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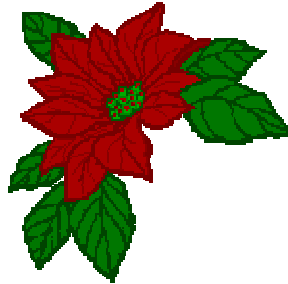
Hi, and welcome to all new members. The year is almost over and it has been a hard one for the club, member & Trial/Show numbers have been down & some members have due to illnesses been unable to participate in the club, leaving those left behind to take up the extra load to keep the club running. Well done to all. Next year will be a better one for all of us god willing. **DON'T FORGET ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE. VCA members \$10 Non members \$16.50. The club will break-up on the 6th December and resume the first Wednesday of February, which will be the 7th. The end of year presentation dinner is at the Pincent Hotel at _____ pm. Those who have gained titles & are listed in this issue of the newsletter try to be present so as to receive your title gift. The Next confirmation show for Wangaratta will be a double weekend at the racecourse in Benalla January 20th; any volunteers who can help the club out would be appreciated. You can contact Leslie Osmotherly or ask at the office.** To new members and their dogs young or old who have taken on the commitment of a training program in the form of obedience. The club is here to teach and help you as much as we can. Thankyou for being a responsible pet owner. Having a dog is something that needs to be scheduled into our lives along with work, the kids and lifestyle activities. To be successful, what you learn on Wednesday night, must be put into practice daily starting with 5-10 mins and gradually expanding to 10-20 mins as the dog learns what the words your saying, and the actions that go along with them means, he then finds he gets rewarded for good behaviour and an exercise completed correctly. Over time you will find it becomes easier as the two of you start working as a team, and others will see you and be amazed how well behaved your dog is. So be patient & Kind, firm & consistent in your training. If you're in a bad mood or frustrated **STOP** training, go make yourself a cup of coffee until you feel better, because your dog is in tune with your moods and will act accordingly. **MAKE TRAINING FUN** have play sessions in between the training for a few mins and use the play as reward for training well done, so you and the dog don't get bored. The most important thing is to **finish** with a correct and positive exercise you are happy with, so you are setting the dog up for success. DON'T over train on the one thing train in bits until you can put it together and make it complete. Variety is the spice of life.
Happy training!!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!!!!!!

Read & Enjoy



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DOMESTIC CLUB BUSINESS

Trial Dates for October/November

5th Dec Warringal Obedience Dog club (A)
10th Dec Croydon & District Obedience Dog Club (0)
28 Jan German Shorthaired Pointer Club (R/T)

Show Dates for October/ November

2nd Dec Kilmore KC (CH/S)
10th Dec Maryborough & District KC (CH/S)
19th Jan Benalla KC (TW/CHS)
20th Jan Wang/Benalla (TW/CHS)
21st Yarrowonga/Mulwala & Border CA (CH/S)



TRAINING EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

If you're unsure of what kind of lead or collar to buy, we have a range of good quality training equipment for sale. Ask either Jill Hollingsworth or any of the Instructors and they will be happy to help.



WANTED we urgently require interested members to become involved in the running of your club. Current members will train those interested until you feel comfortable to take over. We also need volunteers for our trials & shows, as stewards, setting up and taking down of the rings, canteen workers etc. Those interested please contact any of the instructors or any of the show members ASAP. To run a club it requires a team effort
REMEMBER ITS YOUR CLUB. WE NEED YOU!! The club doesn't run itself.

CLUB MEETINGS

Kennel Club meetings 2nd Tuesday of the month 7.30pm in the clubrooms.
All Show and Trial results (not more than 3 months old) are welcome to be put in the newsletter. They must be in by the month prior to publication. Publications are FEB, APRIL, JUNE, AUG, OCT, DEC.
Any articles of interest are welcome. Email to maree@mcmedia.com.au or phone 0357623568

