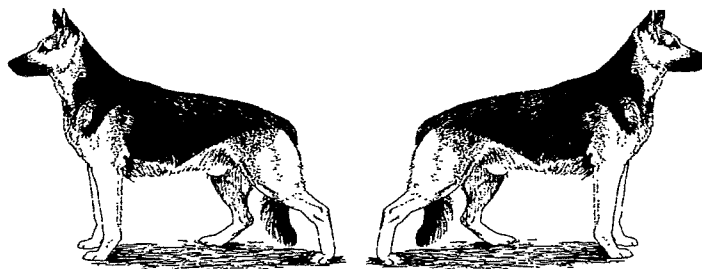
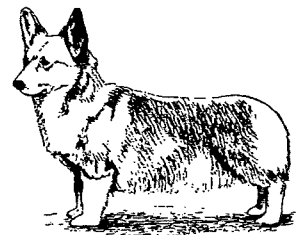
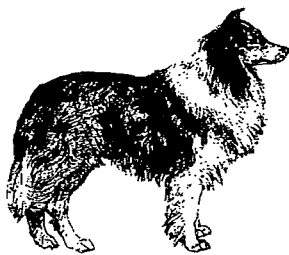
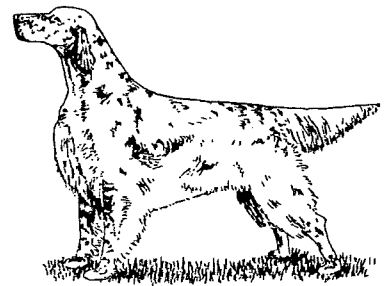
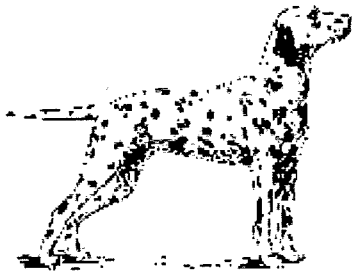


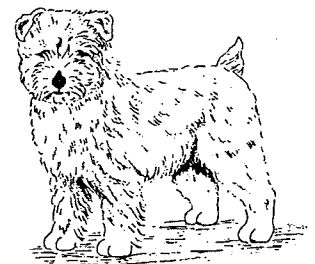
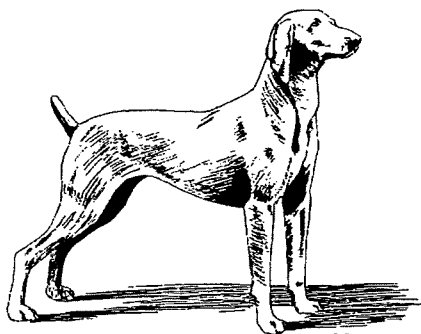
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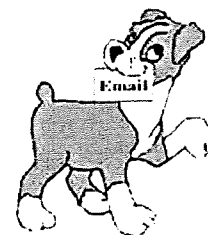
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# CLUB CALENDAR

## September

Sunday	1 September	Normal Training
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4 September</b>	<b>Committee and Non-Committee nominations close</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7 September</b>	<b>NADAC TRIAL</b>
Sunday	8 September	Normal Training.
Saturday	14 September	Trivia Night
Sunday	15 September	Normal Training. Newsletter Closes for articles, reports etc
<b>Monday</b>	<b>16 September</b>	<b>Instructors Meeting – 7.30 pm.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>18 September</b>	<b>Life Membership nominations close</b>
Sunday	22 September	Normal Training.

## October

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 October</b>	<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 8.00 pm</b>
Sunday	6 October	Normal Training for current Members
Sunday	13 October	Normal Training
Tuesday	15 October	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	20 October	Normal Training.
Monday	21 October	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Sunday	27 October	Normal Training.

