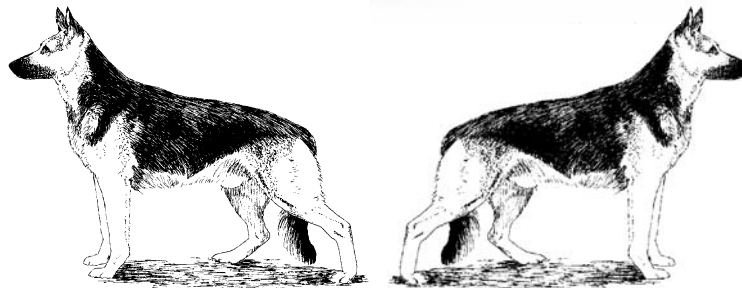
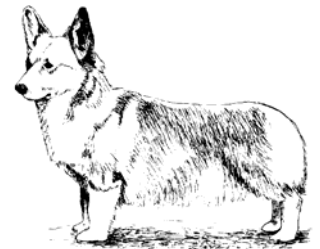
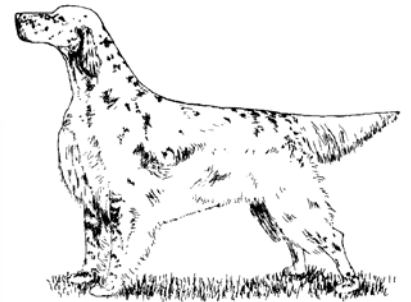


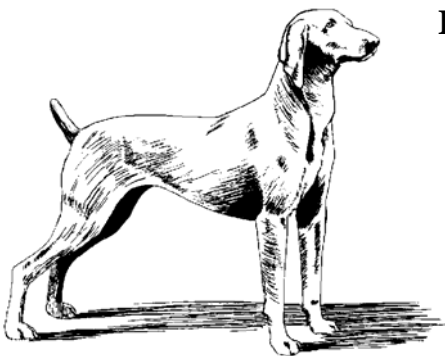
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CLUB CALENDAR

February

Sunday	1 February	Return to training for current Members
Tuesday	3 February	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Sunday	8 February	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Friday	13 February	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	15 February	Normal training
Monday	16 February	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	22 February	Normal training. Newsletter available

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**Hmmmm!!! No thoughts, Just
relaxation of the mind and body.**

Anon



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

.Welcome Back Everyone! Hope you all had a lovely break. The beginning of a new year and some big events for the Club this year. Starting with our Agility trials in April, Steve Austin Seminar in May and the Obedience Trials in July.

Also there have been changes to class times. As we all adjust to the new times please make allowances for any slip ups.

Don't forget to take care of your dogs this summer, there are articles in this newsletter regarding heat management.

See you all around the Grounds.

Tina Button -President



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi Everyone, Welcome back. Looking forward to a positive and successful year with you all. I would like to Thank everyone who attended the Christmas Party and to all the Committee for your help in preparation and packing up. It was a successful event helped by the DJ getting everyone to dance and have a great night.

I would like to welcome the new members and wish them well in their training.

Bye for now

Karen Millard - Secretary



ADVERTISING RATES FOR "FAITHFULLY YOURS"

Advertisements are restricted to a maximum of 12 half pages per issue.

RATES

Up to 1/8 page Line Advertisement 1 Edition	\$ 2.00
Half page Advertisement 1 Edition	\$10.00
Half page Advertisement 12 Months 6 issues (bi-monthly)	\$50.00

Half page "Title" and "Vale" notices are provided free to all Members. Copy must be submitted by the 15th of the month. If you would like photos etc returned, please provide a suitably sized SSAE.

Please note that we do not advertise puppy litters.



CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to all the members who received End of Year Awards, and class certificates.

Instructor/Committee of the year

Ray Millard

Elsa Dahl award for Outstanding Achievement

Raelene Hartney

Obedience Dog of the Year

Tillsun Master Key CDX ADX JDX PT (Amigo) Aust Shepherd

Peter Baker

Agility Dog of the Year

Dunnwarren Blue Curacao CD ADX JDM JDO GD ET (Poppy)

Border Collie ,Peter Baker

Community Companion Dog Title CCD

Mundoona Raykay Dynasty (Maddison) St Bernard, Karen Millard

Monlaird Posiedon HT (Sebastian) Border Collie, Tina Button

Aust Ch Kylain BlackLady Kestrel (Karli) GSD, Tina Button

Aust Ch Lahej KelbTal Kutcha (Anubi) Pharaoh Hound, Tina Button

Lindenbrae TarfinBravado (Simbah) Border Collie, Alex Shackleton

Ruby Rupinder (Ruby) Labrador(associate), Sally Hunt

Sandy Brit AD JD (Dusty) Kelpie x (associate), Lyn Wills

Agility Dog Title

Dixiedaly Jet Setter JD SD GD (Sam) Man. Terrier, Lisa Pucci

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Tracking Dog Excellent

Aust Ch Evergold Highland Chief (Jock) G. Retriever, Peter Roupas

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Herding - Pre trial Title

Tillsun Master Key CDX ADX JDX HT (Amigo) Aust Shep, Peter Baker

Endurance Title

Aust Ch Hubertus NeverSay Never (Ledger) H.Viszla, Paul Gearon
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Paws a while - your Library.

