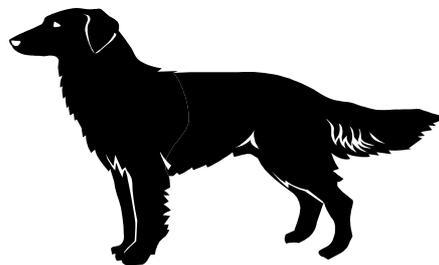


Patron: Mrs Betty Cabena

October 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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## **SECRETARYS REPORT**

Unfortunately I am not always down at the training ground, but by all account I hear that everyone is happy with his or her training, as are the instructors with your progress so keep the good work up.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the instructor for their time each Sunday morning rain hail or shine to impart their knowledge in training dogs to you, all of our instructors are volunteers.

We will be having a FUN DAY on the 24th October 2004 a flyer elsewhere in this newsletter. So hope you can all come to that, next we are having our last obedience trial for the year on the 31st of this month all welcome to come along and watch. And if anyone could help out even for a little while it would be much appreciated please see anyone of the instructor if you can help.

Please bring a dish for water now the warmer weather is just around the corner, and do not leave your dog in the car with the windows half open, the car heats up very quickly and your dog will be very stressed

Once again thanks to you all for being apart of this small but obliging group of people Keep the good work up

Andrea Sciberras

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## NEW MEMBERS

Stan Slabon	Emmie	Springer Spaniel
Eileen Slabon	Ceileir	Gordon Setter
Greg Woodruff	Tess	Border Collie
Christine Woodruff	?	Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
Jason Thompson	Billy	Labrador Retriever
Chris & Emma Uhe	Sally	German Shorthaired Pointer
Subhash DeMenezes	Zeena	Boxer
Lisa Brooks	Specky	Cocker Spaniel X
Katrina Malin	Kia	German Shepherd Dog
Geoff O'Callaghar	Carly	Retriever X King Charles
Brad Craig	Cassie	Spoodle
Joe Klopfer	Jack	Dobermann
Ian Lochore	Elvis	Heeler X Jack Russell
Cindy Lochore	Rocky	Labradoodle
Andrew Gordon	Grommit	Boxer
Francois & Georgia Finette	Harry	Labrador
Sophie Harle	Colin	Whippet
Tania Bunnk	Samson	Great Dane
Diane & Paris Calwell	Mason	Border Collie
Barbara Richards	Boo	Labrador Retriever
Jo Draper & Dean Kruger	Scampa	Jack Russell Terrier

**RENEWALS WELCOME BACK**

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Neil Brown	Seb & Sheba	Labrador Retriever & Dashound X
Wendy Emes	Elly	Golden Retriever X Collie
Chantelle Spiller-Ball	Zac	Golden Retriever

### OBEDIENCE TRIAL DATES 2004

Club	Date
Wangaratta K & 0 Club	Sat 21 at Jul
Wangaratta K & 0 Club	Sun 22nd Jul
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

Please ask the Instructor if you need a little extra help making your dog do the exercises.

Remember to do some training during the week not just on Sundays, five minutes a day will be great best times are in the morning and last thing at night just before your dog goes to bed, so he/she will remember what they have learnt

Dogs learn only by repeating the commands and showing him/her what you want from them and this will not be done in five minutes, it will take at least six months to a year for the dog to understand all your commands.

Some dogs learn very quickly other take a bit longer Training your dog requires large amounts of Patience and Persistence.

**NEVER GIVE UP, YOU CAN DO IT.**

## *Dog Obedience Benefits*

In this day and age it is more important than ever to consider some form of Obedience Training for our canine companions. Whether your dog is big or small, hairy or smooth coated, old or young, all dogs and their owners will benefit from the pursuit of Obedience Training.

