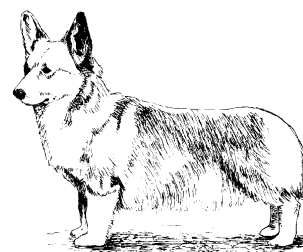
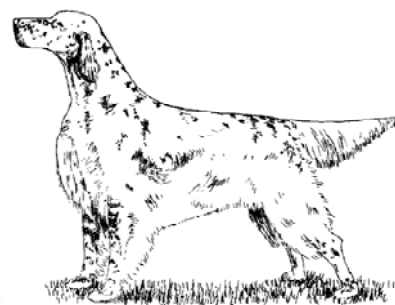


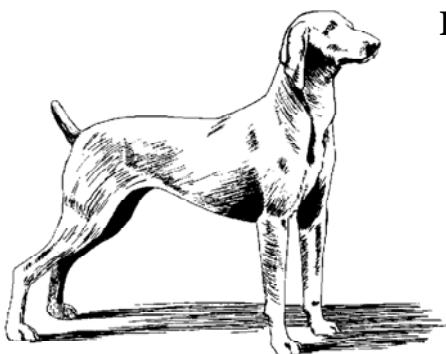
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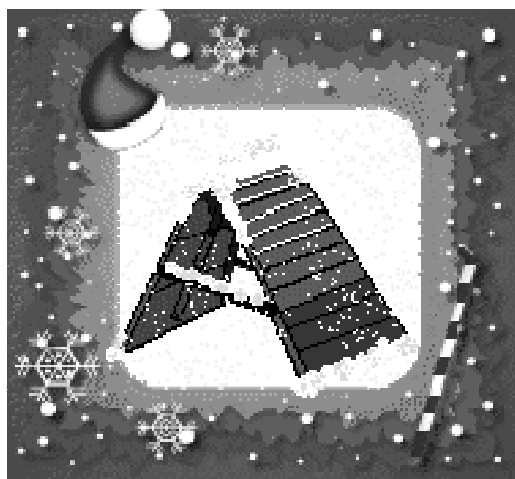


**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
TO ALL
MEMBERS**



**We hope you have a safe and
happy Christmas**

**Return to training 2010
For all current Members
31st January 2010**



**Intake for new
Members
7th February 2010**

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CLUB CALENDAR

December

Tuesday 1 December
Sunday 6 December
Sunday 13 December
Thursday 17 December

General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
PROMOTION DAY
Last day of training for 2009
Office closes

January 2010

Thursday 14 January
Monday 18 January
Monday 25 January

Office re-opens – 2.00 pm to 6.30 pm
Committee Meeting
Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm

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Trish Gavaghan
Simmon Hellebrand

Glenys Murray
Lyn wills

Alex Shackleton
Anne Macrae

Thoughts for the day

A true leader stands among
the group, not in front

If your work becomes play
then what will your play
become?



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well another month has quickly passed us by. Firstly may I offer my congratulations to Kathy Taylor who took on the role of Canteen Manager and also to Pam Convery who took on the role of Committee, and will be looking after Publicity.



May I say that with the extreme hot weather we have had the past few days it is very important to keep an eye out for snakes. Also please remember to keep your dog well hydrated in these times. Do not leave your dog in your car for any length of time as it can get very hot in there very rapidly, with disastrous results

This will be the last Newsletter I believe for this year. So please remember to listen to the announcements or read the Doggy Gossip to keep up with new Class Times for next year.

I believe the last day of training is to be a fun day with the presentation of Certificates for the last Promotion Day and also the Medallions for those who went Trialling and gained Titles.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a “Merry Christmas and a Happy and New Year”.

Jim Ball – President

CANTEEN MANAGER'S REPORT

This is a very cheery Hello to all Members of the GODC from your new Canteen Manager, Kathy Taylor. I hope to continue the good work providing you with drinks, snacks etc. A great big thank you to Raelene Hartney for her assistance and the advice she has given me so far. I hope that this can continue.

There is not much for me to report as I have just taken over as Canteen Manager. There will be more next time.

I will need some volunteers next year to assist in the Canteen from time to time so that I too can train my dog. Anyone interested in helping me out can see me on Sunday at the Canteen or contact me on 5241 1886. I would like to develop a roster system so nobody gets stuck helping out all the time. Offers of occasional assistance would be very welcome.



There will be a free Sausage Sizzle with tea and coffee on the last day of training.

This being the last Newsletter for this year, I hope everyone has a great Xmas and a prosperous New Year. Enjoy the Holidays.

Kathleen Taylor - Canteen Manager

AGILITY NEWS

Some of the Geelong Triallers with Dwayne, the USA Judge, at the NADAC Agility Nationals at Neerim East

This past month has been a very busy one and an interesting one for the agility people.

On 25th October quite a few of us went to one of our closer Trials which was held at Lara. We experienced just about every type of weather condition you could imagine throughout the day but most of us realise you need to be prepared and so we were ready for anything. This NADAC Trial was hosted by the Agility Dog Club of Victoria and it was great to have it so close to home.

The 1st November saw four of us up well before dawn and on our way to Sydney to see the World Dog Games at Acer Arena. As well as the four competition dog sports to watch there were demonstrations or talks on canine freestyle, country commonsense for city canines, kids and pets, Amichien Bonding, puppies and sport etc and many, many stalls with free samples and all sorts of things to buy for our dogs.

