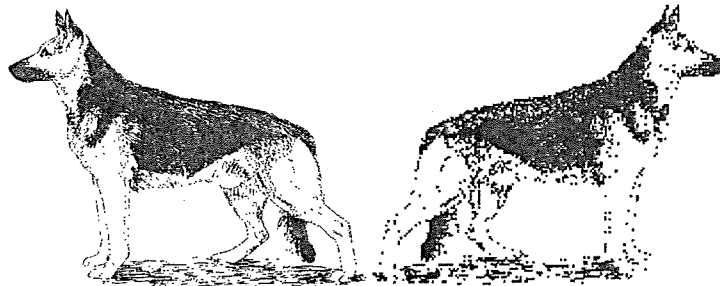
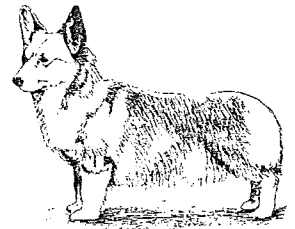
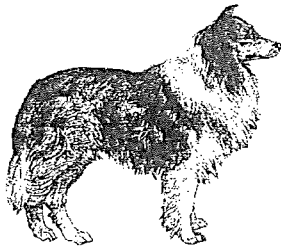
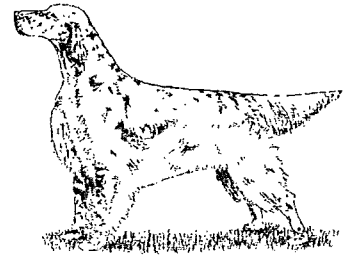
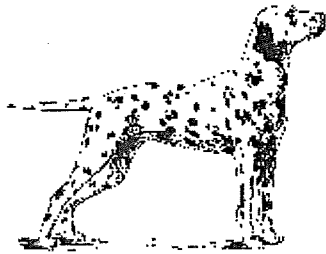


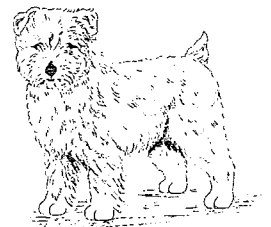
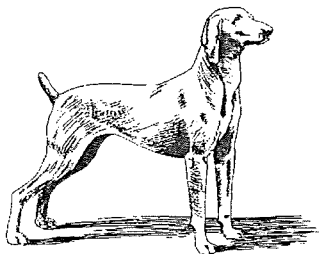
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PRESIDENT REPORT

Firstly welcome to all the new members of the club. I hope your time with us rewarding as you strive to reach your goal/s with your canine companion/s. Remember that to get anywhere you will need to put some time into your friend during the week. If you are having problems, please remember to speak to your class Instructor.

A HUGE thank you to those members who came and assisted during the recent flood. When we flood we generally don't get a lot of warning and it is a matter of downing whatever you may be doing at home and coming down to lift and pack. It goes back to the old saying, "Many hands make light work". A special thank you to our Ground Manager Fred and our Secretary Pam for all they did before, during and after. While writing this report Fred is leaving on a jet plane for Germany, we hope he has an enjoyable time and we look forward to his safe return in the middle of July. While he is away Meinhard Breiberg and Andrew Mackey will be taking care of things, so a big thank you to these two men for their help. If you see them around the grounds please offer your help, I'm sure it would be appreciated.

A reminder to all members that we have a GENERAL MEETING coming up on the 5th of JUNE. This meeting starts at 8.00pm and we would like to see lots of faces instead of the necessary quorum. In this newsletter you will find some interesting news that will be brought up at the meeting, so come along and have some input!!!

Until next time - Leonie Kelleher

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi all, just a quick report. Yes, membership renewals are with us again. The form is included in this Newsletter and it would be appreciated if you would make use of it – saves photocopying spares to have in the Office. Also, if you can, please renew on a Thursday, it will certainly make things easier on a Sunday morning.

Two other things to check out in this Newsletter – a great competition to test your knowledge of the Club. All the answers are readily available and thanks to the Equipment Shop for offering prizes for first and second.

The second major item in the Newsletter are proposals for the next General Meeting, all of these suggestions have been made out of necessity, keeping in mind the aim is for a long and successful future for the Club. Times are changing and our lifestyle is demanding more of our 24 hours, but when you join a Club there is certainly some responsibility that goes with it. With 540+ members, if every member offered 2-3 hours of their time in a year, life would really be like a box of chocolates! So, if you have an opinion on the proposals, come along to the Meeting and have your say.

Happy training – Pam Convery

GROUND'S MANAGERS REPORT

Well, the Agility Trial did not happen after all the effort to have the equipment ready and shining. Due to the floods we had plenty of other things to do and it was done by only a handful of members. As usual it was the same old group.

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Ground's Managers Report (continued)

Special "thank you" must go to member Wendy Ganly who has been absent from the Club for some time, but who remembered that when we get 25mm (1 inch) or more we are bound to be flooded and she was one of the first to come and help. She certainly showed up some of our active members and especially some of the Committee and sub-Committee members, who were afterwards overheard saying, "we worked all week and we cleaned up everything". What a cheek!

For the newer members who have never experienced a flood before, you must realise and remember, when it rains heavily and more than 25mm (1 inch) is recorded, to check with the Secretary or the Club phone number about the situation, because speed is of the essence to safeguard everything, especially the electrical appliances, as well as all the other items that make up your Clubhouse.

It is unfortunate that the City of Greater Geelong Council is unable or unwilling to do something about the overgrown Waurin Ponds Creek, which could flood our grounds within 3-4 hours. After the waters recede we must also ensure that some lower areas drain as quickly as possible. This means that all the Club drains and outlets I have dug must be cleared so the grounds can dry out quickly for us to train again.