## CLUB INSTRUCTORS

*Vice President (Training)*  
*Training Supervisor*  
*Assistant Training Supervisors*

Stephen Eldridge  
 Wendy Ganly  
 Helen Read  
 Tina Button



### Obedience

Wendy Eck  
 John Shields  
 Victor Douglas

Val Moeller  
 Kath Devlin  
 Tony Stewart

Wendy Ganly  
 Christine Jagtenberg  
 Heather Miller

### Agility

Trish Gavaghan  
 Bev Petrass  
 Susan Axe  
 Doreen Brooks

Glenys Murray  
 Vanessa Bridges  
 Carole Sparks

Alex Shackleton  
 Julie Cooke  
 Karalyn Bell

### Rally O

Wendy Ganly

### Flyball

Sally Hunt

# REPORTS      REPORTS      REPORTS      REPORTS

## Training Supervisor's Report

Due to the resignation of the Training Supervisor as well as 2 other instructors I offered to take on the position of Training Supervisor which was accepted by the committee.

My first introduction into being Training Supervisor was to somehow re-arrange the new intakes and current member classes with enough instructors to cover them all.

With the help of Christine Jagtenberg and the availability of instructors a couple of class times had to be changed which was accepted by both instructors and members..

Adding together the members in all of the classes makes a number of 218 members who could be on the ground during 9.00am & 1.00pm

AGILITY	61
OBEDIENCE	129
FLYBALL	3
RALLY	25

A few hiccups were had with the introduction of the new method and I apologise for that as some of you weren't aware of the new methods.

The club has a number of ways that we get the clubs information out to you by either the Doggy Gossip email, which is sent out as an email each Thursday, the club's Web Page, the "Faithfully Yours" monthly newsletter, notices on the notice board or from your instructor.

I would also ask that you please put in an APOLOGY to the instructor or leave a message at the office if you know you will not be attending a class.

Please be aware that the OFF LEAD area on Sunday mornings is for those wishing to give their dogs a run before class. If there are people waiting outside the gates then you are only allowed five minutes in the run and then allow another 6 to enjoy the area also.

*Wishing you all a Light Bulb experience out on the ground  
Interact with your dog at all times*

**The Instructors don't mind if you don't look at them when they are talking to you**

**Wendy Ganly**

# MONSTER RAFFLE WINNERS

1 <sup>st</sup> – Tom Rigani	0062
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Brinley Craig	0393
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Paula Gray	0680
4 <sup>th</sup> – Sophie Karounos	0324
5 <sup>th</sup> – Adrienne Hare	0152

Drawn Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August by the Club Patron:

Mr. Fred Lehrmann

In the presence of:

President, Roland Linford

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Stephen Eldridge

Secretary, Christine Jagtenberg

Treasurer, Kathy Taylor

Social Secretary, Tina Button

Hall Manager, John Taylor



## TRIAL RESULTS

### Altona 2<sup>nd</sup> June - NADAC Trial

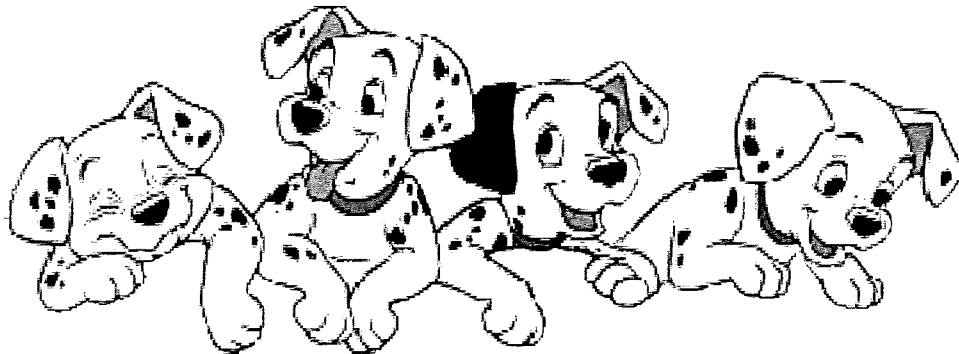
Julie Cook	Jimmy	Jumpers 1	Q	1 <sup>st</sup>
		Jumpers 2	Q	2 <sup>nd</sup>

