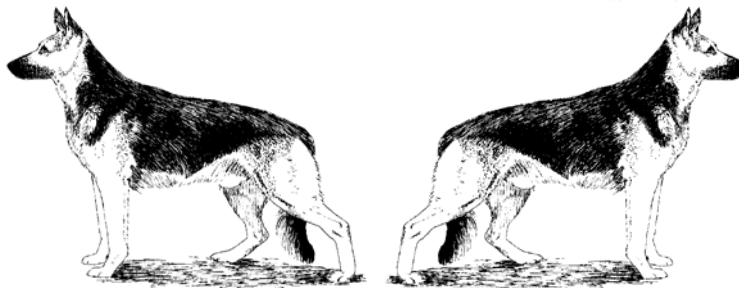
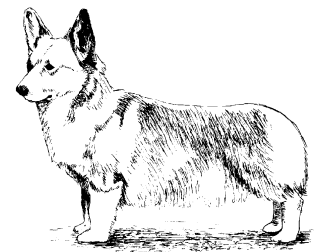
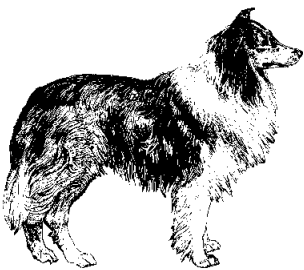
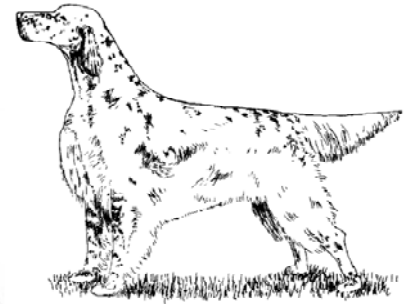


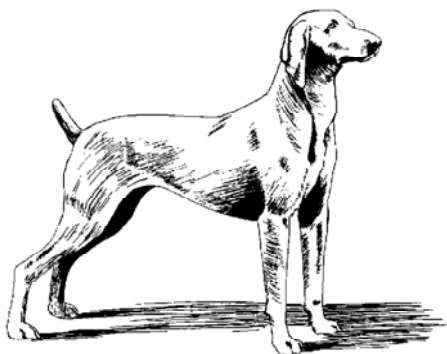
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CLUB CALENDAR

August

Sunday	2 August	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	4 August	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Sunday	9 August	Normal training
Saturday	15 August	Newsletter closes for articles, report, etc
Sunday	16 August	Normal training
Monday	17 August	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Sunday	23 August	Normal training.
Sunday	30 August	Normal training. Newsletter available

September

Sunday	6 September	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	8 September	Committee and Non-Committee nominations close

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Lyn wills

Alex Shackleton
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Celebration Morning Tea **Sunday 9th August - 10 am**

A celebration of Meinhard Breiberg's 40 years of Membership and Colin Humphreys and Jim Ball's 30 years of Membership.

All Members are welcome to join in and thank these Members for their years of service to the Club.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Everyone,

Firstly I would like to thank everyone who assisted at the Obedience Trials. It was a wonderful weekend and running the Trial was made a lot easier with the assistance of many Members. Congratulations to the Members who received passes and titles.

We have a few events coming up over the next couple of months. August 9th there is a morning tea to celebrate the milestone of forty years Membership for Meinhard Breiberg and thirty years for Jim Ball and Colin Humphreys. This will commence at 10am.

August 16th will be the first Aid course for dogs. This will be run by Dr Sally Ivens from Nth Geelong Vet Clinic, with all participants receiving a certificate of attendance.

Finally Oct 2nd we will be having a Trivia night. Flyer will be out soon. All monies raised will be going towards our free run area. Hope to see many of you there.

Until next time. Love your dogs

Tina Button –President

TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Hi,

As I write this it is cold and wet outside and although my dogs are sleeping beside the fire now, all dogs need daily exercise both physical and mental. "A tired dog means a happy owner" as I was once told, so please make the effort and take your dog out.

While you are out, introduce different places and distractions to your training so that your dog learns to behave in all circumstances. Also, come down 15 minutes early to Class and walk your dog around, let them have a sniff, etc so that they are settled and ready to learn before Class.

Are you interested in helping other Members and their dogs? If so, think about becoming an Instructor! (for more information see later in this Newsletter)

David Gravolin – Training Supervisor

AGILITY NEWS

With Promotion Day looming I thought it might be time to remind you of another option for you and your dog after gaining your Merit certificate. You will have seen the Agility Classes in action and maybe might feel that you and your dog would like to join us.

Any fit, healthy dog that is under control and is sociable enough to work alongside other dogs is welcome to join Level 1 Agility which is our Foundation Class. At this level you will work on building confidence in your dog, building a team relationship with your dog, work on balance and coordination skills, and learn many of the directional skills you will need in agility. If you are interested, please come and talk to any of the Agility Instructors who will be happy to give you any information you need.

Congratulations to Lyn and Dusty who earned their Novice Regular Superior title at Ballarat last Sunday. Lyn is one of our Agility Instructors and braved the wintry conditions in order to gain that important last pass. Good luck moving up to Open now.

We are fortunate at GODC to have many Agility resources available to us through the Club's Library. As well as the "Agility In Motion" series of DVDs, the Club also subscribes to "Clean Run" magazine which always has something to interest and help the Agility student.

As Instructors we are always urging Class Members to play with their dogs but very often get told that, "My dog won't play with toys." In the May, 2009 issue of "Clean Run" there is a very good article on

rehabilitating the play-deprived dog. Find out what you should and should not do, and how to create the desire to play. Playing with your dog is fun for both of you, helps build the bond between you both and is a great tool to use in Agility training.

