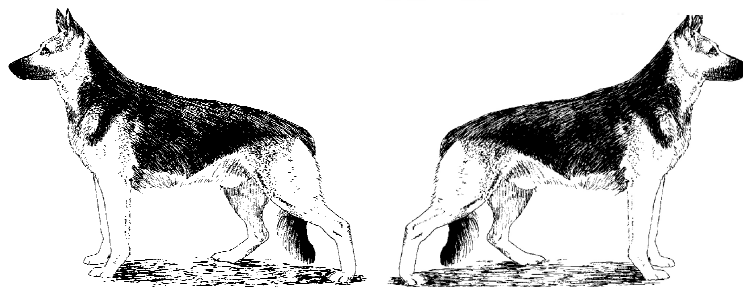
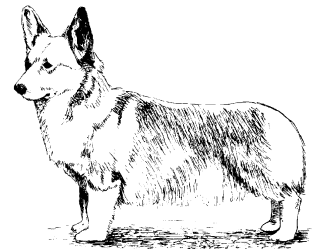
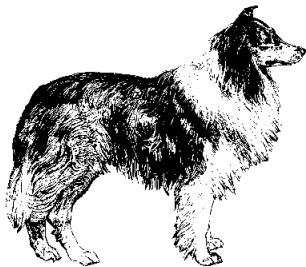
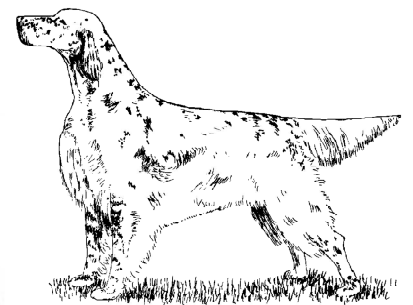
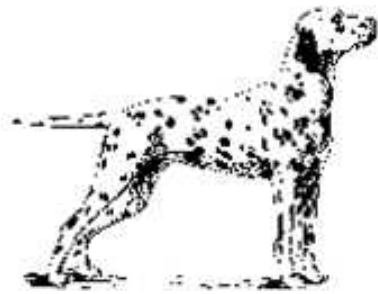


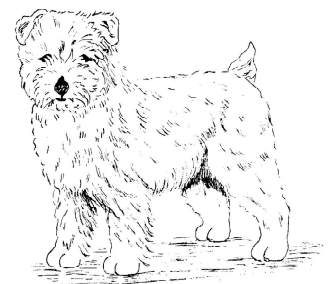
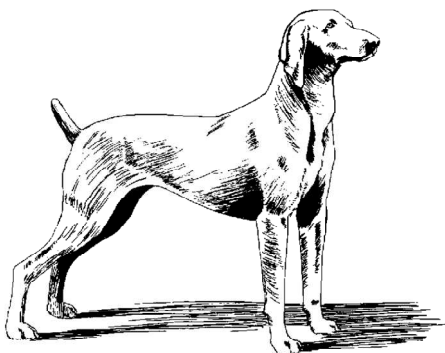
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CLUB CALENDAR

April

Sunday	7 April	Normal training
Saturday	13 April	3 x RALLY TRIALS
Sunday	14 April	Normal training
Monday	15 April	Newsletter closes for articles, reports etc
Monday	15 April	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	21 April	Normal training
Sunday	28 April	Fun Day including presentations.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi everyone

Allow me introduce myself my name is Roland Linford , recently I had the honour and privilege to be elected President of Geelong Obedience Dog Club. I will not bore you all with my resume or background but if anybody wants to know or needs discuss something please feel free to approach me at the Club and we can discuss whatever you like.

GODC has existed for nearly sixty years and in all that time the Committee and Instructors of the Club have been a committed and dedicated band of volunteers who give their time and energy for free. A lot happens behind the scenes to ensure the Club continues to operate.

Which brings me to the next subject namely the financial state of the Club, many of you will have read on the website or in our publications of the Clubs need to raise money and the Committee's recommendation to increase Membership Fees. These statements were not made out of hand, our Treasurer (Kath) alerted the Committee some weeks ago as to an alarming trend of high expenditure with very little income, it was decided that we needed a Finance Meeting so as to understand our monthly expenditure/income (end of year finance reports do show this), at the subsequent Meeting which was very ably led by Alex (Shop Manager) we were able to do this.

What the figures showed was that whilst not in financial trouble as such we were not generating any extra income whilst running expenses were increasing. An example of this is the magazine you are reading, recently photocopy costs to produce the magazine have increased by 50%. Also no funds were available for emergencies i.e. flood /fridges etc. nor for ongoing upgrades to equipment i.e., Agility surface upgrades. Action has already begun to address some of these issues, Trish & Glenys & a merry band of helpers ran the mock Agility Trial to try and raise funds for Agility equipment upgrade. In addition to this our Social Secretary Tina is working behind the scenes coming up with ideas to raise funds, the Kris Kotsopoulos Seminar being one of the first cabs of the rank. I know Tina has lots of ideas to help the Club make money I would ask you to support Tina in her current and future endeavours.

Remember this is your Club we are here to have fun with our furry friends

Roland Linford - President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

It has been a rather full year so far getting to know the running's of the Secretary position. There's a lot more work than I realized but I think I have a handle on things.

