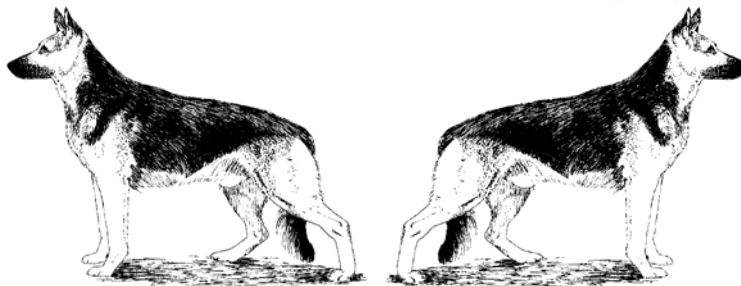
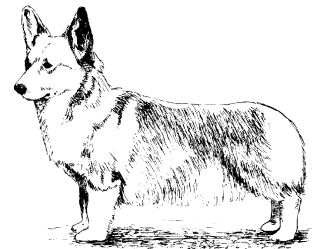
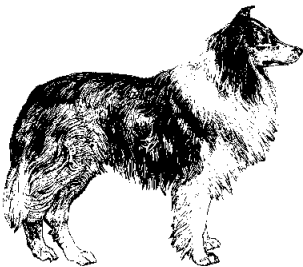
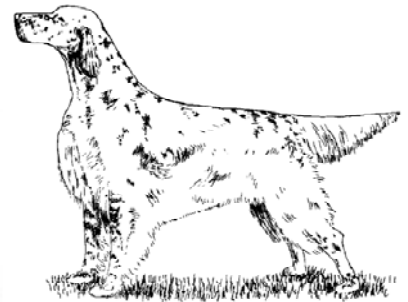


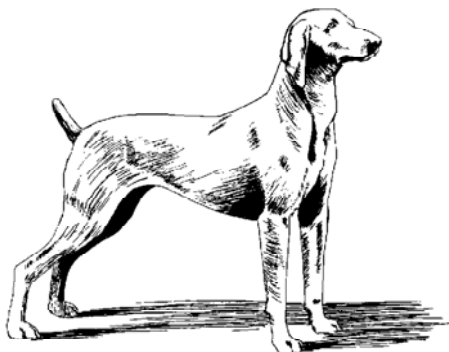
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## CLUB CALENDAR

### August

Sunday	1 August	Normal training. Newsletter available
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3 August</b>	<b>General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised</b>
Sunday	8 August	Normal training
Sunday	15 August	Normal training. Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
<b>Monday</b>	<b>16 August</b>	<b>Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.</b>

### September

Sunday	5 September	Normal training. Newsletter available
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7 September</b>	<b>Committee and Non-Committee nominations close</b>
Sunday	12 September	Normal training.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>13 September</b>	<b>Instructors Meeting – 7.30 pm.</b>
Wednesday	15 September	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc.
Sunday	19 September	Normal training
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>21 September</b>	<b>Life Membership nominations close</b>
Sunday	26 September	Normal training

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David Gravalin	Christine Jagtenberg		
<b><u>Trainee Instructors</u></b>			
Lisa McNamara	Lyn Wills	Simmon Hellebrand	

### Agility

Trish Gavaghan	Glenys Murray	Alex Shackleton
Simmon Hellebrand	Lyn Wills	Anne Macrae
Vanessa Bridges	Tam Dixon	

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**What pushing your luck looks like**



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, I guess the month has passed us by yet again. The weekend Trials went well and we had successes in every one I think. My thanks to the Kathy and the ladies in the Canteen who worked their butts off all weekend? My other thanks goes to the ladies who looked after the Judges and Stewards on the day and to the several people who helped Victor to set up on the day before and on the weekend of the Trial. Well done to you all.

As you know we have our AGM coming up and will be looking for people to stand for the Committee. If you are interested or just want to find out what is required please feel free to ask any of the current Members. I'm sure they will be only too glad to help.

Also the new training schedule is up and running and I'm sure that either Sandy or Tina would appreciate any feedback on how you as, new Members find it. Any constructive feedback will be taken on board. Well that is all from me so I will wish you all the best> Happy training.

**Jim Ball - President**

## LIBRARY NEWS - BOOK REVIEW

**CANINE BEHAVIOUR. INSIGHTS AND ANSWERS. By Bonnie V. Beaver.**

SUMMARY @ STUDY GUIDE CHAPTER 3 CONT'D

COMMUNICATION BY SCENTS:

Scents are commonly used by animals to communicate information between individuals. Scent marking behaviour can be used to mark a particular object, territory, individual or self.