Soon, the Secretary will renew the list for "Flood helpers" who are able and willing to come down at a moment's notice, so please consider it carefully as it will be an ongoing thing. If your situation changes please let us know so you can be taken off the list and replaced. This is the frontline team only, but we need plenty of backup. With the large amount of equipment we have accumulated many hands will make light work, otherwise the few that normally help will get sick and tired of being the bunnies for others who always want more equipment and appliances and don't show up.

As I will be overseas for the July Trial, I'm asking you now to prepare yourselves to help Andrew, who has offered to help fill my role and Meinhard who has put in so many "overtime hours" for this Club in the last 30 odd years, that he is way ahead of many and still ready to help.

Plenty of work lays ahead of us on my return such as tree planting and the maintenance of the sprinkler system, so 'til then cheerio.

Fred Lehrmann



TRIAL RESULTS

Adelaide SACA Autumn Festival

Saturday	Tina Button & "Pirate"	1 st Pass Jumping	
Sunday	Tina Button & "Pirate"	3 rd Pass Novice Agility (AD Title)	2 nd Place
Sunday	Tina Button & "Nahla"	1 st Pass Novice Obedience	

THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UNTRAINABLE

Featuring: Dr Robert Holmes*, our very own Dr Nick Branson & Lynn Heard (Acc. Delta CGC instructor) & a special interest speaker.

* Dr Robert Holmes is a renowned veterinarian behaviouralist whose qualifications include a PhD in behaviour from University of Edinburgh, and a Membership and Fellowship in animal behaviour from the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists. He is an extremely learned speaker with a mountain of knowledge that he is happy to share with animal enthusiasts. Robert has lectured extensively at Massey University in New Zealand. For the past 11 years he has established a successful behavioural practice in Melbourne. His presentation will be inspiring and relevant for those with problem dogs, or those wishing to start out on the right foot.



****EARLY BIRD SPECIAL****

DATE: Sunday 29th July

WHERE: Berkeley Lodge

(Melways Ref page 401,B3)

TIME: 10.30am

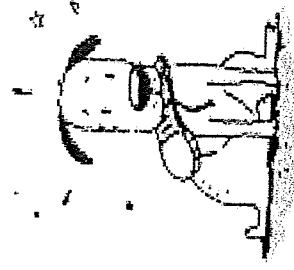
COST: \$35 (inc GST)

Includes a light lunch

For those who attended the Breeders seminar remember the great food!

Bookings and payment must be received by 20th July please phone **52482009**.

Book & pay before the 1st July to receive a **\$5 discount** on your booking. So make sure you don't miss out, get in early & take advantage of this special!!



GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 5th June 2001

Commencing 8.00pm

All members welcome

The following items were discussed at our Committee Meeting - 8th May and it has been decided to place these items on the agenda for discussion and/or decision at this General Meeting.

1. GENERAL MEETINGS

Rationale: Due to the recent need to postpone General Meetings due to a lack of sufficient members to form a quorum the following proposals have been suggested –

- a) To reduce the number of members required for a quorum
- b) To change the Meeting night to a Sunday after training
- c) That the Annual General Meeting be the only Meeting for General Members and that all other Meetings are Committee Meetings
- d) In the event of a quorum not being present, general discussion of the agenda items should proceed with recommendations to the Committee re each item. Should a quorum be present by 8.30pm, the Members should consider the recommendations and any other agenda items not yet considered. If a quorum is not present for the evening the Committee should consider the recommendations and they should be taken to be the decision of the General Members had it had a General Meeting (proposed by M McNair).

2. AGILITY TRIALS

Rationale: The following proposals were suggested with consideration given to the amount of borrowed equipment required to conduct our Agility Trials, the need to store equipment and the need to move and clean equipment during and after a flood.

- a) To move the date of the Agility Trials away from other major competitions
- b) To cancel the Agility Trials completely
- c) To cancel the Agility Trials and replace with a third Obedience Trial

3. PUPPY KINDER

Rationale: To reduce the number of members who appear on the Membership list but are not continuing training beyond Puppy Kinder and decrease the Vaccination Certificates required list as Certificates are not required until Members move into Puppy Class. Also to create a fair system for all who attend Puppy Kinder while keeping costs to a minimum.

That a flat rate of \$40.00 per dog be charged for a 4 week Puppy Kinder and that members only take out Membership of the Club after they complete the Puppy Kinder and move into Puppy Class

4. MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASES

Due to an increase in running costs an increase in Membership and/or Joining Fees needs to be considered, effective from the first intake after the 1st January 2002

No Picnic at Sunday School

By Jane Cafarella. Reprinted from an old newspaper cutting, source and date unknown

I suppose it is normal on the first day at school – to howl and cry and make a scene. But this was ridiculous. Everyone was looking at us. Other newcomers were sitting or standing quietly. But our new recruit was jumping up and down, crying and howling and trying to attack all the others.

"I'm sorry about this," I said to a man in the queue ahead of us as we lined up outside the building. "I suppose that's why we're here," he said philosophically. We were here out of desperation. It was either education or ejection for Ollie Dog.

I forgave him when he ate my purple scrunchie and I had to pay the vet to make him sick it up. I forgave him when he ate all the Easter eggs and left a trail of chocolate prints on the lounge room floor. I forgave him when he chewed off the buttons of my best trousers. But I could not forgive him for never coming when he was called. The rest was mischief. That was insubordination.

That's why I was waiting in the new member queue at the local dog obedience school. I would have much preferred to be home saying, "roll over" to Rob than Ollie, but after the previous weeks' escapades with Ollie, I decided I needed training as much as the dog.

