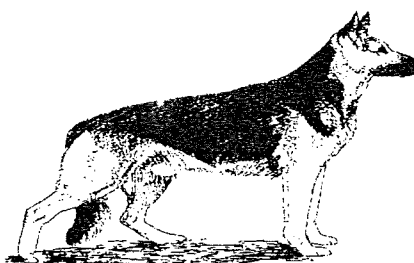
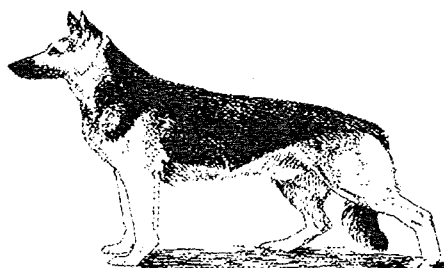
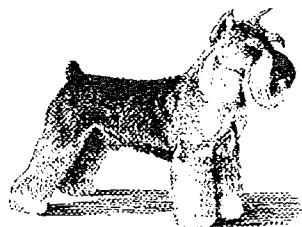
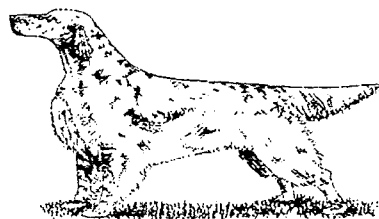
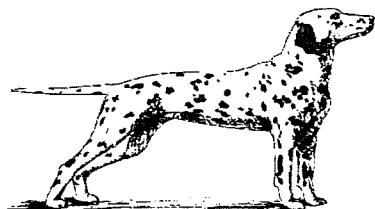
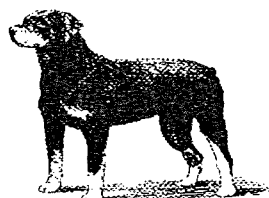


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REPORTS

GROUNDS MANAGER

Well, the grass is growing strongly and the Council is very slow in cutting the main grounds, so don't blame me. With the help of John Consedine, I have trimmed all around the trees and bushes. and that may see us through to our Trial when we have our Working Bee to get the grounds perfect. That will be on 13 November - one week before the Trial and then another Working Bee to set up the rings and Clubhouse on Saturday 20 November. So keep those dates in mind, even an hour or so will be appreciated.

Soon we will know (I hope) if the Rowing Course idea will go ahead and consequently we will be moved to the new grounds. The Council promised to plant trees, etc for us, that is if you can believe them, but never the less, there will be plenty for us to do and I hope that the Club will get plenty of help from all the members.

The ride-on mower has been overhauled and back in action, but the little Massport will soon be next for service, so once again, if there is someone amongst our members who can do that, let me know.

The nominations for our next Committee have closed by now and there is still open spaces. If you feel like helping come to the Annual General Meeting on 5 October and be counted. It's the best way to have your say and not behind the fence.

