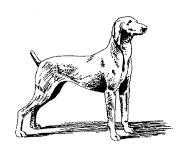
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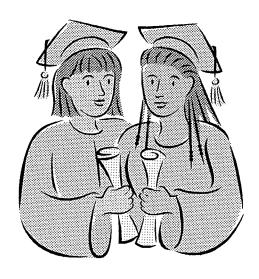
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Motion from the General Meeting 3rd December 2002

'that the Basic Certificate title be changed to the Graduate Certificate from 2003'

The Certificates for which you are aiming, are now called

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi all and welcome back to training for 2003. Welcome also to our new Members, I hope you enjoy your stay with us and that you achieve your goals with your canine companions.

But, back to 2002 for a moment. Thank you to those Committee, Instructors and Non-Committee Members who helped make the last day of training very successful, Rachel (Mrs Claus) with her helper Naomi kept the food and drinks going and even Victor was cooking up a storm on the BBQ at one stage and Sandy, Leonie and Janelle supervised games in the chain ring. Santa called in and entertained the Juniors and John did a wonderful job with a great array of Christmas Hampers to raffle and a special first prize which was donated by Lianne Gough. In particular I would like to congratulate the Members who entered the "Best dressed Christmas Dog" competition. You all deserved first prize for your effort, some of the costumes were really great. Lastly, I would like to thank the Members who phoned me the following week, to thank the Club for an entertaining morning, it's the simple things that make working for the Club very rewarding.

So, on to 2003, which is going to be a very busy year with a Walk-a-thon in the planning and changes to our Trials. As usual we will be looking for lots of help, so please don't look at the sky or check out the growth of the grass when someone comes to your Class asking for volunteers. If we all do our bit then the workload is shared and we can all enjoy our time at the Club.

In closing, I would just like to remind all Members that it is your responsibility to notify the Office of any changes to your Membership details. Such things as getting married, changing address, adding a Member or a dog all need to be recorded and only take a few minutes of your time.

Best wishes for the new training year **Pam Convery – Secretary**

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The Best Part About Owning A Dog...

Author Unknown - sent in by Elaine Longshaw

- is the way he will come over to see me, for no reason, ... just to let me know I'm important to him...
- is the way he looks into my eyes and finds contentment in simply being near me...
- is the way he will run all over the yard, fetch a soggy tennis ball and bring it back to me as if to say "look mom, it's all I have, but it's yours...
- is the way he wakes me up in the morning by pushing his cold wet nose in my ear and snuffing loudly...
- is the way he shreds toilet paper all over the house, because it's fun even though he knows he shouldn't...
- is the way he comes over to me when he is sad...
- is the way he wedges himself near me when I am sad and push all others away, to console me with his love...
- is the way he doesn't care about bad hair day or overdue bills...
- is the way he loves you, even when you are impatient with him and have no time this morning for a game of tug-a-war...
- is the way his coat feels like liquid silk under my fingers...
- is the way he finds wisdom beyond words

NEVER EAT AND RUN

Reprinted from the Lort Smith Animal Hospital Newsletter - Summer 2002

Remember when you were a child and your mother always said that you should never go swimming or do any sort of exercise for at least 30 minutes after you had your lunch? Well, the same applies to your dog, especially if it is a large breed deep chested dog. This includes Pointers, German Shepherds, Weimaraner, Dobermann and even Basset hounds. The reason for this is that after eating, the stomach becomes a big round solid ball inside the abdomen. With these breeds of dogs, due to the deep and sometimes wide chest, the effects of exercise could result in the enlarged stomach twisting on itself because there is so much room within the abdomen. This means that both the outlet and the inlet of the stomach are blocked - much like when you blow up a balloon and twist the end. Nothing goes in. Nothing comes out. This is commonly referred to as bloat.

A very dangerous situation arises: the twisting means that the blood supply to the stomach becomes blocked causing the stomach tissue to die. The lack of outflow means that gases can form in the stomach and without an escape route, it starts to fill up more and more. The stomach becomes very hard and very tight – this then

pushes against the diaphragm, causing breathing problems for the dog, and also pushes and blocks the major vessels to and from the heart, which are supplying the back half of the body. If all this sounds scary, it is! For the owner, for the dog and for the Vet. The dog can then go into shock and eventually die if left untreated.

