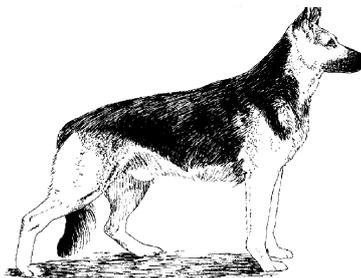
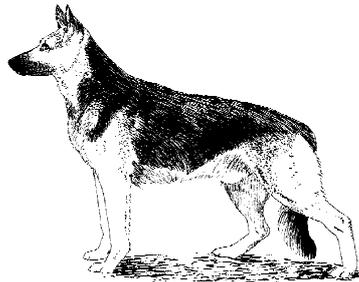
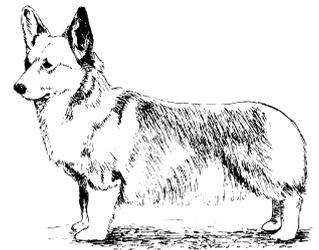
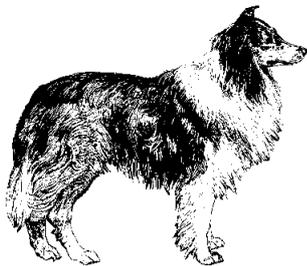
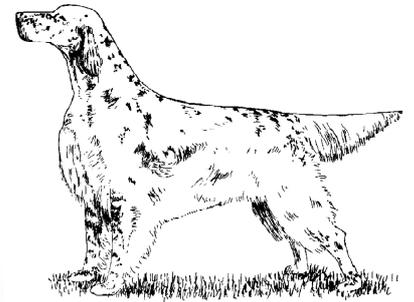
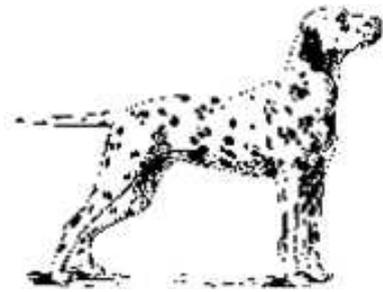


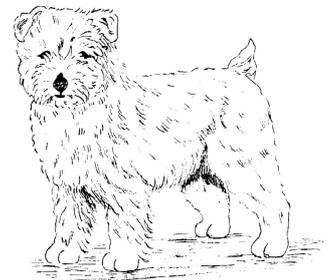
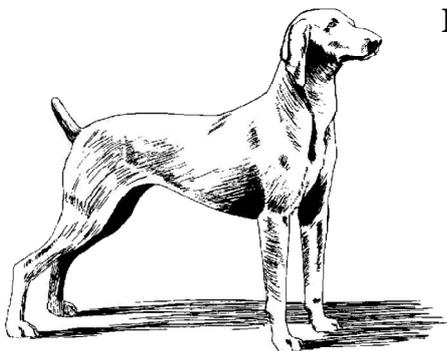
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CLUB CALENDAR

September

Wednesday	3 September	Committee and Non-Committee nominations close
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>7 September</i>	<i>Normal training. Newsletter available</i>
Saturday	13 September	AGILIYT TRIALS
Sunday	14 September	AGILITY TRIALS. NO TRAINING
Monday	15 September	Newsletter Closes for articles, reports etc
Monday	15 September	Instructors Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Wednesday	17 September	Life Membership nominations close
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>21 September</i>	<i>Normal training.</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>28 September</i>	<i>Normal training.</i>

October

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>5 October</i>	<i>Fun Day including presentations. Newsletter Available</i>
Monday	6 October	Induction for new Members
Tuesday	7 October	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 8.00 pm
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>12 October</i>	<i>Term 4. Training commences for all members.</i>
Wednesday	15 October	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>19 October</i>	<i>Normal training.</i>
Monday	20 October	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>26 October</i>	<i>Normal training.</i>

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Wendy Ganly

Flyball

Sally Hunt



What's happening on the Committee, 20/06/2014.

At a recent Meeting the Committee has concluded that it will be necessary to recommend that all Membership fees should be increased yearly by \$2.00 per year. This increase would be effective from the new financial year in July 2015.

Members will be able to vote on this matter at the next Annual General Meeting being held on the 7th October 2014 at 8 PM.

The reason for this recommendation is to keep up with the constantly rising costs of the maintenance for all the things needed to provide a good safe environment for Members and their very special furry friends.

If we do not take this step we predict that in a couple of years we would have to increase fees by \$10 to \$15 in one hit and that would be unpleasant for everybody.

Kathleen Taylor - Treasurer

From the Committee.