In dogs, scent marking is by two methods - sac secretions and urine. Other scents - faeces, saliva, sebaceous gland secretions and those released by earth scraping can be used to communication. [sebaceous glands exude oil {sebum} to stop the skin drying out]

Chapter 2: CANINE BEHAVIOUR OF SENSORY AND NEURAL ORIGIN: Section: SENSE OF OLFACTION. [smell] describes how scientists have found it difficult to understand the dog's extraordinary sense of smell and to design experiments to test it because it is so superior to our sense of smell. Beaver outlines how the dog's ability to use this sense has been tapped for tracking, drug detection, locating accelerants in suspected arson and even finding people buried under avalanches, water or building rubble. So, scent communication is of critical importance to dogs.

Anal Sac Secretions:

When you take your dog to the vet because he has been scooting his backside along the ground, the vet does not treat the dog worms - she manually expresses the impacted contents of the anal glands. Notice how careful she is to avoid being hit with the foul smelling contents as they squirt out under pressure.

In most dogs these secretions routinely accompany the first and last part of defecation [pooping].

Extreme distress can cause a dog to evacuate its anal sac contents.

In a Greyhound size dog each anal sac holds 1.0 to 1.5 ml of material. When the sac is full some of its contents will be squirted up to 1.2 metres when defecation starts. On a frosty morning, even you should be able to smell that!

Urine Marking:

Males are significantly more likely to urine mark than females. In fact, they mark at least twice as often.

CHAPTER 8. CANINE ELIMINATIVE BEHAVIOUR [piddle & poo]: Section: Adult Urination.

Figure 8.5. Shows and names the twelve positions dogs use when piddling. A visit to the library will enlighten you as to whether your dog [among the other 10 choices] uses the flex raise or the handstand as the preferred position.

Dogs can remember specific individual urine scent signals. Urine marks a territory or home range.

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### Faeces Marking:

Wolves leave faeces marks at trail junctions and at the borders of the home range. Dogs do not commonly use faeces as markers, although they are interested in the faecal smells left by other dogs. When they do, they back up against an object [tree/fence etc] smearing it with faeces as they defecate. This places the smell close to nose level for other dogs to find.

### Scent Rubbing:

The behaviour starts as a rubbing in the material by lowering the front half of the body and rubbing both sides of the neck and head over the smell,

### Five theories why dogs do this:

1. To cover or camouflage the dog with a particular scent. [Like a human applying perfume or aftershave]
2. For the dog to add its scent to the object.
3. To help long-term memory of the scent.
4. To provide an olfactory [smell] identity to the rest of the pack. It is common in wolf packs for all members to rub the same scent spot.
5. To take environmental information to share with pack members at a later time,

### Scratching the Ground:

It is probably intended to leave a visual marker of fresh gouges in the soil coupled with the scent of fresh earth and the pheromones [definition below] from the feet.

### Odours of Oestrus

Sexually experienced dogs spend more time investigating female dog urine than either vaginal or anal sac secretions. That is why the urine of a bitch on heat sends a very clear message to males in her vicinity. All males prefer female urine or anal sac “messages”.

### Pheromones:

A Pheromone - what is it?

It is a chemical substance that is externally secreted.

When the dog smells that chemical - it responds/reacts to it.

Pheromones play an important role in communication between dogs.

There may be a fear pheromone emitted by very distressed people that results in protective aggression by their dogs. Pheromones are associated with normal activities too.

Pheromones are secreted by glands. In the dog, these glands are located in 1. The Lips, 2. The Ears, 3. The Anus, 4. The Genitals,

5. The Pads, 6. The Mammary Glands.

Glands in the Lips and Ears are related to social status with higher ranking dogs “smelling” the lower ranking dogs.

Glands in the Pads [paws] are interdigital and used to mark territory and produce alarm pheromones.

Glands in the Anus convey social information. If you look carefully at your dog’s anus you will see a ring surrounding the actual anal exit. This is of significant importance to males as it increases in size as the dog ages.

Mammary Pheromones of a nursing bitch have been synthesised commercially and are marketed as a calming product called Dog Appeasing Pheromone. [DAP]

**Robyn Youl - Librarian**

## AGILITY NEWS

The wind is howling, the skies are very grey, the temperature feels as though it is struggling to reach double figures and I think it’s probably a good thing that Agility Trials are pretty scarce during the middle of winter. Nevertheless, training continues so rug up and brave the elements as you and your dog work on improving your skills and the connection between the two of you.

Simmon and Alex both have their puppies in Obedience Classes now, so we are changing the Agility Class

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times for some groups in order to enable them to continue Instructing in Agility too. We really appreciate the time and effort Instructors put into their Classes and will do what we can to keep them!

So for the next term the Class times will be as follows:

9:00 - 10:00 - Level 3 (Set up at 8.30am)

10:15 - 11:15 - Level 1 and 2

11:30 - 12:40 - Level 4

Please make sure you check with your Instructor to see what time you need to be available to help set up for your Class. Agility does require equipment to be set up or rearranged and it is not fair to arrive for Class after set up is complete. Believe me, you will not be very popular if you make a habit of this.