Some signs you may see: signs of discomfort or unrest, marked abdominal distension (stomach bloating up), attempting to vomit with nothing produced, dog collapsing or signs of weakness, pale or white gums. While these symptoms may also indicate other problems, it is especially important that if you see them in combination that you seek Veterinary assistance immediately particularly if your dog has just been fed recently and had exercise and in the high-risk group.

Prevention is simple: feed smaller frequent meals rather than one huge meal. Avoid encouraging your dog to perform any exercise for at least 30 minutes after eating (the longer the better) – even encouraging it to roll on its back for a belly scratch can be risky.

Do, do as your mother told you, and should also tell your dog the same thing!

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THE FARMER'S PUPPIES Author Unknown. Sent in by Elaine Longshaw

A farmer had some puppies he needed to sell. He painted a sign advertising the pups and set about nailing it to a post on the edge of his yard. As he was driving the last nail into the post, he felt a tug on his overalls. He looked down into the eyes of a little boy. "Mister," he said, "I want to buy one of your puppies." "Well," said the farmer, as he rubbed the sweat of the back of his neck, "These puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money."

The boy dropped his head for a moment. Then reaching deep into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change and held it up to the farmer. "I've got thirty-nine cents. Is that enough to take a look?" "Sure," said the farmer. And with that he let out a whistle, "Here, Dolly!" he called. Out from the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly followed by four little balls of fur. The little boy pressed his face against the chain link fence. His eyes danced with delight. As the dogs made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse.

Slowly another little ball appeared, this one noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then in a somewhat awkward manner, the little pup began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up.... "I want that one," the little boy said, pointing to the runt. The farmer knelt down at the boy's side and said, "Son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would."

With that the little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and began rolling up one leg of his trousers. In doing so he revealed a steel race running down both sides of his leg attaching itself to a specially made shoe. Looking back up at the farmer, he said, "You see sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands."



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Ken says, "It is excellent doing something I not only enjoy, but am also reaping the rewards for my efforts from. I have been operating for over 3 years now and can honestly say the decision to purchase an Aussie Pooch Mobile franchise has been a good one. The ongoing support and back up service Aussie Pooch Mobile provides helps ensure each franchisee's success. I have not looked back".

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- 1. TYPE and RANGE of Veterinary service provided
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March 2003

Life and Responsibilities Author Unknown

If you lived as a child in the 40's, 50's, 60's or 70's, looking back, it's hard to believe that we have lived as long as we have...

Our cots were covered with bright coloured lead-based paint. We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors, or cupboards, and when we rode our bikes we had no helmets.

We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle. Horrors!

We would spend hours building go-carts out of scraps and then rode down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times we learned to solve the problem.

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day. No mobile phones. Unthinkable!

We got cut and broke bones and broke teeth, and there were no lawsuits from these accidents. They were accidents. No one was to blame, but us. Remember accidents?

We had fights and punched each other and got black and blue and learned to get over it.

We ate patty cakes, bread and butter, and drank cordial, but we were never overweight...we were always outside playing. We shared one drink with four friends, from one bottle and no one died from this.

Life and Responsibilities (continued)

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo 64, X-Boxes, video games, 65 channels on pay TV, video tape movies, surround sound, personal mobile phones, Personal Computers, Internet chat rooms ... we had friends. We went outside and found them. We rode bikes or walked to a friend's home and knocked on the door, or rung the bell, or just walked in and talked to them. Imagine such a thing. Without asking a parent! By ourselves! Out there in the cold cruel world! Without a guardian - how did we do it?

We made up games with sticks and tennis balls, and ate worms, and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes, nor did the worms live inside us forever.

Footy and netball had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't, had to learn to deal with disappointment.....

Some students weren't as smart as others so they failed a grade and were held back to repeat the same grade. Tests were not adjusted for any reason.

Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected. No one to hide behind. The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke a law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law - imagine that!

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers and problem solvers and inventors, ever. The past 50 years has been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all. And you're one of them. Congratulations! You were lucky enough to grow up before lawyers and governments regulated your life......for your own good!!!!!!