### Moorabbin 15<sup>th</sup> June – NADAC Trial

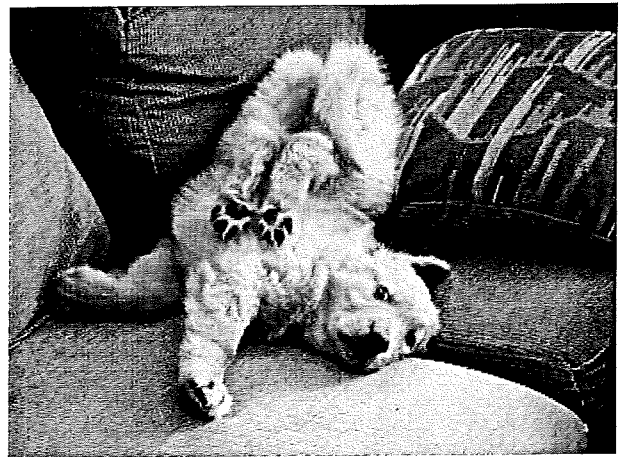
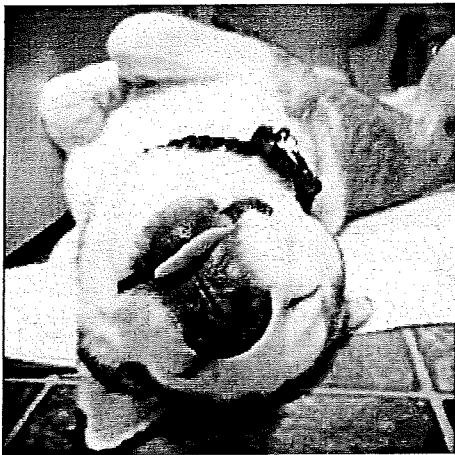
Julie Cook	Jimmy	Weavers 2	Q	2 <sup>nd</sup>
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### Bacchus Marsh 21<sup>st</sup> July – NADAC Trial

Julie Cook	Jimmy	Touch N Go	Q	2 <sup>nd</sup>
		Weavers 1	Q	2 <sup>nd</sup>
		Weavers 2	Q	2 <sup>nd</sup>



## Comfy positions for sleep

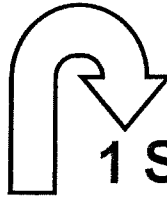


## TITLE BRAG

YEE HA!!!! Tootsie and I gained our Rally Advance A Title on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April at our Rally Trial Day here in Geelong. The day went really well. The weather held out until a wind storm later in the day and many competitors went away with Pass Cards and Ribbons. Thanks once more to Wendy for her patience when teaching us this wonderful dog sport and also to Janelle for her expert tips.

Margaret (Spud) and Tootsie Brown

## Call Front N, A, X- #26



**1 Step Back**



**2 Steps Back**



**3 Steps Back**



## RAINBOW BRIDGE

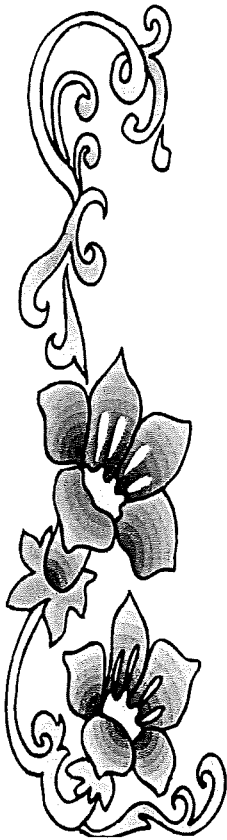
Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge. When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all the special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine and our friends are warm and comfortable. All of the animals that have been ill are restored to health and vigour, those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by.

The animals are happy and content except for one small thing: they each miss someone very special to them who had to be left behind. They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks in the distance. His bright eyes are intent, his body begins to quiver.

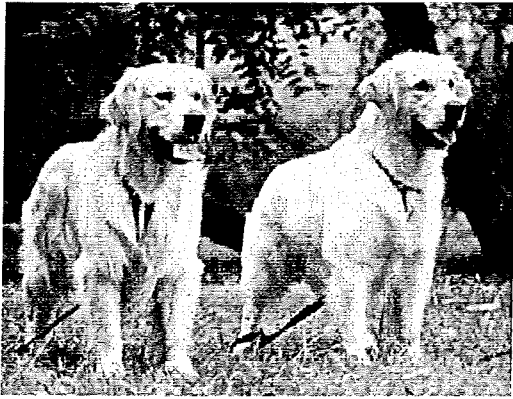
Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster. You have been spotted and when you and your special friend meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again.

The happy kisses rain upon your face, your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life, but never absent from your hear. Then you cross the Rainbow Bridge together.

