library. Why? - because our Library is ONLY about Dogs. Traditionally a Library is organised by the Dewey Decimal system that caters for heaps more subjects than just dogs. Dogs are in fact classified under 636.6. At your local Library you will find that dog books have for their neighbours books about goats, pigs, cattle, chooks, rabbits and llamas ...“and so forth and so on.” {Lord Farquaad - Shrek}

The Dewey Decimal System organises books under 9 categories. So do we - BUT - the rules have been bent to cater for our highly specialised Library. ALL NINE CATEGORIES ARE USED BUT HAVE BEEN ALTERED TO MAKE INDIVIDUAL BOOKS IN OUR DOGS ONLY COLLECTION EASY FOR YOU TO FIND.

This brilliant system was devised by the founding Librarian - Phil Bergen - and is truly the result of some amazing lateral thinking. Each Dewey number represents a subject under which the books are grouped. The number after the decimal point further refines the organisation of books on the shelves. Examples will follow.

YOUR LIBRARY AT WORK (continued)

1. HISTORY PSYCHOLOGY AND THE ROLE OF DOGS IN SOCIETY.

Eg: 1.2 = Psychology

1.4 = Dogs & Ecology.

2. TYPES OF DOGS - ENCYCLOPEDIAS & INDIVIDUAL BREEDS.

This was based on the old method where the old K.C.C. {Vic Dog} organised breeds into 6 Groups. Group 6 was non-sporting.

2.1 - Toys

2.2 - Terriers

2.3 - Sporting

2.4 - Hounds

2.5 - Working

2.6 - Non-Sporting - basically a big basket that held all those breeds that didn't fit into Groups 1-5.

- so 2.7 in our Library was reserved for Crossbreeds.

2.7 - CROSSBREEDS.

In 1983 the then K.C.C. divided Non-Sporting {Group 6} into 2 Groups.

GROUP 6 - UTILITY GROUP - GROUP 7 - NON-SPORTING

So 2.0 had to be redesigned to cope with change - this is the function of a good library.

3.0 - SELECTION & CARE

4.0 - STRUCTURE & MEDICAL CARE

5.0 - OBEDIENCE TRAINING & TRACKING.

5.0 - because the whole concept of training and the scope of activities that dogs can attempt has changed so radically, this whole section has to be totally re-designed. The Library's main goal, in consultation with Instructors is to do just that in 2010.

6.0 - OTHER FORMS OF TRAINING.

e.g. 6.1 - Show

6.2 - Herding

7.0 - ART & HANDICRAFTS

8.0 - DOGS IN LITERATURE AND ART

9.0 - OFFICIAL CANINE BODIES.

Happy Heeling - Robyn & Steve



END OF YEAR AWARDS 2009



Elsa Dahl Award & Committee/Instructor of the Year

No nominations received



Obedience Dog of the Year

Tina Button

Monlaird Hyland Mist CD JD (Skye)

Border Collie



Agility Dog of the Year

Simmon Hellebrand

Monsrebarose (Reba)

Associate

TITLES FOR 2009

Community Companion Dog

Christina Mackey

Heather Cook

Janelle Convery

Willmaurs Junction Jenny (Shakira)

Rhubradhu Savana Sunrise ET (Scarlett)

Goorambat Excalibur (Rookie)

GSD

Hungarian Vizsla

Golden Retriever

Companion Dog

Tina Button

Monlaird Hyland Mist CCD (Skye)

Border Collie

Jumping Dog

Tina Button

Simmon Hellebrand

Vanessa Bridges

Monlaird Hyland Mist CCD (Skye)

Monsrebarose (Reba)

Tjukurpa Kool Bryce (Bryce)

Border Collie

Associate

Coolie

Gamblers Dog

Vanessa Bridges

Tjukurpa Kool Bryce (Bryce)

Koolie

Tracking Dog

Peter Roupus

Ch Strathaer Blue Diamond (Elke)

