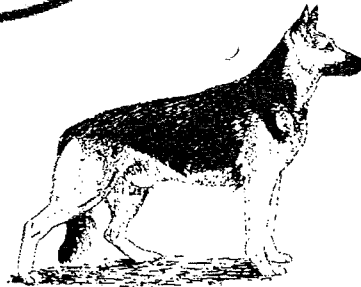
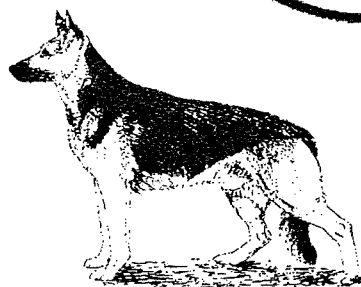
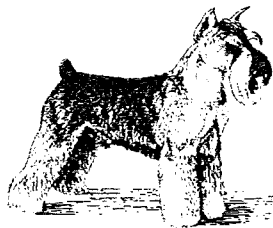
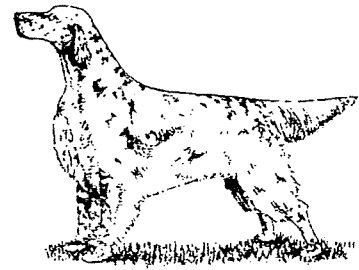
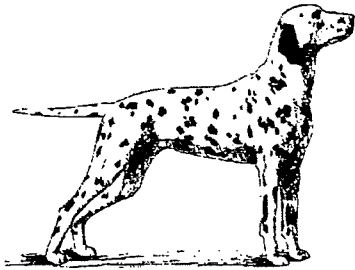
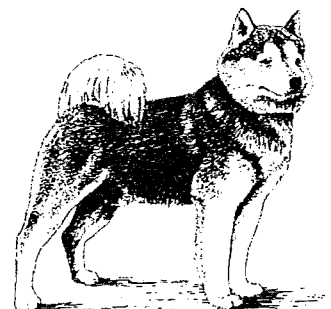
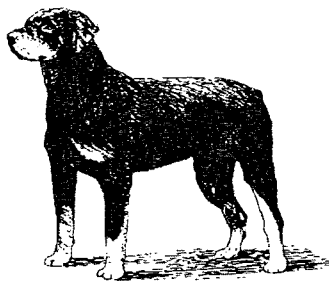


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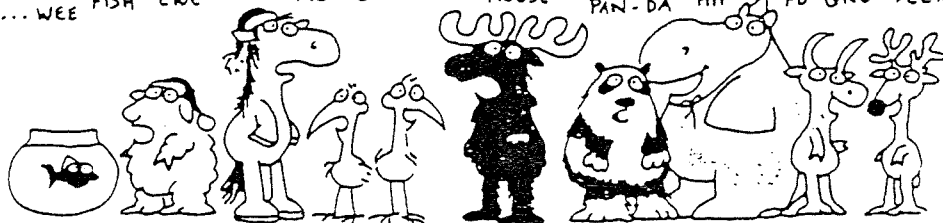
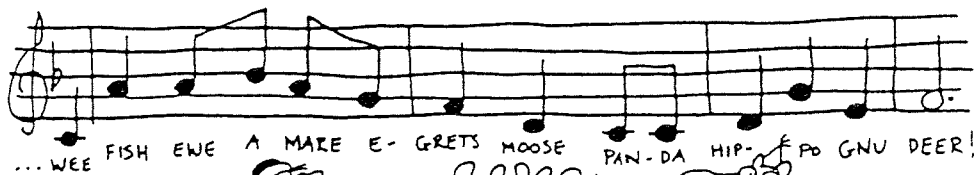
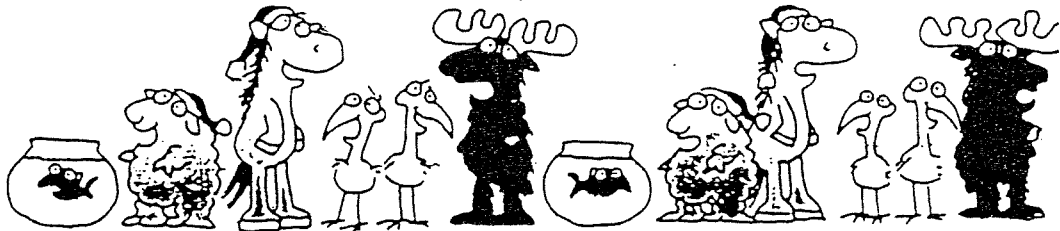
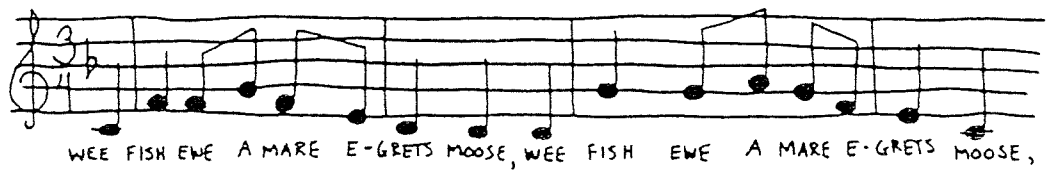


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# Merry Christmas

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## **PRESIDENT**

To all the members who have joined us over the past few months, I say welcome. I hope your stay with us will be a happy and successful one. Our Instructors are here to help you to train and achieve the level of obedience you desire. However, if you have any problems or are not happy with your training, see your Instructor or the Training Supervisor or come and talk to me.

In my opinion, the best way to look at dog training is as if you were taking your child to school. In school all children get the same tuition but some children are faster in understanding than others. That goes for dog training too, some dogs learn faster than others.

Another very important item for you to remember is – whatever you learn in class on Sunday morning should be practised by you during the week.

1999 is fast coming to an end. Too fast, because there is still a lot to be done.

We recently took part in the Gala Day procession through town and I'd like to thank Angie Trueman and her helpers sincerely for the hard work they put in prior to and during Gala Day. We had over 40 members participating, some decorated the truck and others walking all dressed in uniform with our logo. Thank you very much to all those members, because with your help, we have again well and truly established our good name.