In the same issue there is also an article on 'Socialising Your New Puppy' which is also really worth reading.

We wish a speedy recovery to Simmon, Karen and Elaine who have had to curtail their Agility for the time being and look forward to having them back with us soon.

Trish Gavaghan

LIBRARY BOOK AND DVD REVIEW

Dog Whisperer - Cesar Millan

The Complete Season – all 26 episodes

“My dream is to share the knowledge I was born with, with the rest of the world”. Cesar Millan

This set of four DVDs shows the twenty-six episodes of Cesar Millan’s first season of television shows. It is a most entertaining way of learning about Cesar’s methods as he endeavours to “help people to understand what dogs really need”.

Each episode shows Cesar dealing with two or three dogs, all of which have behaviour problems ranging from hyperactivity to aggression. Cesar believes exercise, discipline and then affection are the three components necessary for a well balanced dog, but in so many of the ‘problem’ dogs the first two have become almost non-existent as owners treat their dogs as children and allow them to take on the role of pack leader. As he sets about rehabilitating these dogs he demonstrates strategies for their owners to use as they implement necessary rules, boundaries and limitations that have not been previously put in place.

Barking, rushing the door/gate, mounting the children, biting, pulling on the lead, obsessive behaviours, possessive behaviours and fear induced behaviours are some of the problems dealt with as Cesar exerts his calm, assertive energy to calm the dogs and make them submissive. If you think it all looks too easy, make sure you check out the Bulldog and the hose on the last DVD!

Trish Gavaghan

Dogs Behaving Badly – Gwen Bailey

A practical guide to transforming your dog’s behaviour.

This book lived up to its title as a practical guide and is very easy to relate to as many of us have known dogs that don’t like being left alone, are bossy or even pull washing off the line, etc. It is a very basic guide offering solutions to various problems dogs may have. The wording is easy to understand – no complicated dog training terms, although it is an English book and some of the settings may be unfamiliar.

The book is divided into chapters covering topics such as aggression, home alone and car travel problems. Throughout the chapters there are practical tips as well as case studies of various dogs. These were interesting as it gave a history of the dog, how the problem was being solved and the outcome of the training. The book also stressed that there was no such thing as a ‘quick fix’ and to seek professional help if required.

Overall the book provided very entertaining reading.

Lyn Wills



NRCA CH, DUAL CH (T) RAKAAZ NARA FLYNN CD ET

Flynn achieved her Tracking Dog Title way back in 2001 when she was 3 years old. That same year we attempted a couple of TDX tracks with her and she was a bit naughty, deciding that going off on an animal scent was more fun than tracking a person. So we decided not to continue tracking her.

Fast forward to 2008 and whilst training another dog we decided to do a fun track with her. To our surprise she had mellowed with age and was quite good. We were then kicking ourselves for not giving her a year's break and continuing with her. After a few more fun tracks we started to seriously consider trying for further tracking tests

with her and in 2008, at the age of 9.5 years she gained the first 2 passes to TDX, we had a couple of fails and discovered that if ever we had the misfortune of having sheep in our paddock we just weren't going to get a pass that day. Considering how late in the tracking season we had started her that was a great result. I decided to wait and see how another 6 months found her health wise, before we trialled her next winter. She was now 10.5 years in winter 2009, but still very happy to go tracking and would be grinning for the rest of the day with each training track, so off we went again and in May she obtained her TDX title at Hastings trial, and only a week later her Tracking Champion title at the GSDCV Trial at Haddon. She would certainly be the oldest Rottweiler to get her Tracking Champion title, but we would not recommend waiting this long!

She has loved it and so have we, we are very proud of her, she is now retired back to the couch but still loves to go out for a fun track.

John & Susie Baird

PORUSE DIAMOND DEALER CD TD

Owned and loved by Wendy Ganly



Gambit, my loveable Aussie Shepherd gained his Companion Dog (CD) Title on Saturday 11th July 2009 at the Geelong Obedience Dog Club AM Obedience Trial. Not only his CD Title, but 1st in the ting and Highest Scoring Geelong Member.

I tried and tried to make excuses to myself for not going this day, but I had made a promise to Steward in the PM Trial and made my way down the Ballarat Road.

The day was very windy with the clouds threatening to rain at any time. It was not a particularly nice day for trialling for dogs that aren't happy dropping or sitting on the wet ground.

I kept telling myself to breathe during the exercises, pleased that Gambit was with me the whole time. Then the dreaded 1 minute sit and 3 minute down exercise. Gambit didn't move, he stayed in position the whole time while once again, I kept telling myself to breathe. The Judge finally said Exercised Finished. My heart was going ten to the dozen knowing that Gambit had done what he can do best and complete the CD exercises with a score of 184/200.

I floated the rest of the day and probably will for the rest of the month ever so grateful to Gambit.

To those of you who have been on the journey with Gambit and I during our training and trialling, tears and smiles, I wish to thank you all for your support, suggestions and companionship.