Golden Retriever

Tracking Dog Excellent

Susie & John Baird Ch Rakaaz Nara Flynn TD CD ET (Flynn) Rottweiler

Tracking Champion

Susie & John Baird Ch Rakaaz Nara Flynn TDX CD ET (Flynn) Rottweiler

Endurance Test

Desma Dickeson Delkit Zambizi (Tego) GSD

PROMOTION DAY RESULTS - Sunday 6th December 2009

Beginners Certificate

1 st place	Bill Pate	Diva	English Setter	Pass
2 nd place	Mary=ann Stares	Scott	Border Collie	NQ
3 rd place	Lisa Marinelli	Ollie	Beagle/Boxer X	NQ
1 st place	Donna Robertson	Roxy	Fox Terrier	Pass
2 nd place	Ann Jones	Cobber		Pass
3 rd place	Colin Smith	Mercede	GSP	Pass
3 rd place	Julie Hole	Jemma	BC/Kelpie X	Pass
4 th place	Ann Jones	Baxter		Pass
1 st place	Marita Biggs	Max	Border Collie	Pass
2 nd place	Cassandra McDonald	Honey	Rhod. Ridgeback	Pass
3 rd place	Lauren Smith	Penny	Beagle	NQ
1 st place	Rebecca Krowiak	Daisy	Poodle (Mini)	Pass
2 nd place	Jenny Eddy	Luke	Poodle X	Pass
3 rd place	Clive Fruin	Harry	Whippet	NQ
1 st place	Kellie Elevato	Toffee	Rhod. Ridgeback	Pass
2 nd place	Steve White	Kia		Pass
3 rd place	Margaret Pate	Jenna	English Setter	NQ

Merit Certificate

1 st place	Chelsea Virt	Cara	Golden Retriever	Pass
2 nd place	Derek Hawkrige	Gemma	Poodle	Pass
3 rd place	Anne Milligan	Nell	Border Collie X	NQ
1 st place	Marie Symes	Jess	Cocker Spaniel	Pass
2 nd place	Peter Roupas	Holly	Golden Retriever	NQ
3 rd place	Toby Jeavons	Bindi	ACD	NQ

Graduate Certificate

1 st place	Margaret Brown	Tootsie	Border Collie	Pass
2 nd place	Felicity Hughes	Belle	Border Collie	NQ
3 rd place	Elaine Longshaw	Piper	Dobermann	NQ

AGILITY CLASS PROMOTIONS

Level 1 (Foundation)

Pauline Hicks and Ginny
Amanda Boeyen and Shanti

Rebecca Ware and Noah
Leigh Helmers and Leah

Level 2 (Beginners)

Raeleen Hartney and Millie
Janelle Convery and Rookie

Jayne Evans and Nyah

Level 3 (Intermediates)

Heather Cain and Ned



Out & About

I was invited by Petstock to MC at their birthday celebrations on the 22nd November. My role was to call the pet fashion parade and to represent the Club in promoting training and the benefits of training your dog. I had the opportunity to meet Dr Bruce Symes (Vets all natural) and Dr Steve from Frontline, who incidentally, have agreed to come to GODC and do a presentation on nutrition and flea products in 2010.

Petstock allowed the Club to run a sausage sizzle at both Geelong and Corio stores, with all profits coming to the Club. (Approximately \$100). I would like to thank Simmon and Wendy Hellebrand, Elaine Longshaw, Rebecca Kearney & Margaret Brown for running the Sausage sizzles and thank you to Petstock for the invitation and their continued support of the Club.

