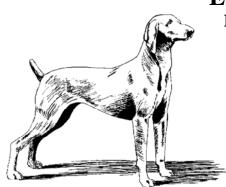
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# CLUB CALENDAR

<u>April</u>		
Tuesday	5 April	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised.
Saturday	9April	BACK-TO-BACK AGILITY TRIALS
Sunday	10 April	BACK-TO-BACK AGILITY TRIALS. NO TRAINING
Friday	15 April	Newsletter closes for articles, reports etc
Sunday	17 April	Fun Day including presentations. Also Induction for New
		Members for Beginners Class and Fully Vaccinated
		Puppies Under 6 months
Monday	18 April	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	24 April	Easter Weekend – NO TRAINING
May		
Sunday	1 May	Normal Training for current Members. New Members Commence
•	•	Training
Sunday	8 May	Normal training.
Sunday	15 May	Normal training. Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Monday	16 May	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Sunday	22 May	Normal training
Sunday	<b>29 May</b>	Normal training.

# CLUB INSTRUCTORS

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Trish Gavaghan Glenys Murray Alex Shackleton Simmon Hellebrand Lyn Wills Vanessa Bridges

Tam Dixon

**Trainee Agility Instructors** 

Bev Petrass Sally Hunt Susan Axe

Carole Sparks

### Dog Logic

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

Anonymous

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face. Ben Williams

# REPORTS REPORTS REPORTS

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well I'm back from holidays and what a disasterous start to the year we have had. While I was away the grounds flooded yet again and training had to be moved. Many thanks to the kind donation of a fridge for the Canteen must go to Kathy and John Taylor. As you will have noticed a couple of trees came down and thanks to Ray Millard and his brother-in-law for taking time off work and giving Victor a hand to clean it up. I believe it fell on the free run area so for this I am very grateful as well. Yet again we were lucky as the long weekend the free run area was flooded yet again. I think maybe we should have put a pool in there instead.

Well that's is about all from me, just remember to see Tina if you can help out with the Agility Trial or help out in the Canteen as our Canteen Manager is having hip replacement surgery so will require some help in there. Thanks to those who have put their name down already to help out.

Jim Ball - President

### AGILITY NEWS

It is so good to be back on our own grounds again after relocating so often and great to be able to use our equipment again. Fortunately most of it came through the flooding relatively unscathed and with the help of an enthusiastic band of cleaners it was ready for us to use.

This past weekend was the long weekend and many of our Agility Triallers were out and about making the most of the beautiful weather at both Ballarat and Warrnambool. I haven't heard many results from those at the Ballarat trial, but I did hear that Janelle and Mason did very well. Congratulations to all those who had a successful weekend, whether it be through the gaining of Passes and Titles or the achievement of the stepping stones leading to the Passes. I'm sure you all enjoyed the camaraderie that playing with our dogs brings.

Unlike most of our other Geelong Triallers who set off to Ballarat, I decided to take Star to Warrnambool where the Warrnambool Dog Club offered both Obedience and Agility Trials over the long weekend. Unfortunately, half Victoria seemed to be in Warrnambool for one thing or

another and accommodation for people travelling with dogs was scarce. As a result I shared a tent with my two Border Collies for three nights – a good way to test the friendship, especially when one of the dogs had an upset stomach and needed frequent nocturnal trips to the off lead area. The things we go through for our dogs!

Nevertheless it was a great two days' Trialling and Star and her mate, Remy (owned by Gleny's Murray), came home with a ribbon each.



Remy and Star with some of the spoils from their weekend away at Warrnambool.

### REPORTS REPORTS REPORTS

Star's was for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Excellent Jumping and Remy's was for 1<sup>st</sup> place in Novice Agility. Congratulations to both these special dogs.

Our own Agility and Jumping trial, run by Geelong Obedience Dog Club, is fast approaching and is a wonderful way of seeing what agility is all about. We'd love to see you there, especially if you can help out for an hour or two. The Ttrials will take place at our grounds on Saturday and Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> April.

Good luck to those trialling at Geelong, Leopold, Altona and Ballarat during April.

