

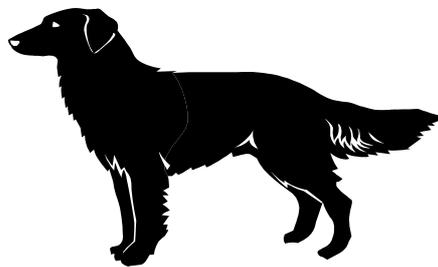


Patron: Mrs Betty Cabena

November 2004

## **NEWSLETTER**

**EASTERN SUBURBS OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB**



**WELCOME AND HAPPY TRAINING EVERYONE!**

## **YOUR COMMITTEE**

### Office Bearers

President	Brian Arter	9874 1432
Vice President	Graeme Carter	9887 2564
Secretary	Andrea Sciberras	9877 1528
Treasurer	Russell Gamble	9877 2135

### General Committee

Carlene Wilson, Janelle Burns, Yvonne Kitch, Michael McNeil.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Our Club was formed in 1969 to cater for those owners of purebred dogs who were interested in trailing their dogs to Obedience Trial standard and has been very successful in this regard. On being granted affiliation with the Victorian Canine Association in 1979, all breeds whether registered or not have been accepted.

## **CLUB RULES**

- All dogs should be kept on leash at all times, excepted when given permission to work off leash in class.
- Handlers wishing to leave their dogs tied up on the Club grounds should only do so if their dogs are safe with people especially children. No dog may be tied up where it can reach another dog.
- Dogs in season should not come down to training for four weeks. This does not mean you should stop the training of your dog.
- Dogs must be immunised against distemper and canine hepatitis before coming to classes. This should also be renewed yearly.
- A dog suffering from any illness or skin problems should not be brought to classes until a Vet has pronounced the condition not contagious.
- Handler must remove their dogs excreta from the training area – implements are provided.
- Physical punishment of dogs is not permitted in training classes.
- Instructors have authority over their classes and may ask a member to take their dog out of class if it is disruptive.
- Instructors are not permitted to handle and train a member's dog in class.
- While at the grounds before and after classes please control your dogs.

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## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

November 2004

Hello Members Well here we are nearly at the end of the year. The weather has been good and our training has not suffered over the winter months.

Our Fun Day was held on October 24th everyone that came enjoyed them selves and best of all the dogs had a great time. I would like to thanks Ann, Russell, Members and Committee members who all helped to make it a great day.

We also held our Obedience trial on Sunday 31st, we had a good day the weather was great and entries good, everything went smoothly thanks to our Committee and Members for their help, it would not have been the success it was without your help and to Graeme for helping me with the trailers. Thanks to Melissa and Michael for taking classes on the day of our trial, and to Melissa for your contribution to the raffle.

Three of our members entered the trial, Pam, Phil, Josh unfortunately no one passed well done for having a go better luck next time. Congratulations to Josh and Bailey for winning the Club sash.

Welcome to all new Members remember there is tea, coffee and biscuits supplied after training, and if you have any questions about your dog please ask, the Instructors and myself are only to pleased to help solve you problem.

Happy Training  
Brian Arter

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## NEW MEMBERS

Janet Mitcham  
Maree Whitlock

Scout  
Ella

Boxer X Labrador  
Labrador Retriever

## RENEWALS WELCOME BACK

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## FUN DAY RESULTS HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2004

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### Mini Agility

1st Andrew & Grommit  
2nd Nicole & Aisha  
3ed Michael & Aisha  
Dog and Handler Race Girls

1st Jo & Stella  
2nd Madison & Elmo  
3rd Rebecca & Kia

### Dog and Handler Race Boys

1<sup>st</sup> Josh & Bailey  
2nd Andrew & Grommit  
3ed Paul & Saxon  
Fastest Eater

1st Chantelle & Ella  
2nd Wendy & Zac  
3rd Jason & Billie

Congratulation to winners and place getters

We will be having another Fun Day on the 12th of December our last day of training.

Our AGM will be on Friday the 10th December hope to see a lot of member attending it does not take long, then we can have a chat and eats after the meeting is over.