It's also been a sad year with the resignation of Colin Humphreys from the position of President due to illness. It was a pleasure working with him and I'm sure we all wish him a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to Roland Linford who will be taking over the job of President and I think there will not be too much disruption to the running of the Club.

The Committee is working well and are planning, together with the help of Tina Button a number of fund raising events during the year. Hopefully our bank balance will increase substantially.

I ask that all Members support these events and help make them as successful as possible. We can't do it without you!!

Christine Jagtenberg – Secretary

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SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hi to all, much is planned for the rest of the year for social events and fundraising.

May 18th and 19th is our first Seminar. This seminar is for anyone who is interested in learning about training dogs for high level obedience, from pups through to adults. How to get the best performance consistently from your dog.

We have a trivia night planned for September. Look out for more details in a couple of months.

A huge raffle is on the horizon, once all necessary paperwork is in order we will be distributing raffle books to all Members, there will be travel prizes up for grabs.

If anyone has any ideas for fundraising or social events feel free to email me at monlaird_kennels@hotmail.com

Bye for now –Tina Button-Social Secretary



A WORD FROM THE CANTEEN

We have slowly been working to get the Canteen back up and running after it closed briefly last year. The hot weather has been challenging and as a result we haven't expanded the menu greatly. The sausage sizzles have been popular, as well as the egg and bacon sandwiches.

Over the coming weeks we will be providing such things as toasted sandwiches, dim sims, homemade sausage rolls as well as a variety of sweet treats to tempt you. We are very open to any suggestions you may have, however please bear in mind that we are volunteers with limited time commitments.

Thank you to the three new members who returned the "Help" sheets. If I haven't got to you by now I will in the very near future! We particularly need help on the trial days that the Club runs, especially around lunch time. These are listed on the yearly calendar as well as in this newsletter. If you can offer any time at all it would be greatly appreciated. Just pop into the Canteen after training and make yourself known. Anyone who would like to help occasionally with the sausage sizzles would also be more than welcome.

Nanette Tunnicliffe- Canteen Manager



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NEWS FROM YOUR TREASURER

No changes in the financial position of the Club at this time.

You may know by now that the Committee has discussed an increase in club fees and we need your input at the next General Meeting on Tuesday April 2nd at 8pm. There are several reasons for raising fees and this will be explained at the General Meeting.

The Council Grant Victor applied for has been approved and the money has been deposited into the general account. The plan is to get some people together sometime after Easter to paint the inside of the clubrooms and the toilets. Victor will let everyone know his plans in due course.

You might be interested to hear that the Fun Agility Trial raised over \$500 towards the upgrading of the agility equipment and the Sausage Sizzle made a profit of just over \$100. Well done everybody.

Kathy Taylor - Treasurer

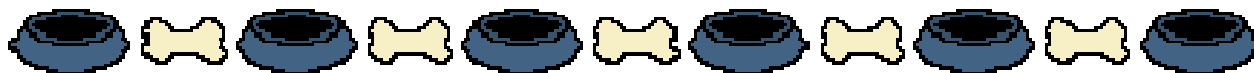
A WORD FROM YOUR HALL MANAGER

I would like to thank all those who are assisting in organizing the Clubrooms for the various meetings and functions. Your assistance is much appreciated.

I have had complaints about the toilets not being cleaned. I can assure you that they do get cleaned on a weekly basis. I would like to remind you not to leave a mess in the toilets. If you drop paper on the floor please pick it up and dispose of it appropriately. If you make a mess in the toilets please clean it up. There are brushes provided in the toilets for that purpose. I am here for general cleaning only – not to clean up other peoples filthy mess.

Thanks for the card of appreciation. It is great to have your support.

John Taylor - Hall Manager



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LOCHBELLE HIGH FLYER (BIGGLES) 1999 – 2012

Christmas Eve 2012, Biggles made his last sad trip to the Vets.

Biggles was a beautiful sable Collie and my choice from the litter of four pups that we bred in April 1999.

Biggles attended Puppy Class under Desma and from that time onwards had a great affection for Desma (some say strange dog). We then embarked on his show career. Although as a pup he had some wins, as he got older we run into Judges that could not see what a great dog he was (my opinion). He retired from showing, then had a go at Obedience and Agility. Trish thought she had not seen a dog quite like Biggles doing Agility until Gus came along. He was the clown prince of our dogs and never had a mean bone in his body. Even when I accidently backed my car over him (slowly) he dragged himself out, dusted himself off and was back to normal very soon. It took me longer to recover. He was my companion over all these great years and we miss him greatly.

