



WELCOME

JUNE 2007



EDITOR'S SPOT

Welcome To all new members. Hope all are enduring the cold weather we are having but still able to have some fun with your dogs.

Our August Obedience & Agility trial has come and gone having been a great success. We had a good entry for both days, the weather was kind to us and the feedback from competitors was excellent. Everyone enjoyed their time in Wangaratta. Our 4 Judges were Mr Bill Almond (NSW) who judged Agility & Jumping. A lovely man. Who gave a great speech regarding the need for country trials and that country clubs have the ability to get in and help each other & was a pleasure to see, competitors who were happy to help construct the courses & lift

heavy equipment alongside the club volunteers. Our other Judges were Mr Murray Tyler (VIC) Obedience, Agility & Jumping. I hear Murray had a great time Saturday night at the local pub surrounded by girls having a few laughs and a few reds. Mr Fred Brueckner judging Obedience & his wife Joy who helped us out by stewarding both days stayed in the local area an extra day for some sightseeing before heading back to Melbourne. Mr Trevor Moore (VIC) who judged Obedience also bought his wife & all expressed pleasure being at our Trial.

A big thankyou must go to all who volunteered their time to help in all areas from weeks before to make the trial a suc-

cess. Every aspect of help given from the office, right down to the person giving a cup of tea to the judge & Steward as their working helped to make a successful trial. I can't name you all but you know who you are. **THANKYOU**

RAFFLE: 1st prize (Stretcher dog bed donated by Serrindipity) was won by Maree McCabe

2nd prize (Hamper of dog treats made up by our sponsor Todds Tasty Treats) was won by another local member Linda Atkinson.

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Special points of interest:

- Teaching toFetch
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- Drop exercise
- Leadership issues between you & your dog



CLUB MEETINGS

Kennel Club meetings are every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the club rooms.

Any articles of Interest or obedience & Show results are welcome to be submitted to newsletter not more than 2 months old.

Publications are Bi Monthly

FEB, APRIL, JUNE, AUG, OCT, DEC.

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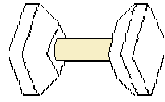
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Annual Membership fees: \$25

+ \$5.00 Joining fee is applicable (New membership only)
Pensioners: \$10, Dual Membership \$30, Junior members 14-16- \$10
Those that are already members the Wednesday night fee is \$3.00
Membership is due & payable by 1st Dec

Holding an object



Prerequisite: A dog that remains clam as you access his or her mouth!

The first step in teaching the retrieve is to teach the dog how to hold the dumbbell correctly. Ideally, the dumbbell or any other object should be held tightly just behind the canines. Dogs often want to throw the dumbbell to the back of their mouths where they can chew on it, a behaviour that is best prevented from the beginning rather than corrected later in the training process. **HOLD** means to grip the object in the mouth until commanded to release it. Although you can teach the hold with any object, I begin with a finger because it is easy for me to tell exactly

when the dog establishes a grip. You might want to cover your hand with a training cotton gloves before beginning. In this exercise, you will open the dogs mouth by inserting a finger in the side of the mouth behind the canine while holding the dogs collar so he doesn't move away. Instead of popping a reward into the mouth, insert your gloved finger just behind the canine teeth. Gently close the mouth with the other hand and praise when the dog exerts pressure on the finger to mark behaviour. Using a release word such as **GIVE** or **THANKYOU**(Not

the **OK** type release word that you use to signal the end of an exercise), allow the dog to open the mouth releasing the finger as you drop in a treat. As the dog becomes familiar with this game, interject the word **HOLD** to coincide with the dog exerting pressure on your finger. Remember to always give a verbal release to indicate to the dog when it may cease to hold. When the dog has learned to grip with the **HOLD** command, you are ready to progress to holding other objects. Use all different things such as leather, Plastic, wood, metal and paper etc.

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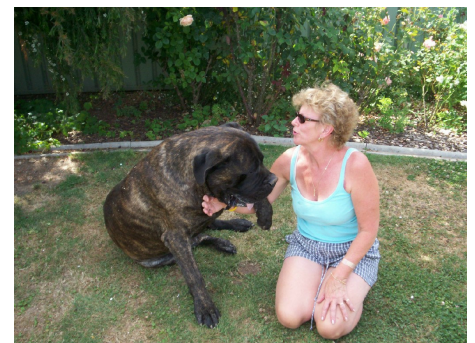
YAN GERDOOK MASJON PRINCE – "BJ" **ENGLISH MASTIFF 26/2/2003 – 6/9/2007**

BJ – English Mastiff with a giant personality. A gentle nature who loved everybody and anyone who met him instantly fell in love with him also. Suddenly & unexpectantly became ill and quickly passed away in the loving arms of his devoted owner Rhonda.
"There is no rhyme or reason why the big boy died, he was four years old .
I went out to him on Sat. morning, and he would not come to me. He was lying in the sun, under a

shrub.
I could see he was paralysed and his breathing very shallow, I spoke to him and he gave out two little whimpers.
I knew he was in big trouble, I phoned the vet to come asap.
I held him in my arms, (but it was too late) and in seconds you were gone. You were my saviour, hero & most of all my soul mate. You were my life Big Boy I will never forget you. You've left a horrific void.

Always in my heart. Thankyou to the Wangaratta Club for the phone calls, flowers, & cards. You were truly good friends during my time of hysteria & devastation. Rhonda.

On behalf of the club we send our sincere sympathies to you Rhonda. will miss the big boy.



CLUB TROPHIES

OBEDIENCE TROPHIES:

May Trial-This goes to the highest scoring local member.