## OBEDIENCE TRIAL DATES 2004

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<b>Club</b>	<b>Date</b>
Wangaratta K & O Club	Sat 21 at Jul
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Western Port Obedience Dog Club	Sat 28th Jul
Moorabbin & District Obedience Dog Club	Sun 29th Jul
Sunbury & District Obedience Dog Club	Sat 4th Sep
Northern Obedience Dog Club	Sun 12th Sep
Shepparton & District Obedience Dog Club	Sun 26th Sep
Warringal Obedience Dog Club	Sun 3ed Oct
German Shepherd Dog Club - indoors	Sat 9th Oct
Knox Obedience Dog Club	Sun 10th Oct
Altona Civic Obedience Dog Club	Sun 17th Oct
Werribee Obedience Dog Club	Sat 23rd Oct
Gisborne & District Obedience Dog Club	Sun 24th Oct
Eastern Suburbs Obedience Dog Club	Sun 31 at Oct
Bairnsdale Dog Obedience Club	Sat 6th Nov
Geelong Obedience Dog Club	Sat 6th Nov
Gippsland Obedience Dog Club	Sun 7th Nov
Southern Obedience Dog Training Club	Sat 13th Nov
Ballarat Dog Obedience Club	Sun 14th Nov
Portland Obedience Dog Club	Sat 20th Nov
Portland Obedience Dog Club	Sun 21st Nov
Victorian Obedience Dog Club	Sun 5th Dec
Croydon & District Obedience Dog Club	Sun 12th Dec

## EASTERN SUBURBS OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB 2004 CALENDAR

JANUARY	18th	Committee Meeting
FEBRUARY	1st	Training Starts
FEBRUARY	22nd	Obedience Trial
MARCH	14th	Committee Meeting
MARCH	28th	Fun day
JUNE	6th	Committee Meeting
JUNE	26th	Tracking Trial
JUNE	27th	Tracking Trial
JULY	18th	Committee Meeting
SEPTEMBER	12th	Fun day
SEPTEMBER	19th	Committee Meeting
OCTOBER	31st	Obedience Trial
NOVEMBER	14th	Committee Meeting
DECEMBER	10th	Annual General Meeting
DECEMBER	12th	Last Day of Training, Fun Day

FOR UPDATES TO THIS CALENDAR PLEASE CONSULT YOUR NEWSLETTERS

All articles etc, for Newsletter to be given to Russell Gamble or Andrea Sciberras

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## Training Tips

Teaching your dog to sit, the easiest way is to run your hand down the dogs back until you reach the tail, at the same time lift the dogs front legs up a little and tell the dog to sit.

Teaching the dog to stand, gently pull the lead forward a little with your right hand, then with your left hand over the top of the dog to the back leg with just a little pressure, telling the dog to stand

Teaching your dog the drop from a sit position firstly put your dog in the sit position. Then gently lift the front legs from the back with your right hand then with your left hand gently push down on the shoulders, lift straight up and down telling your dog to drop at the same time.

There is no need to use hand signal at this stage you are all finger and thumbs when you are a beginner, your coordination is not that good in the beginning.

Training your dog requires large amounts of Patience and Persistence.

## SCRATCHING

One of most problems suffered by dogs and cats, scratching can be the main symptom for a whole range of skin diseases. It is a common contention that the incidence of skin disease in dogs has a lot to do with the way we keep them.

FOOD ALLERGIES It's true that many cases, food allergies are involved. Most dogs with sensitive skin do better on a low allergy diets than on "cheap' n' cheerful" brands.

CENTRAL HEATING Central heating is also thought to be a factor in many cases; many of our much - loved breeds of dogs are naturally dressed for the cold and we are a little too warm in the average centrally heated house. Overheating can lead to itching and skin disease.

FLEAS Central heating is also involved in flea problems, the most common cause of skin disease in dogs. The breeding cycles of fleas would normally be limited to the warmer months of the year, but in the carpets of most heated homes, fleas can reproduce at an alarming rate all year round.