R.I.P. Biggles – John and Chris Shields

TRIAL RESULTS

PET AND ANIMAL EXPO RALLY TRIALS

TRIAL 1, ADVANCED A

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TRIAL 2, ADVANCED A

Elaine Longshaw Elmaro Celtic Cross CCD, RN (Kuyan) Pass

Elaine Longshaw Coppertop Perfect Pitcha CCD, RN (Piper) Pass

NADAC PTC Moorabin 23/02/13

Vanessa Bridges Bryce	Novice Extreme Barrel Racing	1st Place	5 pts
	Novice Extreme Barrel Racing	2nd Place	10 pts
	(S-XBR-N Title - 'Superior' title)		
	Novice Extreme Gaters	3rd Place	10 pts
	Novice Extreme Gaters	5th Place	10 pts
	(S-XGT-N Title - 'Superior' title)		
	Novice Extreme Hoopers	1st Place	10 pts
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	Novice Extreme Gaters	6th Place	5 pts
	Novice Extreme Hoopers	5th Place	5 pts
	Novice Extreme Barrel Racing	1st Place	5 pts
	Novice Extreme Chances	1st Place	5 pts
	Novice Extreme Gaters	3rd Place	5 pts
	Novice Extreme Hoopers	3rd Place	5 pts

NADAC AGILITY TRIAL – BALLARAT

Saturday 9th March

Leonie Kelleher Branko	Regular Agility 1 Novice	1 st	Q
	Reg. Agility 2 Novice	3 rd	Q
	Touch and Go 2		Q

Sunday 10th March

Leonie Kelleher Branko	Open Jumpers 1	1 st	Q
	Open Jumpers 2	1 st	Q
	Reg Agility 1	2 nd	
	Reg Agility 2	2 nd	
	Weavers 1	4 th	
	Weavers 2	6 th	

9th – 11th March

Karalyn Bell Lady	Novice Chances		Q
	Regular Nov	1st place	Q
	Touch N Go Nov	2nd Place	Q
	Jumpers Elite Vet	1st Place	Q

Extreme Games Highest in Trial
6 firsts, 1 third, 1 fourth

TRIAL RESULTS

Saturday 9th March

Susan Axe Hector

Elite chances	1 st	Q
Elite chances 2		Q
Elite regular 2	1 st	Q
Elected regular 2	2 nd	
Open touch n go 1	3 rd	
Open touch n go 2	2 nd	

Sunday 10th March

Susan Axe Hector

Elite regular 1	2 nd
Elite regular 2	2 nd
Elite jumpers 1	3 rd
Elite jumpers 2	3 rd

Monday 11th March

Susan Axe Hector

Extreme chances 1	2 nd
X chances 2	2 nd
X gaters 1	2 nd
X gaters 2	3 rd



FREE TO GOOD HOME MILO

Approx 8 year old long haired Jack Russell, female, Energetic. Good temperament. Owner moved into nursing home. Vet history available
Contact Spiro on 0417 102118



A Great Story and Well Worth Reading!!

They told me the big black Lab's name was Reggie, as I looked at him lying in his pen.

The shelter was clean, no-kill, and the people really friendly.

I'd only been in the area for six months, but

everywhere I went in the small college town, people were welcoming and open. Everyone waves when you pass them on the street.

But something was still missing as I attempted to settle in to my new life here, and I thought a dog couldn't hurt. Give me someone to talk to. And I had just seen Reggie's advertisement on the local news. The shelter said they had received numerous calls right after, but they said the people who had come down to see him just didn't look like "Lab people," whatever that meant. They must've thought I did.

But at first, I thought the shelter had misjudged me in giving me Reggie and his things, which consisted of a dog pad, bag of toys almost all of which were brand new tennis balls, his dishes and a sealed letter from his previous owner.



See, Reggie and I didn't really hit it off when we got home.

We struggled for two weeks (which is how long the shelter told me to give him to adjust to his new home). Maybe it was the fact that I was trying to adjust, too.

Maybe we were too much alike.

I saw the sealed envelope. I had completely forgotten about that. "Okay, Reggie," I said out loud, "let's see if your previous owner has any advice."

To Whomever Gets My Dog:
Well, I can't say that I'm happy you're reading this,
a letter I told the shelter could only be opened by
Reggie's new owner. I'm not even happy writing it.



He knew something was different.



So let me tell you about my Lab in the hopes
that it will help you bond with him and he with
you.

First, he loves tennis balls. The more the merrier.
Sometimes I think he's part squirrel, the way he
hoards them.

He usually always has two in his mouth, and he
tries to get
a third in there. Hasn't done it yet. Doesn't matter
where
you throw them, he'll bound after them, so be
careful.

Don't do it by any roads.



Next, commands. Reggie knows the
obvious ones ---"sit," "stay," "come," "heel."
He knows hand signals, too: He knows "ball"
and "food" and "bone" and "treat" like nobody's business.

Feeding schedule: twice a day, regular
store-bought stuff; the shelter has the brand.
He's up on his shots. Be forewarned: Reggie hates the vet.

Good luck getting him in the car. I don't know how he knows when it's time to go to the vet, but he knows. Finally, give him some time. It's only been Reggie and me for his whole life. He's gone everywhere with me, so please include him on your daily car rides if you can. He sits well in the backseat, and he doesn't bark or complain. He just loves to be around people, and me most especially.



And that's why I need to share one more bit of info with you...His name's not Reggie. He's a smart dog, he'll get used to it and will respond to it, of that I have no doubt. But I just couldn't bear to give them his real name. But if someone is reading this ... well it means that his new owner should know his real name. His real name is "Tank." Because, that is what I drive. I told the shelter that they couldn't make "Reggie" available for adoption until they received word from my company commander.