Next we had our Obedience Trial. This took a lot of organising on behalf of the Committee. Our grounds looked very good thanks to the volunteers at our first working bee. Even though there were only a handful of volunteers, they worked very hard and by lunchtime we completed most of the program for the day. Thank you very much to all of you.

The day of our Trial started with rain and lots of it, but by midday it eased off and by 12.30 pm it had stopped and stayed away long enough for all the classes to finish.

I would like to congratulate all the placegetters, especially our Geelong members. If you were not successful, don't despair, there is always next time. However, if you have a specific problem, come and see us.

Clearing the grounds after the Trial was a bit of a letdown as this work was left to only a couple of men, a very disappointing effort for a Club with over 400 members.

Tickets are on sale for our Christmas Dinner on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December. As our hall can only hold between 80-100 persons, I urge you to book ASAP and please do not forget our last General Meeting for this year on the 7<sup>th</sup> December.

Look after your pets during the hot days and restrain them when you travel.

Have a happy and safe Christmas

Until next time .....

**Dick Wiltink – President**

## Reports (cont.)

### TRIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Well, the last Trial of the century is over and I have a few thank you's that need to be said. Firstly to all the members who stewarded on the day. This is usually a difficult position to fill, as you are required to be a VCA member, but we had two stewards in all but two rings and I thank you sincerely for your help. Some of the "newer" Stewards commented on how much they enjoyed the day and found they learned a great deal watching others as they completed the exercises.

Thank you also to our Grounds Manager, Fred and those who helped at the working bees. The grounds were excellent and we are envied by other Clubs who haven't the facilities that we sometimes take for granted. Special thanks to Olga and her helpers on the Raffle, Marie for taking care of the Judges and Stewards, Meinhard for sitting behind the bar, the ladies on the cake stall and Kim and her band of workers in the Canteen, who kept the competitors fed.

Congratulations to the Geelong members, who were successful on the day and to those not quite so successful, better luck next time.

It's time for a break now until the next Trial on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2000, when we will once again be asking for your help

I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year  
**Janelle Convery – Trial Secretary**

### GROUND'S MANAGER

I am pleased to hear that a few members came to the working bee on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November to prepare the grounds, etc for the Trial. It was the one day I was not there myself as I attended the Anniversary Show Day held by the German Shepherd Club of Victoria to mark the start of the German Shepherd Dog as a registered breed 100 years ago. As a Shepherd person I had a wonderful day

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> saw again some of our members set up the rings and equipment for the Trial. I must mention that the City Council also played their part in trimming the larger area of the ground and the roadside drain.

The day of the Trial went off okay, despite the rain, but a few extra hands would have lightened the load for the few willing members. I thank those of you who put in one way or another. One member I must especially mention and that is Chris Shepherd who worked all day and without him I would have been lost. Thank you, Chris!

**Fred Lehrmann – Grounds Manager**

### PUBLICITY OFFICER

Gala Day – What a fun day for all members who participated. Considering the weather forecast was for 29 degrees, I was all prepared with sunscreen, lots of water, wet towels, spray bottle, extra drinks, etc, so guess what happened ..... it rained (again)!!!! So out came the tarps to keep the float dry (thanks Fred). We were lucky it was only a light shower so we didn't get soaked as in previous years.

All our members looked fantastic in their T-shirts and Polo tops and our four-legged friends were on their best behaviour and very popular with the crowd.

## Reports (cont.)

Over 40 members participated in the procession with Pam and Janelle leading us with the club banner followed by the Display Team and then Val with her "horse and cart"! .... Then our assortment of dogs of all shapes and sizes keeping the crowd happy with pats for the dogs on demand, while Fred rode on the truck making sure all dogs and people were safe.

It was wonderful to have a great group of people involved, thank you everyone who helped show the public what the Geelong Obedience Dog Club is all about, (enjoying fun times with our dogs)!

I have so many thank you's I have made a separate list, also after much diagnosis after the procession, we discussed the possibility of a Gala Sub-Committee for fresh ideas and help from all members. Think about it now and write all your ideas down so we don't forget them. Feel free to talk to me anytime.

### Thank you's

- Firstly, once again to all members who helped and walked, you were all great!
- McColl's Transport for the use of their truck
- Trevor for driving the truck
- Pam and Janelle for the use of their home to decorate the truck and store it overnight in their driveway (minus a gatepost!)
- The members of Committee who were supportive with all my enquiries and questions
- The decorating crew who helped with the truck. Thanks guys, it was great fun!
- I can't forget the dogs and puppies involved without them we couldn't have had such a good time and a reason for getting together

Angie Trueman – Publicity Officer

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## SHOP TALK

Don't forget to call into the Equipment Shop to see the range of Guide Dog Association Christmas gifts, Christmas Cards and Calendars

All proceeds go to the Guide Dog Association

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Geelong Obedience Dog Club

## ANIMAL WELFARE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Next time you go shopping remember the animals at the Lost Dogs Home and add an extra tin of food or packet of dry food for our Christmas Collection. There is a collection table in the Clubrooms. They would also appreciate any unwanted bedding you may wish to donate.

# SABOTAGE ON THE RIVER

By Elaine Longshaw and Tshintia

On a seemingly deserted section of the foreshore, Tshintia was enjoying her normal Saturday swim in the Barwon River at Ocean Grove whilst retrieving her ball, when from around a bend emerged a person and two dogs. At this stage she was standing in water up to her stomach with the ball in her mouth.

The two dogs approached ahead of the human and one headed towards me running through the shallows to say hello. This was a male Beagle, which then turned and proceeded to splash out towards her. Dog number two was a VERY large male Rottweiler who was heading through the water to her on a different angle. She, somewhat stunned at the intrusion, dropped her ball into the water and turned towards the advancing Beagle. Then as this hesitant greeting took place, Mr Rottweiler snuck up behind her and filched the dropped ball.

She was dumbfounded and didn't quite know what to do – chuck a wobbly or retreat. Mr Rottweiler actually then splashed back towards me just as the embarrassed owner arrived and in endeavouring to catch his dogs, Mr Rottweiler dropped the ball which I raced into the water to retrieve, (see you can train handlers to fetch too!) and stuffed the dripping thing down my jumper.