Fred Lehrmann - Grounds Manager

Upcoming Trials

2/10/99	Knox Obedience Dog Club Inc	Agility (2)	Closed
2/10/99	Murray Valley Obedience Dog Club Inc	Obedience	Closed
3/10/99	Murray Valley Obedience Dog Club Inc	Obedience	Closed
3/10/99	Warringal Obedience Dog Club Inc	Obedience	Closed
8/10/99	GSD Club of Victoria (Open Trial)	Obedience	Closed
9/10/99	Southern Obedience Dog Training Club	Agility (2)	Closed
10/10/99	Knox Obedience Dog Club Inc	Obedience	Closed
17/10/99	Australian Kelpie Club Inc (Rest. to Breed)	Obedience	Closed
17/10/99	Australian Kelpie Club Inc (Rest. to Breed)	Agility	Closed
17/10/99	Altona Civic Obedience Dog Club Inc	Obedience	3/10/99
23/10/99	Werribee Obedience Dog Club Inc	Obedience	8/10/99
24/10/99	Schnauzer Club Inc (Rest. to Breed)	Obedience	1/10/99
24/10/99	Gisborne & District Obedience Dog Club Inc	Obedience	12/10/99
30/10/99	Working Dog Club Inc (Rest. to Group 5)	Agility	9/10/99
30/10/99	Working Dog Club Inc (Rest. to Group 5)	Obedience	9/10/99
30/10/99	Warrnambool Dog Training School Inc	Agility (2)	4/10/99
31/10/99	Warrnambool Dog Training School Inc	Agility (2)	4/10/99
31/10/99	Eastern Suburbs Obedience Dog Club Inc	Obedience	17/10/99
2/11/99	Sherbrooke Obedience Dog Club Inc	Obedience	18/10/99
2/11/99	Melton Dog Obedience Club Inc	Agility (2)	16/10/99
6/11/99	Non-Sporting Dog Club of Victoria Inc (Rest. to Group 7)	Obedience	15/10/99
6/11/99	Bairnsdale Dog Obedience Club Inc	Obedience	27/10/99
7/11/99	Gippsland Obedience Dog Club Inc	Obedience	20/10/99
7/11/99	Gippsland Obedience Dog Club Inc	Agility	20/10/99
13/11/99	Ballaarat & District Obedience Dog Club	Agility (2)	25/10/99
14/11/99	Ballaarat & District Obedience Dog Club	Obedience	25/10/99

VACCINATION CERTIFICATES REQUIRED

According to our records the following members have not shown current vaccination certificates since renewing their memberships or recently joining the Club. It is a requirement of the Club that a current vaccination certificate is sighted on joining or renewal. Please call into the Office as soon as possible so our records can be brought up to date. If you have had your certificate sighted in the past two weeks please ignore this notice.

Joan Akers & "Tosca"	Jason Carroll & "Elmo"	Leonie Clements & "Boota"
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Jayne Wheeler & "Aramis"	Andrew Wallace & "Misty"	Victor Douglas & "Sasha"
Libby Hotchin & "Sorcha"	Ray Rogers & "Lady"	Susie Baird & "Rasa"
Margaret Juffermans & "Nugget"	John Quinn & "Elsa"	
Carolyn Kingsbury & "Gemma"	Sylvia Noblett & "Jester"	

NEW MEMBERS

The Committee, Instructors and members would like to welcome the following new members to the Club. We hope your stay is a long and happy one.

15 August 1999

Debbie Schroer	Hyde Family	Smith Family	Jacka Family
Felicity Kranjc	McDonald Family		

2 September 1999

Christian Romanelli	Francis Family	Vicki Fish	Glen MacDonald
Trish Wilson	Alan MacDonald	Andrea Lenz/Ken Pritchard	

5 September 1999

Senfleben Family	Van Der Horst Family	Sue Palmer	Wood Family
Jason Carroll	Noelene Valentine	Bugg Family	Vesper Family
Cathy Garrard/Noel Swainger		Ejvor Johnson	Joan Akers
Golver Family	Elliott Family	Adel Newitt/James Mawson	

TIT BITS FROM AROUND THE CLUB

Early one Sunday morning one of our Instructors was standing on the verandah talking about her Class which she referred to as the "Ferret Class". Perhaps she needed a morning coffee, it was very early.

Sorry members, you really are a Merit Class, even "Boris" knows that!!!!!!!

Handling Training Problems

Authored by Wendy Thomson & Debbie Cerda

On behalf of the Golden Retriever Club of Vic Working Dog Sub-Committee

The single most important point:

The handler, not the dog, causes most training “faults”.

The more you are involved in training dogs for any type activity, the more this quote is proven to be correct. If you accept the validity of this statement, you are well on the way to resolving the problems. If you do not accept it, you will probably not address the actual root cause of the problem, and are unlikely to successfully resolve it.