Thankyou to our Club Committee, Instructors and Members for that beautiful floral arrangement and get well wishes. Totally unexpected, but deeply appreciated. I have been diagnosed with Breast Cancer and of course have started treatment.

I look forward to seeing you all soon

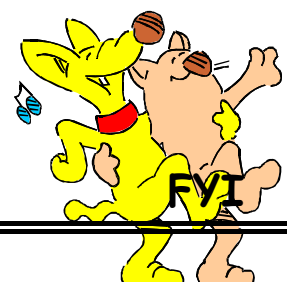
Happy Heeling
Robyn Youl

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IN THE NEWS

Office and Shop times for Sunday Training



8:30am - 9am

9:45am - 10:15am

11am - 11:30am

For Sale

The Club has a set of electronic scales for sale. \$180ono.

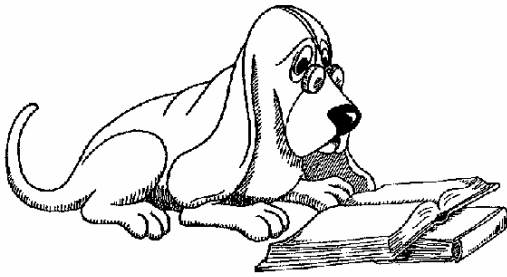
Can hold upto 180kgs.

For more info - see Committee member

HOT DOGS"

By Helen Vnuk

Reprinted courtesy of "Dog's Life" – December 1998



Summertime... and the living is easy. Lounging around in singlets, shorts and thongs, sipping an icy cold drink and heading to the local pool for a refreshing dip..... it all sounds fine, unless you're a dog. Trapped in a long coat, left out in the sun and besieged by pesky little critters, summer can be hell for dogs, if their owners don't look out for them.

BACK TO BASICS

While some lucky dogs get to spend summer days flopped inside an air-conditioned house, most are confined to the backyard. Two things are absolutely vital for every dog left in this situation - shade and water!

In direct sunlight dogs are at risk of heatstroke. There must be shade in the yard throughout the day, whether under a verandah or a tree. And dogs should never be tied up on a hot day, as they may not be able to move to get out of the sun.

A constant supply of clean, fresh water is necessary for dogs all year round, but it's more important than ever in the summer. If your dog is the energetic type who has been known to tip over bowls, try buying a solid, heavyweight water bowl or one of the non-skid variety with a rubber base. To make doubly sure your dog will have water all day, leave two bowls out, so even if one is tipped over, there's still one left. Self-waterers are another idea. The Mister Dew Drop pet fountain, sold at Pet World Stores, is a bowl that connects to the garden hose so the water supply won't run out.

Dogs tend to eat less in hot weather because they're exercising less. If the food you give your dog is likely to go off in the heat, try to make sure it doesn't sit around for too long.

PLAYING IT SAFE

Some dogs love to play so much that they would be begging you to throw the ball for them if the mercury was bubbling out of the top of the thermometer. But even if your dog seems keen, you should be careful not to exercise it too much in hot weather. This doesn't mean hanging up the leash for three months, but the timing and the type of exercise are important.

Try to avoid exercising your dog in the heat of the day, as this is a common cause of heatstroke. As well, dogs being walked over hot surfaces such as footpaths and sand can burn the pads of their paws. If the surface is too hot for you to touch, it's probably too hot for your dog to walk on.



Early morning and early evening are the best times of day to take your dog for a walk during hot weather. It's also good to give your dog a drink along the way and the fold-up bowls you can carry in your pocket (available by mail order through Mikmac and Canine Company) make this simple.

IN THE SWIM

Swimming is a great way to exercise you dog and help to keep cool in summer. People assume that all dogs are natural swimmers – or dogpaddlers – but supervision is still needed. Some breeds, such as Labradors and Golden Retrievers will take to the water more easily than others

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If your dog is swimming for the first time, make it a gradual introduction. Get into the shallow water yourself and encourage your dog to join you. You might like to have another dog there that has swum before, so your dog can follow its example.

Remember, dogs can drown. More dogs drown in private swimming pools than children. Puppies and older dogs are especially at risk, but even dogs that are strong swimmers can drown if they can't get out of the water. This is a particular danger in irrigation channels as well as pools.

