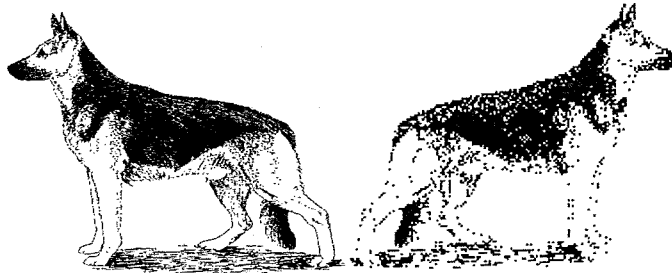
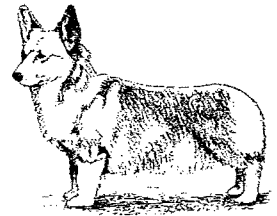
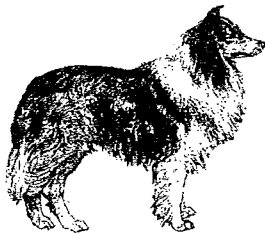
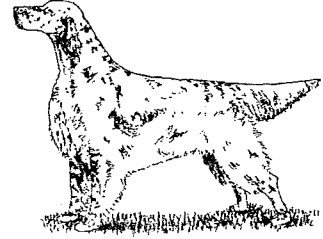
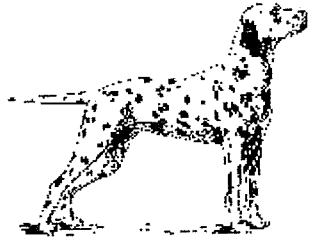
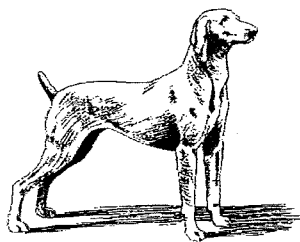


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# Club Calendar

## July

Thursday	3 July	Puppy Kinder for puppies 8 – 16 weeks
Saturday	5 July	Trial Working Bee
Sunday	6 July	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Friday	11 July	Trial Working Bee
Saturday	12 July	<b>OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIAL</b>
Sunday	13 July	<b>OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIAL. NO TRAINING</b>
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	<b>PROMOTION DAY.</b> Newsletter available

## August

Sunday	3 August	Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	5 August	<b>General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised</b>
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	<b>Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm. Distribution of Nominations for Training Supervisor.</b>
Sunday	31 August	Newsletter available



## GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 3 JUNE 2003

Guest Speaker

**Dr Kim Lim**  
**Canine Chiropractor**

**7.30 pm to 8.30 pm**

All Members welcome

Meeting will commence at the conclusion of the talk

**GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC  
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Newsletter closing date for all items – 15<sup>th</sup> of each month

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### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi everyone

Membership Renewals are with us again and the form is at the back of this Newsletter. Please complete all details so we can keep our records up to date. If you can possibly renew on a Thursday (2.00pm to 8.00pm) it would certainly make it easier on the Office on a Sunday morning.

Remember – you have until the 31<sup>st</sup> July to renew or you will incur a Joining Fee again. There will be no exceptions.

Over the past few weeks it has been fairly busy around the Club with the back-to-back Agility Trials, Promotion Day, the Spirit of the West and in the near future the back-to-back Obedience Trials. It has been great to see so many new faces helping out and for many the Agility Trials were a very new experience. We need to encourage new Members to take part in these activities because with new Members come new ideas and that can only strengthen the Club. But I must also say thank you to the long-standing Members of the Club who, although they have “done their time”, are ever willing to help when needed. With the Spirit of the West, Fred Lehrmann was planning to enter two dogs he has been training, but when we had problems getting a UD Judge he was on the phone offering to Judge, and many of the Instructors entered their own dogs and also judged other rings. So, if there was a delay in your ring, please keep this in mind.

Two weeks ago 4 Instructors from our Club attended a “Doggy Dancing” (Canine Freestyle) weekend at Anglesea which was not only very informative but also a great deal of fun for both handlers and dogs. Comments from some quarters of the Club have been made that this canine activity has nothing to do with Obedience Training and I really can't agree. Over the past 14 years at the Club I have trained or help train 3 dogs to UD standard and after the weekend at the Camp I came away realizing how little I really knew. Canine Freestyle utilizes all the basic Obedience skills and adds many I hadn't even imagined, to this you add music and you and your canine friend have a lot of fun. I know we came home very tired and both our Golden Retrievers slept most of Monday -- I wish I could have had that option.

Happy training

**Pam Convery – Secretary**

### TRIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Our first trial for the year has passed and from all accounts was a huge success. Geelong members had quite a few successes with Tina Button and Pirate taking up Best in Trial in the Afternoon Trial and Dorothy Mottram and Moss taking out Runner up Best in Trial at both trials, congratulations to you both. I must thank the host of willing workers who braved the 6.30am start to setup all equipment; again it proved that many hands make light work. It was good to see so many new and old members working together, many of whom had never seen Agility before and who ended up having a very steep learning curve, but all members seemed to take it in their stride.

Today sees us again challenge Werribee Obedience Dog Club to the Spirit of the West, I must admit that entries are quite substantially down from previous years, I hope you all had an enjoyable day.

Our next major event is our Back-to-Back Obedience Trials to be held on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 July, further details will be available closer to the date and again we will be looking for any available assistance.

**Janelle Convery – Trial Secretary**

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### TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

My report post Promo Day – a happy day for some and not so happy for others – never mind – there's always the next test to look forward to.

The results – both good and bad – lead me to believe that there is a lot of work to be done by both handlers and Instructors to achieve better outcomes. I feel that quite a lot of people are only putting in an hour's work on a Sunday morning and expect that is all that is required – not so – if your aim is to have an obedient companion you need to put in at least 10 minutes a day in homework – puppies 5 minutes. I repeat yet again, if people do not put the time and effort in patiently and consistently your dog will not benefit.

