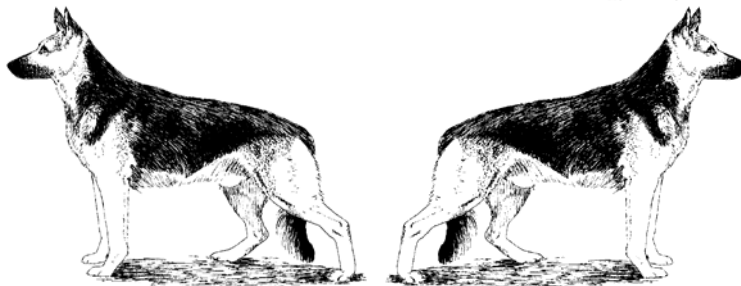
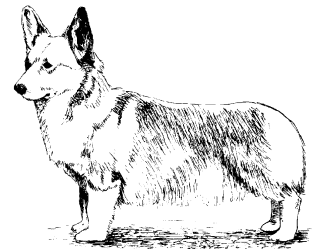
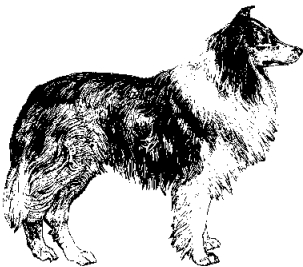
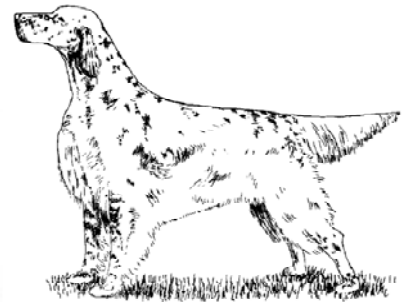


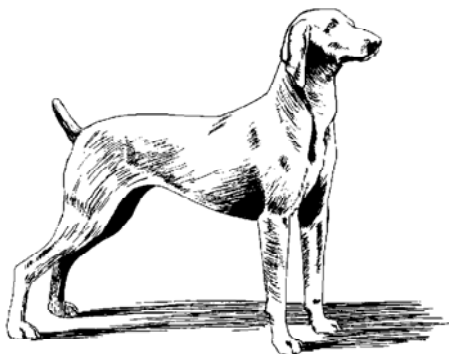
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Please remember the closing date for all Newsletter items is the 15th of each month

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CLUB CALENDAR

March

Sunday 7 March
Sunday 14 March

LABOUR DAY WEEKEND. NO TRAINING

Normal training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months

Monday 15 March

Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm. Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc

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

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ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment Books will be available at the Club in the next few months and have a special bonus offer for pre-ordered books, so see the Office if you wish to pre-order.

FACEBOOK

GODC now has a Facebook Fans site, just another avenue to keep up to date with what is going on at the Club. You can join Facebook at www.facebook.com

Trial Schedule information <http://vicobedience2010.angelfire.com/index.html>

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President's Report

Well, March is nearly here and I am looking forward to getting my new dog and starting training this month.

We have made some changes to the training syllabus so I hope more people will be more able to pass. The Training Supervisor will explain this as we get closer to the change over date.

We do have a couple of Seminars coming up, one in May and the other in October. I hope you will all support them and come along and learn from the people that are coming to help us out.

Make sure you take a book of Raffle tickets with you if you haven't got them as yet. The prize is an Oil Painting valued at over \$1000 so it is well worth it. The Club will pay half of this amount as it is being donated by the artist. If you want to know about it, if you see John Shields walking around ask him, as he won the last one.

Well enough from me for now so will finish this.

Happy Training everyone.

Jim Ball – President

Agility News

After our long summer break it is good to see so many of us back in agility classes and enthusiastically practising the skills that have been 'rested' over the past weeks. It is also noticeable how many of us are trying to reduce the extra weight that our dogs have put on over Christmas - lots of good living and lack of exercise due to the hot weather! Still, it is a serious matter that we have to address. An overweight dog is at risk of major health problems. We can see for ourselves how reluctant the overweight dog is to run and jump, and how quickly it tires during class.

Welcome to our newest Agiliteers, Felicity and Lachlan, Margaret and Tootsie, and Toby and Bindi who have joined our Level 1 (Foundation) Class this term. They are off to a great start as they manoeuvre their way through ladders, poles, perches and planks.

The January edition of "Clean Run" magazine is available now at the club for library members to borrow. If you're wondering which A-frame contact behaviour would be best for your dog, you might like to read the article about this in this current issue. Which criteria to choose involves a lot of thought as you try to work out which are best suited to your dog and you. I also liked the article on how to tune up your dog's jumping skills before a trial. This was written by Susan Salo who is considered one of the experts when it comes to canine jumping.

The Trialling season has begun and many of us are looking forward to lots of fun in the coming months. During March there are VCA agility trials at Warrnambool, Bairnsdale, KCC Park and East Gippsland, and NADAC trials at Ballarat and Moorabbin.

Be sure to save your pass cards (VCA) and copies of your emailed results (NADAC) because at the end of the year there will be two agility trophies given by the club – one to the highest scoring VCA dog and one to the highest scoring NADAC dog.

Good luck to all our Triallers this year.

Trish Gavaghan

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Canteen Manager - A Request For Help

The canteen is doing well but we need more helpers to fill in for an hour or so on Sundays. We also need volunteers to help out on special Event days. Come and see me on Sunday in the canteen or call me on 5241 1886.

Kathy Taylor

Library News.