John Taylor has now become the new Shop Manager and he is in the process of getting in more equipment. If members wish the club to order in special items from Black Dog. Speak to John and we can order it with our next order at club prices.

Current total Bank Account Balance is \$35,354.35.

We are looking into putting down Vinyl in the canteen to help with the yearly Health Department inspection. Hopefully we can get that done before the next inspection.

Bob, The Hall Manager would like to thank all who attended the last working bee. The turnout was really good and we got a lot done. Thank you!!

The club has purchased 5 new tunnels for Agility and will be arriving soon.

The Jump supports have been adjusted in accordance with the new Dogs Vic regs and the equipment is in the process of being painted ready for the trial. Not all equipment will be available for use over the next few weeks.

Agility Trial is coming fast. We will be needing lots of help from members on the day. Helper forms will be in this month's newsletter or you can get one from the office.

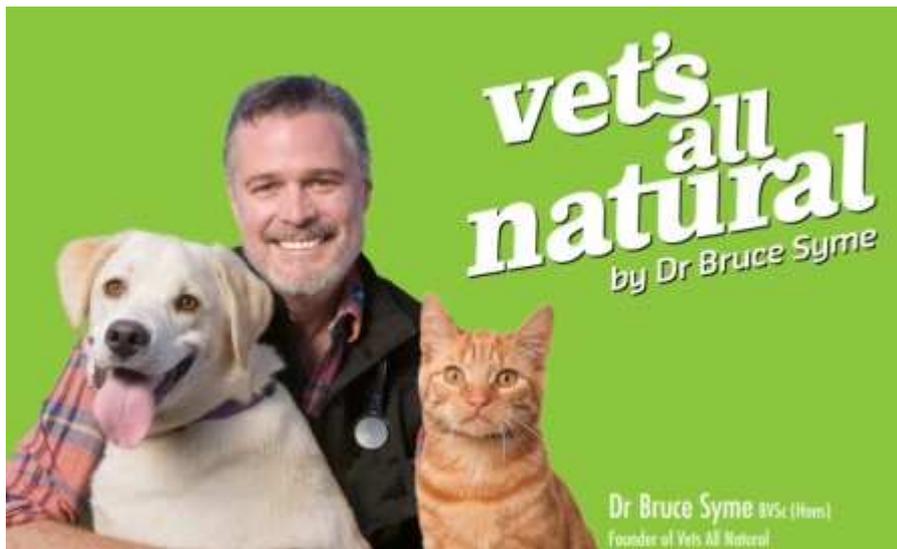
TRIAL RESULTS

Saturday 12.7.14 60th Anniversary Trials

Elaine Longshaw	Coppertop Perfect Pitcha CCD RA	Rally Excellent A NQ 1 ST PLACE
	Elmaro Celtic Cross CCD RE	Rally Excellent B Pass (Trial 1)
	Elmaro Celtic Cross CCD RE	Rally Excellent B Pass (Trial 2)

Sunday 13.7.14

Elaine Longshaw	Coppertop Perfect Pitcha CCD RA	Novice Obedience NQ 3 RD Place
	Coppertop Perfect Pitcha CCD RA	Rally Excellent A Pass (Trial 1)



Thank you to Vet's All Natural and to Hanrob Pet Hotels for sponsoring our Trials for 2014



Is your dog bored, destructive? Does your dog need extra exercise, socialisation?

Hanrob Pet Hotels are our Major sponsor for our Agility and Obedience trials, They are offering a DOGGY DAYCARE service to our Geelong Members at a reduced price.

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Hanrob Pet Hotel Melbourne is located at [444 Melrose Drive](#), Tullamarine. www.hanrob.com.au

Limited places available each week. All breeds welcome.

For bookings or further information, please call Tina on [0414363556](tel:0414363556) or email tbutton@hanrob.com.au

TRACKING

I began my tracking with Branko a few years ago competitively. I became interested in the sport when Branko loved to walk everywhere with his nose on the ground. Wendy Ganly first did a little training over a few weeks with a small group, it wasn't till sometime after that I thought to actually give it a go. I have now gone through all levels of Tracking and now working through Track and Search. I have posed a few questions below and answered them to give you more information about the sport I enjoy with Branko.

“What is tracking?”

Tracking is a sport to do with your dog/s, it can be done by any breed and any size of dog. It is a seasonal sport and in Victoria the tracking season is generally from April – September.

"How do I train for tracking?"