The building blocks

It is always easier (and more productive) to avoid creating problems, than it is to resolve them. There are a few important points that will help you to bypass some of the pitfalls:

1. Use understanding and teamwork as the basis of your training program, not fear of punishment
2. Never train your dog when you are (or have been) angry.
3. Make sure you are doing your part of the deal (neat hand signals, footwork, etc, it's not just the dog that needs training!
4. Always practise at a level the dog is comfortable with and increase the degree of difficulty slowly.
5. Always train when the dog is bright and active, a sluggish dog will train sluggishly at best.

When problems DO occur

Do not “lose your cool”. If you get frustrated and angry, end the session immediately. You will not be thinking clearly under these circumstances, and the dog is likely to pick up your mood and be fearful. Fear will further reduce the dog's ability and willingness to perform a new task.

Do not keep repeating a task that the dog continually “fails” at. All you do is instil the attitude that the dog can't succeed, and the dog learns to expect to fail. You also dampen the dog's enthusiasm for the project.

If the dog is unsuccessful at a task it has previously performed well, consider whether there might be some physical reason for the refusal. If that is ruled out, STOP repeating the exercise. Take it back to an easier level and see if the dog performs correctly. If it does, consolidate at this level for a while before pushing on again...it was probably just a confidence issue. If the dog is not performing at an easier level than was previously successful, find a way to attain an objective assessment of the problem. There are two reasonably easy ways to do this: One is to get a friend (preferably one with training experience) to watch you and the dog perform, the other is to arrange to videotape the action. Hopefully an objective friend or an unbiased look at videotape will highlight the reason. Remember that it's most likely to be the handler that's causing the problem!

If the dog is unsuccessful at a new task, it is clearly a lack of understanding or physical ability. Lack of physical ability should be fairly obvious and can be tackled by improving the ability (training as any human athlete would) or by accepting that the dog is not able to perform the action and retiring from the activity with dignity (not with an injured dog that was pushed too far). Presuming that the problem is by a lack of understanding we need to look at WHY the dog doesn't understand. Basically (you guessed it) the handler has gone to enough effort to ensure that the dog is put in a position where it can't fail. New exercises should be introduced in small increments, each one should be made as simple as possible so the dog is always building on success, not beset by failure. Maybe you need to try an entirely different approach. Speak with other trainers and see if they have any ideas that you could try, always ask questions but apply only those techniques that you think are suitable with you dog.

Problem resolution

Once the reason for the problem has been identified, you need to look at resolution. Look first at the groundwork you have done for the exercise. If the basics are not firmly in place, then no amount of refining at a higher level will cure the problem. You can't build a multistory building on inadequate foundations. If necessary go right back to the beginning and re-do those foundations until they are rock solid. Then restart your building project, nice and slowly.

Don't look for "quick fixes". More often than not, they are just attempts at a cosmetic cover up job. If you are going to do the job do it properly. Take the time and effort to really understand the cause of the problem and work on the foundations. In the long run your training will pay off with greater dividends than the quick fix.

Look at ways to improve your own performance to make the task easier for the dog. Often something as simple as a clearly visible hand signal (as opposed to a sloppy one) can make all the difference. Maybe your dog did not respond as you expected because it was not sure what it was supposed to do. Did it see a signal at all? Was it too fast? Did it look similar to another signal use for a different exercise? Was your clothing similar to the background, and the dog could not pick the difference? The list goes on. This is where a friend, or an objective look at a video of you, can be of great benefit. Look only at the handler for a session and try to find ways to improve.

Teamwork

Finally, many dogs do not pay attention to their handlers when training. Again, this is not the dog's fault! Dogs must be taught to be attentive, as they must be taught to be housetrained and to sit and not jump etc. Often a dog will "fail" at an exercise because it was not paying attention and missed a signal, naturally it has no idea that it is supposed to do anything. There are a number of ways to increase your dog's attentiveness: we will devote an entire article to the topic at a later date. For now, be aware of it. Do not expect that your dog will perform flawlessly if the focus of its attention is somewhere other than you. Do whatever you can to retain its attention. Games, squeaky toys, food, enthusiasm on your behalf, encouragement, praise silly talk ... the list goes on. Do whatever you must to get your dog looking at you; this is when you begin to become a tern ... not just a handler with a dog on the other end of the lead.