DONATION - STANLEY AND SOPHIE: A MEMOIR - Author: Kate Jennings
Random House [Australia]:Sydney ; 2008

The saga of two wickedly delightful Border Terriers - Stanley and Sophie. Stanley in the chapter Exasperating Little Buggers attacks the most sacred of all working dogs - A SEEING EYE DOG. "I knew always to keep the leash wrapped double around my wrist ..." "... with a backward flip, transformed himself into a furry missile ripping the leash from my hand. Stanley clamped onto the Lab's neck, the blind man fell down and my darling bor and the Lab ... rolled in an ugly ball ..."

Kate on Cesar Milan: "Be macho! Own the throne! Rules, boundaries, Limitations! Exercise, discipline, then and only then, affection." ... "Stanley wasn't having any of this - he envisaged more of a collegial situation .. ." Chapter 19 - Sophie arrives - a very ordinary Border Terrier who "hippity-hopped along rather than ran." Stanley and Sophie ... "joined forces and became a gang of two bent on rumbling the neighbourhood" Eventually Kate has to part with the dastardly duo - and they are placed separately - with friends.

This is not just a story about dogs - it is a bitter-sweet autobiography which explores the loss of Kate's husband and the aftermath of 9/11 in New York and life as an Aussie Ex-Pat. Kate is an Australian poet, essayist and novelist. PLEASE, would the generous donor of this autobiography pop into the Library so that a Donor Slip for the book can be organised.

PHOTO COPY MASTERS.

The Library is currently organising an extensive collection of magazine, website articles and in-service material for members. FAITHFULLY YOURS has been the most outstanding source of relevant information for Instructors and Club Members. For easy access information will be organised alphabetically, in Lever Arch Binders, under the following SUBJECT HEADINGS.

AGILITY

BEHAVIOUR & HABITS

BREEDS

COMMUNICATION

DEMONSTRATION EXERCISES & TRICKS

DISEASES & AILMENTS

FOOD & NUTRITION

HOUSING, RUNS, CRATES ETC.

HUMAN/ CANINE RELATIONSHIP

OBEDIENCE TRAINING

PARASITES

PSYCHOLOGY

RETRIEVING

TRACKING, TRAILLING & RELATED SCENT WORK.

Borrowing Policy - all Members - UNTIL PHOTOCOPIED. Articles of more than 10 pages will be spiral bound. THE SAME SUBJECT HEADINGS WILL APPLY TO EACH SPIRAL BOUND DOCUMENT. THEY WILL BE SHELVED INDIVIDUALLY. THEY ARE NOT PHOTOCOPY MASTERS.

Borrowing Policy - As spiral bound books do not cope very well with being available for constant loan - they will be available for Instructors Only to borrow. However, an Instructor may recommend any or all Members of his/her Class as Borrowers. If that is the case, borrowing period will be restricted to ONE WEEK. Spiral Bound Books will be classified as REFERENCE MATERIAL and shelved in that section of the Library.

Robyn Youl - Librarian

Upcoming Trials

MARCH

Saturday 13 th March	Agility Trials	Bairnsdale & District Obedience Club
Sunday 14 th March	Agility Trials	Bairnsdale & District Obedience Club
Saturday 20 th March	Double Obedience Trials	Southern Obedience Dog Training Club
Sunday 21 st March	Double Obedience Trials	Warringal Obedience Dog Club
Saturday 27 th March	Agility/Jumping Trials	East Gippsland Obedience Dog Club
Sunday 28 th March	Obedience Trial	Knox Obedience Dog Club

APRIL

Saturday 3 rd April	Obedience Trials	OTEC
Sunday 4 th April	Obedience Trials	OTEC
	Double Agility Trial	Agility Dog Club
Saturday 10 th April	Agility Trial	Border Collie Club
	Urban Track & Search Trial	Gippsland Obedience Dog Club
	Obedience Trial	Ballarat Obedience Dog Club
Sunday 11 th April	Agility Trials	Moorabbin Obedience Dog Club
	Urban Track & Search Trial	Gippsland Obedience Dog Club
Saturday 17 th April	Obedience Trial	Red Cliff District Kennel Club
	Tracking Test	German Shepherd Dog Club
	Endurance Trial	Werribee Obedience Dog Club
Sunday 18 th April	Obedience Trial	Red Cliff District Kennel Club
	Obedience Trial	Peninsula Obedience Dog Club
Saturday 24 th April	Double Agility Trial	Geelong Obedience Dog Club
Sunday 25 th April	Double Agility Trial	Geelong Obedience Dog Club
	Open Track & Search Trial	Tracking Club
	Obedience Trial	Croydon & District Obedience Club
Monday 26 th April	Open Track & Search Trial	Tracking Club



Hydrotherapy - a new service available at Highton Veterinary Clinic

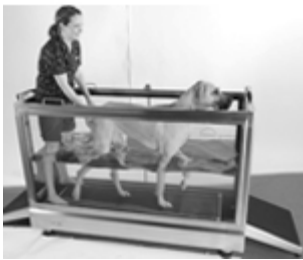
The rehabilitation benefits of water have been known for a long time. This hydrotherapy unit is an underwater treadmill that allows the dog to walk, while its weight is supported by water, so that all exercise is low impact. The dog walks into the unit up a ramp and then warm water slowly fills up the tank until the dog's weight is supported. The water is warm which benefits the circulation in the muscles. The speed of the treadmill is adjusted to suit the dog's individual needs, as is the time on the treadmill. At the end of the session the dog walks out down another ramp and is dried with a blow dryer.



The benefits are many and this unit can be used for rehabilitation after surgery, e.g. cruciate repairs, for intervertebral disc disease e.g. a paralysed dog, for arthritic dogs through low impact exercise, and to improve cardiovascular and respiratory function, e.g. getting dogs fit or just giving them some exercise if the owner finds it difficult to walk them.



