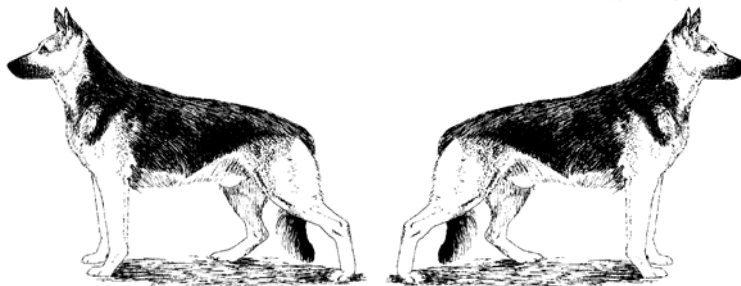
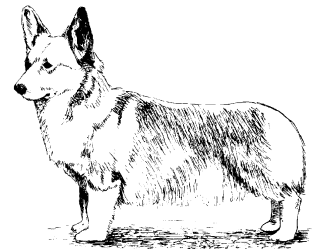
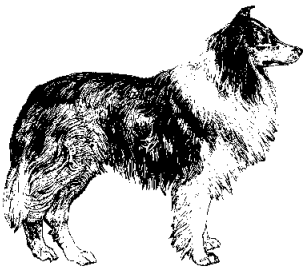
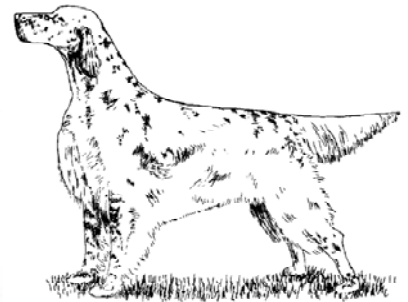


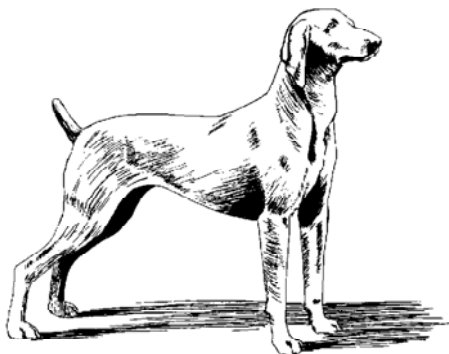
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Please remember the closing date for all Newsletter items is the 15th of each month

Club website – www.godc.org.au



CLUB CALENDAR

April

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| 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

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| Sunday | 2 May | Normal Training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months |
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CLUB INSTRUCTORS

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Agility

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| Trish Gavaghan | Glenys Murray | Alex Shackleton |
| Simmon Hellebrand | Lyn Wills | Anne Macrae |



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President Report

Well March is upon us and nearly over. Don't forget that next month's General meeting will commence at 7.30 pm instead of 8.00pm because we have a guest speaker Terehee Gordon coming along to tell us about Jirrahalinga .

Also we have Easter in April as well as our double Agility Trials. The 'How we can help forms' have gone out and I would hope that we get some help in the Canteen as well as with the Equipment moves during the day. If we can get a few helpers during the day, even if you can spare 2-3 hours would be nice. Just indicate or see Victor Douglas and let him know when or where you would like help. Likewise please see Tina if you have any queries as to how you can help on the day with Stewarding.

Also just a reminder of the Seminar on Dog health is coming up on 5th June. These people have given of their time so I hope a few of you can come along.

Well that's all for this month.

Jim Ball - President

Training Supervisor's Report

Hi Everyone

Changes to the new training structure are underway and will be implemented from July 26th. The new Class contents will make it fun for you and your dog and coincide with daily activities that you do with your dog.

There will no longer be Promotion days, they have been replaced by Fundays and Graduation. Assessments will be on going throughout the 10 week Class bracket, much like competency based training.

Our trainee Instructors are doing well and many of you may have already met them as they are assisting Instructors in their Classes.