The highlight, however, was the showcasing in the stadium of the four dog sports – Agility, Flyball, Dock Diving and Disc Dogs. I'm sure you're well aware of the first two but the second two are not well known here at all. Disc Dogs is a competition involving dogs and their abilities to catch and retrieve Frisbees. I found it interesting that all the handlers in this were men – maybe something to do with throwing ability???

For dock diving the dog had to run along the platform or 'dock' and jump into a swimming pool to retrieve the toy thrown in by the handler. The dog that landed furthest from the dock was the winner. The winners in each of the four sports won \$10,000!

Less than a week later we were on the move again. The NADAC Agility Nationals were held at Neerim East on 6th, 7th and 8th November, and ten of our Geelong Members and their dogs joined in the fun. Dwayne, our Judge, had arrived from USA with lots of challenging courses but I'm pleased to say we acquitted ourselves well and came home with lots of Q pins (passes) and rosettes. It was a hot three days but a lot of fun.

Congratulations to the following whose passes enabled them to complete titles at the Nationals:
 Matt Stevens and Portia – Novice Jumpers Superior - Novice Regular Outstanding
 Lee-Ann O'Brien and Gemma – Novice Chances - Novice Hoopers
 Trish Gavaghan and Star – Novice Tunnelers

Very special congratulations to Carole Sparks and Lacey who, at the Annual Presentation Dinner on the Saturday night, were awarded a Novice Versatility plaque for achieving Superior titles in all six NADAC classes.

Well done everyone on your improvements and achievements this year!

Trish Gavaghan

YOUR LIBRARY AT WORK

We have really worked hard to find for you information about Canine Obesity. WEBSITE - if you do not have access to this I.T. - the Library will print it for you.

CANINE OBESITY: From the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy.

www.csp.org.uk

A brilliant, clear and direct article that succinctly addresses the problem of obese dogs and provides a step by step check list for the weight of your dog.

EVALUATING YOUR DOG'S WEIGHT..

<http://www.placervillevet.com/canine%20condition.htm>

This is a commercial site for Purina - and of course recommends a Purina Diet However the weight evaluation assessment criteria, with accompanying illustrations is brilliant non-biased and spot on.



CANINE WEIGHT MANAGEMENT:

Yes , of course, it is a Purina based diet - but I was really impressed by the advice that if Iams & Purina are unsuitable for an aggressive weight loss programme - CONTACT YOUR VET..

A Dog food Company that is ethical and concerned for the welfare of our Canine Companions.

CANINE OBESITY

[http://articles.directory.m.com/Canine Obesity-944537.html](http://articles.directory.m.com/Canine%20Obesity-944537.html)

Succinctly written - the clear division of the article into easily understood topics was a bonus.

FEEDING: may be contentious for modern trainers. Using food as a means of reward trains your dog to seek food for affection. The author is Emma Snow No formal qualifications - no C.V. - just a name

DOG OWNERS GUIDE - THE FATTENING OF FIDO.

<http://www.canismajor.com/dog/obese.html>

Well balanced, well written article. The organisation of materials into appropriate subject headings is a great bonus. So what's a dog owner to do? This is the best section of this article - and the most succinct I have ever read about advising owners what to about overweight dogs. It is a MUST READ.

Happy Heeling

Robyn and Steve

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT

Just a brief report to wish Committee, Instructor's and Member's a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for all your hard work and for the contributions to the Newsletter over the past year, keep up the good work.

Pam Convery – Newsletter Editor



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I wish to inform the Club that I will be resigning as an Instructor at the end of this year. I have enjoyed my fourteen years as an Instructor and intend to stay on as a Member and train my dog.

My only regret during this period was the failure of the previous Committee to give the Instructors a vote of confidence when requested. I believed then as I still believe now, that had that request been forthcoming it would have reduced any perceived differences between Instructors and Committee. I think it was a mistake on their part.

Although not a major reason it was still part of my decision to resign.

I hope in the new year, as I will not be an Instructor, I will have many more Sundays to go to Dog Shows and hopefully gain Titles for my two girls.

Finally, a big thank you to all the Instructors, who I have worked with over these past fourteen years, and hopefully I can call them my friends.

John Shields

Thank you to Pet Stock for their extensive support of the Club in 2009



It is with regret that we farewell John Shields, as one of our longstanding Instructor's. John has been Instructing at the Club for the past 14 years and has always been a committed Club Member. We wish him well for the future and thank him for his years of service.