As many of you already know we are a clinic that does a lot of work with lameness cases using conventional medicine and surgery, acupuncture and chiropractic. This hydrotherapy unit will complement the work that we already undertake and reduce the recovery time for our patients.



This unit will be the first of its kind in Geelong and we are proud to be the first clinic to have this facility available to our clients.

Liquor Training

Now clicker training's quite the fad
Results from some are not too bad
The concept stemmed from Pavlov's hound
Responding to some special sound

The dog would start to salivate
Before he got the food he ate
Sometimes you click to no avail,
And other methods also fail.

No matter how you plead or shout,
Sometimes the dog just won't put out.
When asked to sit or heel or stay
Thus giving you a rotten day.

It makes you feel quite like a fool,
And then you start to lose your cool
But if your methods fail for you
There's something else that you can do.

Try "liquor training", that's its name,
To help you with your dog sport game.
"How does this method work?" you ask
Well, first you get a little flask.

Containing gin or other booze
Of any kind that you may choose.
Each time your dog decides to goof,
You take a sip of 80 proof.

It helps the handler to relax
And minimize the stress attacks.
When handler's mood is more at ease,
The dog may sometimes try to please.

Or, then again may still refuse
To mind his training P's and Q's
But whether foul results or fair
You liquor train – you just don't care.

Author unknown

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

Double Agility/Jumping Trials

April 24th & 25th

Belmont Common, Breakwater rd, Breakwater

Entries to: The Trial Secretary, P.O Box 186, Geelong 3220. Cheques payable to Geelong Obedience Dog Club Inc

Entries Close Tuesday 13th April. Late Entries will be returned.

Saturday AM, Trial A

Jumping Novice 1, Novice 2 , Exc.1, Exc 2, Open	Mr M Tyler
Agility Novice, Exc & Open	Ms P Gavin
Jumping Masters 1 & 2 and Masters Agility	Mr J Browne

Saturday PM, Trial B

Jumping Open, Novice 1, Novice 2 , Exc 1, Exc 2	Mr J Browne
Agility Open , Exc , Novice	Mr M Tyler
Masters Agility, Jumping 1 & 2	Mr P Gavin

Sunday AM, Trial C

Jumping Exc 1, Exc 2, Novice 1, Novice 2 , Open	Mr P Buykx
Agility Novice, Exc & Open	Mr M Cowman
Jumping Masters 1 & 2 and Masters Agility	Mr M Tyler

Sunday PM, Trial D

Jumping Open, Novice 1, Novice 2 , Exc 1, Exc 2	Mr M Cowman
Agility Open, Exc, Novice	Mr M Tyler
Masters Agility ,Jumping Masters 1 & 2	Mr P Buykx

Conditions of Entry: Separate entry forms are to be used for each trial stating day and time. Titles to be noted and jump heights clearly marked. Please note that Novice (2), Exc (2) and Masters (2) Jumping are separate classes, they must be entered and paid for as such. Entry must show Trial A-D

Entry Fee: \$9 Catalogue \$4 (once only payment)

Check in & Vetting : 8am - 8:30am and 12:30pm - 1pm

Judging time: AM trials - 9am, PM trials 1.30pm or one hour after morning trial, whichever the later.

Catering : Available

Prizes for each trial: Best in Trial, 1st - 3rd each ring, Best Geelong Member, Specialty sashes.

Camping Available on the grounds \$5 per site, toilet facilities only. **To be paid with entries**

BBQ SATURDAY NIGHT - \$7 pp to be paid with entries.

NB: There will be a reading of the ANZAC ode and 1 min silence before the commencement of the Sunday AM Trial

Members! Did you know?

The Club has the following facilities available for your convenience



Equipment Shop

Open from 8.30 am to 9.00 am, 9.45am to 10.10am and 11.15 am to 11.30 am each training day. Come in and see the range of training equipment, leads, collars, harnesses, grooming equipment and treats, all at very competitive prices. Alex Shackleton, our Equipment Shop Manager will help you make the right selection for your needs. The Equipment Shop also has Club Jumpers, Vests and Polo shirts available in Club colours with the Club logo. If you wish, you can also arrange to have your particular breed embroidered opposite the logo. A \$10.00 deposit is required when you place your order or complete payment if you are ordering a garment with a specific breed.

Off-street Parking

Off-street parking is available to all Members. For the safety of other Members and their dogs, please observe the 8-kph speed limits while on the grounds. **Please observe no parking signs.**

Canteen

After training call into the Canteen for that much needed tea or coffee or maybe a cold drink and meet our Canteen Manager, Kathy Taylor. There is a sausage sizzle run, usually fortnightly and also toasted sandwiches, dim sims and chocolates available. Kathy is also looking for help in the Canteen, so if you can spare an hour once a month, see Kathy so she can put you on a roster.

GODC Inc Library

The Club Library has an extensive range of books on dog training, dog problems, dog stories, etc. If you wish to do some reading to compliment your training you will need to call into the Office and join the Library. The cost is \$2.00, which is valid until the 30th June each year when you will need to renew. Robyn Youl, our Club Librarian, or Stephen Eldridge, our assistant Librarian will be at the Library inside the Clubhouse to help you. Library hours are 9.00am to 11.00am normal training days and 9.00am to 10.00 on Intake days. The Club's bookmark is a wealth of information regarding websites or you can visit the Club's website, set up by our webmaster Brendan Jagtenberg, for further information.

Clubhouse

Members, for the benefit of Members, built the Clubhouse. If it is cold and wet outside, have your tea or coffee in front of the heaters after training. There is a television available for the latest sports scores or maybe you would just like to chat with other Class Members before heading home. The photo gallery on the walls of the Clubhouse are of foundation dogs of the Club and dogs that have since gained Titles in the various canine disciplines.