The “prize” having suddenly disappeared, all the dogs splashed on out of the water with the owner trying to round up his two miscreants. He did liken the pair of them to “Tweedle-dee” and “Tweedle-dum”, however, I am sure Tshintia thought they were more like “Bonny” and “Clyde”.

Fortunately she is good-natured, as this had been blatant highway robbery! Obviously these two had been watching too much television and were intent on emulating the two who snuffle the good-o's with their fancy footwork.

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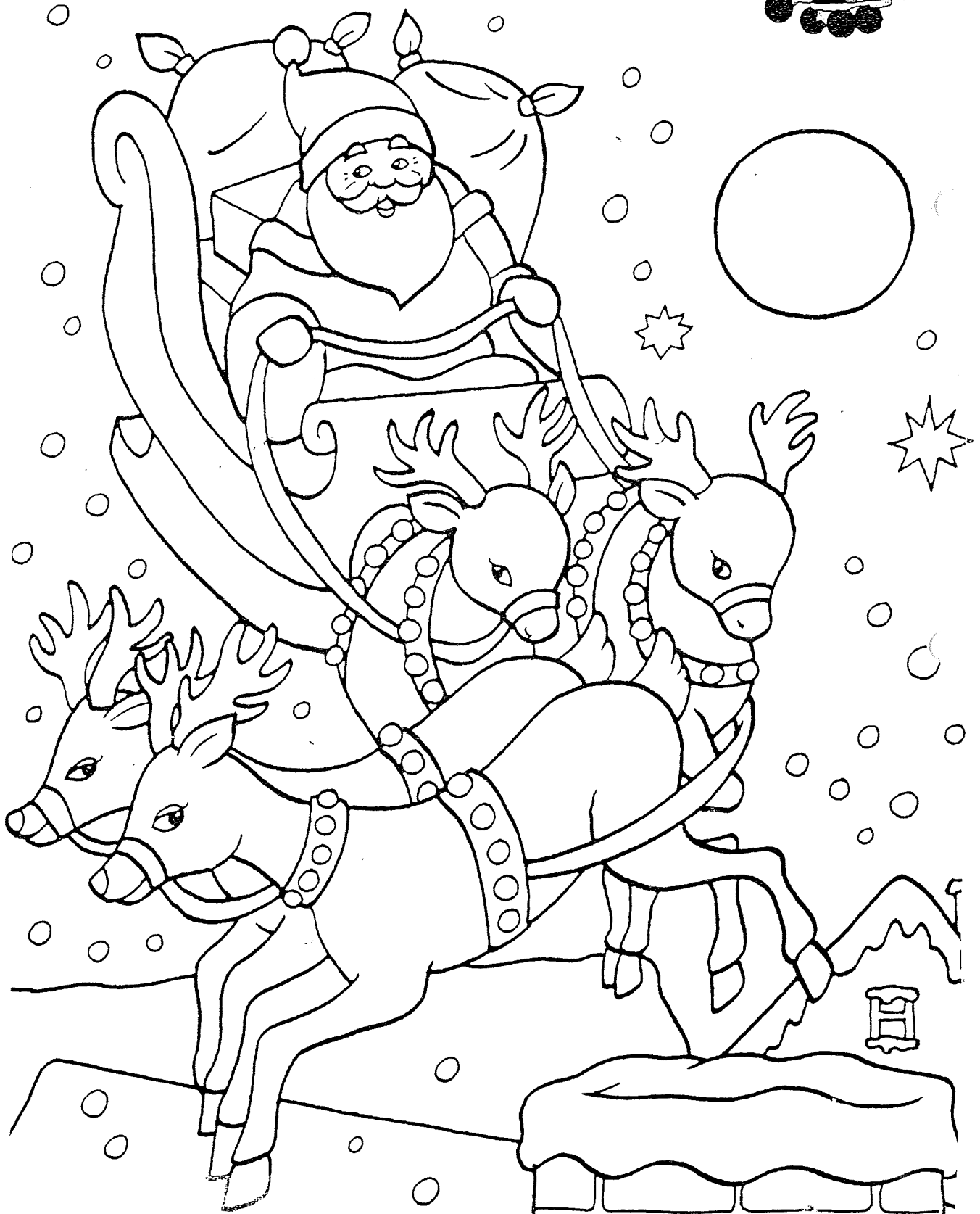
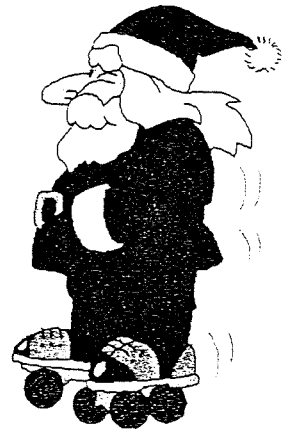
Keeper Talks

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# KIDZ CORNER

Welcome to your last page for the year. We have included a picture for you to colour and don't forget our competition, which was featured in last month's Newsletter. We hope you have a very happy and safe Christmas. Mum or Dad will be told soon about our last day of training when we just might have a special visitor coming. I bet you'll never guess who it is! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year....





GENERAL MEETING

5 October 1999

Meeting opened: 9.26

**Apologies:** As per Annual General Meeting

Minutes from the previous General Meeting as distributed in the Newsletter taken as read:  
Acc: B Elliott                      Seconded: L Kelleher                      Carried

**Business arising from the Minutes**

1. Marj Wright's plaque has been hung on the wall in the Clubhouse
2. Fred Lehrmann has offered to attend a Red Cross meeting on 11 October re door knock appeal in March 2000
3. Farmvision – A Trueman and D Dickeson will attend a meeting to arrange the Club's involvement.
4. Report from July's Trial re Judges lunches. No report available.

**Correspondence Out** – Hayden Shell, Ballarat Dog Obedience Club,

**Correspondence In** – VCA re President's and Secretary's Conference, Ida Hell, C of G G re Summer ground allocation, Ballarat Dog Obedience Club  
Acc: A Pape                      Seconded: D Blackwell                      Carried

**Business arising from Correspondence**

1. VCA re President's and Secretary's Conference – 30 November. The following items were suggest for the Conference Agenda. 1 Seniors Concession membership. 2 Explanation of membership increases without members being consulted.