Off lead area: It has come to my attention that there are Members who are not taking care in the area, you MUST watch your dog at all times and of course clean up after your dog. Any bullying is not tolerated. Sandy and I will be addressing Classes in the near future on conduct in the off lead area.

Promotion Day is almost upon us. Don't forget to leave your details with your Instructor if you are wanting to be tested.

Finally, our next General Meeting on the 6th April, We would like to see as many Members as possible attend to meet Tehree Gordon from Jirrahalinga Wildlife Park. She will be updating us on the latest with the Dingo rescue program and other projects she has on the way. Tehree has been a Life Member of GODC for many years.

Until next time, Happy Easter, good luck in your Promotion Day and good luck to the Members who are Trialling.

Tina Button – Training Supervisor

Agility News

After no Agility Trials for most of us since last year due to the break over summer, we are now well and truly back in business. Of most interest to us have been the Trials at Moorabbin, Warrnambool and Ballarat where Geelong Members have shone in recent weeks. Janelle and Mason won Highest in Trial (Novice) at Moorabbin and then this past weekend Bev and Forby did the same thing at Ballarat. Fantastic

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achievement! In the weekend between these two Trials, Gleny's and Remy gained two passes and two 2nd places at Warrnambool. What a great way to start off the new year!

Congratulations to all of us who have come away from one or more of these Trials with smiles on our faces and happy dogs – regardless of whether we gained passes or not.

Congratulations also to Annie Macrae, one of our Geelong Members and Agility Instructors, who began her Agility Judging career at Ballarat on Saturday. It was a long and exhausting day for Annie but her enthusiasm and great courses ensured the Triallers had a wonderful day. Good on you, Annie, and we look forward to Trialling with you again soon.

Theo has been very busy lately painting the new and old jumps that we use in Agility. He was instrumental in getting us the new jumps which we badly needed, and now has freshened up the old ones as well. Be warned though, he will not be happy if you don't handle them with care and you chip off the paint! Thank you, Theo, we really appreciate all the time and effort you put in for us. Hopefully, Chance will be fit enough one day soon to resume his Agility work and you can get to use the new jumps, too.

The February issue of "Clean Run" magazine has arrived and is available for borrowing. Level 1 people might like to read the article on 'Balancing on Boxes' which will help their dogs think about their foot placement, promote good balance and help build muscle. Plenty of food for thought for the rest of us, too.

Good luck to those Trialling next month at Altona, Skye, Ballarat and GEELONG.

Trish Gavaghan

Canteen Manager's Report

I would like to say "Welcome" to our new Members and hope you enjoy learning the different ways to interact with your four legged friends. Come and check out our Canteen. We have for sale various items of hot foods, cold drinks, tea and coffee. Prices are quite reasonable.

We were a little short handed in the Canteen on Sunday so some people may not have been served. My apologies to those who missed out.

Again I appeal to our Members for help in the canteen for an hour or so once or twice each month. Your assistance would be much appreciated by all. Come and see Kathy in the Canteen on Sunday. You can also call me on 5241 1886. We also need some help on the Trial days. These are very big days and we need all the assistance we can get. We really do need your help to make the Canteen a success.

Kathy Taylor - Canteen Manager

Library News.

WEBSITE REVIEW SENIOR DOGS SIGNS OF AGING

Selection Criteria Those websites chosen for review were:

- * well organised
- * unbiased
- * written by people qualified to present relevant facts
- * supported by bibliographies appropriate to the subject being discussed
- * above all readable and easy to understand.

Websites that did not meet the above criteria were rejected. If you would like to explore the rejected ones go to GOOGLE and Type in AGING IN DOGS.

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WEBSITE ONE tailsawagginonline.com__html

“Caring for your aging dog” by Dr Bruce Fogle DVM---an extract from “Natural Dog Care Typical Dr Fogle style . Fast paced and covers what you need to know simply and concisely. The checklist is so vital it is reproduced here for you.

*Provide frequent short walks rather than one long walk.

*Groom more often--it helps circulation.