Check that the water your dog is swimming in is safe. Beware of strong tides and currents, and watch out for pollution such as blue-green algae, which can be toxic for dogs.

Rinse off your dog after swimming in the sea or in any type of water, if it has sensitive skin. And don't let your dog drink too much seawater – it can be poisonous in large quantities.

If you want your dog to swim in complete safety, you may want to visit one of the swimming pools for dogs. You could also buy a small plastic paddling pool for your yard. Turning the sprinkler on for your dog is another cool idea

PARKING PROBLEMS

The image from the RSPCA's TV commercial is difficult to forget, the dog dazed and suffering after its owner leaves it in a parked car on a warm day. The campaign has done a lot to raise awareness of the dangers of this practice, which is the number one cause of heatstroke in dogs.

Temperatures rise rapidly in parked cars. Even on mild days, when the outside temperature is in the low twenties, the sun beating down on a car can lift the inside temperature to above 50 degrees in a short time.

Leaving the windows slightly open isn't enough, and if the windows are wound down completely the dog could jump out and get run over or lost. Try to avoid taking your dog with you in the car if you're planning to go anywhere dogs aren't welcome.

SHORT CUTS

Short for the summer is the preferred style for many longhaired, woolly and curly-coated breeds of dog. Having their coats clipped short means they will deal with the heat better and can be more active over the summer months. The added bonus is that it will help reduce problems with burrs and fleas.

Shorter doesn't always mean cooler. For breeds such as the Siberian Husky the double coat has an insulating effect and protects the dog from heat as well as cold. But these breeds can shed a lot and you will need to brush regularly to remove dead hair.

SUN SMART

Just as we have learnt to apply the slip-slop-slap rule to ourselves, some of us also need to apply it to our dogs. Dogs can get sunburnt and develop skin cancer. Most at risk are those with white skin, especially Bull Terriers and Dalmatians.

Owners of these dogs should take the same precautions as parents would with children – use sunscreen on them (Filtabac is a zinc-based cream developed for animals) and limit the time they spend in the sun. Baseball caps as well as looking cute, offer extra protection, while all-over Lycra body suits, manufactured by Sydney Company Hotdogs, may be the best solution for dogs that are most at risk.

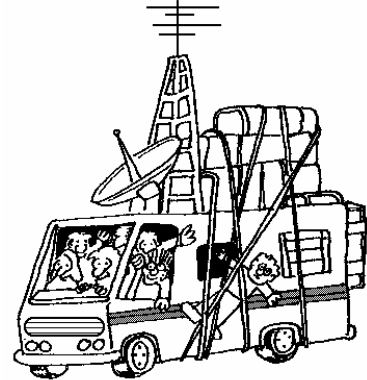
GETTING AWAY

Holidaying with dogs can be fun for both you and them, but to avoid any unpleasant confrontations, it's best to check ahead to find out which places allow dogs. An increasing number of accommodation HOT DOG by Helen Vnuk (continued)

venues are providing for dogs as well as their owners, and several publications, including the "*Life be in it*" *Holidaying with Dogs Guide* will help you with this. Local councils are a good source of information about which beaches and parks allow dogs.

When driving long distances, make plenty of stops so your dog can stretch its legs and have a drink of water. Take everything your dog might need with you, such as bedding and towels, and make sure there are appropriate contact details attached to its collar. Find out where the nearest vet is so you're prepared in emergencies.

New products on the market could help make your trip even better. Dog shoes such as those made by Sydney's *Animate* and distributed through pet stores, could protect paws from being cut while hiking over rough ground, while dog carriers (sold by mail order through *Canine Company*) make it possible for your pet to go with you, even if it is too frail to walk far.



If out camping, be careful of where you tie up your dog. Make sure it can't get tangled in branches, run over or trapped in the heat of the sun as the shade moves.

LITTLE CRITTERS

Summer means flea season, as the warm weather and humidity trigger the hatching of flea pupae which may have been lurking around your house for months or even years. New treatments are now available which are highly effective in attacking all stages of the flea life cycle and making it possible for your dog to be flea-free. You will also need to treat your dog's bedding and perhaps the whole house. Your vet will be able to help you out with advice on which products to use.

Ticks are also more of a danger in warmer weather, especially with people traveling to areas where ticks are widespread. These include bushland areas along the eastern seaboard (Paralysis Tick) and Western Australia (Brown Dog Tick). You'll need to check your dog daily and use preventatives available from your vet.



And don't forget the life-threatening heartworm, which is transmitted by mosquitoes. Dogs should be on monthly or daily preventatives for this.

Summer can be a great time of year for dogs, with the chance to spend more time with their owners and go on holidays or to the beach. But it's up to owners whether summer means fun in the sun or just plain misery.

Dachshund



This is a good-natured dog with uncommon proportions. With its stubby legs and long body, this breed is courageous when hunting, and affectionate as a companion dog.

