

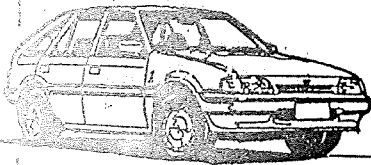
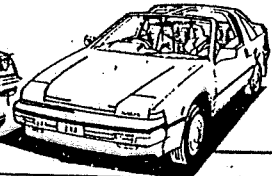
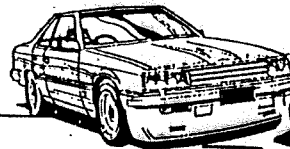
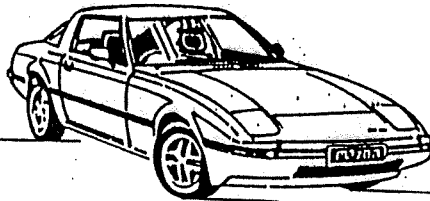
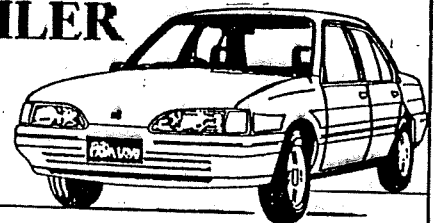
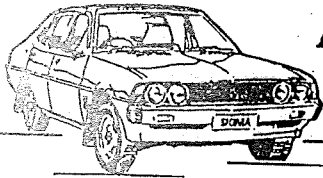
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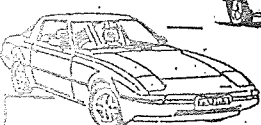
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GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.

NEWSLETTER NO. 42

This Newsletter is produced bi-monthly and is distributed on the last training session of that month.

Welcome to our new members, may you find your association with our Club a rewarding one, not just for the progress you make in training your dog to become an acceptable member of your household, but in the new friendships you make with your fellow classmates and/or competitors.

PAST

Our July trial proved to be a success all round with Judges and competitors pleased with the excellent facilities our venue offers.

To all the committee who worked tirelessly to bring this trial to fruition thank you, and to the many other helpers who offered their time to the Club prior to and/or on the day, thank you for being there.

Geelong competitors had a very successful day with many going home with passes and other good results. Congratulations to all those folk and their dogs.

Throughout the year our Club runs various social functions, some of which you the members have requested. As with everything, sometimes the members who express their desires, fail to front up when such functions are organised, and it is an unnecessary burden placed on the Social Director and their team.

However, the Chinese Banquet that was recently held had our best attendance numbers for some years.

This particular evening was successfully organised and run smoothly by our new Social Director (she took on the position midway through its term after a committee resignation) and her helpers. Well done Leonie and team for the before, during and after organisation that made this such an enjoyable evening for all attendees.

PRESENT

Next week on Tuesday, October 1 is our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to which all members eligible to vote should attend. To check your eligibility to vote please see the lists that the Secretary has posted in the Clubhouse. The criteria is that people have to have been a financial member for three months preceding this meeting. If you are ineligible to vote, please still come along and meet the incoming committee. The A.G.M. is conducted first, and this is then followed by a General Meeting. Participate in the meetings with us, for this is where decisions affecting the Club are made and passed.

My personal thanks to all on the outgoing committee for their support and contributions over the past year. My special thanks to those members who now do the printing of the Newsletter and to the dedicated group of collators.

FUTURE

Daylight saving will soon be with us, and on the last Sunday of training for this year, we will be holding our CLUB Fun Day. The date to remember is OCTOBER 27.

There will be 13 classes that cater for puppies under six months right through to those dogs eligible to compete in the highest class, which is Utility. Your Instructor will tell you the week before what class you should enter in for the day, and you can treat it like a normal training morning except that you are competing against your class mates and you have the chance of winning a ribbon. Entry for these classes is 0.20¢ as is our normal practice, and all proceeds will be donated to the GUIDE DOG ASSOCIATION.

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Results will be announced and the presentation to placegetters will be made after ALL classes have finished, so be prepared to have a full morning. Bring along some lunch, perhaps use our Club BBQ (wood fueled) and join in on this relaxing day. AFTER lunch there will be novelty events that everyone can join in, and these will consist of - **FASTEST GOODO EATER - FASTEST RECALL - DROP ON THE SPOT - BEST DRESSED DOG - MOST LOOK ALIKE DOG AND HANDLER - MINI OBSTACLE RACE - and CHILD HANDLER CLASSES.** Entry for these classes is also 0.20\$. Ribbons and/or prizes will be awarded in these classes too. As you can see, there IS a class for everyone, so join in and make a day of it.