*Feed smaller meals more frequently.

*Provide your dog with soft bedding if it has calluses.

*Take your dog out after every meal, just before bedtime and first thing every morning.

*Watch your dog’s weight. It will be healthier if kept trim.

*Provide warmth and comfort for sleeping and resting. Keep cool in summer.

*Change diet according to the dog’s medical needs.

WEBSITE TWO www.akc.org/public_education/aging_dogs

“American Kennel Club: Aging Dogs

Worth reading, especially for the way in which it recognises the ties that bind the aging dog and the owner in an ongoing but changing relationship. “He has been your companion for a long time. He is still by your side but he is not as frolicsome as he once was” Advice on managing diminished hearing and incontinence is given wisely and sensitively. The conclusion says it all about the tone of the article. “He is the same dog you brought home as a pup, his love for you will not diminish as he ages. The best thing you can do for him is to let your love for him grow right along with him.”

WEBSITE THREE dogs.about.com/od/guest_authors/a/aging_dog.html

“Your Senior Dog-The needs of Aging Dogs” by Val Witt

An informative article. The Pet Check up-- which is not meant to replace a veterinary examination, is a useful exercise. Record your data under the following headings

A Temperature--recommends a digital thermometer designed for taking a reading inside the ear. Check

With your vet..

B Pulse--Check with your vet. It can vary with size and breed

C Respiration (breathing)

D Circulation

E Water Intake and Hydration Level

The Tenting Test: Pull some skin up on the scruff of your dog’s neck. On release, it should fall back to normal straight away. If it remains in the TENT position your dog is exhibiting a sign of dehydration. Useful for dogs of all ages

F General Overview Completes your check-up Recommended for the amount of DIY Information it offers

WEBSITE FOUR www.peteducation.com/article.cfm?c=2+2110eaid=617

“Monitoring your Older (Senior, Geriatric) Dog for signs of Disease”

Sound article about responsible ownership of the older dog, which stresses your duty to monitor aspects of health to protect your canine companion.

Headings

A Monitor food consumption.

B Monitor water consumption.

C Monitor urination and defecation.

D Measure weight every two months.

E Groom, check and clip nails, look for lumps etc.

F Monitor behaviour.

G Monitor activity and mobility.

H Look for changes in respiration.

I Provide home dental care.

J Monitor environmental temperatures and your dog’s comfort zone.

K Schedule regular appointments with your vet.

The chart featured in this website links two concepts:

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1 Signs and Symptoms of Common Diseases in Older Dogs

WITH Associated Diseases

It is well presented and easy to follow---a most useful chart for owners of dogs of all ages.

WEBSITE FIVE en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aging_in_dogs

“Wikipedia:Aging in Dogs”

According to Wikipedia, “the urban legend of a human year being equivalent to 7 dog years is a misconception, as evidenced by the different lifespan of different breeds and different dogs.”

Information is organised as follows:

*Terminology

gives the breeds it purports to apply to. This table is worth looking at, but remember it is only an estimate.

*Aging Profiles Sections of this are quite fascinating, especially the table which in one column gives life expectancy and in the other

It is followed by:

Factors affecting life expectancy such as DIET. “In the 2000’s. at least 2 dogs were still living at 27 or 28 years old, but one was fed a purely vegetarian diet and the other was fed primarily on Kangaroo and Emu meat.”

The associated article “List of Oldest Dogs” is a great read. These REALLY old dogs, thriving in their late teens and twenties are divided into verified and unverified categories A lot of the information on these websites is useful to owners of dogs of all ages. It is not advisable to wait until you consider your dog aged to become involved in regular observation and routine recording of the physical and behavioural aspects of your pet. Note that this information is also available for photocopy loan from the WEBSITE DIRECTORY in your Library

Note also that Alex in the Equipment Shop can order comfortable padded mats and warm fashionable dog rugs so that your aged companion is prepared for the onset of cold weather. SEE her today!

