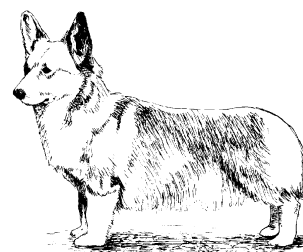
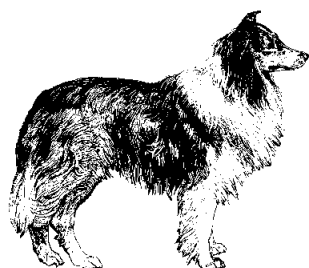
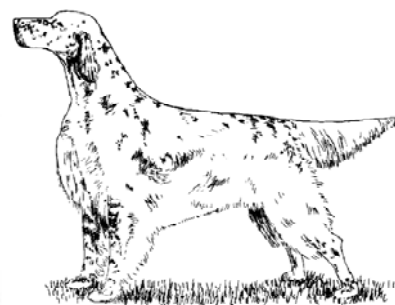


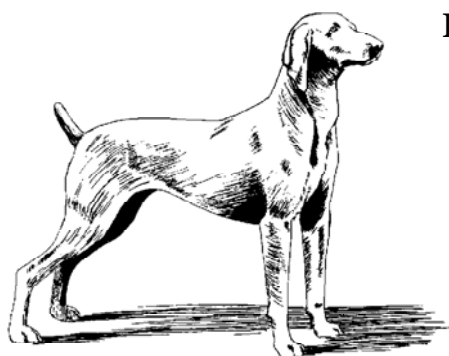
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## CLUB CALENDAR

### February

Tuesday	15 February	Newsletter closes for articles, reports etc
Sunday	20 February	Normal training.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>21 February</b>	<b>Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.</b>
Sunday	27 February	Normal training.

### March

Sunday	6 March	Normal Training. Newsletter Available
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>13 March</b>	<b>LABOUR DAY WEEKEND. NO TRAINING</b>
Tuesday	15 March	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	20 March	Normal training
<b>Monday</b>	<b>21 March</b>	<b>Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm. Agility Trial Entries close</b>
Sunday	27 March	Normal training.

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Carole Sparks		

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### January Dogs Victoria Magazine preview

With revised Rules in 2011, OTEC thought it would be a good idea to bring back the popular Stewards workshop. Come along to KCC Park on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 5.30pm for dinner, and then the workshop at 6.30pm. See the January *Gazette* for the advertisement and further details. You must RSVP for catering.



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### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

A new year is here. May I take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the New Year and that we all get what we need from our training and competitions for the rest of this year.

Well, we have a few things to occupy us this year and I for one am looking forward to the challenges associated with this. Also, please be aware that we do have to change our training venue at times due to flooding, so it is important that we have your current email address if you have one. If you are not receiving the Gossip Sheet via email each Thursday and have an email address, please write your surname and email address on a piece of paper and leave it at the Office. Also, if you have moved or are contemplating moving, please keep us informed.

Thank you to all the Members who have helped out with the recent clean up from the flooding. Your help is greatly appreciated.

That is all for now, good luck with your training and I will see you around the Club.

**Jim Ball - President**

### **LIBRARY NEWS**

Cesar Millan has followers in every corner of the globe. His fans range from the ordinary household with the average 'mutt', to wealthy, sophisticated celebrities. The previous article concentrated on his history, philosophy and accolades.

Cesar Millan - his critics.

Cesar Millan belongs to no association of trainers. His methods are his own - he has not derived them from another source. Clever packaging by National Geographic has not only generated immense popularity - it has also generated immense wealth. Therefore if his detractors are not to be labelled with the "sour grape" syndrome, only Professional Associations and the appropriately qualified and successful trainers and behaviourists can be represented.

Millan operates on the basic premise that the effective dog owner must be the "leader of the pack." This is contradicted by Mech [1999], who in 13 years of observation of wild wolf packs saw no dominance contests within the packs he watched.