Dog Boxes

These boxes are available to Members who would prefer not to leave their dogs in the car and are situated outside the storeroom. Please, for safety reasons, **do not** leave your dog tied on the veranda.

Free run area

The free run area is available for all Members to use. Please read and observe the rules and be considerate of other Members and don't forget to clean up after your dog.



Communication - Listen to your Dog!

He may be trying to tell you something important!

Dogs are canids and humans are primates. We do not have a common language to communicate with each other. The only means of communication we can use are telepathic (through pictures in the mind) and body language and vocal sounds (through actions, sounds and gestures). Most of us have lost the ability to communicate with our dogs telepathically since childhood. This leaves body language as the only way they have of communicating with us.

I often give demonstrations on the use of service dogs for PAWS With A Cause, where I work as a field instructor and presenter. I say that the dogs "alert" the owners, when they hear sounds they have been taught to respond to, or in the case of some seizure alert dogs, when they know the person is about to have a seizure. The question I get from the audience is always "HOW does the dog communicate this to the owner?" I usually explain by using the analogy of the television series, "Lassie." Timmy was always falling in the well or something, and Lassie forever had to go get someone to help. If you've ever seen that "Timmy's in the well again" body language on a dog, there would be no question in your mind that the dog were trying to convey something important. It's like the doggie version of "charades."



My friend Joanne has a seizure alert dog, Willie. Willie is a Golden Retriever, and loves to be petted, and he adores Joanne, so he often performs the "Golden Paw" maneuver to get attention, or he'll try to thrust his head under her hand to get it stroked. These are the same basic behaviors he performs to let her know she's going to have a seizure. How does she know the difference? The difference is very obvious to a "dog person." The head nudging and pawing take on an "exclamation point," which gives it that "this is a message of an urgent nature" twist.

When dogs try to communicate something to us, they often do something they don't normally do. For instance, if my dog, Karli, comes running into my office for no apparent reason and tries to crawl under my chair, I know that there is either something that scared her, like thunder, or a bear in the living room, or the other dogs are doing something that is "not allowed" and she is trying to establish an alibi, by being with me at the time the crime was perpetrated. I can usually tell if it's thunder or a bear in the house by giving a quick listen. Ruling out the first two, I realize that this particular action on her part means, very clearly, "I didn't do it mom... I didn't have any part in it. It was all the other dogs' ideas and I wasn't even in the room at the time." Whereupon I jump up and go out to find that Gator is trying to pull a pan with dinner leftovers off the top of the stove, or the puppy is chewing something she's not supposed to, or someone relieved themselves in the house. It's pretty nice having a dog that acts as a "tattle tail."

Your dog has a repertoire of behaviors and vocalizations, which are usually, used in particular circumstances. The dog may have one bark that means, "yippee, we're going to get



Communication – Listen to your dog (continued)

something (dinner, taken for a walk, etc.)." There is a completely different bark that means, "the postman is here," and one that means "there's someone at the door." There's one that means, "I hear something unusual" and one that means, "let's play." I'm sure that if you thought about it, you could identify a dozen or more different kinds of vocalizations that your dog makes. Each one varies in tone, intensity, duration and volume. Each one carries a different message. Pay attention to what your dog is "telling" you.

I have a personal example of how listening to my dog's communication attempt saved our lives and our home. I was in the office, working, as usual, when I heard Karli, in the kitchen, bark once. Karli doesn't bark much at all, but the barks she gives are all identifiable. This bark didn't have a meaning. I stopped what I was doing and listened. I thought, "That's queer." She doesn't bark when she wants water, and that's not her "I see something out the back door" bark. It was definitely not the "someone's here" bark, or the "give me my toy back" bark. I thought, what could she be trying to tell me about in the kitchen? Then, with horror, I realized that several minutes earlier I had left some garlic bread covered with cheese in the broiler of the oven. I had forgotten all about it, distracted by my work (out of sight, out of mind!). I ran to the kitchen and opened the oven door to find the cheese on fire, with flames shooting up into the electrical components at the top of the oven. I hadn't smelled the smoke or anything, but Karli did, and she thought it was something she might want to mention. This could have been a serious electrical fire, that could have destroyed the house, but instead it just became another embarrassing cooking lesson moment, thanks to Karli, and thanks to my habit of paying attention to my dog's attempts at communication.



Dogs have senses, which are far more acute than ours. I believe they can sense things that we, as primates, have no way of detecting. It's interesting to read the stories about the dog heroes. These dogs often find ways of communicating remarkable things to their owners. Fortunately, the owners listened. One example was a Pit Bull Terrier on vacation with his owners in their Jeep. The dog started doing the "Timmy's in the well" thing, and the owners couldn't figure out what was wrong. In the dog's final

attempt to get through to these people with "doggie charades", he jumped out of the back of the jeep and ran ahead and physically blocked the road and wouldn't let them go further. They decided to go elsewhere to camp for the night, and turned their vehicle around. As it turned out, the gorge where they were headed flooded that night. A dam broke, if I remember right, and the valley was suddenly filled with rushing water, which wiped away all of the people who had set up camp there for the night.

My message here is "Listen to your dog!" A few years back, I read an article about some break-ins that were occurring in California. They all took place during the night, in homes where people had dogs. The dogs didn't alert the homeowner to the presence of the intruder in the middle of the night. This is probably due to the fact that when dogs bark at night, the owners usually just tell them to "shut up!" When I was a teenager, I was vandalizing a friend's house (toilet papering) one night, when the people suddenly let their dog out. The dog was saying, "Hey there's about a half a dozen vandals out here in our yard, hiding behind the cars and stuff! Come quick! Get the baseball bat!" The owners just hollered "Shut up and get in here right now, you stupid dog!" They did not recognize the increased amplitude and intensity of the dog's bark as anything out of the usual. Bummer for them.