Author unknown.







## Golden Retriever

**Background** The Golden Retriever was first developed at the Scottish country estate of Lord Tweedmouth during the 1860s to assist in the retrieving of upland game and waterfowl.

The English Kennel Club officially recognised the Golden Retriever as a breed in 1920. They were first imported and registered in Australia during the 1930s.

**Average Lifespan** When considering a dog, please realise that you are taking it on for its lifetime. Golden Retrievers live from between 10 to 13 years of age.

**Breed Personality/Characteristics/Temperament** The Golden Retriever is an intelligent, affectionate dog, both active and powerful, with a kindly expression. The instinct to retrieve is still an important characteristic of the breed; however the Golden Retriever's willing, adaptable nature and physical attributes make it an exceptionally versatile breed. It has been used in a wide range of roles and activities such as gundog, guide dog for the blind, therapy pet, obedience and show dog. These dogs' desire to please is legendary.

## Cocker Spaniel



**Background** The Cocker Spaniel is a breed that was first mentioned 3000 years ago as existing in the Mediterranean countries. These "long eared rabbit dogs" were observed in the Roman province of Spain and it is believed they were brought to England after the Roman conquest of Britain in approximately 56 BC. They featured prominently both as working dogs and pets through the reigns of Henry VIII and the Stuart Kings, being referred to as "wood-cocking spaniels" - small

dogs that could go through hedges and undergrowth to flush out the wood-cock. The beginning of the twentieth century saw the formation of the Cocker Spaniel Club of England which drew up the early standard of the breed for shooters who needed a small, active, strong dog, sturdy enough to work cheerfully and tirelessly all day flushing or driving out the game.

**Average Lifespan** When considering a dog, please realise that you are taking it on for its lifetime. Cocker Spaniels live from between 12 to 16 years of age.

**Breed Personality/Characteristics/Temperament** This fun loving, merry little dog makes a wonderful family friend and a devoted companion. It thrives on and needs the companionship of human beings.



## Labrador Retriever

**Background** The Labrador originated in Newfoundland, off the coast of Canada, and was taken to England on fishing boats in the early 19th century. Here they were developed and bred as a hunting dog, being used for retrieving game in rugged terrain and icy waters. They were popular as tough, strong dogs with excellent scenting powers and a strong desire to please. Even today, Labrador Retrievers are the most popular breed with shooters and they also work as police dogs, customs dogs and guide dogs for the blind.

**Average Lifespan** When considering a dog, please realise that you are taking it on for its lifetime. Labradors live to 12 - 15 years of age.

**Breed Personality/Characteristics/Temperament** Labradors Retrievers are intelligent, active, fun loving dogs, eager to please and extremely sociable. They want to be friends with everybody, and are not a "one person dog". The breed is wonderful with children, and makes a good watchdog - adopting a big deep bark to notify of any intruders. As with all dogs, young children and pets should always be supervised when together.



## English Springer Spaniel

**Background** The pendulous ears, soft gentle expression, sturdy build and friendly wagging tail proclaim the English Springer Spaniel unmistakably as a member of the ancient family of spaniels. It is the largest of the land spaniels, and was originally used to find and spring game for the nets, or the falcon carried by hunters.

**Average Lifespan** When considering a dog, please realise that you are taking it on for its lifetime. English

Springer Spaniels live to up to 12 years of age.

**Breed Personality/Characteristics/Temperament** Every inch a sporting dog, the Springer is a tireless worker in the field, with great tenacity and endurance. The English Springer Spaniel is probably the best choice for any sportsman who wants one dog as an all purpose gun dog. The Springer is actively represented in obedience, agility, field trials and conformation shows. A people's dog, the Springer thrives on human companionship. Playful and patient with children, it loves nothing better than romping around and taking part in their games. As with all dogs, young children and pets should always be supervised when together. Although normally fairly quiet, the Springer nevertheless makes a good guard dog.