I had always planned to take Ollie to school, but it wasn't until I found myself chasing him all around our street earlier that week that I realised he needed reform school. "Bad dog!" I had screamed red with exertion and embarrassment. "Are you a nice person now?" Greta had asked me after I had regained my composure.

So there we were, Johannes and Ollie and me, on a cold, wet Sunday, ready to sit, stay and beg for advice.

Watching the other dogs was encouraging. In distant paddocks, all manner of breeds and their owners were calmly going through their paces. Still, perhaps it was too late for Ollie, I thought despondently as I tried to restrain him. I was certainly too early for Johannes, who had slept over at a friend's place the night before and was now somnambulistic.

Things did not improve much during the beginner's workout. While the other four to six month old puppies walked relatively quietly around the circle with their owners and halted and sat on request, Ollie pulled and strained, yapping and barking while Johannes stumbled along behind him.

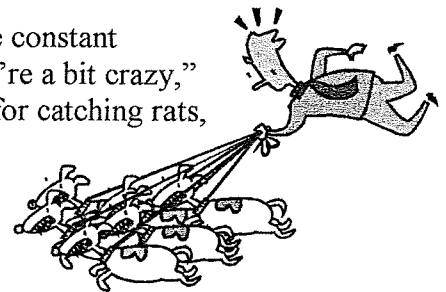
When a fight broke out between two big dogs, Ollie joined in by hurling verbal abuse. He was still going strong when the fight was well and truly over, so much so that the trainer of our group came up and glared at him. "It's over," he said. "Ok?"

"Do you think he'll be all right?" I shouted to the Instructor, above the constant barking after the session. "Yes, it will just take you a bit longer. They're a bit crazy," he said, meaning Jack Russell Terriers. "They've basically been bred for catching rats, not for obedience. It may take you a bit longer but you'll get there".

It was not very encouraging. Still I was prepared to work at it, if Johannes was too. He was, he assured me through half-closed eyes. I groaned as he stumbled off with the dog again. "I don't know what I'm going to do with him," I said to the woman in front of me.

"He's like that because you let him be like that," she said self-righteously. I was surprised. "Who?" I asked anxiously, as we watched the boy and his dog disappear into the distance.

"The dog," she said.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

2001/2002

Membership renewals are with us again and you will find your form on the back of this Newsletter. Please complete **ALL** details on the form so our records can be updated.

WHEN YOU CAN RENEW

Renewals will be accepted by post from 1 June or at the Club Thursday (2.00 pm to 8.00 pm) or Sunday until Tuesday 31 July. If your membership is not renewed by 31 July you will be asked to pay a joining fee again. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!** If posting, please include a copy of your dog's current Vaccination Certificate and a stamped self-address envelope for return of your membership card and receipt.

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TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWAL FEE

Single/Junior	\$15.00
Family/Dual	\$20.00
Pensioner Single	\$ 7.50
Pensioner Family/Dual	\$10.00

The following is an excerpt from the By-Laws of Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc, which may clarify an often-asked question at the Office window: -

By-Law No 2

‘Definition of Family membership

Any family, covering a husband, wife and all children under the age of eighteen years shall be eligible to hold a Family membership’.

‘Definition of Dual membership

Dual membership covers any two persons residing at the same address’.

VACCINATION CERTIFICATES

All vaccination certificates must be sighted when you renew your membership regardless of how recently you joined. Motions No, 1 and 41.

LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP

Don't forget to renew your Library membership. Our Library has a good range of books on various Breeds, Dog Problems, Obedience Training and ‘Doggie Stories’. The Library is open from approximately 10.15 am between the two sessions. Library membership is \$2.00 per year.

If you are experiencing difficulty paying your membership fee, please see the Secretary or the Treasurer before the due date.

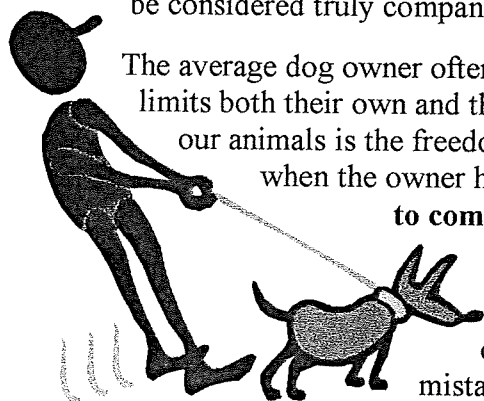
EVERY DOG SHOULD BE TAUGHT TO COME WHEN CALLED

By Peter Kennon

National Dog Magazine – February 1989

There are few things more frustrating, annoying and potentially dangerous than a dog that won't come when it is called. Anyone who has tried to catch an animal that ignores all instructions or remains just out of reach will surely agree. Therefore, if a dog is taught nothing else, it must be trained to return when required for its own wellbeing and its owner's peace of mind.

In fact, the recall is so important, I don't believe a dog is properly trained until it will return immediately to its handler on a single command. Unless a dog meets this critical requirement, it cannot be considered truly companionable.



The average dog owner often has great difficulty with this exercise and unfortunately this limits both their own and their dog's enjoyment. One of the greatest pleasures we can give our animals is the freedom to explore open spaces, but this freedom can only be granted when the owner has taken measures to ensure the dog can be reliable. **"Summons to come back from a place or different occupation" (Oxford's definition of recall).**

Whilst the recall is actually an easy lesson to teach, it does contain some traps which need to be avoided. Many of the mistakes made by novices are easily prevented and, like most things in dog training, are perfectly obvious when explained. The recall command is a good example. People use the dog's name when they want it to return, yet in general communication with their canine pal they use the animal's name hundreds of times without enforcing the recall. The dog learns that coming back when its name is heard is optional and, in the majority of cases unnecessary.