Teamwork involves communication, mutual respect, and empathy. A successful dog/handler team will avoid most of the pitfalls when and will quickly resolve those that they do encounter. Assess your working relationship with the dog; don't get obsessed about particular behaviours but look more at understanding the whole training process.



Further information?

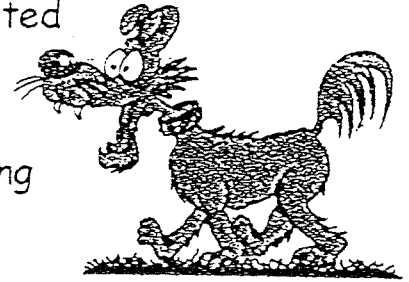
There are many books on problem dog training available. Most dog obedience clubs will also be able to provide assistance.

An excellent book called "Don't shoot the dog" by Karen Pryor (published in the US, but I have seen it in Australia) suggests not only a number of approaches to particular problems, but general advice on behaviour modification. This book covers the basics of what has become the "Clicker training" positive reinforcement movement.

("Don't shoot the dog" is available at the Club Library.

We need Instructors!

The Club is in need of Instructors who are interested in offering their services to help others achieve their goals. Instructing is a rewarding challenge with the final outcome being a dog and handler living in harmony both at home and in the community



Trainee Instructors will be asked to take part in the following program

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A man follows a woman out of a movie theater. She has a dog on a leash. He stops her and says, "I'm sorry to bother you, but I couldn't help but notice that your dog was really into the movie. He cried at the right spots, he moved nervously in the seat at the boring parts, but most of all, he laughed like crazy at the funny parts. Did you find that unusual??"

"Yes", she replied, "he hated the book".

The Ballad of Y2K

Sing it to the tune of the "Gilligan's Island" theme song

Supplied by Wendy Ganly

Just sit right back and you'll
hear a tale
Of the doom that is our fate.
That started when programmers
used
Two digits for a date
Two digits for a date

RAM memory was smaller
then;
Hard drives were tiny, too.
"Four digits are extravagant,
So let's get by with two
So let's get by with two

"This works through 1999",
The programmers did say.
"Unless we write new codes by
then
The data goes away
The data goes away".

But management had not a clue;
"It works fine now, you bet!
Rewriting code costs money,
We won't do it just yet
We won't do it just yet".

Now when 2000 rolls around
It all goes straight to hell,
For zero's less than ninety-nine,
As anyone can tell
As anyone can tell

The mail won't bring your
pension check;
It won't be sent to you
When you're no longer sixty-
eight
But minus thirty-two
But minus thirty-two



The problems we're about to face
Are frightening, for sure.
And reading every line of codes
The only certain cure
The only certain cure

[key change, the big finish is coming]

There's not much time, there's too
much code,
And COBOL-coders, few.
When the century is finished,
We may be finished, too
We may be finished, too

[majestic finale, full orchestra]

Eight thousand years from now, I
hope
That things weren't left too late;
And people aren't then lamenting,
"Four digits for a date
Four digits for a date"

DOG BREEDS FROM A TO Z

Bedlington Terrier

Height: 15 - 16 in (38- 40.6 cm)

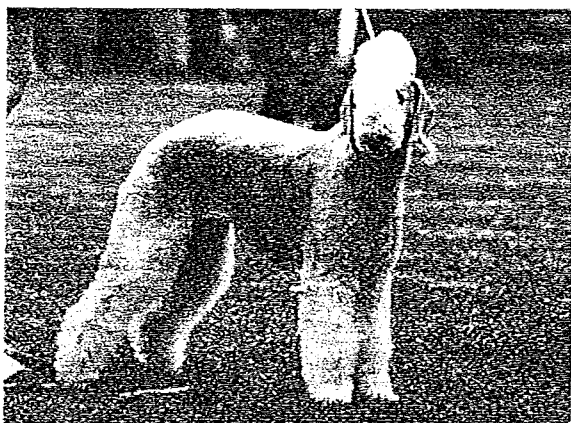
Weight: 17 - 23 lb (7.7 - 10.4kg)

The Bedlington Terrier, otherwise known as the Gypsy Dog, has the appearance of a spring lamb. However, looks can deceive, as this dog is a true Terrier and is quite capable of defending itself.