# THE PLAYFUL RETRIEVE

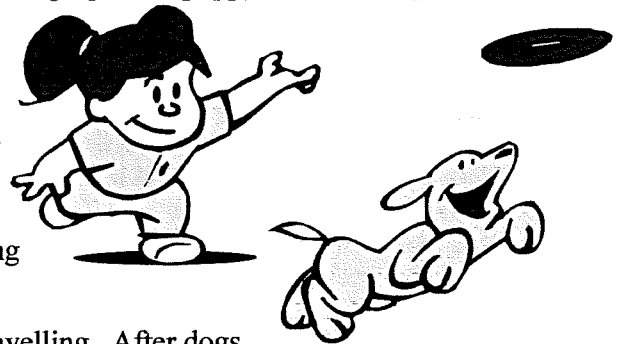
Rebecca K Whitmeyer

All obedience trial exercises, indeed all aspects of dog training, can be divided into three categories: restrictive routines, active ones, and those, which are a combination. The sit-stay, down-stay, and stand for examination are wholly restrictive, jumps and retrieves are active, while heel and recalls are a combination. One problem with the usual sequence of exercises in obedience training is that we typically start and concentrate almost exclusively on restrictive or combination routines in that most active period of a dog's life, the first year. This practice has two disadvantages; it fails to take into account the puppy's natural tendencies – to be active, to be playful, to have a very limited attention span – and, it introduces a puppy to training with exercises which he finds unpleasant, thus hindering our attempts to build a positive attitude toward work with his handler.

By contract, I feel that the most appropriate “first” in training, as well as one of the most valuable exercises throughout a dog's life, is the retrieve. Introducing a puppy to playful retrieving of a tennis ball can be done effectively as soon as he is introduced to his new home. In contrast to the restrictive routines, nearly all puppies accept retrieving readily. It plays upon puppy's natural tendencies. This play is the beginning of a strong human/canine bond, thus developing the positive attitude so desirable for future training.

Teaching retrieving first also has benefit for a beginning trainer. I have found that the typical first-time trainer is too demanding, too harsh and too formal. To many people “training” means correcting, punishing, or hollering, and they entirely neglect playing, praising, and rewarding. By beginning with a play exercise the trainer learns to be happy and encouraging to his puppy, thus developing an attitude, which is so necessary later when praise is needed.

In addition to its use as a first exercise, retrieving is invaluable throughout a dog's life. It is an excellent form of both play and exercise for the dog and can be done in a controlled or restricted area, such as a yard or park. After a formal session of heeling, etc you can end on a happy note by throwing a ball for your dog, somewhat as a reward.



I have found ball retrieving invaluable also when travelling. After dogs have been confined to a car for several hours, I take them out at a rest area, field or whatever is available, and throw a ball (sometimes for several dogs together). After this period of fun and exercise they are satisfied to return to the confines of the car for more driving.

For those who plan to do advanced obedience, this early training will be an asset in several ways. Not only has retrieving correlation with the dumbbell exercises in Open and Scent Discrimination and Directed Retrieve in Utility, but it also has a less apparent benefit in these classes. The entire Novice routine is restrictive to a greater or lesser extent. At no time is the dog called upon to leave his handler, go out and do something on his own, or even show much liveliness or activity. Then, when you begin Open, this pattern changes and many dogs (and handlers) never do adapt to the change.

On the other hand, dogs that have learned to love playing ball seem to make the transition to the more formal retrieving exercises very easily and, in addition, have acquired attitudes and habits, which can help in learning jumping and the Go Away. In general, they have a great advantage when they approach the active routines of Open and Utility.

## The Playful Retrieve – Rebecca K Whitmeyer (continued)

### How to begin

I like to begin with a tennis ball (if the puppy is large enough to hold one in his mouth) when the pup is first brought home at seven or eight weeks old. This can be done even earlier if this is a pup of your own breeding. Nearly all puppies will chase a moving object such as a ball. Being in the house and roll it only as far as your puppy can follow with his eyes. Resist the temptation to bounce the ball or throw it a long distance. He will probably chase it eagerly and maybe pounce on it. If not, try to interest him in it some more, and then roll it again. Remember that puppy's attention span is very short so only play a very few minutes at this time.

Once puppy has learned to enjoy this game of chasing the rolling ball, while you are sitting on the floor clap your hands and encourage puppy to bring it back. By sitting rather than standing you are at the puppy's level, in a perfect position to welcome him and fuss over him if he does return, and also you are curbing your own impulse to go toward him. If he comes back, praise him and act as if the ball he brought you is solid gold. If not, do not scold or act displeased, and don't chase him. Keep encouraging him to bring it, and, if he doesn't, nonchalantly move toward him to get it and try again.