Wendy Ganly

Trial Results Trial Results Trial Results Trial Results

Hastings & District O D C Trial – 30/5/09

Susie & John Baird	Ch Rakaaz Nara Flynn CD TD ET Rottweiler (Flynn)	TDX
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GSDCV Tracking Trial – 6/6/09

Susie & John Baird	Ch Rakaaz Nara Flynn CD TD ET Rottweiler (Flynn)	TRACKING CHAMPION
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Rottweiler Club of South Australia Restricted Trial – June Novice

Susie & John Baird	Rakaaz Kiss This CCD Rottweiler (Pasher)	1 st Pass	2 nd Place
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Broadmeadows Obedience Trial – Sunday 28th June

Novice

Janelle Convery	Goorambat Excalibur CCD Golden Retriever (Rookie)	1 st Pass	3 rd Place
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Utility

Tony Stewart	Folecia Makena CDX Golden Retriever (Bella)	NQ	2 nd Place
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Janelle Convery	Goorambat the Manor CDX Golden Retriever (Mason)	NQ	3 rd Place
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Geelong Obedience Dog Club Trials

Morning Trial – Saturday 11th July

CCD

Christina Mackey	Willmaurs Junction Jenny GSD (Shakira)	1 st Pass	5 th Place
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Highest Scoring Geelong Member CCD

Elaine Longshaw	Coppertop Perfect Pitcha Dobermann (Piper)	1 st Pass	7 th Place
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Leah Stone	Bethchanti Mr Pickwick (Bandit) CKCS (Bandit)	NQ	2 nd Place
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Novice

Tina Button	Monlaird Hyland Mist CCD JD Border Collie (Skye)	2 nd Pass	3 rd Place
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Highest Scoring Border Collie

Wendy Ganly	Poruse Diamond Dealer CCD TD Aust Shepherd (Gambit)	CCD Title	1 st Place
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Highest Scoring Geelong Member in Trial

Utility

Tony Stewart	Folecia Makena CDX Golden Retriever (Bella)	2 nd Pass	3 rd Place
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Afternoon Trial – Saturday 11th July

CCD

Christina Mackey	Willmaurs Junction Jenny GSD (Shakira)	Pass	6 th Place
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Highest Scoring Geelong Member CCD

Heather Cook-Gearon	Rhubradhu Savanha Sunrise ET Hungarian Vizsla	1 st Pass	7 th Place
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Helen Read	Sprockett Associate (Sprockett)	CCD Title	3 rd Place
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Tori Stones	Conningsburgh Vanity Labrador Retriever (Jenna)	1 st Pass	8 th Place
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Novice

Tina Button	Monlaird Hyland Mist CCD JD Border Collie (Skye) Highest Scoring Geelong Member	CD Title	1 st Place
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Utility

Tony Stewart	Folecia Makena CDX Golden Retriever (Bella)	NQ	3 rd Place
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Morning Trial – Sunday 12th July

CCD

Christina Mackey	Willmaurs Junction Jenny GSD (Shakira) Highest Scoring Geelong Member CCD	CCD Title	2 nd Place
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Elaine Longshaw	Coppertop Perfect Pitcha Dobermann (Piper)	2 nd Pass	5 th Place
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Heather Cook-Gearon	Rhubradhu Savanha Sunrise ET Hungarian Vizsla	2 nd Pass	3 rd Place
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Novice

Tina Button	Ch Kylain Blacklady Kestrel CCD GSD (Karli) Highest Scoring Geelong Member	1 st Pass	3 rd Place
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Utility

Tony Stewart	Folecia Makena CDX Golden Retriever (Bella)	NQ	3 rd Place
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Utility

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GODC Perpetual Trophies will be presented on Sunday 2nd Aug

August's Newsletter will feature an explanation of Trials, various disciplines and what you can achieve with your dog.



From a happy Member

Hey do you have a Retrieval Service?

I do and I'm ever so grateful to them being responsible for notifying me that my mobile phone was found by a Staff Member of a McDonald's store.



APPLICATION FOR TRAINEE INSTRUCTORS

Members are invited to apply to enter the Instructors Course. Members applying will receive education in

- The Club – how it works and its history
- What makes a good Instructor?
 - Understanding how dogs and people learn
 - Be familiar with the difficulties people have in learning
 - Recognise these difficulties when they occur in Class
 - How to overcome these difficulties
 - Understand how dogs learn
 - How to be a successful Instructor
- Advances in dog training – what the public expect
- Positive training – what it is and how it works
 - Scientific research results on which positive training is based
 - Learn training theory
 - Learn training methods

In return the Trainee must guarantee to give the Club 12 months of their time as an Instructor after completing the course.

Course time frame is 12 weeks plus apprentice time with a qualified Instructor. A Certificate will be issued after completing the course

Merit Certificate pass to commence as Trainee. Graduate Certificate **pass required before you commence instructing.**



Monlaird Hyland Mist CD JD (Skye)

Yay!! We finally did it. Skye received her first pass at Geelong last year, we entered Ballarat, we were both not focused as I had finished night shift and went straight into the trialling ring, (bad move!!).

I then focused on her getting her show title (4 points to go), so Obedience took a back seat.

After gaining her jumping title I then focused on the Geelong trial to get her Novice Title.

We received a pass at both Trials on the Saturday as well as a 1st and 3rd place and Highest scoring Geelong Member, What a way to end the day.

Now it's on to finishing her show title, doing excellent jumping and hopefully she will be a mum this year.



Willmaurs Junction Jenny CCD "Shakira"

Hi, my name is Shakira (Willmaurs Junction Jenny) and I live on a farm with 3 other canine family members, cats, ducks, geese, hundreds of sheep and alpaca guards.

I am a VID (very important dog) as I sit in the passenger seat of the ute with a look of great importance checking everything on the farm and if any lambs need warming or special care, am very motherly and protective. I also work sheep quite well, purely having learnt through watching Simba, my sheep dog friend.