You see, my parents are gone, I have no siblings, no one I could've left Tank with ... and it was my only real request of the Army upon my deployment to Iraq, that they make one phone call to the shelter ... in the "event" ... to tell them that Tank could be put up for adoption. Luckily, my CO is a dog-guy, too, and he knew where my platoon was headed. He said he'd do it personally. And if you're reading this, then he made good on his word.

Tank has been my family for the last six years, almost as long as the Army has been my family. And now I hope and pray that you make him part of your family, too, and that he will adjust and come to love you the same way he loved me. If I have to give up Tank to keep those terrible people from coming to the US I am glad to have done so. He is my example of service and of love. I hope I honored him by my service to my country and comrades.



All right, that's enough. I deploy this evening and have to drop this letter off at the shelter. Maybe I'll peek in on him and see if he finally got that third tennis ball in his mouth. Good luck with Tank. Give him a good home, and give him an extra kiss goodnight - every night - from me.

Thank you,
Paul Mallory

I folded the letter and slipped it back in the envelope. Sure, I had heard of Paul Mallory, everyone in town knew him, even new people like me. Local kid, killed in Iraq a few months ago and posthumously earning the Silver Star when he gave his life to save three buddies. Flags had been at half-mast all summer.

I leaned forward in my chair and rested my elbows on my knees, staring at the dog. "Hey, Tank," I said quietly. The dog's head whipped up, his ears cocked and his eyes bright.

"C'mere boy."



He was instantly on his feet, his nails clicking on the hardwood floor. He sat in front of me, his head tilted, searching for the name he hadn't heard in months.

"Tank," I whispered. His tail swished.

I kept whispering his name, over and over, and each time, his ears lowered, his eyes softened, and his posture relaxed as a wave of contentment just seemed to flood him. I stroked his ears, rubbed his shoulders, buried my face into his scruff and hugged him.

"It's me now, Tank, just you and me. Your old pal gave you to me." Tank reached up and licked my cheek.

"So whatdaya say we play some ball?" His ears perked again.

"Yeah? Ball? You like that? Ball?"

Tank tore from my hands and disappeared into the next room. And when he came back, he had three tennis balls in his mouth.



If you can read this without getting a lump in your throat or a tear in your eye, you just ain't right.

"The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him."

G. K. Chesterton

THE INS AND OUTS OF A DOG IN THE HOUSE

By Karin Larsen Bridge, Get S.M.A.R.T Dogs, Sydney www.getsmartdogs.com.au

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Dog owners come in two distinctly divided groups – those who like to have their dogs in the house and those who prefer to keep them outside. The 'inside' group can't see the point of owning a dog if it doesn't share your home with you. The 'outside' group firmly believe that a dog's place is out in the fresh air, that to bring a dog in would make it 'soft' or 'spoilt' as well making the home less pleasant for its' human' occupants.

Opinion on whether a dog should be kept inside or outside stems from a mixture of cultural background, personal experiences and practical considerations such as the set-up and size of your home, how many dogs you have and your dog's role in the family. In Australia, with our mild climate, working dogs were traditionally kept outside and many people carry on this tradition with their pet dogs. In the colder climates of Europe, even farm dogs traditionally lived-in with the family and the trend continues today with millions of pet dogs still sharing small apartments with their owners.

Although a matter of personal choice, a growing number of canine behaviourists and trainers are recommending that pet owners allow their dogs to come inside the family home.

REASONS TO BRING YOUR DOG INSIDE.

Dogs are social animals

Dogs make wonderful pets because they are by nature a 'social' animal. They have a strong need to belong to and interact with, other members of their 'pack' either canine or human. If your 'pack' spends most of its time inside your home, that is where your dog will want to be.

More value for your money.

Most people keep dogs today not to fulfil any work function but rather for companionship. It is a fact of modern life however that we spend less time in our homes than ever before and therefore less time in the company of our dogs. If, added to this the dog is not allowed inside, the time you spend together becomes negligible. To get the most value out of the cost and effort of owning a dog, it makes sense to let your dog in.

Inside dogs exhibit fewer behaviour problems.

Outside dogs are more likely to exhibit serious behaviour problems associated with boredom such as excessive barking, destructive chewing, separation anxiety and self-mutilation. A bored and lonely dog finds minor disturbances like people passing, kids playing or birds chirping, a great excuse for barking which quickly develops into a self-rewarding habit.

Better Protection for YOU not your backyard

Your most valuable possessions are *inside* your house – including yourself and your family. A dog inside your house is a much bigger deterrent to an intruder than an outside dog and much harder to deal with. An outside dog can usually be easily released and/or stolen. When you answer the door to a stranger, a dog by your side is a better deterrent than a dog shut away in your backyard.

Observation and interaction - a natural way to learn.

Your dog is learning from you every minute you are together. This give the inside dog who shares your

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home a great advantage over an outside dog. The inside dog soon learns what leads to attention, cuddles, and car trips, walks and treats as well as what doesn't! Even without any formal training, the inside dog will probably learn to 'fit in' just as he would in the wild – through observation and experience. You too will learn to 'read' your dog more easily if you are able to spend time observing him in the comfort of your own home.