CLUB POLICY

- (1) On arrival at the grounds, handlers are asked to:
 - (A) Pay their training fee or Register and proceed to their training area.
- (2) All dogs must remain on lead at all times whilst on club grounds unless working under the instruction of an instructor.
- (3) Bitches in season will not be permitted to train or to remain on the grounds during training sessions.
- (4) The chief Instructor may require the muzzling of any dog which displays aggression towards the Instructors, handlers or other dogs, or direct the dog to be taken from the grounds.
- (5) All dogs must be immunised and a certificate is to be produced upon request.
- (6) The handler is responsible for cleaning up any and all droppings from their dog immediately, plastic bags are available from the front office.
- (7) No dog under the age of 3 months shall be allowed to train in any class, and no child under the age of 14 years will be allowed to train a dog in any class unless with the permission of the chief Instructor.
- (8) No dog to be left unattended on club grounds. They may be tethered or confined in an area so that it cannot interfere with other dogs or members belongings.
- (9) ANY HURDLES OR JUMPS MAY ONLY BE USED UNDER SUPERVISION OF AN INSTRUCTOR AND MUST BE REPLACED AFTER USE.
- (10) Any person seen maltreating any dog will be reported to the chief Instructor for action on the matter. We do not tolerate maltreatment of a dog under any circumstances.
- (11) All owners or handlers are responsible for the actions of their dog at all times. This means before, during and after training sessions, and includes break times.

DON'T BE A LITTERBUG. PLEASE HELP TO KEEP OUR GROUND

TIDY. SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED DURING TRAINING



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.

The hour you spend each week with your dog under the careful guidance of Club instructors will enhance the relationship between yourself and your dog. Many people who join obedience clubs to learn basic obedience skills with Their dog progress through the classes and start competing in obedience trials Which are held most weekends throughout the year all over Australia. This is An opportunity to meet other owners and their dogs as you compete to achieve Passes at various levels, which will enable you to achieve obedience titles. The idea of obedience trials is to demonstrate the usefulness of the dog as a Companion and guardian of man and not just the dog acquiring the ability to Perform mere tricks.



CLUB TROPHIES

Members should be aware that they could accumulate points during the year towards Various trophies in both Obedience and Showing.

Obedience Trophy

Three highest passing scores should be submitted by the end of November. The winner has their name added to the shield

Show Trophy

Three highest scores should be submitted by the end of November. The winner has their name added to the shield.

Ian McBain Show Trophy. For the April show
Local Sweepstake. You must specifically enter on the day.

Obedience Trophy. For the May Trial.
This goes to the highest passing score, local member.

The VonKaiserhof German Shepherd Trophy. For the May Trial

This is for the highest scoring German shepherd in the trial

For a Club Spoon or Club Badge
Enter all titles by the end of November to be eligible for club spoons.



SHOW RESULTS

Junee Agi Society
Billie Louwrier

The Rock
Billie Louwrier

Hortonpark Royal Spirit (Shetland Sheepdog)

JIG-Challenge

Hortonpark Royal Spirit (Shetland Sheepdog)

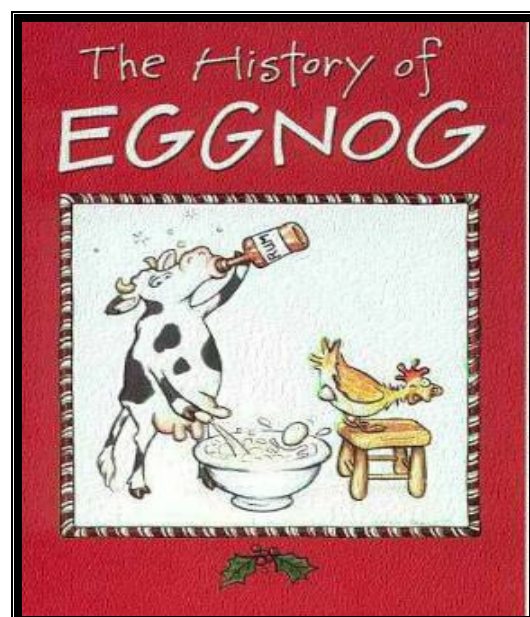
JIG-Challenge



OBEDIENCE RESULTS

Albury & Border KC
Billie Louwrier

Pastoraleman Baronesa CDX TD (GSD)
1st Place Open 189 points





Heatstroke (Heat Exhaustion)

This often occurs if the dog is kept shut up in a house or car without shade, ventilation or water. It can also happen as a result of the dog getting overexcited or being under stress; i.e. at dog shows. Signs are panting, slobbering, vomiting and diarrhoea, raised temperature and ultimately collapse and coma.

