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= SUCCESSFUL OPENING DAY =
 for
NEW BELMONT TRAINING CENTRE

Under bright blue skies and warm sunshine, the banks of the Barwon River was a very popular spot for the commencement of the new Training Centre at Belmont.

Twenty dogs with their handlers attended, including some of our former members, who we were very pleased to see again, and a warm welcome was extended to all the newcomers.

The river was very popular with the dogs also, and many of us were given a shower bath from our water-logged furry friends.

While the Belmont Centre is proving successful we do not want our Main Training Ground at Norlane to be neglected, so we appeal to all those members in the Northern Area to rally round and keep up a good attendance.

There may exist a feeling that having more than one Training Centre may cause difficulty in Club Organization. This must not, and will not happen when we all work together, towards the aim that "Another Dog Gained is Another Dog Trained". ***

= CHILDRENS' LOVE OF DOGS =

At Newtown State School, where a demonstration was held on August 8th, the children marvelled at the exercises performed, the most popular being the jumping display.

So popular were the dogs with the children in fact, that they were borrowed by the enthusiastic youngsters. It is probable that many parents were asked, "Please can I have a German Shepherd" - after that show. ***

= ROUND UP OF THE TRIALS =
Southern Obedience Club - Aug. 1st.

It was ladies day out for the dogs of the Geelong Club at this event; the first Obedience Trial held by the Southern Obedience Club.

It was a case of "The Mitchells have done it again!" When Mr. & Mrs. Colin Mitchell's "Princess Zoe" gained her C.D.X. and "Glenrhilyn Bonney" achieved the honor of being the youngest puppy (at 6 months) in Victoria to gain her C.D., also winning the trophy.

Our third successful entrant was Mr. & Mrs. Bill Stephens' "Lindy Lou" in gaining "First Leg In" for her C.D.

The luck of the game and bad weather turned against the dogs when tearing rain fell during their "Long Stay" Exercises, upsetting almost every dog. But score cards showed that they were in no way disgraced in their earlier work.

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Coburg Obedience Club - Aug. 16th.

The name of 'Mitchell' pops up again with another success story - this time Mr. & Mrs. Jack Mitchell of Torquay with their dogs "Glenrhilyn Julie" and "Major Flash".

"Julie", following in the footsteps of her sister Bonney, gained "First Leg in" for C.D. with 98 points at her first trial - also winning the trophy, and her father "Flash" qualified for C.D. with 95 points.

Miss Loraine Cooper also gained a C.D. qualification with "Wendel" who we all know as Sarki, scoring 97 and winning the trophy.

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Stephens "Lindy Lou" has now gained another "Leg In" for C.D. with her score of 92 points. ***

= SOCIAL JOTTINGS =

A very pleasant morning was spent entertaining the members of the Ballarat Obedience Dog Club when they paid us a return visit on July 26th.

A period of training was held, with all dogs from both Clubs taking part, after which morning tea was served.

Speaking on behalf of his fellow-members the President Mr. J.A. Kern expressed his thanks for the hospitality given his Club and the hope that the recent exchange of visits will be a frequent feature of both of our Clubs.***

"Smoke Gets In Your Eyes" was the theme song of the "Fire Lighters Quartette" at the barbeque held at the President's home.

A jolly good time was had by all and we all agree that there should be more of this type of get together.

During the evening a Talent Round-up was held with a 2/- forfeit for non-starters, we had a lot of fun but there wasn't enough material for a National Amater Hour!

But when it came to jiving - Zoe and Bonney proved that they could 'floor' Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell any time.***

Attention !!

All Members !!

ANOTHER BARBECUE

This time, to be held at the home of

Mr. Fred Lehrman,
5 Hamilton Court,
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On : September 19, 1959.

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= TRAINING QUIZZ =

How do you rate in training your dog? Take 10 points for (a) 5 points for (b) and zero for (c).

1. Does your dog enjoy his work?
(a) (b) (c)
2. Do you train your dog every day?
(a) (b) (c)
3. Do you command him with only one word? (a) (c)
4. Do you loose your temper when training your dog?
(a) (b) (c)
5. Do you praise him when he does right? (a) (b) (c)
(a) = Yes. (b) = Sometimes.
(c) = No.

If you scored 40 - your dog has a 'Perfect Master'.

Over 30 - You are on the right road to success - but check on the points where your score was low.

Under 30 - You are not giving your dog a fair chance, and you should brush up on your training methods. ***

= TRAINING BOOKS =

We have available, Club Booklets on the training of your dog - compiled by Mr. Colin Mitchell.