The American Humane Association, Jean Donaldson, [Director A.S.P.C.A.], A.P.D.T.A., A.P.B.C., A.V.A. and others agree that the following beliefs/techniques of Millan's work:

- \* Exercise is a good training aid and healthy for most dogs.
- \* Most behavioural problems originate with the owner, not the dog.
- \* Remaining calm when dealing with dogs.
- \* Using Body Blocks.

Serious Concerns are expressed about:

- \* The Dominance Theory
- \* Flooding
- \* Confrontational Method.

Some comments tactfully allude to Millan's methods.: Dr. Sophia Yin [Exec. Board. Member AVS.]: " You may think that like wolves in a pack ... the way to take charge of a dominant dog is by calm assertive force or even violence.' 'Luckily, because we humans have bigger brains we can swiftly carry off a non-violent lasting coup while changing Bowser's entire attitude.'

AVASAB is concerned with the recent re-emergence of dominance theory and forcing dogs ... into submission as a means of correcting behaviour problems."

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Others are more direct.

\* Professor Dodman [Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine. Tufts University.] "His methods are misguided, outmoded, in some cases dangerous and often inhumane."

\* Professor Stanley Coren [Dept. Psychology University of British Columbia] the methods used by Mr. Millan ... are a throwback to those used to train German military dogs in the 1940's"

\* Dr Ian Dunbar [Doctorate Canine Behaviour/ Veterinarian] Comment on Millan's techniques: removing the ticker from the time bomb."

\* Jean Donaldson [previously cited] "To co-opt a word like 'whispering' for arcane violent and technically unsound practice is unconscionable."

\* Janis Bradley [Instructor San.Fran. SCPCA Academy for Dog Trainers] ' .. the main method Millan uses for aggression is aversives. ... this results in learned helplessness ... this is what Millan calls 'calm submission'. It's exactly the same thing as you see in a rat in a Skinner box that is subject to intermittent shocks it can do nothing to avoid.

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**Robyn Youl - Librarian**

## **TRIAL SECRETARY/TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Hi Everyone,

Welcome back GODC for 2011, and what a start we have already had. Early January our Club was inundated with just over a metre of water, unfortunately we have lost many items. We were given short notice to lift items at higher level. Barwon River decided to give us more water than local Council thought we would get! Restocking has begun and I would like to thank the many Members who gave up their time to assist in the clean up process, which is still ongoing.

The Agility Trial is still going ahead on schedule for April, we will be handing out forms for assistance soon.

I would also like to welcome our New Members, well done on getting the ball rolling in your dogs training process, if you find that your dog is not learning as fast as others, be patient and consistent with your training and you will achieve a well behaved pet at home and in public.

I would also like to welcome Lyn Wills on the Instructor team, after a rollercoaster 2010 it is great to see her out and about and taking her first Classes. If anyone is interested in becoming an Instructor for either Agility or Obedience please see myself or Sandy.

Until next time. Happy training

**Tina Button – Trial Secretary, Training Supervisor**

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### **NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT**

Welcome back to training for 2011. I hope you have a successful year.

If you come across any articles or photos you think may be of interest to other Members, please don't hesitate to send them in to the Newsletter. Also, if you have a commercial business, advertising space is available, price information is further on in this Newsletter. If Members have anything they wish to sell you may place a small ad for \$2.00. Just write up your ad and drop it into the Office or email it direct to the Newsletter Editor. The closing date for each Newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.

Keep the Trial results rolling in everyone, we posted over 500 results in the Newsletter last year and it's great that people know of your successes and don't forget those half page brags when you get a Title.

Also available to all Members is a half page Vale notice if you should suffer the loss of a four legged friend.

The Newsletter is usually handed out in Class on the first Sunday of each month, but if you should miss out there are spare copies available on the blue table on the veranda.

Best wishes and happy training.