Compare this to the amount of feedback the outside dog is able to glean from the relatively small amount of time you and your family spend outdoors. The outside dog must struggle to learn human protocol and is less likely to ingratiate himself into your heart.

If you don't have a *philosophical* objection to having a dog in the home, it is likely that *your dog's behaviour* is keeping him at bay. Many young dogs appear to be a whirlwind of destruction when first allowed inside a home. Like children dogs need to be taught how to behave in our human environment. The ideal time to start is of course with a puppy, but the same principles apply to dogs of any age. If you follow the six simple steps below, your dog too can earn the keys to the 'executive suite'.

SIX STEPS TO RAISING THE PERFECT HOUSE DOG

Housetraining – your #1 priority!

All dogs without a physical disability can be trained not to soil in the house. The key points to remember are:

Select - a suitable area, not too far from the house where you will encourage puppy to do his business. The substrate you choose (usually grass) will become puppy's preferred toileting surface.

Supervise - watch your puppy for sniffing, circling behaviour – usually a precursor to toileting. Take your puppy out after every meal, playtime, sleep, and drink and encourage him to toilet.

Management - if you cannot supervise, leave him in a 'safe' area where accidents are not a problem. Realise however that allowing your dog to toilet on more than one surface (e.g. newspapers and grass) while unavoidable may lengthen the housetraining process.

Reward - with praise and a titbit when puppy toiles in the preferred spot. It is essential that puppy understands, you *like* toileting by establishing a 'reward history' for the right behaviour.

Interrupt – your pup if he starts to toilet in the house – as *mildly as possible to get the desired effect*. The intention is to stop your dog in the act, not to frighten him. Lead him to the appropriate area and encourage him to finish the job. If you frighten the pup he will soon be convinced you have a hang-up about bodily functions and refuses to toilet in your presence - preferring privacy behind the couch or under a bed.

Constructive Ways to Avoid Destruction

Restrict your puppy to a safe area, complete with suitable chew toys and a sleeping area. Take him out to play and toilet. In this 'errorless' environment, your puppy will be set up for success.

Develop a 'chew toy' habit by stuffing toys such as Kongs and smoked marrowbones with kibble and titbits to make them more interesting. Rotate toys so there are always one or two 'new' ones to explore.

Avoid inadvertently teaching your dog that 'stealing' leads to a great game of 'catch me if you can!' Instead practice lots of 'swaps'. Even when your dog has things he is allowed to have, take them from him, have a look and then give them back. Occasionally swap them for something better like a treat. If your dog learns that allowing you to take things from him leads to something of equal or better value for him, there will be no need to run from you or worse still develop 'possessive guarding' behaviour. As pup learns what is expected of him, his area can be increased. It is not necessary for your dog to have full run of the house to feel a part of the pack. If you prefer, your dog only need access a well-frequented part of the house such as a kitchen or family area where the 'pack' gather to watch TV or chat.

If you prefer train your dog to settle on a mat whenever he comes into the house. This can easily be taught by keeping your dog on lead and sitting next to his mat. When the dog begins to relax and settle

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reward with quiet praise and titbits. Use a cue word like 'mat' or 'go to bed' and your pup will soon understand that if he wants the privilege of being inside he must lie quietly on his mat. Your dog will still appreciate having gained a 'foothold' into the 'den' and will enjoy being able to observe family interactions from his special spot.

Four on the floor' and no more nipping!

Right from when puppy first arrives, reward him for keeping 'four (paws) on the floor', by giving him lots of cuddles and attention down at his level.

NEVER reward jumping up with your attention – of any kind. To many dogs even negative attention can be considered fun or a game.

Train an alternate behaviour such as 'sit' and reward with what pup wants most – your attention.

Teach everyone in the family, especially children to 'make like a post', fold their arms and look away, if pup gets very excited and/or nips and jumps. Fence posts are not much fun and pup will soon lose interest.

If puppy is really excited put him in his safe area for some 'time out' until he settles.

Rover goes to school – basic obedience training.

As puppy gets older, attend a training class where you will learn how to teach your dog basic behaviour like 'sit' 'stay' 'come' and 'walk nicely'.

Training should be fun and stimulating for both you and your dog – look for a class you will both enjoy.

Training games are a great way to satisfy your dog's need for interaction and stimulation without having to leave the house.

Training will help you to establish a more satisfactory relationship with your dog based on understanding and mutual respect.

A snip in time saves lives – allergies and dog hairs.

If you did some research before making the commitment to buy a dog, you will have been forewarned.

You cannot blame the dog for shedding hair anymore than you can blame a person for being bald!

There are breeds of dogs which do not shed hair and which are suitable for people with allergies.

Only allowing the dog in a back part of the house, keeping him off the furniture and regular brushing, will go a long way to controlling the problem.

'Corgi Clean' - is your dog fit for a palace?

Properly cared for, dogs are perfectly suited to sharing our homes – just ask H.M. the Queen!

Your dog can and should be kept free of external and internal parasites as well as being generally clean and well groomed.