There are 2 off lead puppy play pens near the BBQ area now – my grateful thanks to Victor for his work on the project. As part of the new Puppy Training Guidelines, puppies go to the area during Class to have a break and play off lead. At any other time the area is available for other pups!

We have 3 new trainees helping in Classes now – it does relieve the pressure on the hard working Instructors so if any of our Members would like to offer help in an ongoing way, we will welcome you, so if you need more information come and talk to Colin or myself.

Before closing I would like to remind Members that normal Classes are held on Promotion Days for those people not going for a test – it is **NOT** a rest day – so please come down to the Club and do your training as usual.

As always thanks must go to the Instructors who attend the Classes every week to ensure that you all get the best opportunity to train your canine companions.

Don't forget, love your dogs.

**Desma Dickeson – Training Supervisor**

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## NEW MEMBERS

The Committee, Instructors and Members would like to welcome the following new Members who have joined the Club recently. We hope you enjoy training your canine companion

6/04/2003

Groom Elisabeth

Emery Misty

Smith Janette

Feeney Clare/Rane Vinay

Slattery Sandra/Petrovic Roman

Nash Matthew/Whitehand Amy

Meade Janet

Warren Family

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Williams Juliet/Bethyne Bill

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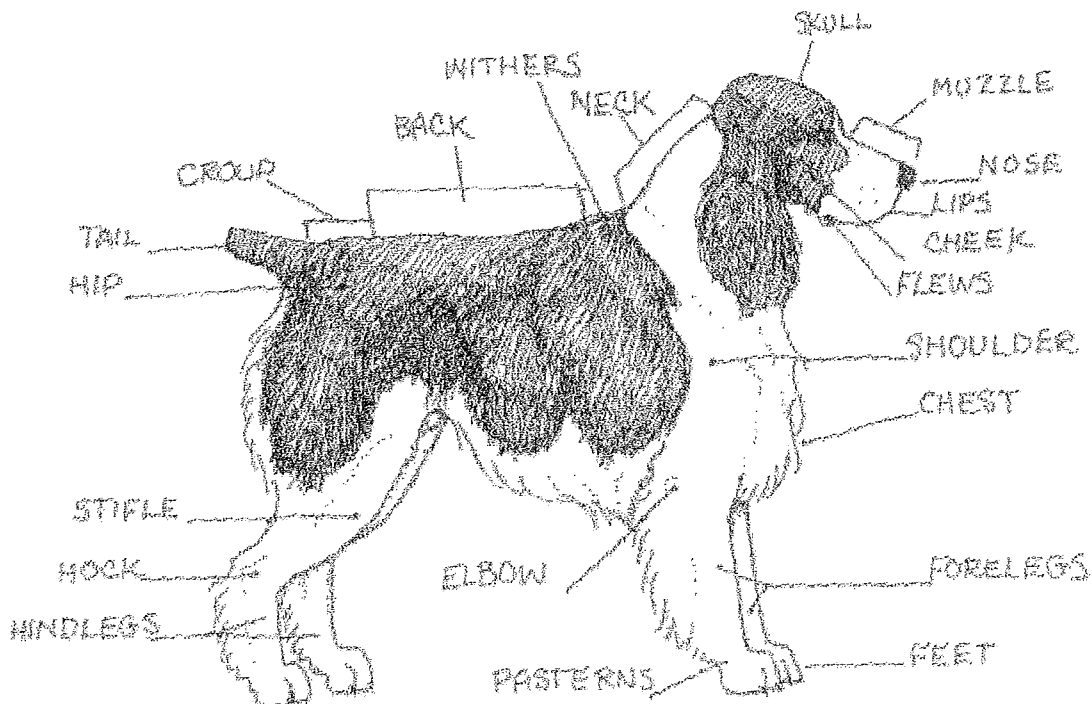
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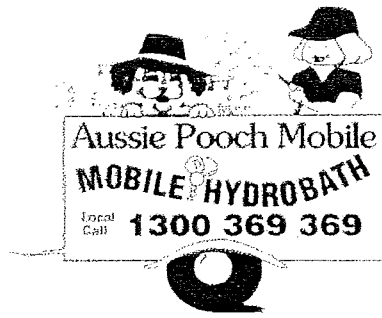
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## CANINE ANATOMY





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# Margaret Deakes

## "Motivating the Trial Dog"

### Seminar

Geelong Obedience Dog Club

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2003

Watch this space for further details next months Newsletter

# MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

2003/2004

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

## WHEN YOU CAN RENEW

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

## Postal Address

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GEELONG 3220

## Weekday Office Hours

Thursday 2.00 pm to 8.00 pm

## TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWAL FEE

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

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

### By-Law No 2

#### **‘Definition of Family membership**

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

#### **‘Definition of Dual membership**

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

## VACCINATION CERTIFICATES

All vaccination certificates must be sighted when you renew your membership regardless of how recently you joined. Motion Nos, 1 and 41.

## LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP

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

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



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2. STANDARD of facilities, equipment and services
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4. OVERALL STANDARD OF CARE
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When you entrust us with the care of your animal, you can be assured that we will do our very best, and use the best resources to give you the best possible outcome for your animal’s health problem.