The Bedlington Terrier is a British breed which dates back to the 1800s. Its exact origins are unclear but it seems to have been started in the north of England. It is likely that the shorter legged Dandie Dinmont Terrier was its ancestor. It is probable that it was crossed with a Whippet to provide it with longer legs and sleek lines. There is a remote possibility that it was later crossed with the Poodle to introduce some of that breed's characteristics. British Kennel Club records suggest that the first recognized Bedlington Terrier was a male called "Old Flint" who was born in 1873. It is almost certain that the early breeders set out to produce a dog that looked like a lamb and succeeded.

The Bedlington Terrier is a graceful dog which moves with delicate agility. It was not bred to catch rats like other terriers, but for coursing hares. Consequently, it required longer legs for the necessary speed and also the ability to rapidly change direction.

The narrow rounded head, covered with a silky topknot, has no stop before reaching its black nose, and



the eyes are small and well-set into the head. The medium-sized ears, covered in fine fur and silky tips are low-set and fall close to the cheek. The neck is long and tapering and holds the head erect. Although very flexible, the body is muscular, with a characteristically arched back. The medium-length tail is carried low with a slight curl. The coat is thick and woolly and is usually colored blue, liver, blue and tan, or sandy.

The Bedlington Terrier is usually a gentle dog but it can be quite spirited should the occasion arise. It does make an excellent watch-dog and will happily alert its owner to potential intruders. Normally the Bedlington Terrier does get along very well with other dogs. However, at first sight its lamb-like appearance may provoke other dogs to rush at it. However, other dogs soon recognize it as a fellow and normal social behavior follows. It is a good idea to socialize this dog with others when it is a puppy. This dog is a terrier and will not flinch when faced with a fight.

With people, the Bedlington Terrier is peaceful and at ease, making a perfect companion for single people and families alike. The dog seems to positively soak up the attention its owner provides, and so is readily trainable.

Although the Bedlington Terrier is only a relatively small dog, it does benefit from regular exercise. It is a wonderful experience to see it galloping across the park with its rapid turns and sprints.

Food requirements vary between just under and just over a pound (0.3 - 0.5 kg) daily, depending on age and exercise. Clipping and grooming this dog requires a degree of experience, and new owners are advised to seek expert help.

Bernese Mountain Dog (Swiss Mountain Dog, Berner Sennenhund, Bouvier Bernois)

Height: 24.5 – 27.5 in (62 - 70 cm)

Weight: 88 lb (40kg)

Of the four varieties of the Swiss Mountain Dog, the Bernese Mountain Dog is the only long-haired one. The Greater Swiss Mountain Dog is, as its name suggests, the largest variety; the Appenzell is curly-tailed and the Entlebuch is the smallest variety. The Bernese Mountain Dog may often be seen pulling small wagons in Switzerland.



All the four varieties of the Swiss Mountain Dog most probably descended from the Mastiff. The Mastiffs came from Asia and were later imported into the European region by the Phoenicians and Greeks. When the Roman Legions invaded Gaul, the Mastiffs were brought with them to guard the flocks of sheep. The Swiss Mountain Dog was then selectively bred to suit the local conditions.

The Bernese Mountain Dog is very solidly built and moves with a powerful gait. The dark brown almond-shaped eyes are well-set in a broad flat head with a slight furrow. The medium-size triangular-shaped ears hang flat at rest and are lifted slightly when alert. The neck is of medium length, whereas the body is compact and broad-chested. The tail is bushy with a slight curve. The coat is colored black with brownish-red markings above the eyes, on the cheeks, at the side of the chest, and on the legs. There should be white markings on the face, chest, and the tips of the paws.