Rhubradhu Savana Sunrise CCD ET (SCARLET)



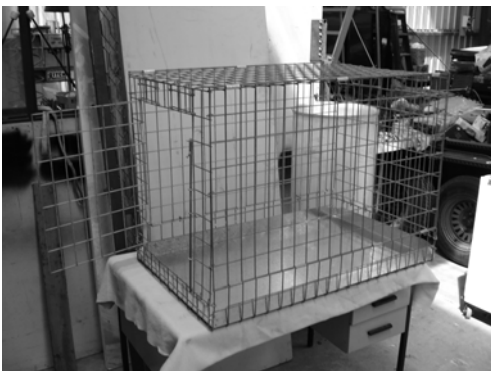
Hi, my name is Scarlet & I'm a Hungarian Vizsla. I moved in with my Mum -Heather & her family when I was about 6 months old. I started training Mum's pups, (they look a bit funny on 2 legs & no fur but. We started Obedience training a few months after that. I really didn't like the idea of lying down on cold wet grass or just for no reason but Mum was persistent & even got me a coat to cover my tummy so I'd do what she wanted. I gave in eventually. We went off to the Fun day at Werribee about a year later but I didn't want to stay in a 'drop' because I was due to have puppies the next week & it was a bit

uncomfortable, as you can imagine (what was she thinking!). After that we had a break for 6 months or so, cos I was getting a bit bored. We did some Conformation Shows, they're even more boring.

We came back down to Club about 4 weeks before the 2008 Geelong Trials & put in for it just for fun & to see what we both needed to brush up on. For Mum it was knowing the difference between a right & left about turn, for me it was the 'drop' (off course) as well as the stays (I like to be close to Mum we are known as "Velcro dogs" after all). I did remember most things & was happy to be back seeing all the other dogs & doing some fun stuff like tracking training then eventually the Agility foundation. We don't do much training as Mum's in the Office a bit but that suits me fine, as I get a bit bored of repetitive stuff, then won't do it.

We did the 4 Geelong Trials this year & Mum forgot her hand signals, first time in hitting me on the head when she used the wrong hand for a drop. We got passes on the next 2 Trials but missed the 4th because the wind moved me off my feet on the Stand for Examination. So it was off to Werribee where I got 3rd in the ring & a pass so I got my C.C.D. Yippee!! Now onto jumping & tracking & maybe Novice, we'll have to see what we can fit in & offcourse I only need 2 points to get my Champion Title as well. It's fun to mix it around a bit see different dogs doing different things. To think some web sites say that Vizsla's shouldn't be off lead as they won't come back. Grrrr to them.

Heather Cook-Gearon



For Sale

Large Steel Collapsible dog crate with front opening
Size 730 High 600 Wide 1 Metre Long

Cost \$180

Contact Judy Wong 0418599492

Trial Results Trial Results Trial Results



Werribee Obedience Dog Club – Saturday 24th October

Morning Trial

CCD

Felicity Hughes	Lachlan Border Collie X	5 th Place	1 st Pass
R & J Hartney	Silverblue Share a Dream Handled by K Millard “Millie” Cocker Spaniel		1 st Pass
H P Cook-Gearon	Rhubradhu Savana Sunrise ET “Scarlet” Hungarian Vizsla	3 rd Place TITLE	3 rd Pass



Utility

Wattlebrae Kennels	Ch Goorambat the Manor CDX AD JD SD GD SPD “Mason” Golden Retriever	3 rd Place	NQ
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Afternoon Trial

Novice

Monlaird Kennels	Ch Lahef Kelbtal Kutcha CCD “Anubi” Pharaoh Hound	2 nd Place	NQ
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VALE GWYNDARA HOT SHOT (Casey)

“Casey” was an eleven and a half year old Irish Setter, the third Setter we have had. He had a very limited Show Career due to family trauma. We came to Dog Club in 2000, “Casey” was a very timid dog and backed off when anyone approached him. I worked very hard to get his confidence up. Eventually, after many attempts he obtained all his Certificates, including Graduate. He competed in many Trials with some success, but the

Recall was his undoing, come one day/not the next. As he got older his legs became a problem and he was no longer able to compete in Trials, so social outings were only possible.

Five weeks ago my 13 year old Chinchilla cat died in my arms. Two days later we picked up our new Setter pup “Rory” at 10 weeks of age. Casey and Rory got on well until Rory wanted to play and Casey was not up to that.

The last day in October at 9.30pm, the same time as the cat died, Casey took a turn for the worse. I rushed him to the Vet and he was in the early stages of Bloat and had gone into shock. There was no other decision but to put Casey to sleep as he was in so much pain. Surely not much more could happen to us, thank goodness we had Rory.

We will never forget you Casey as you were always there in time of need. He will be greatly missed by our family. RIP Casey

The Wong family

TWENTY POINTERS FOR SUMMER CARE

Reprinted courtesy of Top Dog Journal – January 1999

1. The dog run should be shaded with shade cloth and/or fast growing vines, for example, pumpkins or chocko

2. Sand, earth and grass runs should be kept constantly damp to prevent them becoming dustbowls. The dampness will help to keep the dogs cool and discourage fleas.

3. A tough shrub in the dog run under which the dog can lie; this may be in a tub or in the ground.

4. Check the kennel temperature at all times for signs of intense heat. If it is hot give it more shade and some roof insulation.

5. Exercise the dog/s after dark and in the early morning.

6. Use sunscreen with insect repellent on the dog's ears and nose.

7. White dogs and dogs with light coloured skin should be kept out of the summer sun.

8. A shallow toddler's wading pool is often much appreciated.

9. Water supply should be fresh and cool at all times. It should be constant. Elaborate methods of fixing the water dish/bucket may need to be implemented.

10. Brush and comb daily to keep the skin clean, cool and aerated.

11. Ensure the dog has access to a snug, dry, draught free bed in case of sudden weather changes.

12. Check dog/s for overheating. This is expressed by excessive panting, prior to cessation of panting when heat stroke (sunstroke) sets in.