# Trish Gavaghan

# Library News

### **BOOK REVIEWS - INTER-LIBRARY LOANS.**

Library Link [Not available thru Swift Consortium] [Available Amazon ebooks for Kindle] Arden, Andrea, Dog - friendly dog training, illustrations by Tracy Dockray - 2nd. ed. Wiley Publishing Inc: New Jersey [USA], 2007.

This profusely illustrated book with its clear instructions and pertinent colour sketches is an invaluable read for the novice owner.

Arden's philosophy is to focus on the good behaviour. "After all, there is a rather short list of right behaviours but an almost endless list of wrong ones" [Quote]

Chapter 1: What is Dog Friendly Dog Training? is a very clever introduction to Operant Conditioning and Positive Reinforcement.

An hilarious illustration of the trainer dragging an aggro dolphin by a correction chain says it all about - "Physically prompting the behaviour."[Quote] After 6 sections of introductory information the novice is now in the position to start training. The lessons proceed on the foundation that has been laid. A clever and effective teaching ploy.

Chapter 7: <u>Basic Manners</u> Easy to follow text enhanced by clear illustrations. Using visuals [thumbnail sketches] rather than words to teach 'The Six Position Changes' makes for a great lesson. The Resource Guide is comprehensive, well researched. Web-sites applicable to this work, but also extend the ideas and concepts presented. An excellent browse after an informative and entertaining read. Visit her website: <a href="www.AndreaArden.com">www.AndreaArden.com</a>

[Swift Consortium/Library Link]

Donaldson, Jean. Train your dog like a pro. Includes 2hr30min DVD

Wiley Publishing Inc: New Jersey USA, 2010

The DVD was not available. It is an integral part of the text message. It is a credit to the communication skills of the author that the reader was able to proceed successfully without it. Donaldson's focus is on the process of training rather than being rewarded by its outcomes. The introduction functions as a spring board to understanding <u>Train Your Dog Like a Pro.</u> It introduces vocabulary, outlines philosophy, explains the structure of the text. It provides the reader with a clear understanding of the training process that follows.

Clear line drawings enhance instructions. The reader is stimulated and challenged by material in the grey boxes. He is asked questions, given advice and reminders and challenged to clarify what he is doing. The grids indicate when it is time to review, consolidate what has been learned, or to move forward. The grids also record problems and solutions.

Jean Donaldson has created a workbook for most levels of training experience. Her step-by-step approach lays the foundations for positive outcomes. It does not encompass short cuts. Not an easy read - but well worth the effort. An internationally respected author who presents training as it really is. Hard work - but enormously, personally enriching.

Both reviews have been submitted to their respective authors for discussion. Andrea's response was delightful: "Hi Robyn, Woofs of thanks. Andrea." Robyn Youl - Librarian

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

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Please note that we do not advertise puppy litters.

# Warrnambool Obedience Trial



Four of us went on the 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> of March. The Saturday was a beautiful day and we had lots of fun. Sunday started nice until the fog rolled in and then we lost the dogs. Still had fun From the four Club Members

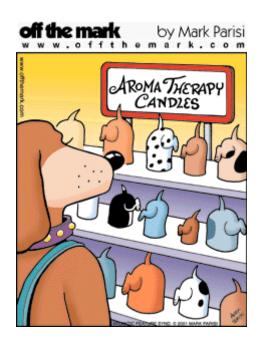




# GEELONG MEMBERS AND GEELONG MEMBER JUDGE ANNE MACRAE AT BALLARAT NADAC TRIAL AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND



The weekend of the 12-13<sup>th</sup> March was the second NADAC Agility Trial for 2011. This trial was held at Victoria Park, Ballarat. With 12 events over two days it certainly is a busy weekend. At NADAC Trial's, there is a stewards roster so there is always plenty to help out with. Before you know it the weekend is over. This event saw a huge turn out from the Geelong Members and there was lots of success from all levels. It always seems such a long time between trials so it always good to catch up with 2 and 4 legged friends from far and wide. A few people stayed in Ballarat at the Pet Friendly accommodation Shady Acres Caravan Park, some travelled both days and others came for one day. Congratulations to all that competed.