There is a lot of valuable information on the "Agility in Motion" DVDs available for borrowing from the Club Library. Unfortunately, it is not always very clear what is on each individual DVD and this makes it difficult if you are looking for help with a specific problem. To help alleviate this situation I have put together a summary of the content on each DVD and these notes can be found in a folder in the Agility resource box. It is worth mentioning that there are a number of ways to teach particular skills and what you see may not be the same as you are being taught in Class. We learn to be selective and choose the approach that best suits our dogs and ourselves.

It's great to see so many people warming up their dogs before beginning to compete at a Trial or to work their dogs over obstacles at training. The warm up ensures your dog's muscles are limber and ready to work and should be done about ten minutes before you begin. Many books offer warm up routines but basically you need to walk your dog on lead for about five minutes, incorporating slow left and right turns, and finish with a gentle jog. Include some stretches and focus work such as tricks and targeting, and don't allow your dog to take any obstacles during his warm up.

Equally important is the cool down after exercise and, again, the best way is to put your dog on lead and go for a quick jog, slowing down to a walk.

Running contacts, stopped contacts, contact criteria, independent contacts – these terms are often used in Class but can be very confusing. In June's edition of "Clean Run" magazine there is an article entitled 'How to Build Independent Contact Performance' and it deals with many contact terms which may help clarify things for you. Other interesting articles look at rear crosses, lead-out pivots and tunnel end discriminations.

There are a number of Agility Trials taking place in August and unfortunately some of them are on Sundays which means some Agility Classes may have to be cancelled. Please remember to check the notice board to see if your Class is one of them.

Good luck to those Trialling at Altona, Bacchus Marsh, Hastings and Keilor during August.

**Trish Gavaghan – Agility Instructor**

### **CANTEEN REPORT**

What a remarkable weekend we had. Well done to everyone for the hard work they did to make this Trial the success it was. Congratulations to all those who had a win.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped in the Canteen. I could not have managed without them. A very special thanks must go to Gwen Bailey for coming in and staying all day on both days to help me. She must have been really worn out by Sunday night.

The Canteen was quite busy and trading was brisk. The Egg and Bacon sandwiches were very popular along with the Hamburgers. We sold out of Party Pies and Sausage Rolls. Once again Clive donated his special homemade Carrot Cake and Sausage Rolls. Thank you, Clive. They were both very popular and as I said before, we sold out.

**Kathy Taylor - Canteen Manager**

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## TRIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi to all

Firstly I would like to send out a Thank you to all who assisted at the recent Obedience trials, there are so many of you who put in hours to help out and it is much appreciated. Apart from the computer glitch at the start, it was a successful Trial. Congratulations to our Members who received Titles and Passes. It was also great to see Members dropping in to have a look and see what it was all about.

We are now changing our trial training night to Mondays, if you are interested in Trialling or would like to find out more, please come and see me. Trials are held most weekends with a break over summer. You and your dog need to be Members of Dogs Victoria to enter.

Good luck to the Members who are trialling over the next few weeks.

**Tina Button - Trial Secretary.**

## TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Hi to all once again,

As many of you are aware our last Promotion day has been run and our new training program has begun. Please be patient and allow for a few problems here and there. We are endeavouring to make the transition run as smoothly as possible. The program now is a competency based, therefore you as the owner of the dog are required to ensure you train your dog consistently.

Everyone will receive a copy of the training structure at their first session, you will know what is being taught and when. We have aimed a lot of the training to suit Pet dog training as well as having basic training before entering Trial training.

Each block is 10 weeks and will consist of a fun day and presentation of certificates.

If you have any questions or feedback regarding the new format please see me or Sandy.

See you all around the grounds.

**Tina Button - Training Supervisor**



## PROMOTION DAY RESULTS

Congratulations to the following Members who were successful on the Club's last Promotion Day

