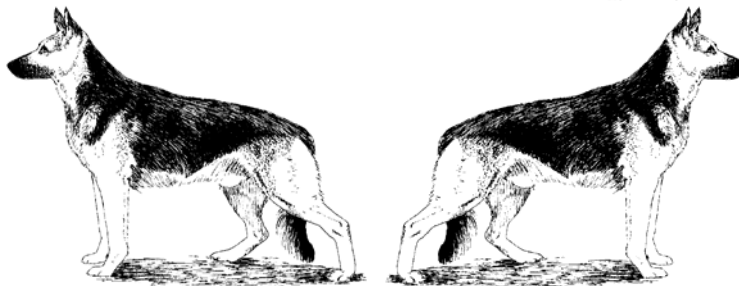
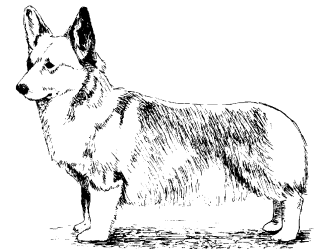
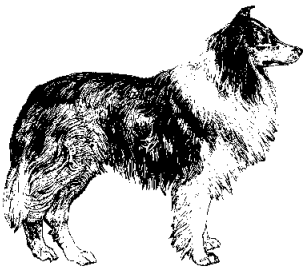
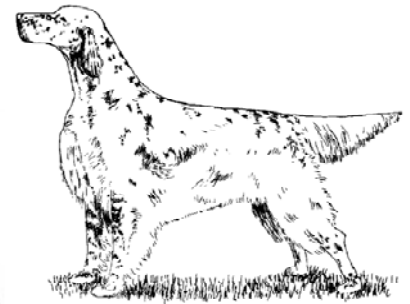


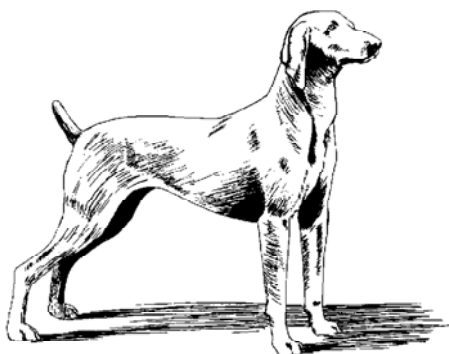
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## CLUB CALENDAR

### September

|                |                     |  |
|----------------|---------------------|--|
| <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                                      |

### October

|                |                   |   |
|----------------|-------------------|---|
| <b>Sunday</b>  | <b>3 October</b>  | <b>FUN DAY – Certificate presentations .Newsletter available</b>                          |
| <b>Tuesday</b> | <b>5 October</b>  | <b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 8.00 pm</b>   |
| Sunday         | 10 October        | Normal Training. Class 1 Intake. Puppy Intake for fully vaccinated puppies under 6 months |
| <b>Friday</b>  | <b>15 October</b> | <b>Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc</b>                                       |
| Sunday         | 17 October        | Normal training   |
| <b>Monday</b>  | <b>18 October</b> | <b>Instructor’s Meeting – 7.30 pm.</b>  |
| Sunday         | 24 October        | Normal training.  |
| Sunday         | 31 October        | Normal training.  |

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## CLUB INSTRUCTORS

|                                       |                |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
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| <i>Training Supervisor</i>            | Tina Button    |
| <i>Assistant Training Supervisors</i> | Victor Douglas |
|                                       | Vacant         |

### Obedience

|                                   |                      |                   |                |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Joan Brophy                       | Leonie Kelleher      | Colin Humphreys   | Val Moeller    |
| Kim Ciezarek                      | Helen Read           | Kath Devlin       | Desma Dickeson |
| David Gravolin                    | 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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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010  
8.00PM  
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME**

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### LIBRARY NEWS – BOOK REVIEW

Introduction to Jocelyn Clarke's article on Herding.