There are different methods in training your dog to track, its an natural instinct and your dog was able to do it from birth. In training we are teaching the dog to follow a designated scent. The most common way to start in tracking is to attend a seminar or course and then form into a small self-help group to do regular training. Tracking Club of Victoria hold workshops at the start of every season. Unlike obedience or conformation you cannot easily take group training, as the space necessary is quite large and the time taken for each dog is too great to make it viable to train more than a few dogs at a time. Hence most people find it more practicable either to do most of their training on their own or in small groups. Whichever way you train, you will be constantly surprised at the ability of the dog to track and to differentiate various scents.

"How many different tests are required?"

In order to qualify for Tracking Dog (T.D.) there are three tests. Test 1 is 400 metres with two turns. Tests 2 and 3 are both 800 metres with a minimum of two turns. There will be two articles placed on the track. The dog must find at least one article and the tracklayer to pass. For Tests 1 and 2 the handler is able to nominate the tracklayer. After Test 2, all tracklayers will be unknown to the dog. To qualify for Tracking Dog Excellent (T.D.X.) there are three tests. Tests 4 and 5 are 1000 metres with a minimum of four turns and Test 6 is 1200 metres with a minimum of five turns. The Tracking Champion (T.Ch.) test (Test 7) is 1200 metres with a minimum of six turns. The age of the tracks varies between a minimum of 20 minutes for Test 1 to a minimum of 90 minutes for Test 7.

“What do you need?”

Dogs are required to wear a suitable harness and be attached to a long lead (a minimum length of 10 meters), good supply of old socks to use as articles. I find explorer socks are good to have, and have a bag full in my tracking bag. A tarp or hoochie to hide in when you lay tracks for others. Be mindful that the cover you use shouldn't stand out so no bright color. I bought my hoochie at an army disposal shop. Some other essential items are a good pair of hiking boots, coat, gators, wet weather pants.



“Do I reward my dog”

When first you begin training you reward the dog frequently, you can do this along your track by placing a piece of food in the article on the ground. Gradually you phase this out as you dog becomes more aware of following the scent. It is also good to reward your dog at the end of the track, I usually use a small My Dog tin as they are easy to carry and mess free. Some times people will use a container of chicken or similar. While also talking about rewards it is also etiquette to reward the track layer for laying out the track and waiting sometimes in extremely wet and cold conditions, just a little gift such as a scratchie tickets, chocolate bar, or hand warmers. **Leonie**

Golden Retriever



Background The Golden Retriever was first developed at the Scottish country estate of Lord Tweedmouth during the 1860s to assist in the retrieving of upland game and waterfowl.

The English Kennel Club officially recognised the Golden Retriever as a breed in 1920. They were first imported and registered in Australia during the 1930s.

Average Lifespan When considering a dog, please realise that you are taking it on for its lifetime. Golden Retrievers live from between 10 to 13 years of age.

Breed Personality/Characteristics/Temperament. The Golden Retriever is an intelligent, affectionate dog, both active and powerful, with a kindly expression. The instinct to retrieve is still an important characteristic of the breed; however the Golden Retriever's willing, adaptable nature and physical attributes make it an exceptionally versatile breed. It has been used in a wide range of roles and activities such as gundog, guide dog for the blind, therapy pet, obedience and show dog. These dogs' desire to please is legendary.

Cocker Spaniel



Background The Cocker Spaniel is a breed that was first mentioned 3000 years ago as existing in the Mediterranean countries. These "long eared rabbit dogs" were observed in the Roman province of Spain and it is believed they were brought to England after the Roman conquest of Britain in approximately 56 BC. They featured prominently both as working dogs and pets through the reigns of Henry VIII and the Stuart Kings, being referred to as "wood-cocking spaniels" - small dogs that could go through hedges and undergrowth to flush out the

wood-cock.

The beginning of the twentieth century saw the formation of the Cocker Spaniel Club of England which drew up the early standard of the breed for shooters who needed a small, active, strong dog, sturdy enough to work cheerfully and tirelessly all day flushing or driving out the game.

Average Lifespan When considering a dog, please realise that you are taking it on for its lifetime. Cocker Spaniels live from between 12 to 16 years of age.

Breed Personality/Characteristics/Temperament This fun loving, merry little dog makes a wonderful family friend and a devoted companion. It thrives on and needs the companionship of human beings.



Labrador Retriever

Background The Labrador originated in Newfoundland, off the coast of Canada, and was taken to England on fishing boats in the early 19th century. Here they were developed and bred as a hunting dog, being used for retrieving game in rugged terrain and icy waters. They were popular as tough, strong dogs with excellent scenting powers and a strong desire to please. Even today, Labrador Retrievers are the most popular breed with shooters and they also work as police dogs, customs dogs and guide dogs for the blind.