Probably the most subtle way dogs "communicate" with us, is when they have a physical ailment. They may not intentionally "tell" you that something is wrong. Dogs are pretty stoic, and sometimes endure amazing

Communication – Listen to your dog (continued)

amounts of pain or discomfort, without letting on. It may just be that they don't know how to tell you. You have to use your own powers of observation. Watch for stiffness in the dog's gait. Watch for abnormal behavior, like licking or pawing a certain area of its body repeatedly. Watch for head shaking. More than an occasional shake may indicate an ear problem. Inactivity is a major indicator. If your dog's activity level suddenly decreases, it could be indicating that he doesn't feel well. It's hard to know what could be the cause, but it would be a good idea to keep your eye on the dog's stool, checking for parasites or foreign objects. Go over his whole body feeling for any unusually warm areas, which might indicate a swelling or infection. Check the pads of the feet (if they're hurt, he's not going to want to move around much). Take a look at the anal sacs. Dogs, which regularly require grooming services probably, get their anal sacs expunged at the groomer's. If you bathe your dog at home, you may not realize that you should be checking his glands periodically. If they become filled or impacted, it can become very uncomfortable for the dog. You may see him playing "sleigh ride" (scooting his butt along the carpeting), to try to relieve the problem.

I challenge all of you to spend some extra time observing your dogs. Watch what they do everyday. Identify their normal array of behaviors and vocalizations. The only way to determine when something is out of the ordinary is to know what is ordinary. Whenever your dog does anything out of the ordinary, you should investigate. It could be an emergency. He could be exercising the only means he knows how to communicate something important to you. You need to be listening.

EQUIPMENT SHOP

Come in and see Alex for all your training needs - leads, collars, head halters, toys, etc

Club Caps and Beanies \$13.00.

Also, Club vests and jackets
available



LET'S GO!

Dog's Life magazine - Back issues

\$5.00

Current issues also available

Inner Peace: This is so true

If you can start the day without caffeine,
If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment
If you can conquer tension without medical help,
If you can relax without liquor,
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,



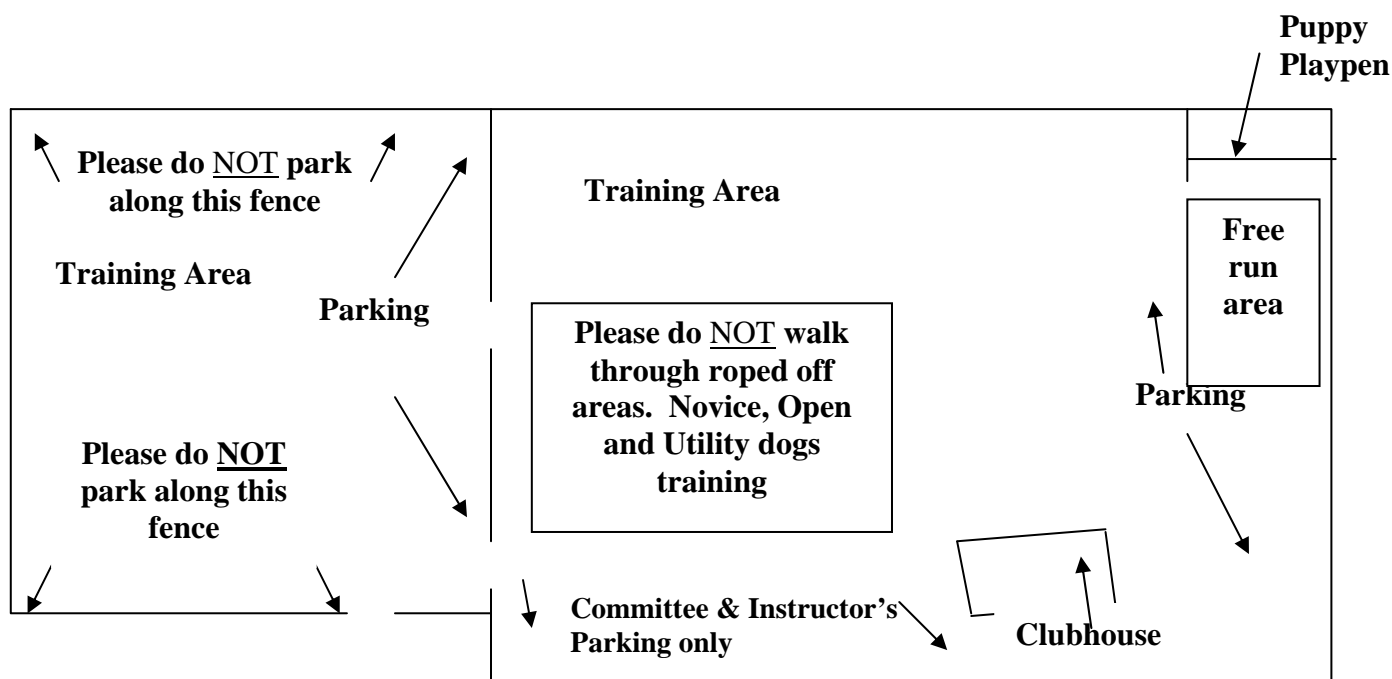
Then You Are Probably The Family Dog!