Guide dogs for the blind and Assistance dogs for the disabled accompany their partners not only in their homes but in public restaurants, theatres and even surgeries and hospitals as well.

Your dog's condition is a reflection of your attitude toward him and is much more easily monitored when he shares your home. A clean, healthy dog is a loved dog.

A FRIEND INSIDE IS WORTH TWO IN THE YARD.

Ultimately, the decision to bring your dog in is a personal but for me, dogs nestled around the family room floor convert a house into a home. In an echo of primal times, the peaceful, slumbering faces of the 'watchdogs around the camp' instinctively tell me that our pack is safe and all is well with the world. As my two sons and husband gather in front of the television for another primal activity – the rugby – my guardians and I slip up the stairs to the spare room to snuggle contentedly in front of my favourite romantic video. Coming inside is good for dogs? Bugger the dogs; it's good for me!

Doggy doors are a great way to increase the quality of life for both you and your dog. Your dog has the freedom to come and go as he pleases and you get to stop playing doorman!

Aust Ch Looks Skywards. Duel registered Greyhound

12/7/07 - 7/3/13

Owned by Tina loved by many. Gone too soon. RIP Rambo.



Don't think of him as gone away -
his journey's just begun,
life holds so many facets -
this earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.

And think of him as living
In the hearts of those he touched
For nothing loved is ever lost -
And he was loved so much.



VALE

GOLDENHART YOGI BEAR

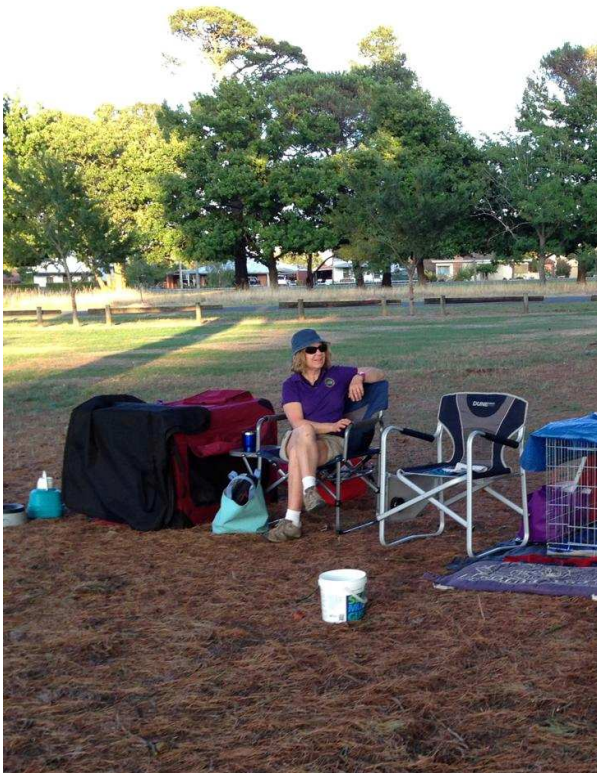
“YOGI”

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May the winds of love blow softly
And whisper for you to hear
We will always love you
And forever keep you near

REST IN PEACE MY LITTLE MILLENNIUM MAN
Kim Ciezarek & Family

Relaxing at the NADAC Trial at Ballarat



AGILITY MOCK TRIAL

In the interests of making our agility equipment safer for our dogs and also more appealing to those who compete in VCA agility trials, we would like to coat all our contact obstacles with a layer of rubber. This, however, is a very expensive exercise so we looked at ways of raising money and came up with the idea of a mock trial for agility members of our club. The 'mock' meant it would not be a sanctioned trial and there would not be any points given towards titles, but the 'trial' meant an opportunity for our agility students to try themselves out on a full course of obstacles under trial conditions.

While I was still mulling over whether we could pull this off, Carole was already planning and organizing! "What about a twilight trial?" she suggested after she had come up with a couple of possible dates. And so it happened! We decided on a couple of classes that we thought most of our dogs could manage and then began to spread the word.

With committee approval and the support of those in Levels 2 – 4 there was no stopping us. We needed a judge and were very grateful when Gleny's agreed to take on this daunting task. I'm sure she was having second thoughts each time she heard the latest number of entries. By closing date we had 144 runs and I had visions of us being there until midnight.

The mock trial took place on 1st March, beginning with set up at 5pm and the last run at 9.30pm. We had a few scratchings and another few dogs had to leave early as it was past their bedtimes but we still ended up with 123 runs. Everything we needed was donated so we made a profit of \$527. Due to the smooth running of the trial we had completed presentations and closed the gate behind us by 10pm. Quite a feat! It was a fun night and dogs and handlers got to try out their developing skills and learn what Touch 'n Go and Tunnellers looked like. Some did very well and are now considering taking the next step into a sanctioned trial; others recognized gaps in their training and where they need to improve.

I think all benefited by the opportunity to run a complete course without having to share the space with other dogs as they do in class on Sundays. Even the Level 2 dogs did well considering they have not done any sequence work yet in class.