The Bernese Mountain Dog is a large, usually placid and confident animal. This dog's alert nature makes it a good watch-dog. Its large size provides a wonderful deterrent to would-be intruders and so the Bernese Mountain Dog is excellent in its role as a guard dog. When it has been given the opportunity to socialize with others as a puppy, the Bernese Mountain Dog will get along very well with other dogs as an adult.

Although the Bernese Mountain Dog has a rather cute appearance, owners should be aware that this animal used to be a working dog. This dog can sometimes become extremely dominant with members of its human family. It is wise to start off with assertive dominance training and regularly remind the Bernese Mountain Dog of its junior position in the family. Children should not be left unsupervised with this dog, and tug-o-war and chasing games should not be played. If well-controlled and regularly exercised, this truly magnificent dog can become a wonderful companion.

GEE LONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**TUESDAY
5 OCTOBER 1999**

Commencing

8.00 pm

The Clubhouse
Breakwater Road
Belmont Common

A list of members eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting is on the Noticeboard. To be eligible to vote you must have joined the Club prior to 30 March 1999

Pam Convery – Secretary

INSTRUCTOR'S COURSE

The Club will be commencing a new Instructor's Course in October 1999

If you are interested in offering your services and passing on the knowledge you have gained or would just like further information please see

Desma Dickeson
Training Supervisor
or
Helen Read
Vice-President



CRITERIA FOR TRAINEE INSTRUCTORS

1. Basic Obedience
2. Reasonable term of commitment
3. Willingness to attend Trainee Instructor's meetings (as per program) and also Instructor's Meetings
4. Ability to communicate with people and impart knowledge clearly to a Class
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Aloe Vera	Diarrhoea, change of urine colour to red
Amaryllis	Vomiting
Asparagus fern	Might cause allergic dermatitis
Autumn Crocus	The leaves cause vomiting and nervous stimulation
Avocado	Vomiting, diarrhoea and possible death
Azalea	Depression of the central nervous system and cardiovascular collapse
Bird of Paradise	Gastrointestinal disorder, vertigo
Bracken Fern	Causes a potentially lethal leukemia
Cyclamen	Vomiting, gastrointestinal problems, death
Daffodil	Convulsions, vomiting, arrhythmia
Dumb Cane	The various dieffenbachia plant can cause oral irritation, leading to suffocation
Easter Lily	Kidney failure
Fruit and Nut Trees	Like apple, peach, almond, cherry and apricot which have stems and leaves with traces of cyanide
Hibiscus	Gastrointestinal reactions
Holly	Vomiting, diarrhoea, and central nervous system depression
Hydrangea	Similar to fruit trees
Lily of the Valley	Cardiac failure
Mistletoe	Cardiac problems
Morning Glory	Depression or hypoactivity
Nightshade	Solanine in plant cause salivation, anorexia, gastrointestinal disturbance and depression
Oleander	Leaves and stems contain a cardiac poison
Onions	Large amounts case a lethal anaemia
Philodendron	Calcium oxalate crystals lead to oral and gastrointestinal irritation
Poinsettia	Irritating to mouth, stomach, and possibly the heart
Rhododendron	Same as azalea
Rhubarb	Leaves can kill dogs
Schefflera	See philodendron
Tobacco	Leaves cause nervous stimulation
Tomato	Leaves and stems contain solanine; same as nightshade
Vegetables	Such as eggplant, mushrooms, toadstools and potatoes may cause vomiting and diarrhoea

JOTTINGS OF THE TRIAL SECRETARY

OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIAL - Sunday 21 November 1999

The November Open Obedience Trial is just around the corner and it's time I got to thinking about who I can ask to help with the things that need to be done before the Trial and on the day of the Trial.