No I'm not talking to you at the moment

Mum says I am the most beautiful and special girl in the world (next to Briannah) and am very funny. I play a major role in her life, keep her as happy as possible as she has had cancer and at times health issues. Sometimes she is not well enough to train Seqoya, Donnie and I, so we try to learn very quickly.

She loves us so much and is especially proud of me as with only one training lesson a week, accomplished my CCD Title on my first attempt with 3 passes in a row. Mum regularly challenges herself and sets goals and this one I happily helped her with. With scores of 87, 87 and 90, I managed Highest Scoring Member of our Club (which I love to attend) in CCD. My ribbons already hang on the lounge room wall.

Our next challenges are Novice Title, completing the Delta Schooling and next year ET, but my most favourite past time is running, playing and going for walks and getting wet with my best friends and cuddling up to Mum.

Thanks to all who made the fun weekend possible.
Shakira (Christina Mackey)

Peter K. Hobbs

13th July 2009

Dear Paul,

Having arrived home in Diamond Creek safely last evening, and being just too tired to do anything, I didn't have a chance for any reflection on the weekend until today.

May I say that I thoroughly enjoyed everything about your club's weekend trial and the smooth organisation. Very often when things go well people don't realise that it's because of the forward planning – not luck.

I was very appreciative of the personal help offered to me by you and Heather due to my mistake on my entry forms. Please pass on my appreciation.

Similarly, I thought the barbecue on Saturday night was a great idea, allowing for good fellowship amongst the 16 or so people there. It's what makes a sport or hobby so interesting when you have the chance to talk about more than just the main focus of the day.

Perhaps with better weather the numbers would have been higher, but that certainly didn't detract from the evening.

That I finished up the weekend with two passes, despite the gale force winds and general debris rushing across the ground in our finals stays, made it just about complete.

Please pass on my congratulations and regards to whole club committee.

TO ALL MEMBERS ATTENDING TRIALS

The following is the criteria for the selection of "Obedience Dog of the Year" and "Agility/Jumping Dog of the Year" Awards. Please read carefully.

"OBEDIENCE DOG OF THE YEAR" AWARDS

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

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

"AGILITY/JUMPING DOG OF THE YEAR" AWARD

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

	AD/JD Level	ADX/JDX Level	ADM/JDM Level
<i>Pass</i>	<i>4 points</i>	<i>5 points</i>	<i>6 points</i>
<i>First Place</i>	<i>3 points</i>	<i>4 points</i>	<i>5 points</i>
<i>Second Place</i>	<i>2 points</i>	<i>3 points</i>	<i>4 points</i>
<i>Third Place</i>	<i>1 points</i>	<i>2 points</i>	<i>3 points</i>

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

AWARDS AND TROPHY RECIPIENTS

'that all recipients of Club Trialling and Agility Awards/Trophies have to be active Club Members and their dog shall have been trained for a minimum of 16 weeks on our grounds under supervision of authorised Club Instructors'. (16 week minimum effective from 2003)

VCA PAPERWORK

If you gain a Title, the Secretary or Trial Secretary can give you the appropriate paper work to fill in for the VCA and you need to submit your details to the Office for your medallion at the end of the year.

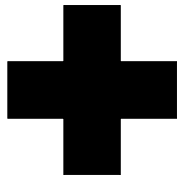
CLUBROOM PHOTOS

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

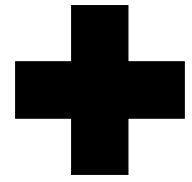
NEWSLETTER RESULTS

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

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



CANINE FIRST AID WORKSHOP



SUNDAY 16th August 2009

GODC CLUBROOM



12:30pm

(lunch, tea & coffee included)

\$20 per person

Presented by Dr Sally Ivens
(Nth Geelong Vet Clinic)

Dogs Welcome

Certificate of attendance on completion

Introduction & welcome

Approaching Ill or injured dogs

When to call the Vet

Assessing an injured dog. i.e. what do you take care of first. Breaks, bleeds etc, using a makeshift muzzle

CPR to adults and pups.

Newborn pups, what to do during whelp if pups not breathing

Injuries to bones and muscles

Soft tissue injuries and care of wounds

Poisons, including household products and baits

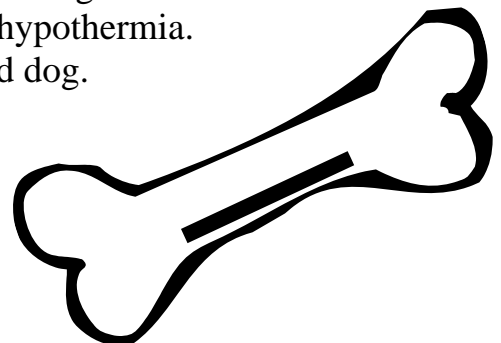
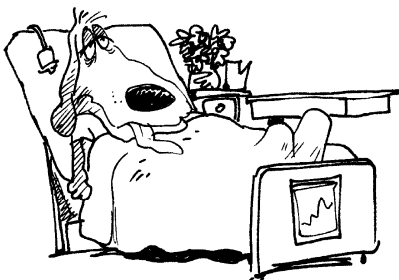
Bites & stings, snake, bees, other dogs

Exposure to heat & cold, Hyper and hypothermia.

Lifting and moving the injured dog.

Mini test

Question & Answer



CANINE FOOD TRAINING

Food for thought and dog training

www.canismajor.com/dog/ttrain.html

Introduction

Dusty sat and waited by the door; after a word of praise, Mary opened the door and the pup streaked through.

In this simple progression, Dusty received a reward for good behaviour. She sat and the door opened. The praise meant nothing at this point in her training; instead it was the reward that helped her associate sitting by the door with the freedom to run in the yard.