Thank you to all who helped in any way – Carole (organizing, paperwork, ideas woman etc), Gleny's (judging), Bev (lining the competitors up, keeping them moving and settling nerves), Pam, Janelle and Leonie (scoring, scribing etc), Julie (time keeping for much of the evening), John (sausage sizzle), Nanette and Christine (canteen), and anyone else who helped by relieving the above, setting up / dismantling the shelter, roping off areas, setting up / putting away equipment and generally helping out wherever there was a need. The evening went very smoothly due to the great support of everyone there.

Finally, thank you to all the competitors who had a go in such an enthusiastic manner. We hope you had fun and we appreciate your generosity whether you made it around the course or not. Your support and encouragement of each other was great to see. It was also great to see the number of spectators who came along to cheer on family and friends and make the evening such a social occasion, too.



Congratulations to the following who placed in the various events:

TOUCH 'N GO

LEVEL 3: 1st - Rebecca Kearney and Reuben
2nd - Vivienne Benham and Cassie
3rd - Susan Axe and Hector

LEVEL 2: 1st - Mark Harris and Emma
2nd - Rebecca Krowiak and Daisy
3rd - Gleny's Murray and Knight

LEVEL 1: 1st - Doug Hamilton and Bonnie
2nd - Marion Bray and Cherie
3rd - Elaine Longshaw and Kuyan

TUNNELLERS 1

LEVEL 3: 1st - Lee-Ann O'Brien and Gemma
2nd - Carole Sparks and Lacey
3rd - Trish Gavaghan and Star

LEVEL 2: 1st - Julie Hole and Jemma
2nd - Cassie Cole and Scout
3rd - Wendy Ganly and Gambit

LEVEL 1: 1st - Anne Milligan and Nell
2nd - Raelene Hartney and Millie
3rd - Renee Renshaw and Penny,
Wendy Ganly and Jorja

TUNNELLERS 2

LEVEL 3: 1st - Leigh Helmers and Leah
2nd - Trish Gavaghan and Star
3rd - Karalyn Bell and Lady

LEVEL 2: 1st - Julie Hole and Jemma
2nd - Cassie Cole and Scout
3rd - Wendy Ganly and Gambit

LEVEL 1: 1st - Anne Milligan and Nell
2nd - Glenda Mackay and Shep
3rd - Sandra O'Hara and Lexi



What Is Flyball?

It is a fast, thrilling and action-packed sport involving jumping, catching and retrieving. It is an opportunity for dogs and handlers to work together and with their team mates, and above all it is FUN. Flyball is conducted as a relay race between two teams of 4 dogs. Each team usually consists of 6 dogs so the dogs can be rotated throughout the day.

The course consists of a start/finish line, 4 jumps (hurdles) and a box. Each dog runs down the lane, jumping over the hurdles and step on a spring loaded box that shoots out a tennis ball. The dog catches/retrieves the tennis ball and runs back over the hurdles. When the dog crosses the start/finish line the next dog goes.

Two opposing teams run against each other and the first team to have all 4 dogs across the finish line without errors wins the heat. There are between three and five heats to a race. Flyball competition day is a round robin event and there is between 20 and 26 heats during the day.

The height of the hurdles is dependent on the height of the shortest dog running in that heat. Jump heights for each team are set at 4 inches (10.2cm) lower than the shoulder height of the smallest dog in the team. The minimum height is 7 inches (20.3cm) and the maximum 15 inches (40.6cm)

Competitions are sanctioned by the Australian Flyball Association and are held throughout the year. Dogs compete as a team in divisions determined by total team time, and each dog also competes for their own individual titles.

Flyball is a sport in which any dog can participate, regardless of breed, shape or size. Flyball does not interfere with obedience training. In fact, the sport reinforces the disciplines taught in obedience class. Most dogs wear a Flyball harness when competing. You and your dog can begin training once your dog is 6 months old and is under effective control.

Besides being great for dogs, Flyball is a lot of fun for people too! It is a great way to meet people locally and all around Victoria & Australia. The team-work aspects bring people together as they strive to improve their team's performance. Flyball can be as competitive as you want to make it. The best part of all is just having fun with your dog, and seeing the look of excitement on your dog's face at the start of a day of racing, and the look of content at the end of the day.



Want to Start Flyball?

Has your dog

- ✚ Successfully completed beginners class
- ✚ Completed merit class but NOT necessarily passed

Will your dog

- ✚ come to you when called?
- ✚ retrieve (preferably a ball)
- ✚ allow an instructor to handle it without being aggressive
- ✚ work off lead (i.e. not run away)

Is your dog

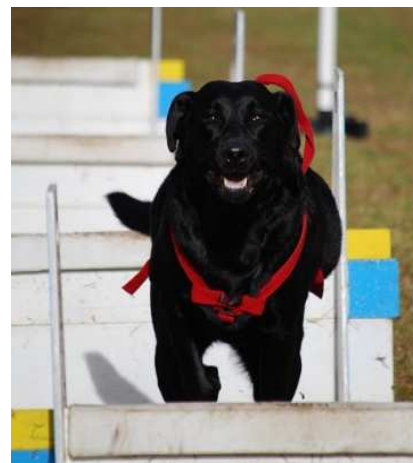
- ✚ 6 months or older
- ✚ Fit & Healthy
- ✚ Good with people
- ✚ Good with other dogs
- ✚ Have lots of energy

If you answer yes then you are ready to start Flyball classes. If you answer no to something and still want to try Flyball please speak to a Sally Hunt flyball instructor. Vacancies now exist for this class.