**Treasurer's Report**

As per Annual General Meeting

**Other Reports**

Publicity Officer – A Truemna asked if it was possible for the Club to purchase 20-30 white T-shirts to which we would add the Club Logo so they would be available for members to wear at the Gala Procession. These could also be used for Displays, etc. After some discussion A Trueman moved 'that the Club purchase 20-30 T-shirts which would be available for sale in the Club Equipment Shop'.

Seconded: D Dickeson

Social Secretary – L Kelleher said she had booked the Karaoke machine for the Christmas Party on 3 December and that a \$50.00 cheque was required as deposit.

Training Supervisor/Demo Team Leader – As per Annual General Meeting

**Sub-Committee Reports** - Nil

Acc: D Dickeson

Seconded: L Kelleher

Carried

General Business

1. P Convery said she had received a request from John Peoples from the Drivers Association to hire the grounds for their children's Christmas break-up. After general discussion it was decided that as John Peoples had helped the Club with a truck for Gala and had driven the truck that there shouldn't be any hire fee, but a deposit of \$100.00 should be paid and returned if the grounds are left in good condition. B Elliott moved 'that the Driver's Association could use the grounds for a Children's Christmas Party on Saturday 11 December'.

Seconded: C Davies

Carried.

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday 13 October.

As there was no further business

Meeting closed at: 10.00 pm

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**QUOTE FOR THE DAY**

There's nothing wrong with making mistakes, just don't respond with encores!

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## THE RETIRED SHOW DOG (or Obedience dog)

Author Unknown

He sits to the side, out of the way  
While others beg head rubs, or force you to  
play.  
His dark liquid eyes watch your every move  
Hoping and waiting, his love to prove.

He was shown many times, a promising pup  
And he just got better as he grew up  
A picture of health, robust and strong,  
His gait and topline, never went wrong

But his prime has passed, and he seems to  
know,  
That he'll never again be put in a show.  
He eats, he sleeps, not much more than that,

And maybe he's getting a little too fat

He loves to be brushed, when you have the  
time  
He waits for his turn at the end of the line,  
You think of him sure, but not nearly as much  
As those promising pups, that new special and  
such.

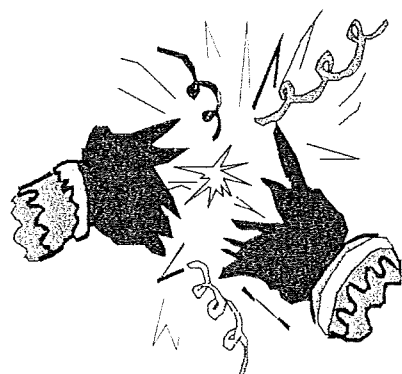
So he sits and he waits, til you have the time,  
To make the same fuss as you did in his  
prime.  
A scrap of affection, or playful shove,  
To him it means everything, to him it means  
**LOVE!**

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### A LOVELY POEM

Author Unknown – sent in by Angie Bloomer



If you love something, set it free  
If it comes back, it will always be yours  
If it doesn't come back, it was never yours to begin with.

But, if it just sits in your living room  
Messes up your stuff, eats your food,  
Uses your telephone, takes your money,  
And doesn't appear to realise that you had set it free  
You either married it or gave birth to it!

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### TRIAL RESULTS

#### *Werribee*

Dorothy Mottram

"Moss"

Encouragement Pass

#### *Altona 24/10/99*

Gay McKiernan

Mureybet Touch A Star "Tori"

Encouragement Pass

123 pts      4th place

# Getting your dog's ATTENTION

Authored by Debbi Cerda

On behalf of the GRCV Working Dog Sub-Committee - January 1999

## *Introduction*

To have your dog effectively under control, be it at Obedience Trials, at home, or at the park, you must have your dog's attention. The best trained dog will not respond to commands if you do not have its attention. Getting your dog's attention is not the be-all and end-all, an untrained dog will still not respond. But if you have an attentive dog the foundation is laid for the obedience work to be built upon.

## *Problems caused by inattention*

Inattentive dogs will exhibit the following symptoms

- ☞ Lagging in heelwork (looking at things other than the owner)
- ☞ Sniffing (finding more interesting things to do)
- ☞ Lack of enthusiasm/interest (no interest in "your" activities)
- ☞ Breaking stays (because it "forgot" which exercise it was doing)
- ☞ Failing to respond to commands (didn't hear/see the command, not feeling compelled to respond)

## *Reasons for inattention*

Pups will naturally seek eye contact, however we do not train to maintain the behaviour hence it dies out. Dogs that are not treated as part of a "team" during training often "switch off" and mechanically perform the required tasks without really being involved. Handlers that neglect to praise a decent attempt at an exercise and expect the dog to do the whole thing correctly in the learning stages will have a dog that has "given up" bothering to do the right thing.

## *Methods to increase attentiveness*

### *Collar movement*

Keeping your dog's training collar higher up the neck, closer to the ears, will generally elicit more attention. It seems to be a more sensitive position. Many handlers abuse this knowledge by correcting the dog with the collar up high, that is NOT what we are aiming for. We are using every available tool to get the dog's attention, not inflict pain.

### *Sharp turns*

An inattentive dog will always get left behind during right and right-about turns, it may also get left behind or tripped over during left and left-about turns. Performing many sharp right turns increases the dog's need to keep an eye on you. Once the dog is starting to pay attention use sharp right turns to keep its attention, or to "catch the dog out" and get his attention back.

### *Interesting variations - be unpredictable*

Use any non-standard "tricks" to encourage your dog to pay attention - 360 degree turns, pixie steps, stepping to the right, quick halts, changing pace, doing stays whilst holding a tempting object, walking in a curved path instead of straight lines, etc.