The basic principle of an unfailing recall is to convince the dog that the trainer is capable of enforcing the command

The dog's name can be used to attract its attention but must be followed by a specific command such as "Come". The word should be spoken only as loudly as necessary and never shouted, except perhaps in an emergency or if you are entertaining guests in your home and wish to terrify your friends by screaming at the top of your voice to get a response. The dogs have superb hearing and react better to tone than volume.

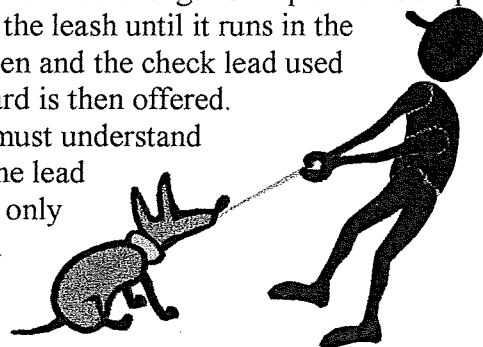
Although not permitted in competition and rarely mentioned in obedience literature, I have found in everyday situations the use of a whistle to be more effective as a recall command. The sound produced appears to be more distinctive and penetrating and is used extensively by gun-dog trainers and people working their dog on sheep and cattle. With much practice, it's possible to whistle loudly without artificial aids but a mechanical device, like an umpire's whistle, is more reliable. I obtain great satisfaction from being able to stop and recall a dog using a soft whistle instead of the human voice, so my dogs are trained to obey either.

Whatever the command chosen, we need to understand that the basic principle of an unfailing recall is to convince the dog that no matter where or when, the trainer is capable of enforcing the command. If we don't succeed in this, the dog will know it has a choice and the recall will be unreliable. This then is the task we face, to demonstrate to a free, fast and agile animal that we are in total control, when in most cases we have no physical control at all.

Every dog should be taught to come when called (continued)

The best way to start is with a long, light, check lead such as a four-metre length of rope with a snap clip fitted to one end. The dog should be allowed to wander on the leash until it runs in the direction of the trainer, at which time the recall command is given and the check lead used to gently bring the dog in. Praise and, if desired, an edible reward is then offered.

Initially, the lead must not be jerked for a correction. The dog must understand the command and respond before it is corrected. At this stage the lead is only used as guidance. For the same reason, it's important to only give the command when the dog is already moving in the return direction.



This procedure often goes so smoothly, trainers are tempted to dispense with the check lead prematurely. To do so is a serious error and only encourages disobedience. What happens if the lead is removed and the dog decides not to come? The handler has no control of the situation and invariably resorts to repeating the verbal command, which immediately teaches the dog that response to the first instruction can be avoided.

In the next stage, the trainer should wait until the dog is mildly distracted (preferably standing still and looking away) before using the command. If the earlier lessons have been understood, the dog should immediately return. Assuming it doesn't, the handler should remain silent (don't repeat the command) and use the check lead to gently start the dog in the desired direction. I usually find that only one such response is necessary in a session for the dog is not only learning the recall, but also discovering the need for attentiveness at all times.

When consistently quick response is achieved, the level of distraction must be increased and it may be necessary to set up situations in which the dog is strongly tempted to ignore the recall command. The check lead is still only used for guidance, not correction. Throughout this whole process, the dog must not be allowed free exercise without a check lead.

At this point, the dog should understand the required response to the command and can be corrected for not complying. The first correction with the check lead is always the most crucial and effective. It must be carefully planned and implemented. Don't rush the action, be patient and wait for the right opportunity. Select an occasion when the dog's full attention is on a strong distraction and is moving away from the handler. Issue the command and pause. If the dog acknowledges the instruction by slowing or stopping, give it the benefit of the doubt and guide it back with the lead. If it totally ignores the command, remain silent and apply a really strong correction, sufficient to pull the dog off its feet.

A dog's reaction is often one of amazement, as though they are thinking, "how did the boss manage that from so far away?" Such corrections must be well timed and used sparingly. Usually the dog will scamper back and should be praised profusely. Until such a correction is successfully achieved, the lesson is not learnt.

For the next few weeks, the dog can be exercised with the lead trailing on the ground so that the trainer can stand on the end to recover control, if the dog's obedience lapses. Over time, the lead can be shortened until only 30cms is attached to the collar and brushing against the animal's legs as a reminder of the trainer's remote capabilities. The dog can never be certain whether or not the handler has hold of the other end and will not risk a correction. Eventually, the check lead can be removed completely.

NEW MEMBERS

The Committee, Instructors and Members would like to welcome the following new Members to the Club.

03/05/2001

McPhee Robyn	Mitchell Jeanette	Grace Andrew	Finn Anita
Barrett Family	Schilling Family	Angerinos Elise	McCran Sandra
Kelly Peter	Hanson Amber	Hopkins Family	Walter Ruth
Castle Barry/Grant	Amanda	Elliott Family	Tomaras Family
Gravolin David	Cunneen Mark	Harrison Jeanne	White Donna
Follett Family	Montgomery Christine		

CLUB CALENDAR

June

Sunday	17 June	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	18 June	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	24 June	Newsletter available
Saturday	30 June	End of financial year for all departments

July

Sunday	1 July	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	2 July	Trial entries close
Thursday	5 July	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Saturday	7 July	Trial Working Bee – to be advised
Saturday	14 July	Trial Working Bee – to be advised
Sunday	15 July	Open Obedience Trial. NO TRAINING. Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Monday	16 July	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	22 July	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Sunday	29 July	PROMOTION DAY. Newsletter available