March 2003

## **BACK-TO-BACK OBEDIENCE TRIALS**

***Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 July 2003***

**Entries close: Monday 30 June 2003**

### Judges

#### *Saturday 12 July 2003*

**Encouragement:** Ms J Delmenico

**Novice:** Mr R Edwards, Mr A Adams,  
Mr R Hanson

**Open A:** Mr B Gilmour

**Open:** Mrs M Ashman, Mrs M Deakes

**Utility:** Mr F Valastro, Mrs U May,  
Mr T Moore

#### *Sunday 13 July 2003*

**Encouragement:** Ms J Delmenico

**Novice:** Mr F Valastro, Mr M Klecka,  
Ms S Stephens

**Open A:** Mr C Gibson

**Open:** Mr M F Brueckner, Mrs N McIlroy

**Utility:** Mr R Ashman, Mrs A Adams,  
Mr G Parsons

*Full schedule can be found in June VicDog*



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## Where God Wants Me To Be

Author unknown

After September 11, I happened to call a man whom I didn't know on business, and had never talked to, nor will ever talk to again. But this day, he felt like talking. He was head of security at a company, that had invited the remaining members of a company who had been decimated by the attack on the Twin Towers, to share their office space. With his voice full of awe, he told me stories of why these people were alive and their counterparts were dead.

You might already know that the head of a company got in late that day, because his son started kindergarten. Another fellow was alive because it was his turn to bring donuts. There were other stories that I hope and pray will someday be gathered and put in a book.

The one that struck me most was the man who put on a new pair of shoes that morning, took the various means to get to work, but before he got there, he developed a blister on his foot. He stopped at a drugstore to buy a Band-Aid. That is why he is alive.

Now when I am stuck in traffic, miss an elevator, turn back to answer a ringing telephone...all the little things that annoy me...I think to myself, perhaps this is exactly where God wants me to be at this very moment. And it is enough.

May God continue to bless you with all those annoying things - and don't sweat the small stuff.

# CLEVER CANINES

**HELEN READ**

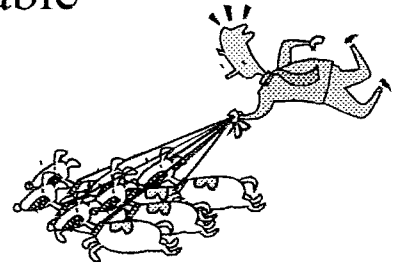
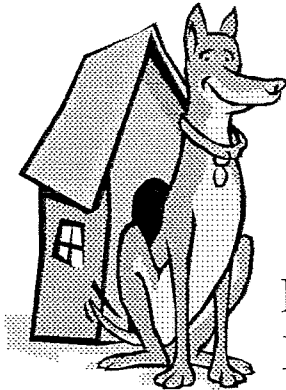
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## CLOSED

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Good Friday

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## Nutrition and Health

Author unknown

Here's the final word on nutrition and health. It's a relief to know the truth after all those conflicting medical studies.

1. The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.
2. The Mexicans eat a lot of fat and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.
3. The Japanese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans
4. The Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.
5. The Germans drink a lot of beer and eat lots of sausages and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

### CONCLUSION:

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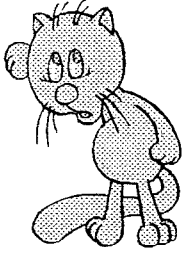
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### Before Dogs, I.....

Author unknown - Submitted by Elaine Longshaw

- ❖ Never had to fix liver for anything!
- ❖ Lived in the city, had extra money, and thought I was sane.
- ❖ Bought clothes for myself instead of dog shows.
- ❖ Thought a "tie" was something a man wore around his neck.
- ❖ Didn't own a pooper scooper, grooming table, crates or exercise pens.
- ❖ Thought a professional handler was an agent for a fighter.
- ❖ Thought a major was an officer in the army.
- ❖ Never told my kids to sit and stay.
- ❖ Would come home from a party at 4 A.M., not leave for a dog show then.
- ❖ Never worried about parasites or kennel cough.
- ❖ Never owed the vet a dime.
- ❖ Had furniture without dog hair on it.
- ❖ Didn't worry about dog shows or whelping calenders.
- ❖ Had long hair and time to groom it.
- ❖ Thought "in season" referred to the latest fashion.
- ❖ Thought "Bitch" was a swear word.
- ❖ Didn't worry if my skirts had no pockets.
- ❖ Thought bait was something you used when fishing.
- ❖ Had a food bill I could afford (half of which WAS NOT dog food).
- ❖ Thought if someone "finished" he was six feet under.
- ❖ Now that I do have dogs..... I'm sooooo much WISER!



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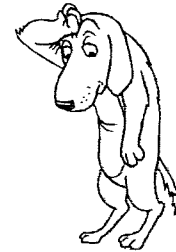
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## NUMBERS GAME - SEE IF IT WORKS FOR YOU!!!!

Grab a calculator if you need one

2003 is the only year this will work

- Pick the number of times you would like to go out to dinner each week (between 1 and 10)
- MutiPLY this number by 2
- Add 5
- Multiply by 50
- If you have already had your birthday this year - add 1753 if not - add 1752
- Subtract the four digit year that you were born
- You should now have a 3 digit number
- The first digit is the original number of times you would like to go out to dinner
- The next 2 numbers are your age

### Newsletter Correction April 2003

In the "Life Members Profile" it was stated that there were 1,200 bricks used in the building of the Clubrooms. This should have read 12,000 bricks.

# Noisy dog?

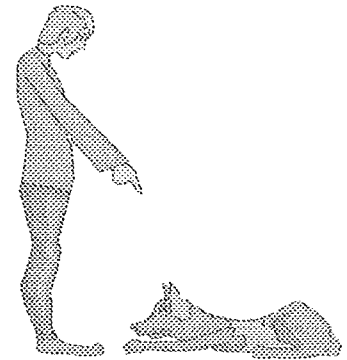
Get control now - Vicki deGruy

*Q: My dog barks all the time. He barks at the mailman, at sounds he hears on TV, at birds outside the window, whenever the doorbell rings, whenever he wants something. He never seems to shut up. I've tried yelling at him, squirting lemon juice in his mouth and tossing a "throw can" like my obedience instructor said. Nothing seems to work. He's driving me crazy! What can I do?*

A: Barking can be, quite honestly, a hard behaviour to modify because it's a self-rewarding activity for the dog. When a dog barks, he almost always makes something happen. When he barks at the mailman, for example, the mailman leaves. (The dog doesn't know that dropping off the mail and walking away is the mailman's job — he thinks his barking has scared the 'intruder' off.)