13. Concrete and other impervious runs should be wet down regularly to moisturise the atmosphere and to cool the surface.

14. Do not take the dog/s out in the car unnecessarily.

15. Never, never leave dogs in parked cars even for short periods.

16. All food should be moist and in a heat wave, easily digestible.

17. Neither food nor drink should be iced. It should be cool but not iced.

18. There should be darkened areas for the dog to lie in away from flies.

19. The dog area should be well ventilated and it should catch any cool breeze. It should be protected from the hot northerlies.

20. Pig waterers (such as Lixit) do not provide adequate water for dogs. Dogs need to be able to put their mouths and often their whole muzzles into their water supply.

Itinerary for GODC CHRISTMAS BREAKUP

**Sunday 13th December
2009**

9.30am – 10.30am	1st and 2nd session Classes will be combined <u>All</u> Classes will commence at 9.30 am Fun Events. See Below
10.30am – 11.00am	Santa Claus will arrive at 10.30 for the children
11.00am	Free Sausage Sizzle on the verandah. Free tea & coffee available from the Canteen
11.15am	Presentation of End of Year Trophies, Title Medallions, Special Awards and Certificates from the last Promotion Day
	Fun events: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dog that sits the longest▪ Dog with the waggiest tail▪ Fastest Schmacko eater▪ Drop closest to the rope▪ Instructor's class (handling other people's dogs, beginners)▪ Egg and spoon race▪ Best Dressed Christmas dog

HOW TO COOL OFF WHEN THE TEMPERATURE RISES!



Dogs and Cats

Sent in by Heather Cook-Gearon. Author unknown

I just realised that while children are dogs – loyal and affectionate – teenagers are cats. It's so easy to be a dog owner. You feed it, train it, boss it around. It puts its head on your knee and gazes at you as if you were a Rembrandt painting. It bounds indoors with enthusiasm when you call it.

Then around age 13, your adoring little puppy turns into a big old cat.

When you tell it to come inside, it looks amazed, as if wondering who died and made you emperor. Instead of dogging your doorsteps, it disappears. You won't see it again until it gets hungry – then it pauses on its sprint through the kitchen long enough to turn its nose up at whatever you're serving. When you reach out to ruffle its head, in that old affectionate gesture, it twists away from you, then give you a blank stare, as if trying to remember where it has seen you before.

You, not realising that the dog is now a cat, think something must be desperately wrong with it. It seems so antisocial, so distant, sort of depressed. It won't go on family outings.

Since you're the one who raised it, taught it to fetch and stay and sit on command, you assume that you did something wrong. Flooded with guilt and fear, you redouble your efforts to make your pet behave.

Only now you're dealing with a cat, so everything that worked before now produces the opposite of the desired result. Call it, and it runs away. Tell it to sit and it jumps on the counter. The more you go toward it, wringing your hands, the more it moves away.

Instead of continuing to act like a dog owner, you can learn to behave like a cat owner. Put a dish of food near the door and let it come to you. But remember that a cat needs your help and your affection too. Sit still and it will come, seeking that warm comforting lap it has not entirely forgotten. Be there to open the door for it.

One day your grown-up child will walk into the kitchen, give you a big kiss and say, "You've been on your feet all day. Let me get those dishes for you".

Then you'll realize your cat is a dog again.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting opened: 9.10pm on Tuesday, October 6, 2009.

Apologies : C. Sparks, L. O'Brien, D. Blackwell.

Accepted: T. Rain.

Seconded: B]. Elliott

Carried.

Minutes from the previous General Meeting as distributed in the September Newsletter, taken as read

Accepted: C. Humphreys

Seconded: D. Dickeson

Carried.

Business arising from the Minutes:

1. Apology to be added that was omitted for L. Blackwell.

Correspondence Out:

1. B.D.A.G. – Granting request to use grounds for Flyball competition on Saturday, December 12, 2009.
2. B.D.A.G. – Granting permission for Flyball team to use the back paddock for practise.
3. Barwon Health – Gala Day Appeal will be supported by our club.

Correspondence In:

1. V.C.A. – regarding Club headings.
2. Bali Night Cocktail Party – raising money for Bali dogs (to go on Noticeboard).
3. B.D.A.G. – Flyball team would appreciate the use of back paddock.
4. B.D.A.G. – Flyball competition on Saturday, December 12, 2009 would appreciate our ground use.

Business arising from Correspondence

Nil.

Treasurer's Report

H. Cook had no written or oral report for the meeting as she was not aware one was needed for this meeting.

B. Elliott moved 'that report be placed in the next Newsletter'. Seconded: L. Blackwell.

Acc: J. Hamilton.

Seconded: A. Shackleton.

Carried.

Other Reports

Canteen Manage

All reports as per A.G.M. this date.

Display Team Leader

Hall Manager

Grounds Manager

Publicity Officer

Raffle Steward

Shop Manager

Social Secretary

Training Supervisor

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Trial Secretary

Sub-Committee Reports

Acc: J. Ball.

Seconded: B. Jagtenberg.

Carried.