WEDNESDAY EVENING TRAINING RESUMES ON OCTOBER 30, 1991

Then on NOVEMBER 10 we have our last GEELONG Open & Associate Obedience Trial for the year and I would like to wish every competitor a successful day.

Once again, for those not competing on the day there are many things you can help with, i.e. stewarding, helping in the kitchen, helping set up the rings, with additional maintenance on the grounds on the day and in the preceding weeks. These dates are listed in the Club Calendar. EVERYONE can bring along cakes, sweets, biscuits and home grown or home made produce for our stall. If you wish to watch the trial itself but can spare an hour to give a hand in some field, your services will be greatly appreciated. Remember, we are the HOST Club so pull your weight and don't just leave it all to the Committee and dedicated minority. Many hands make light work and it also then gives everyone time to spectate or compete on the day. Think about your contribution towards making this day a success.

Please join in on these dates as they are for the benefit of all members, and without members we don't have a Club!

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The other area that is watched by all Newspapers and Magazine editors is the publishing of anonymous articles. To safeguard the interests of all concerned, any article submitted for publication anonymously **MUST** bear the name and address of the sender. Anonymity can be retained providing the original submission to the Editor is from an identifiable person.

Lastly, to round off, once again the mosquito population appears to be alive and well in the coastal areas and at the Club, so it is in your dog's best interests to give them the protection of Heart Worm tablets. **REMEMBER**, that before you start your dog on this lifetime regime you **MUST** have your dog blood tested by your veterinarian first. Most of your dogs will appreciate your sharing the Aeroguard with them too from now on. For those sensitive to aerosols you can either rub it on your hands first, or use one of the roll-on varieties. Even the heavier coated dogs can be bitten around the face and on the feet.

Elaine

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In this, my last report, I would like to thank those members who have given of their time and expertise, willingly and tirelessly throughout the year. Without their support, the Club would not have prospered as it has. Therefore, my grateful thanks to:-

Phyl Bergin	-	Librarian and
Eileen Tomkins		her Assistant
Charlie Friggen and		
Tom Arnott	-	Raffle Stewards
Audrey Bartolo	-	Shop Manageress
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		Newsletter
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and team members		
Lesley and		
Stan Deane	-	Canteen "chef" and Manager
Jan Boeyen	-	Training Supervisor
Lesley Gaylard	-	Preparation of Financial Reports

To all Instructors, thank you for your time and your commitment to classes. Without your dedication, this Club would not have reached the high standard it has. Teaching members responsible dog ownership is very important and necessary in today's society.

To all my friends, thank you for your support during my two years as President.

I wish the Club a successful and prosperous future.