1. The Background: It all started with a donated VHS which had a segment on herding. Members were interested to find out more. As the Library had no further resources on the subject - The Herding Association was contacted through the V.C.A. as part of an information gathering exercise.

2. The Outcomes: [a] Kate Dourley: Judge, former Chair of the Dogs Victoria Herding Committee and Herding Instructor recommended a DVD by Lynn Leach All Breeds Herding which is available from the Laurie Luxmore [V.C.A.] Library.

[b] Jocelyn Clarke: Judge [Tests] Aspiring Judge [Started Classes] Secretary of the Victorian Herding Committee contributed the article HOW TO GET INTO HERDING to "Library News" for this issue of Faithfully Yours.

3. Introducing the Author.

Jocelyn both herds and obedience trains with Dazzle, a 6y.o. Border Collie/Kelpie and 2y.o. Gillie, a Kelpie. Five years ago things came together in a surprising way---a city girl, a pup from Castlemaine, a chance meeting with a herding instructor, and childhood memories of watching herding trials at the Royal Melbourne Show. Dazzle knew what he was doing and took his owner along for the ride!

4. Article Review: Jocelyn's easy, informative writing style is lightened by a whimsical sense of humour ... the lack of interest in sheep may be evinced by "eating sheep poo" "... the interest in sheep is not to extend to thinking of them "as lunch."

You will enjoy the article written by the townie with no farming background, who started with a crossbred with no previous herding experience. Laugh a little - learn a lot.

**Robyn Youl -Librarian**

### AGILITY NEWS

Last month it was cold and windy and this month we have added rain. It doesn't make it easy to train in this weather so you have to be a little creative and see what you can do indoors. Perhaps this could be a good time to work on directional skills such as "Tight" and "Switch" around the furniture. It's also a good opportunity to practise your timing when marking desired behaviour and this can certainly be done from the comfort of your lounge chair. Try clicking or marking with a "Yes" every time you hear a particular word or see a particular action e.g moving a hand, on the t.v.

On Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> August, a number of Geelong members made their way to Werribee Dog Club for an agility trial. As usual, it was a long day but lots of fun and quite successful for many. Two of our Level 3 Agility Class Members made their Trialling debuts and had a great day. Karalyn and Lady earned two Qs (qualifying runs) and Leigh and Leah earned four Qs. Very impressive introduction to Trialling from both of them!

Gleny's and Remy also had one of those days when all the hard work fell into place and they gained five Qs. This was a fantastic effort and showed the benefits of being able to work your dog at a distance. And what a wonderful sight it is to see this speedy little cavvy, ears aloft, enjoying herself so much as she stretches out and zooms around the course.

I read an interesting article the other day by a lady who had a nervous and consequently reactive dog, and who was appealing to fellow competitors to give them space as they lined up for their events. She felt that owners of very friendly dogs (and she admitted to having been one of these owners herself before getting her

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current dog) had no understanding of the issues involved with handling a reactive dog. Sadly, she also felt that many believed that the behaviours exhibited were the result of the owner's poor handling skills and had no idea of the work and methods used during the ongoing training of these dogs. Her plea was for some consideration and understanding so that even reactive dogs could have opportunities to play agility too. I think this might be a timely reminder for all of us to think about various dogs' space requirements, arousal levels and the effects our own dogs might have on them.

Good luck to all those who are Trialling at Croydon, Moorabbin and Melbourne Show during September.

**Trish Gavaghan – Agility Instructor**

### NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Just a quick thank you to all the Members who have sent in articles, reports and results to the Newsletter this year. It's a great way of letting other Members know what is going on in the Club and certainly makes the Newsletter Editor's job a whole lot easier. Thank you again for your contributions.

**Pam Convery – Newsletter Editor**



### A STRAYS PRAYER

Dear God, please send me somebody who'll care!  
I'm tired of running, I'm sick with despair.  
My body is aching, it's so racked with pain,  
and dear God I pray, as I run in the rain.  
That someone will love me and give me a home,  
a warm cozy bed and a big juicy bone.

