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## Obedience Trial - December 6th.

The Club's third and last trial for the 1959 season will be held on December 6th at the Norlane Training Ground, commencing at 1.30 p.m. (Vetting at 1.00 p.m.).

We would like to see a large entry from our Members in this trial - especially some of our newcomers and those C.D. holders who are now eligible for the C.D.X. Class.

A short period of training will be held during the morning for the dogs competing and then the rest of the time will be spent in preparing the rings etc. and any other necessary jobs.

As many hands make light work, we would be pleased to see as many of our Members as possible along to assist.

Those Members wishing to offer their services as Stewards for the Trial are asked to contact Bill Stephens (Sec) by phone on 74693. Every assistance will be greatly appreciated.

## Going Away For a Holiday?

Have you made arrangements for the care of your dog while you go away for your holiday?

Be sure to leave him in the care of reliable neighbours if you can't take him with you.

Every holiday season we read of dogs being left tied up in back yards - in the hot sun, very often without a drink, even turned out on the streets to fend for themselves - we don't want that to happen to our dogs.

Where it is not possible to take your dog with you, have you considered boarding kennels, they are very good and the responsibility is then removed from your good neighbours - there is always the possibility of their being called away themselves at short notice.

It may even be possible to solve the problem by boarding your dog in kennels in the town where you are spending your holiday.



### Dogs In the News.

No doubt you have all been following closely the recent police search for the escaped convict - Kevin Simmons - and noted with some pride and satisfaction that it took one of our wonderful Gernam Shepherd Dogs to bring him out of hiding.

### Further Success to Zoe.

At the Trial held on November 8th at Box Hill, Colin Mitchell's Zoe won herself yet another trophy, by scoring 235 points in the Open Class.

Congratulations Col & Zoe!

### What Ails Your Dog?

As the dry grass season is upon us again, this month we'll mention that old complaint -

### GRASS SEEDS IN THE EARS

Our dogs have very large open type of ears which present a wonderful target for these needle sharp grass seeds - but fortunately the proportion of victims is very low, as compared with smaller breeds, particularly the Spaniels.

Even so we must take the normal precautionary measures i.e. if you walk your dog through high grass where the risk is greatest, check his ears when you get him home.

One of these seeds can cause untold misery and pain to your dog if left unattended and is usually a job for the Vet. If you see your dog worrying his ear, or excessively shaking his head in discomfort - DON'T IGNORE IT something is wrong, the Vet can see the cause if you can't, he has the necessary light and instruments.

### Training Notes.

It has been noticed in the past month or so that there has been a definite falling off in attendance at Training Sessions.

While it is realized that Xmas is approaching fast and those odd jobs are claiming quite an amount of your time at weekends - it is hoped that your interest in your dog and the Club is not waning.

We will have many new ideas for training and social functions in the coming months and particularly wish to foster a Club atmosphere where everyone is able to get to know each other and enjoy a real spirit of good fellowship - which is so essential in the success of any Club.

The main interest of course, is our training programme and it's at the Training Grounds where we take the first step in welding ourselves solidly together as a Club. Don't stand back, join in the crowd and we will get to know each other better and quicker.

During the holiday period there will be a break in training for 2 weeks from December 20th - recommencing January 10th.

### Extracts from Training Book

Do not be discouraged if your dog does not respond quickly to training. Animals are like people, we couldn't all be top in our class at school could we - the same with dogs, some learn fast, others slowly.

But the important thing is, you must teach him patiently every day, dogs are not dumb, they learn the wrong way quicker than the right if it is easier for them, your job is to teach him the right way.

"Patience is a Virtue!"



Judging Appointment

In addition to the Groups 3 & 4 Licence Mr. Bosely already holds to judge at Championship Shows, Kennel Control has granted him a Championship Show Licence to judge Collies and German Shepherds.

His next appointment is at Lower Heytesbury in December and has also accepted an invitation to Judge a Show for the Tantanoola Kennel Club in South Australia early in the New Year.