The connection between accomplishment and reward is not always so easy to make, especially when teaching obedience commands or shaping complex chains of behaviours. That's where food comes in handy as a bridge to understanding, an attention-getter to focus the pup on the desired reaction to an owner's command. Food should always be accompanied by praise so the phrase "Good puppy!" spoken with enthusiasm becomes the reward and treats can be saved for special occasions.



Most puppies will do just about anything for a treat. Although many owners insist on training without food rewards, there is no question that coaxing a puppy with food limits the frustration of teaching sit, down, come, heel, stand, and many other individual commands and sequences. With food, there is no pushing or scooping the pup into position and no irritation because the pup bites at hands, wiggles away, or collapses into a pile of oozing protoplasm. With food, the action, the treat, and the praise are a package, and the pup will respond to the praise as much as the treat as

her bond with humans grows.

Dr. Ian Dunbar, a veterinarian and animal behaviourist, teaches puppies to sit, lie down, stand, and come without manhandling. On his Sirius Puppy Training videotape, Dunbar demonstrates his technique: Hold the treat slightly above Dusty's head, so the pup has to look up to see it, and say "sit." When Dusty looks up and her rear end hits the floor, give her the treat. At the same time, touch her collar with the other hand so she gets accustomed to a hand reaching towards her when she's sitting. This helps to keep her from grabbing and running and makes it easier to clip a leash to her collar when training gets to that point.

Hold the treat just out of Dusty's reach to minimize the temptation to jump up. If she jumps or lunges, withhold the treat until she sits. If she backs up to keep the treat in sight, work with her back to a wall. When the pup sits for the treat, teach her to go down on command by lowering the treat to the floor in front of her and coaxing her to lie down to get it. If her rear end pops up, no treat or praise.

Once she learns down, combine the two commands by telling her to sit, go down, then sit again. Give the treat at the end of the sequence.

Teach her to stand on command by holding the treat in front of her while she's sitting and saying, "stand." Move the treat forward so she has to stand to get it. Incorporate stand with sit and down in sequence and give the treat after she obeys a string of commands.

Commands like sit, down, and stand make up basic good manners training for all puppies, but they only work if they are reinforced. Just as parents require children to use good manners at home as well as in public, so dog owners should expect the same of their canine family members. Puppies should always sit to be fed, get a treat, get petted, have leash attached to collar, go out the door or get out of the crate or the car or any other time when they are told to sit.

Canine Food Training (continued)

Puppies should also lie down or stand to be groomed, stand for a veterinary exam, and lie quietly in a crate.

Type of food

Food treats for training should be tiny, easy to eat, and as crumbless as possible. Small cubes of hot dogs or chicken work well, and there are several soft treats available in pet supply stores and departments.

Some puppies love cheese in a can, but handling the can is awkward in training sessions. For cheese-loving puppies, string cheese or small cubes of cheddar are more convenient.

Big crunchy treats like dog biscuits interfere with the flow of training because the pup loses concentration while chewing and looking for crumbs. However, small pieces of non-sugared cereal such as Cheerios or Kix can be used successfully.

Whatever food treat is chosen, the training session should be held when the pup is hungry. The treats should replace part of the daily food ration so Fido doesn't get a head start on a lifelong weight problem.

Phasing out food

Some trainers use food for every new command they teach, then gradually diminish the use of treats as the dog gains in understanding and proficiency. Others use food only for puppy training and depend on praise and a strong dog-and-person bond to teach adult dogs new tricks and skills.

Phasing out the food takes determination, especially if it has not been accompanied by praise from the beginning. Owners often fear that Fido works only for the food, not for the praise that comes with it, and they hesitate to take the step. However, if the pup has been praised for his successes, the bond will develop, and treats can be reduced to every second or third time the command is obeyed, then eliminated altogether.

Training older puppies and young dogs

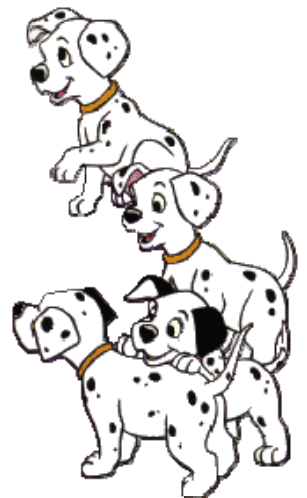
Food helps in a myriad of training opportunities. If six-month-old Rambo weighs 60 pounds and is a brat, treat training is safer and less frustrating than the traditional scoop-him-into-a-sit method or the old push-his-rump-to-the-floor method.

Even a boisterous, out of control dog can be coaxed to behave with treats so that a bond can flower and grow. However, dealing with an already rambunctious dog accustomed to running amok requires far more patience than teaching a puppy with little on his mind but pleasing the human who feeds him.

Rambo already has his owner bamboozled, so a steely backbone and an iron constitution are necessary to cut him off from all affection and rewards until he obeys a command. Sit and down can be taught in the same fashion as with puppies, but a more savvy dog will use his wiles to get the treat without doing the deed. Owners who give in for expediency or out of frustration will find themselves ruled by an iron paw.

The first few days will be rough, but the quicker the pooch learns that all good things flow from the boss human, the quicker he will find himself more in control through obedience than he was through bullying tactics or oily charm.

A word of caution: if an out-of-control older puppy or adult dog growls or bears



Canine Food Training (continued)

his teeth to get his way, head for the nearest animal behaviour specialist or dog trainer specializing in solving aggression problems. Pet owners are generally not equipped to handle canine aggression; trying to do so is likely to result in tragedy.