JOHN BOEYEN
PRESIDENT

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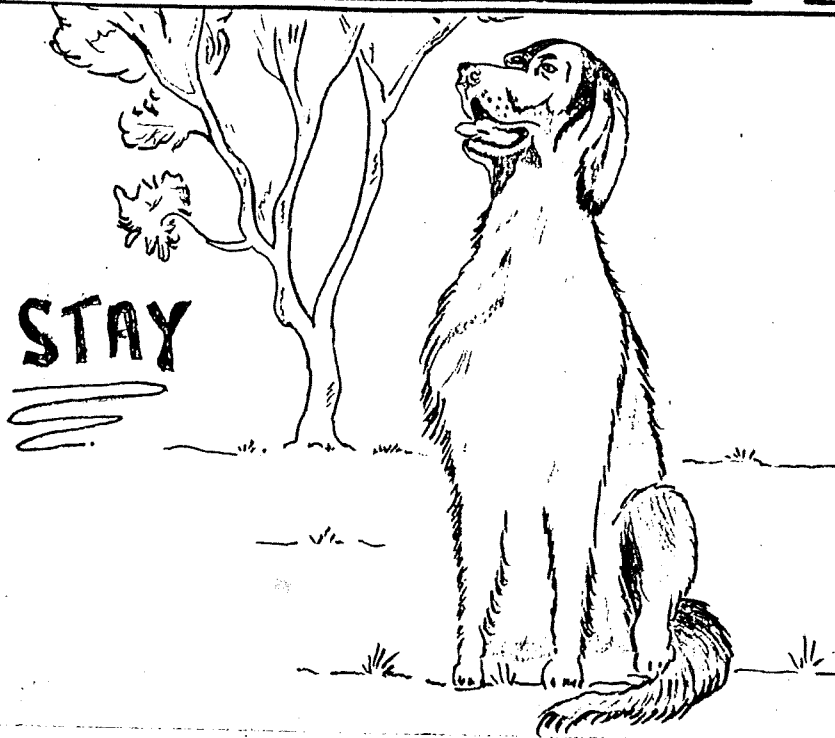
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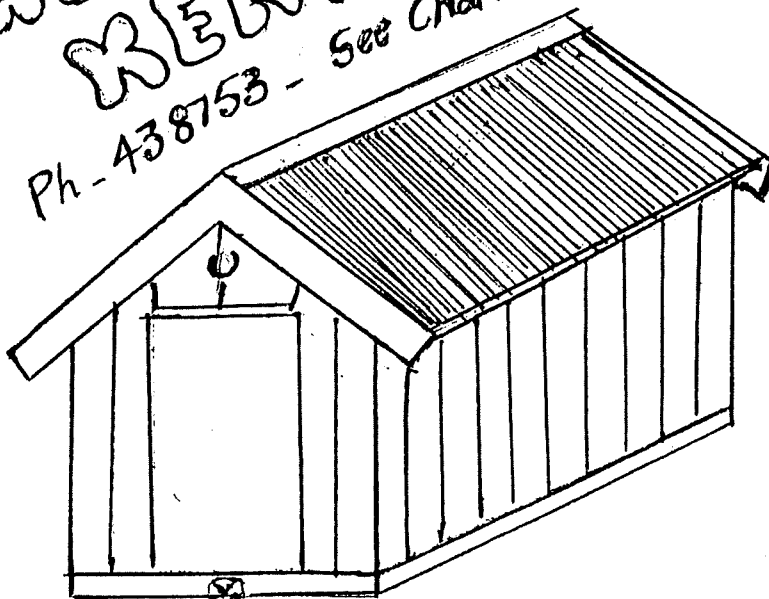
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Jenny Bradbury	Ormslee Presidents Lady C.D. (Marta) Rottweiler	<u>OPEN</u> 1st Place 1ST PASS
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Wayne Feldman	Greathart Helma (Josie) German Shepherd	<u>NOVICE</u> 1ST PASS
Alec Burgess	Charnsahara Nullabor (Cassie) German Shepherd	<u>NOVICE</u> 3RD PASS <u>C.D.</u>
Margaret Getsom	Lubrabend Winters Eve (Emma) Shetland Sheepdog	<u>NOVICE</u> 1ST PASS
Stan Deane	Tophand Cindy (Cindy) Aust. Cattle Dog	<u>NOVICE</u> 3rd Place 1ST PASS
Paul Metcalfe	Ormslee Swartz Quinta (Hannah) Rottweiler	<u>NOVICE</u> 2nd Place 1ST PASS
P. Barnes	Ebony Boy	<u>ASSOC. NOVICE</u> 1ST PASS
Bill Laing	Marcus Laanecoorie GDX	<u>ASSOC. OPEN</u> 3rd Place 1ST PASS

Club Perpetual trophies were awarded as follows:

Highest Scoring Registered Encouragement Dog -	Kylie Day
Highest Scoring Novice Qualifying Registered Dog -	Paul Metcalf
Highest Scoring Novice Qualifying Associate Dog -	Peter Barnes

Congratulations to all the above people for jobs well done. May you all go onto further heights of teamwork with your companions.