Sent in by Leonie Kelleher



GROUND'S PARKING AREAS

Please observe all signs



Breakwater Road

For everyone's safety, there is an 8 kph speed limit in ALL areas of the grounds



LIVING WITH A DEAF DOG A Member's Story

We were lucky enough to be given our gorgeous deaf Dalmatian puppy in 2001. He was diagnosed as being totally deaf at the age of 6 weeks, we took him at 7 weeks, a little early, but it was that or he was to be put down. Most deaf puppies suffer this horrible fate, which is totally unnecessary, as a deaf dog can live a normal happy life.

Angus quickly became a cherished and lovable member of our family. I started his training within a few days of his arrival. I read everything I could find on training deaf dogs, but ended up making up my own hand signals. The first lesson he learnt was to 'watch' my eyes and then my hands, from there the rest was easy. Within a couple of days he had learnt to come, sit, drop and stay watching our hands and face intently for signals. He was a wonderful student, doing anything for our approval and his favourite food reward. By 3 months he had learnt

to leave it, stop, good boy, good bye, calm, on your mat and no.

Angus was the most sensitive dog that I have ever had the privilege to own. He would watch me constantly for signals; an angry look on my face was enough to break his heart. If I took him with me to the shopping centre or the beach, he would watch people's hands as they passed in case they were 'talking' to him.

Walking with him was a dream, he heeled beside me at all times, never pulling or being distracted by the normal noises faced by hearing dogs, such as dogs barking, cars etc. He approached everyone and everything with love and friendliness. A German Shepherd once came running at us, growling, hackles up and snarling. I was worried that he was going to be attacked, but Angus looked up at me sweetly and bounced around in puppy fashion wanting to play with the menacing looking dog. The Shepherd stopped, looked at him like he was insane and walked away. He approached every dog in the same manner for the rest of his life, and they all greeted him with friendship.

We would walk 10kms every day; I would be wearing headphones, while walking along the narrow country roads. To make sure there were no cars coming that I could not hear, I would turn and check. One day to my surprise he turned and checked the road for me. He then looked at me with a huge smile, as if to ask if he had done well. He continued to check the roads for me on every walk.

In 2005, I was diagnosed with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, my first year I was unable to function, sleeping most of the day. Angus spent the entire year sleeping on the floor beside me, never making a fuss. I would wake up to see a spotty face staring at me, he knew I was not to be woken, but I was fair game once my eyes were open.

When I was able to move around again, he began to sense when I would have another Fatigue 'attack', and would gently lead me to the couch, which was where I spent most of the daylight hours. After about 18 months, I was able to venture out on short walks. I had to be careful to keep my heart rate low, or this could trigger the attacks. While walking he could tell if I was going to relapse and gently walk in front of me and hold my hand to let me know.

Living with our spotty boy was a joy, his deafness was never an issue other than I could not let him run off lead unless in a secure area. With obedience training using hand signals, deaf dogs can be a wonderful, loving member of the family. But be warned, they can have a sense of humour, and quickly learn that if they don't look at you, they don't have to do what you want, but a light stomp on the floor will get their attention.

Kerry

**Over the next 2 issues, the Newsletter will continue
with 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**

RULES FOR GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB (INCORPORATED)

RESIGNATION AND EXPULSION OF MEMBER

- 8 (1) A member shall cease ipso facto to be a member of the Club -
- (a) upon the termination of his period of membership, (whether by effluxion of time or otherwise), unless he shall be re-admitted pursuant to Clause 3(8) as a member of the Club for a further period of membership;
 - (b) if he resigns by notice in writing addressed to the Secretary pursuant to Sub-Clause (3);
 - (c) if he shall die;
 - (d) if his annual subscription for the forthcoming financial year has not been paid in accordance with Clause 3(8);
 - (e) if pursuant to the Rules he shall be expelled from the Club;
 - (I) if as a member of the VCA. he is disqualified or suspended by the VCA. for any period for which he/she is suspended or disqualified-
- (2) Should any person cease to be a member of the Club for any reason whatsoever, he or she shall not be entitled to the return of his or her membership fee or any part thereof.
- (3) A member of the Club who has paid all monies due and payable by him to the Club may resign from the Club by first giving notice in writing to the Secretary of his resignation.
- (4) Upon the receipt of a notice given under Sub-Clause (3), the Secretary shall make in the register of members an entry recording the date on which the member by whom the notice was given, ceased to be a member.
- 9 (1) Subject to these Rules, the Committee may by resolution:-
- (a) expel a member from the Club;
 - (b) suspend a member from membership of the Club for a specified period; or
 - (c) fine a member in accordance with Regulation 14 of the Associations Incorporation Act.

If the Committee is of the opinion that the member -

- (i) has refused or neglected to comply with these Rules; or
 - (ii) has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member or prejudicial to the interests of the Club.
- (2) A resolution of the Committee under Sub-Clause (1).-
- (a) does not take effect unless the Committee, at a meeting held not earlier than 14 and not later than 28 days after the service on the member of a notice under Sub-Clause (3) confirms the resolution in accordance with this Clause; and