**Classes are held at 10.30 am on Sunday at the Geelong
Obedience Dog Club**

Note: We strongly encourage all beginners to continue with obedience, as Flyball, like the other club activities, is based on basic obedience exercises.

We run Flyball for fun. Training and competing should remain fun for the dogs and their owners. All handlers are expected to respect others and conduct themselves appropriately at all times.



General Meeting 5th February 2013

Meeting Opened: 8pm

Apologies: Helen Read, Karen Millard, Roland Linford, Janelle Convery, Alex Shackleton,
Carol Sparks,

Minutes from previous meeting read

Accepted: J Ball **Seconded:** V Douglas **Carried** All

Business arising from minutes:

Jim Ball questioned did we receive in writing a letter from anyone stating the regulations regarding the rubberising of agility equipment. Was this actually something that needed to be done. He was talking to Murry Tylor who was under the impression that it wasn't a requirement.

Tina Button looked up the registration on the ANKC web site but could not find any such requirement.

L Kellaher made a motion that the club contacts OTEC and get the ruling in writing.

Seconded by J Taylor **Carried** All

Correspondence Inward: City of Greater Geelong X 5. Ricoh. Entertainment Books. Trish Gavaghan.
Dogs Victoria. Wendy Mitchell. Powercor

Correspondence Outwards: City of Greater Geelong. Wendy Mitchell

Correspondence in:

- City of Greater Geelong.
 - Offer to extend lease of building for further 3 years
 - Licence between Council and GODC for premises to be reviewed.
 - Spoke to Amy Mulcahy from Corporate Strategy & Property Management At CoGG
 - CoGG is reviewing all crown land leases and licences as part of a wider process. GODC will be included as part of this. An assessment of CoGG inputs to each ground is being included in the review which may result in adjustment in fees.
 - Request further info re: grant for club room upgrade.
 - Passed on to Victor for reports
 - Certificate of Registration of food premises
- Ricoh.
 - Meeting with Matt Gower
 - Offered new copier with more features
 - Monthly cost the same.
 - Per copy cost less.
- Entertainment books:
 - Requesting number of book required for 2013
 - It was agreed that we start off with 20
- Trish Gavaghan :
 - Proposal for Fun Agility Trial

- Friday Night. 1st March
- Wendy Mitchell
 - Cheque for fund-raising of \$120.00 received 7th December 2012
 -
- Powercor
 - Smart meter
 - Made booking to have installation done.
 - Wednesday 27th February 2pm

Correspondence Out:

- City of Greater Geelong
 - Letter taking up offer to extend Lease sent January 6th 2013
- Dogs Victoria;
 - Schedule for
 - April rally trial
 - July Rally & Obedience trials
 - August Rally Trial

Business Arising from Correspondence: Nil

Motion to accept Correspondence as read:

Accepted: Glenys Murrey **Seconded:** Jim Ball **Carried** All

Reports:

- Treasure: Attached
- Grounds manager: Attached
- Equipment Manager: Nil
- Shop Manager : Nil
- Canteen Manager: Nil
- Trial Secretary: Attached
- Social Secretary:

Kris Kotsopoulos Obedience in Drive seminar to be held May 18th & 19th. Cost of \$440.00 per head

\$100.00 per head going to the club. Tina spoke to Kris and it was thought that we cap the numbers at 40. Which gives the club \$4000.00 profit minus the cost of catering.

Also later in the year she hopes to get both Steve Austin and Vicky Austin to come and give us their time. To be on separate days. And hopefully in September to run a trivia night which the last time we ran one raised \$1500.00 profit. End the year off with a bang.

Motion to Accept Reports:

Accepted: F Lehrmann **Seconded:** D Dickeson **Carried:** All

General Business:

- **Red Cross Waurn Ponds fund raiser**
 - Saturday 2nd March 2013
 - There is a list on the verandah.
- **V Douglas**
 - Reported that Faggs Mitre 10 currently are selling 4 wheel trolleys at \$99. & \$119. These would be good for the Agility people to move their sand bags around in rather than carrying them.
- **Wendy Ganly**
 - Asked was Alcoa still giving grants. Maybe we can look into a grant to help pay for the needed equipment.
- **Fred Lehrmann**
 - Due to the clubs financial situation was it the right time to buy any equipment.
- **Tina Button:**
 - In relation to the 19th of May training day. As it is the Million Paws Walk that date and expressions of interest have just gone out, could the club make it an official GODC day and have members take part in the walk rather than do training on the ground. This leaving the ground clear for the seminar.
 - Also could the Agility People do a agility demo under the banner of the club on the day.
- **This is to be taken to the next Committee meeting for discussion.**
- **Christine Jagtenberg:** Taking a look at the club calendar, the first block of training goes for 11 weeks not 10 therefore it would be easy to bring back the first day of the next block one week and have an extra week in the second block. Doing this gives us a free weekend for the seminar not effecting the flow of training.

As there was no further general business meeting closed at 8.50 pm.