**Pam Convery –Newsletter Editor**

### **EQUIPMENT SHOP MANAGER'S REPORT**

Welcome back to everyone! Just a quick note to remind Members that the shop is available *during break-times* at Sunday sessions for sales of training aids, leads, collars, toys and Club apparel. A clothing order will be placed at the end of February for shirts, hoodies and coats. Please come in and see Alex to try on sizes and place orders.

**Alex Shackleton – Equipment Shop Manager**

### **1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Welcome back to the club. I hope you all have had a Happy New Year. As you may already be aware the club has suffered damage from the floods, not a great start to the year.

Thank you to those who have assisted in the clean up, but we still have a lot more work to do. So if you have some spare time when we next call for a working bee it would be greatly appreciated if you can help out.



On a positive note we have a large intake of new members for January. We needed to add on an extra Beginner and Puppy class to accommodate the increase. It is fantastic to see so many dog owners coming to our club to train.

I hope you have an enjoyable start to the year and ask for your understanding as we begin to get our club rooms back into shape and replace some of the clubs equipment.

**Sandy Malady - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

## ADVERTISING RATES FOR "FAITHFULLY YOURS"

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

### RATES

Half page Advertisement	1 Month	1 issue)	\$25.00
Half page Advertisement	6 Months	3 issues (bi-monthly)	\$50.00
Half page Advertisement	12 Months	6 issues (bi-monthly)	\$75.00

Bi-monthly means the odd months of the year (January, March, May, July, September and November). Half page "Title" and "Vale" notices are provided free to all Members. Copy must be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. If you would like photos etc returned, please provide a suitably sized SSAE.

*Please note that we do not advertise puppy litters.*

### A VERY IMPORTANT PERSON PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK

Our Club was saddened to hear of the passing of its most valuable Member "SOMEONE ELSE"

Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with our Club since it's beginning and did far more than a normal person's share. Whenever there was a job to do, rallies to arrange or just washing up the dishes after the Meeting, one name was on everyone's lips, "SOMEONE ELSE".



It's common knowledge that "SOMEONE ELSE" was the largest contributor of their time to our Club. Whenever there was a need for a volunteer, everyone just assumed that "SOMEONE ELSE" would of course, volunteer.

"SOMEONE ELSE" was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing to be superhuman. But a person can only do so much, were the truth be told everyone expected too much of "SOMEONE ELSE".

Now "SOMEONE ELSE" is gone, who is going to do the things that we all expected of "SOMEONE ELSE".

Now when we are asked to help, remember that we cannot depend on poor old "SOMEONE ELSE" any longer. Isn't it about time that we really stopped volunteering "SOMEONE ELSE" to do the job?







# END OF YEAR AWARDS FOR 2010

**Elsa Dahl Award**

Clive Fruin

**Committee/Instructor of the Year**

Karen Millard

**Jumping/Agility Dog of the Year**

Tjukurpa Kool (Bryce) JDX\

**Obedience Dog of the Year (Registered)**

Goorambat Excalibur (Rookie) CD

**Associate Dog of the Year**

Sullivan CCD



## Titles for 2010

### Community Companion Dog

Kelsdon Harlequin Heart  
Silverblue Share a Dream

Belle  
Millie

Border Collie  
Cocker Spaniel

Felicity Hughes  
Raelene Hartney  
Handler Karen Millard  
Trish Gavaghan  
Elaine Longshaw  
Lyn Wills  
Felicity Hughes