Kids and snacks

Treat training can be tough in a family with young children unless kids and dogs are separated during meals and snack times. Sally and Mark should not be expected to keep their food away from the dog, and an untrained dog should not be expected to listen when Mom shouts at him to drop Sally's cookie.

Dogs that continually steal food from children are poor candidates for treat training because they already have access to whatever tasty morsels they want. A tiny cube of hotdog or cheese as a reward for sitting cannot compete with a handful of cookies or a chicken sandwich stolen from tiny hands.

The solution is really rather simple: Kids should eat at the table, not toddling around the house or sitting in front of the television set or at the computer, and dogs should be confined so that they cannot steal food from little fingers.

No training method fits all situations. No training method is foolproof. Dogs that are very shy or very bold take more patience and ingenuity than those middle-of-the-road dogs that almost seem to train themselves. However, food training is an effective shortcut for owners who want to build a good relationship from day one with a puppy and for those who want to instil manners in good-hearted but over-indulged teenaged or adult dogs.

Norma Bennett Woolf

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DOG ATTENTION IS FUNDAMENTAL TO ALL TRAINING

By PETER KENNON

All good educators possess the ability to capture and maintain the attention of their pupils. As teachers (trainers) of dogs we would be well advised to follow their example

Dog attention is fundamental to all training. When we have it, everything is so much easier. Despite this, many of us launch into our lessons with inattentive dogs and wonder why we encounter problems. Our difficulties are not necessarily due to inexperience, poor methods or lack of effort but rather to our failure to teach our pupils to pay attention.

When I watch some of the better trainers working their dogs, this matter of dog attention becomes so obvious, it's not accidental that the animal's entire mental energy is focused on its handler, nor is it hard to explain why their performance is so pleasing.

There are of course some dogs, which are naturally attentive, although these treasures are relatively rare. Most of our canine mates must be taught to give their undivided attention and whilst I have often stated there is no magic in training, the difference this can make is quite astounding.

I should note that dog attention on its own is not the sole reason for the superbly trained animals we occasionally see. Affection and trust are also essential elements. Attention can be gained by cruelty and fear but the result is in stark contrast to a happy, willingly obedient dog.

There are two levels of attention to aim for. The first is general attention and consists of creating an awareness in the animal of the need to maintain contact with its human partner. Even if out for relaxed, free exercise, I feel it is my responsibility to remain aware of my dog's movements. I expect the dog to reciprocate.

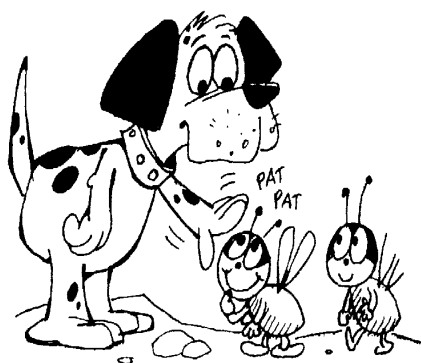
This is encouraged by a carefree game of hide and seek. When the dog is off in a world of its own, I hide behind the nearest obstacle. Eventually my companion realises it is alone and

before it becomes unduly concerned or agitated, I reappear as though nothing had happened. Usually the dog's reaction is one of "Thank goodness I've found you, I thought you were lost." It doesn't take long for them to learn that keeping an eye on the boss is useful.

With more aloof, independent dogs, it may be necessary to remain concealed for a longer period, but never to the points where the animal is frantic with worry. We don't want the dog to think we are deliberately trying to avoid its company. The procedure should be as natural as possible and the dog should be gently praised for 'checking in' so that it's diligence is rewarded. Undue fuss is not necessary.

The second and maximum level of attention is essential for intensive training. No dog can sustain this level indefinitely so we must be able to turn its attention on and off with verbal cues.

The words used for this purpose are a matter of personal preference. Having selected something appropriate ("watch" and "hey" are often used to gain attention) we need to teach its meaning.



Basically, the idea is for the dog, having received the turn-on cue, to understand it is time for work.

Hopefully, eye contact will have previously become a rewarding experience for both parties because we must have this form of communication for full attention.

With the dog at heel in the sit position, the verbal turn-on cue is issued and the dog encouraged to establish eye contact. The word may be enough to get attention but initially it will probably be necessary to physically raise the dog's head, either by tapping it between the ears or tilting its muzzle. Food can be usefully employed but remember that the objective is have the dog watching the handler (not the food).

In the early stages the dog should be positively reinforced as soon as it offers attention. It is then

immediately turned-off or released. Again, a special word should be chosen and reserved for release of attention – not used for normal praise. Terms such as “Free”, “Away” or “Off” are suitable.

The turn-off cue signifies the end of work and can be given with considerable enthusiasm so that the dog clearly understands it is “free”, can go “away” or is “off” duty.

With practise, we reach a point where the dog’s attention can briefly be turned on and off as we require. This foundation is built upon by gradually extending the period of full attention and ensuring the dog will comply in each position, sit, stand and down. All this is done whilst stationary. There is no need to make the lesson any harder than necessary.

Obviously we want the dog to remain attentive when mobile, so this is the next logical progression.

‘Watch’ can now be followed by “Heel” and the dog taught to keep looking up and watching the handler. A few paces are sufficient to start with, followed by a halt, sit, praise and release.

UNDERSTANDING

When the dog acknowledges the need to be

attentive, its understanding can be strengthened with simple manoeuvres.