Xmas Outing.

An Outing will be held at Bream-Lee on December 13th; Commencing at 2 pm.

There will be :

- Childrens Races
- Sand Castle Competition
- Dog Races
- Casting Competition
- Fishing

Members are requested to bring their own refreshments. The afternoon feature will be carried on into the evening when a Barbeque will be held.

We would like to see everyone come along - there will be lots of fun!

It is with sincere regret that we note the passing of "KEVINS PRIDE CD" known to us all as "Karl".

He will be long remembered for his fine jumping displays in various demonstrations, in particular at the last Royal Show and his loss will not only be felt by Kevin and Barbra and all those that knew him so well, but by the Club as well.

New Treasurer Appointed

Mr. Jim McCormack was appointed Treasurer at the Committed Meeting held November 24th, on the resignation of Mr. Kevin Krygger.

COMMITTEE PLEASE NOTE!

The next Committee Meeting will be held on December 8th, at 8.00 pm at the home of Mr. Col. Mitchell (President) Queenscliff Road, Moolap. (Tenda Poultry Farm).

DATES TO NOTE

- \* Dec. 6th : Geelong German Shepherd Club Obedience Trial.
- Dec. 8th : Committee Meeting.
- \* Dec. 13th : Xmas Outing - Breamlee.
- Dec. 22nd : Last Training Session for 1959.
- \* No Training at Belmont Ground.

XMAS MESSAGE

On behalf of the President and Committee of the Geelong German Shepherd Club, I would like to extend hearty greetings for a Merry Xmas, and a very Prosperous New Year. . . . Editor.

CLUB TRAINING BOOKS

Have you bought your Training Book yet?

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DEMONSTRATION AT LITTLE RIVER

There will be a demonstration at the Recreation Oval Little River on October 10th commencing at approx. 3 p.m. at a Fete in aid of the Little River Youth Club.

All members wishing to attend are requested to assemble at the Norlane Training Ground at 2.00 p.m.\*\*\*

"YUREELA" CRIPPLED CHILDRENS APPEAL CARNIVAL - WERRIBEE

The Geelong Umpires League have invited the Geelong German Shepherd Club to present a demonstration at the half time interval of the Charity Football Match - Umpires League v Geelong Football Club at the Werribee Reserve - Churnside Park - on Sunday October 11th.

An entertaining programme has been drawn up, celebrities from TV and the Theatre including Panda, Joff Allen, Happy Hamond will be appearing -

Ample picnic facilities have been provided for brbeques etc. boiling water available. This is a good opportunity for the Club to have a day out and help a very worthy cause.

Those members wishing to make the trip are requested to assemble at the Norlane Training Ground at 12.00 noon when cars will leave in convoy for Werribee.

Entry to the Carnival is strictly by Club Membership Card - free otherwise the charge is 10/- per car.\*\*\*

- TRIAL AT CROYDON -

The Croydon & District Obedience Dog Club is holding an Obedience Trial on October 18th at Croydon Showgrounds.

Entries close on October. 7th.\*\*\*

- DATES TO NOTE -

- Oct. 4th : Training at Norlane & Belmont.
- Oct. 7th : Entries Close for Croydon Trial.
- Oct.10th : Demo. at Little River.  
Closing date on Gala Floor Suggestions.  
Cabaret Dance at Rippleside.
- Oct.11th : Training at Norlane & Belmont.  
Werribee Carnival Demo.
- Oct.13th : Special General Meeting.
- \* Oct.18th : Training at Norlane & Belmont.  
Croydon Obedience Trial.
- Oct.25th : Training at Norlane & Belmont.  
Closing date for Shepherd News items.
- Oct.27th : Committee Meeting.
- Oct.30th : Gala Day.
- \* Oct. 15 - 16 - 17 : Geelong Show.

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Members Reminder !!

Is your Membership Fee due, if so we would be pleased to have your payment at an early date, to ensure your full benefit of Club activities, and your regular issue of "Shepherd News".

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