When the doorbell rings, he barks to let you know that something is out there ... and sure enough, you come to see. If he barks for his dinner, you usually bring it to him. Yelling, scolding or throwing things are seldom effective as corrections because he's still making something happen with his barking even if that something isn't very nice. A better way to hush your noisy dog is to teach him to start — and stop — barking on command.

First, train your dog to "Speak!" for a dog cookie. Praise him when he barks. After a few woofs, tell him "alright, Enough!" in a firm, no nonsense voice. Immediately pop the cookie into his mouth. It's impossible for him to bark when his mouth is stuffed with cookie so he has no choice except to obey your command to stop barking. Now tell him what a good dog he is for being quiet.



With a dog as noisy as yours, you can use all his barking episodes as training opportunities. When the doorbell rings, praise him for barking to alert you, then tell him "Enough!" and reward with a treat when he stops. He's going to learn that you want a few woofs and then silence. Make sure you praise him for barking when he's supposed to and then stopping (Enough!) on command.

When you know that he fully understands the meaning of the word "Enough," you can start correcting him when he ignores it. If he doesn't obey your command to stop barking, give him a sharp tug on his collar and scold "NO! Enough!" Before long, you'll be able to use "Enough" to stop him before he starts to bark.

This training is going to take a few weeks to sink in. Be persistent and don't give up. Some breeds are naturally noisy and will take more work to train than others. Even when your dog understands what's expected of him, he may still bark more often than you'd like him to. Now, though, you have a way of getting his attention and letting him know what you want. Even if you have to say "Enough!" each time he barks when he's not supposed to, you'll be doing much better than when you didn't have a way to communicate with him at all.

*Q: My dog lives outside and barks almost constantly. The neighbours are complaining and they've called the police once. If I can't get her to stop, I'm going to have to give her away. Would one of those bark collars help?*

A: It might but there's a good chance it won't be a permanent cure. Dogs are social creatures; nature didn't intend for them to live by themselves isolated from their families. Dogs that live outdoors are often lonely and bored. They bark for attention and for something to do. A bark collar might silence her temporarily but if you don't take care of her needs for company and exercise, she'll learn to ignore the collar and continue barking. For a long-term solution, bring her inside and make her a genuine part of your family.

# Trial Results

## Agility/Jumping Trials - (Geelong Top Ten Results)

### **GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB - SATURDAY 3 MAY 2003**

#### Morning Trial

##### Novice Jumping

1 <sup>st</sup>	M J & B McIntosh	Bonshannon Wild River (Sandy)	GSD	1 <sup>st</sup> Pass
3 <sup>rd</sup>	D Mottram	Torlum Firdyme Lucky (Moss)	Flat Ctd Ret	NQ

##### Novice Agility

1 <sup>st</sup>	D Mottram	Torlum Firdyme Lucky (Moss)	Flat Ctd Ret	1 <sup>st</sup> Pass
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#### Runner up Best in Trial

5 <sup>th</sup>	M J & B McIntosh	Bonshannon Wild River (Sandy)	GSD	NQ
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9 <sup>th</sup>	P Baker	Dunwarren Blue Curacao CD (Poppy)	Border Collie	NQ
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10 <sup>th</sup>	E Salaviejus	Bess Sal (Bess)	Associate	NQ
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##### Open Agility

5 <sup>th</sup>	T Gavaghan	Lindenbrae Wildrose Tyra AD JDX (Meg)	Border Collie	NQ
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6 <sup>th</sup>	N Lynch	Jasper Flash CD AD JD ET (Jasper)	Associate	NQ
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#### Afternoon Trial

##### Novice Jumping

1 <sup>st</sup>	Monlaird Kennels *	Pirate CD AD (Pirate)	Associate	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pass
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#### Best In Trial

4 <sup>th</sup>	P Baker	Dunwarren Blue Curacao CD (Poppy)	Border Collie	1 <sup>st</sup> Pass
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5 <sup>th</sup>	M J & B McIntosh	Bonshannon Wild River (Sandy)	GSD	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pass
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6 <sup>th</sup>	D Mottram	Torlum Firdyme Lucky (Moss)	Flat Ctd Ret	NQ
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7 <sup>th</sup>	E Salaviejus	Bess Sal (Bess)	Associate	NQ
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##### Novice Agility

1 <sup>st</sup>	D Mottram	Torlum Firdyme Lucky (Moss)	Flat Ctd Ret	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pass
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#### Runner up Best in Trial

8 <sup>th</sup>	Monlaird Kennels *	Lindenbrae Tarfin Bravado (Simbah)	Border Collie	NQ
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##### Open Jumping

4 <sup>th</sup>	Lindenbrae Kennels	Ch Jarrebor Taras Radiance CDX AD JD ET (Sorcha)	Border Collie	NQ
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##### Open Agility

8 <sup>th</sup>	N Lynch	Jasper Flash CD AD JD ET (Jasper)	Associate	NQ
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### Altona & D C O D C – Sunday 4 May 2003

#### Open Jumping

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Trish Gavaghan	Lindenbrae Wildrose Tyra AD JDX (Meg)	Border Collie	Pass
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#### Open Agility

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Trish Gavaghan	Lindenbrae Wildrose Tyra AD JDX (Meg)	Border Collie	Pass
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#### Novice Jumping

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Peter Baker	Dunwarren Blue Curacao CD (Poppy)	Border Collie	NQ
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### Bendigo O D C – Saturday 10 May 2003