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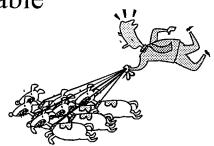
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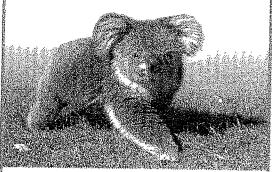
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UP COMING TRIALS

	<u>UP COMI</u>	NG TRIALS
FEBRUARY Sat 15 th	Obedience	Melton D O C Inc
Sat 22 nd	Agility	Bairnsdale & District D O C inc
Sun 23 rd	Obedience Agility	Eastern Suburbs O D C Bairnsdale & District D O C inc
MARCH Sat 1 st	Agility (2)	Knox Obedience D C Inc
Sat 8 th	Agility & Obedience	Warmambool D T S Inc
Sun 9 th	Agility & Obedience	Warmambool D T S Inc
Sat 15 th	Obedience	Southern Obedience D T C
Sun 16 th	Obedience	Victorian O D C Inc
Sat 22 nd	Preliminary Tracking	Tracking Club of Vic Inc
Sun 23 rd	Obedience Agility (2)	Knox Obedience D T C Inc Gisborne & Dist O D C Inc
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20/10/02 Bree Schammer	Fernfall Sail Away Golden Retriever	Altona C O D C	Encouragement	2 nd Place	NQ
10/11/02 Bree Schammer	Fernfall Sail Away Golden Retriever	Geelong O D C	Encouragement	2 nd Place	Pass
17/11/02 Bree Schammer	Fernfall Sail Away Golden Retriever	Ballaraat O D C	Encouragement	4 th On count back	Pass
23/11/02 Bree Schammer	Fernfall Sail Away Golden Retriever	Portland O D C	Novice	1 st Place	1 st Pass
24/11/02 Bree Schammer	Fernfall Sail Away Golden Retriever	Portland O D C	Novice	2 nd Place	2 nd Pass
8/12/02 Jenny Chase	Cooper Clay Boxer	Croydon O D C	Encouragement		Pass

CANINE PERSONALITY PROFILE

Drive Motivation

First of all, what are drives? Drives are instinctive behaviours that every dog enters this world with. The behavioural traits that we observe in our dogs are arranged into four major categories: prey, pack, fight and flight. How these traits are arranged and their intensity helps to determine a dog's temperament and personality. Understanding drive motivation is also helpful in finding which rewarding techniques work best with a particular dog.

- The Prey Drive involves behaviours associated with hunting, killing prey, and feeding.
- The **Pack Drive** includes behaviours associated with being part of the pack, social interaction, and reproduction.
- The Fight Drive involves aggressive behaviours governed by survival and self-preservation.
- Lastly, the Flight Drive includes avoidance behaviours governed also by survival and selfpreservation.

Questionnaire

The questionnaire below will help you to determine your dog's own drive motivation. Answer the questions and tally your *yes* and *no* responses from each category - prey, pack, fight and flight. An analysis of your results appears just below the last category, at the bottom of the page. Your will need to know how many *yes* responses were given in each category.

Prey Drive

Circle your response. Does your dog? -

	a total	Yes	No
1.	Sniff the ground or air a lot?	1 03	
2.	Get excited by moving objects?	Yes	No
3.	Stalk cats, other dogs, or objects in the grass?	Yes	No
4.	When excited, bark in a high-pitched voice?	Yes	No
5.	Pounce on toys?	Yes	No
6.	Jump on the kitchen counter to steal food?	Yes	No
7.	Shake and "kill" toys?	Yes	No
8.	Rip soft objects apart?	Yes	No
9.	Wolf down food?	Yes	No
10	. Like to carry objects around?	Yes	No
11	. Like to dig?	Yes	No
12	. Like to bury things?	Yes	No

Canine Personality Profile (continued) Pack Drive

Circle your r	esponse.	Does	your	dog?	_
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on one your response. Does your dog! -		
1. Get along with other dogs?	Yes	No
2. Get along with people?	Yes	No
3. Bark when left alone?	Yes	No
4. Solicit petting or like to snuggle with you?	Yes	No
5. Respond to verbal praise?	Yes	No
6. Like to be groomed?	Yes	No
7. Seek eye contact with you?	Yes	No
8. Tremble or whine when asked to stay?	Yes	No
9. Act like your shadow and follow you around?	Yes	No
10. Play with you and other dogs?	Yes	No
11. Jump up to greet people?	Yes	No
12. Show reproductive behaviors, such as mounting other dogs?	Yes	No
Defense Drive: - Fight Response Circle your response. Does your dog? -		
1. Stand his ground or investigate strange objects or sounds?	Yes	No
2. Like to play tug-of-war games to win?	Yes	No
3. Bark or growl in a deep tone?	Yes	No
4. Guard his territory?	Yes	No
5. Guard his owners?	Yes	No
6. Guard food or toys?	Yes	No
7. Dislike being petted?	Yes	No
8. Dislike being groomed or bathed?	Yes	No
9. Growl or bite at the leash?	Yes	No
10. Dominate over other dogs when confronted?	Yes	No
11. Like to fight or play rough?	Yes	No
12. Get picked on by older dogs?	Yes	No
Grele your response. Does your dog? —		
1. Run away from new situations?	Yes	No
2. Hide behind you when he cannot cope with a situation?	Yes	No
3. Avoid unfamiliar distractions?	Yes	No
4. Run away from you when asked to stay?	Yes	No
5. Crowd you while walking on leash?	Yes	No

