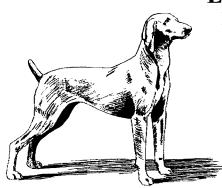
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## CLUB CALENDAR

| 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      | 29 May  | Normal training.  |
| <u>June</u> |         |   |
| Sunday      | 5 June  | Normal training – Newsletter available                        |
| Tuesday     | 7 June  | General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised            |
| Sunday      | 12 June | NO TRAINING. Queens Birthday weekend                          |
| Wednesday   | 15 June | Newsletter closes for articles, reports etc                   |
| Sunday      | 18 June | Normal training. Obedience Trial entries close                |
| 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          |
| v           |         | required for Canteen and Shop.                                |

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Trish Gavaghan Bev Petrass Susan Axe Glenys Murray Lyn Wills Carole Sparks Alex Shackleton Vanessa Bridges

**Trainee Agility Instructors** 

Sally Hunt





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#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well another month has passed us by. Double Agility Trial went off well. My thanks to those who assisted in the Canteen during this time? A special thanks to Gwen Bailey who spent the two days there and did the shopping as well. A well done to the grounds people who set up and cleared up afterwards. Well done to Steven Eldrige who won the LCD TV and to Rueben alias Rebecca Kearney who won the Blue Ray DVD Player.

We still have a few bags of Chocolates left, so if you think you can sell them please see Steven. The next big event will be the double Obedience Trial in July so please help out where you can. Congratulations to those who progressed up the line with their training. Keep up the good work. Just remember that the Instructors are volunteers so if you can't make the class please call and let us know or tell them before hand. It is only manners.

Jim Ball - President

## Library News

Borrowed thru Inter-Library Loan from Bacchus Marsh Library [Central Highlands Regional Library Corp]
REVIEWED:

#### AVAILABLE FROM GEELONG REGIONAL LIBRARY CORPORATION

\*Dennison, Pamela: <u>Positive Dog Training</u> [3rd ed] 2011. A Positive training manual using the clicker method.

The book is divided into 4 parts.

Part 1. Positively Amazing. You will learn the 3 Laws of Learning: \* Rewarded behaviour gets repeated. \*Ignored behaviour stops. \*Variable rewards strengthen the behaviour you want. You will also realise how Punishment is detrimental to your dog's wellbeing.

Part 2. How Dogs Learn and Communicate. Understand your dog's signals and you will communicate better with her. Learn to teach the all important 'Come' command.

Part 3. Positive Teaching in Action. You will become a confident, positive trainer. Your dog will love you for it. Your friends will envy the rapport you have with your dog.

Part 4. How you can teach your dog to be a valued and respected member of your family. This section also addresses the dilemma of the full time job and training the dog.

As with all Complete Idiots' Guides it comes with those logos to help you on your way.

DOGGIE DATA: Case studies of real dogs & people & interesting facts you won't want to miss.

CANINE CAVEATS: You'll find warnings here. Ignore at own risk.

POOCH POINTERS: Tips to help make you a better trainer.

MUTTLEY MEANINGS: Definitions for technical terms made simple.

The visual cues, appropriate b/w photographs and the easy prose style contribute to a most effective training manual for the novice owner. Pamela Dennison is not only a highly qualified Trainer and Behaviour Analyst, she is also a professional writer who presents her subject with consummate ease.

\*Dunphy, Heather: <u>The Secret Language of Dogs. The Body Language of Furry Bodies.</u> 2010. Despite the somewhat unfortunate title the book is well presented, copiously illustrated and factually accurate. The short descriptions of the various facets of canine communication are easy to read. The text is enhanced by two sidebars. DOG FACT. A brief presentation of information relevant to the main body of text. BEHIND THE SIGNS. Longer exerpts of anecdotal relevance to

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the topic. The colour photographs are abundant, yet all directly relate to information being conveyed.

Well presented. Easy to read and understand.

\*Fogle, Dr. Bruce: If your dog could talk. A training guide for humans. 2006. Dr Fogle is renowned for his delightfully informative books about dogs. This is no exception. It is presented as a picture story text for adults who want to know more about canine communication but enjoy being entertained while they do so.