MORWELL TRACKING

Helen Read	Ormslee Proud Herald, CDX,TD.(Sabu) Rottweiler	PASS
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Stan Deane	Tophand Cindy (Cindy) Aust. Cattle Dog	<u>NOVICE</u> 2ND PASS
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and

Highest Scoring Australian Cattle Dog

Margaret Getsom	Lubrabend Winters Eve (Emma) Shetland Sheepdog	<u>NOVICE</u> 2ND PASS
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THE DOBERMANN

The breed we now recognise as the **Dobermann** evolved during the latter part of the 19th century in Germany, largely due to the efforts of town official/dog catcher/rent collector Karl **Dobermann**. The typical dog, bred purely as a guard then was much 'sharper' in temperament, but as now, was devoted to its master. The exact origin of the breed is difficult to trace but reputed to be in its history are the Rottweiler, Greyhound and Shepherd Dog of Germany. With thoughtful breeding during the present century, much of the sharpness has been tempered, and the breed is known for its intelligence (not to be underestimated), guarding capability, loyalty and obedience.

Dobermanns have been popular for the past few years, not only for their guarding capability, but also for the companionship they offer. **Dobermanns** make wonderful house dogs, and if raised amongst children and animals, will co-exist peacefully in most circumstances. As with all breeds, regardless of size, there is a wide range of temperaments with the majority of animals being stable and well adjusted to our lifestyle. Male **Dobermanns** will not generally tolerate the close proximity of other male dogs, and even bitches can be "toey". Careful training and extensive socialisation can temper these tendencies.

Socialising the **Dobermann** is very important. Any situation the dog is not familiar with will be regarded with suspicion. The reaction of the dog will depend on inherited temperament/early experiences/relationship with the owner and the extent and effectiveness of training. No two dogs will respond identically to the same stimulus.

The **Dobermann** as a pack animal, looks to its owner for firm direction. If this direction is lacking the dog may attempt to provide it for the owner. Calm persistence on the part of the owner is a very effective method of giving directionmind you, putting the dog back in one place 30 times in a row can stretch the patience somewhat.

Dobes can be stubborn, "forgetful", sneaky, and they do have a sense of humour (but hate to be laughed at). Above all, they are very intelligent.

Direct eye contact with a dog or bitch you are not familiar with may be viewed as a challenge by the dog.

Dobes can't resist "freedom", and will often give you an exhibition of exhilarating speed if given the chance.

They are a challenge to train, but the effort is well worth the trouble.

A final hint: learn to speak a bit of 'dog' (dog psychology books will help you) - **Dobes** are top of the class at it and will understand you instantly.

Good training!

(Submitted by THE DOBERMANN CLUB OF VICTORIA INC.)

OUR MISPLACED DOG

The bronze monument of a dog on a marble pedestal modelled by F. Rusconi and intended to commemorate Jack Moses' ballad **Nine Miles From Gundagai**, is in fact only five miles from the town. The monument was erected by the citizens of Gundagai and unveiled in 1932 by the then Prime Minister Joe Lyons. It can be found at an old camping ground on the Hume Highway. Nobody has ever explained why it came to be placed four miles short of the distance from Gundagai Moses' poem so emphatically mentions.

CERTIFICATE PASSESBASIC OBEDIENCE

Sandra Doughty and Zac.

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Addie Goossen & Benson	Harold Baensch & Eclipse
Leanne Hearsch & Jackson	Kathy Chambers & Bailey
Christine Thilonis & Kaleb	Melissa Hadley & Bess
Heath McLachlan & Obi	Carolynne Beynon & Tara
Amanda Brearley & Zoe	John Meulblok & Effie
Michael Hawkins & Ben	Bronco Ivec & Jessica
Sue Hume & Max	Kerry Short & Barney
Joan Brophy & Boris	Noelene McConnell & Karli
Elizabeth Ginn & Ali	Jim and Catherine Gulli & Tess
Kath Devlin & Tyson	Leonie Shell & Bella
Melissa Buckingham & Ludwig	Sharon Marshall & Tess
Julie Mc Rorie & Paris	

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE PEOPLE!!!!!!

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The Hagebols Family	Glen Charteris	Pam Potter
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Brendan Thomas	Yvette Brown	The Arnold Family
Lesley Bruton	Joy Stevenson	H. Woods/ P.Tuddenham
The Wood Family		

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D.Meadows/C.Marsh	Michael Kavanagh	Michael Tuddenham
S.Hobson/ D.Pankhurst	Lee-Ann O'Brien	John McLennan
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Fiona Baranowski	The Hetherington Family	
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Jan Calaby	The Kee Family	

A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL THE ABOVE PEOPLE AND BEST OF LUCK IN YOUR TRAINING.