Canine Personality Profile (continued) No Yes 6. Put all hackles up when meeting a new person or dog? No Yes 7. Have difficulty coming close to you when you call him? No 8. Crawl on belly or turn upside-down when verbally reprimanded? Yes No 9. Have difficulty standing still when met by a stranger? Yes No 10. Submissively urinate when he thinks he has made a mistake? Yes No Yes 11. Submissively urinate when meeting another dog? No Yes 12. Show a tendency to bite when cornered? Summary of Responses

Prey Drive:	Yes	No
Pack Drive:	Yes	No
Defence (Fight):	Yes	No
Defence (Flight):	Yes	No



Results

Any category with more than six yes responses signifies that this type of motivation drives your dog. For example, 8 yes responses in the Prey Drive category signifies that your dog is prey driven. We can use this information to aide in telling us which rewards work best with our dogs and how to train our dogs in these drives. It also helps us to understand and accept a dog's instinctive personality and to work with it appropriately.

The use of hand signals, a high-pitched tone of voice, and an object of attraction, such as food or toys, elicit the Prey Drive. This is a positive drive, one that we want to bring out in our dogs.

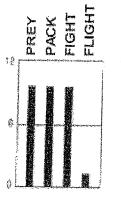
The Pack Drive is elicited by touching, playing and social interaction. This is also a positive drive, one that we want to bring out in our dogs.

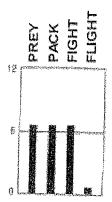
The two defence drives, Fight and Flight are usually negative in nature, and are undesirable in our dogs. Leaning over the dog, punishment, and a low tone of voice should be avoided with dogs that are fight or flight motivated.

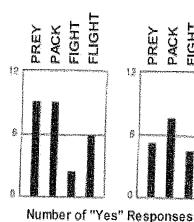
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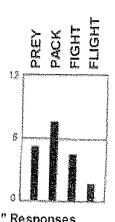
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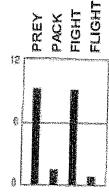
Canine Personality Profile (continued)













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Dog who is best trained with guidance, patience and praise

Independent, challenging dog that is best motivated with objects

Intelligent and stimulated dog that needs an experienced handler

CERTIFICATE PASSES – PROMOTION DAY 8th DECEMBER 2002

Beginners

Rachel Johnstone & Gohan Karen Roupas & Zali Keryn McNaught & Ember Steve McLachlan & Carley Megan Gray & Riley Vicki Dahlhaus & Duke Lianne Gough & Bella Joel Borch & Ruby

Linda Rickett & Mason Doris Hawkins & Geordie Trisha Pownceby & Pugsley Frances Baensch & Dozer Tina Camm & Rowdy Peter Edwards & Daisy Steve Coventry & Abby

Robyn Youl & Tawnee Roely Jenkins & Bonnie Helen Stow & Grundy Patricia Close & Molly Simon Conron & Greta Debbie McKee & Kosta Harry Anderson & Zoe

Merit

Jim Jessen & Cruise Belinda Bailey & Cleo Lesley Bruton & Kelly Cecil Pickard & Tara Meinhard Breiberg & Ben

Basics

Gus Rogers & Jock Michelle Urquhart & Shade Tara Middleton & Dylan

Sarah Eagles & Nanook Victor Douglas & Bridie David Dunoon & Rafter Peter Roupas & Elke Tara Middleton & Dylan

Julian Sanders & Spud Meinhard Breiberg & Ben Rosemary O'Sullivan & Harley

Elizabeth Alston & Wally David Bauzon & Saeba David Dunoon & Peekay Anya Whyte & Molly

Luba Hopkins & Jessie Mark Kilbourne & Videl

Titles for 2002

Companion Dog (CD)