- (b) where the member exercises a right of appeal to the Club under this Clause, does not take effect unless the Club confirms the resolution in accordance with this Clause.
- (3) Where the Committee passes a resolution under Sub-Clause (1), the Secretary shall, as soon as practicable cause to be served on the member a notice in writing:-
- (a) setting out the resolution of the Committee and the grounds on which it is based;
 - (b) stating that the member may address the Committee at a meeting to be held not earlier than 14 and not later than 28 days after service of the notice;
 - (c) stating the date, place and time of that meeting;
 - (d) informing the member that he may do one or more of the following:-
 - (i) attend that meeting;
 - (ii) give to the Committee before the date of that meeting a written statement seeking the revocation of the resolution and
 - (iii) not later than 7 days before the date of the meeting, lodge with the Secretary a notice to the effect that he wishes to appeal to the Club in general meeting against the resolution.
- (4). At a meeting of the Committee held in accordance with Sub-Clause (2). the Committee:-
- (a) shall give to the member an opportunity to be heard;
 - (b) shall give due consideration to any written statement submitted by the member; and
 - (c) shall by resolution determine whether to confirm or to revoke the resolution.
- (5) Where the secretary receives a notice under Sub-Clause (3)(d)(iii) he shall notify the Committee and the Committee shall convene a general meeting of the Club to be held within 21 days after the date on which the Secretary received the notice.
- (6) At a general meeting of the Club convened under Sub-Clause (5):-
- (a) no business other than the question of the appeal shall be transacted;
 - (b) the Committee may place before the meeting details of the grounds for the resolution and the reasons for the passing of the resolution;
 - (c) the member shall be given an opportunity to be heard; and
 - (d) the members present shall vote by secret ballot on the question whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.
- (7) If at the general meeting:-
- (a) two-thirds of the members vote in person in favour of the confirmation of the resolution, the resolution is confirmed; and
 - (b) in any other case, the resolution is revoked.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 10 (1) The Club shall in each calendar year convene an annual general meeting of its members.
- (2) The annual general meeting shall be held on such date and time, and at such venue, as the Committee determines.
 - (3) The annual general meeting shall be specified as such in the notice convening it.
 - (4) The ordinary business of the annual general meeting shall be:-
 - (a) to confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any general meeting held since that meeting;
 - (b) To appoint a Returning Officer, where necessary, and at least two scrutineers, pursuant to Clause 25(6);
 - (c) to receive from the Committee reports upon the transactions and activities of the Club during the last preceding financial year.
 - (d) to elect officers of the Club and the ordinary members of the Committee;

- (e) to receive and consider the statement submitted by the Club in accordance with Section 30(3) of the Act; and
 - (f) to appoint an Auditor pursuant to Clause 33, 34 and 35.
- (5) The annual general meeting may transact special business of which notice is given in accordance with these Rules.
- (6) The annual general meeting shall be in addition to any other general meetings that may be held in the same year.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS
(see by-law No. 3)

- 11 (1) The notice convening the annual general meeting shall be given to each member not less than 30 days before the date of the meeting and shall be accompanied by a form of Nomination of Committee of Management, (see Clause 25(1)(a)). Such notice shall specify the business to be conducted at the meeting in accordance with Clause 10(4) and (5)
- (2) The signature to the notice convening the annual general meeting may be wrathful stamped, impressed, typed or printed.
- (3) Notice of an annual general meeting and the form of Nomination of Committee of Management shall be deemed to have been given to each member if they are published in, or enclosed with, the Club's newsletter or journal or such other publication as the Club may circulate to its members provided that such publication is dispatched to each member not less than thirty days prior to the date of the annual general meeting or if they are served upon him personally not less than twenty eight days prior to the date of that meeting or if they are sent through the post not less than thirty days prior to the meeting addressed to each member at the address shown in the Register of Members. A notice and form of Nomination of Committee of Management sent to one of a dual membership shall be deemed for all purposes to have been given to each of such members.
- (4) A notice sent by post to a member shall be deemed to have been received by him at the time at which the notice would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post.
- (5) The accidental omission to give notice to a member, or if a member shall fail to receive a notice sent in accordance with Sub-Clause (3), shall not invalidate an annual general meeting.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS
(see by-laws No. 4 & 10)

12. All general meetings other than the annual general meeting shall be called special general meetings.
- (1) The Committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting of the Club and, where, but for this Sub-Clause more than 15 months would lapse between annual general meetings shall convene a special meeting before the expiration of that period.
- (2) The Committee shall, on the requisition in writing of members representing not less than 15% of the total number of members, convene a special general meeting of the Club.
- (3) The requisition for a special general meeting shall state the objects of the meeting and shall be signed by the members making the requisition and be sent to the address of the Secretary and may consist of several documents in a like form, each signed by one or more of the members making the requisition.
- (4) If the Committee does not cause a special general meeting to be held within one month after the date on which the requisition is sent to the address of the Secretary, the members making the requisition, or any of them, may convene a special general meeting to be held not later than 3 months after that date, and the Secretary shall for that purpose, if requested by such members,

furnish to them or otherwise make available a list of names and addresses of all members entitled to attend a special general meeting.

- (5) A special general meeting convened by members in pursuance of these Rules shall be convened in the same manner as nearly as possible as that in which those meetings are convened by the Committee and all reasonable expenses incurred in convening the meeting shall be refunded by the Club to the persons incurring the expenses.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- 13 (1) Every special general meeting convened by the Committee shall be convened by notice given by the Secretary to each member of the Club specifying the date, time and venue of such meeting as prescribed in Sub-Clause (3). Such notice shall specify the business to be conducted at the meeting. The signature to any such notice may be written, stamped, impressed, typed or printed.
- (2) At least seven days prior notice shall be given in respect of each such meeting.
- (3) Notice of a special general meeting shall be deemed to have been given to each member if it is published in the Club's newsletter or journal or such other publication, provided that such publication is made and dispatched to the members not later than seven days prior to the date of the meeting or it is served upon him personally or if it is sent through the post addressed to such member at the address shown in the Register of Members. A notice sent to one of a dual membership shall be deemed for all purposes to have been given to each of such members.
- (4) The accidental omission to give notice to a member or if a member shall fail to receive a notice sent pursuant to Sub-Clause 3 shall not invalidate a special general meeting.
- (5) A notice sent by post to a member shall be deemed to have been received by him at the time at which the notice would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

- 14 (1) If at a special general meeting or at a Committee or Sub-Committee meeting a quorum shall not be present after the expiration of thirty minutes from the appointed time thereof, the meeting shall thereupon be adjourned in accordance with Clause 15(5).
- (2) A special general meeting of members or a meeting of members of a Committee or of a Sub-Committee shall have the power to adjourn its proceedings from time to time for any period not exceeding at any one time, one month.