### Beginners

Cassie Cole

Loretta Whitford

Kerry Whiteside

Viveinne Benham

Ben McKee

Jim Ball

Val Moeller

Colin Humphreys

### Merit

Nanette Tunnicliffe

Vivienne Benham

Dianne Hughes

Lit Belcher

Doreen Brooks

Marita Biggs

Clive Fruin

Donna Robertson

Louise Wakefield

Julie Hole

### Graduate

Gwen Bailey

Rebecca Krowiak

Lyn Wills

## Upcoming Trials-September 2010

Friday 3rd	Open Track & Search Trial	Gippsland Obed Dog Club
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Obedience Trial	Sunbury & Dist Obed Dog Club
	State Agility Trial	Dogs Victoria
	Track & Search Trial	Gippsland Obed Dog Club
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Track & Search Trial	Gippsland Obed Dog Club
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Track & Search Trial	Gippsland Obed Dog Club
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Double Agility Trial	Croydon & Dist Obed Dog Club
	Tracking Trial	Ballaraat Dog Obed Club
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Obedience Trial	Northern Obed Dog Club
	Tracking Trial	Ballaraat Dog Obed Club
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Tracking Trial	Ballaraat Dog Obed Club
<b>Sat 18<sup>th</sup> - Tues 28<sup>th</sup> ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW</b>		
18 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>	All Breeds Champ Show	Royal Agricultural Society
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	General Specials (Best in Show)	Royal Agricultural Society
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Agility & Games Trial	Royal Agricultural Society
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Agility & Jumping Trial	Royal Agricultural Society
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Sweepstakes & Obed Trial	Royal Agricultural Society
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sweepstakes & Obed Trial	Royal Agricultural Society
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Retrieving Trial	Victorian Gundog Club
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Obedience Trial	Ballaarat Dog Obed Club
	Retrieving Trial	Golden Retriever Club
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Obedience Trial	Melton Dog Obed Club



Goorambat Excalibur CD

“Rookie”

Geelong Obedience Dog Club Trial  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2010

CD TITLE

‘Highest Scoring Geelong Member’  
‘Highest Scoring Golden Retriever’  
‘Highest Scoring Gundog’



# Trial Results

## Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Moorabbin – NADAC Agility

S Axe	Hector	Jumpers	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Q	
		Regular 2	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Q	
		Weavers	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Q	
		Regular 1		Q	
J Convery	Mason	Chances Novice		Q	
		Jumpers Open	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Q	★
		Regular 1	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Q	★
		<b>Superior Novice Regular Title</b>			
		Regular 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Q	
		Touch N' Go	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Q	
C Sparks	Lacey	Open Chances	-	Q	
		Elite Jumpers	1 <sup>ST</sup> place	Q	
		Open Regular – 1	1 <sup>ST</sup> place	Q	
		Novice Weavers	1 <sup>ST</sup> place	Q	

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Moorabbin – NADAC Agility

V Bridges	Bryce	Elite Tunnelers	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	4 <sup>th</sup> pass	
J Convery	Mason	Jumpers Open	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Q	★
		Tunneler Novice	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Q	★
		<b>Novice Dog in Trial</b>			
C Sparks	Lacey	Elite Jumpers	1 <sup>ST</sup> place	NQ	
		Open Regular – 1	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	NQ	
		Open Regular – 2	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	NQ	
		Open Tunnelers	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	NQ	

## Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Cherry Lake Reserve – Altona

Endurance Test				
M Martin	Teddy	Endurance Test		Pass

## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Sunbury – ANKC Agility Trial

V Bridges	Bryce	Excellent Jumping	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	4 <sup>th</sup> Pass
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## Geelong Obedience Dog Club – Saturday 10/7/10 (AM)

CCD				★
Lyn Wills	Sullivan		2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Pass

### Highest Scoring Geelong Member – CCD

<b>Novice</b>				
S Baird	Rakaaz Kiss This CCD (Pasher)		3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Pass

<b>CD TITLE</b>				
J Convery	Goorambat Excalibur CCD (Rookie)		2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Pass

### CD TITLE

'Highest Scoring Geelong Member'

'Highest Scoring Golden Retriever'

'Highest Scoring Gundog'

### Utility

T Stewart	Folecia Makena CDX (Bella)		1 <sup>st</sup> Place	NQ
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## Geelong Obedience Dog Club - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July – PM Trial

### CCD

Lyn Wills Sullivan 5<sup>th</sup> Place 2<sup>nd</sup> Pass

### Highest Scoring Geelong Member-CCD

### Utility

T Stewart Folecia Makena CDX (Bella) 1<sup>st</sup> Place NQ

## Geelong Obedience Dog Club – Sunday 11/7/10 (AM)

### CCD

Lyn Wills Sullivan 1<sup>st</sup> Place 3<sup>rd</sup> Pass

### Highest Scoring Geelong Member-CCD

### CCD TITLE

T Gavaghan Monlaird Star of Avalon JD (Star) 6<sup>th</sup> Place 1<sup>st</sup> Pass

### Novice

R Hartney Silverblue Share A Dream CCD (Millie) 4<sup>th</sup> Place 1<sup>st</sup> Pass

Handled by K Millard

### Highest Scoring Geelong Member

### Highest Scoring Gundog

J Convery Goorambat Excalibur CCD (Rookie) 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 4<sup>th</sup> Pass

### ‘Highest Scoring Golden Retriever’

### Open

T Button Cedarlodge Bonnie Lass CD HIT (Nahla) 3<sup>rd</sup> Place NQ

### Utility

T Stewart Folecia Makena CDX (Bella) 1<sup>st</sup> Place NQ

J Convery Ch Goorambat The Manor CDX AD JD SD GD SPD 3<sup>rd</sup> Place NQ  
(Mason)