Flynn Ch Rakaaz Nara Flynn (A) TD ET Susie Baird

GSD Tess Shepbrae Van Lyn Bill & Beryl Jackson

Border Collie Poppy Dunnwarren Blue Curacao Peter Baker

Companion Dog Excellent (CDX)

Rottweiler Caden Bailifscourt Aboss Alibi (A) CD Val Moeller

Agility Dog (AD)

Border Collie Meg Lindenbrae Wildrose Tyra Trish Gavaghan

Jumping Dog (JD)

Border Collie Sorcha Ch Jarrebor Taras Radiance CDX AD ET Libby Hotchin Border Collie Meg Lindenbrae Wildrose Tyra AD Trish Gavaghan

Endurance Test (ET)

Rottweiler Ella Rakaaz Nara Finesse (A) Susie Baird Associate Ben Kityees Ben Nola Appleton Cooper Boxer Tylker Janesh Jenny Chase Boxer Kimbo Shionabox The Wishmaster Betty & Roy Lawrence Boxer Yoda Tearleen Madam Mizelle Betty & Roy Lawrence Associate TJTJ

Gordon & Wendy McCraw

Aust Shepherd Isaebel Silvanwood Star Force CD Gordon & Wendy McCraw



Geelong Obedience Dog Club End of Year Awards 2002



Rottweiler



Registered Obedience Dog of the Year

Dunnwarren Blue Curacao CD (Poppy)





gility Dog of the Year

Border Collie

Trish Gavaghan

Lindenbrae Wildrose Tyra AD JD (Meg)



Committee/Instructor of the Year



Shirley Fletcher



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March 2003

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RATES

12 months

6 issues (bi-monthly - odd months)

\$50.00

1 edition

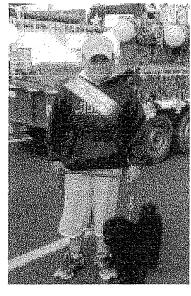
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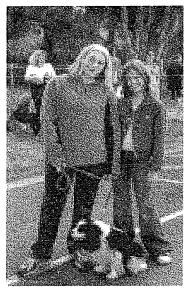
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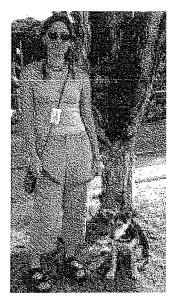
CRITERIA FOR TRAINEE INSTRUCTORS

- 1. Merit Certificate pass to commence as Trainee. Graduate Certificate (Basics Certificate) pass required before you commence instructing.
- 2. Reasonable term of commitment (12 months)
- 3. Willingness to attend Trainee Instructor's Meetings (as per program) and also attend Instructor's Meetings
- 4. Ability to communicate with people and impart knowledge clearly to a Class
- 5. Realise that this is a commitment and your dog will receive a little less attention

GALA PARADE 2002







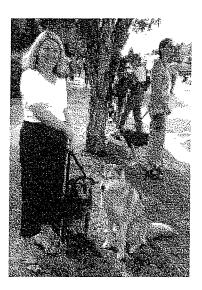














The Club participated in the Gala Parade on November 1st 2002

We had an enjoyable morning and the weather was perfect. The crowd, especially the children, enjoyed seeing and patting the dogs.

I wish to extend a big thank-you to those who helped decorate and undecorated the trailer.

I also wish to extend my thanks to those who walked in the parade. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves and hopefully we see you later in 2003.

Also a thank-you to Naomi for towing the trailer (Go the girls) your assistance was much appreciated.

Publicity Officer - Sandy Malady





Book Review

"Clicking With Your Dog - Step-by-Step In Pictures"
Written and Illustrated by Peggy Tillman

This book is one of the latest additions to the Club Library. The book shows you how to teach your dog good manners, obedience skills and great tricks without using punishment or force. I found the book very easy to read and the illustrations are clutter free and simple to follow.

Most exercises in the book use a small plastic clicker that makes a unique sound when it is pressed. The dog learns that the sound means yes, that is what I want you to do, it communicates very effectively to dogs that they have done the right thing and leaves them eager to do more (and when I started using the clicker I enjoyed training much more too as my dog was much more willing and eager). Dog trainers began using clicker training in 1992 but other animals such as dolphins had been trained using the same method for many years prior to that time. Clicker training is a fun game for dogs - you have something the dog wants (usually a food reward) and he must do something for you to get it. The clicker is a teaching tool. Once your dog learns a command you no longer need to use the clicker for that skill.