Until Next time

Tina Button

Geelong Obedience Dog Club

Christmas Party – Friday December 4th

What a great night. There was dancing and laughter galore. Thank you to all who assisted in the set up and the running of the night. The food was great and the DJ once again kept everyone entertained. It was great to see everyone letting their hair down and relaxing, Victor Douglas showed us that he really doesn't have two left feet

Upcoming Trials

MARCH

Saturday 6 th March	Obedience Trials	Warrnambool Dog Training School
	Agility Trials	Warrnambool Dog Training School
Sunday 7 th March	Obedience Trials	Warrnambool Dog Training School
	Agility Trials	Warrnambool Dog Training School
Saturday 13 th March	Agility Trials	Bairnsdale & District Obedience Club
Sunday 14 th March	Agility Trials	Bairnsdale & District Obedience Club
Saturday 20 th March	Double Obedience Trials	Southern Obedience Dog Training Club
Sunday 21 st March	Double Obedience Trials	Warringal Obedience Dog Club
Saturday 27 th March	Agility/Jumping Trials	East Gippsland Obedience Dog Club
Sunday 28 th March	Obedience Trial	Knox Obedience Dog Club

APRIL

Saturday 3 rd April	Obedience Trials	OTEC
Sunday 4 th April	Obedience Trials	OTEC
	Double Agility Trial	Agility Dog Club
Saturday 10 th April	Agility Trial	Border Collie Club
	Urban Track & Search Trial	Gippsland Obedience Dog Club
	Obedience Trial	Ballarat Obedience Dog Club
Sunday 11 th April	Agility Trials	Moorabbin Obedience Dog Club
	Urban Track & Search Trial	Gippsland Obedience Dog Club
Saturday 17 th April	Obedience Trial	Red Cliff District Kennel Club
	Tracking Test	German Shepherd Dog Club
	Endurance Trial	Werribee Obedience Dog Club
Sunday 18 th April	Obedience Trial	Red Cliff District Kennel Club
	Obedience Trial	Peninsula Obedience Dog Club
Saturday 24 th April	Double Agility Trial	Geelong Obedience Dog Club
Sunday 25 th April	Double Agility Trial	Geelong Obedience Dog Club
	Open Track & Search Trial	Tracking Club
	Obedience Trial	Croydon & District Obedience Club
Monday 26 th April	Open Track & Search Trial	Tracking Club

AGILITY CHRISTMAS 2009

'Twas some time before Christmas and out on the course,
The agility folk had all gathered in force.
There was Hector and Nina and Bella too,
With Bryce, Jazz and Cary, to name just a few.

From the A-frame Lacey looked down from afar,
After stringing the lights up and hanging the star.
Gemma strung tinsel on the dogwalk with care,
Chance glittered the tunnel so it sparkled and flared.

Bracken and Ruby relaxed in the heat,
Thinking fondly of holidays and days at the beach.
Branko, Bandit, Tigger and Roo
Thought ahead to next year and what they would do.

With Forby and Ivy they let themselves dream
Of the ribbons and quallies and 1st placing teams.
Ned was dreaming of glory, of trophies and fame,
While Reuben thought of Nationals, the top of the game.

And away toward the back, past three jumps and the tyre,
Jenna and Reg piled gifts higher and higher.
There were weave poles for Sasha and Punter as well,
With new jumps for Jasmine, but hush, mustn't tell.

Chester and Remy sang carols with Kuy
As they sipped on their egg-nogs and passed round mince pies.
The course looked fantastic, all festive and bright,
A joy to behold, a magnificent sight.

And the dogs sat and marvelled for all of them knew
That Santa Claus comes to his canine friends, too.
So, whatever your dog, be it herding or hound,
Merry Christmas to all, and to all a Clear Round!

With apologies and thanks to Clement Moore (original author) and others who have had a go at adapting this traditional poem.



Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc

Double Agility/Jumping Trials

April 24th & 25th

Belmont Common, Breakwater rd, Breakwater

Entries to: The Trial Secretary, P.O Box 186, Geelong 3220. Cheques payable to Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc

Entries Close Tuesday 13th April. Late Entries will be returned.