TRIAL DATES

July

Sunday	1 st	Golden Retriever Club of Vic	Restricted to Gundog Obedience Trial
Saturday	7	Sunbury & District O D C	Agility Trial
		Canine Harness Assoc	Gig Racing (Showgrounds)
Sunday	8	GSD Club of Vic	Obedience Trial
		Canine Harness Assoc	Gig Racing (Showgrounds)
Sunday	15	GEE LONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB Obedience Trial	
Saturday	28	Moorabbin & District O D T C	Agility Trials (2)
		Canine Harness Assoc	Weight Pull (Showgrounds)
Sunday	29	Berwick O D C	Agility Trials (2)

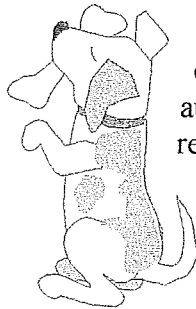
NEVER NEVER SAY IT SAY IT TWICE TWICE ON GOOD BEHAVIOUR – Gary Wilkes

Q: What do the words “bee”, “moo” and “yo” have in common?

A: Say them once and they have a particular meaning, say them twice and they mean something completely different.



While we humans are quite comfortable translating this type of “double talk”, it might surprise you to know that dogs also recognise double words, such as “sit-sit”, “down-down” and “come-come”. Some dogs are even capable of understanding “three peats” such as “sit-sit-sit” or “stay-stay-STAY!!!”



One of the most common training errors is repeating commands. If Fido does not “sit” at the first command, we automatically say the word again (“sit-sit”). Over a series of repetitions, we inadvertently teach the dog to wait patiently until the second or third command before he is required to respond. While the owner fumes about stubbornness and laziness, the dog’s comment would probably be, “Look, boss, the command isn’t “sit”, it’s “sit-sit!” I’m just waiting

for you to finish the sentence!” The ironic part of this exchange is that both participants are convinced the other is mistaken.

The primary reason for this confusion is that most people take language for granted. We are so conditioned to respond to humans that we forget that animals do not think of words as we do. They know words as sounds that are connected to particular situations. Our mistake is that we assume that dogs speak “language” and that commands “cause” behaviours to happen. If we are talking to another human and receive no response to a simple request, we automatically repeat the word on the assumption that the person did not hear us. Often this second command is spoken louder than the first, still convinced that the first word was not heard. To test this reasoning, watch the way tourists attempt to communicate with people who do not speak their language. When the first word brings no response, they automatically say it again louder. If increased loudness fails, they will probably try to pronounce the word in an exaggerated manner and sometimes add a foreign sounding ending to it, such as turning “car” into “car-o”. If a person, or a dog, does not know an association between the word and its meaning, saying it twice or twenty times will make no difference.

While repeating commands tends to erode good behaviour, there are two other types of repeated words that can seriously effect a dog’s learning potential – praise and correction. Dogs listen for praise to tell them which behaviours bring treats and affection, while scolding identifies those behaviours that should be avoided. Both praise and scolding are dependent upon good timing to be effective. Repeating the words that identify good or bad behaviour does not necessarily give them added emphasis but does slow them down. This makes it difficult for the dog to know which behaviour “caused” the praise or scolding.

For instance, if Fido likes to jump on Aunt Winnie, the time to say “No!” is at the instant he starts to jump. If you are in the habit of saying “no-no-NO” Fido has already done the deed and escaped before you got to the end of your double talk. In this case, Fido heard the first “no” as he started to jump on

Never Never Say It Say It Twice Twice

Winnie. He knows he can ignore this sound because a single “no” has little or no consequence tied to it. It is the all-important, and much louder, third “NO” that he must pay attention to. By the time he hears the third “NO” he is racing down the hallway and thinking of darting out the doggie door. All thoughts of jumping and Winnie are long forgotten.

Just as scolding must be quick to be precise, long-winded praise can be equally inefficient. If Fido decides to sit momentarily for Aunt Winnie and then jumps on her, a series of “good boy-good boy-good dog” will capture both behaviours. Instead of praising just the sit, Fido’s owner has mistakenly reinforced the jump as well. Without a fast signal to identify good behaviour, the dog will soon be convinced that the entire sequence is appropriate.

Avoiding the problem of “double talk” takes some concentration and observation. The tendency to repeat oneself is so deeply ingrained that most people are unaware that they do it. The quickest way to tell if you suffer from a case of “double talk” is to have a friend listen as you train your dog. Try to work, as you always do. Your friend may surprise you by distinctly hearing you repeat a command even though you could swear that you only said it once.

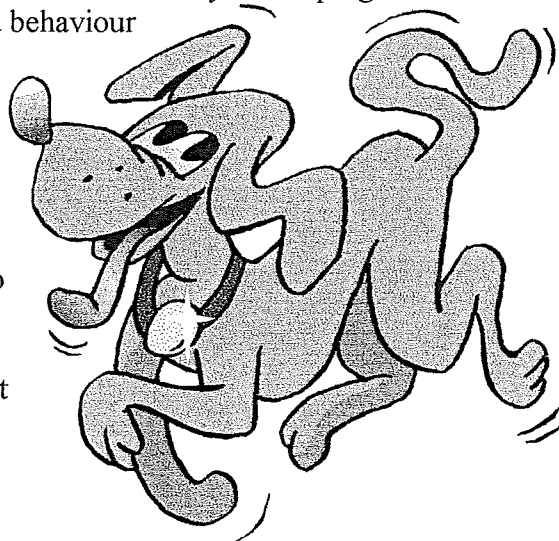
If you are fairly caught giving commands twice, don’t panic. Merely recognising the problem is half the battle. First, get a package of doggie treats at the store. Offer a small treat to your dog, so that Fido knows what you are offering. Now give the command “sit”, and bite your lip after you say the word. Wait for 30 seconds to allow your dog to realise that you aren’t going to say it twice.