LISA BLACKWELL
SECRETARY

TITBIT CORNER

HATCHLINGS

Debbie and Craig Bartlett are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter "Emma Grace".

Sue Hume has become one of the "clucky brood" with the arrival of her first grandchild, a girl.

Congratulations to these folk.

HELEN READ has successfully passed the necessary testing to become a Certified Obedience Instructor, as announced in the September Victorian Canine Association Gazette. Well done Helen!

The old joke used to be that by the time you passed this test you were CERTIFIABLE.

(Our Club has two other life members who have gained this title in earlier years, namely, Fred Lehrmann and Bruce Cairns.)

Remember that boof-headed Rottweiler whose theme song was "Up and at 'Em"?, seems he watches too much footy with his owner, the Trial Secretary. He is developing into a real pain lately, having gone through yet another pane of glass at home. Despite his antics this dog fortunately has never even had a headache. (Nice to be clear headed the morning after.) The insurance company assessors however, must surely be getting them with the regularity of the claims lodged from the one household!

Some people who are ever anxious to help with dog training and with the welfare of dogs in general, have the knack of having their body parts in the wrong place at the wrong time! Whilst holding a pole in the triple jump at Agility training to make it easier for a reticent jumper, the pole jumped up and attacked the holder. Result - one black eye.

Then in attempting to rescue a German Shepherd who inadvertently flicked his front leg and got his dew claw caught in the correction chain whilst alighting from a vehicle, the same person was accidentally bitten on the same hand that found its way into another Shepherd's mouth earlier in the year. Result - more stitches. Things can only

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TITBIT CORNER (Cont..)

get better from here on in Jan.

(NOTE: Regarding the latter incident there are two points worth considering out of this incident.

1. If your dog wears a correction chain as a collar it must not be too loose. You have to strike the medium where it sits comfortably on their necks, yet won't drop down during normal exercise thus getting tangled in shrubbery or other similar hazards, or in CLAWS. Some people advocate that these should not be worn constantly as collars, but it is a matter of choice.

It really is preferable for your dog when not in training, to have a leather or webbing collar on with the necessary Council tags attached.

2. DEW CLAWS. Some breeds have these removed when the puppy is a few days old because the standard requires this. Others remove only the back ones on dogs that produce them. The latter should definitely be removed, but for those front ones, provided you trim them it is a matter of choice. They are in essence equivalent to our thumb and were designed as a holding/gripping apparatus. My own breed, the Doberman had his automatically removed as a puppy, but my German Shepherd still had these and never incurred any problems. In fact, they were an asset to the G.S.D. when eating bones as he had that extra claw which held the bone in place whilst eating. Whereas the Dobermann with the same type of bone without those claws tended to have his feet slide off the bone and he had to adapt a different eating position. This resulted in the Dobermann tending to harass the Shepherd so the Shepherd would hand over the already started on/or pre-munched bone.

So if you have dogs with front dew claws on, discuss it with your Vet. next time you visit to ascertain whether they may need to be removed, or whether they are only a minimal problem for your type of dog.

TRIALERS

For end of year medallions and cloth badges, you must give to the Secretary your dog's registered name (if applicable) and the title obtained IN WRITING.

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THE BORDER COLLIE

The **Border Collie** is renowned as the world's greatest sheepdog. It is also widely accepted as the most intelligent of breeds. Implicit in these two statements are the qualities which also make the breed highly successful in Obedience and eminently suitable as a pet.

The name "**Border Collie**" has come into general usage only in comparatively recent times. Nonetheless the name pays careful attention to the breeds origins. "Border" in that the breed was largely developed and brought to prominence in the border regions of Scotland and England, and "Collie" in that it has common ancestry with the other Collie types.

It was during the 16th Century that shepherds dogs were first used for herding rather than simply guarding flocks. These dogs were more rugged and less sensitive than the modern day **Border Collie**. From 1873 when the first sheepdog trial was held at Rhiwlas, Bala in Wales, and particularly from 1906 when the first International Trial was held, the type as we now know it began to emerge. Although at this time the dogs were bred for working ability, it is interesting to note that the winner of the first trial in Wales also won the "beauty" competition which has been a feature of many subsequent trials.

For most of its history Australia has been one of the worlds main sheep nations. During the 1800's many of this emerging breed were brought out to Australia and in the early 1900's quite a few top British trial winning dogs were imported via New Zealand. These dogs helped form the basis of the breed in Australia.