#### Novice Jumping

Morning	1 <sup>st</sup>	Peter Baker	Dunwarren Blue Caracao (Poppy)	Border Collie	Pass
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Afternoon	1 <sup>st</sup>	Peter Baker	Dunwarren Blue Caracao (Poppy)	Border Collie	NQ
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### Ballarat O D C – Sunday 11 May 2003

#### Novice Jumping

Morning	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Peter Baker	Dunwarren Blue Caracao (Poppy)	Pass and TITLE	★
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Afternoon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Peter Baker	Dunwarren Blue Caracao (Poppy)	Pass	★
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# The First Six Months

## You're never too young to learn

Norma Bennett Woolf

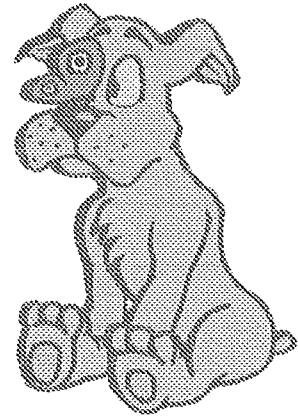
### Introduction

- ♥ *Sassy and Michelle play tug-of-war with Michelle's socks, Sassy growling her puppy growls and Michelle yelling at the puppy for tearing the cotton with her needle-sharp teeth. Sassy is a three-month-old Airedale Terrier.*
- ♥ *Tiger is still peeing in the corner, even after he's been outside to relieve himself. Tiger is a five-month-old Chow Chow mix.*
- ♥ *Misty chases Sean and Traci and grabs their pant legs. Last week Traci fell and banged up her knee and Sean smacked the puppy for chasing his sister. Misty is a four-month-old Shetland Sheepdog.*
- ♥ *Dixie takes her owner for a drag every morning and sometimes darts out the door for a romp on her own. Dixie is a six-month-old Labrador Retriever*

Sassy, Tiger, Misty, and Dixie are prime candidates for surrender to an animal shelter.

### Dog tales

The first six months after puppy comes home are critical in shaping the relationship between puppy and family. Lapses and mistakes here can take months to fix, and families often do not have the time, persistence, or inclination to repair companionship-gone-wrong. Thus a trip to the shelter or rescue group with a tale of woe and a plea to find this "good dog but he . . ." a new home, a trip often followed a week or month or year later with purchase or adoption of another dog and a new beginning on the same path.



It's easy to blame the puppy or the breed — Labs are really too energetic or terriers are too nippy or "We only took this puppy because he was free —" but the truth is that almost any dog can be suitable for almost any family if the family is willing and able to spend the time and energy on the first six months.

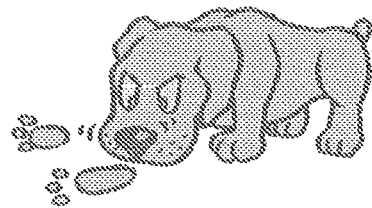
Much of the early problems in puppy training occur because of the persistence of an old belief that dogs are not ready for training until they are six months old.

Wrong!

Puppies are ready to learn when they are born. Training merely formalizes the learning so that the family and the puppy can get along and build a bond that lasts a lifetime. The trick is to teach appropriate behaviours and squelch inappropriate behaviours so that Sassy or Tiger becomes the dog of your dreams — faithful, well mannered, playful, obedient, a joy to live with and brag about.

### New puppies

New puppy care is relatively easy if tiring. Just get the little guy outside to relieve himself, feed him three times a day, and put him in the crate to sleep. He doesn't really need a leash because he can't run fast enough to get away, he's fun to play with because he'll chase the ball and act ferocious, he's ready to lick your face at a moment's notice, and he's soooooo cute when he's asleep.



### The First Six Months – Norma Bennett Woolf (continued)

Christmas puppies reach the terrible **three-month** stage about the end of January, and then the troubles begin. At three months, most puppies can run faster than most kids and many adults. And they are beginning to assert some independence that may translate to growling if a toddler approaches the food bowl or a grade school youngster tries to retrieve a stolen action figure.

By **four months**, the pooch is agile enough to slip out the door when the kids come home from school and big enough to knock a nine-year-old on his backside. He may also be bold enough to steal snacks from tiny hands or from the table.

By **five months**, a big-breed puppy is large enough and strong enough to drag even older kids and small adults — if they are lucky enough or foolish enough to clip a leash to the collar.

By **six months**, the pup may have destroyed the furniture in his teething frenzy, eaten a dozen pairs of socks, ruined bedspreads and stuffed toys and carpets, and required a couple of trips to the vet for intestinal upsets caused by his destructive activities. By this time, the kids may be afraid of the growing pup, Mom may be disgusted with his antics, and Dad may be ready to ship him out as an economic measure.



All this trouble can be avoided if the pup is trained from the moment he arrives in the home. And it can become a thing of the past if appropriate remedies are applied. In other words, those Christmas puppies can be well on the way to becoming loyal, affectionate, and obedient family pets by Easter with a modicum of persistence, a change in focus, and a determination to save the relationship.

### Control

The best control over the dog and family relationship is the selection of an appropriate breed or mix for the family character and circumstances. Active families will be happier with active dogs; neat families will be happier with dogs that don't shed and drool; and quiet, shy families will be happier with mild-mannered breeds that need only moderate exercise. However, if a mistake has been made in the selection of a breed, all is not lost. With flexibility and determination, there's no need to give the pet away or to doom him to the backyard or the animal shelter. It is up to the adults in the family to exert control over the relationship with the puppy. Control is physical and mental.

Physical control involves guiding the puppy to do the right thing or placing him in a position to do the right thing. It does not mean spanking him with a hand or object when he makes a mistake. Mental control means developing a relationship with the puppy that clearly places you in the role of leader. If you have mental control, the puppy looks to you for approval and obeys your commands. Control is established in a number of ways.