Saturday AM, Trial A

Jumping Novice 1, Novice 2 , Exc.1, Exc 2, Open

Agility Novice, Exc & Open

Jumping Masters 1 & 2 and Masters Agility

Mr M Tyler

Ms P Gavin

Mr J Browne

Saturday PM, Trial B

Jumping Open, Novice 1, Novice 2 , Exc 1, Exc 2

Agility Open , Exc , Novice

Masters Agility, Jumping 1 & 2

Mr J Browne

Mr M Tyler

Mr P Gavin

Sunday AM, Trial C

Jumping Exc 1, Exc 2, Novice 1, Novice 2 , Open

Agility Novice, Exc & Open

Jumping Masters 1 & 2 and Masters Agility

Mr P Buykx

Mr M Cowman

Mr M Tyler

Sunday PM, Trial D

Jumping Open, Novice 1, Novice 2 , Exc 1, Exc 2

Agility Open, Exc, Novice

Masters Agility ,Jumping Masters 1 & 2

Mr M Cowman

Mr M Tyler

Mr P Buykx

Conditions of Entry: Separate entry forms are to be used for each trial stating day and time. Titles to be noted and jump heights clearly marked. Please note that Novice (2), Exc (2) and Masters (2) Jumping are separate classes, they must be entered and paid for as such. Entry must show Trial A-D

Entry Fee: \$9 Catalogue \$4 (once only payment)

Check in & Vetting : 8am - 8:30am and 12:30pm - 1pm

Judging time: AM trials - 9am, PM trials 1.30pm or one hour after morning trial, whichever the later.

Catering : Available

Prizes for each trial: Best in Trial, 1st - 3rd each ring, Best Geelong Member, Specialty sashes.

Camping Available on the grounds \$5 per site, toilet facilities only. **To be paid with entries**

BBQ SATURDAY NIGHT - \$7 pp to be paid with entries.

NB: There will be a reading of the ANZAC ode and 1 min silence before the commencement of the Sunday AM Trial

Care of your dog: Vaccinations

Dogs should be vaccinated against the serious but preventable viral diseases that are present in south eastern Australia - Parvovirus, Distemper and Infectious Hepatitis. This combination is known as a "C3 vaccination". For added protection, a "C5 vaccination" may be given instead of a C3. The C5 vaccination inoculates against Parainfluenza and Bordatella bronchiseptica, two causes of "kennel cough". A C5 vaccination is required if your dog boards in kennels or attends obedience classes

Disease	Clinical signs	Characteristics of disease	Prevention
Canine Distemper	Signs vary, but may include fever, diarrhoea, vomiting, depression, muscle tremors and paralysis.	Dogs of any age can be affected by this virus, with young puppies at greatest risk.	Vaccination recommended
Infectious Hepatitis	Signs include fever, depression, abdominal pain, vomiting and diarrhoea. Severe cases are rapidly fatal.	Dogs of any age can be affected, but most severe cases occur in dogs less than two years of age.	Vaccination recommended
Canine Parvovirus	Signs include sudden death in young pups, bloody smelly diarrhoea, abdominal pain and uncontrollable vomiting.	Most severe in the very young and very old but dogs of all ages may be affected.	Vaccination recommended
Kennel Cough	Hacking cough. Not usually fatal, but can be severe and prolonged.	Dogs of any age can be affected.	Vaccination recommended

The recommended vaccination schedule for puppies starts at 6-8 weeks of age. This first vaccination is then boosted at 12-14 weeks of age and if vaccinating with the C5 vaccine, again at 16-18 weeks. Because the immunity gained from these initial vaccinations weakens over time, we recommend annual booster vaccinations to provide the best protection throughout the life of your dog.

After receiving a vaccination, your pet may appear a little "off-colour" for a day or so, and there may be some swelling and tenderness around the site of the injection (much like humans after receiving a tetanus booster!). Occasionally, vaccine reactions can be more serious. Please contact your Vet immediately if you are concerned about your dog after vaccination.