In 1950 the Kennel Control Council of Victoria announced that a register would be commenced for **Border Collies**, allowing the breed to compete at Championship Shows, and during the 50's the trial-bred **Border Collies** were swiftly and successfully adapted to the showring.

Today the breed is well known, there are about 80 litters born in Victoria each year, the average size of a litter being around six. To many people the **Border Collie** is purely a black and white dog, however other colors do exist in the breed. In all cases the characteristic white markings are, to a greater or lesser extent, present; but in place of the traditional black the dog can be blue (euphemistic for grey), chocolate (a rich brown with nose and other pigmented areas, also brown instead of black) or red (any shade from a light sandy sable through to dark red). The other possible color is tricolor which is the traditional black and white with the addition of areas of tan in restricted amounts in certain parts of the body, such as over the eyes, on the cheeks, on the legs between the black and white and under the base of the tail.

The **Border Collie**, despite its long coat, is a very easily cared for dog. A brush and comb once a week is sufficient to maintain the coat in good condition (except during moulting periods, when dead hair should be removed daily to prevent knotting. Particularly behind the ears and around the hindquarters). When brushing a **Border Collie** do not use a wire brush as will break the coat.

Three very deeply ingrained characteristics of the breed should always be borne in mind when dealing with **Border Collies**: their intelligence; their eagerness to please; and their disinclination to use their mouths as tools. They were bred for their intelligence in order that they might best serve their masters in their allotted tasks; eagerness, so that their intelligence might most easily be controlled and made use of; and dislike of "mouthing", so that in their eagerness they would not harm their charges.

Beware of his intelligence, for he will readily use it to outwit you. He is quite capable of being mischievous (especially when young) and it is up to you to outwit him by observing his ruse, and using his own eagerness to please, to foil his devious plans.

Border Collies are notorious attention seekers. They will continuously nudge your hand for another pat and when you have "dried up" will move on to the next person and come back to you later. At first this can be amusing, but sooner or later the novelty will wear off and it will become tiresome. So by all means lavish affection on your dog, but discourage him from attention seeking while he is young

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or he will soon become a pest.

Whilst not a natural guard-dog, which is largely due to his disinclination to use his mouth, the **Border Collie** does make an excellent watchdog. There is one drawback to his dislike of mouthing; if you want to train him in Obedience and you get to reasonably high levels in that activity, he will be required to retrieve dumbells and this can be a problem as some **Border Collies** are disinclined to pick them up.

Contrary to what some people think, the **Border Collie** does not need an unusually large yard to run in, provided he gets sufficient exercise and his mind is kept active.

In short, the **Border Collie** makes a great sheep worker, obedience or show dog; a tremendous family dog or pet; and above all a faithful and loyal companion and friend.

(Extract from article written by Phil Ruffels, for the Border Collie Club of Victoria).

LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTION

One dollar per year, payable at Secretary's office.

BORROWING TIMES

Sunday training	10.15 am - 10.40 am
Wednesday Training	8.00 pm - 8.30 pm

Books are **on loan for two weeks**. However, if returned on or before due date, and there is no waiting list, the time may be extended for a further period.

Date due is stamped at back of book.

With consideration for other users, **please return promptly**.

The following **valuable additions** to the library stock have been gratefully received. Thank you Marg, Mitzi and Eileen.

The Readers' Digest illustrated book of dogs	(donated by Marg. Wright)
Worldly Dogs	(donated by Mitzi Clark)
Doberman Pinschers	(donated by Eileen Tomkins)

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CONSIDER THIS -

"Where a person stands on an issue, often depends on where he sits."

BOOK REVIEWS**DOES YOUR DOG NEED A SHRINK? - OR HAS HE DRIVEN YOU TO THE STAGE WHERE YOU NEED ONE?**

Maybe he barks incessantly; fouls the carpet, snaps at the postman or even mounts legs.

Do not despair for help is at hand from an expert. No, "it is not the librarian", but she has carefully selected a number of books written by experts in canine psychology. These are available for loan from the G.O.D.C. library.

The most recent addition to the library is **"DO DOGS NEED SHRINKS?"** written by Peter Neville, a well known Animal Behaviorist in England. Peter regularly treats problem dogs referred to him from the Bristol Veterinary School. Using case histories from his files, he describes details of each case, suggesting treatment to alleviate the problem.

"BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS IN DOGS" by William Campbell is another excellent book, written in simple language for the American Veterinary Society and the ordinary layman. It was compiled in answer to a need by the vets for answers to behavior problems often brought to them by clients. We have two copies because of the demand by both instructors and owners.

Closer to home, Michael Tucker, well known for his frequent visits to conduct clinics at our club, has compiled **"SOLVING YOUR DOG'S PROBLEM."** Michael trained Air Force dogs in Britain during World War 2 and also Guide Dogs for the Blind. Michael lives in Melbourne, and after 40 years as a professional dog trainer, his advice is practical and particularly helpful for those engaged in obedience work and trialing.

"PROBLEM DOG - BEHAVIOR AND MISBEHAVIOR" is the contribution of Valerie O'Farrel, a leading psychologist at Edinburgh University where she conducts a clinic for dogs referred by vets.

Part 1 describes how dogs' minds work. Part 2 is a practical step by step guide to diagnosis and treatment. Problems are real cases.

Others on the same subject include -

DOG AGGRESSION AND FEAR
DOG PROBLEMS - A PROFESSIONAL
TRAINER'S GUIDE
NO BAD DOGS

COUNSELLING DOG OWNERS
HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR OLDER DOG

by ROBERT HOLMES

by CAROL BENJAMIN
by BARBARA WOODHOUSE (we all knew
Barbara on television)
by JOL EVANS
by BILL LANDISMAN

PHYL BERGIN
LIBRARIAN

Knowledge, when wisdom is too weak to guide her, is a headstrong horse that
throws the rider.

ARE WE SLOWLY POISONING OUR DOGS UNKNOWINGLY?

We are what we eat and so our dogs are what we feed them.

My problems began about 18 months ago. My then seven year old bitch who was one week in whelp had taken Best in Show at the Southern Gundog Society Show, her pregnancy was uneventful she had always been an easy whelp, but she whelped three days early, one of the pups looked to be a hydrocephalic, born with its eyes open and no sac.

She had always had a good coat and was a very fit bitch, but she just didn't seem to pick up after the litter. Her coat was dry, hard and rusty, she seemed very flat, anyone who knows Riva would know that this was not like her at all.

So off to the Vet, "try some vitamins, oil and kelp in her food", after a few months her coat wasn't improving, and she was even more intolerant of the other dogs. Off to the Vet again, "maybe she has a hormone imbalance, try some hormones", months after she showed no improvement, although she did have a slight coat change.

My other three and a half year old bitch Rage had a similar coat problem, she hadn't had a decent coat change for 18 months, she also had a gut problem which was recurring every four to five weeks. She was treated for Giardia four times, even though the other dogs did not have the same problem. She has had one litter, no problems there.

Often the most obvious is overlooked, so I decided on a complete change of diet for all my dogs. The puzzling thing was that my 18 month old male has a very good coat and was not experiencing the same problems as the females. The older dogs had been on the same brand of dry food plus some canned and fresh meat for at least three years.

I changed from one of the well known dry foods to a pelleted dry food containing no preservatives and added mince bought from the butchers. The results were stunning, within a month both bitches had a massive coat fallout, Riva back to her old self, all dogs jumping out of their skins.

I decided to do some checking, as a friend interstate was also experiencing coat problems with her older dog, even though her young bitch was in beautiful coat (she is a full sister to my 18 month old male). She fed the same well known dry food that I had been using, she had the same results when she changed to the pelleted dry food.

Some of the artificial preservatives found in processed dog food, their toxicity rating and reported effects are listed below:

* BHT (butylated hydroxytoluene) and BHA (butylated hydroxyanisole): Toxicity rating: 3. * Growth retardation, weight loss in adult animals, alopecia (hair loss), inhibit contraction of ilium, damage to liver and kidneys, puppies born without eyes, increased liver weight, severe allergic reactions, abnormal behaviour patterns, and haemorrhages of nasal cavity and pancreas.

* Propyl Gallate: Toxicity rating: 3. * Gasping respiration, convulsions, antioxidant in processed foods and cosmetics.

* Citric Acid: Toxicity rating: 2-3. * Cardiac arrhythmias, reduced cardiac output, metabolic acidosis and calcium deficiency.