Monlaird Star of Avalon JD  
Coppertop Perfect Pitcha  
Sullivan  
Lachlin

Star  
Piper  
Associate  
Associate

Border Collie  
Doberman

### Novice

Goorambat Excalibur CCD  
Rakaaz Kiss This CCD

Rookie  
Pasher

Golden Retriever  
Rottweiler

Janelle Convery  
Susie & John Baird

### Utility

Folecia Makena CDX

Belle

Golden Retriever

Tony Stewart

### Jumping Dog

Monlaird Star of Avon  
Lizziwell Regal Princess  
Ardenwood Osney

Star  
Remy  
Ivy

Border Collie  
CKCS  
Border Collie

Trish Gavaghan  
Glenys Murray  
Simmon Hellebrand

### Jumping Dog Excellent

Tjukurpa Kool Bryce JD

Bryce

Koolie

Vanessa Bridges

### Herdling Title

Monlard Gracia Divino

Taylah

Border Collie

Tina Button

### Endurance Test

Ch Kylain Chase A Hurrican AZ

Chase

GSD

Barb Pownall



## FLOOD HELPERS HARD AT WORK







# WHY DOES MY DOG PULL ON THE LEAD?

Dr Nick Branson

When dogs are young their high level of arousal (excitability) when going for a walk usually means they pull the lead tight. Often the owner moves forward with the dog. The young dog soon learns that going for a walk is so much fun and if I pull on the lead, we go much faster. Yippee!!! In this way, the dog has trained itself to pull on the lead.

## **How do I stop my dog from pulling on the lead?**

Do not go forward when you dog pulls on the lead. Yes – STOP, STAND STILL, DON'T MOVE FORWARD – until the dog has moved back towards you and lead is loose. Then move forward whilst the lead is loose, but as soon as the lead becomes tight again – STOP, STAND STILL, DON'T MOVE FORWARD – until the lead is loose.



In high distraction environments this can be difficult to achieve so start in the backyard or other quiet area and slowly build up to walking down the beach or park where your dog's ability to concentrate on you will be much less because of all the activity. The more interesting you can make yourself (voice, pats, food treats, change of direction, change of walking pace), the more likely your dog will be to stay near you with the lead loose.

Remember, the dog is pulling on the leash because there is something/someone out there MORE INTERESTING THAN YOU!!!!



## **What is an Obedience Title, Really by Sandy Mowery of Highland, Wis.**

Not just a brag, not just a stepping-stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores, a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honour the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain, in record and in memory, for about as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better.

And though the dog itself doesn't know or care that its achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count. A title says your dog was intelligent and adaptable and good-natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that pleased you however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.

And a title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with it because it was a good dog, that you believed in it enough to give it yet another chance when it failed, and that, in the end, your faith was justified. A title proves your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few; that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved and loved greatly in return.

And when that dear, short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of praise in one small set of initials after the name. An obedience title is nothing less than love and respect given and received and permanently recorded.



# What's in a Name?

Author – Gary Wilkes

As a child, I enjoyed playing in a lemon grove behind my house. When my mother called me to come inside, I would often hide in a tree and pretend that I did not hear her. After the first few calls of "Gary, come here," I would inevitably hear the most dreaded of all childhood sounds - my mother pronouncing my full name.

"Gary Magee Wilkes! You get in here this instant!" While my mother used my full name to motivate me to come inside, the real effect was quite unexpected. I learned to dislike my middle name.

A common training mistake is to accidentally link a critter's name to an unpleasant consequence. When Fluffy, the Newfoundland, starts to jump on a guest, a common reaction is to yell, "Fluffy, NO!" Despite the fact that our goal is to teach Fluffy that jumping on guests is not a good idea, something entirely different happens - Fluffy continues to jump on guests, but stops responding to her name. While we adult humans tend to berate the poor pup for lack of intelligence, my three-year-old self would have understood Fluffy's reaction exactly. She is reacting to "Fluffy" exactly as I did to "Magee".

To unravel this odd reaction, it is necessary to realize that dogs do not understand language. While a human can understand that "Peter" comes from the Greek word petras, meaning "rock", don't expect your dog to figure out that you call him "Petey" because his real name is "Rocky". To him, his name cannot have "meaning" but is merely a signal that has been associated with a particular response. If Rocky gets praise and treats for paying attention to his name, the behaviour will become strong. If his owner uses the word "Rocky" in a casual fashion, it will become an ambiguous noise that only is important under certain circumstances. The best way to understand this process is to look at a hypothetical situation.