SPECIALTY SASHES

Each year, at the Club's Agility and Obedience Trials, Members are invited to provide Specialty Sashes (i.e. Highest Scoring German Shepherd Dog) to be presented on the day to the best dog of your particular breed.

If you would like to donate a Sash for your particular breed, would you please see Tina Button - Trial Secretary by Sunday 14th February. Approximate cost is \$16.00 and your name will appear on the Sash.

Members are also invited to donate Highest Scoring CCD Geelong Member Sashes for the Obedience Trials in July. Approximate cost is \$16.00.



EQUIPMENT SHOP

Come in and see Alex for all your training needs - leads, collars, head halters, toys, etc

Club Caps and Beanies \$13.00. Also, Club vests and jackets available

Check out the Specials Table on the veranda outside the Equipment Shop

Dog's Life magazine
Back issues
\$5.00

DOG THOUGHTS - Author unknown

"A well trained dog will make no attempt to share your lunch. He will make you feel so guilty that you cannot enjoy it."

"The average dog has one request to all humankind. Love me"

"I have found that when you are deeply troubled there are things you get from the silent devoted companionship of a dog that you can get from no other source"

" No one appreciates the very special genius of your conversation as a dog does"

" A dog is a smile and a wagging tail, what is in between doesn't matter much"



RSPCA proposal 'mandates dog-walking'

December 5, 2009 - AAP

Radical new laws being proposed by the RSPCA could punish dog owners for not walking their pets.

Under the legislation, they would have to regularly exercise dogs, ensure animals are not kept chained up and give their pets adequate food and water, News Ltd newspapers say.

If the proposal became law, dog and cat owners across Australia would face prosecution and fines of up to \$12,000 for animal cruelty, and magistrates could consider jail in extreme circumstances.

Dr Hugh Wirth, head of RSPCA Victoria, is one of four experts the Federal Department of Agriculture's welfare division has appointed to draft national animal welfare guidelines.

"The draft will tell people what they have to do rather than what they want to do," Dr Wirth said. "The new standards would be regulatory, therefore a breach of the standards is a breach of the law."

The proposed new laws are designed to formalise the national code, which states dogs must be walked at least once a day.

Dr Wirth said jail sentences would not be handed out for a first offence, but it would something available for magistrates to consider.

The proposed laws would be designed to help overcome the problems animal inspectors have had penalising bad owners. The working party is designed to create a national standard, but ultimately the laws would be have to be passed by state governments.

**Over the next 3 issues, the Newsletter will continue
with copies or part copies of the Statement of
Purposes, Constitution, and By-Laws of the Club.
This is being printed for the information of all
Members**

RULES FOR GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB (INCORPORATED)

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 3 (1) Any person owning a pure bred dog or interested in any of the activities referred to in the Statement of Purposes of the Club who is nominated and approved for membership as provided in these Rules is eligible to be a member of the Club on payment of the entrance fee and annual subscription payable under these Rules.
- (2) A person who is not a member of the Club at the time of the incorporation of the Club (or who was such a member at that time but has ceased to be a member) shall not be admitted to membership:-
- (a) unless he is nominated as provided in sub-clause (3); and
 - (b) his admission as a member is approved by the Committee.
- (3) An application for membership shall be in such form as the Committee may from time to time prescribe and shall be signed by the applicant (and the nominee where the form so provides) and lodged with the Secretary of the Club accompanied by the fees prescribed in Clause 4.
- (4) The Secretary shall submit such application to the next meeting of the Committee for approval.
- (5) Upon a nomination being referred to the Committee, the Committee shall determine whether to approve or to reject the nomination.
- (6) Upon a nomination being approved by the Committee, the Secretary shall enter the nominee's name in the register of members kept by him, and upon the name being so entered, the nominee becomes a member of the Club.
- (7) A right, privilege, or obligation of a person by reason of his membership of the Club is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person.
- (8) A member may within thirty days after the end of the Club's financial year, make application to the Club for re-admission as a member to his category of membership upon payment of his annual subscription and shall be deemed for all purposes to have been re-admitted as such a member.
- (9) A member, upon election to any category of membership, shall strictly observe and act in conformity with and not otherwise than in accordance with the Act and the Rules and By-Laws of the Club in so far as they shall relate to him and will uphold the honour of, and use his best endeavours to further the objects of, the club.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION AND JOINING FEE