Average Lifespan When considering a dog, please realise that you are taking it on for its lifetime. Labradors live to 12 - 15 years of age.

Breed Personality/Characteristics/Temperament Labradors Retrievers are intelligent, active, fun-loving dogs, eager to please and extremely sociable. They want to be friends with everybody, and are not a "one person dog". The breed is wonderful with children, and makes a good watchdog - adopting a big deep bark to notify of any intruders. As with all dogs, young children and pets should always be supervised when together.



English Springer Spaniel

Background The pendulous ears, soft gentle expression, sturdy build and friendly wagging tail proclaim the English Springer Spaniel unmistakably as a member of the ancient family of spaniels. It is the largest of the land spaniels, and was originally used to find and spring game for the nets, or the falcon carried by hunters.

Average Lifespan When considering a dog, please realise that you are taking it on for its lifetime. English Springer Spaniels live to up to 12 years of age.

Breed Personality/Characteristics/Temperament Every inch a sporting dog, the Springer is a tireless worker in the field, with great tenacity and endurance. The English Springer Spaniel is probably the best choice for any sportsman who wants one dog as an all purpose gun dog. The Springer is actively represented in obedience, agility, field trials and conformation shows. A people's dog, the Springer thrives on human companionship. Playful and patient with children, it loves nothing better than romping around and taking part in their games. As with all dogs, young children and pets should always be supervised when together. Although normally fairly quiet, the Springer nevertheless makes a good guard dog.

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Workshops with Karen Damiani

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- There is a maximum of 8 dogs in each workshop with each person receiving a hands free belt.
 - If your dog has a head halter or other equipment please bring it along.
 - You need to bring some lunch to prepare for yourself as part of a training exercise
 - You will need to bring some high value and interesting treats for your dog to train with
- Bring good shoes, motivation, optimism, dedication, patience and a sense of humour along too!
 - These workshops are not suited for aggressive dogs
- The workshops starts with a 1pm October 11 2014 check in at 57 Coppards Rd Moolap.

All registration forms to
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Dogs Name _____ Age _____

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Specific Problems Please complete profile _____

More on Karen Damiani (Williamson) at www.karendamiani.com

The 7 Signs Of Dog Separation Anxiety You Need To Watch Out For

How would you feel if you were locked inside your house or garden, and you become aware that your child has just gone off down the street or driven off in a car? Or worse, just realise that they are MISSING! Would you be panicking? Would you be yelling at the top of your lungs? Would you be climbing the wall or trying to break the door down? Chances are that at the very least you'll be feeling extremely anxious! If your dog is suffering from separation anxiety, then that could be the kind of panic your dog is experiencing when you go out.

Once you understand what's going on in your dogs head, a whole set of so called 'dog behaviour problems' can start to make sense. Separation anxiety is one of the most common problems faced by dog owners all over the world. Plenty of advice is available as well as some so-called miracle gadgets that promise to 'solve' it. Sadly, most of it won't help at all, because they only seek to distract your dog rather than deal with the actual problem itself.

The solution is actually quite simple and doesn't require you to spend a small fortune. Neither does it require a lot of time and effort on the part of the owner. But before we go down the road of finding the right solution, the first thing to be sure of is whether your dog is suffering from separation anxiety in the first place. There are some very obvious symptoms and some more subtle tell-tale signs, sometimes missed by owners or taken to mean something else.

Symptom 1: Making a Lot of Noise While You're Out

The most obvious signs are the noisy ones and definitely the hardest to ignore. A dog barking, howling, crying or whining when the owner is out of sight is a classic indicator of separation anxiety.

This kind of behaviour can have your neighbours complaining as loudly as your dogs. Also many dog owners react badly to this situation and can end up making it worse.

All too often, these very audible symptoms are mistaken for a dog being bored or lacking in exercise, when in fact separation anxiety is the cause. It's simple really - if a dog is stressed as to the whereabouts of its family members it will make a noise like a homing beacon, to try to get them to come back to safety, just like it would in the wild.

Symptom 2: Chewing

All dogs react differently to the stress of separation and while some dogs will be proactive in trying to get the family back together, and perhaps try and claw their way out, others will not cope at all and start to panic.

Chewing releases a natural endorphin into the body that can help to calm down the nervous system — so chewing up your favourite shoes is often a dogs way of trying to feel better. All too often I hear people saying that the dog is punishing the owners for leaving them and it couldn't be further from the truth! You can also understand why they'll target items such as clothes, or even sofas as they smell of the missing person. Unfortunately the damage is often expensive!