This book teaches basic obedience skills such as sit, drop, stand, walking on a loose leash and shows examples of how to deal with problem behaviours such as:

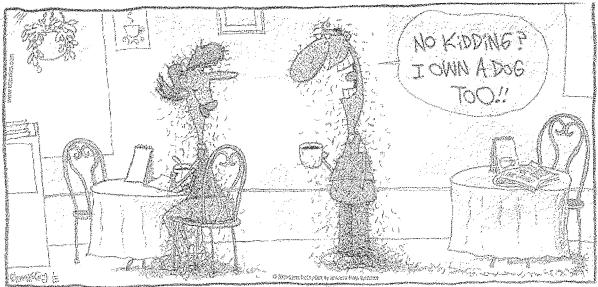
Jumping on people
Pulling on the leash
House training
Chewing
Not coming when called
Rough play
Barking

Begging
Hyperactive dogs
Growling or snapping
Introducing the car
Handling the dog for veterinary visits and for grooming

There is also a host of useful tricks in the book such as putting toys away, turning on light switches, closing doors and spin. Many other topics are covered such as children and canine safety, playing safely with dogs, healthy food, socialisation, companionship, play and stimulation (mental and physical). I highly recommend this book to anyone, but especially to beginners and those wanting to learn more about clicker training.

Clickers can be order at the Club's Equipment Shop or there is an antique store in Geelong not far from the Wool Exchange that sells antique toys including the old party clickers. Children's party clickers can be purchased from party supply stores and are not expensive. Also the word 'yes' can replace the click if need be.

Review written by Helen Green



Why dogs are so important in our lives Sent in by Elaine Longshaw

Mary and her husband Jim had a dog, Lucky. Lucky was a real character. Whenever Mary and Jim had company come for a weekend visit they would warn their friends to not leave their luggage open because Lucky would help himself to whatever struck his fancy. Inevitably someone would forget and something would come up missing. Mary or Jim would go to Lucky's toy box in the basement and there the treasure would be, amid all of Lucky's favourite toys. Lucky always stashed his finds in his toy box and he was very particular that his toys stay in the box.

It happened that Mary found out she had breast cancer. Something told her she was going to die of this disease...she was just sure it was fatal. She scheduled the double mastectomy, fear riding her shoulders. The night before she was to go to the hospital she cuddled with Lucky. A thought struck her...what would happen to Lucky? Although the three year old dog liked Jim he was Mary's dog through and through. If I die Lucky will be abandoned, Mary thought. He won't understand that I didn't want to leave him.

The thought made her sadder than thinking of her own death. The double mastectomy was harder on Mary than her doctors had anticipated and Mary was hospitalised for over two weeks. Jim took Lucky for his evening walk faithfully but the dog just drooped, whining and miserable. But finally the day came for Mary to leave the hospital. When she arrived home Mary was so exhausted she couldn't even make it up the steps to her bedroom. Jim made his wife comfortable on the couch and left her to nap. Lucky stood watching Mary but he didn't come to her when she called. It made Mary sad but sleep soon overcame her and she dozed.

When Mary woke for a second she couldn't understand what was wrong. She couldn't move her head and her body felt heavy and hot. Panic soon gave way to laughter though when Mary realized the problem...she was covered, literally blanketed in every treasure Lucky owned! While she had slept the sorrowing dog had made trip after trip to the basement and back bringing his beloved mistress his favourite things in life. He had covered her with his love.

Mary forgot about dying. Instead she and Lucky began living again, walking further and further together every night. It's been 12 years now and Mary is still cancer-free. Lucky? He still steals treasures and stashes them in his toy box but Mary remains his greatest treasure.

EQUIPMENT SHOP NEWS

Call in to the Equipment Shop and see the range of Club Vests,
Jumpers and Polo Shirts

Next order closes

Sunday 23rd February

\$10.00 deposit required with order



VALE

"Jessie"

14 March 1989 – 2 December 2002

Sadly missed by Pam, Janelle, "Toby" and "Brodie"

You were a rescue dog from a very shaky beginning. Sadly, you never reached your full potential as a Trial dog, as our knowledge was too limited at the time to overcome the problems created by your original owners. But as a loyal companion, you were always first at the gate to welcome us home.