## Geelong Obedience Dog Club – Sunday 11/7/10 (PM)

### CCD

T Gavaghan Monlaird Star of Avalon JD (Star) 7<sup>th</sup> Place 2<sup>nd</sup> Pass

### Highest Scoring Geelong Member CCD

### Novice

R Hartney Silverblue Share A Dream CCD (Millie) 1<sup>st</sup> Place 2<sup>nd</sup> Pass

Handled by K Millard

### Highest Scoring Geelong Member

### Highest Scoring Gundog

### Highest Score in Trial

J Convery Goorambat Excalibur CCD (Rookie) 3<sup>rd</sup> Place NQ

T Button Ch Lahef Kelp Tal Kutcha CCD (Anubi) 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 2<sup>nd</sup> Pass

### Open

T Button Cedarlodge Bonnie Lass CD HIT (Nahla) 3<sup>rd</sup> Place NQ

### Utility

T Stewart Folecia Makena CDX (Bella) 1<sup>st</sup> Place NQ

J Convery Ch Goorambat The Manor CDX AD JD SD GD SPD 3<sup>rd</sup> Place NQ  
(Mason)



Margaret Martin and Teddy

Endurance Test

Cherry Lake Reserve Altona

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2010

### **NADAC End of Year Trophy Point Score**

Attendance criteria is exactly the same as that of VCA Agility/Obedience dogs, but the points allocation will differ:

4 points for each Novice pass until Novice Superior title is gained.

5 points for each Open pass until Open Superior title is gained.

6 points for each Elite pass.

No extra points for places.

Remember to keep 'confirmation of results' sheets for verification at end of year.

## **TO ALL MEMBERS ATTENDING TRIALS**

The following Motion commenced from the 16<sup>th</sup> 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’.

## **“OBEDIENCE DOG OF THE YEAR” AWARDS**

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

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

## **“AGILITY/JUMPING DOG OF THE YEAR” AWARD**

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

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

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

## **AWARDS AND TROPHY RECIPIENTS**

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

### **VCA PAPERWORK**

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

### **CLUBROOM PHOTOS**

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

### **NEWSLETTER RESULTS**

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

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





# Sullivan CCD

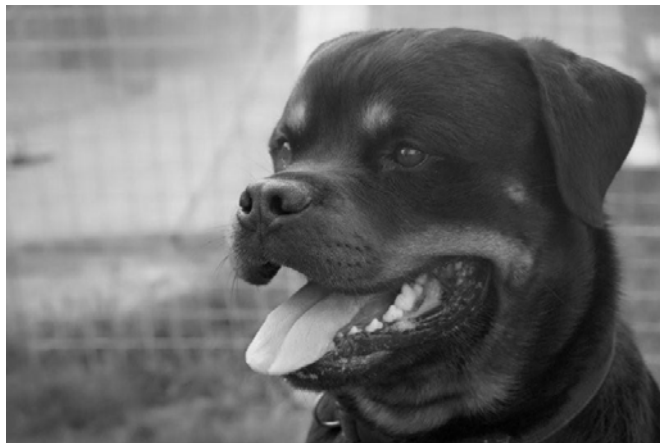
I would like to thank my wonderful boy Sullivan for the fantastic time we had at the Obedience Trial held on the 10/11 July at the Geelong Obedience Dog Club.

After a less than perfect leadup to this Trial I was happy if we passed an exercise or Sully did something really good in the ring. He out did himself and we ended up gaining our Title over 3 Trials – 2 on Saturday and 1 Sunday morning.

Sullivan came into our lives 2 years ago as a very cute Border Collie X adopted from the pound. It has been an interesting journey with him as we worked through his various quirks. We have both learnt so much. Just goes to show what a lot of love and patience can achieve. Words can't describe the change in Sully as he learnt to trust me - that he had found his forever home.

Thank you to Simmon and Tina for all your advice and encouragement. Thanks also to the Trialling Class and all our other wonderful friends at the Club. You are all part of our success.

*Lyn Wills*



## Rakaaz Kiss This CD "Pasher"

Pasher is the first male that I have Trialled, and whilst showing a lot of potential for Obedience, the concept of an entire male as opposed to a female has been a little daunting for me.

True to his name, he is a lover not a fighter, however, amorous feelings for those who he is sitting beside in stays are not allowed! We seem to have now got his stays in hand, and if I can just get my nerves to settle down too, I look forward to the challenge of the Open Trial ring soon.

Pasher has always loved interacting with me and playing the game of heeling, I think he will enjoy very much doing Open work and hopefully one day Utility.

Gaining his CD title beside his Trialling mate Rookie (Janelle & Pam's Golden Retriever), and on our home GODC ground was the icing on the cake.