- ♣ **With a leash and collar:** Even if Sassy couldn't possibly run fast enough to escape, she should learn to wear a collar and leash when she is less than three months old. If she pulls on the leash, you can change direction and coax her to follow you. Make it a game. Let her chase you; if she's a pant leg-grabber, distract her with a toy or treat. Don't drag her around; make it fun to be with you and she'll learn quickly.
- ♣ **With food:** Feed Tiger at least twice a day. Teach him to sit before you put the bowl on the floor by holding it above his head. When he tips his head to look up, his haunches will hit the floor. Praise him and quickly put the bowl down. If he stands up too soon, have someone hold him gently in sitting position while you put the bowl down. Treats are great training aids for puppies. Just make sure that Tiger obeys a command before getting his treat.
- ♣ **With a crate:** Crates are dog rooms, not dog prisons. They are safe havens for a tired or sick puppy and a necessity for putting puppy out of harm's way. Crates protect furniture and carpets

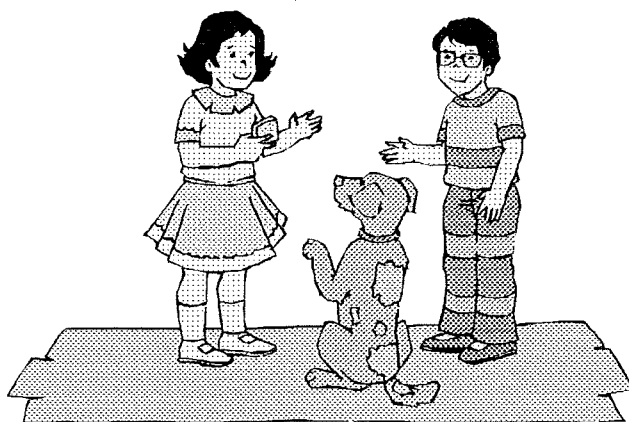
### **The First Six Months – Norma Bennett Woolf (continued)**

- ♣ from puppy damage when you are not home. And crates are great relievers of frustration — when Misty is running amok and the kids are screaming that she stole their cookies and you just discovered a pile of faeces in the corner, it's great to send her to her room until she calms down and you get things under control.
- ♣ **With companionship:** A dog that travels with its family is a dog that has good manners out of necessity. And a well-mannered dog is a joy to take along on trips to the kids' soccer game or the park or a family picnic or even a vacation. On the other hand, a dog that is banished to the back yard or the garage because it is ill mannered generally becomes more so out of boredom and loneliness.
- ♣ **With formal training:** Obedience training has lost its mystique in recent years. No longer the sole province of Hollywood trainers and show competitors, obedience training has been modernised and adapted for family pets. Dog training schools and business exist in just about every nook and cranny of the country. Kennel clubs and breed clubs offer assistance to pet owners and provide literature about selecting a breed and breeder and training a puppy at hundreds of dog shows throughout the country. Many animal shelters offer counselling services and obedience classes to help prevent or solve problems so that families can develop a solid relationship with their pets. And dozens of books are available to help owners understand puppy behaviour and train pets at home.
- ♣ **By spay or neuter surgery:** Dogs that are spayed or neutered tend to be less aggressive and to stay at home. They also tend to be healthier.

### **Keep the dog you have**

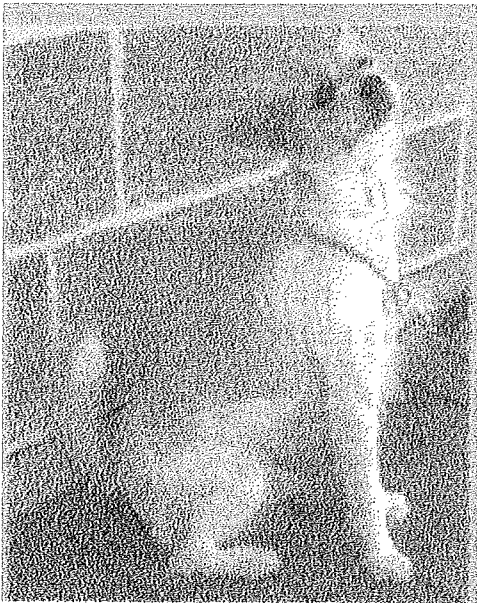
When the bond between man and pet fails to blossom or breaks down, dogs frequently end up in an animal shelter. Many young dogs surrendered to shelters are euthanised because they have behaviour problems that need never have developed. They are runaways or chewers or nippers or growlers or barkers or domineering or fearful or just plain difficult to control. Sometimes families that can deal with the behaviours adopt them, but often they are returned to the shelter because the new owners are as frustrated as those who surrendered the pooch in the first place. And most often, these dogs are euthanised before they get a chance at a new home.

The trick to keeping dogs out of shelters is to prevent bad behaviours from developing and to train away bad behaviours that have formed. The first six months are crucial to achieve that end.



# MAGGIE

## Lions Hearing Dog



Hello, my name is Maggie and I have recently been delivered to my new home with Mrs Robinson. I have settled in and love my new home. Two of your club members Naomi and Sandy currently visit once week to check up on my progress. I enjoy this as I get to show off and demonstrate how clever I am.

You may be interested in how I assist Mrs Robinson in her day-to-day life. I am trained to detect

a smoke alarm  
an alarm clock  
a door buzzer or bell

a ringing telephone  
a knock at the door  
a microwave timer

and other unfamiliar domestic, environmental or community sounds that are necessary for day to day life. I am also thoroughly obedient and town trained to behave in public on buses etc.

I thank you all for sponsoring me as all of us are rescued from the RSPCA or Animal Welfare and then placed into a much loved home.

I am hoping to visit your club one day with Mrs Robinson until we meet, Good Bye and happy training.