# MEMBERS AT RED CROSS TIN RATTLE- 19TH MARCH 2011













# TRIAL RESULTS

Warrnambool - Labour Day Weekend

**Novice Agility** 

Glenys Murray Remy NQ 1<sup>st</sup> play

**Excellent Jumping** 

Trish Gavaghan Star NQ 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Ballarat - Labour Day Weekend

Saturday 12 March 2011

Janelle Convery Mason Novice Chances Q
Open Jumpers Q 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

(Superior Open Jumping Title

Open Regular 1 Q 1<sup>st</sup> Place
Open Regular 2 Q 1<sup>st</sup> Place
Novice Touch N Go NQ 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Susan Axe Hector Chances O

(Novice Chances Cert)

Jumpers Q 1<sup>st</sup> Place (Outstanding Open Cert)

Regular Q 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Vanessa Bridges Bryce Open Hoopers 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 7<sup>th</sup> Pass

Sunday 13 March 2011

Janelle Convery Mason Novice Chances Q

(Superior Novice Chances Title)

Novice Hoopers Q 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

(Outstanding Novice Hoopers Title)
Elite Jumpers NQ 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Open Regular 1 Q 1st Place
Open Regular 2 Q 2nd Place

(Outstanding Open Regular Title)

Novice Weavers
Q
2<sup>nd</sup> Place
(Superior Novice Weavers Title)

Doreen Brookes Skye Hoopers Q  $8^{th}$  Place Jumpers NQ  $4^{th}$  Place



### **Dogs Soul**

Every dog must have a soul, somewhere deep inside Where all his hurts and grievances are buried with his pride. Where he decides the good and bad, the wrong way from the right, And where his judgement carefully is hidden from our sight.

A dog must have a secret place, where every thought abides, A sort of close acquaintance that he trusts in and confides. And when accused unjustly for himself, He cannot speak, Rebuked, He finds within his soul, the comfort he must seek.

He'll love, tho' he is unloved, and he'll serve tho' badly used, And one kind word will wipe away the times when he's abused. Altho' his heart may break in two, his love will still be whole, Because God gave to every dog an understanding Soul! Unknown



# The One-Week Attention "Fix"

# Get your dog to focus on YOU!

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Does your dog lose all focus on you in a training class? Does she forget you exist when you go to the dog park? Is she more interested in meeting other dogs or other people than in paying attention to you? Spend a few minutes each day for a week to build a solid foundation of attention.

If you take the time to do these exercises you will greatly improve your dog's ability to focus on you and respond to your commands in a class situation or other distractions, including being around other dogs.

### **Day One**

Pick a marker word to use as a clicker. The marker will mark the moment the dog achieves the goal you've set, and promises the dog a great reward. You can of course use a clicker but you will be doing a lot of opportunistic training, and it will be helpful to have a word or sound like "Yes!" or "Good!" to have handy. Remember, the marker is not in itself praise (you'll want to praise your dog, too!), but it is the sound of payoff to your dog.

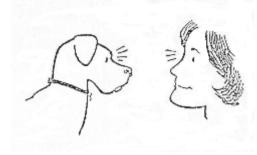
Charge up your marker by saying it and immediately after giving the dog a treat. Make sure that the marker comes first, and then the treat.

Find a non-distracting environment - your home kitchen or living room (not the dog park or class room!). Watch your dog's eyes. Whenever your dog looks at you, click or say your marker word, and give your dog a treat. Don't do anything special to get your dog's attention - just wait for it and capture it. Do this throughout the day.

In addition to noticing your dog's attention to you throughout the day, do some rapid rounds of rewarding eye contact. For one minute, click or mark and treat every time your dog looks at you - as many times as you possibly can in one minute. Repeat this a few times. Now play "The Eye Contact Game": hold some treats in your hand and hold your hand out to one side. Don't say anything to get your dog's attention; just

wait patiently while your dog stares at the treats to tries to get them (just hold your hand closed). The moment the dog tears his eyes off of the hand with the treats and looks at your face instead, click and treat!

By the end of this day, you should have marked and rewarded your dog for looking at you one hundred times or more!