Things you and your dog will learn at school are to teach your dog to Sit, Stand, Down, Come when Called, and Stay when Left, and Heel Close to your Left Side. If you practice enough and your dog becomes proficient at all of the exercises, you may like to trial your dog in one of the obedience trials that are held nearly every Sunday and a few on Saturday. So when your instructor thinks you are ready to take the plunge then enter an Obedience Trial, and try for an Obedience Title for your dog.

As you go through the different levels your dog will be required to do some jumping and retrieving, which you will learn how to teach your dog to do this at the Club.

Because the dog world is governed by, the Victorian Canine Association you will have to become a member to trial your dog.

The idea of Obedience Trials is to demonstrate the usefulness of the dog as the companion and guardian of man and not the ability to the dog to acquire ability in the performance of mere tricks.

Starting off as a beginner you can compete in the Encouragement Class. The next is Novice. When three qualifying scores are attained your dog will be eligible for the title of Companion Dog. Your dog will then have the initials CD at the end of his 1st name. The next level is Open Class. With three qualifying scores at this level your dog will attain the title of Companion Dog Excellent. The CD at the end of his 1st name will then be changed to CDX. The next level is Utility Class. With three qualifying scores at this level your dog will attain the title of Utility Dog, and the CDX letters will be replaced by those of UD.

To achieve the title of Obedience Champion, the dog must attain five qualifying score of 185 points or more and win the ring three time, and the UD letters will be replaced by those of OC but these letter will be at the front of your dogs name.

Some of this article was taken from VicDog

## SUMMER MEANS FLEAS!!!

Reprinted Summer 97198 The Victorian Aid Trust

It is a frequent reminder to pet owners, but does not necessarily give the entire picture, for fleas can be active even in winter. This is especially so where pets live entirely or partially indoors, in conditions of warmth and moisture, during winter. Carpet, in a closed consistently warm home provides ideal conditions for fleas to hatch and infest animals (and humans) in immediate environment.

However, summer is upon us, and from all accounts and forecasts may be a long hot one due El Nino. This could be a blessing in disguise from the point of view of flea control, as the hot, dry conditions could kill dormant flea eggs in the general environment. But this should not cause complacency because sheltered areas in, around and under the home may provide exactly the sort of conditions required for hatching of flea eggs in the millions.

There are also other potential health problems associated with flea infestations, among them Flea Allergy irritation dermatitis. Miliary dermatitis in cats and the acquisition of one species of tapeworm, which is carried by fleas.

The skin afflictions are particularly frustrating as they are often recurring. They can also be mistaken for other allergies, because of a recent bath and an absence of fleas on the animal is often thought reason to rule out a flea allergy. In reality, the flea initiating the allergic attack is probably long gone, because fleas spend more time off an animal than on them. Also, it does not take many more than 1 or 2 fleas feeding on an animal to cause severe allergic reactions in susceptible individuals.

It is therefore as important, if not more, to treat your pet's environment as thoroughly as you treat your pet for fleas.

This is the principle on which the newer form of flea treatments operate as they contain insect Growth Regulators which prevent eggs from hatching, thus reducing the resident population of fleas in your pet's immediate vicinity, over a period of time.

Treat external environmental sites such as kennels and animal bedding, sandy sheltered areas in the garden, flower beds, they are under the house (particularly if your pets have access to this area), and any other areas that are frequented by your pet.

Treatment of these areas is probably best achieved by washing animal bedding regularly and using yard sprays made up to the recommended dilution. It is important to note that yard sprays can be denatured by ultra violet light, and hence relatively frequent re-spraying of designated areas is necessary. It will obviously help if you can possibly restrict your pet's access to 'hard to clean' areas.

Internal environments are the obvious areas to treat, i.e. bedding, carpet, couches, beds and doonas and any other place to which your pets have access. Regular washing, steam cleaning, and the use of 'flea bombs' will help to keep internal areas free of fleas and their eggs.

A common reason for ineffective flea control is that products are inconvenient or difficult to use. Nowadays a wide range of products is available. Many of the newer ones are formulated not just

with efficacy of flea control in mind, but also with due consideration to convenience and ease of application. Such products include:

Spot On type treatment, e. g.