(see by-law No. 1)

- 4 Subject to notice of motion first being given by Resolution of the Committee, the members in General Meeting at any time and from time to time may fix the amount of the annual subscription payable by each category of membership and may in like manner determine that a membership joining fee shall be paid and the amount thereof.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS

- 5 The Secretary shall keep and maintain a register of members in which shall be entered the full name, address and date of entry of each member and the register shall be available for inspection by members at General Meetings.

CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS

(see by-law No. 2)

- 6 Membership of the Club may be divided into the following categories:
- (1) Member: (Ordinary)
 - (2) Dual Member
 - (3) Life Member
 - (4) Honorary Member
 - (5) Junior Member
 - (6) Any other class of Member

PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP

- 7 (1) Subject to the restrictions and limitations prescribed by or pursuant to the Acts, Rules and By-Laws of the Club the privileges of a member shall be:
- (a) upon application and payment of the prescribed fee, (if any), to the Secretary to receive a copy of the Rules and By-laws of the Club
 - (c) to submit himself as a candidate for any Office of the Club and/or Committee subject to the conditions of Clause 27(2) and 27(3)
 - (d) to receive any publication issued by the Club. upon the payment of the prescribed fee, (if any);
 - (e) to compete for prizes (including trophies), available for members of the Club when exhibiting or competing at any exhibition conducted by the Club.
- (2) A junior member shall be entitled to take part in the proceedings of a General Meeting but shall not be eligible to vote and shall not be eligible to hold office as an Office Bearer or an ordinary member of the Committee, but shall be entitled to exercise all other privileges of membership.

BY-LAWS TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH RULES OF GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB (INCORPORATED)

BY-LAW NO. 5

Voting at Meetings

All financial members of the Club, other than junior members, shall be entitled to vote on any question arising at a meeting of the Club. A family membership or a dual membership shall be entitled to two votes provided that both members are present at the said meeting. (Subject to clause 27(2) regarding the Annual General Meeting.)

BY-LAW NO. 6

Committee of Management

The Officers of the Club shall be:

- (a) A President (who will also be the Public Officer)
- (b) Two Vice-Presidents
- (c) A Secretary
- (d) A Treasurer
- (e) An Assistant Secretary and Trial Secretary
- (f) Not more than 6 Ordinary Committee members

BY-LAW NO. 7

Sub-Committees

- (a) The Committee or the Members at a General Meeting may at any time and from time to time appoint a Sub-Committee from amongst the Members of the Committee or the Members for such purpose and with authority to exercise such powers and duties as the Committee in its discretion may recommend.
- (b) The Committee or the members as aforesaid may by resolution remove from office a member of a Sub-Committee and may in like manner appoint another eligible person in his stead.
- (c) The quorum for a Sub-Committee shall be such number thereof as set out in By-Law No. 8 or as determined by the Committee or Members at the time of its election, who may in like manner appoint a Chairman thereof provided that if a Chairman is not so appointed or is absent or unwilling to act, the Members of the Sub-Committee shall appoint one of their number to be Chairman.
- (d) Subject to the consent of the members or the committee any such Sub-Committee may co-opt additional members to assist in its duties.
- (e) Any two Office Bearers of the Club must automatically be exofficio members of all Sub-Committees.

BY-LAW NO. 8

Quorum

The quorum for a meeting shall be:

- (a) Committee meetings - 3 Office Bearers and not less than half of the Ordinary Committee members.
- (b) General meeting of members - 15 financial members (refer clause 15(5).)
- (c) Sub-Committee meeting - 50% of members of the sub-committee.