My last owner tied me all day in the yard  
Sometimes with no water, and god that was hard.  
So I chewed my leash, and God I ran away.  
To rummage in garbage and live as a stray.  
But now God, I'm tired and hungry and cold,  
and I'm so afraid that I'll never grow old.

They've chased me with sticks and hit me with  
stones,  
while I run the streets just looking for bones!  
I'm not really bad, God, please help if you can,  
or I have become just a "Victim of Man!"  
I'm wormy dear God and I'm ridden with fleas,  
and all that I want is an Owner to please!

If you find one for me God, I'll try to be good,  
and I won't chew their shoes, and I'll do as I should.  
I'll love them, protect them and try to obey...  
when they tell me to sit, to lie down or to stay!  
I don't think I'll make it too long on my own,  
cause I'm getting so weak and I'm so all alone.

Each night as I sleep in the bushes I cry,  
cause I'm so afraid God, that I'm gonna die.  
And I've got so much love and devotion to give,  
that I should be given a new chance to Live!  
So dear God, please answer my prayer,  
and send me someone who will REALLY care..

That is, Dear God, if YOU'RE REALLY there!

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## Upcoming Trials-October 2010

|        |   |  |
|--------|---|--|
| FRI 1  | URBAN TRACK & SEARCH TRIAL (5 & 6 ONLY) | TRACKING CLUB                          |
| SAT 2  | OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIAL (INDOORS)          | GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB               |
|        | DOUBLE AGILITY TRIAL                    | KNOX OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB                |
|        | URBAN TRACK & SEARCH TRIAL (5 & 6 ONLY) | TRACKING CLUB                          |
|        | HERDING TEST & TRIALS                   | VICTORIAN HERDING ASSOC                |
|        | OBEDIENCE TRIAL                         | MURRAY VALLEY OBED D C                 |
|        | STATE RETRIEVING TRIAL CHAMP            | DOGS VICTORIA                          |
| SUN 3  | DOUBLE OBEDIENCE TRIAL                  | WARRINGAL OBED DOG CLUB                |
|        | URBAN TRACK & SEARCH TRIAL (5 & 6 ONLY) | TRACKING CLUB                          |
|        | HERDING TEST & TRIALS                   | VICTORIAN HERDING ASSOC                |
|        | OBEDIENCE TRIAL                         | MURRAY VALLEY OBED D C                 |
|        | STATE RETRIEVING TRIAL CHAMP            | DOGS VICTORIA                          |
|        | OBEDIENCE WORKSHOP                      | RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB               |
| SAT 9  | RESTRICTED TO GROUP 3 OBEDIENCE TRIAL   | GORDON SETTER CLUB                     |
|        | RESTRICTED TO GROUP 3 OBED TRIAL        | GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB                  |
|        | EARTH DOG TEST                          | LURE RACING & EARTH DOG CLUB           |
|        | HERDING EVENT                           | SCOTTISH BREEDS DOG CLUB               |
|        | DOUBLE AGILITY TRIAL                    | EAST GIPPSLAND OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB      |
| SAT 16 | DOUBLE AGILITY TRIAL                    | WESTERN PORT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB        |
|        | RETRIEVING TRIAL                        | IRISH WATER SPANIEL CLUB               |
|        | LURE COURSING                           | RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB               |
| SUN 17 | RETRIEVING TRIAL                        | IRISH WATER SPANIEL CLUB               |
|        | EARTHDOG TEST                           | EARTHDOG CLUB                          |
|        | DOUBLE AGILITY TRIAL                    | BALLAARAT DOG OBED CLUB                |
|        | OBEDIENCE TRIAL                         | EASTERN SUBURBS OBED D C               |
| SAT 23 | OBEDIENCE TRIAL                         | WERRIBEE OBED DOG CLUB                 |
|        | LURE RACING                             | LURE RACING & EARTH DOG CLUB           |
| SUN 24 | DOUBLE OBEDIENCE TRIAL                  | GISBORNE & DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB |
| SAT 30 | AGILITY TRIAL                           | WARRNAMBOOL DOG TRAINING SCHOOL        |
| SUN 31 | AGILITY TRIAL                           | WARRNAMBOOL DOG TRAINING SCHOOL        |