#### Day Two

If you can predict that your dog will look at you, say your dog's name first. When she looks at you, click or mark and treat. If *you* guessed wrong, and your dog didn't look at you after you've said her name, you've set yourself back a tiny step. Don't assume that the dog understands the relatively sophisticated concept of an individual's name. You will be teaching the dog that hearing her name is an opportunity to get a reward if she chooses the right action - looking at you.

If she didn't look at you, immediately go back to rewarding her for looking at you, as many times as you can in a minute. Now you can probably be better at predicting when the next eye contact will come - say the dog's name first. Continue to notice any time your dog looks at you during the day. Mark and reward each time. Try to have 100 successful sequences of "Dog's Name" + look at you + mark & treat.

### **Day Three**

Go to a place that is interesting and potential distracting for your dog - a dog park, a pet store. Do NOT go in yet! Move away from where the interesting action is - far enough that the dog is no longer entirely focused on the action. Stop some distance away - up to a block away - and wait. Wait for your dog to look

### **The One-Week Attention "Fix" (continued)**

at you. When she does, mark it, treat it, and celebrate! Is she still looking at you? Mark and treat it again. Do your one-minute round of rewarding eye-contact. If it's predictable, put the dog's name on it. Why are you waiting and not trying to get the dog's attention? Because you want the dog to be able to look at you on her own, without you having to do all the work up front. Patience will pay off!

For safety's sake, and for control, your dog should be on leash. But your goal is to get the dog to look at you even when there is no leash, so try not to use the leash to get her attention. You want the cue to look at you to be her name, not a tug on her collar. If you have a hard time handling leash, clicker, and treats, or keeping your hands from tugging, drop the leash to the ground and step on the handle. Throughout the day, make sure that you mark and reward each time your dog looks at you.

### **Day Four**

Go back to your exciting place and go to the distance you were successful at before. Do one minute of rewarding attention. Are you rewarding as many sequences of the dog looking at you and you clicking and treating as you could at home, with fewer distractions around? If so, move a few feet closer to the interesting action, and do another minute of rewards. When you can predict that the dog will look at you, say her name just before she does.

Every time you say the dog's name and she looks at you and you reward her, you're making headway, moving forward towards your goal, gaining points for your team! Every time you guess wrong and say the dog's name but she doesn't look at you, you're losing ground, losing points. Dogs don't learn commands the way we do. Studies show that dogs need to hear a command paired with the action that is rewarded 30-40 times before they make a strong association between the command (cue) and the action that will get them the reward.

If another dog or other distracting thing comes too close to you for your dog to ignore, either wait until it's past again and the dog turns her attention back to you, or move a few feet away, backwards. In addition to these exercises, be sure to mark and reward your dog for looking at you at any time during the day.

#### **Day Five**

Go back again, do a one-minute round of rewarding attention at the place you were successful at before, and continue moving closer a few feet. Again, add the dog's name if you can, and move calmly away from distractions if they get too overwhelming. Continue to mark and reward your dog for looking at you at any time during the day.

### Day Six

Reward your dog for paying attention to you at a distance from the distractions. Move a little closer, allow your dog to notice the distraction, and immediately call her name and move backwards excitedly. As soon as she turns towards you, click and treat. Reward her several more times for looking at you at that distance from the distraction. Praise her, and start to move back towards the distraction. Allow her to notice the distraction and again call her to you while

moving backwards. Repeat this as many times as you can in five minutes.

Please note that you should not use someone else calling her name as a distraction!

### **Day Seven**

Go to your distracting place. Charge up her attention by rewarding it at a distance from the distractions. Move closer to the distractions, allow her to become interested in them for a moment, then call her name and move backwards away from the distractions.