As a puppy, Rocky learns to look at anyone who says his name. At first, he is very consistent in his reaction since he is usually given treats, affection or praise for paying attention to the sound "Rocky". Then one day something odd happens. As Rocky is shoving his nose into the garbage bag -- a perfectly normal puppy behaviour -- his owner yells "Rocky". As the pup hears the magic word and looks to the source of the sound, he is stunned to hear that awful word "No!" and then he is roughly grabbed by his owner and dragged unceremoniously to the back yard.

Later that evening, as he is walking into his doghouse, Rocky hears his name again. His owner is still angry over the trashcan and calls him inside for dinner in a harsh tone. Rocky hears the angry tone of voice and huddles at the back of his doghouse. The dog is convinced that he is about to be punished again. The owner is now convinced that Rocky is being "stubborn" and decides to "discipline" the pup for disobeying. He says "Rocky" in a very threatening tone and tells the dog that he had better come out this instant. The pup hears his name again, just before his owner grabs him from the doghouse and shakes him by the scruff of the neck.

Within a few repetitions of this type of inadvertent "training", Rocky is likely to get the message. When he hears his name, there is a high probability that he will be punished. His first reaction upon hearing his name will be transformed from eager anticipation to a sense of dread. Commands like "Rocky, sit," will fall on frightened ears and be avoided rather than ignored.

Assuming that pets will react to things as if they were rational human beings is risky. Sometimes the instinctive reaction of an animal bears no connection to the cognitive processes of a human. Before you accidentally start confusing your pet's name with punishment, consider this misquote -- "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet, but Fido looks to those who offer treats."



# Dog Biscuit recipes

**Cheese and Parsley Dog Biscuits.** - Makes about 3 dozen biscuits.

2.5 cups fresh finely chopped parsley  
Quarter cup of finely chopped carrot  
Quarter cup of grated mozzarella cheese  
2 tablespoons of olive oil

2 teaspoons of unprocessed bran flakes  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
2.75 cups of wholemeal flour  
Half a cup of water

Preheat oven to 180 degrees Celsius. Grease or line two baking trays.

Mix the parsley, carrot, cheese and oil in one bowl. In another bowl mix the flour, bran and baking powder once combined added the parsley mix and stir in well. Gradually add the water and mix well. What you want is a nice dough mixture, add more water or flour to gain this consistency. Knead the dough on a floured surface for about a minute.

Roll out to about 1cm thick and cut with cookie cutter or glass etc. You can cut into any shape. Then place the shapes on your prepared trays. Bake for 20-30 minutes. Remove from oven and leave on wire rack to cool. The biscuits harden as they cool. Store in an airtight and a dog proof one as well would be a good idea and use as required.

## **Liver and Oat Cookies**

3 cups wholemeal flour  
½ cup sunflower oil  
¾ cup golden syrup

3 cups instant oatmeal  
450g chicken livers  
6 eggs

Puree chicken livers. Mix flour, oatmeal and oil until well combined, then add livers, golden syrup and eggs. Pour into greased cake pan and bake for 30min at 135°C. Remove pan from oven and slice into small rectangles. Reduce temperature to about 95°C and bake for an additional 2 ½ hours. Turn off oven and allow to cool overnight, then chill in refrigerator for 1 hour before serving.

## **Tuna Fudge**

2x 6oz can tuna OR 1x 14oz can salmon (do not drain either)  
1 ½ cups whole wheat flour  
1tbspn garlic powder or granulated garlic  
2 eggs lightly beaten  
grated parmesan cheese, about 1 handful

(Mix all together in a food processor) Use a food processor and toss in a few small chunks of parmesan cheese first to grate those, then add the rest all at once and pulse until thoroughly mixed, takes about 3 mins, start to finish. Grease a 9x9 pan, (use spray canola oil) bake in a 350°F oven for 20 minutes. Texture is sort of fudge/ putty like. Will keep in fridge for 3 days and freezes well.