The resumption of the night Trial training Class has been a bonus for us, and his work overall has certainly improved since I have been able to attend. Many thanks must go to Tina Button for her help and innovative ideas with Pasher, and to Pam Convery & Lyn Wills when Tina has not been able to make it. Also thanks to Val Moeller for her assistance when I have managed to attend Sunday morning training.

Congratulations to all the GODC members who did so well at the GODC trials, it was wonderful to see how well all the trialling members did, and how supportive they are of each other.

**Susie Baird**

## **A MEMBERS EXPERIENCE**

### **Something to think about regarding Pet Insurance**

We had the unfortunate need to look into pet insurance for our Boxer Heidi as she was having issues with her cruciate ligament.

Having had right leg done a year or so earlier, and after 4 operations and well over \$10,000 later we decided to investigate pet insurance for her and our other boxer Oscar.

We went through quite a few different companies looking at what they offered and finally settled on one. On applying for this insurance we asked questions about her other leg being covered if that cruciate went one day and were advised that we were covered.

We made full admissions during the application process as to what her medical history was. A policy for each of the dogs was taken out and we felt happy in the knowledge that we were apparently covered. Apparently!!!! 15 months later. Heidi tore her other cruciate.

After many phone calls to the insurance company.. And being continually advised that we were covered.. We had her surgery done and submitted the claim. Only to be knocked back on a "bi-lateral" condition.

We rang the insurance company to see what was going on and were duly advised that as her other leg had been done.. She was not covered. "Bi-Lateral Condition"

Further investigations and phone calls later.. We finally found out what "bi-lateral conditions" means.

If the animal has 2 or more bits that are the same (eg.. Legs, Eyes, ears, feet) if you have anything done to one of these parts before taking out your insurance.. it immediately rules out the other same parts. Eg. Ear infection in left ear (before insurance) means that no further treatment to ears will be covered by insurance.

Broken toe in 1 foot, means that none of the other 3 feet are covered.

Because the insurance company gets a copy of all the vet medical records when you submit a claim and if they spot a previous complaint then you will be knocked back on your claim.

Thus.. Heidi was not covered for her other cruciate surgery and once again we were out of pocket to a substantial sum. We checked out quite a lot of other insurance policies and sure enough.. There in the fine print are those magic words.. "bi-lateral".

So.. The moral of this story is.. If you have pet insurance.. Check the fine print (and honestly. How many of us actually read the fine print?) and definitely don't go on what the phone operator says to you.. Unless you write down names, times, dates and that they are prepared to send it to you in writing.

The best thing that you can do for your pet will be to set aside another bank account and all the money that you were going to pay for the monthly premiums.. Just put in to the bank account and leave it there for when/if you need it.

Hope this information helps other Club Members and their hip pockets.

Cheers  
Brooke Wauchope

# COMMON TRAINING PROBLEMS by Karin Bridge 2008

## Using food in training

### **Food is never out of sight**

When luring, food is always in sight. It is essential to quickly move to the next level where food is out of sight. The dog then has to work out what he needs to do to get you to pull that treat out of your pocket. At this level instead of simply following a lure he has begun to use his brain – “Oh, if I sit you treat! – now I get it”. This is the step that many people fail to achieve. Sometimes it is because:

### **2. The treat has become the “signal”.**

Many owners find lure training so much fun and easy, they become dependant on having a treat in their hand. From the dog’s point of view the treat becomes part of the signal to sit – “When Mum has the treat in her hand and brings it up it means “sit”. When she does not have a treat and waves her hand around I do not know what it means”. You must be certain to establish clear signals or cues for all behaviours that you want to train that do not include food in sight.

### **3. The Treat had become “release”**

Just as you need to teach a clear signal to commence a behaviour such as “sit” you also need to teach a clear signal to indicate “release” from a behaviour (usually a word). This is particularly important with long duration behaviours such as “sit” “down” and “stay”. Many dogs unintentionally learn that the treat ends the behaviour. ” I lie down, I get a treat, I get up”.

This is made worse when owners then grab out another treat and lure the dog down again.

What has the dog just learned? “every time I get up mum gives me another treat” – and so the pop up dog syndrome starts. The answer is to withhold the treat briefly, after the dog lies down, then start to put several treats down on the ground in quick succession – so he is rewarded now not for going down but for staying down – followed by a release word such as “free”. If the dog pops up all the time, not only is he unstable but he never learns there *is* a release word that he needs to wait for!

### **4. Dropping out the lure and the reward at the same time.**

When first attempting to drop food out of the hand ( lure) many owners fail to reward a correct response. This teaches the dog that food in the hand predicts a reward and no food in the hand predicts no reward – exactly what we do not want. This needs to be turned around. If you need to lure your dog into a sit, withhold the treat and just praise him. Try signalling your dog to sit without a treat visible and if he does so, reward him immediately with a treat hidden in a pocket or nearby bowl.