General Business

1. An award for highest N.A.D.A.C. handler and dog will be awarded with our Club end of year presentations. The criteria as submitted by T. Gavaghan being the same as for V.C.A. Agility award. T. Gavaghan had hoped that the award would commence in the year 2009. H. Green agreed with the criteria. General discussion followed and amongst other things dealt with, whether these results could all be submitted to P. Gavaghan to collate and award, or that Members be responsible for themselves as is done with all other Club awards.

W. Ganly moved a motion 'that the Members doing N.A.D.A.C. Trials be responsible for their own results.' An amendment to the motion was 'and that the criteria as submitted be accepted.' Thus making the motion as follows: 'that the Members doing N.A.D.A.C. Trials be responsible for their own results and that the criteria as submitted be accepted.'

Seconded: L. Blackwell.

Carried.

This will commence in the year 2010 as the previous Meeting Minutes cannot be changed.

2. L. Blackwell moved a motion 'that thanks be extended to the canteen ladies who put on the wonderful morning tea for M. Brieberg's 50th Anniversary and C. Humphreys and J. Ball's 30th.'

Seconded: B. Elliott.

Carried.

3. S. Malady said the combined Instructors and Committee Meeting had the majority of Members in attendance. After discussion it was decided that alterations to the Class Times will be as follows:

9.00am Puppies new and old; Beginners revision.

10.15am New Beginners; Merit and Merit revision.

11.30am Graduate and Graduate revision.

S. Malady moved 'that the Classes commence in 2010 and run for 45 minutes.'

Seconded: T. Button.

Carried.

4. The President said there will be a Committee Meeting tomorrow night (Wednesday, October 8, 2009) at 7.30pm.

5. D. Gravolin suggested that the Grounds Manager have the toilet door oiled.

6. J. Hartney asked what Members should do if they ever saw yahoos vandalising anything on the grounds. J. Ball said that it should be reported to 000.

7. B. Elliott requested 15 minutes extension of meeting time.

8. M. Elliott had a note to say that the Newsletter would no longer be sent to life members and that they should read it on-line. Newsletter Editor said that last Newsletter WAS sent out to each Life Member. L. Blackwell said she had received email stating members should access the Newsletter on-line now. The past President said that the message had been incorrectly worded.

Meeting closed at 10.10pm.

YOU AND YOUR PET AT CHRISTMAS

A PET FOR CHRISTMAS

As we busily hurry around in the pre-Christmas chaos, it's easy to think of a pet as a novel and cute gift for a friend or family member. Think carefully about this choice of gift. Only give a pet to someone who you know wants a pet and is committed to caring for it throughout its life – not just for a few weeks.

We're all familiar with the sad story a few months after Christmas of puppies and kittens being dumped. Many of them were gifts where the novelty wore off.

CHRISTMAS HINTS FOR PETS

Beware of Christmas decorations being chewed or swallowed by enthusiastic pets! They can cause tummy upsets and at worst, a blocked bowel.

Don't overfeed your pet on Christmas treats. Remember that any sudden changes in a pet's diet can cause gastric upsets. Too much rich food could ruin your pet's Christmas. A small treat of a piece of turkey breast is always greatly appreciated though!

Don't feed cooked turkey and chicken bones: they can bring disaster. Only ever feed raw bones to your pet.



If the weather is warm, don't forget plenty of fresh water for your pet and heed all the warnings about cars and your family pet when the weather is hot. The temperature inside a car rises very dramatically even on a mild sunny day.

PETS ON HOLIDAYS

Heading off on holidays? Have you thought about what you'll do with your pet? It's important to include your pets in your holiday plans?

1. TAKING YOUR PET WITH YOU

If you're visiting friends or family you may be able to take your pet with you. Your pet will enjoy the holiday too.

There are a number of holiday homes, caravan parks and camping grounds where pets are allowed. There is a directory available with these places listed, copies available from many of the Vets, RACV and a copy is available to borrow from the Club Library.

If travelling by car ensure you have regular breaks for your pet to have a drink and go to the toilet. If your pet suffers from travel sickness, consult your vet about travel sickness medication. If your pet is travelling by plane or train, see your Vet about sedation, if required.

You and Your Pet at Christmas (continued)

2. BOARDING YOUR PET

There are a number of excellent boarding kennels for dogs and cats around Geelong. Book well in advance, as they get very busy during the holiday season. It's also a good idea to arrange to have a look at the kennel before you leave your pet there

It is usually possible to arrange for special requirements such as diet preferences and medications and all reputable boarding kennels will require a current vaccination certificate for your pet.

3. LEAVING YOUR PET AT HOME

Sometimes the easiest thing is to leave your pet at home, especially in the case of caged birds, fish, guinea pigs and rabbits. There are a number of options for ensuring your pet has adequate care while you're away: -

1. Ask a friend or neighbour to check and feed your pets once or preferably twice a day.
2. Arrange for a friend or family member to house sit for you. This has the added advantage of better security while you're away as well as having someone to empty the letterbox and water the lawn.
3. There are a number of professional house and pet minding services operating in the Geelong area. These people will either visit your house daily or occupy the house, while taking care of your pet and garden.



HOLIDAY HINTS FOR PETS

If taking your dog on outings in the car be sure to provide plenty of drink breaks, heat stress can occur easily in the warmer months. Carry a bottle of water for the dog in case you can't find a tap.