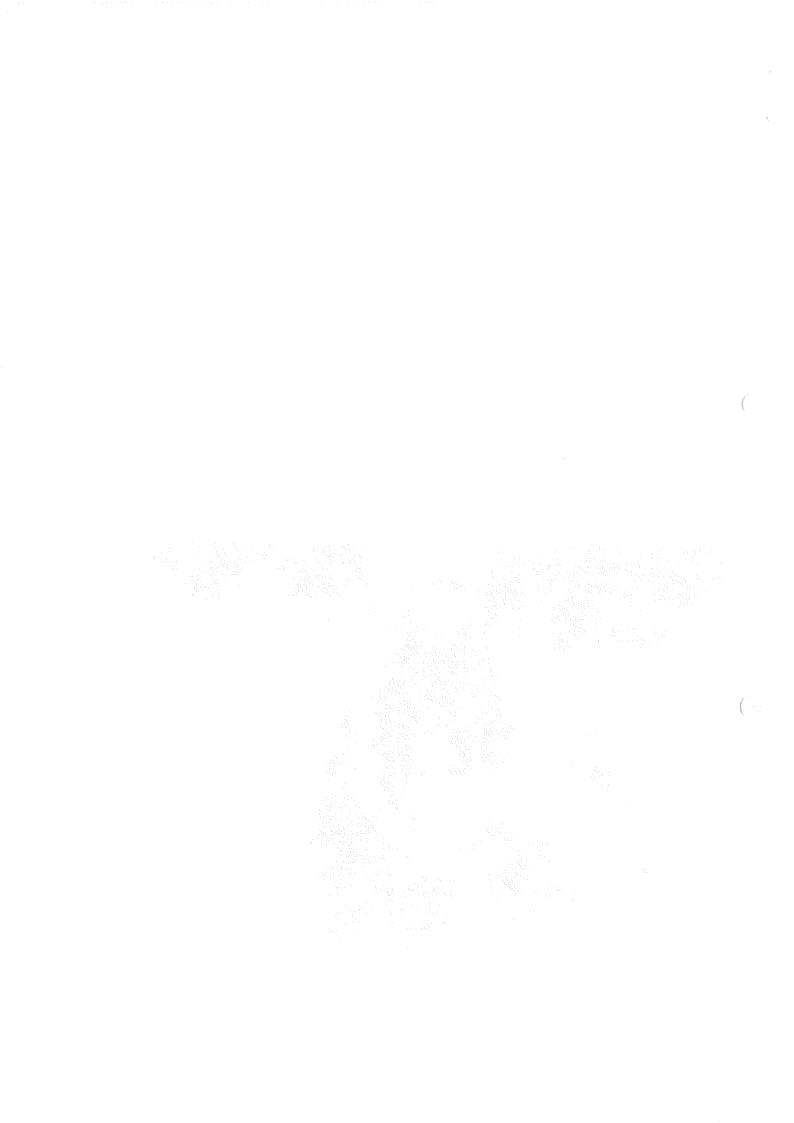
\*Whitehead, Sarah: How to speak dog 2008. This Ashton Scholastic Book is aimed at the middle to upper Primary School Reader. As with all Ashton Scholastic productions it is keenly attuned to the targetted audience. The text is visually broken into easy learning segments. Illustrations enhance the topic. The page layout may appear 'busy' to adults but is attractive to young learners. Top Tips, Check Lists, Dog Facts, Quick Quiz all work to engage youngsters in such a way that learning about dogs is fun. Topics covered. \*You and Your Dog - relationships and responsibilities. \*Learning Dog Language - about canine communication. \*How to Speak Dog - training using positive re-inforcement. Also a necessary warning 'How to be safe around Dogs you don't know.' \*Games and fun- Cool games for kids and dogs to play. \*Websites - including the author's <a href="https://www.dogtrain.co.uk">www.dogtrain.co.uk</a> Offers useful PDFs in the 'Quick Bites' section

Robyn Youl - Librarian

#### **AGILITY NEWS**



Congratulations to Carole and Lacey Sparks and Gleny's and Remy Murray for earning their titles at our recent agility / jumping trial. Both competitors made good use of their distance handling



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skills as they directed their dogs around their respective courses. Carole and Lacey competed in the Jumping trials and after three passes had gained their Novice Jumping title. Gleny's and Remy gained their third pass in agility which means they now have a Novice Agility title. Fantastic effort from all four of you!



Our grounds looked great and the freshly cleaned and painted equipment was a credit to those who worked so hard at the working bee. It was good to see so many helping again over the weekend at the trials and getting inspired by the sight of some excellent displays of agility. Thank you all – without your help we would not be able to compete 'at home'.

April is a very busy month with our trial, fun day and Easter taking up most of the Sundays. We have had many agility promotions so when we resume classes in May we shall all have to get stuck into some new work, as well as consolidating the skills previously learned. Remember to keep an eye on the club's notice board to see if your class has to be cancelled at any time as May is shaping up to be another very busy month.