This is a very informative little book, which will project the Instruction in training you receive at Sunday Training Sessions. The price of 3/- is very good value.***

= NEWS OF DOGS FROM OVERSEAS =

Shepherd appointed a
"Railway Policeman - For Life"

In Hannover, Germany "Briske" of Richmond Castle" has won so many medals that she would vanish from sight if they were worn all at once.

Since 1957, she has been accorded the title "City Champion of Hannover", won the contest for service dogs of the railway police of the Federal Republic of Germany, came out first at two contests on a national scale at Duisburg and in Munich in 1958.

As the most successful of all German shepherd dogs the intelligent and fine-looking animal has now been appointed "Railway Policeman" for life to ensure that she wont change owners in her old age.

The man under whose special charge the dog is placed is an employee of the German Federal Railways, Herr Guhne of the Railway Police Station in Hannover.

= WHAT AILS YOUR DOG ? =

This month we deal with one of the most common killers of dogs -

DISTEMPER

Distemper is EXTREMELY contagious to other dogs. Any puppy coughing showing any discharge from the eyes or nose, or appearing to be below normal by refusing food or by drinking excessively should be suspected.

If in doubt about your puppy - you should consult a qualified Vet without delay.

Inoculation with virus and serum properly used, can give virtually a life-time of immunity from the disease.

We recommend that ALL MEMBERS dogs' inoculation be undertaken as early as possible after 3 months of age.

On no account exercise your dog if he is suffering from distemper.***

= PROTECT YOUR DOG FROM POISONERS =

We hope that there are no people so inhumane where we live - but this article taken from "PIX" may help you to teach your dog to protect himself.

"Provide the dog with special feeding facilities, consisting of a fixed drinking trough and feed dish. Never allow him to have his food anywhere else but these places.

Then have some friends who are NOT known to the dog give him pieces of meat lightly covered in pepper or bitter aloes. Also leave choice morsels lying on the ground in the yard covered in the same type of thing.

He will soon learn that the only food that he can rely on is that given to him by the family in his special dish.

The same bitter aloes can be left in old tins of water, etc., to teach him to drink only from his special dish."

These methods can be varied in different ways - but the result is the same - you may save your dog's life.***

= TRIAL RULES =
(No. 25)

We take this opportunity of advising our Members - new to Obedience Trials - that bitches "On Season" can not compete, and will be disqualified by the Vet.

If the misfortune arises before or after "Vetting" lock your bitch up in your car IMMEDIATELY to prevent any dogs being upset and so losing points in the ring.

Above all do not walk any bitch over the rings before any trial commences, we want everyone to get and give a sporting chance of their fellow contestants.

It is a good idea to have a bottle of "Anti Mate" on hand - just in case.

At Shows and Open Parades, bitches on season are eligible to compete, at the Judge's discretion.***

= RESULT OF RAFFLE =

For the Len Broom Appeal.

The prize of a pair of double bed blankets was won by :

Mrs. King,
11 McNeil Street,
East Geelong.

The winning ticket was sold by Miss Christine Kitchenmaster.

We would like to thank all those members who did such a good job in ticket selling and we anticipate handing to Mr. & Mrs. Broom a cheque for approx, £30.

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= ADVERTISING SERVICE =

We would like to make available an advertising service to members.

You may have puppies for sale, if so we would be pleased to put an advertisement in "Shepherd News" for a small fee, which goes towards the running of the Club paper.

Any member wishing to avail themselves of this service, please contact the Editor on 93363 any evening between 6 & 7 p.m.

= EDITOR'S NOTE =

August was quite a busy month wasn't it, but September looks like being even busier.

I hope you all read the "Dates to Note" very carefully, and come along to as many of the gatherings as possible.

We want all of our members to get together as much as possible, and enjoy themselves together -

I'll be seeing you around!

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+ DATES TO NOTE +

- Sep. 6th : Vic. Obedience Trial.
- " " Demo. at Geelong West Oval.
- Sep. 7th : 1st Rehearsal for Royal Show Demo.
- Sep. 10th : 2nd Rehearsal for Royal Show Demo.
- Sep. 19th : Barbeque at the home of Fred Lehrman.
- Sep. 21st : 1st Demonstration at Royal Show.
- Sep. 22nd : Committee Meeting.
- Sep. 25th : 2nd Demonstration at Royal Show.
- Sep. 29th : Closing date for articles for October issue of "Shepherd News".

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Sunday Mornings : Training at both Norlane and Belmont Training Grounds Commencing 10.00 - 12.00 a.m.