Robyn Youl – Librarian

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

Dog's Life magazine - Back issues - \$3.00

Current issues also available



Upcoming Trials

APRIL

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| 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 |

Trial Results

Warrnambool Dog Training School

Saturday = 6th March

CCD

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| R Hartney | Silverbule Share A Dream (Milly) | Cocker Spaniel | 1 st Place | NQ |
| L Kelleher | Brynfield Branko (Branko) | Eng Spring Span | 3 rd Place | NQ |

Novice

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| P & J Convery | Goorambat Excalibur CCD (Rookie) | Golden Ret | 1 st Place | 2 nd Pass |
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Novice Jumping

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| G Murray | Lizziwell Regal Princess (Remy) | CKCS | 2 nd Place | 1 st Pass |
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Novice Agility

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| G Murray | Lizziwell Regal Princess (Remy) | CKCS | 2 nd Place | 1 st Pass |
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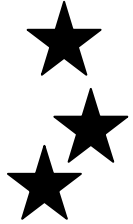
Sunday – 7th March

Novice


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| P & J Convery | Goorambat Excalibur CCD (Rookie) | Golden Ret | 2 nd Place | NQ |
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Ballarat NADAC Agility Trial

Saturday – 13th March

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| V Bridges | Bryce | Novice Weavers | 1st Place | 3rd Pass |  |
| L Wills | Dusty | Open Jumping | 2 nd Place | 1 st Pass | |
| L Wills | Dusty | Novice Chances | | 3 rd Pass | |
| | | | (Novice Chances Title NCC) | | |
| L Wills | Dusty | Open Agility | 2 nd Place | NQ | |
| L Wills | Dusty | Open Agility | 3 rd Place | NQ | |
| P Gavaghan | Meg | Novice Touch 'n Go | | Q | |
| P Gavaghan | Star | Novice Jumpers | 2 nd Place | Q | |
| P Gavaghan | Star | Novice Weavers | 2 nd Place | Q | |
| G Murray | Remy | Novice Weavers | 2 nd Place | Q | |
| B Petrass | Forby | Novice Jumpers | 1 st Place | Q | |
| B Petrass | Forby | Novice Regular 1 | 1 st Place | Q | |
| B Petrass | Forby | Novice Regular 2 | 1 st Place | Q | |
| B Petrass | Forby | Novice Weavers | 1 st Place | Q | |

Sunday – 14th March

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| V Bridges | Bryce | Novice Weavers | 1st Place | 4th Pass | |
| V Bridges | Bryce | Open Tunnelers | 1st Place | 9th Pass | |
| L Wills | Dusty | Open Jumping | 1 st Place | 2 nd Pass | |
| L Wills | Dusty | Novice Chances | | 4 th Pass | |
| J Convery | Mason | Novice Jumpers | 1 st Place | Q | |
| J Convery | Mason | Novice Regular 1 | 3 rd Place | NQ | |
| J Convery | Mason | Novice Regular 2 | 2 nd Place | Q | |
| J Convery | Mason | Novice Tunnelers | 5 th Place | NQ | |
| J Convery | Mason | Novice Weavers | 3 rd Place | NQ | |
| B Petrass | Forby | Novice Jumpers | 1 st Place | Q | |
| B Petrass | Forby | Novice Regular 1 | 1 st Place | NQ | |
| B Petrass | Forby | Novice Regular 2 | 1 st Place | Q | |
| B Petrass | Forby | Novice Weavers | 1 st Place | Q |  |

(Congratulations to Bev Petrass and Forby for winning Novice Dog in Trial over the two days)



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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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|---|-------------|
| 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