### *Reward/reinforcement*

Use whatever turns your dog on as far as rewards go and vary the item. Moist foods seem to be more tempting (hot dog slices, cheese cubes, liver bits) than dry food (standard dry dog food or biscuits). Use toys that the dog likes to grab or chase, or squeaky toys. Work out a selection of items that tickle your dog's fancy and alternate amongst them. Introduce new things on occasions just to keep them guessing. Try to keep the reward hidden until you're ready for the dog to retrieve it, that way he won't learn to behave only when he sees that the reward is available. Remember to reward and reinforce at varying intervals, don't wait for an entire exercise to be completed to perfection. Reward the dog when he least expects it. Also vary the size of the reward, maybe use single hot dog slices to keep him heeling close

for 30 seconds then give him a whole handful of them. Go back to individual slices and then throw his toy. Alternate small verbal "good boys" with "what a clever dog!", "who's the best dog in the whole world?", "atta boy", "aren't you so good!" whilst you get down on your hands and knees and romp with him.

### *Consistency*

Be consistent with your expectations. Don't expect the dog to be totally focused on you one day and let him look around the next. Decide on a level of achievement and train towards it.

### *Speed*

It is essential that you move quickly when training your dog. If you dawdle along your dog has time to look around knowing that you do things slowly and he only has to check your position every so often. If you walk fast and constantly do different turns, pixie steps, etc the dog has to pay attention or risk being caught out. You can still practise slow and fast pace, but most people walk way too slow on their normal pace (fast and slow pace are double and half your normal walking pace respectively, so if you speed up your normal pace you should correspondingly increase the others as well.) If the dog has time to look around, you are going too slowly.

### *Encourage eye contact*

Have the dog sitting on or above eye level with you, for example dog on a top step and you sitting a couple of steps down. Use a command to get the dog's attention (something like "watch"). As soon as the dog looks you in the eye, verbally praise him and offer a reward. The praise should be gentle and encourage the dog to remain looking at you, not excitable enough to break his concentration. Be sure to reward only when eye contact is made with you, not when the dog is looking at your hands for a reward! It may be difficult for submissive dogs to make eye contact as it can be seen in the dog kingdom as a challenge to authority. With such dogs it won't hurt you to bolster their self-confidence by moving even lower so the dog clearly has the upper position (don't do this with dominant type dogs, they may think their time has come to make a challenge!) As the dog begins to understand exactly what action brings the reward, slowly extend the time the dog needs to hold eye contact before rewarding him. Sometimes reward him almost immediately, other times make him wait a varying amount of time. Don't reprimand the dog for breaking the contact, merely use your command word to re-engage him. When he is quite proficient at this when sitting, keep him sitting but move around a bit yourself and then progress to standing right next to him as per the heel position. Eventually you'll be able to get his attention in the sitting heel position and be able to keep it as you walk forward with him heeling beside you. Remember as you make each progression to initially praise for shorter periods of eye contact, better to reward success than push to hard to the point of failure. As success is attained, you can vary the period again.

### *Thing to avoid*

- ✓ When first training to improve your dog's attentiveness, don't be too concerned with correcting the underlying behaviour (ie heelwork). Concentrate entirely on getting the dog focused on you, then you can re-introduce the exercise whilst maintaining the dog's attention.
- ✓ If you don't have the enthusiasm to train properly on a particular day, don't do it at all. Better to have a rest day than have a sloppy training session and allow the dog to think it can misbehave and get away with it.
- ✓ Be prepared to be flexible, not all days will see you winging your way to stardom. Sometimes you just need to consolidate at a particular level for a few sessions before moving on.

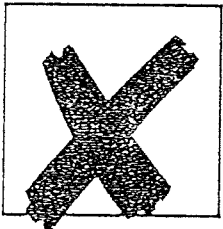
### *Summary*

You will not gain and keep you dog's attention by doing predictable things in a predictable manner on a regular basis. The essence of attention-getting is to be as unpredictable as possible. The dog must be kept guessing what you are going to do next, which way you're going to move, whether or not he's about to "score" a reward, etc. Sometimes praise/reward whilst continuing with the exercise and other times make a big fuss and completely break from whatever you were doing.

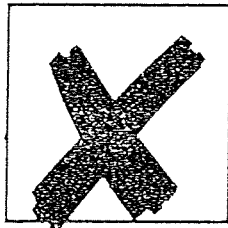
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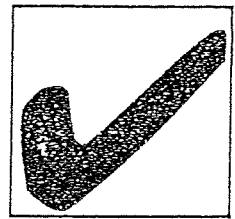
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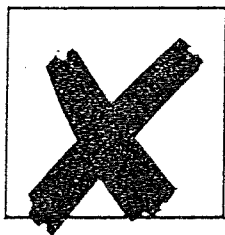


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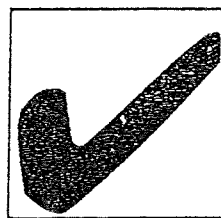


DOG OWNER

## Can a Dog Owner be Fined?



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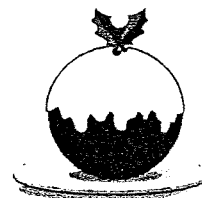
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**!! DON'T PUT YOUR FOOT IN IT !! — PICK IT UP NOW**  
Hint: The droppings you leave may find there way to childrens fingers, eyes and mouth exposing them to diseases.

# Have a Cool Yule!

Reprinted courtesy of Dog's Life Magazine

Author - Leanne Davies



**Y**ou've imagined what Christmas will be like with your dogs. They'll be perfectly behaved, greet your friends and family with a gently paw shake and a smile, and will sit quietly while Christmas dinner feeds the clan. But in reality, Christmas can be a chaotic times for your dogs and before you know it, they will have chomped their way through the ornaments, eaten the entire Christmas pudding and brought up their Christmas dinner all over the pressies.

Instead of enjoying the holidays, you could be left cleaning up a lot of mess – or worse, heading for the nearest vet clinic to remove your mother-in-law's perfect gift from the inside of your dog's bloated stomach.



## Christmas Hazards

### **Problem: Fairy Lights**

Dogs can tangle themselves in the lights, eat them (the lights often contain moderately toxic ingredients), or chew through the cords and electrocute themselves.

### **Solution:**

The best way to keep lights away from your pooch is to wrap them through the interior of the tree, high enough so your dog can't reach. The cords are best run underneath the skirt of the tree, hidden from the dog.