### **5. Rewards insufficient or reduced too quickly**

Professional and competitive positive trainers are generally far more generous with their rewards than most pet trainers – who seem only to keen *to stop using food. Insufficient rewards are like providing too few pieces of a behaviour puzzle.* Remember food is information. When first training a behaviour one should reward every correct response until one is reliably achieving 9/10 correct responses. After this it is appropriate to reduce treats and alternate with a lesser reward such as praise alone. Provided you have avoided mistake one ( food never out of sight) this should be an easy process. The dog will be used to performing a behaviour first, then will wait to see what your choice of reward will be – a treat, a game, praise.

### **6. Ineffective Treats**

A reward will only increase behaviour if it is desired by your dog. Though the ideal is to use your dog’s daily food allowance in training, there may be times when you need to supplement your training rewards with something a little more exciting such as fresh chicken, cheese or sausages – particularly when you are in highly distracting areas, such as training class full of excited young dogs. It is a great idea to have a variety of treats – some favourites some less so – so your dog can never predict what treat he may get next. Variety will keep your dog hoping that his favourite treat will be the next one and avoids him being in the driver seat and deciding “I’m getting a bit sick of liver, I think I will skip it this time”.

## **COMMON TRAINING PROBLEMS by Karin Bridge 2008 (continued)**

### **7. A variety of rewards not conditioned**

If you don't want to be overly reliant on training treats you need to install other effective rewards for your dog. The most important of these is praise. Every time you treat your dog you should also praise him with a specific and genuine praise voice that tells him he has done the right thing. Treating as you praise will classically condition a higher value to your praise so that even if you don't treat some of the time, your praise will have a positive reinforcing effect.

Some dogs naturally love chasing ball or playing games of tug; but for those who don't it is worth investing the time to train them as alternative rewards. Food again can be an important tool in training these activities in a fun way. Ultimately the greater the variety of rewards you can offer your dog the better.

## **PROBLEMS WITH TECHNIQUE**

### **Failure to raise criteria**

Shaping is used not only to train a behaviour but to continually improve it by raising criteria and not rewarding for less.

Jean Donaldson recommends: Push Stick Drop:

Push on if – 5-6 correct responses move on to the next level

Stick at that level – 3-4 responses is all you can get at one time.

Drop – 1- 2 responses. You need to drop down to an easier step.

### **Failure to drop criteria**

If your dog fails at a certain level a couple of times don't keep repeating poor performance – drop criteria – not just to primary school but to PRE SCHOOL. Make it easy for the dog to be successful and regain confidence, then build quickly back to your previous level.

### **Failure to change Tactics**

Similar to above – If something you are trying to teach isn't getting through, try another tactic! There are many creative ways to train any behaviour.

Stimulus Control – or what cue is the dog noticing to do the behaviour? Often it is not the one we think it is. For a dog to learn that a specific cue alone means the same thing in different places at different times in different conditions is an advanced skill!

Bum bags, sound or plastic bags, smell of feed, particular shoes, food in hand – can all be unintentional contextual cues for behaviours.

When they are missing the behaviour becomes less reliable.

### **Commands or cues need to be:**

- Clear
- Consistent
- Easily recognizable
- Linked to the exact same behaviour everywhere everytime.

### **Context & Generalisation**

- Dogs are not very good at generalizing – if the rest of the cue as they perceive it –environment, sounds, smells – are missing.
- Humans are usually unaware of these extra cues – because we are very conscious of WORDS and less conscious of environmental information e.g. a kitchen 'stay'.
- You may unintentionally change the cue in different places, times and circumstances also e.g. stiffen or become flat footed in the trial ring, voice changes etc.



**PART 2 OF THE CLUB'S POSITION DESCRIPTIONS**  
**There is a Nomination Form and further details at the rear of the Newsletter**

**DUTIES OF THE TRAINING SUPERVISOR (Committee)**

1. To organise classes and Instructors
2. To promote, supervise and encourage trainee Instructors up to standard
3. To organise Promotion Days (appointing testers, setting up rings, collecting results and making sure Certificates are typed)
4. To chair monthly Instructor's meeting
5. To mediate disputes arising from training sessions
6. To check on dogs reported by Instructors or others as being too aggressive
7. To encourage Members to become trainee Instructors

Keep Assistant Training Supervisors informed of all activities

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**Position Description – Membership Officer 2010/11 (Non-Committee)**

1. Keep accurate records of Members Roll in book and on computer.
2. Organise new Members list for Newsletter
3. Update Members records after Promotion Day
4. Update Members records when Puppies move to Class 1. List available from the Training Supervisor.