VONKAISERHOF GERMAN SHEPHERD TROPHY FOR MAY:

To the highest scoring german shepherd in Trial.



Best in Show or
High in Trial

OBEDIENCE TROPHY: To the member with 3 highest passing scores which are

submitted by the end of November. The winner has their name added to the club shield.

SHOW TROPHY: 3 Highest scores submitted by the end of November. The winner has their name added to club

shield.

IAN McBAIN SHOW TROPHY FOR JUNE SHOW:

Local sweepstakes. You must specifically enter on the day.

CLUB SPOONS/BADGES: Enter all titles by the end of November to be eligible for club spoon or badge.

OBEDIENCE RESULTS:

Wangaratta K & O DC Obedience Sat

CH Shepbrae Watt A Spark "AZM"

1st Place Novice & Highest Scoring Local

Member. Owned by Brooke Pilkington

Wangaratta K & O DC Obedience Sun

Ausled Summer Romance TD(Swedish Vallhund)1st Place Novice & Highest Scoring Local member with 176 points. This gives Otto his Companion Dog Title

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!

Owned by Billie Louwrier

Kizza CD JD(Associate) 2nd place Open 176 points. Owned by Lisa Willis

Wang Agility & Jumping Sat

Silvanwood Mistbythamuch(Aussie Shepherd)Qualified 1st place Novice Jumping. Owned by Lisa Willis

Wang Agility & Jumping Sun

Silvanwood Mistbythamuch(Aussie Shepherd)Qualified 1st place Novice jumping. Owned by Lisa Willis

SHOW RESULTS:

Southern Region

CH Ausled Summer Romance TD

BOB

Owned by Billie Louwrier

Nellinda Cleopatra TD(German Pinscher)

GAINED HER AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!

Owned by Jill Hollingsworth

TRACKING RESULTS:



Knox Obedience Dog Club

Nellinda Cleopatra (German Pinscher)

Passed Track 1 with Vgood grading

Bendigo Obedience Dog Club

Nellinda Cleopatra (German Pinscher)

Passed Track 2 with Excellent grading.

This gives Inge her Tracking Dog Title

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!

Owned by Jill Hollingsworth

Bendigo Obedience Dog Club

Pastoraleman Baronesa CDX TD (GSD)

Passed Track 3 with VGood Grading

Ausled Summer Romance TD

(Swedish Vallhund)

Passed Track 3 with VGood grading

Owned by Billie Lourwrier

Eastern Suburbs Obedience DC

Giday Rip Curl Girl CD TD ET

(Standard Poodle)

Passed Track 4 with Pass Grading

Trackig Club Vic

Pastoralman Baronesa CDX TD (GSD)

Passed Track 4

Ausled Summer Romance (Swedish Vallhund) Passed Track 4

Owned by Billie Louwrier

Tracking continued

Tracking Club Vic

Giday Rip curl Girl CD TD ET

(Standard Poodle)

Passed Track 5 with VG Grading which gives Tia her TRACKING DOG EXCELLENT TITLE

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!

Owned by Maree McCabe

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Nellinda Cleopatra TD (German Pinscher)

Passed Track 3 with Pass Grading

Owned by Jill Hollingsworth

Gipsland Dog Obedience Dog Club

CH Nellinda Cleopatra TD(German Pinscher)

Passed Track 4

Owned by Jill Hollingsworth



**WANGARATTA
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- *We offer Puppy classes
Beginners to Advanced
Obedience & Show
Classes pending bookings
Agility pending Interest
& availability of
Instructors*



SOME DOGS SPORTS COMPETITIONS

OBEDIENCE

TRACKING

AGILITY & JUMPING

ENDURANCE

FIELD & GUNDOG WORK

HERDING

CONFIRMATION SHOWS

TEACHING TO FETCH AND RETRIEVE AN OBJECT

Now that your dog has mastered the art of holding an object with out chewing on it and then releasing it on command. You can now proceed to holding the object out to the side of the dog sitting in front of you and asking him to fetch. The dog will hopefully turn his head and grasp the object in your hand, hold and release on command. Do this in different directions graduating to holding it on the floor slightly off the ground so its easier for the dog to take always rewarding him for doing it correctly. If not ,just repeat the exercise & reward when he completes it. When he is doing this consistantly put a long light lead on and sit him beside you asking him to stay or wait. Gently throw the object just out in front of you only far enough so the dog has to get up and take a few steps forward ask the dog to fetch pointing in the direction of the object, when he goes forward and pounces on the object, picks it up command the

word COME happily, if he doesn't come use the lead to bring him in. At the same time tell him to hold. When he comes and sits in front of you repeat the hold then gently place your hands either side and under the object asking at the same time GIVE. The dog will open his jaws letting the object go into your hands. Reward him copiously both verbal and if you wish food reward.

If the dog won't pickup the object after you have thrown it, go back to the beginning of TAKE,HOLD, RELEASE

If he won't release the object on command encourage him with a reward, but do not pull it out of his mouth or make a tug of war game out of it, as this is what the dog wants.

As the dog begins to retrieve and return consistantly and it becomes a great game you will be able to start doing it off lead and throwing the object further

away from you. Then when really confident vary things by incorporating a jump. Sitting the dog beside you, the object is then thrown forward over the jump, the dog is commanded to FETCH, he is to jump over the jump, retrieve the object and return back over the jump the same way & saying OVER as he is about to take off and then sits in front of you holding the object until commanded GIVE to release into your hands.

If your dog skirts around the jump on the return, practice with a (Light)long lead to encourage him and when he is consistant off lead is safe. Any regression ,always go back to basic's and start again to positively reinforce.