**The next issue will complete the 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)

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

- 22 (1) The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Committee of Management constituted as provided in Clause 24(1).
- (2) The Committee:-
- (a) shall control and manage the business and affairs of the Club.
 - (b) may, subject to these Rules, the Regulations and the Act, exercise all such powers and functions as may be exercised by the Club other than those powers and functions that are required by these Rules to be exercised by general meetings of the members of the Club; and
 - (c) subject to these Rules, the Regulations of the associations Incorporation Act, and the Act, has power to perform all such acts and things as appear to the Committee to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Club.
- 23 (1) The Officers of the Club shall be:- (see by-law No. 6)
- (a) a President: (who will also be the Public Officer)
 - (b) 2 Vice-Presidents
 - (c) a Treasurer
 - (d) a Secretary
 - (e) an Assistant Secretary and Trial Secretary
 - (f) such other Officers as required (refer By-Law)
- (2) The provisions of Clause 24 so far as they are applicable and with the necessary modifications apply to and in relation to the election of persons to any of the offices mentioned in Sub-Clause 23(1)
- (3) Each Officer of the Club shall hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of his election but is eligible for re-election.
- (4) In the event of a casual vacancy in any office referred to in Sub-Clause 23(1), the Committee may appoint one of its members to the vacant office and the member so appointed may continue in office until the annual general meeting next following the date of his appointment.
- 24 (1) Subject to section 23 of the Act, the Committee shall consist of:-
- (a) the Officers of the Club: and
 - (b) 6 ordinary members - each of whom shall be members of the VCA. and shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Club in each year.
- (2) Each ordinary member of the Committee shall, subject to these Rules, hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of his election but is eligible for re-election.
- (3) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the office of an ordinary member of the Committee, the Committee may appoint a member of the Club to fill the vacancy and the member so appointed shall hold office, subject to these Rules, until the annual general meeting next following the date of his appointment.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT AND VACANCY

- 25 (1) Nomination of candidates for election as Officers of the Club or as ordinary members of the Committee:-
- (a) shall be made in writing in such form as the Committee shall prescribe, signed by one member of the Club and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and
 - (b) shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Club not less than 21 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting.
- (2) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the Committee, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations shall be received at the annual general meeting subject to each nominee consenting to such nomination.
- (3) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected.
- (4) If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot shall be held, for the purpose of Sub-Clause 25(5)(b) the Secretary shall, upon closure of nominations of candidates for election to the Committee of Management when a ballot becomes necessary under this Clause send forthwith to all members entitled to vote a list of all nominees in alphabetical order in respect of each position on the Committee of Management for which they have been nominated.
- (5) The election of the Office Bearers and ordinary members of the Committee shall be by ballot:-
- (a) cast by members present at the Annual General Meeting and eligible to vote thereat;
 - (b) notwithstanding Clause 25(5)(a) any member who is entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting, but unable to attend shall be entitled to apply to the Secretary for a postal vote. Application for a postal vote must be in writing and lodged with the Secretary fourteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Within seven days the Secretary in the presence of the President and one other Committee member appointed by the Committee will forward an initialled ballot paper to each applicant and record their names. Members to whom ballot papers are posted will under no circumstances be given a second ballot paper. Completed ballot papers are to be returned to the Returning Officer or the Secretary in envelopes endorsed, "Ballot Papers". These envelopes shall be handed (unopened), to the Returning Officer officiating at the poll.
- (6) For the purposes of the ballot a Returning Officer shall be appointed at the General Meeting of members immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting or as the second item of business of the Annual General Meeting, and not less than two scrutineers shall be appointed by the members at, and as, the second item of business of the Annual General Meeting.
- (7) Each member wishing to participate in the ballot shall strike out from the ballot paper, all names in excess of the number of positions vacant and ballot papers containing a greater or lesser number of candidates to be elected shall be invalid.
- (8) After the appointment of the Returning Officer and the Scrutineers, the Returning Officer and the Scrutineers shall count the postal votes returned in accordance with Clause 25(5) and the votes cast by members in accordance with Clauses 25(5) and 25(7).
- (9) The Returning Officer shall declare the result of the ballot immediately after the votes have been counted, and in the event of an equality of votes in favour of any candidate which could affect the election of a candidate, the members at the Annual General Meeting shall elect one of such candidates to fill the vacancy for which he was nominated by a Resolution passed by a simple majority of members present and voting thereon.
- (10) If any question shall arise as to the validity or invalidity of a ballot paper, or whether any particular member has or has not been elected to any particular Office, a statement by the Returning Officer that the relevant voting paper is or is not valid or that a particular member has or has not been elected to a particular Office shall be conclusive.