### **Problem: Baubles and Tinsel**

Vets report an increase in emergency surgery around Christmas time because dogs attempt to eat the enticing looking tinsel from the Christmas tree. Ingestion of tinsel can cause bowel blockages and make your dog sick. Ornaments are also a danger as eating them can cause choking and blockages.

### **Solution:**

Make sure you hang ornaments high in the tree out of reach of your dog, along with the tinsel. Supervise you dog around tinsel or ribbon.

### **Problem: Artificial Snow**

This is toxic to dogs

### **Solution:**

Spray in areas inaccessible to dogs, like on the tops of windows and the higher parts of the Christmas tree. Remove the spray can immediately and place out of reach of canine paws.

### **Problem: Candles**

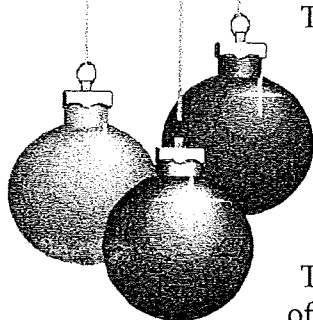
These make wonderful decorative pieces but make sure you keep them out of reach of dogs. Not only is there the danger of your dog being burnt, but it could accidentally knock them over in Yuletide excitement and start a fire in the house.

### **Solution:**

Try using hanging candles, which can be placed out of reach of your dog and only light the candles when the guests have arrived and are settled.

### **Problem: Guests**

When all the family and friends arrive for Christmas dinner, your dog may be overwhelmed by all the sudden noise and activity.



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### **Solution:**

Introduce your dog to the guests and ensure young children know how to correctly approach and pat it. Ask your guests not to feed the dog because even if each person only gives the dog a titbit, by the end of the night it may have consumed an extraordinary amount of food. You should also make sure there is a quiet “time out” spot where your dog can go to escape the crowds.

### **Problem: Food**

Christmas fare will be too rich for dogs and can add to problems like hyperactivity and stomach upsets, not to mention obesity.

### **Solution:**

Make sure food is not left unattended when it’s out of the fridge. And remember, chocolate can be seriously toxic to dogs. Dogs don’t digest it well and it’s bad for their teeth. We could also be “treating” our dog to a rare but deadly condition called chocolate toxicosis, cause by the substance theobromine. Although rare this condition is fatal.

### **Problem: The Presents**

Some kids’ toys with small parts can be dangerous if ingested by your dog. And presents containing foil can easily be sniffed out by Fido’s sensitive snout.

### **Solution:**

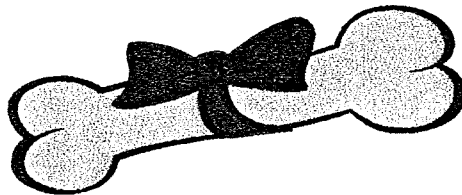
If your dog is sniffing around the tree, remove the presents to a safe area.

### **Problem: Alcohol**

Alcohol can be toxic – especially for small dogs – and can cause poisoning and can even lead to a dog falling into a coma.

### **Solution:**

Lay down a few house rules with the guests, and when things get a little rowdy, put your dog in the quiet part of the house.



## Christmas Canine Cookies

### Christmas Dog Biscuits

#### **Ingredients:**

1 ¾ cups wholemeal flour  
2 tablespoons freshly chopped garlic  
½ cup cornflour  
2 rashers bacon, chopped

1 teaspoon stock  
8 tablespoons sunflower oil  
¾ cup water

#### **Method:**

Mix ingredients together well and roll out the mixture until it is about two centimetres thick. Cut out designs with Christmas cookie cutters and place in oven. Baste with a small amount of oil or bacon fat and cook for 35 to 45 minutes at 350 degrees. Allow to cool. Garnish with desiccated coconut or fresh parsley then place in Christmas bags or boxes lined with foil. Seal bags to keep in freshness. Give them to friends with dogs or store them away ready for your own pooch to enjoy as a delightful Christmas morning treat



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## TETHERING OF DOGS CARRIED ON TRAY TRUCKS, UTILITIES OR TRAILERS

### FACT SHEET

#### PURPOSE:

- Tethering is where a dog is fastened by an appropriately attached restraint to a centre point or anchorage (hard up against the cabin which will provide protection against the wind), causing it to be confined to a desired area.
- Tethering of dogs may expose them to increased stress and danger such as climate extremes and predators, so for this purpose, tethering should be regarded as a temporary method of restraint and for short term confinement only.
- Tethering in this purpose is an effective method of containing a dog under conditions which may otherwise cause them injury or endanger them in some way.
- *The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986, 15A, 'Dogs on moving vehicles'* legislates that it is an offence to drive an open tray truck or a motor vehicle with a trailer attached if a dog is not secured in such a way as to prevent it from falling or moving off or being injured from the movement of the truck or trailer. The penalty could result in a fine of up to \$500.

#### BACKGROUND:

- It is estimated that up to 5,000 dogs across Australia have been injured due to falls from utilities, trucks and trailers in the last year with up to 15,800 injured from falls in the last five years. (The estimate assumes that the observed instance of dogs being injured due to falls from utilities, trucks or trailers in Victoria is the same as incidence rates across Australia and hence represents all of Australia... *Australian Bureau of Statistics*)
- The RSPCA launched a campaign in March, 1995 titled 'Save Your Mate!' featuring a Blue Heeler on the back of an open tray truck stating... "5,000 dogs fall from trucks each year... Tether your mate securely, so this won't happen!"

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## **“RUFF E.T.” - by Cathy Bond**

**A**fter reading an article about Endurance Trials in the VCA magazine, I decided this would suit my dog Ruff, even though I had never ridden a bike in my life. I borrowed a rather wobbly old bike and began attempting to learn to ride it. Having the advantages of Kelpie ancestry, living in the country where he could run for several kilometres in his own back paddocks each day and training and competing in Agility regularly meant Ruff was fit enough for Endurance with very little effort on my part. If we'd lived in town and depended on walking around footpaths for our main exercise, my training program would have been vastly different. I entered the Trial even though I knew my cycling wasn't good enough. A few weeks before the Trial Helen Read came to my rescue with a mountain bike that belonged to her husband Chester. What a difference gears and wide tyres made!