If walking your dog along the river or beach, be on the look out for dead fish, if your dog eats one he could end up with a very sore tummy.

Also be on the lookout for discarded bait attached to hooks. Dogs will grab the bait and end up with the hook embedded in the mouth.

Check local Council regulations regarding dogs on beaches and be aware of your dog if free running. Most dogs will interact happily when they meet outside their territory, but you don't want to spend your holiday at the Vet's as a result of a dogfight.

Remember to carry a plastic bag or similar to clean up after your dog, regardless of where you are. Regulations are making it more and more difficult for us to have free space with our pets and one of the main complaints is always the droppings left behind, so be a responsible dog owner!

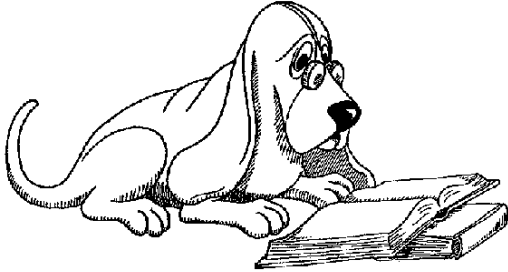
UV radiation affects the skin of animals just as it affects humans; it causes sunburn, dermatitis and eventually skin cancer. Use zinc cream or one of the special preparations on the market for unpigmented skin, such as ears, nose and belly.

Check on the location of the local Vet when visiting an unfamiliar area, in case of emergency.

"HOT DOGS"

By Helen Vnuk

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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

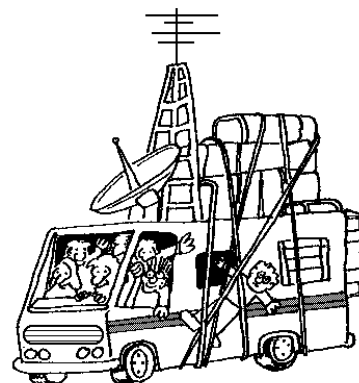
Holidaying with dogs can be fun for both you and them, but to avoid any unpleasant confrontations, it's best to check ahead to find out which places allow dogs. An increasing number of accommodation

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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.

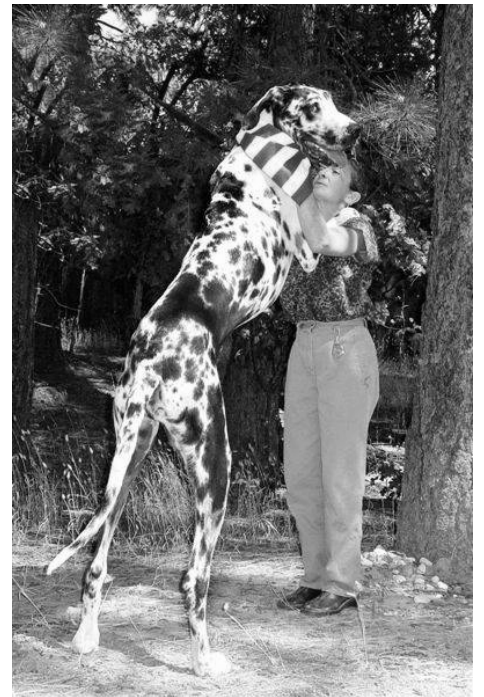
Ticks are also more of a danger in warmer weather, especially with people traveling to areas where ticks are widespread. These include bushland areas along the eastern seaboard (Paralysis Tick) and Western Australia (Brown Dog Tick). You’ll need to check your dog daily and use preventatives available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





Over the next 4 issues, the Newsletter will contain copies or part copies of the Statement of Purposes, Constitution and By-Laws of the Club.

This is being printed for the information of all Members, so please take the time to read it

GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB (INCORPORATED)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

The objects of the Geelong Obedience Dog Club (Incorporated) are

- a) to affiliate with the Victorian Canine Association
- b) to promote and raise the standards and exhibition of registered pure-bred dogs, and associate registered dogs
- c) to promote the holding of Exhibitions under the VCA Rules and Regulations and to conduct Exhibitions and/or to promote Obedience training and to conduct Obedience Trials, Tracking Tests, and Field Trials
- d) to foster, promote and protect the interest of exhibitors of dogs at exhibitions
- e) to collect, verify and publish information relating to dogs and the breeding, exhibition and training of dogs
- f) to educate and encourage members, breeders and judges to abide by the requirements and standards approved by the Victorian Canine Association for the conduct of Exhibitions and Shows
- g) to promote good fellowship and sportsmanship amongst members and those participating in or attending at Exhibitions and Shows
- h) to Inform members of and make known to them the Laws and Regulations of the State relating to the ownership and care of dogs, and the responsibility of owners for the conduct and actions of their dogs
- i) to hold functions and lectures relating to dogs and to the purposes of the Club generally
- j) to provide awards and donate prizes for competition at Exhibitions and for the competition by breeders and exhibitors of dogs
- k) to foster relations with other Clubs and bodies having similar aims
- l) to promote and assist worthy causes, as agreed at a General Meeting of the members of the Club
- m) to invest the funds of the Club not immediately required in such a manner as the members or the Committee in lieu thereof shall determine
- n) to purchase, hire, lease, etc. and do such things as are conducive or incidental to promoting and achieving the purposes of the Club
- o) to carry on such other activities or promote or encourage interest in the breeding, upkeep and training of and the general well being and improvement of dogs
.... and to do all such other things as may be necessary or conducive to carrying out the objects of the Club.