Free to play in the fields of heaven with "Sasha"

CLUB CALENDAR 2003

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January	16.7	00° 2 00 nm to 8 00 nm
Thursday	16 January	Office re-opens – 2.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Monday	27 January	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
February		
Sunday	2 February	Training resumes. Newsletter available
	4 February	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Tuesday	-	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Thursday	6 February	Puppy Killder for pupples 6 - 10 weeks
Sunday	9 February	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for all fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Saturday	15 February	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Monday	17 February	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	23 February	Newsletter available
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March	0.341.	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Sunday	2 March	
Thursday	6 March	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Sunday	9 March	Labour Day weekend. NO TRAINING
Saturday	15 March	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Monday	17 March	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	23 March	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Sunday	30 March	Newsletter available
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April	4 A 14	a 1 Martine 2 00 mm unload athoropies advised
Tuesday	1 April	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Thursday	3 April	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Sunday	6 April	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	14 April	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Tuesday	15 April	Newsletter closes for articles, report, etc
Sunday	20 April	Easter Sunday. NO TRAINING
Tuesday	22 April	Trial entries close
Friday	25 April	Anzac Day
-	26 April	Trial Working Bee – to be advised
Saturday	-	PROMOTION DAY. Newsletter available
Sunday	27 April	PROMOTION DAT. Newsletter available
May		
Thursday	1 May	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Friday	2 May	Trial Working Bee – to be advised
Saturday	3 May	BACK-TO-BACK AGILITY TRIAL
Sunday	4 May	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Thursday	15 May	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	18 May	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 month. Spirit of the West
Sunday	10 Iviay	Challenge proposed date - to be advised
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Monday	19 May	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm Newsletter available. Spirit of the West Challenge proposed date - to be advised
Sunday	25 May	Newsletter available. Spirit of the West Chancinge proposed date to be devised
June		
Sunday	1 June	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	3 June	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Thursday	5 June	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Sunday	8 June	Queen's Birthday weekend. NO TRAINING
-		Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	15 June	
Monday	16 June	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	22 June	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Sunday	29 June	Newsletter available
Monday	30 June	End of financial year for all departments. Trial entries close
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July	0.7.1	
Thursday	•	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Saturday	5 July	Trial Working Bee – to be advised
Sunday	6 July	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Friday	11 July	I rial Working Bee – to be advised
Saturday	12 July	OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIAL
Sunday	13 July	OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIAL. NO TRAINING
Tuesday	15 July	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	20 July	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	21 July	Instructor's Meeting - 7.30 pm
Sunday	27 July	PROMOTION DAY. Newsletter available
August		
Sunday	3 August	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	5 August	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Thursday	7 August	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Friday	15 August	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	17 August	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	18 August	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm. Distribution of nominations for Training Sup.
Sunday	31 August	Newsletter available
September		
Thursday	4 September	
Sunday	7 September	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	9 September	Committee and Non-Committee nominations close
Monday	15 September	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Wednesday		Nominations close for Training Supervisor
Sunday	21 September	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	22 September	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm. Election of Training Supervisor
Tuesday	23 September	Life Membership nominations close
Sunday	28 September	PROMOTION DAY. Newsletter available
October		
Thursday	2 October	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Sunday	5 October	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	7 October	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 8.00 pm
Wednesday		Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	19 October	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	20 October	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Sunday	26 October	Newsletter available
Monday	27 October	Trial entries close
Thursday	30 October	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 - 16 weeks
November		
Saturday	1 November	Trial Working Bee – to be advised
Sunday	2 November	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Saturday	8 November	I rial Working Bee – to be advised
Sunday	9 November	BACK TO BACK OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIAL. NO TRAINING
Saturday	15 November	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	16 November	Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Sunday	23 November	Newsletter available. End of Year Awards closing date
Monday	24 November	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Thursday	27 November	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 - 16 weeks
December		
Tuesday	2 December	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Sunday	7 December	PROMOTION DAY
Sunday	14 December	Last day of training

Meeting opened: 8.00 pm

Apologies: B Mackey, J Wong, E Longshaw, J Wayth, D Dickeson, A Wallace, J Brophy

Acc: L Kelleher Seconded: T Thomas

Carried

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

Acc: C Humphreys

Seconded: J Wallace

Carried

Business arising from the Minutes

Nil

Correspondence Out: Letter to the Mayor, Local Member & Vic Roads re speed limit & road signs

Correspondence In: Vic Roads, Cr Barbara Abley, Alister Paterson, Scott Cavanagh, C of G G re grounds allocation, Werribee O D C, VCA re Insurance

Business arising from Correspondence

- 1. New speed limit signs and concealed driveway signs have been place on Breakwater Road
- 2. VCA re Insurance Concern was express regarding the Public Liability Insurance proposals by the VCA. A Thorogood is currently collecting information from a local Insurance Agent. Several Committee Members will be attending the VCA Meeting at the Showgrounds on Monday 9th December.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer, no report available

Other Reports

Canteen Manager – R Johnstone gave a verbal report. Thanked everyone for their help at November's Trial. The Cake Stall takings were \$210.00 and the Canteen takings were \$310.00. The Sunday sausage sizzles are very profitable and the Canteen is working well.