# Trial Results

## Bacchus Marsh NADAC Agility Trial – 25<sup>th</sup> July

|           |        |                  |                       |                      |
|-----------|--------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| V Bridges | Bryce  | Elite Tunnelers  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | 5 <sup>th</sup> Pass |
|           |        | Open Hoopers     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | 4 <sup>th</sup> Pass |
| S Axe     | Hector | Hoopers          |                       | Q                    |
|           |        | Regular 2        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Q                    |
| G Murray  | Remy   | Novice Regular 1 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Q                    |
|           |        |                  | <b>Novice Title</b>   |                      |
|           |        | Novice Hoopers   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Q                    |
| J Convery | Mason  | Novice Chances   |                       | Q                    |
|           |        | Novice Hoopers   | 5 <sup>th</sup> Place | Q                    |
|           |        | Open Regular     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Q                    |



## Schipperke VCA Agility Trial – 31<sup>st</sup> July

|           |       |                    |                       |                      |
|-----------|-------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| V Bridges | Bryce | Excellent Gamblers | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | 1 <sup>st</sup> Pass |
|-----------|-------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|

## Altona NADAC Agility Trial (Werribee) – 8<sup>th</sup> August

|            |       |   |                        |                      |
|------------|-------|---|------------------------|----------------------|
| K Bell     | Lady  | Jumpers                                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place  | Q                    |
|            | Lady  | Tunnelers                               | 4 <sup>th</sup> Place  | Q                    |
| V Bridges  | Bryce | Elite Tunnelers                         | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place  | 6 <sup>th</sup> Pass |
|            |       | Open Jumpers                            | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place  | 8 <sup>th</sup> Pass |
| P Gavaghan | Star  | Novice Tunnelers 1                      | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place  | Q                    |
| L Helmer   | Leah  | Novice Regular 1                        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place  | Q                    |
|            |       | Novice Regular 2                        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place  | Q                    |
|            |       | Novice Tunnelers 1                      | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place  | Q                    |
|            |       | Novice Tunnelers 2                      | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place  | Q                    |
| G Murray   | Remy  | Novice Jumpers 1                        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place  | Q                    |
|            |       | <b>Novice Outstanding Jumpers Title</b> |                        |                      |
|            |       | Novice Jumpers 2                        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place  | Q                    |
|            |       | Novice Regular 1                        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place  | Q                    |
|            |       | Novice Regular 2                        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place  | Q                    |
|            |       | Novice Tunnelers 1                      | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place  | Q                    |
| J Convery  | Mason | Open Jumpers                            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place  | Q                    |
|            |       | Open Regular                            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place  | Q                    |
|            |       | Novice Tunnelers                        | 10 <sup>th</sup> Place | Q                    |



## 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**

(Revised May 07)

Selection of "Obedience Dog of the Year" and "Agility Dog of the Year" Awards. Please read them carefully.

## **"OBEDIENCE DOG OF THE YEAR" AWARDS**

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

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

## **"AGILITY/JUMPING/GAMES DOG OF THE YEAR" AWARD**

|              | <b>Novice/Open<br/>Level</b> | <b>Excellent<br/>Level</b> | <b>Masters<br/>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 Trialing 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)

## **TRIAL RESULTS FOR THE OFFICE**

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

## **PHOTOS FOR THE CLUB WALL**

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**

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 feat 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".



# 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’.



## INCIDENT BOOK

There may be many Club Members who are unaware that we keep an Incident Book in the Office for the purpose of reporting incidents, which occur on the grounds. The following is the procedure for use of the Incident Book.

### INCIDENT BOOK CRITERIA

‘If a dog rushes at or attacks another dog or person before, during or after Class, both the handler’s involved need to see the Training Supervisor or one of the Assistant Training Supervisors and write a report in the Incident Book on the day that it occurs.