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**Position description – Librarian 2010/11 (Non-Committee)**

- To catalogue new books into the library system
- To assist members in borrowing of books
- To report to Committee for requests of new books/DVD's
- To ensure borrowed books are returned by due date
- To do yearly stock take before June 30<sup>th</sup> each year.
- To submit a Book/DVD review in Faithfully Yours each month if applicable

### **Position Description – Display Team Leader 2010/11 (Non-Committee)**

1. Arrange practices for Display Team Members and prepare drills for the team.
2. Co-ordinate function appearances with the Publicity Officer  
Motion No 91  
'that all requests in writing to Club Secretary. Secretary will pass on such requests to Publicity Officer who will inform the Demo Leader. The team leader shall check date availability and may check ground conditions and inform Publicity Officer if suitable. Publicity Officer shall make all necessary arrangements for the conduct of Club Display with the applicant and finally notify the team leader and Secretary of such. Written notes of such arrangements shall be kept by the Publicity Officer'.
3. DISTRIBUTE AND KEEP A RECORD OF DISPLAY TEAM UNIFORMS IF USED  
MOTION NO 143  
'THAT DEMO TEAM MEMBERS ARE TO SIGN A CARBON COPY BOOK WHEN ISSUED WITH THEIR UNIFORMS. THE TOP COPY TO BE RETAINED BY THE MEMBER, THE CARBON COPY BY THE CLUB. WHEN MEMBER LEAVES THE TEAM, UNIFORM TO BE RETURNED AND CARBON COPY DESTROYED. DEMO TEAM LEADER TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CARBON COPY BOOK'.
4. Arrange drinks from the Club for Display Team Members unless the people conducting the event prior to the day offer drinks.
5. Motion No 168  
'that if the Display Team Leader wishes to put his/her dog in the team for the day that he/she delegates another member to take his/her place as the leader prior to the day, to ensure total control of the Display Team
6. Keep Police Checks up to date as required for Team Members

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### **Position Description – Minutes Taker 2010/11 (Non-Committee)**

1. Write up brief description of Meetings (Minutes).
2. Any Motions of long-standing consequence to be entered in the Notice of Motion book.
3. Keep attendance of Committee Members at Meetings.
4. Set out agenda for Meetings (Committee agenda to each Committee Member, General agenda to President Secretary and Treasurer only).
5. Committee Meeting Minutes of previous meeting to be given to each Committee Member the Sunday before the next meeting.

**Position Description – Publicity Officer 2010/11 (Committee)**

1. Distribute Club Brochures as per distribution list and refill as necessary
  2. Liase with Display Team Leader regarding Display Team Activities as per Motion 91
  3. Take photos as required
  4. Keep photos above kitchen window and photo albums up to date
  5. Liase with media regarding Club activities
  6. Attend Committee Meeting, General Meetings and provide written report
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**Position Description – Raffle Steward 2010/11 (Non-Committee)**

1. Organise Club raffle and arrange ticket sales
  2. Purchase or arrange donated raffle items
  3. Arrange Raffle on Trial Days in conjunction with the Trial Secretary
  4. Keep record of Raffle takings and expenditure
  5. Liase with Social Secretary to assist with Social Events
  6. Organise assistants or someone to run the Raffle on days you are unavailable
  7. Provide written report for General Meetings
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**Position Description – Equipment Shop Manager 2010/11 (Committee)**

1. Open shop during hours as pre-arranged
2. Keep Shop clean and tidy
3. Order Stock
4. Complete Stocktake – 30 June each year
5. Count takings and hand to Treasurer.
6. Organise assistant/s if unavailable on training days/Trial Days
7. Provide written report to General Meeting

## **Position Description – Social Secretary 2010/11 (Committee)**

1. Organise Social functions, approximately bi-monthly. Call for help when warranted
2. Organise any fund raising
3. Arrange Christmas party for Members
4. Arrange Christmas break-up for children, usually last day of training for the year
5. Attend Committee meetings, General Meeting and Working bees
6. Organise Committee, Instructors and Workers Dinner
7. Promote and advertise events to the members
8. You are part of a team of workers who are all working for the Club, therefore you should offer assistance to fellow Committee Members where needed
9. Be available to help set up and pack away after training days



### **A MEMBER'S PERSONAL EXPERIENCE**

I ordered a dog ramp online through a company called Petfood 24/7 - I found they were slightly cheaper than the nearest ebay competitor. After I raised my order on a ramp that was listed as 'in stock' my money was taken and no product sent. Another GODC member sent me a link to this web site...

<http://www.scamwarners.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=6&t=4422&p=33484#p33484>

....and I found I was not alone. I'd like to spread the word so other GODC Members don't find themselves in this situation. I tried contacting the company by email, phone and SMS messages, all of which were ignored. I managed to get the NSW Office of Fair Trading (OFT) involved who apparently have a means of contacting the business and getting them to send out the goods. 7 days after raising my dispute I received the ramp.

Please feel free to edit the above as you see fit should you wish to spread the word, for me it's back to ebay!  
**Deb Schroer**