If, after several days, the pup hasn't gotten the idea of bring the ball to you, try playing in a hallway with all doorways closed. Roll the ball down the hallway and as soon as puppy gets it, clap; you hands and encourage him to return. Here, if he runs at all, he has no choice but to come to you. Then, when he gets to you, you can hug him and fuss over him so that he gets the idea that this is what you want. Don't be in a hurry to leave the hallway, thus giving puppy a chance to go elsewhere than to you. Also, be sure to do only a few retrieves at a time. Stop while puppy is still eager rather than bore him.

The next step, after puppy is enjoying retrieving in the hallway, eagerly running after the ball and bringing it back to you waiting arms, is that of returning to a less confined room of the house. Hopefully, here puppy will go after the ball and return to you as he did in the hallway. However, he may not! If, despite your calling and clapping your hands he does not return, you have two choices: 1) you can return to the hallway for a few days and then try the room again or 2) attach a very light rope or thick string to his collar and let him drag it. Once he has the ball in his mouth, call and encourage as above but also give short GENTLE tugs on the rope to get him back. I emphasize "gentle" because if your tugs are too strong, he may drop the ball or, what is worse, lose interest altogether. Remember, that it is suppose to be fun for both of you – no corrections, no punishment, only gentle, playful encouragement for puppy to do what you want.

Stay indoors until puppy eagerly runs after the ball and returns to you with it WITHOUT the rope. Don't be in a hurry to go outdoors as that is a big transition. You want your puppy to really enjoy this gam, but also to know the rules of the game before you add further distractions.

Now you are ready to move outside, but ONLY ADD THAT ONE VARIABLE. For the first day outside put the dragline back onto puppy's collar (or put one on now if you didn't before) so he will do the routine correctly the first time. Throw the ball NO FARTHER THAN YOU DID IN THE HOUSE, and assume a familiar sitting position.

From here on you can gradually proceed to longer retrieves without a dragline and to a standing position. You are now also ready to begin further obedience training but with these advantages: You have learned how to play with and praise your puppy. Your puppy has learned that doing things with you is enjoyable, he has learned to keep his attention on you, and he has learned to play your way. Yes, it is a game, but a controlled game. He now has a better readiness for formal obedience routines.

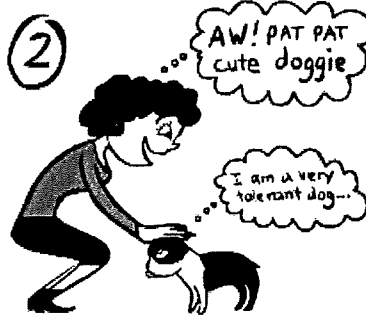
I think that you will find retrieving a most appropriate exercise to teach first, as well as a fun and useful bit of knowledge for your dog throughout his life.

# HOW NOT TO GREET A DOG

Most people do this stuff and it stresses dogs out so they BITE!  
I don't care how cute you (or your kid) think Boogie is. Please show him some respect.



①  
DON'T  
Lean over the dog & stick  
your hand in his face



②  
DON'T  
Lean over the dog & stick  
your hand on top of his head



③  
DON'T  
Grab or Hug him



④  
DON'T  
Stare him in the eye  
(This is an adversarial gesture)



⑤  
DON'T  
Squeal or shout in his face



⑥  
DON'T  
Grab his head and kiss it  
(This is an invasion of space)

Doing this to a dog who doesn't know you is like a perfect stranger giving you a great big hug and kiss in an elevator. Wouldn't that creep you out? And wouldn't you have the right to defend yourself?

## THE CORRECT WAY:



- \* No Eye contact
- \* Let the dog approach you in his own time
- \* Keep either your SIDE or BACK towards the dog (non-threatening posture)



- \* Pet or stroke him on the SIDE of his face or body. Or on his back.

**General Meeting, Geelong Obedience Dog Club inc.**  
**6th August, 2013**

Meeting Opened: 8.05pm

Attendance: As per attendance book.

Apologies: Tina Button, Chris Shields, Stephen Eldridge, Leonie Kelleher, Rebecca Kearney, Janelle Convery

Accepted Jim Ball                      Seconded John Shields                      Carried

Minutes from previous general meeting as read by Secretary.