PROCEEDINGS AT ALL MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

- 15 (1) All business that is transacted at a special general meeting and all business that is transacted at the annual general meeting with the exception of that specially referred to in Clause 10(4) as being the ordinary business of the annual general meeting shall be deemed to be special business.
- (2) Representation by proxy including voting by proxy is expressly precluded.
- (3) No item of business shall be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under these rules to vote is present during the time when the meeting is considering that item.
- (4) Fifteen Members personally present (being members entitled under these Rules to vote at a general meeting) constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting.
- (5) If within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting if convened upon the requisition of members under Clause 12(4) and (5) shall be dissolved and in any other case shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and (unless another place is specified by the Chairman at the time of the adjournment or by written notice to members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place and if at the adjourned meeting the quorum is not present within half

an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the members present (being not less than 10) shall be a quorum.

- 16 (1) The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, shall preside as Chairman at each general meeting of the Club.
- (2) if the President and the Vice-President are absent from a general meeting, the members present shall elect one of their number to preside as Chairman at the meeting.
- 17 (1) The Chairman of a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.
- (2) Where a meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, a like notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of the general meeting.
- (3) Except as provided in Sub-Clauses (1) and (2), it is not necessary to give notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.
- 18 A question arising at a general meeting of the Club shall be determined on a show of hands and, unless before or on the declaration of the show of hands a poll is demanded, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or carried unanimously or carried by a particular majority or loss, and an entry to that effect in the Minute Book of the Club is evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the vote recorded in favour of, or against that resolution.
- 19 (1) Upon any question arising at a general meeting of the Club, a member has one vote only. A dual membership shall be entitled to one vote only unless expressly provided for otherwise in the Club's By-Laws. (see by-law No. 5)
- (2) All votes shall be given personally, except as provided for in Clause 25(50)(b).
- (3) In the case of an equality of voting on a question, the Chairman of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.
- 20 (1) If at a meeting a poll on any question is demanded by not less than three members, it shall be taken at that meeting in such manner as the Chairman may direct and the resolution of the poll shall be deemed to be a resolution of the meeting on that question.
- (2) A poll that is demanded on the election of a Chairman or on a question of an adjournment shall be taken forthwith and a poll that is demanded on any other question shall be taken at such time before the close of the meeting as the Chairman may direct.
- 21 A member is not entitled to vote at any general meeting unless all monies due and payable by him to the Association have been paid including the amount of the annual subscription payable in respect of the current financial year.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 6th April 2010

8.00pm

All Members are welcome



TO ALL MEMBERS ATTENDING TRIALS

The following Motion commenced 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’.



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WE NEED YOUR HELP AT OUR TRIALS

Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th April 2010

On Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th April our Club will be holding 4 Agility/Jumping Trials.

This will be a very busy weekend and we really do need your help. Agility/Jumping Trials are a great spectacle, but also very labour intensive, so if you would like to learn more about this particular canine discipline, here is your opportunity. Please tick a box where you will be prepared to offer an hour's service to your Club and

return it to the Office by Thursday 15th April

Working Bee – Friday 23rd April – 5pm - setting up rings, bins etc, cleaning and setting up hall

Ring Stewards – minimum of 9 will be needed each Trial each day-

Saturday

Morning Trial – required from 8.00am to 1.00pm approximately. Breakfast will be provided.
Must be VCA Members

Afternoon Trial – required from 1.00pm to 4.30pm approximately. Lunch will be provided. Must be VCA Members

Sunday

Morning Trial – required from 8.00am to 1.00pm approximately. Breakfast will be provided.
Must be VCA Members

Afternoon Trial – required from 1.00pm to 4.30pm approximately. Lunch will be provided. Must be VCA Members

Ring Helpers – minimum of 4 will be needed each Trial – required to help move equipment when changing from Agility to Jumping and vice versa and to assist the Judge as requested. **No experience necessary.**

Saturday

Morning Trial – required from 7.30am to 1.00pm approximately. Breakfast will be provided.

Afternoon Trial – required from 1.00pm to 4.30pm approximately. Lunch will be provided.

Sunday

Morning Trial – required from 7.30am to 1.00pm approximately. Breakfast will be provided.

Afternoon Trial – required from 1.00pm to 4.30pm approximately. Lunch will be provided.

Raffle Stewards - 1 or 2 required during the day to assist our Raffle Steward and to walk around selling tickets

Saturday Sunday

Grounds Assistants - *Morning* - required from 7.00 am until lunchtime. Lunch provided. *Afternoon* - required from 3.30pm. Afternoon tea provided

Saturday Morning Saturday Afternoon Sunday Morning Sunday Afternoon

Canteen Helpers - required from 7.00 am to 5.00 pm (approx) - roster is available, if you can only help for an hour. Duties include selling food, assisting with Judges/Stewards lunches.

Day available _____

Time available _____

Cake Stall Steward - someone to take charge of the Cake Stall or two people to share the day. Required from 9.00 am to approximately 3.00 pm

Saturday Sunday

Cake Stall Donations

Donations of cakes, slices, muffins etc for sale on the Cake Stall. Need to be delivered to the Club by 9.00 am

(To comply with health regulations, donations must be labelled and ingredients listed in order from largest amount to smallest amount, thank you)

Food preparation

Assistance with pre-preparation of food for Judges Lunches and the BBQ tea on the Saturday night.
 Most are jobs that can be done at home

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

There will be no normal training on Sunday 25th April