The trainer should wait until the dog is distracted before asking for attention, then rapidly moving forwards, backwards or sideways. If the dog complies immediately, no correction will result. If it doesn’t, if quickly discovers that inattention will incur some penalty. Approached in the right spirit, this becomes a game most dogs enjoy, particularly when they are allowed to win regularly.

Eventually the dog that has learnt to be attentive is difficult to distract. Success in all training is assured when the dog considers every distraction to be a stimulus for more attention to its trainer.

There are a couple of traps to avoid. Many dogs, especially smaller ones, find it easier to pay attention by sitting crooked so this should be anticipated and prevented. Others learn to lean against the handler so they are not caught unawares. This should also be discouraged.

It’s an inescapable fact that dogs (and people) can’t learn effectively until they pay attention to their teachers. Therefore it seems reasonable to conclude that training a dog to be attentive is not optional, it is absolutely essential.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, 6TH OCTOBER 2009

**Meeting commences at 8.00pm followed by a
General Meeting**

All Members are welcome

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

Nomination Forms are now available to nominate or be nominated for the Committee positions as listed below. All Committee positions become vacant at the Annual General Meeting and those current Committee Members wishing to re-stand must nominate again.

Nominations close on **Tuesday 8th September**. Nomination forms must be completed correctly (one position per form) and placed in the ballot box in the Clubrooms prior to the closing date

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1 x President **2 x Vice Presidents** **1 x Secretary**
1 x Treasurer **1 x Trial Secretary/Assistant Secretary**

(Executive Committee Members must be Members of the Victorian Canine Association. If you wish to stand for one of these positions, but are not a VCA Member, there is provision for the Club to pay your VCA Membership Fees)

GENERAL COMMITTEE

There are six (6) General Committee vacancies for which you can nominate, but at the first Meeting of the new Committee each of those Members must be prepared to accept one of the following positions

Canteen Manager **Grounds Manager** **Shop Manager**
Equipment Manager/Assistant Grounds Manager **2 General Committee**

NON-COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Nominations are also called for the following Non-Committee positions. If you wish to nominate for any of the following positions, please use the Nomination Form provided and place the completed for in the Ballot Box in the Clubrooms. Nominations close for ALL positions on **Tuesday 8th September**.

Librarian **Assistant Librarian** **Membership Officer**
Minutes Officer **Display Team Leader** **Newsletter Editor**
Training Supervisor **Web Master**

LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS

Nominations are also called for Life Membership of the Club. If there is someone you think is worthy of Life membership who meets the criteria, write a brief resume and hand it, in a sealed envelope addressed to "The Chairperson, Life Membership Sub-Committee", to the Secretary no later than
Tuesday 22nd September 2009

Life Membership Criteria – 'any person, after a period of 5 years continuous Membership, may be appointed as a Life Member of the Club in recognition of services rendered to the Club. However, under exceptional circumstances the 5-year period may be waived'.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting opened: 8.05pm on Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Prior to apologies being proffered, the President apologized to Members for the late cancellation of the General Meeting scheduled for the preceding week. This was considered necessary as the required number of Committee Members were unable to attend on that date.

Apologies : K. Stones, D. Gravolin, P. Gearon, B. Pownall, D. Blackwell, J. Brophy, B. Thorogood.
Accepted: K. Devlin. Seconded: C. Humphreys. Carried.

Minutes from the previous General Meeting as distributed taken as read.

Accepted: J. Ball. Seconded: W. Ganly. Carried.

Business arising from the Minutes:

1. ALCOA Grant – plaques have been done and will be fitted to the bench seats and the seats stained before being placed on the grounds.
2. Steve Austin Seminar – This event ran well, and thanks to all those who helped out over the weekend.
3. Walk - \$454.10 raised. It has been arranged that Tehree Gordon of Jirrahlinga will be at the Club on June 21 at 10am to accept half of those funds, and the other half will be distributed to Leopold Wildlife Rescue at a time to be arranged.
4. Flyscreen up and running on canteen.

Correspondence Out:

Nil.

Correspondence In:

1. T. Button – resignation as the Newsletter Editor and as an Instructor.

Business arising from Correspondence

J. Ball moved that “we accept the resignation of T. Button from those positions with regret.” Seconded: W. Ganly. Carried.

Treasurer’s Report

H. Cook read written report and asked that all accounts be passed for payment for the period 8.4.09 to 9.6.09.

Business Arising from Treasurers Report:

Nil.

Accepted: C. Humphries. Seconded: K. Ciezarak.

Other Reports

Canteen Manager - Nil report.

Display Team Leader

Hall Manager

Grounds Manager - Written report.

Publicity Officer

Raffle Steward

Shop Manager - Nil report.

Social Secretary

Training Supervisor - Nil report.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

Trial Secretary - Nil report.

Sub-Committee Reports

Accepted: W. Ganly. Seconded: J. Ball. Carried.