RULES FOR GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB (INCORPORATED)

NAME

- 1 The name of the incorporated association is Geelong Obedience Dog Club (incorporated) (in these rules called "the club").

INTERPRETATION

- 2 In these Rules, unless the contrary intention appears –
"Act", means the Associations Incorporated Act 1981 and any amendments thereto and, unless inconsistent with the context or subject matter, includes the Associations Incorporation Regulations 1983 and any amendments thereto.

"Application for Membership", includes application for re-admission to membership.

"Association", has the same meaning as is ascribed to that word by Section 3(1) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 which, inter alia, includes a Club.

"Body", means where the context reasonably admits, a Club, Society, Association, Company or group of persons.

"By-Laws", means the By-Laws in force for the time being of the Club and shall form part of and be deemed to be incorporated in the Rules of the Club.

"Clause", means a provision of the Rules and where the context so admits includes a paragraph or sub-paragraph thereof.

"Club", for the purpose of these Rules, has the same meaning as is ascribed to the word Association by Section 3(1) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981.

"Committee", means the Committee of Management of the Club and includes Officers of the Club and ordinary members of the Committee unless the Rules specifically provide otherwise.

"Dual Member", means one of any two members of the one family resident at the same address or one of any two of the persons who are partners in the conduct of a kennel having a kennel prefix in their joint names registered with the Control who has been admitted with the other of such persons as a dual member of the Club.

"Exhibition", includes a Canine Show, Canine Exhibition, Canine Parade, Gundog Trials and Test, Canine Competition, Display, Obedience Trials and Tracking Trials, Non-Slip Retrieving Trials, Contest, Match or similar events.

"Financial Member", means a member of the Club who shall not be in default in the payment of his annual subscription or any fees or other monies payable by him in accordance with the Rules. Unfinancial shall have the opposite meaning.

"Financial Year", means the financial year of the Club as defined by Clause 42.

"Honorary Member", means a person, who upon the recommendation of the Committee or upon a written nomination signed by not less than five members is elected by a resolution passed in General Meeting by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the members voting in person thereat as an Honorary member for such period as may be so determined and who in the opinion of such meeting has rendered outstanding services to the Canine Fancy or to the Club or for other good and sufficient reason and who need not comply with the provisions of Clause 3(1) and shall in addition have the rights and privileges of a financial member, but shall not be entitled to vote at General Meetings or hold office, unless a majority of members otherwise decides.

"Insolvent under administration", in relation to a member of the Committee of Management has the same meaning as that given to those words by Section 5(1) of the Companies (Victoria) Code.

"Junior Member", means a person under the age of eighteen years

"Life Member", means a member who has been admitted to the Club as a member for life, whether upon payment of a subscription or without payment of a subscription as may be determined by the members from time to time.

"Member", means a person who has been admitted as an ordinary or dual or life member of the Club and where the context otherwise so admits, shall include a person admitted to any other category of membership and the word "Member", where the context so admits, shall mean and include persons who have been admitted to any category of membership.

"Office", means the Office of the Club, and shall be a place as determined from time to time at which the records of the Club are to be kept.

"Office Bearers", means the President, the Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Public Officer, and such other nominated positions as referred to in Clause 23 and the By-Laws for the time being of the Club.

"Period of Membership", in relation to a member, denotes the twelve months terminating at midnight on the 30th day of June each year for which such member is for the time being elected or admitted to membership of the Club or such portion of that term during which his membership continues.

"Person", where the context reasonably permits, includes an individual, a firm or partnership, a company or corporation, or any other legal entity.

"Public Officer", means the person referred to as such in Sections 24 to 28 inclusive of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 and whose statutory duties are set out in Sections 13, 22(2), 26, 28(1), 28(2), 30(4), 47(5) and 47(6) of that Act.

"Registered", means breeds and breed varieties of dogs for which a separate register is kept by The Victorian Canine Association.

"Regulations", means either the Associations Incorporation Regulations Act 1983 or the Regulations of The Victorian Canine Association as specifically referred to in either case in the Rules of the Club.

"Rules", means the Rules for the time being of the Club and includes its By-Laws.

"Secretary", means the Honorary Secretary or Secretary of the Club and, where the context reasonably permits, includes the Assistant Secretary and any other person for the time being appointed by the committee to exercise the functions of the Secretary.

"VCA.", means The Victorian Canine Association

Words importing the male gender shall, where the context reasonably permits, include the female and neuter gender and the singular number shall include the plural number.

"Writing", includes printing and roneo and any other like recognised means of communication or of reproducing words in visible form.

Words or expressions contained in these Rules shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of the Acts Interpretation Act 1984 and the Act as in force from time to time.

BY-LAWS TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH RULES OF GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB (INCORPORATED)

BY-LAW NO. 1

Annual Subscription and Joining Fee

The Annual Subscription and/or Joining Fee shall be determined in accordance with Clause 4 of the Rules and shall be in respect of the financial year 1st July to 30th June of the year immediately following the General meeting at which such determination is made.