In this month's "Clean Run" magazine there is something for everyone. Beginners are warned about agility addiction and given some foundation exercises, and those further along are advised what to bring with them to trials. I found the article, "So, your Next Dog is a Border Collie?" a very interesting read, but then I am a little biased when it comes to this breed!

Good luck to those trialling at Ballarat, Bulla, Keilor, Knox and Croydon in May.

#### Trish Gavaghan









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Please note that we do not advertise puppy litters.

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## AGILITY PROMOTION LIST (1st Term, 2011)

#### Level 1:

Jim Eldridge and Abbie (Corgie)
Nanette Tunnicliffe and Harriet (Cocker Spaniel)
Mark Harris and Emma (Cocker Spaniel)
\* Casey Watson and Rupert (Schnoodle)
John Shields and Gus (Collie)
Wendy H...(looks like Hewat?) and Toby (Whippet)

Dianne Hughes and Rusty (Murray River Curly Coated Retriever) William Turner and Toby (Border Collie)

Louise Wakefield and Pepper (Labrador)
Malcolm McIntosh and Bella (German Shepherd)
Cassie Cole and Scout (?? Border Collie?)

#### Level 2:

Donna Robertson and Roxi (Wire Haired Fox Terrier)
Julie Hole and Jemma (Kelpie X)
Derek Hawkridge and Jemma (Mini Poodle)
Rebecca Krowiak and Daisy (Mini Poodle)
Gwen Bailey and Simba (Collie)

#### Level 3:

Karalyn Bell and Lady (English Pointer)
Sarah Wills Cooke and Roo (Staffy)
Marie Symes and Jess (Cocker Spaniel)
Pauline Hicks and Ginny (Terrier X)
Felicity Hughes and Belle (Border Collie)
Raelene Hartney and Millie (Cocker Spaniel)
Bill Pate and Jenna (English Setter)
Janelle Convery and Rookie (Golden Retriever)
Chelsea Virt and Cara (Golden Retriever)

#### ONE FOR OUR AGILITY MEMBERS

I took my dog to an agility class, It really looked like fun! He had so much energy I wanted to see him run!

The first day of class
We made the dog sit / stay.
What was going on here?
I thought we were going to play!

Then we ran in circles With the pups following behind. What was this teacher doing? Had he gone and lost his mind?

ext, we had the dogs
Walk through a stupid ladder
And I could feel myself
Slowly getting even madder!

When I thought we'd do the real thing
He put a board on the floor!
Well, I had just about had it
And I gave that man what for!

I went and found a place
That would let me play outside.
We climbed up the tall pointy
thing
And down the other side.

Next we ran through tunnels As fast as we could go. When my dog tried to leave me, I hollered at him, "NO!"

He fell off the see-saw And now won't get back on, When he wouldn't do the dogwalk I knew something was wrong.

He hates to go through chutes And on jumps he knocks down bars, When we tried to do the weave poles He went out to chase the cars!

The tyre is a disaster, Lead outs are the pits. He'll get up on the table But all he does are sits!

This has been a big mistake It just isn't any fun! I should have done the basics That the other class had begun.

I know I found it boring And it seemed a waste of time. Your dog is now competing But what about mine? He's blowing all his contacts, At the see-saw he just hides. I don't understand a pinwheel And he'll only weave one side.

He runs off to chase the pigeons, And walks across the broad. He won't work at a distance, And the spread hurdle – Oh my gawd!

So now that I know better, My second dog will be So much more prepared for the equipment, The difference you'll really see.

It's worth the extra time
To set a good foundation,
Because later on, when in the
ring,
You avoid so much frustration!

So when the teacher begs you To do foundation work each day, Please try to put in the effort And an agility fan you'll stay!