## **Canine cookies**

2-3 cups finely chopped/ minced parsley  
¼ cup finely chopped carrot  
¼ cup grated mozzarella cheese  
2 tbspn vegetable oil (preferably olive)

2 ¾ cups wholemeal flour  
2 tbspn unprocessed bran flakes  
2 tsp baking powder  
½ -1 cup water

Preheat oven to 180°C. Lightly grease 2 baking sheets or put baking paper on them. In a small bowl mix the parsley, carrots, cheese and oil. In another bowl, stir together the flour, bran and baking powder. Add veggie mix and stir well. Gradually add ½ cup water. Mix well; adding more water if needed to make dough moist. Knead for 1 minute on a floured surface. Roll the dough to 1 cm thickness. Using a small dog bone cookie cutter or even a glass, cut as many shapes as you can, re-rolling the scraps. Put them on the baking sheets and bake for 20-30 min, til the biscuits have browned. Cool on a rack. The biscuits will harden as they cool. Store in an airtight (and dog proof) container for up to two months.

# YOU AND DOG COMPETITIONS

By

Peter Kennon – Bushman Kennels

When you acquire your first dog, your goals are usually fairly simple. Hopefully, you can learn to manage and train your new mate so it becomes a respected companion and integral family member.

As you master these basics, your ambitions become much grander. You also realise that they hold competitions for dogs. Trophies and ribbons can be won! A whole new world unfolds.

Competition is a test of your technical skills and self-control. Whilst there are many ‘experts’ keen to provide advice on your skills, only rarely, does anyone bother to explain the less obvious, but really important things you need to know and learn.

Every time you compete, you must consider three main things –

## Your dog, other people and yourself

**Your Dog** Your must always place your dog’s safety and comfort first and the blue ribbons last. Never allow competition to damage your friendship. It’s amazing how often a much loved canine friend suddenly becomes a “stupid mongrel”, just because it fails to perform in competition. If things go wrong, don’t punish your dog for mistakes that were probably your fault anyway. Can you imagine how a dog must feel when it is given an unnecessarily hard time, for reasons it cannot understand, by a person it thought it could trust?

**Other people** You will meet all types of people in competition. Most are pleasant and helpful, some you don’t want to know and a few will be quite special. Be courteous to all, nasty to none and choose your close friends carefully. Avoid the whingers and troublemakers. Your responsibility to Officials and other competitors is to learn and observe the rules, be consistently punctual and accept decisions with good grace.

**Yourself** Make competition a personal experience. Concentrate on achieving your own personal best performance and you will have much to be proud of, regardless of the result. Be patient with yourself. Competition teaches you many lessons about life in general, but you cannot learn it all in five minutes. Try never to lose your temper. Anger directed at your dog or the people around you, is inexcusable.

When you win, treasure your moment of glory, but remain humble. When you fail, be positive. You have, if nothing else, identified which aspects of your performance require more practice.

Ensure that competition is above all else – good fun. If it’s not, find something else to do. Not everyone can be a great competitor so if you don’t enjoy it, why bother?

Remember that true success has little to do with trophies and ribbons. It is all about how well you protect your dog, how others regard you as a person and how you feel about yourself.

## Upcoming Events-March 2011

SAT 5 <sup>TH</sup>	DOUBLE AGILITY TRIAL	BAIRNSDALE & DISTRICT DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB	
SUN 6	DOG MATCH	SCOTTISH BREEDS DOG CLUB	
	DOUBLE AGILITY TRIAL	BAIRNSDALE & DISTRICT DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB	
SAT 12	AGILITY & OBEDIENCE TRIALS	WARRNAMBOOL DOG TRAINING SCHOOL	
SUN 13	AGILITY & OBEDIENCE TRIALS	WARRNAMBOOL DOG TRAINING SCHOOL	
SAT 19	DOUBLE OBEDIENCE TRIAL	SOUTHERN OBEDIENCE DOG TRAINING CLUB	
SUN 20	RESTRICTED TO GUNDOG DOUBLE OBEDIENCE TRIAL	WEIMARANER CLUB	
	SCOTTISH BREEDS DOG MATCH	SCOTTISH BREEDS DOG CLUB	
SAT 26	RAFT TRAINING DAY	RETRIEVING AND FIELD TRIAL COMMITTEE	
	AGILITY TRIAL	EAST GIPPSLAND OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB	
SUN 27	OBEDIENCE TRIAL	KNOX OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB	