I went off for the Trial hoping we'd get around. Training at home on the roads wasn't much preparation for riding in a group of twenty with Ruff pulling all the way. So much for the “loose lead” that was asked for in the rulebook. By the end of the first lap my hands were cramping because I was holding the lead and handlebars so tightly. I had a few falls when Ruff stopped for a poo without any warning and when I rode over a piece of crackling cellophane and Ruff suddenly swapped sides. I had brought water for the dog but hadn't thought that I would need any for myself. Fortunately the people around me shared their drinks with me so I didn't suffer from dehydration.

Ruff completed the course happily but found the vet examinations quite stressful. These probably increased his heart rate far more than running the twenty kilometres. He passed all the examinations with the vet congratulating me on his excellent fitness and muscle tone. The atmosphere was great with all the people wanting everyone to pass and no sense of competition. When one woman who had tried to run the course couldn't continue, the judge took her dog and completed the course so she would achieve her title. I don't think that would ever happen at an Obedience Trial.

For a fit dog and a handler who is an experienced bike rider it probably wouldn't be too difficult, but as a beginner rider the Trial was a real challenge. Ruff came home and behaved as if he hadn't had any exercise that day. He played with his frisbee and chased every car that went past (from inside his fence), while I collapsed in a heap. After several trips to the chiropractor and heaps of rest I've recovered too, but I'm glad it only takes one pass to gain an endurance title. I have often heard people say that endurance is the easiest title to gain. They lied!

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## **“RUFF ADX” - by Cathy Bond**

After Ruff gained his AD title at the end of last year, we began training for Open classes. At this time Cheryl our Agility Instructor took a well-earned break and I wondered how we would manage without her help. Ruff accepted the seesaw quite happily but wasn't all that keen on having to weave around twelve flags.

We headed off to Warrnambool in March. At our first trial he jumped clear rounds but with a heap of time faults. I wondered if only athletically fit people could do Open, as Novice courses looked far more enjoyable. At his next trial Ruff completed the course well within time but went back to his old habit of collecting five course faults. He then gained his first and second passes at the Geelong and Altona Trials, which were held on the same weekend in May.

I decided I would never be able to run fast, so I began to seriously train at working with the dog on both sides and being able to change directions and sides quickly. With help from the Agility Dog Club of Victoria, Ruff and I improved heaps but still continued to consistently collect five faults at each trial.

At Warrnambool in November we finally achieved that elusive clear round and his Agility Dog Excellent Title. We still have a lot to learn and we're a long way behind the dogs and handlers who are placing in Open classes, but I'm looking forward to facing the challenge of improving even more in order to compete in Masters level.

Tracking Club of Victoria Inc.  
Annual  
Tracking Workshop Weekend

DATE:

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2000

VENUE:

German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria Inc.-- Ballarat Branch  
Mooreshead Park Ballarat - and surrounding area.

COST:

MEMBERS: \$35.00 each

NON-MEMBERS \$45.00 each

Includes all meals. Please bring you own plates and eating utensils,  
also food for your dog etc.

TIME:

Arrival at Mooreshead Park on Friday approximately 6.00 p.m.

BBQ Tea following arrival Friday evening.

Concluding on the Sunday at approximately 2.00 p.m.

ACCOMMODATION:

You can bed down in the GSDCV Club Rooms, or you may wish to make your own arrangements. Sleeping Bags etc. are suggested if you intend to bunk down in the Clubrooms over the weekend. Toilet facilities are available at the clubrooms, no shower.

If you wish to be part of this very enjoyable and informative weekend please fill in the following registration form and return it with your cheque to:-

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ADDRESS.....NUMBER ATTENDING.....

HOW MANY DOGS WILL ACCOMPANY YOU? IF ANY.....

IF YOU ARE A VEGETARIAN OR VEGAN PLEASE STATE YES HERE.....

DO YOU HAVE A HARNESS FOR YOUR DOG?.....CHEQUE ENCLOSED \$.....



# RED CROSS APPEAL

## March 2000

Our Club will be taking part in the Red Cross "Door Knock Appeal" 2000. We will not be knocking on doors, but probably collecting in a designated shopping centre.

So, if you and your four-legged friend would like to take part, keep it in mind for the New Year. Further information when we return to training.

### TRIAL RESULTS

#### GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB – 21 November 1999

##### Novice

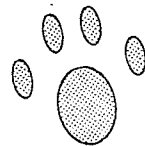
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##### Open

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		Highest scoring Geelong Member		
		Highest Score in Trial		

G Cruse	Nelson James (Nelson)	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Pass	
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## CLUB CALENDAR - 2000

### *January*

Wednesday	12 January	Club Office re-opens
Saturday	15 January	Newsletter closes
Monday	24 January	Instructor's Meeting - 8.00 pm
Wednesday	26 January	Australia Day
Sunday	30 January	Return to training for current members. January Newsletter available

### February

Tuesday	1 February	General Meeting - 8 pm
Thursday	3 February	Puppy Kinder – for puppies approx 8 - 16 weeks
Sunday	6 February	Puppy and Class One Intake – for fully vaccinated puppies & dogs
Sunday	13 February	Class One Induction
Tuesday	15 February	Newsletter closes for all articles, reports and Trial results
Sunday	20 February	Puppy Intake – for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Sunday	27 February	February Newsletter available

### *March*

Thursday	2 March	Puppy Kinder – for puppies approx 8 - 16 weeks
Sunday	5 March	Puppy and Class One Intake – for fully vaccinated puppies & dogs
Sunday	12 March	Labour Day weekend - <b>NO TRAINING</b>
Wednesday	15 March	Newsletter closes for all articles, reports and Trial results
Sunday	19 March	Puppy Intake – for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months. Class One Induction
Monday	20 March	Instructor's Meeting - 8.00 pm
Sunday	26 March	March Newsletter available