BY-LAW NO. 2

Classification of Members

The Membership of the Club shall consist of:

- (a) **Single membership**
- (b) **Family membership**
- (c) **Dual membership**
- (d) **Life membership**

The Committee shall have the power to appoint any person after a period of 5 years continuous membership as a Life Member of the Club in recognition of services rendered to the Club, however under exceptional circumstances the Committee shall have the power to waive the 5 year period. Not more than two persons may be appointed as Life Members of the Club in any one financial year.

(e) **Honorary Member:**

Any person may be nominated as an Honorary Member, but such nominations shall not exceed two in any one financial year.

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.

BY-LAW NO. 3

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice of the convening of the Annual General Meeting and the form of Nomination of the Committee of Management shall be deemed to have been notified to all Members by the display of such form of nomination and Notice of Meeting on the Club's notice board in addition to the publication in the Club's newsletter.

BY-LAW NO. 4

Special General Meetings

Where a Special General Meeting is convened on a requisition in writing by Members representing not less than 15% of the total number of members (see Clause 12(2) of Rules) the Members convening such a Meeting must have been financial Members of the Club for not less than 3 months.

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 owner's 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.



CLUB CALENDAR 2010

January

Thursday	14 January	Office re-opens – 2.00 pm to 6.30 pm
Monday	25 January	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	31 January	Return to training for current Members

February

Tuesday	2 February	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Sunday	7 February	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for all fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Sunday	14 February	Normal training
Monday	15 February	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Sunday	21 February	Normal training.
Sunday	28 February	Normal Training. Newsletter available

March

Sunday	7 March	LABOUR DAY WEEKEND. NO TRAINING
Sunday	14 March	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Monday	15 March	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Monday	15 March	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Sunday	21 March	Normal training
Sunday	28 March	Normal training. Newsletter available

April

Sunday	4 April	EASTER WEEKEND. NO TRAINING
Tuesday	6 April	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised.
Sunday	11 April	Normal Training
Sunday	18 April	PROMOTION DAY. Agility Trial entries close
Monday	19 April	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Friday	23 April	Trial working bee. To be advised
Saturday	24 April	BACK-TO-BACK AGILITY TRIALS
Sunday	25 April	BACK-TO-BACK AGILITY TRIALS. NO TRAINING

May

Sunday	2 May	Normal Training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Sunday	9 May	Normal training.
Saturday	15 May	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	16 May	Normal Training
Monday	17 May	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Sunday	24 May	Normal Training
Sunday	30 May	Normal Training. Newsletter Available

CLUB CALENDAR 2010

June

Tuesday	1 June	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Sunday	6 June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND. NO TRAINING
Sunday	13 June	Normal training. Intake Day Class1 & Puppies. Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Monday	14 June	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	20 June	Normal training. Obedience Trial entries close.
Sunday	27 June	Normal training. Newsletter available.
Wednesday	30 June	End of financial year for all departments. Stocktake required for Canteen, Bar and Shop.

July

Sunday	4 July	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Friday	9 July	Working Bee
Saturday	10 July	OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIALS
Sunday	11 July	OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIALS. NO TRAINING
Thursday	15 July	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	18 July	PROMOTION DAY
Monday	19 July	Instructor's Meeting - 7.30 pm
Sunday	26 July	Normal Training

August

Sunday	1 August	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	3 August	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Sunday	8 August	Normal training
Sunday	15 August	Normal training Newsletter closes for articles, report, etc
Monday	16 August	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Sunday	22 August	Normal training.
Sunday	39 August	Normal training. Newsletter available

September

Sunday	5 September	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	7 September	Committee and Non-Committee nominations close
Sunday	12 September	Normal training.
Monday	13 September	Instructors Meeting – 7.30 pm. Newsletter closes
Sunday	19 September	Normal training
Tuesday	21 September	Life Membership nominations close
Sunday	26 September	PROMOTION DAY. Newsletter available

CLUB CALENDAR 2010

October

Sunday	3 October	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Tuesday	5 October	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 8.00 pm
Sunday	10 October	Normal Training
Friday	15 October	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	17 October	Normal training
Monday	18 October	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Sunday	24 October	Normal training.
Sunday	31 October	Normal training. Newsletter available

November

Sunday	7 November	Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months
Sunday	14 November	Normal Training. Newsletter closes for articles, report, etc End of Year Awards closing date
Monday	15 November	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	21 November	Normal training.
Sunday	28 November	Normal training. . Newsletter available

December

Sunday	5 December	PROMOTION DAY
Tuesday	7 December	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Sunday	12 December	Last day of training for 2009
Thursday	16 December	Office closes



TO ALL MEMBERS ATTENDING TRIALS

The following Motion will commence from the 16th November 2009 for the 2010 training year

‘that all Members who gained ANKC Titles are entitled to a Medallion at the end of the year in recognition of their Title. Members are only eligible for End of Year Trophies (ANKC Obedience Dog of the Year, ANKC Agility Dog of the Year and NADAC Dog of the Year, if they have been active Club Members and their dogs shall have been trained on our grounds for a minimum of 16 weeks of the Calendar year under supervision of authorised Club Instructors. Committee and Instructors are exempt from the above training period providing they have been active for a minimum of 10 months’.