## Trial Results

### Moorabbin Airport - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2010

L Kelleher	Branko	Tunnelers 1	Q	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
		Tunnelers 2	Q	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
		Tunnelers Title		
V Bridges	Bryce	Elite Tunnelers	13 <sup>th</sup> Pass	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
		Elite Tunnelers	14 <sup>th</sup> Pass	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
		Open Weavers	1 <sup>st</sup> Pass	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place



## A MEMBERS STORY

Saw a great example of dog obedience that saved a dog's life yesterday! A Kelpie got freaked out by a lunging and barking Shitzu and slipped her collar while crossing the road

She was very skittish but fortunately when the young lady owner told her to drop on the footpath on the other side of the road she did immediately and the owner was able to get to her and put her lead back on. This happened at the Telegraph Bridge overpass at 9am with cars whizzing by and really busy. The poor Kelpie wasn't the only one freaked out!

**Rebecca Kearney**



## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2010

Meeting opened: 8.05pm

Apologies: T. Button, S.Eldridge, H. Cook, P. Convery, E Longshaw, D. Dickeson

Accepted: J Taylor

Seconded: S. Malady

Carried.

Minutes from the previous General Meeting as distributed in the Newsletter taken as read.

Accepted: C Humphreys

Seconded: L Kelleher

Carried.

### Business arising from the Minutes:

1. . Police Check for Instructor
2. .Working with Children
3. Tetanus needle
4. Thanks to all Instructor throughout the year
5. Thanks to all Members for being so patient throughout the flooding interruptions.

### Correspondence Out:

1. Ms G Twyford Ground Flooding

### Correspondence In:

1. Letter Golden plains parent support group
2. Letter Barwon Health Re: Gala Day

### Business arising from Correspondence

1. Moved to General Business

Treasurer's Report As Attached

Business Arising from Treasurers Report:

Go Traffic Account

Treasurer's Report accepted: M Brown

Seconded: S. Malady

Carried.

### Other Reports

Canteen Manager Attached

Equipment Manager Attached

Hall Manager A New Vacuum and Cleaning stuff has Been purchased to help with keeping the hall clean

Grounds Manager Attached

Publicity Officer None

Shop Manager Attached

Reports accepted: K Taylor

Seconded: C Humphreys

Carried.

### General Business

1. Go Traffic Account
2. D Gravalin moved 'that the Patron of the Club be invited to the last training day.  
Seconded: P Convery
3. Fly ball Training
4. P Convery/ Thanks for the Card on the loss of her family member
5. P Convery going to organise the Jacket behind the bar be cleaned and C Humphreys going to make the frame for it.
6. Banner to be looked at by Donna
7. Flag to be up the right way

Carried

Meeting closed: 8.40

# **GEE LONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB CALENDAR 2011**

## **January**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Office re-opens – 3.00 pm to 7.00 pm</b>
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> January	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Induction for New Members commencing on 30<sup>th</sup> January - 7 00pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>30 January</b>	Return to training for current Members. New Members commence training.