Author unknown

## TRIAL RESULTS

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| V Bridges  | Bryce   | Open Hoopers   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place   | 8 <sup>th</sup> Pass  |
|  |   | Open Weavers   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pass  |
|  |   | Elite Tunnellers   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place   | 15 <sup>th</sup> Pass   |
| S Axe  | Hector  | Open Jumpers   | 1st Place   | Q   |
|  |   |  |   | Outstanding Jumpers   |
|  |   | Regular Novice   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place   | Q   |
|  |   | Novice Touch n Go  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place   | Q   |
|  |   | Novice Tunnellers  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place   | Q   |
|  |   |  |   | ior Novice Tunnellers   |
| / Benham   | Barkley   | Novice Hoopers   | 5 <sup>th</sup> Place   | Q   |
|  | •   | Novice Jumpers   | 1st Place   | Q   |
|  |   | Novice Regular   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place   | NQ  |
| Convery  | Mason   | Open Regular   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place   | Q   |
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·  |   | Open Weavers   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place   |   |
|  |   | Novice Touch N Go  | 4 <sup>th</sup> Place   | Q<br>Q<br>Q   |
|  |   | Novice Hoopers   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place   | Ò   |
|  |   | Elite Jumpers  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place   | NQ  |
|  |   | Open Tunnellers  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place   | NQ  |
|  | <b>ence Dog Club Ob</b><br>Star   | <u>pedience Trial – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup></u><br>Novice Obedience  | April<br>Pass   | 5 <sup>th</sup> Place   |
| <sup>9</sup> Gavaghan<br>Border Collie (   | Star<br>Club VCA Agility  | Novice Obedience<br><b>Trial – 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>  | Pass  |   |
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#### TEN COMMON SENSE RULES FOR DOG TRAINING

#### by Kaylan Read

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- 1. Make sure you have a happy attentive dog. Use the stimuli necessary to get the best attitude from your dog on that day.
- 2. Make a promise to yourself and your dog that you will not loose YOUR attitude. Take the extreme emotion out of training. Try to make it matter-of-fact and fair. Work on controlling any negative body language or harshness in your voice.
- 3. Prevention is always better than correction. This is especially true in the teaching phase. When the dog makes a mistake, put the dog back on leash, and help the dog be successful for several training sessions. If the dog was on leash, try again, this time get help in correcting your timing, not the dog.
- 4. Make sure your dog understands when he is working and when he is free. If you are unavoidably distracted during training make sure there is a clear release for the dog. Most dogs work best when given active, free time between the teaching of different exercises. Start with a fun, easy task after the break.
- 5. Punishment and fear are not teaching tools. Don't undo all the good creative training you've put in with one training session on a bad day. Don't get caught up in trying to permanently "fix" a problem in one day. Every performance is not a reflection of you as a trainer, or your dog's ability. Find one thing during an "off" session that you can reinforce positively or reward and quit.
- 6. If one training method is not working, do something different! It is unbelievable how people become pattern trained. We will sometimes stick with something for months without seeing any improvement. To hope that drilling and repetition will eventually get results is not realistic.
- 7. Introduce tough or new exercises early in the training session. Having a dog attempt a new or difficult task when he has given his best attention and energy earlier, means that your training session may end with a poor performance. Don't let confusion, negative reinforcement, or absence of reward be the last thing the dog remembers.
- 3. Always break an exercise down into separate tasks, then put it together, like a puzzle, when all the pieces are as good as they can be. Sometimes trainers add formal turns in heeling before attention and heel position are correct. Another example would be adding distance to the retrieve before a quick grabbing pick-up and a fast spin return are perfected up close. Don't expect a straight sit at the end of a recall until the recall is fast and consistent and the front is perfected up close and separately. Always perfect and proof drops before adding gradual distance or incorporating it in the recall.
- 9. When you think your dog is ready to show, try a test of three fun matches at different locations. If the dog's performance at each match met your expectations, you're probably ready. But you might be more pleased and the dog would suffer less stress, if you took more time to shape a higher level of performance in very unique and unusual situations. By then, the mostly consistent and structural environment of the ring is a piece of cake!
- 10. **HAVE FUN!** Don't always take yourself or the dog too seriously. Consistent correct practice combined with a spirit of fun and play will produce an outstanding performance. The frustration of poor performance can damage the bond between you and your dog. This bond is necessary to make the training and showing experience fun for the dog and rewarding for you.



## DOG TRAINING METHODS - STATION TRAINING

#### Terry Ryan

The concept of rewarding a dog for going to and staying in a certain defined area is called station training. It's one of the most useful tools in behaviour modification and can be adapted to fit your particular need.

Maggie's family has decided they need a bit more control around the house and will use station training to attain that goal. Here are the steps they took to attain this goal.

They will use the word CARPET as the signal, but could just as easily use another novel word like PLACE, RUG or SPOT.

They've selected a small carpet square as her station. Maggie could be trained to sit or lie down on the station or she could be rewarded for any position of her choice — sit, down or stand — as long as she's at the station. Maggie's family will teach her to sit. They felt standing or allowing her to choose a position would not give them enough control. She's an energetic dog so down might be more difficult for her than sit.