The report is to be dated and signed by the complainant and co-signed by the Training Supervisor, Assistant Training Supervisor or Instructor involved.

If a dog repeats the offence three (3) times, at the discretion of the Training Supervisor, Vice President in Charge of Training and the President, the Member will be asked to either remove the dog from the grounds or for the dog to wear a muzzle whilst on the grounds’.

## The Leopard and the Golden Retriever who are the best of friends

It's a role reversal not commonly seen, but then the cat chasing this dog is a little larger than most. Salati, a ten-month-old Leopard, and her best friend, Golden Retriever Tommy, like nothing more than to run amok before settling down for a friendly cuddle. The odd couple were reared together at Glen Afric Country Lodge near Pretoria in South Africa.

Animal wrangler Richard Brooker, 23, raised Salati and takes her and family dog Tommy for their daily exercise together. Each morning, he walks them on his family's 1,850-acre estate and then lets them run free to their hearts' content. He said: 'Wherever you see one the other is right behind. They are inseparable and both have lots of energy so they get the exercise they both need together.'



When we first received Salati she was tiny and Tommy could chase her around. But now with Salati matching him for weight the tables have turned 'It's all fun and games and they love playing together. 'But dogs aren't used to being chased by cats almost the same size as them. I think it was a shock for him when she started doing the chasing but it's fun to see them exploring together.'



As a cub Salati was much smaller than friendly Tommy, who weighs 18lb. But the fast-growing predator now packs a bigger punch at a hefty 40lb, more than twice the weight of her excitable dog friend. Mr Brooker added: 'Dogs need to walk and going out with Tommy for a ramble in the bushes means Salati develops properly into a fit adult Leopard.'

I take them out in the truck so they can have a good run-around together in lots of space.' Rescued as an orphaned cub, Salati was donated by a local vet to the family-run country retreat, which helps to rehabilitate injured and destitute animals. Breeding programmes at the spectacular venue also ensure that some of their animals who will never be able to survive in the wild enjoy the good life within huge enclosures. The Brookers' hard work has helped boost wildlife numbers in the area..

They have over 200 animals across 32 species on the grounds. The stunning getaway is visited by resident guests staying at



the Lodge and day visitors who want to see



Africa's amazing creatures including Lions, Elephants and Giraffes.

## Lovely Rhodesian Ridgeback story

### Here's your "AAHH" story for today

A giant farm dog and a tiny piglet cuddle up as if they were family after the baby runt was dismissed by its own mother. Surrogate mum Katjinga, an eight-year-old Rhodesian Ridgeback, took on motherly duties for grunter Paulinchen - a tiny pot-bellied pig - and seems to be taking the adoption in her stride. Lonely Paulinchen was luckily discovered moments from death and placed in the care of the dog who gladly accepted it as one of her own. Thankfully for the two-week old mini porker, Katjinga fell in love with him at first sight and saved his bacon.



And the unlikely relationship has made the wrinkly piggy a genuine sausage dog. In these adorable images Paulinchen can even be seen trying to suckle from his gigantic new mum. The two animals live together on a huge 20-acre farm in Hoerstel , Germany , where Katjinga's owners Roland Adam, 54, and his wife Edit, 44, a bank worker, keep a pair of breeding Vietnamese pigs.



Property developer Roland found the weak and struggling piglet after he was abandoned by the rest of his family one evening after he was born. He said: "The pigs run wild on our land and the sow had given birth to a litter of five in our forest.

"I found Paulinchen all alone and when I lifted him up he was really cold

"I felt sure some local foxes would have taken the little pig that very night so I took it into my house and gave him to Katjinga..

"She had just finished with a litter of her own, who are now 10 months, so I thought there was a chance she might take on the duties of looking after him.

"Katjinga is the best mother you can imagine. She immediately fell in love with the piggy. Straight away she started to clean it like it was one of her own puppies.

"Days later she started lactating again and giving milk for the piggy. She obviously regards it now as her own baby."