## **February**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 February</b>	<b>General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6 February</b>	<b>Normal training. Newsletter Available</b>
Sunday	13 February	Normal training
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>15 February</b>	<b>Newsletter closes for articles, reports etc</b>
Sunday	20 February	Normal training.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>21 February</b>	<b>Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>27 February</b>	<b>Normal training.</b>

## **March**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6 March</b>	<b>Normal Training. Newsletter Available</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>13 March</b>	<b>LABOUR DAY WEEKEND. NO TRAINING</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>15 March</b>	<b>Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc</b>
Sunday	20 March	Normal training
Monday	21 March	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm. Agility Trial Entries close
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>27 March</b>	<b>Normal training.</b>

## **April**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3 April</b>	<b>Normal Training. Newsletter Available</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5 April</b>	<b>General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised.</b>
Saturday	9 April	BACK-TO-BACK AGILITY TRIALS
Sunday	10 April	BACK-TO-BACK AGILITY TRIALS. NO TRAINING
<b>Friday</b>	<b>15 April</b>	<b>Newsletter closes for articles, reports etc</b>
Sunday	17 April	<b>Fun Day including presentations. Also Induction for New Members for Beginners Class and Fully Vaccinated Puppies Under 6 months</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>18 April</b>	<b>Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24 April</b>	<b>Easter Weekend – NO TRAINING</b>

## **May**

Sunday	1 May	Normal Training for current Members. New Members Commence Training
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8 May</b>	<b>Normal training.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15 May</b>	<b>Normal training. Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>16 May</b>	<b>Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.</b>
Sunday	22 May	Normal training
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29 May</b>	<b>Normal training.</b>

## **June**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5 June</b>	<b>Normal training – Newsletter available</b>
Tuesday	7 June	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Sunday	12 June	NO TRAINING. Queens Birthday weekend
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>15 June</b>	<b>Newsletter closes for articles, reports etc</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18 June</b>	<b>Normal training. Obedience Trial entries close</b>
Monday	20 June	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	26 June	Normal training. Obedience Trial entries close
Thursday	30 June	End of financial year for all departments. Stocktake required for Canteen and Shop.

# **GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB CALENDAR 2011**

## **July**

Sunday	3 July	Normal training. Newsletter available
Friday	8 July	Working Bee
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9 July</b>	<b>OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIALS</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10 July</b>	<b>OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIALS. NO TRAINING</b>
Friday	15 July	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17 July</b>	<b>Fun Day including presentations. Also Induction for New Members for Beginners Class and Fully Vaccinated Puppies Under 6 months</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>18 July</b>	<b>Instructor's Meeting - 7.30 pm</b>
Sunday	24 July	Normal Training. New Members commence Training
Sunday	31 July	Normal Training

## **August**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2 August</b>	<b>General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7 August</b>	<b>Normal training. Newsletter available</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14 August</b>	<b>Normal training</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>15 August</b>	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm. Newsletter closes for articles, report, etc
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21 August</b>	<b>Normal training</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28 August</b>	<b>Normal training.</b>

## **September**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4 September</b>	<b>Normal training. Newsletter available</b>
Wednesday	7 September	Committee and Non-Committee nominations close
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11 September</b>	<b>Normal training.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>15 September</b>	<b>Newsletter Closes for articles, reports etc</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18 September</b>	<b>Normal training</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>19 September</b>	<b>Instructors Meeting – 7.30 pm.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>21 September</b>	<b>Life Membership nominations close</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>25 September</b>	<b>Fun Day including presentations. Also Induction for New Members for Beginners Class and Fully Vaccinated Puppies</b>

## **October**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2 October</b>	<b>Normal Training. New members Commence Training. Newsletter Available</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4 October</b>	<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 8.00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9 October</b>	<b>Normal Training</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>15 October</b>	<b>Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc</b>
Sunday	16 October	Normal training
Monday	17 October	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Sunday	23 October	Normal training.
Sunday	30 October	Normal training.

## **November**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6 November</b>	<b>Normal training. Newsletter available</b>
Sunday	13 November	Normal Training. End of Year Awards closing date
Monday	15 November	Newsletter closes for articles, report, etc
Sunday	20 November	Normal training.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>21 November</b>	<b>Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm</b>
Sunday	27 November	Normal training.

## **December**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4 December</b>	<b>Normal training</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6 December</b>	<b>General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised</b>
Sunday	11 December	Last day of training for 2011
Monday	12 December	Office closes