* Ethoxyquin: Toxicity rating: 3. * Slowly developing depression, convulsions, coma, death, skin irritation, liver damage.

* Rated on a scale of 1 to 6 being super toxic requiring less than seven drops to produce death, according to Chemical Toxicology of Commercial Products, (Ref. Gosselin et al., 1984).

Have you ever experienced any of the following problems?

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ARE WE SLOWLY POISONING OUR DOGS UNKNOWNLY?/Cont.

1. Breeding
 - a. Missed cycles
 - b. Breeding did not take
 - c. Premature births
 - d. Small litters
 - e. Gross deformities
 - f. Male sperm counts low
2. Pigmentation changes
3. Depressed immune system
4. Thyroid imbalance
5. Pancreatitis
6. Skin and coat abnormalities
 - a. Loss of fur
 - b. Dry, flaky skin
 - c. Lesions
7. Runny eyes
8. Behaviour changes.

If you have, maybe it's time you started to think about what you are feeding your dog.

Jill Mallard-YLAND
10.12.90.

(This article has been reprinted from the Rottweiler Club of N.S.W. Inc. and the dogs in question were Weimaraners. Diet can play an important part in any breed.)

DISPLAY TEAM REPORT

On September 14 the Display Team, with one recycled member and two new members making their debut, attended the annual Arts and Crafts fair at Leopold.

We had perfect weather and quite a large, interested crowd which made the outing quite enjoyable. It was most pleasing to see quite a few members of our Club come along to support us too.

We invited Mrs. Robinson and her dog Clancy to join us to help provide public awareness of the learning dog program. For those of you who don't know, our Club and Leopold Lions jointly sponsored Mrs. Robinson and Clancy in the Hearing Dog Project last year, and Mrs. Robinson came along to help promote this worthy cause.

The team performed with its very high standard as usual - my thanks as always to them for the time and effort they give so willingly. Thanks gang - a job well done.

Don't forget practise as usual each Sunday after training.

DESMO DICKESON
DISPLAY TEAM LEADER

OBEDIENCE AND AGILITY
CALENDAR

OBEDIENCE

	<u>CLOSING</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
WARRINGAL O.D.C. INC.	Closed	6.10.91
KNOX O.D.C.	Closed	13.10.91
WERRIBEE O.D.C. INC.	5.10.91	19.10.91
ALTONA CIVIC O.D.C. INC.	6.10.91	20.10.91
GISBORNE & DISTRICT O.D.C.	13.10.91	27.10.91
EASTERN SUBURBS O.D.C.	20.10.91	3.11.91
BATNSDALE DOG O.C.	26.10.91	9.11.91
<u>GEELONG O.D.C. INC.</u>	27.10.91	10.11.91
SHERSBROOKE O.D.C.	3.11.91	17.11.91
GERMAN SHEPHERD D.C. OF VIC. INC. (R.O.T.)	9.11.91	23.11.91
SOUTHERN O.D. TRAINING CLUB	9.11.91	23.11.91
VICTORIAN CANINE ASSOCIATION	4.11.91	24.11.91

AGILITY

KNOX O.D.C.	Closed	12.10.91
SUNBURY & DISTRICT D.C.	11.10.91	26.10.91
BATNSDALE DOG O.C.	26.10.91	9.11.91

CLUB CALENDAR

INSTRUCTORS MEETING	30. 9.91
<u>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</u>	1.10.91
DISPLAY TEAM - NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH DAY	13.10.91 (To be confirmed)
FUN DAY	27.10.91
WEDNESDAY TRAINING RESUMES	30.10.91
GALA DAY PARADE-DISPLAY TEAM	1.11.91
WORKING BEE	2.11.91
COMMITTEE MEETING	5.11.91 (MELBOURNE CUP)
WORKING BEE	9.11.91
<u>OBEDIENCE TRIAL (G.O.D.C.)</u>	10.11.91
CAR TRIAL	T.B.A.
GENERAL MEETING	2.12.91
CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE	T.B.A.

GENERAL MEETINGS COMMENCE AT 8PM (UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED). MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING A PLATE.

TRIALERS NOTICE

If you wish to compete for end of year trophies, you must hand in to the Secretary, all your trial results whether you received a passing score or not (you are allocated additional points for every trial you enter) on the Prescribed Form available from the Secretary's office.