Mum of the year? Quite possibly..

Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

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# Targeting - What is it?

[www.wagntrain.com](http://www.wagntrain.com)

A "target" is anything that the dog must focus on and perform some action towards. I usually introduce the idea of a target when I reward a dog for touching my palm, but it has really started earlier than that. Attention is a form of targeting, where the dog is focusing her gaze on your face (or hands). "Come" is a form of targeting in which the dog must find the area right in front of you. In agility, dogs must step within a certain safety area called a contact zone on many obstacles, to prove that they are dismounting correctly and not just flying off the top of a high dog-walk or A-frame.

The dog can show her focus on the target in many ways. The most common are a nose-touch or a paw-touch. Actors - both human and animal - have "marks" on the stage where they must stand. Placing feet on a mark is a form of targeting. At the dolphin lab where I used to train, the dolphins could touch a target with their rostrum [nose], front flipper, or tail fins. Or they could "target" an object by spitting water at it, opening their mouths around it, jumping over it, or swimming under it belly-up.

## What's it used for?

There are many specialized uses for targeting. In competition obedience, a dog is trained to move away from the handler on a "go out" in targeting. They're also asked to retrieve certain objects. As mentioned above, agility competitors must touch a contact target. Actors must find their marks.

What about pet dogs? Two of the best uses for targeting is teaching a dog to walk by your side, and to go to her bed on command. It's possible to teach a dog to walk at your side just by rewarding her for doing so (and of course removing the reward for walking anywhere else), but it may be that "at your side" is too vague for many dogs. If they have something to focus on, they can immediately know where they're supposed to be. So, if you teach your dog to follow your hand (or a stick in your hand, for a shorter dog) with her nose, she will be perfectly placed and ready to reap your rewards.

There are many times when you might want to send your dog away from you. Maybe you have guests coming over and want to greet them at the door without your dog's help. Maybe the kids are having a messy birthday party, or everyone's sitting on the ground to enjoy a barbecue. Wouldn't it be nice to cue your dog to "go to bed" and have her find her special pillow or crate to curl up for a while? Finding and moving to a special place are forms of targeting. Sometimes you just want to get your dog to move to a particular place - up on the couch next to you, on to the floor, maybe just scooting over a few inches to make room for someone else. Targeting will help.



Targeting is the first step of retrieving, as well. Your dog can't bring something to you if she can't find it first - and it doesn't matter if it's a ball, Frisbee, or stick, or your car keys, TV remote, or missing cordless phone.

You can use targeting to start a lot of "tricks", too. You can teach a dog to spin a circle or push doors closed by following a target with a nose, and you can teach a paw wave or pushing a lever with a paw-touch on a target. You can easily groom a dog who is keeping her nose or feet on a

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target. "Hearing ear" dogs for the deaf often touch their partners with a paw to alert them to phones, doorbells, or fire alarms. You can teach your dog to run to a door or to a certain part of the yard at the sound of your own smoke alarm.

A lot of dogs have a good time just finding and touching the target when it's presented as a challenging game. One dog I know loves to run over to his target, touch it emphatically, then run back at the sound of the clicker to get his treat or praise. Many other dogs love to jump up to touch a high target, just like a killer whale in an aquarium show, or compete in a speed game to see how quickly they can get their nose or paw to the target you surprise them with!

### **How do you train it?**

The beginning of target training takes advantage of the dog's natural curiosity. Most dogs will sniff or even touch your palm if you hold it out to them - especially if you've just been handling food treats. Simply click and reward your dog for each touch. It helps if you hold it close to their nose, maybe just below their nose level. If you want to eventually transfer the nose-touch to some inanimate object - like a target stick, sticky note (such as a Post-It©), or margarine lid, simply put some food smell on that, too, and hold it cupped in your hand when you start.

To train the paw touch, move your hand around in short, jerky movements low to the ground near the dog's paws, or hold a treat under your hand. Most dogs will paw at this. Again, click and reward for each touch.