Let me see, yes, there's the Trialers, they might be willing to help with the cleaning, setting up and the packing away of the equipment. Maybe there are a few Club members who are willing to help with the cleaning of the Clubrooms and surrounding areas. Oh, I must contact some of the Judges' wives who might be willing to Steward on the day

Who else, ah yes, Club members who are VCA members, I need a lot of them. Then there are people needed to help Kim in the Canteen. I nearly forgot, I need someone for vetting and someone to help greet the Judges and Stewards on the day. Oops nearly forgot, I need a VCA representative too. Stop Wendy, slow down, one thing at a time.

What else Not much now, but as soon as the closing date has been and gone, there are 101 things to do like, ordering the trophies and sashes, food, setting up the catalogue, checking with the sponsors, letting Stewards know what time they are needed and in what ring they'll be, checking with the Judges. Better make a list for myself, that way I'll be able to keep up with what I need to do.

Okay - Contact

Trialers

Club members, Etc, Etc.....

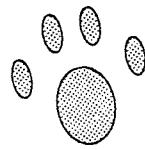
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CLUB CALENDAR

September

Tuesday 28 September Life member's nominations close

October

Sunday 3 October Puppy and Class One Intake – World Animal Day
 Tuesday 5 October **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 8.00 pm**
 Thursday 7 October Puppy Kinder - puppies approx. 8 - 16
 Sunday 17 October Puppy Intake
 Monday 18 October Instructor's Meeting – 8.00 pm
 Saturday 30 October Change your clocks for Daylight Saving
 Sunday 31 October Daylight Saving commences

November

Thursday 4 November Puppy Kinder - puppies approx. 8 - 16 weeks
 Friday 5 November Gala Day Procession - meeting place and time to be advised on the Announcement Sheet
 Sunday 7 November Puppy and Class One Intake
 Monday 8 November Entries close - Open Obedience Trial



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GUIDELINES FOR FLYBALL

Age of entry into Flyball	Minimum 9 months and controllable off lead
Permission Form	Permission Forms are to be signed by the members Class Instructor
Rules for New Handlers	Dogs to be on lead Handlers and dogs to learn each piece of equipment as advised by the Instructor Multiple dogs to be taken in sequence not one after the other
Number of new dogs in training	Maximum of 3 per Instructor
Equipment	All Flyball participants are to help set up or pack up
Inclement weather	Instructor to make decision on the day
Record of training	Instructors are to keep a record of attendance and training level of each new member
Experienced members	Assistance by members competing in Flyball to be welcomed
Training	Experienced members training is to be kept separate from beginner's training
Time	Training to be completed by 12.30 pm
Introduction	To be conducted by Instructor at the first training of a new member and to include Flyball rules, Flyball equipment, safety and setting up and packing up Information on Canine behaviour to be given to each new member
Safety Factors	To be discussed at Introduction of new members to Flyball Weight of dog General health of both dog and handler Length of dog's nails Correct footwear for handler
New Instructors	Are to have experience in Flyball and to complete six weeks assisting a Flyball Instructor

GUIDELINES FOR AGILITY

Age of entry into Agility	Minimum 12 months and controllable off lead
Permission Form	Permission Forms are to be signed by their Class Instructor
Rules for New Handlers	Dogs to be on lead Handlers and dogs to learn each piece of Equipment before attempting complete run through Multiple dogs to be taken in sequence not one after the other
Number of new dogs in training	Maximum of 3 per Instructor
Equipment	All Agility participants are to help set up or pack up
Inclement weather	Instructor to make decision on the day
Record of training	Instructors are to keep a record of attendance and training level of each new member
Experienced members	Assistance by members competing in Agility Trials to be welcomed
Training	Trial training is to be kept separate from beginners training
Time	Training to be completed by 12.30 pm
Introduction	To be conducted by Instructor at the first training of a new member and to include Agility rules, Agility equipment, safety and setting up and packing up
Safety Factors	To be discussed at Introduction of new members to Agility Weight of dog General health of both dog and handler Length of dog's nails Correct footwear for handler
New Instructors	Are to have experience in Agility and to complete six weeks assisting an Agility Instructor
Agility Trials	All members taking part in Agility are to be reminded that they are expected to assist at the Club's Agility Trial regardless of whether they have entered or not.