General Business

1. Newsletter editor position now vacant. L. Kelleher moved 'that P. Convery fill this vacancy.' Seconded: J. Convery. Carried.
2. L. Blackwell moved a motion that 'we congratulate M. Brieberg on 40 years Membership, and C. Humphreys on 30 years, at G.O.D.C. and we also insert a news item in press or in Newsletter and that we present a cake for same at a morning training session.' Seconded: B. Elliott. Carried.
3. F. Lehrmann queried where the photo album he presented to M. Brieberg of the Club history has disappeared to. No-one had any information on this matter. Notice to go in Doggy Gossip asking for any information on its whereabouts.
4. Obedience trial entries – we will be asking for assistance from V.C.A. Members to Steward, and everyone else to assist on the day. Forms going out on Sunday. Please let P. Gearon know of your availability.
5. We had 687 entries for the Agility trials and T. Button wished to thank everyone who helped on the days. Interstate members entered were very impressed with the way our Trials were run.
6. The Secretary needs to look on computer to see if any Member is due for a 25 year service acknowledgement.
7. Cesar Milan raffle prize was won by J. Brown (Judge).
8. On the help at the Trial form, it must be clarified that non VCA members can help at the Trial. This could be stated in the Newsletter.
9. The Club has purchased 10 new dog training books for the Library. The Committee has spoken to D. Gravalin, and the Instructors will read at least one of these books and subsequently write a small review of same. The books will arrive on Monday.
10. C. Humphreys mentioned that J. Ball would have been a Club Member for 30 years. C. Humphreys moved an amendment to the earlier motion regarding service years to include J. Ball. Seconded: K. Ciezarek. Carried. The cake presentation will be done on the verandah one day after training.
11. M. Elliott queried what happened at Instructors' meeting as per last minutes. At this stage we have no Instructors' report here. K. Ciezarek said D. Gravalin mentioned it but did not say to report back to the Committee. Defer this matter until August Meeting.
12. B. Elliott said that he was unclear on the resignation of T. Button and wanted clarified what she had resigned from.
13. It was asked whether there had been any further developments on the off-lead area made. K. Millard said that a design plan has been done and further sourcing of prices currently being done. Hopefully she will be able to bring to next Committee Meeting.
14. Instructors and Committee Meeting – when will the next one be? Probably after Obedience Trials. Will check it out further.

As there was no further business

Meeting closed: 8.40pm.

Body language matters!

"It's not what you say but how you say it!" - Vicki DeGruy

Q: I've been taking my dog to obedience classes but I'm still having problems getting him to understand what I want him to do. My instructor says I'm not using the right tone of voice or body language but I don't know what she means. Can you help me?

A: Since dogs don't talk, spoken language isn't as important to them as it is to people. While they can learn what certain words mean, dogs understand non-verbal signals like tone of voice, gestures and posture better than they understand words.

For example, get your dog's attention and then, in a happy voice, call him to you using a different command than he's used to and a different name than his own. If his name is Barney, say "Over here, Fred!" Guess what? Even if he's never heard those words before, he'll still come because he recognizes the inviting tone of voice you always use when you want him to come.



Dogs are also very sensitive to facial expressions and eye contact. He knows that a smile means you're happy and a scowl means you're not. Here's another example: Using that same cheerful voice combined with a big smile, tell him that he's a terrible, awful, miserable dog and that you're really mad at him. What does he do? Instead of cowering in shame, he wiggles, wags and wants to kiss you! Why? Because you're talking to him in the same tone that you normally use to praise him. He doesn't care what words you use – it's your happy attitude that he's responding to.

Dogs pay attention to your posture, too. Crouching to the dog's level invites them to come or play. Standing straight with your shoulders back is a more commanding posture and tells the dog you are someone to be respected.

Dogs become very confused when their owners' words, expressions and tones don't match. If you were to crouch down and call your dog using a happy voice but with a frown on your face and a stern look in your eye, he wouldn't know what to do! Is he supposed to come or are you mad at him? If he does come, he'll probably do it fearfully since frowns and stern eyes usually mean something unpleasant is in store! Since your signals are mixed, he can only guess at what you want or what will happen to him.

Many owners give commands in a questioning tone: "Barney, sit?" This tells the dog you're not sure of yourself and don't know exactly what you want him to do. If you don't know, he won't either! Others draw the word out into something that sounds soothing, sinister and questioning at the same time: "Barney, siiiiiit?" The poor dog doesn't know what in the world you're trying to get across and might not respond at all!

To be most effective when training and communicating with your dog, your expression, eyes and tone of voice all must say the same thing. You need to use different expressions and tones for different situations and keep those signals consistent. When you tell your dog to do something, use a low-toned, firm, matter of fact voice. "Barney, sit!" Your facial expression should be neutral, neither smiling nor frowning, you should be standing up straight and your eyes should say "Do it!" This is as clear to the dog as it gets – he sees that you expect him to do as he's told and if he understands the command, he will do it.

If he obeys, give him a huge smile and praise with a happy, cheerful voice. Let him know exactly how pleased you are with him. If he didn't obey, give him a dirty look and drop your voice as low as you can to deliver a short but totally unmistakable "no."

Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc

Presents

CRAIG MURRAY

2 day Seminar

Sat 10th - Sun 11th October 2009



Craig was educated in the USA in the fields of Professional Dog Training, Police and Narcotic Dog training, Man Trailing Bloodhounds, Search and Rescue and Cadaver Recovery dogs, Assistance and Therapy Dogs and training. Due to his commitment and professionalism, he has been utilised as a permanent part time lecturer at the Queensland University Veterinary Science School for 13 years.

This seminar is designed for Trainers, Instructors and performance dog owners.

Day 1: Theory

Finding the Key to unlock your dog:-
Shaping behaviour

Motivators - what to use and how to use them

Drives - understanding drives and how they impact on your training progress

Gaining and maintaining a good relationship with your dog

Question & Answer session

Day 2: Practical

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There will be a limit to the number of dogs so if you have a dog with a behavioural issue that you would like to bring along, please book early.

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9am - 4pm both days

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Nomination Form

Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc Nomination Form

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Members can complete one or all of the above nomination forms, but remember if they are not filled in completely they will be invalid. Please use a separate nomination for each position. Nomination forms are to be placed in the Ballot box no later than the 8th September.