If the dog sits within the time limit, praise him and give him the treat. If Fido simply stands like a zombie, turn your back and walk away from him. A very shocked Fido is most likely to quickly follow you to get another chance for the treat. Ask him to sit again. Give him another 30 seconds. If he does it, praise him and give a treat, if not, walk away and try it again.

After several attempts at getting the dog to respond to only one command, Fido will not wait for the second one. Once he realises that you aren’t going to repeat yourself, you can give him less and less time to perform the behaviour before his failure “causes” you to go away. Soon he will perform the behaviour instantly, on the first command.

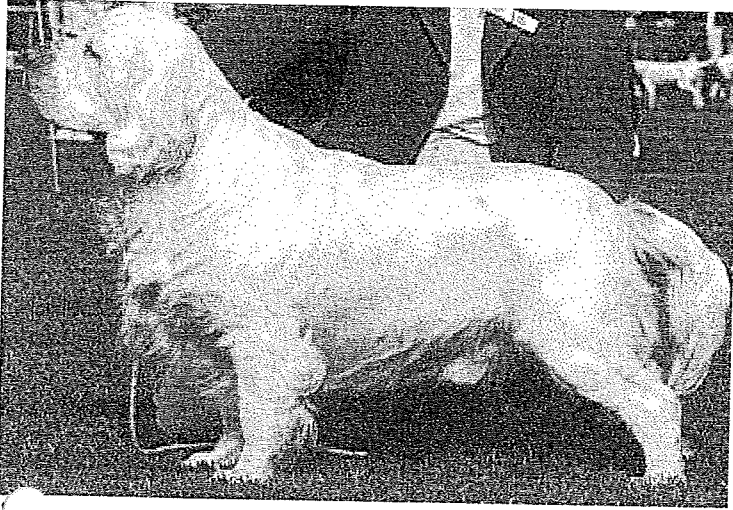
Reducing praise and scolding to a minimum is an even easier task. Start by developing the habit of saying the word “good” at the instant your dog performs a behaviour correctly. After you say “good” wait a second before you start including the normal excited and affectionate praise. By waiting a second you are prepared to withhold the more powerful reinforcers if Fido switches to an incorrect response.

In nature, the dog rarely has a second chance to respond to the sound of a bear or the smell of a rabbit. Your dog is descended from animals that must respond instantly to the slightest hint of danger or safety. To utilise your pet’s best attributes, avoid using double-talk for commands or reinforcers. It’s really not necessary to say it twice twice.



DOG BREEDS FROM A TO Z

Clumber Spaniel



Distinctively colored, the Clumber Spaniel is difficult to trace through history. He is a friendly and affectionate dog who loves to be outdoors in the country.

The breed takes its name from Clumber Park, the Duke of Newcastle's estate from the late eighteenth century. It is likely that the breed has its ancestry from the old Alpine Spaniel, possibly crossed with an early form of Basset Hound or Bloodhound, thus giving the Clumber Spaniel its heavy head and short legs. French aristocrats are known to have presented the Duke of Newcastle with Spaniels, and the breed then developed and spread to surrounding estates and families. Its reputation as a shooting dog spread with its popularity, peaking in the

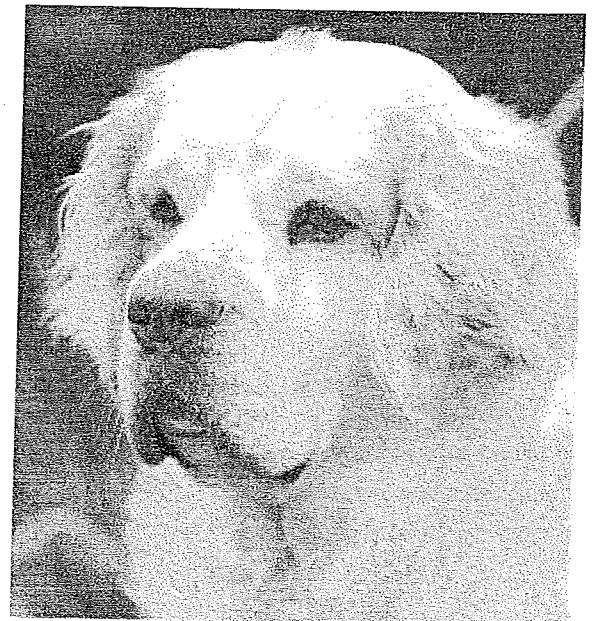
nineteenth century before waning after the Second World War. The breed is rarely seen outside of Great Britain and America.

The Clumber Spaniel is a massive dog with a thoughtful expression. It is an active dog which moves with a rolling gait. Height: 19 - 20 in (48 - 51 cm). Weight: 55 - 65 lb (25 - 29.5 kg) for dogs and 35 - 50 lb (16 - 22.7 kg) for bitches. The head is large and square with a prominent occiput, heavy eyebrows, and well-defined stop. The muzzle is heavy, and the nose is square and flesh-colored. The eyes are dark amber and slightly sunken, with some hair showing. The ears are large and vine leaf-shaped, drooping slightly forward, and well-covered with straight hair.

The coat is silky and abundant, with straight fur, and the legs are well-feathered. The coat color is the most striking feature of the Clumber Spaniel: the plain white coat is marked with lemon or orange freckling on the muzzle, and some head markings.