Several times a day someone will take her to the rug, sit her, tell her CARPET and give her a reward.

The next step is to reward a sit-stay on the carpet while the owners walk away from her.

Next put her on a stay a few feet away from the rug, go over and make a bit of a show of dropping one of her favourite toys or food treats on the rug. Return to her and as you help her rush over and assume the sitting position, tell her CARPET. When she's there, reward again.

Practice sending her from different directions and distances and start to randomise the treats. As she becomes reliable, pick the very best performances for the reinforcement. Don't reward slow go outs or a sit on the edge of the rug!

## **Practical application for Station training**

#### Sit for a knock on the door

Maggie is particularly excited when visitors arrive. Put the rug within sight of the door, but not close enough that it's unsafe or too exciting for Maggie. When she is able to run out ahead and sit for a treat, start rewarding her for staying until released.

It's time for YOU to knock on the door and pretend a visitor is there. In training any new behaviour, remember the 3 D's – Duration, Distance, Diversity. If you're going for the diversity of adding a knock on the door, reduce the duration (amount of time) and distance (amount of space between you and Maggie). If you raise one criterion, reduce others. Before long, she will be able to control herself when a real guest arrives. Seat your guest and when things calm down, release Maggie to greet your friend.



## "Safety Tips (Kids & Pets)"

Teaching your children basic safety tips around pets can protect them in many ways. A child that is growled at, or bitten at a young age will usually develop and retain a fear of animals. Without the proper basic instruction, children may become injured and afraid of pets for the rest of their lives. The first step in helping protect your children is to get obedience training for your dog, which will help you, control your pet around children. Then teach your children the tips below that experts suggest all children be taught at a young age. These tips will help your child enjoy, respect, and understand your pet's behaviour.

• Let your dog or cat eat without being disturbed. Explain to your children that cats and especially dogs can become defensive around the food dish. Do not sneak up on, or put your hand near the bowl when the pet is eating.

- Some dogs are very attached to their balls and toys. Never take a toy or bone from a dog's mouth unless the dog is willing to drop it. If the dog is unwilling to drop the toy tell your children to have an adult get the toy.
- Show your children how to pet an animal nicely. Do not pull the animal's tail, ears, poke their eyes or throw things at them. Teach them animals are not toys.
- Never sneak up on a pet. If frightened, dogs and cats can become defensive, and pet birds can injure themselves. Approach the cat, dog, or pet from the front with your hands visible and speak in a low soothing voice. Don't allow children to play any "hide and seek" or "sneak up on the pet" games.
- Show your children how to observe body language. Tell your children that since dogs and cats can't talk, they communicate by using body language. Dogs that have their tail up, ears back, hair standing, are barking, growling, or showing teeth, are all signs that the dog is being bothered and should not be confronted. Cats that have their hair standing, tail stiff, ears back, are hissing, and have dilated eyes are signs that they are being bothered, and should not be confronted. Tell your children if they are ever face to face with a dog showing these signs to not scream, run or stare into the animal's eyes. Tell them if they run, the dog will usually chase and may attack. Always walk away slowly with no fast movements while avoiding any eye contact with the dog. Be sure your children know to immediately tell an adult if a dog, cat or other type of animal ever bites them.
  - Do not invade a dog's space. Tell your children to never stick their hand in a car window, pickup truck bed, or dog pen. The dog might bite to defend his territory or snap at your child after being awakened suddenly.
- Do not get near or try to stop two dogs from fighting. They might become more excited if they are yelled at or separated. Tell them to get an adult to help.
- Teach your children to wash their hands after playing with any animal or pet. Children can pick up worms from dogs and cats. The eggs of the worms are transferred when a child puts his hand his mouth. Turtles and reptiles are carriers of salmonella and other bacteria.

Try to discourage your children from letting pets lick their face. While children are more likely to become infected with worms or some type of bacteria by putting their hands in their mouth, it is still wise to tell your children to not let animals lick their face.

• Tell your children to always ask for the owner's permission to pet an unknown dog or cat. Some dogs and cats are afraid of children, some might be sick or injured, and some dogs might be working dogs for the handicapped. There may be a number of reasons the pet should not be approached. Once they have permission from the dog's owner, they should then approach the pet slowly, allowing the dog or cat to smell their scent, and then pet the animal.



## **GODC HERDING DAY – 16<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

Members who attended the event had a great day as did the dogs. There were some very surprised handlers at their dog's natural abilities.





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