Grounds Manager – V Douglas and T Thomas reported that they had finally worked out the timer on the sprinkler system. The new fence on the back paddock had been completed with the help of Peter Baker and Mel Creati. The picture rails in the Clubrooms would be completed before Christmas and the new dogs boxes first thing in the new year.

Publicity Officer - S Malady read written report. Report attached to the Minutes Book

Raffle Steward – J Wallace read written report. Report attached to the Minutes Book

Social Secretary - L Kelleher read written report. Report attached to the Minutes Book

Trial Secretary - J Convery read written report. Report attached to the Minutes Book

Sub-Committee Reports

Nil

Acc: P McCormack

Seconded: K Devlin

Carried

General Business

1. Committee recommendation from Committee Meeting 19th November 'that the roller door on the Barwon River end of the Storeroom be replaced at an approximate cost of \$540.00'

Adopted by: M McNair

Seconded: F Lehrmann

Carried

GENERAL MEETING 3 December 2002

2. Committee recommendation from Committee meeting 19th November. Changes to Motion No 84 **Motion 84 reads** –

'that any members at a VCA sanctioned Obedience Trial, who gains a score of 90 points or more, be passed for the Beginners' Obedience Certificate at Club level and that any Member who gains a score of 150 points in the Novice Class, qualifying in each exercise be passed for Basic Obedience Certificate at club level. Score for each exercise to be marked on the reverse of the Exhibit Number Ticket and signed and date by the Judge on the day'.

Amendment

"that the words 'be passed for the Merit Obedience Certificate' be placed after 90 points or more, replacing 'be passed for Beginners' Obedience Certificate'.

Adopted by: F Lehrmann

Seconded: H Read

Carried

3. H Read moved 'that this amendment be effective to cover Members successful at the Open Obedience Trial on Sunday 10th November 2002.

Seconded: J Convery

Carried

- 4. H Read suggested that long standing Members of the Club could be given recognition by placing an article in the Newsletter. Members agreed.
- 5. Motor Cross have asked if we would send a letter to C of G G re new regulation which involved not tying down tyres on the Motor Cross Track causing possible flood problems of tyres on the Club grounds which would be worse than in previous years. Members agreed
- 6. As new Class Test Certificates need to be designed and printed, P Convery asked if it was possible to change the name of the "Basic Certificate" as this was very confusing to new Members in particular. Any change would need to be decided by February's General Meeting. After some discussion L Kelleher moved 'that the Basic Certificate title be changed to the Graduate Certificate from 2003'.

Seconded" J Convery Carried

- 7. M McNair expressed concern at the dust coming from the Motor Cross track on Sunday 24th November. A Thorogood had spoken to Motor Cross on the day and a Member from their Club had spoken to P Convery on Sunday 1st December. This problem is a rare occurrence and Motor Cross are not in a financial position to purchase a water tanker for permanent use.
- 8. H Read asked about the requirement for Members to attend a set number of Classes before being eligible to be tested on Promotion Days. This idea had been discussed at Instructor's Meetings but as yet has not been ratified by either a Committee Meeting or a General Meeting.
- 9. R Johnstone suggested that the Club may need to look at price increases in the Canteen. Members were asked to consider this item for February's General Meeting.
- 10. C Humphreys asked if it was possible to replace the Instructor's Jackets as they hadn't been renewed for several years. After discussion it was suggested that this should be discussed at the next Instructor's Meeting to gauge the Instructors feeling on the matter. During the discussion it was also suggested that a Class location plan be placed on the Office windows to make it easier to direct Members to Classes.
- 11. P McCormack asked if it was possible for the Club to organise a VisPat Meeting. As the Club only provides the facility for such Meetings it was suggested that P McNabb at the Guide Dogs Association be contacted if a Meeting was necessary.

As there was no further business

Meeting closed: 9.30pm