# **Summary - Committee Meeting held on the 7.03.2011**

Working Bee to held on the Saturday 2nd April at 10.00 am

Canteen price rises have been decided

\$1.50 Can of Drink

\$1.00 Tea and coffee

\$2.50 Hot Dogs

80 cents each Dim Sims

\$3.50 egg and Bacon roll

No intake after the 3rd week of training

Herding training 16th April anyone interested, contact Tina Button, as there are limited placing (only for working dogs). 2 hour assessment \$20.00 or \$50.00 for the day

We need more entries for our Agility Trial for it to go ahead as we have not received many as yet

Chocolate money due back on the 3rd April or any unsold chocolates must be return by this date

S. Malady regards to promotion Day Qualify, pass, and score. Would like to have ribbons for this day Blue graduate

Red Merit

White Beginners

Yellow puppies

Purple Agility

S. Malady moved a motion 'that ribbons be provided to all Members that pass their levels on Promotion Day

Seconded T. Button All in favour

Recommendation to go to the next General Meeting

# GENERAL MEETINGMINUTES 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2011

Meeting opened: 8.05

Apologies: H. Cook, L.Will. C Jense, J. Convey, D. O'Donnell

Accepted: J. Taylor Seconded: T. Rain Carried.

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

Accepted: K Taylor Seconded: J. Taylor Carried.

Business arising from the Minutes:

- 1. Go Traffic Account Fixed
- 2. Patron of the club was rung and declined
- 3. Jacket has been dry cleaned off to C. Humphrey's at the Weekend

Correspondence Out: Nil

Correspondence In:

- 1. Winchelsea Festival sent a thank you letter and next festival day is 13 November 2011
- 2. Hungarian Vizsla Endurance Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2011

Treasurer's Report No Report as no computer due to flooding

Treasurer's Report accepted: T. Gavaghan Seconded: A Shaklenton Carried.

Other Reports

Canteen Manager: As attached K. Taylor

Equipment/Manager; Equipment in reasonable condition considering

3 mowers are lost it looks like

Grounds Manager: As attached V. Douglas

Hall Manager: Thanks to everyone for their help in cleaning efforts

Publicity/Fundraiser Officer: Mars fundraiser \$3.00 to go ahead with that as soon as possible

Raffle Steward: Nil

Shop Manager Minor stock lost due to flood Orders are being lauder

Social Secretary: Nil

Training Supervisor: No meeting as of yet.

Trial Secretary: Trial is as schedule but has been washed away with the flood

Due to flood we are in need of new copy of program used for the trial.

We are still 1 judge short for trial.

Asking Ballarat Dog Club for use of their agility equipment as we cannot afford to purchase any at this time otherwise we will have to go to VCA for the use of theirs

Reports accepted: E Longshore Seconded: S. Malady Carried.

### **General Business**

1. Thanks you to all who helped prepare for the flood

Thanks for everyone who helped with the clean up from the flood

2 fridges gone to cool cats to be priced for fixing \$480.00 fridge and \$180 for the freezer The freezer is to be fixed and just wait to decide about the fridge and R. Hartney said she can get us another fridge on loan for the time being. K. Millard going to follow up on repairs.

Photo copier and computer- might be covered under a grant looking into this

Working with children. check list needs to be in by June 2011 will discuss at the instructors meeting

Red cross collection on 19<sup>th</sup>-& 20th March P. Convey and S. Malady going to respond to correspondence

New retrieving Ability test restricted to gun dogs, Would like included in the July trail. Special judges are still being train in this field Help would need to be forth coming Would only be novice as it is just new Restricted to gun dogs P. Convey would like a motion: that it be run at our July trail. Second D. Gravolin

- J. Shields: Asked about what profit for Dogs Big Day Out. Traffic Management did drop price as the time they were there at the dogs big day out was not as long as they first thought. Back up for the computer
  - A. Shakleton, about meeting time if could be change to 7.30 instead of 8.00pm
- D. Gravolin, raised about the change of venue nit put in the paper. This was answered by due to the late notice of the ground condition it was not possible to place in the paper.
- S.Malady has offered any photo coping that needs to be done if we supply paper her employer's are happy for her to do it at work.
  - E. Longshore asked if we can get flood insurance. Due to the cost we cannot
  - P.Convey Anyone interested in putting together a demonstration team.

A. Shackleton put in motion for the display team be reformed and P. Convey be the team leader Second L. Convey

Carried

J. Sheilds asked what are we cover for in our insurance

Meeting closed: 8.50pm