### *April*

Sunday	2 April	Puppy and Class One Intake – for fully vaccinated puppies & dogs
Tuesday	4 April	General Meeting - 8 pm
Thursday	6 April	Puppy Kinder – for puppies approx 8 -16 weeks
Sunday	9 April	Promotion Day
Saturday	15 April	Newsletter closes for all articles, reports and Trial results
Sunday	16 April	Puppy Intake – for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months Walk for Animal Welfare
Monday	17 April	Instructor's Meeting – 8.00 pm. Agility Trial entries close
Sunday	23 April	<b>EASTER SUNDAY - NO TRAINING</b>
Tuesday	25 April	Anzac Day
Saturday	29 April	Agility Trial working bee
Sunday	30 April	April Newsletter available

### **April Class One Induction to be advised**

### *May*

Thursday	4 May	Puppy Kinder – for puppies approx. 8 - 16 weeks
Friday	5 May	Agility Trial working bee
Saturday	6 May	<b>OPEN AGILITY TRIAL</b>
Sunday	7 May	Puppy and Class One Intake – for fully vaccinated puppies & dogs
Sunday	14 May	Mother's Day. Class One Induction
Monday	15 May	Newsletter closes for all articles, reports and Trial results
Sunday	21 May	Puppy Intake – for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Sunday	28 May	May Newsletter available

## Club Calendar - 2000

### June

Thursday	1 June	Puppy Kinder - puppies approx. 8 - 16 weeks. Membership Renewals Open
Sunday	4 June	Puppy and Class One Intake – for fully vaccinated puppies & dogs
Tuesday	6 June	General Meeting – 8.00 pm
Sunday	11 June	Queen's Birthday weekend – <b>NO TRAINING</b>
Thursday	15 June	Newsletter closes for all articles, reports and Trial results
Sunday	18 June	Class One Induction. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	19 June	Instructor's Meeting – 8.00 pm
Sunday	25 June	Stock take for all departments - end financial year. June Newsletter available

### July

Sunday	2 July	Puppy and Class One Intake – for fully vaccinated puppies & dogs
Monday	3 July	Entries close – Open Obedience Trial
Thursday	6 July	Puppy Kinder – for puppies approx. 8 - 16 weeks
Saturday	8 July	Working bee - Open Obedience Trial
Sunday	9 July	Promotion day
Saturday	15 July	Working bee - Open Obedience Trial - Newsletter closes for all articles, reports and Trial results
Sunday	16 July	Open Obedience Trial - <b>NO TRAINING</b>
Monday	17 July	Instructor's Meeting – 8.00 pm
Sunday	23 July	Puppy Intake – for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Sunday	30 July	July Newsletter available
Monday	31 July	Membership renewals close - new joining fee applies

### July Class One Induction to be advised

### August

Tuesday	1 August	General Meeting - 8 p.m.
Thursday	3 August	Puppy Kinder – for puppies approx. 8 - 16 weeks
Sunday	6 August	Puppy and Class One Intake – for fully vaccinated puppies & dogs
Sunday	13 August	Class One Induction
Tuesday	15 August	Newsletter closes – for all articles, reports and Trial results
Sunday	20 August	Puppy Intake – for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	21 August	Instructor's Meeting - nomination night for Training Supervisor and 2 Assistant Training Supervisors
Sunday	27 August	August Newsletter available

### September

Sunday	3 September	Puppy and Class One Intake – for fully vaccinated puppies & dogs. Father's Day
Monday	4 September	Trial entries close – Open Obedience Trial
Thursday	7 September	Puppy Kinder – for puppies approx. 8 - 16 weeks
Saturday	9 September	Working bee - Open Obedience Trial
Sunday	10 September	Class One Induction
Tuesday	12 September	Nomination for Training Supervisor and 2 Assistants and Committee close - notice date of AGM
Friday	15 September	Newsletter closes for all articles, reports and Trial results
Saturday	16 September	Working bee - Open Obedience Trial

## Club Calendar - 2000

Sunday	17 September	Open Obedience Trial – <b>NO TRAINING</b>
Monday	18 September	Instructor's Meeting - Election night
Sunday	24 September	Puppy Intake – for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months. September Newsletter available
Wednesday	27 September	Life member's nominations close
<i>October</i>		
Sunday	1 October	Promotion Day
Tuesday	3 October	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 8.00 pm
Thursday	5 October	Puppy Kinder – for puppies approx. 8 - 16 weeks
Sunday	8 October	Puppy and Class One Intake – for fully vaccinated puppies & dogs
Sunday	15 October	Class One Induction. Newsletter closes – for all articles, reports and Trial results
Monday	16 October	Instructor's Meeting – 8.00 pm
Sunday	22 October	Puppy Intake – for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Sunday	29 October	October Newsletter available
<i>November</i>		
Thursday	2 November	Puppy Kinder – for puppies approx. 8 - 16 weeks
Sunday	5 November	Puppy and Class One Intake – for fully vaccinated puppies & dogs
Tuesday	7 November	Melbourne Cup Day
Sunday	12 November	Class One Induction
Wednesday	15 November	Newsletter closes – for all articles, reports and Trial results
Sunday	19 November	Puppy Intake – for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	20 November	Instructor's Meeting - 8.00 pm
Sunday	26 November	Closing date for Elsa Dahl and Committee/Instructor of the Year Award and Trial Awards. November Newsletter available
<i>December</i>		
Sunday	3 December	Puppy Intake – for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	5 December	General Meeting - 8 p.m.
Sunday	10 December	Promotion Day
Sunday	17 December	Last day of training - Presentation day

## Training resumes for current members 30 January 2000

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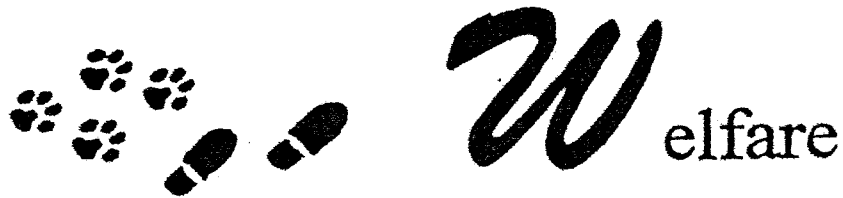
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Wednesday - 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Thursday - 4.00 pm to 8.00 pm



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