Dachshund-like dogs were depicted in ancient Egyptian temples and tombs and in early Mexican carvings, and possibly existed in South America hundreds of years before Europeans arrived. The modern-shaped Dachshund possibly developed from the French Basset Hound, along with the

Dachsbracke. It was known in Germany in the early 1700s and Queen Victoria mentions her "dash" in her 1833 diary. Dachshunds were used in Germany as fox and badger dogs, and were renowned for their fearless pursuit of prey into the animal's lair to drag it out.

Their penetrating bark could be heard above the ground by the waiting hunters, who would often be able to dig down to the dog and game. Many a zealous Dachshund would pursue game until it became wedged inside the lair.

Kennel Clubs now recognize six breeds of Dachshund; three of standard size named according to their coats - the Smooth-haired, the Long-haired, and the Wire-haired - and miniature versions of the three standard sizes.

A long body on short legs best describes the shape of the Dachshunds, both in standard and miniature sizes. The short legs are due to a congenital defect that causes shortening of the bones in the legs. Height: although not specified, usually 8 in (20 cm) in the standard and 6 in (15 cm) in the miniature. Weight: in the standard: 25 lb (11 kg) for dogs and 23 lb (10 kg) for the bitches; the miniature: 11 lb (5 kg) for both dog and bitch.

The head is long and tapers to a long, narrow muzzle. The nose is black or brown, depending on the coat color. The skull is slightly arched with no prominent stop, and the jaw is well-developed with a scissor bite. The eyes are almond-shaped, with colors varying from reddish brown to dark brown. The ears are set high, moderately long, flat and rounded at the tips, and drop close to the cheeks. The body of the Dachshund displays a prominent sternum and broad thorax, and the loin is short and slightly arched. The belly is tucked up and the tail is set high, not curved, and carried level with the back.

The coat of the smooth-haired breed is dense, short, and smooth. The long-haired coat has silky, soft, straight hair with a slight wave at times, and abundant feathering behind the legs and on the tail. The wire-haired coat is short and rough, with a distribution of fine, shorter hairs among the coarse hairs. Coat colors of the Dachshund can be whole colors or a mix of two from red, black, tan, silver, blue or brown. They can be brindled, tiger-marked, or dappled.

Although now they usually act as companion animals, these small to medium-sized dogs have a tenacious spirit carried on from their past hunting days. Having a strong sense of territory and an alert nature, Dachshunds make excellent watch-dogs. It is advisable to teach them about the sounds you consider important while they are still young. This early training will make the most of their sometimes enthusiastic barking, and give it direction and purpose.

Dachshunds are very sociable and get along very well with most other dogs. To allow them to fully develop their potential for friendliness, wise owners with single dogs will allow them to socialize as puppies. Dachshunds make excellent companion animals. However, if they are playing vigorous games with larger children, care should be taken not to injure their long backs. Although short-legged, Dachshunds do greatly benefit from regular exercise.

Rottweiler



The Rottweiler is one of the most powerful breeds for its size, but the fierce exterior covers a calm and intelligent, though tough dog.

The Rottweiler has a past filled with diverse occupations. The now extinct Hatzruden, a Mastiff, was used by the Romans to drive their cattle and guard their prisoners. When the Roman quest for lands to conquer ended, these dogs were used very successfully by local boar hunters.

The breed was eventually crossed with local sheep dogs, and was used by the local butchers to drive cattle and guard premises; it became known as the Rottweiler Metzgerhund or the Rottweil Butcher's Dog. After cattle droving became illegal in the town of Rottweil the

breed was used to pull carts, but soon became rare and almost extinct. In the early 1900s the breed was revived by enthusiasts, and it is now recognized and loved worldwide.

The Rottweiler is a magnificent-looking dog, which radiates power from its stocky, muscular body. Height: 23 - 27 in (58 - 69 cm). Weight: 90 - 110 lb (41 - 50 kg). The overall body shape is square, from the deep chest and short back to the rugged legs. The broad skull and deep muzzle meet at a well-defined stop. The wrinkled forehead coupled with the dark eyes and small high-set ears give the Rottweiler an intelligent, inquiring expression.

The medium-length dense coat lies close to the body and covers a fine undercoat. The main body colour is black, with tan or mahogany markings on the face, chest, feet, and legs.

The Rottweiler is a dog that is very confident in its abilities. The Rottweiler makes an excellent guard dog, as it has keen senses, and intelligence to match its physical prowess. The Rottweiler quickly develops a strong sense of territory and will defend its owner's property against intruders when it is left on its own. This dog is very sociable, but care should be taken that it does not scare lesser dogs and provoke fear aggression in them when they first meet. Rottweiler owners must strictly control their dogs when they are around people, and never allow them to become too dominant with their family. A magnificent dog for caring owners who have a very assertive manner.