Business Arising from Minutes:

1. Letter to Dogs Victoria Re: Road name change
  - o Still has to go to Council meeting for final approval
  - o Will be notified of date of change.
  - o Put off writing to DV until we have final dates.

Accepted Wendy Ganly                      Seconded Jim Ball                      Carried

Correspondence in: Jirrahlinga, Bellerine Brewing Co. Masters Games, Dogs Victoria

1. Donation to Trivia night 4 x Family passes
2. Donation of voucher \$25.00 off total bill at Bellarine Estate Winery Plus suggestion for future fund raising.
3. Event Stay Program
4. 3rd Quarter Insurance Levy.

Correspondence out: Dogs Victoria

1. Payment of Insurance levy.

Business Arising from Correspondence: Nil

Accepted: Brendan Jagtenberg                      Seconded: Bob Tunnicliffe                      Carried:

## Reports:

- Treasurer: Attached
- Social Secretary:
  - Trivia Night 14<sup>th</sup> September
  - Max 8 people per table
  - 10 tables max.
  - \$15.00 per head.
- Grounds Manager: Nil
- Hall Manager: Nil
- Shop Manager: Away
- Canteen Manager:
  - Making Money.
  - Good support.
  - New sandwich maker to be purchases .
- Training Supervisor: Attached
- Trial Secretary:
  - NADAC Trial New requirements.
  - Ring to be set up before hand by club.
  - Need volunteers to measure and set up ring.
  - To be put in Doggie Gossip.

Accepted: Nanette Tunnicliffe

Seconded: Elaine Longshaw

Carried:

## General Business:

1. Sunday Sausage Sizzle at the Good Guys.
  - Dates Both September 22nd & October 27<sup>th</sup>
  - 10am – 2pm
  - Will be going around the classes on Sunday ask for help from members.
2. End of year medallions/plaques
  - Wooden Plaques \$20 - \$25 each
  - Engraved patches \$7.50 each
  - Member to purchase Plaque
  - 1 for each dog
  - Club to pay for engraving of Dogs name on Plaque.
  - Club to pay for engraved patches
  - Club to supply GODC Logo
  - One patch per title.
- Christine Jagtenberg put up the motion that the club switches to plaques as outlined above.

Seconded: Jim Ball Carried:

3. Jim Ball:

- Asked why a copy of the General Meeting Minutes wasn't put in the last newsletter and on the web site.
- Newsletter editor said she wasn't given a copy.
- Secretary to insure this happens in the future.

4. Elaine Longshaw:

- Julie Hovell from Ideal Dog Products
- Asked if she could set up a stall at the next Rally trial to sell her made to measure dog coats,
- Suggested she email direct to committee
- Would need to make donation to club.

5. John Shields:

- Asked why training had been cancelled at the last moment and why instructors weren't informed.
- Christine answered this by saying the committee thought it was in the members best interest that instructors where given every opportunity to attend the Vicki Austin seminar.
- Helen Read suggested that information be email to all instructor prier to classes or get someone to go around the classes with this information.
- On this note Wendy asked if all persons using the microphone speak slowly so they can be understood.

6. John Shields:

- Asked could his name be put on the website as an instructor.
- Web masted said it would be done ASAP.

7. Wendy Ganly:

- Asked why do we have so many General meeting when only a hand full of members ever turn up.
- 15 – 20 members out of the total membership. Currently that less than 5%.
- Discussion was had about the requirement of the constitution in relation to general meetings.
- Jim Ball proposed that we take a motion to the next general meeting that we abolish by-law no 10 of the rule and regulations of the club which states the general meeting is to be held on the first Tuesday of every second month.
- Making it only necessary to call a general meeting when and if the committee feel it necessary or when a member has a good and valid reason.
- Seconded Wendy Ganly.
- Members to be notified that this motion will be put up at the October general meeting, prior to that time.

Meeting Closed: 9pm





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# TRIVIA NIGHT

**SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2013**

**\$15PP – MAX 8 PEOPLE PER TABLE**

**BYO NIBBLES & DRINKS**

**GAMES START—7pm**

**CASH & SASH for Winning table**

**Live Auctions- Raffle- Silent Auction**

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