*Maggie.....*



# DOG BREEDS FROM A TO Z

## **German Wirehaired Pointer**

The German Wirehair Pointer originated in Germany in the early 1900. In their homeland they are called Deutsch Drahthaar, they are one of the same breed. Translated Deutsch = German, Draht = Wire and Haar = hair. The term pointer was added. It was produced by hunters who wanted a dog with the abilities of a pointer but with a wire coat that would give protection in weather, damage by thorns and bushes.

The Wirehair is a medium sized dog but one of the largest of the pointing breeds. The most identifying feature is the coat and furnishings on the head. The general impression is of a gruff old man.

The typical Wirehair puppy is full of endless energy, he is extremely inquisitive, affectionate and always ready for patting and play. The breed often displays Germanic stubbornness which can be very frustrating to the novice. They do not respond to harsh training and will bite with brutal treatment. For best results repetition, firmness and plenty of praise. A firm confident handler is best.

Supervision should always be taken with any big dog around children. Pups can knock down a child under 5 years very easily. The Wirehair is very protective and devoted to it's owner and family, they make very good watch dogs.

They are not aggressive towards people but can be possessive of their owner's. They are reserved and aloof with strangers .

Wanting to please is their strong point. They have a clown like attitude and can be active.

The Wirehair likes to be near it's human companion and does not always make a good kennel dog, kenneled exclusively they become antisocial. They need "couch time" even if it is just of an evening. These dogs for whom

"socialization" is a critical training technique. Being a pet does not detract them from hunting. The hunting is natural in this breed. Bringing the best hunting ability of the breed up to the correct training given.

I do not generally recommend them to the average pet owner, as the Wirehair becomes very bored with the suburban backyard. They need to be worked or have some form of entertainment such as obedience or agility. Any kept as a pet should be walked on a leash at least twice daily for stimulation. I have not found them suitable with cats or chickens although some people have had success. They have very active minds and if there is nothing to entertain them they will make their own at your expense.

To sum it up the Wirehair is the most devoted friend you will ever have, it is not a silly, tail wagging, kissing dog, but a highly intelligent, proud and sometimes funny creature that can put it all together.

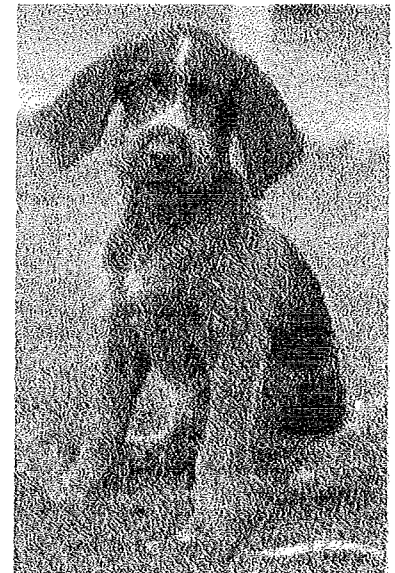
**Average purchase cost** is \$400 to \$1000

**Health** : Very good, no major problems

**Grooming** : Brush weekly, bath monthly

**Performance** : High energy for the first 3 years

**Life span** : 10 to 15 years depending on lifestyle



## *Griffon Bruxellios*

Originally used to catch rats in stables where hansom cabs were kept, this sturdy dog makes a great companion.

The Brussels Griffon (or Griffon Bruxellois) was developed in the 1800s by the artisans and cab drivers of Brussels who crossed the Griffon with English Toy Terriers. They are mostly popular in their native Belgium, only coming to the attention of Americans and Canadians before the First World War. They are not profuse in numbers as they are difficult to breed successfully, often having only one pup in a litter and a high mortality rate in their first few weeks.

A rather fierce-looking little dog with features that are described as almost human by some, or more monkey-like by its detractors. Height: not specified, but usually around 10 - 12 in (25 -30 cm). Weight: 5 - 11 lb (2.3 to 5 kg). Under Canadian standards: 7 lb (3 kg) for the small-sized dog and bitch; 11 lb (5 kg) for the larger dog and 12 lb (5.4 kg) for the larger bitch.

The head of the Brussels Griffon is large, rounded, and broad between the ears. The muzzle is wide and the nose is short, black, and has large open nostrils. The eyes are large and round, dark, and set wide apart. The ears are small and set high in a semi-erect pose. The body is short with well-sprung ribs and a short, strong loin. The tail is carried high and is docked. The forequarters are straight and solid. The hindquarters are muscular in the thighs.

There are two coat types in the Brussels Griffon: a rough and wiry coat and a short, smooth coat. The two coat types can appear in the same litter due to the number of Terrier types combined in this breed and the unstable genes: The coat color can be black, rust, black and tan, black and rust, tan, or red. In the red dogs, darker shading on the face and ears is a feature.

The Brussels Griffon is a most delightful little dog. This dog can develop a highly individual character and really charm its owner. As this dog has such a cute appearance people sometimes inadvertently allow it to become very bossy. It is wise to be assertive with this little dog as it matures, or else it will please itself, rather than its owner. This dog should be given lots of simple tasks to carry out and rewarded with showers of praise from its owner. The Brussels Griffon will make a very good watch-dog if it is clearly shown what it should respond to. A wonderful companion animal.