This big Spaniel has a personality to match its size. It is a wonderfully sociable dog that is eager to please its owner. Although not now as popular as the better known Spaniels, the dog makes both a good worker and an excellent companion. Its alert manner and strong sense of territory make it an excellent watchdog that delights in alerting its owner. Wise owners will train this Spaniel to bark at the things they consider important, to reduce any later problems. This dog does not like to be left alone for long periods of time. Rather, it benefits greatly from the closeness of people and other dogs. This beautiful-looking dog should still be treated assertively, particularly as it is growing up.

This dog is highly trainable and thrives on the tasks its owner provides. It is an intelligent dog that requires plenty of exercise. After vigorous exercise, the feet should be checked, and any debris removed from its coat. The ears should be checked regularly, particularly during hot weather, as they have restricted air flow around them. The Clumber Spaniel is a wonderful dog that should be given more recognition.



Cocker Spaniel (English)



An intelligent and independent dog with a strong personality, the English Cocker Spaniel is a devoted pet.

Originating in Spain, along with many other varieties of Spaniels, the Cocker was used in France and Britain to hunt woodcock and game. It was bred to its now recognizable breed by the Dukes of Marlborough, by crossing the original Spanish breed with King Charles Spaniels. Thus, the Cocker Spaniel was definitely established by the end of the nineteenth century. By the 1930s the Cocker was the most popular dog in Britain.

The English Cocker Spaniel is a small bundle of energy. Height: 15 - 17 in (38 - 43 cm); under Canadian standards: 16 - 17 in (40.6 - 43 cm) for the dog and 15 - 16 in (38 - 40.6 cm) for the bitch. Weight: under Canadian standards: 28 - 34 lb (12.7 - 15.4

kg) for the dog and 26 - 32 lb (11.8 - 14.5 kg) for the bitch.

The body is compact and sturdy, and should measure the same from the withers to the ground as from the withers to the root of the tail. The head is long and lean, with well-chiseled lines. The occiput is mildly prominent, with the eyebrows shielding the eyes well.

The muzzle is square, broad, straight, and powerful with a well-defined stop; lean cheeks and full jowls with a scissor bite and a broad, black nose. The eyes are brown or dark brown, with an intelligent and gentle expression. The ears are lobular and set low, level with the eyes, and extend to the tip of the nose when pulled forward. They are covered with long silky hair, and nicely frame the face. The tail is docked two-thirds its length, and carried in line with the back.

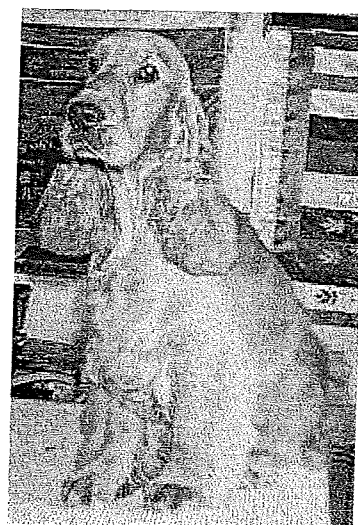
The coat is flat and silky all over, with plenty of feathering. The coat colors are many: liver, red, orange, lemon, black, and tan, and also parti-colored blue.

This wonderful little dog has a truly delightful character. The English Cocker Spaniel has a very graceful movement as it bounds around in a determined manner. Its strong sense of territory makes it a very good watchdog, and it seems to derive great pleasure in alerting its owner to the sound of potential intruders. The English Cocker Spaniel gets along very well with most other dogs, and usually wants to play.

This dog has brought a great deal of joy to the lives of people throughout the world; it is truly a most loyal companion. Although this dog has a very endearing expression, wise owners will take an assertive stand from the outset, and not allow his otherwise lovable dog to become too bossy.

The English Cocker Spaniel is an athletic dog and really appreciates regular exercise. When it cannot be vigorously exercised, its food rations should be reduced proportionately to avoid making it too fat.

Some of these dogs have an amazing ability to swim long distances and care should be taken not to allow them to be out of sight when in the water. The English Cocker Spaniel has a marvelous coat which benefits from regular brushing. A fantastic dog, which is highly recommended.



Meeting opened: 8.00 pm

Apologies: D Dickeson, F Lehrmann, P McCormack, J Brophy, B Lawrence, F Mackey, B Mackey, B Voysey, W McCraw

Acc: K Devlin

Seconded: P Pope

Carried

Minutes from the previous General Meeting as distributed in the Newsletter, taken as read

Acc: A Thorogood

Seconded: B Thorogood

Carried

Business arising from the Minutes:

1. S Noblett has books on order for the Library and approximately 20 books have been donated.
Complete list available as soon as possible

Correspondence Out: Canine Health Committee

Correspondence In: Austcare, Bloomer Family, Red Cross, Recreation Link, Ballarat Dog Obedience Club, Highton Veterinary Clinic, Helen den Hartog,

Business arising from Correspondence:

1. Helen den Hartog – After a lengthy discussion it was decided that a mediation meeting should be called to resolve this matter. Meeting to be conducted under VCA mediation guidelines

Treasurer's Report:

A Mackey presented written report and asked that all accounts be passed for payment

Other Reports:

Hall Manager: B Thorogood asked if she could purchase power point deodorants to improve the smell in the hall, as the mice were very bad at present. Members agreed

Raffle Steward: J Wallace said that two raffles had been run recently the first raised \$33.00 and the second, an Easter Raffle raised \$47.25.

Trial Secretary: J Convery said the "How you can help at the Trial forms" would be out on Sunday 22 April for return on Sunday 29 April. Also asked if members wished to include Agility and Junior Handlers in the Spirit of the West Competition. After discussion members agreed that both should be included.

Sub-Committee Reports:

P Convery read a summary report from the VCA Meeting held on Sunday 25 March at the Showgrounds. Summary of Meeting attached to the Minutes Book.