BY-LAW NO. 9

Notices

Where the rules of the Club denotes that all members must be notified of a Special item or meeting, a notice will be inserted by the Secretary at least seven days prior to such meeting, in the Public Notices section of local newspapers, and in so doing it shall be deemed that all members have been notified of same.

BY-LAW NO. 10

Meetings

The Committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a Meeting of the Committee or a Special General Meeting of Members, but General Meetings shall be held bi-monthly, on the 1st Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, August, October (which shall be the Annual General Meeting) and December in each year.



TO ALL MEMBERS ATTENDING TRIALS

The following Motion commenced from the 16th November 2009 for the 2010 training year

‘that all Members who gained ANKC Titles are entitled to a Medallion at the end of the year in recognition of their Title. Members are only eligible for End of Year Trophies (ANKC Obedience Dog of the Year, ANKC Agility Dog of the Year and NADAC Dog of the Year, if they have been active Club Members and their dogs shall have been trained on our grounds for a minimum of 16 weeks of the Calendar year under supervision of authorised Club Instructors. Committee and Instructors are exempt from the above training period providing they have been active for a minimum of 10 months’.



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SOME TIPS FOR THE NOVICE TRIALER

- Buy yourself a rule book. A rule book costs around \$5 and is a valuable tool for the handler. Read the glossary and the exercises in your relevant class. By doing this you will learn to understand what is expected of you and what the judge will be looking for, and where he/she will be deducting the points from you.
- The minimum length of your lead must be 750mm and although there is no maximum length stated in the rule book, consider this; long leads can be awkward to use and frequently get in the way when trying to give signals and particularly when doing left about turns. Consider using a lead 800mm to 1 meter long.
- Make sure that the only exhibit number that you are displaying is the one relevant to the ring you are going in to, and if you are in another ring you must notify the ring stewards.
- Make sure you take the time to toilet your dog before entering the ring. A ten point penalty is incurred for every mishap whilst you are being judged.
- When you enter the ring you are under the control of the Judge and can incur penalties for misbehaviour such as corrections and physical placement of your dog at the start peg. Heeling your dog up to the starting post and giving it a quick flick of the correction collar to get its attention will also get the attention of the judge who will most likely hit you with a penalty for misbehaviour. Apart from the penalty incurred from the judge what does your dog learn if it walks up to the start peg and gets a correction for no reason? It won't be long before your dog resents going into the ring. A dog's experience whilst in the ring should be pleasurable if you wish to obtain optimum performance.
- You are allowed to tell your dog to '*heel*' when moving off from a stationary position but not while you are moving. Telling your dog to '*heel*' whilst you are in motion to try and stop it from lagging will incur a deduction. In fact any additional commands/gestures or noises from the handler such as slapping the side of your leg will incur a deduction.
- Do you really need to use your dog's name when calling it for the recall? Remember that if you use your dog's name prior to the command to '*come*' that there must be a distinct gap between the dog's name and the command to '*Come*'. Failing to do so will incur a deduction, and if your dog comes on its name and before you command it to come, you will receive a nice round figure for that exercise - zero
- Concentrate on where you are going. You need to walk in straight lines and execute neat 90 and 180 degree turns. Try using your peripheral vision to see where the ring ropes are. This will aid you to walk straight.
- Do not adapt your pace to suit your dog. If your dog is lagging and you slow down to compensate for it you will lose more than 50% of your marks and cannot qualify. Likewise if you dog is forging ahead and you increase you pace to keep up with it you will also suffer the same deduction. By adapting your pace to that of your dog you are teaching your dog nothing but bad habits.
- Try to relax and enjoy your experience in the ring. Remember that dog's are very perceptive and will pick up on your nerves. Judges are not 'Ogres' and would love to give everyone a pass card. However they have to be fair and treat every exhibitor equally and deduct points as necessary to ensure the fairness of judging for all competitors. Most judges will gladly give you a few tips if you ask. And finally if you have a query about your score ask the judge immediately because they will forget if you leave it until later. Good luck to you all and remember if you don't get a pass this time – there's always next time.