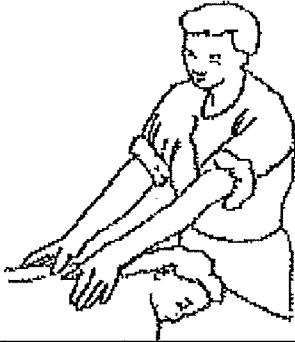
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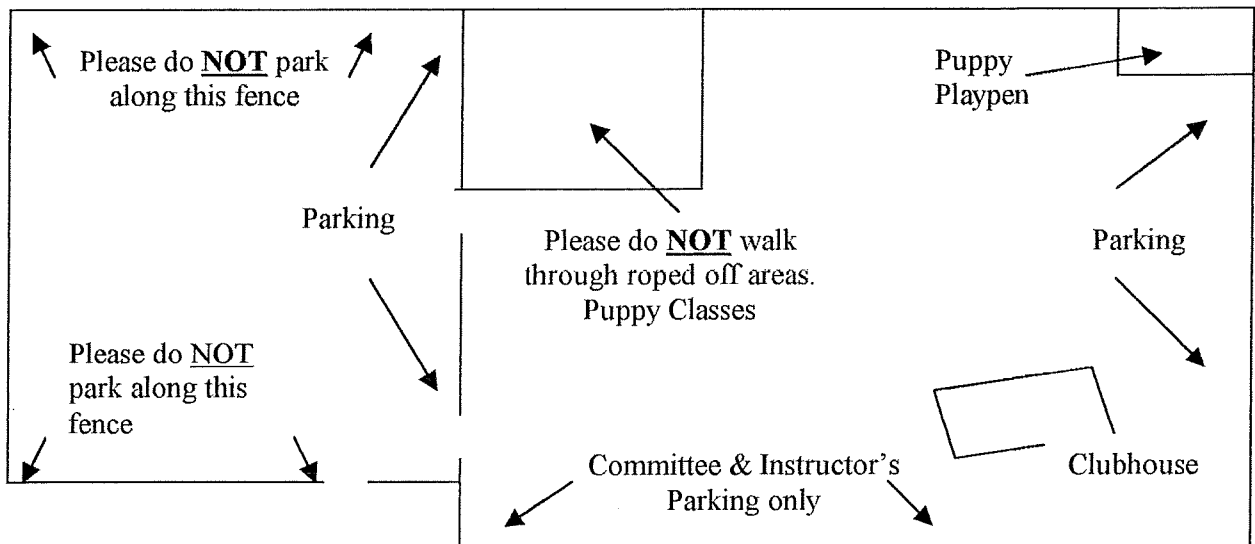
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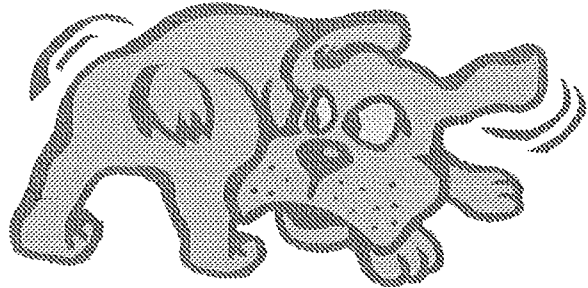


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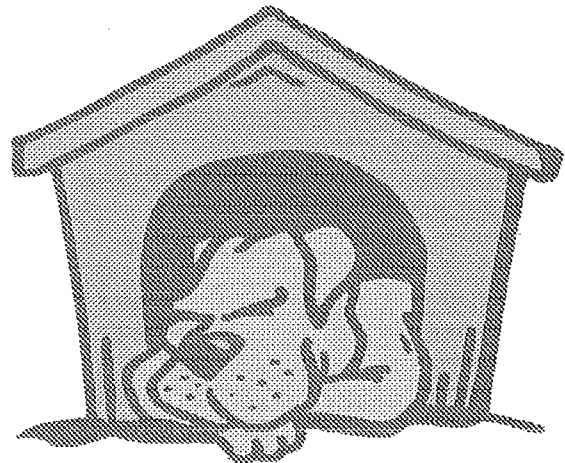
# CANINE ETIQUETTE

All members should be aware of the need for canine social skills before, during and after Class. Your dogs are your responsibility and canine etiquette and lifestyle skills are just another part of the learning process.

Don't make the mistake of assuming that because in your eyes, your canine companion is the most sociable creature going, that all dogs are the same. Or, that your sweet social companion is really the angel you imagine. By observing the social skills below your four-legged friend will become the welcome visitor, instead of the one you wish to avoid.



- Not all dogs like the “in your face” attitude of other dogs. Having another dog bound at them face on and putting paws on the back are considered very bad manners in dog terms and usually result in an angry response, particularly from a more mature dog. Sadly, it is often the mature dog that is labelled an angry dog and one to be avoided, when all he/she is really saying is - “where are your manners?”
- Not all dogs like their space invaded and some don't like the space of their handler invaded either, as they often feel the need to be protective, again resulting in an angry response.
- “Eye-balling” (the fixed stare) is also unacceptable behaviour, as this is seen as a challenge in dog terms and particularly if one or both dogs tense their body, raise up on their toes and generally make themselves look more threatening. Unless you are constantly aware of your dog's behaviour these early signals can go unnoticed, resulting in two dogs lunging at each other. By being vigilant you can avoid these situations by turning your dog away, breaking the eye contact and giving him/her something to do like a sit, drop or stand and then rewarding for the attention he/she has paid to you.
- If you would like your dog to meet another dog, sit your dog beside you and ask the handler if it is okay, **before** releasing your dog to play. If the answer is “No” please respect the owners decision as there is probably a very good reason, which may not be obvious.
- Do not allow your dog to approach a dog that is tied up and unattended.
- If you are talking, always be aware of what your dog is doing at the end of the lead. Often we become so involved in our own social activity that we forget that our four-legged friend has his or her own social activity going on at the same time at the end of the lead.





**2003/2004 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**  
**PLEASE print clearly and complete all details**

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ Christian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Members \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (under 18) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
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***DOG/S DETAILS - Dogs training at the Club***

Name	Breed	Age	Sex

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

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

**Circle type of Membership renewal required**  
**Membership renewed to 30 June 2004**

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

Library Membership - \$2.00    Yes    No  
 Newsletter posted bi-monthly - \$9.00    Yes    No

Are you a VCA Member?    Yes    No

**Office Use**  
 Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Cash/Cheque \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt No \_\_\_\_\_  
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