Acc: A Thorogood

Seconded: K Devlin

Carried

General Business:

1. P Convery asked if members were prepared to support the Pauls Milkbottle cap drive.
Members agreed

2. Several members commented on people parking along the fence near the horses in the back paddock. It was suggested that this could be mentioned in the Newsletter and on the Announcement Sheet again.
3. K Devlin and C Cameron both raised discussion regarding errors in their Council registration forms. Members suggested that a letter should be sent to the By-Laws Officers making him aware of the errors.
4. A Mackey asked if Instructors could send members to the Equipment Shop for Class Test Sheets instead of the Office.
5. A Mackey also asked if the speakers in the Clubrooms could be turned on during training.
6. Members asked if the grounds speed limit of 8 kms could be placed in the Newsletter and on the Announcement Sheet

As there was no further business

Meeting closed at: 9.05 pm



Obedience for the Dogs

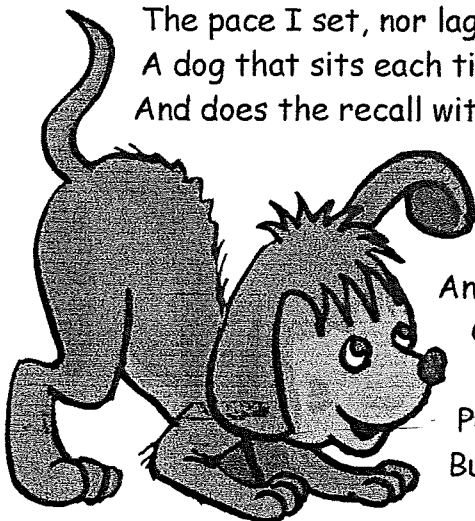
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I think that I shall never see
A dog that heels right close to me
A dog that stays right by my side
On fast or slow or normal stride

A dog that never fails to mind
The pace I set, nor lags behind
A dog that sits each time I halt
And does the recall without a fault

A dog that speeds and slows his rate
One either loop of the figure of eight
And even if there was a riot
On the sit and down will stay there quiet

Poems are made by fools like me
But only work earns that degree



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE CLUB

The following competition will be drawn from all correct entries on

Sunday 8th July – 10.30 am

Complete your answers, add your name and drop this sheet in the box on the table on the verandah. Answers can be found in the "Where do we go" booklet, Newsletter, Club Brochure or in prominent places around the Club.

First Prize a \$30.00 voucher from the Equipment shop
Second Prize a \$10.00 voucher from the Equipment shop

Your Name _____

1. What is the correct name of the Club? _____
2. What was the original name of the Club? _____
3. What is the telephone number? _____
4. What is the postal address? _____
5. Complete the following sentence, "We train _____ to train _____ dog.
6. Bitches in season can train on the ground. True False
7. You require a _____ certificate to be sighted to join the Club or renew a membership
8. All positions at the Club are v _____ y
9. How many members form the Committee? _____
10. Thongs can be worn to training? True False
11. When are General Meetings held? _____
12. Where do notices regarding training changes appear in the Geelong Advertiser? _____
13. The Club is affiliated with which organisation? _____
14. Complete the following sentence. "No dog is to be left tied up and unattended _____"
15. What is the speed limit on the grounds? _____
16. What year was the Club established? _____
17. When was the Clubhouse opened? _____
18. How many Life Members does the Club have? _____
19. Name the three certificates you and your four-legged companion can achieve _____,
_____ and _____

20. Name the current President _____ and Training Supervisor _____
21. Name three (3) of the current Instructors _____,

22. What night is Puppy Kinder held? _____
23. What is the Bar area called? _____
24. What is the Newsletter called? _____
25. What is the closing date for all articles, reports, etc? _____
26. How many Obedience Trials does the Club hold each year _____
27. Which Samoyed got his Companion Dog Title (CD) on 13 November 1983? _____
28. What was the date of the "Great Flood"? _____
29. Name five (5) items you can purchase in the Equipment Shop _____,
_____, _____
30. What is the percentage mark required in any exercise to pass your test on a Promotion Day? _____
31. Name one book in the Library written by John Fisher _____ and one
written by Michael Tucker _____
32. Name a magazine in the Library to which the Club subscribes _____
33. Unscramble the following dog breeds
- a) mrenaG pehehdSr gDo _____
 - b) drbaaLor tiveRerer _____
 - c) atelhSdn pgdoeheS _____
34. Name the country of origin of the Chow Chow _____
35. From which Duke's estate does the Clumber Spaniel take its name? _____
36. Name two (2) other canine disciplines other than Obedience _____,

37. Which two Clubs compete for the Spirit of the West Challenge? _____

38. How many dog boxes are there near the Storeroom? _____
39. How many gas burners are on the hotplate in the Canteen? _____
40. What time do the Class sessions begin?
- a) First session _____
 - b) Second session _____

2001/2002 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

PLEASE print clearly and complete all details.

Surname	Christian Name	Junior Members
		(under 18)
Address	Telephone	
	Postcode	

DOG/S DETAILS - Dogs training at the Club

Name	Breed	Age	Sex

Current Vaccination certificates must be sighted with this renewal regardless of when you joined. (Motion nos 1 & 41)

NB Failure to renew membership by Tuesday 31 July will incur the Club joining fee again

Tick type of Membership renewal required
Membership renewed to 30 June 2002

Single/Junior	Family/Dual	Pensioner Single/Junior	Pensioner Family/Dual
\$15.00	\$20.00	\$7.50	\$10.00

Library Membership \$2.00

(to be paid at Office when renewing Membership)

Are you a VCA member? Yes No

Office Use

Amount	Cash/Cheque	Receipt No	Vaccination Card/s Sighted
			Yes No