Thank you to Eric Booth – Ballarat Obedience Dog Club

GENERAL MEETING

1st December 2009

Meeting opened: 8.00pm

Apologies : S Hellebrand, T Rain, K Ciezarek, A Shackleton, L Blackwell, J Hamilton, H Read
Accepted: B Elliott Seconded: L Wills Carried.

Minutes from the previous General Meeting as distributed in the Newsletter taken as read.
Accepted: C Humphreys Seconded: L Wills Carried.

Business arising from the Minutes:

1. .B Elliott asked why the Treasurer's Report was not in the Newsletter. H Cook said the Newsletter Editor apologised for not collecting it and it would be in future Newsletters. Copies were available for Members tonight.
2. .M Elliott queried about a comment in the Newsletter that was in the Minutes. She said she didn't bring the topic up Lisa Blackwell did. Minutes to be amended.

Correspondence Out:

Correspondence In: Annual License Renewal Fees, John Shields, E Longshaw

Business arising from Correspondence

1. Annual License Renewal Fees – S Malady said that you can obtain a License for functions . T Button said we can ring and provide dates to obtain a price. Committee to look into.
2. John Shields resignation – B Elliott said there was a need for better communication between Instructors and Committee. B Elliott moved ‘that the resignation of J Shields be accepted with regret’
Seconded: L Wills
Carried
- 3.

Treasurer's Report

Business Arising from Treasurers Report: H Cook read the Treasurer's Report. Report attached to the Minutes Book. Questions were asked about the Dogs Victoria Fees and payment of the Free run area. Both questions were answered by the Treasurer
Treasurer's Report accepted: B Elliott Seconded: S Malady Carried.

Other Reports

Canteen Manager – Written report attached to the Minutes Book

Hall Manager - Nil

Grounds Manager – Written report attached to the Minutes Book

Publicity Officer – Written report attached to the Minutes Book

Shop Manager - Nil

Training Supervisor – Written report attached to the Minutes Book
GENERAL MEETING

1st December 2009

Trial Secretary – Written report attached to the Minutes Book

Sub-Committee Reports

Instructor's Meeting – 16th November 2009

Yvonne Ross (aspiring Judge) will be testing Graduate at the next Promotion Day.

Discussion was also held regarding the changes to the Class structure. Instructors were asked for any comments by the 13th December

Reports accepted: L Wills

Seconded: T Gavaghan

Carried.

General Business

1. T Button raised discussion regarding the 3 year vaccination, which will be available in the new year . She asked Members to consider what the definition of “fully vaccinated” would mean when answering Club inquiries for new Members. After a lengthy discussion it was suggested that an article be run in the Newsletter explaining the various vaccinations. T Button moved ‘that the C5 Vaccination be the minimum requirement for joining the Club and for renewing Membership’

Seconded: B Elliott

Carried by majority

2. G Douglas said that after reading a letter in the Newsletter it was evident that there was conflict within the Club. He suggested that reconciliation needs to be looked into and issues need to be resolved.

3. T Button said bookings for the Christmas Dinner could be taken at the Meeting. Discussion followed regarding T Button being reinstated as an Instructor. G Douglas moved ‘that T Button be reinstated as an Instructor’/

Seconded: S Malady

Carried

4. B Elliott suggested that items that appear in the Newsletter should be of a positive note. K Millard asked that Members come to Committee if they have a problem. G Douglas and B Elliott suggested that Committee Members should go around the Classes and introduce themselves.

5. J Convery moved ‘that the two Alcoa seats be placed in the Off lead area against a wall and permanently attached.

Seconded: T Button

Carried

6. Discussion was held regarding moving the Library into the Bar area. No resolution was reached.

Meeting closed: 9.30pm

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 2nd February - 8.00pm

All Members welcome