CONTACT ALLERGIES Carpets can also be involved in one of the less common causes of skin irritation contact allergies. Some dogs have sensitivities to things that they come in contact with and, while grasses, and pollens can be involved, carpet fibres and house dust mites are commonly identified allergies

INTERNAL DISCOMFORT Occasionally, scratching does not relate to primary skin disease. Instead, it can indicate internal pain or discomfort. For example, a dog may scratch his face because he has ear, nose or tooth disease; or his side because he has an internal tumor, abdominal pain, a splinter or sting; or his bottom because he had blocked anal glands. Nerve disease can also cause itching, as abnormal sensations caused by damaged nerves can create skin irritation.

OTHER CAUSES Other causes of skin disease, itching and scratching include liver disease and hereditary skin problems, the latter being relatively common in West Highland White Terriers.

WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT If your dog is diagnosed with sensitive skin and skin allergies, giving him pure cotton bedding on a tiled or linoleum floor in an unheated room may help settle things down. A hypo - allergenic diet may also prove beneficial. The most important precaution against itching and scratching is to treat your dog and sleeping area, regularly for fleas. Modern - day living can have much to do with making dogs itchy

By Robert Baxter

Reprinted form Cocker newsletter

### **Entree / Snacks – Liver Snacks**

Set oven at 150 degrees Celsius before starting. You will need a REALLY sharp knife

Equipment: One sharp knife, Oven trays greased with Canola food spray

Ingredients: Finely prepared even fresh liver strips. The liver is not soaked. Granulated garlic.

Method:

Prepare Liver into strips

Place on prepared oven tray

Put into oven

Turn occasionally - when the liver is dry and hard remove from oven

Allow to cool and store refrigerated in a air tight container

Should keep for 3 weeks

### **To all Dog Owners**

Please don't forget to carry something to pick up the poo when, walking your: dog. This is required by law. You are responsible for what your dog leaves behind and you and finds can be hefty if you are caught not cleaning up the mess.

Reprinted from Forest Hill Veterinary clinic Newsletter

### **Vaccinations**

Don't forget to have your vaccinated when the time comes around, to safe guard your dog while out and about, it is one of the requirement of the dog school so as soon as you have re vaccinated your dog please show it to your instructor.

### **Do The Right Thing**

Simpson Park and Somers Trail are only two of many designated "OFF LEASH" areas where your dog may run free.

Out of consideration for other park users, all dog owners should ensure they carry a plastic bag or some such container with which they can collect their droppings and dispose of in the bins provided, or carry home and dispose of in the way they keep their own back yard clean.

This year, Council officers WILL fine dog owners who do not carry means of collecting their dog's waste.

You clean up your own back yard, then why not treat public property with the same care?

## NOTICE OF MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the  
EASTERN SUBURBS OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC will be held at  
Pigeon Club  
Dunlavin Road Nunawading  
On FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup> 2004 at 8.00 p m**

### Clause 27 (1) of the Club's Constitution

Every member who was a financial member of the club for not less than three months of the financial year preceding the Annual General Meeting and is currently a financial member shall be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible to nominate as an office bearer or member of committee.

### THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE POSITIONS WILL BE DECLARED VACANT.

**PRESIDENT  
VICE PRESIDENT  
SECRETARY  
TREASURER  
EIGHT COMMITTEE POSITIONS**

The nomination for the above positions close 15<sup>th</sup> November 2004. Please forward nomination form, duly signed etc. to the secretary, Mrs. Andrea Sciberras on or before November 15<sup>th</sup> 2004. Items to be included in the Agenda of the General Meeting must be received by the secretary, on or before November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2004  
AGENDA ITEMS CLOSE NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2004**

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## EASTERN SUBURBS OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC - NOMINATION FORM

We wish to nominate

For the position of

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Nominated by

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dated

\_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dated

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nominee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dated

NOTE: All three persons involved must be financial members of ESODC and the person nominating for the President, Secretary, Treasurer or Public officer must be a financial member of the VCA. Please forward complete form to the secretary Andrea Sciberras on or before November 15<sup>th</sup> 2004.