- 26 For the purposes of these Rules, the office of an Officer of the Club or of an ordinary member of the Committee becomes vacant if the Officer or member:-
- (a) ceases to be a member of the Club;
 - (b) becomes an insolvent under administration within the meaning of the Companies (Victoria) Code;
 - (c) resigns his office by notice in writing given to the Secretary;
 - (d) absents himself from three consecutive Committee meetings without leave of the Committee;
 - (e) if as a member of the VCA. he is disqualified or suspended by the VCA. whilst the Club remains an affiliate of the VCA.

VOTING OF MEMBERS

- 27 (1) At meetings of members or of the Committee or of a Sub-Committee the mode of voting shall in the first instance be by a show of hands, or if required by two members by an actual division or by ballot and the Chairman shall have an ordinary and in the case of equality also a casting vote and all questions shall be decided by the majority of votes of the members voting in person at any such meeting provided that on a resolution relating to the election of the Officer Bearers or of the members of the Committee or relating to the expulsion of members, the foregoing shall not apply and in lieu thereof votes shall be taken in accordance with the relevant Clause of the Rules.
- (2) Every member who was a financial member of the Club for not less than three months of the financial year preceding the Annual General Meeting and is currently a financial member shall be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible to nominate or be nominated as an Office Bearer or member of the Committee. Unless the Club's By-laws provide otherwise a member may be nominated for but not hold more than one position on the Committee, except for the position of Public Officer.
- (3) No person becoming a member between the closing date of the financial year preceding the Annual General Meeting and the date of the Annual General Meeting, shall be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting, nominate. or be nominated as an Office Bearer or member of the Committee.
- (4) In all matters not covered by these Rules the Rules of common debate shall apply provided always that the best interests of the general members of the Club be served and general members have the right to vote in favour or against any Committee decision.

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

- 28 (1) Meetings of the Committee shall be held at such place and at such time as the Committee from time to time determines.
- (2) The Secretary or his representative shall attend all meetings of the Committee. The minutes of such meetings signed by the Chairman thereof or by the Chairman of a confirmatory meeting shall be accepted as sufficient evidence of the proceedings of such meeting.
- (3) The quorum for a Committee meeting shall be not less than one half of the members present in person or such other number as prescribed by members. (See by-law No. 8)
- (4) The Secretary shall call a meeting of the Committee whenever requested to do so by the President or by three members of the Committee.
- (5) The President, or in the President's absence, the Vice-President shall preside, or if the President and the Vice-President are absent, such one of the remaining members of the Committee as may be chosen by the members present shall preside.
- (6) A member of the Committee shall not vote in respect of any contract or proposed contract with the Club in which he is interested or in respect of any matter arising therefrom and if he does so vote, his vote shall not be counted.
- (7) All acts done by any meeting of the Committee or of a Sub-Committee thereof or of a Sub-Committee appointed by the members or by any person acting as a member of the Committee or of a Sub-Committee notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of the Committee or of a Sub-Committee or of any person acting as aforesaid, or that the members of the Committee or any of them or of a Sub-Committee were disqualified shall be as

- valid as if any such person had been validly appointed and was qualified to be a member of the Committee or of such Sub-Committee.
- (8) A resolution in writing signed by all members of the Committee for the time being entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the Committee shall be as valid and effectual as if it has been passed at a meeting of the Committee duly held and convened. Any such resolution may consist of several documents in like form each signed by one or more members of the Committee.
- (9) Subject to Clause 28(3) the Committee may act, notwithstanding any vacancy on Committee.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 6th April 2010
7.30pm start with guest speaker
All Members are welcome



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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