- Advantage,
- Frontline Top Spot (for cats and dogs)
- Oral treatment, e.g. Program (a monthly tablet for dogs or liquid for cats),
- Sentinel (a combined heartworm, intestinal worm and flea preventative for dogs)

All of these products are available only from veterinary surgeries, and are dispensed with a good deal of useful advice on their proper use. (unfortunately VAAT cannot provide them, as we are not able to service the general public, however we can advise.)

### **DOG UNDER EFFECTIVE CONTROL**

After training there has been a lot of dogs allowed to run around unsupervised while owners have coffee or tea or just stand around talking, which is great, but do not allow your dogs to terrorize other dogs that are on lead and a bit timid.

It's all well and good that our dog can have a run around after class. Council rule say that the dogs must be under effective control while in a dog free area, not to run up to anyone in a threatening manner, dog or human and not to jump on anyone.

Club rules, rule number 10. While at the grounds before and after classes, please control your dog

So please make sure your dog has a run but does not interfering with other park users.

Andrea Sciberras

### **A Dog's Prayer for His Master - Will Judy**

O Lord of humans, make my master faithful to his fellow man, as I am to him. Grant that he may be devoted to his friends and family as I am to him. May he be open faced and unreceptive as I am; may he be true to trust reposed in him as I am to his. Give him a face cheerful like unto my wagging tail; give him a spirit of gratitude like unto my liking tongue. Fill him with patience like unto mine that awaits his footsteps uncomplainingly for hours; fill him with my watchfulness, my courage, and readiness to sacrifice comfort or life. Keep him always young in heart and crowded with the spirit of play even as I. Make him as good a man as I am a dog; make him worthy of me, his dog.

Reprinted from The Malteser Magazine & Cocker Club newsletter

### **Vale In Loving Memory**

We were sadden to hear that Melissa East, lost Oscar who was a good pal both to Melissa and Penny and I am sure sadly missed by both.

May you rest in peace little one

### **Wholemeal Biscuits**

For the problem dog, who for digestive reasons is unable to take dry food as part of their every day diet:

112 lb wholemeal flour  
1 oz dripping or marg  
1 tspn vegemite

114 tspn salt  
114 pint of milk and water  
pinch of bi-carb soda

1. Dissolve the fat, vegemite and bi-carb of soda in warm water diluted milk.
2. Mix flour, and salt
3. Add liquid and mix to a stiff paste
4. Roll out thinly cut into rounds or squares etc
5. Place on greased try and bake for 30 minutes at 350fh

### **Dogs Birthday Cake**

500 grams Lamb minces, or Beef, or Rabbit  
 500 grams Chicken  
 1-2 cloves Garlic  
 1 grated Carrot  
 1 grated Zucchini  
 2-4 flowers Broccoli  
 2-4 flowers Collie  
 112 stick Celery  
 112 cup cooked Rice  
 2 tablespoons Processed Bran  
 6 Eggs

Spices  
 1 teaspoon Italian Mix Herbs  
 1 teaspoon Basil  
 1 teaspoon Parley  
 1 teaspoon powdered Ginger

Mix altogether put into a microwave loaf dish and cook for 15-20 minutes ( or make hamburgers these take less time to cook. ( or you can cook it in an Oven on 180c for about an hour this may take a little longer to cook

### **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?

**EASTERN SUBURBS OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB FUN DAY**

The Committee Would Like To Invite You

To Our Games and Sausage Sizzle

On September 24th 2004

At Simpsons Reserve Mitcham

Between 9.00am – 11.00am

The games we are having are:

Mini Agility

Fastest Eater

Dog and Handler Race for boys and Girls

Lollie hunt

GUESS HOW MANY JELLY BEANS OR WHATEVER IN THE JAR COMPETION

PRESENTATION WILL BE HELD AT THE END

Hope you can all stay for the presentation

If inclement weather please phone Brian on 9874 1432 or Russell on 9877 2135