TO ALL MEMBERS ATTENDING TRIALS

The following changes have been made to the selection of "Obedience Dog of the Year" and "Agility Dog of the Year" Awards. Please read them carefully.

CHANGES TO "OBEDIENCE DOG OF THE YEAR" AWARDS

'that any previous Motions are rescinded and the following procedure adopted for the selection of Obedience Dog of the Year awards.

1. That three (3) scores only be submitted, two (2) of which are required to be passes (copies of Pass Card to be supplied), and the third highest score to be verified by the Judge on the day at the Trial.
2. The highest total of all three (3) scores will be the winner'.

CHANGES TO "AGILITY DOG OF THE YEAR" AWARD

'that any previous Motions are rescinded and the following point's table be used for the selection of Agility Dog of the Year award.

	AD Level	ADX Level	ADM Level
Pass	4 points	5 points	6 points
First Place	3 points	4 points	5 points
Second Place	2 points	3 points	4 points
Third Place	1 points	2 points	3 points

Dogs do not have to get a pass to obtain placing points, but a pass must be obtained in the award year to win the award'.

CHANGES TO AWARDS AND TROPHY RECIPIENTS

'that all recipients of Club Trialing and Agility Awards/Trophies have to be active Club members and their dog shall have been trained on our grounds under supervision of authorised Club Instructors'.

If you gain a Title, the Secretary or Trial Secretary can give you the appropriate paper work to fill in for the VCA.

All dogs that achieve a Title are entitled to have an 8" x 10" vertical photo on the Clubhouse wall. The Club supplies frames, but there is a \$3.00 charge so your photo can be added to the Photo CD for storage.

For Trial Results to appear in the Newsletter, it is up to YOU to notify the Editor in writing or by phone.

Provision has been made for all Members and their dogs that gain Titles, to place a HALF PAGE summary of their feat in the Newsletter. Once again, it is up to the Member to notify the Editor in writing, including a copy of your "Ad".

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 3 August 1999

Shop Manager – Written report attached. A Pape spoke regarding people being able to sell items already available in the Club Shop. A Thorogood moved a vote of thanks to Ray Rogers Shop Manager. Letter to be sent to people concerned advising them that they would be unable to sell items on the grounds in future

Social Secretary – Written report attached.

Raffle Steward – M Foord thanked everyone for their support of the Raffle each Sunday

Trial Secretary – Written report attached. P McCormack asked if a Profit and Loss Statement had been prepared from the Trial. Statement to be available for next General Meeting.

Training Supervisor/Demo Team Leader – Report as per July Newsletter

Acc: D Dickeson

Seconded: J Shields

Carried

General Business

1. P Convery moved that we accept all new members from 30 May to 1 August and their names be added to the Members Roll.

Seconded: W Ganly

Carried

2. General discussion was opened regarding a return to week night training with various members proposing points both for and against. After constructive discussion time a vote was taken of members present and the majority were against a return to week night training.

3. Discussion was then raised regarding the need for lighting either on the new grounds at Brearley Reserve or our present grounds. After some discussion C Davies moved 'that we have the option of lighting the grounds regardless of where we are training.

Seconded: L Marfatia

Carried

4. P Convery said she had been approached by the Geelong Advertiser to take photos at the Club on Sunday 15 August. Members agreed.

5. H Read welcomed all new members present.

6. A Pape spoke regarding the desperate need for Instructors and said he would be prepared to act as a Recruiting Officer and personally approach members. Members agreed. A Pape to speak with D Dickeson. C Cameron suggested a piece be placed in Faithfully Yours which could also include personal anecdotes by Instructors.

7. C Cameron spoke regarding working bees and said it wasn't always possible for people to attend at set times but that he was prepared to help when available.

8. P Bergin was presented with a gift from the Club on her retirement as Librarian. P Bergin then thanked the Club.

As there was no further business

Meeting closed at: 9.16 pm