Repeat this a few times. See if your dog gets more confident in her touches. I've found that many dogs, even those with some experience with "making you click", act as if they don't believe that simply touching your hand will work. Make sure you reward this easy first step quite a few times before making it any harder.

Once you have the initial touching fairly confident, hold the target out a little bit further - a few inches away, or just enough for the dog to really stretch out her neck (or leg) to touch it. Click and reward those touches, repeating a few times.

Now start varying the position of the target relative to the dog, and relative to you, and you relative to the dog. Hold it out slightly to one side, then the other; hold it an inch or two above or below the original level. Hold the target out while you stand, sit, or kneel; while you face the dog or have the dog at your side. Make it clear that it's touching the target that is causing the click and reward, not any of the other factors your dog is seeing.

Are you willing to bet that your dog will touch the target at any one time? Then add a cue, like "Touch!", "Target!", or "Paw it!", or a hand signal like touching the target yourself with two fingers of the other hand. Add the cue just before you think the dog will do it, to form the association between the cue and the action.

### **Stationary Targets vs. Moving Targets**

There are two different types of targets: stationary and moving ones. Stationary targets stay where they are, and the dog must move to reach them and then can stay put there. Moving targets move around, and the dog must follow them. The actor's mark, the agility contact zone, and the dog's bed are all stationary targets that the dog must move to in order to touch. Your hand, your front, your eyes, and target sticks are all moving targets. The dog must move to follow your hand or target



### **Targeting – what is it? (continued)**

stick as you walk or lead her around. The dog must come towards you to target your front on a "come" command, and move to your line-of-sight to pay attention to you.

Stationary and moving targets can be initially trained the same way, but the more advanced steps differ slightly. To train a stationary target, you want to start each repetition by moving the dog further away from the target (or the target further away from the dog) and get her used to taking first one, then two, then several steps towards it to make contact and get clicked and rewarded. You can set up a few trials where the treat is waiting at the target when the dog gets there, too.

To train a moving target, start moving the target slowly as the dog approaches it so that she has to follow it. Start with having her follow it for a second, then for two, then several, before she gets her click and treat.

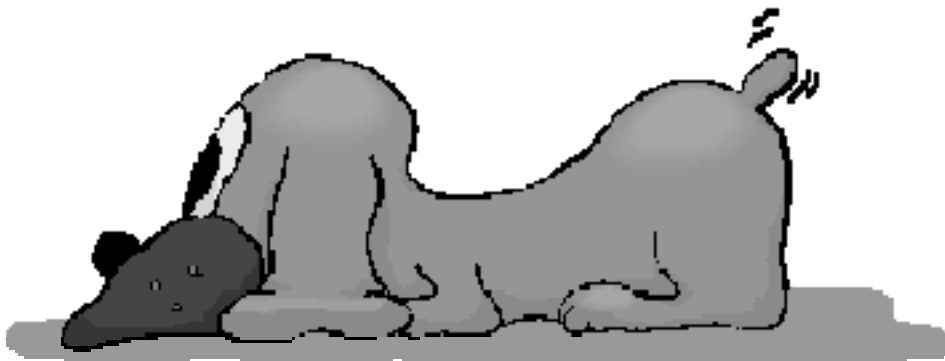
For both types of targets, gradually build up the distance or difficulty, occasionally throwing in an easier (shorter) practice, and being sure to "jackpot" especially good successes.

### **Fading the Target**

For some actions, you won't ever need to take away the target. Your front and eyes will always be there for your dog to find on a "come" or "pay attention". Your dog's bed or crate will always be there for her to trot over to when you ask her to go there.

For other actions, you'll want to fade away the target. You probably don't want to walk with your hand or target stick in front of your dog's nose. If you're teaching a paw wave or head shake you'll want the dog to move her body without having to follow your target. So you'll need to fade it away.

You can make it less relevant by making it smaller (cutting down the margarine lid, shortening the target stick, or fading your palm to a few fingers) or by holding it further away, while still rewarding the dog for following through with the actions you want. In fact, the less relevant you make the target, the more you want to reward the action. You're shifting the importance from following the target with nose or paw to completing the action in the absence of the target.



# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INFORMATION

## Types of Membership

|        |    |                  |    |                  |    |
|--------|----|------------------|----|------------------|----|
| Dual   | 34 | Life Member      | 23 | Pensioner Single | 23 |
| Family | 89 | Pensioner Dual   | 5  | Single           | 99 |
| Junior | 3  | Pensioner Family | 14 |                  |    |

## Where all our Members live

|      |    |      |    |      |   |
|------|----|------|----|------|---|
| 3111 | 1  | 3220 | 12 | 3240 | 4 |
| 3205 | 1  | 3221 | 10 | 3241 | 3 |
| 3211 | 2  | 3222 | 16 | 3321 | 2 |
| 3212 | 4  | 3223 | 4  | 3328 | 4 |
| 3213 | 1  | 3224 | 11 | 3331 | 3 |
| 3214 | 13 | 3225 | 1  | 3332 | 1 |
| 3215 | 15 | 3226 | 11 | 3340 | 1 |
| 3216 | 86 | 3227 | 4  | 3350 | 1 |
| 3218 | 16 | 3228 | 21 | 3352 | 1 |
| 3219 | 39 | 3231 | 1  |      |   |

## Breeds of dogs

|                               |     |                             |   |                                |   |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|
| Crossbreeds                   | 102 | Poodle (Toy)                | 4 | English Setter                 | 2 |
| Border Collie                 | 41  | Rottweiler                  | 4 | Pointer (English)              | 2 |
| Labrador Retriever            | 23  | Weimaraner                  | 4 | American Bulldog               | 1 |
| German Shepherd Dog           | 19  | Airedale Terrier            | 3 | American Staffordshire Terrier | 1 |
| Golden Retriever              | 19  | Australian Cattle Dog       | 3 | Australian Kelpie              | 1 |
| Cocker Spaniel                | 12  | Fox Terrier (Wire)          | 3 | Australian Silky Terrier       | 1 |
| Staffordshire Bull Terrier    | 12  | German Shorthaired Pointer  | 3 | Australian Terrier             | 1 |
| Cavalier King Charles Spaniel | 8   | Jack Russell Terrier        | 3 | British Bulldog                | 1 |
| Boxer                         | 6   | Pomeranian                  | 3 | Chinese Crested                | 1 |
| Dobermann                     | 6   | Poodle (Mini)               | 3 | English Springer Spaniel       | 1 |
| Australian Shepherd           | 5   | Rhodesian Ridgeback         | 3 | French Mastiff                 | 1 |
| Beagle                        | 5   | Welsh Corgi (Pembroke)      | 3 | Irish Setter                   | 1 |
| Collie (Rough)                | 5   | West Highland White Terrier | 3 | Irish Water Spaniel            | 1 |
| Hungarian Vizsla              | 5   | Bichon Frise                | 2 | Pharaoh hound                  | 1 |
| Poodle (Standard)             | 5   | Border Terrier              | 2 | Samoyed                        | 1 |
| Whippet                       | 5   | Brittany                    | 2 | Schnauzer                      | 1 |
| Fox Terrier ( Smooth)         | 4   | Chihuahua                   | 2 | Shetland Sheepdog              | 1 |
| Great Dane                    | 4   | Dachshund                   | 2 | St Bernard                     | 1 |

## Most Popular Dogs Names

|         |   |        |   |
|---------|---|--------|---|
| Bella   | 7 | Millie | 3 |
| Bailey  | 5 | Molly  | 3 |
| Charlie | 5 | Ollie  | 3 |
| Ruby    | 5 | Oscar  | 3 |
| Gypsy   | 4 | Phoebe | 3 |
| Jack    | 4 | Polly  | 3 |
| Toby    | 4 | Poppy  | 3 |
| Gemma   | 3 | Stella | 3 |
| Jemma   | 3 | Zeus   | 3 |
| Max     | 3 |        |   |