Symptom 3: Escaping

Sometimes dogs will try and escape while their owner is out and most people believe that their dog is trying to run away. However, it's more likely that they are trying to get out to find their owners. I remember visiting a family that had two Labradors, who would try to jump out of a bedroom window when the family went out. The idea of doing something dangerous was not nearly as important as the need to find their 'lost children'. It was a genuine attempt by the dogs to get out and find their owners. This also links to the next symptom.

Symptom 4: Destructive Behaviour

Dogs that scratch doors or dig up carpets, or even chew the plaster from the walls around the front door, are panicking about where you are and are trying to find you. I know of countless cases of dogs attacking the threshold area particularly to get out.

Symptom 5: Health Problems

Some dogs will excessively lick or chew on their own body to relieve stress. Some owners are advised to leave food and a toy out to occupy the dog or feed it while they are away, yet it is not a substitute or cure, merely a distraction. It's not hard to imagine that a parent whose child has gone missing would not be in the mood to eat or play a game. If stress becomes too great it can also lead to health problems, in the same way as humans who cannot cope with stressful situations. Often the vet will find it hard to diagnose anything specific.

Symptom 6: Messing In the House

This is perhaps one of the more unpleasant symptoms to deal with as some dogs will pee and poop in the house while the owner is out. This could be anywhere —the carpet, the doorway or even your bed. It may make absolutely no sense to you, but it makes perfect sense to a dog, in the same way that making a lot of noise does. A dog relies heavily on its sense of smell to find its way so the dog believes that if the house smells of the pack, the pack members will be able to pick up the scent and know where to return to.

Symptom 7: Following You Everywhere

Interestingly, the most common sign of a dog with separation anxiety shows up when you're still at home. It's when you can't move around the house without your dog moving too. They literally seem to be stuck to you like glue! Some dogs will even lay on the owner's feet in order to be alerted by the slightest movement. Unfortunately, this kind of intense parenting is not helpful to dogs or owners (unless the owners never want to leave the home).

So here again are the 7 signs that your dogs may be suffering from Separation Anxiety

- Barking, Whining, Howling or Crying
- Chewing
- Escaping
- Destructive behaviour
- Health Problems
- Messing in the house
- Following you everywhere

If your dog is showing signs of any of these, then you need to act now. Unfortunately your dog's separation anxiety will not go away by itself and often will continue to get worse.

How To Put a Stop To Your Dog's Separation Anxiety In 3 Easy Steps

1. Identify the symptoms of separation anxiety in your dog.
2. Show your dog, in a way they understand, that they are not responsible for you (because at the moment they really think they are). That means taking on the role of pack leader yourself.
3. Learn the right way to leave your dog and return so they never feel responsible for you again.



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WE NEED YOUR HELP AT OUR TRIALS

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th September 2014

On Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th September our Club will be holding 4 Agility/Jumping Trials. This will be a very busy weekend and we really do need your help. Agility/Jumping Trials are a great spectacle, but also very labour intensive, so if you would like to learn more about this particular canine discipline, here is your opportunity. Please tick a box where you will be prepared to offer an hour or more service to your Club and return it to the Office by Monday 1st September.

- Working Bee – *Saturday 6th September* – 10.00am - Cleaning the grounds & hall.
- Working Bee – *Friday 12th September* – 2pm - Setting up rings, bins etc, cleaning and setting up hall

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

Saturday

- Morning Trial* – required from 8.00am to 1.00pm approximately. Breakfast will be provided. Must be VCA Members
- Afternoon Trial* – required from 1.00pm to 4.30pm approximately. Lunch will be provided. Must be VCA Members

Sunday

- Morning Trial* – required from 8.00am to 1.00pm approximately. Breakfast will be provided. Must be VCA Members
- Afternoon Trial* – required from 1.00pm to 4.30pm approximately. Lunch will be provided. Must be VCA Members

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

Saturday

- Morning Trial* – required from 7.30am to 1.00pm approximately. Breakfast will be provided.
- Afternoon Trial* – required from 1.00pm to 4.30pm approximately. Lunch will be provided.

Sunday

- Morning Trial* – required from 7.30am to 1.00pm approximately. Breakfast will be provided.
- Afternoon Trial* – required from 1.00pm to 4.30pm approximately. Lunch will be provided.

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

Saturday **Sunday**

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

Saturday Morning **Saturday Afternoon**

Sunday Morning **Sunday Afternoon**

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

Day available _____

Time available _____

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

Saturday **Sunday**

Cake Stall Donations

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

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

Food preparation

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

NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL _____

There will be no normal training on Sunday 14th September.