- Remove the dog from the heat into a cool or shady spot.
- Soak the dog with cold water from the hose or immerse it in an ice bath and gently massage its legs and body until you reach the vet or the animal's temperature returns to normal.
- Gently dry the dog with a towel. If the dog is conscious, give it small amounts of water. Give artificial respiration if necessary.

Reprinted from November

VICDOG

The best treatment for any type of heat trauma is prevention! Don't take and leave your dog in the car in the summer months unless you have means of ventilation. i.e. crate or grills for the car so the back & windows can be left open and air can circulate while still keeping the dog safe from harm. Make sure you have

adequate water and shade. If you are uncomfortable in the sun then it stands to reason your dog will feel just as uncomfortable if not more so if in a car with no air or water. Editor

Titles Gained for 2006



CONFIRMATION

Billie Louwrier *CH Ausled Summer Romance*
(*Swedish Vallhund*)

EDURANCE TEST

Janet Palmer *Coppertop China Doll ET.*
(*Dobermann*)

COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG

Melissa Moore *Tahli Bali CCD.*
(*Associate*)

COMPANION DOG EXCELLENT

Billie Louwrier *Pastoraleman Baronesa CDX*
(*German Shepherd*)

JUMPING DOG

Melissa Moore *Tahli Bali CCD. JD.*
(*Associate*)

TRACKING DOG

Billie Louwrier with both:

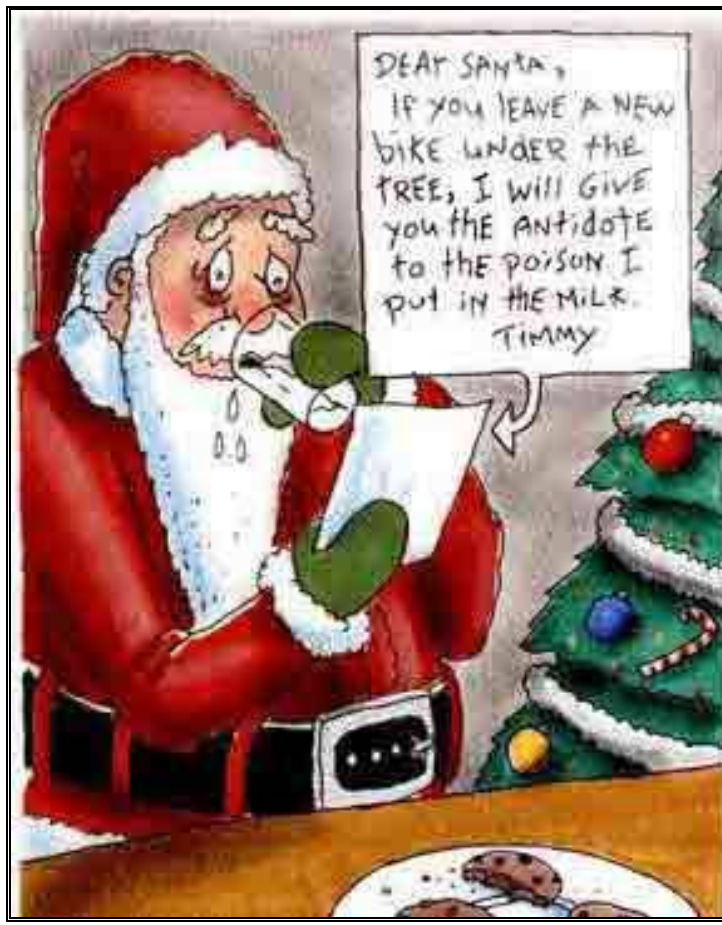
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(*German Shepherd*)



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*Giday Rip Curl Girl TD.  
(Standard Poodle)*



*Christmas message from your dog!*

*I admire and respect you as the leader of the pack; you're the centre of my world.  
I need your company.  
You're my commander in chief.  
If you leave me alone, I'm sad because I miss you.  
I'm a loyal and patient servant, I welcome you warmly whenever you come home.  
And I am just happy to be near you because I need your physical contact.  
I can assist you, your children, the ill, the deaf or the blind.  
Doctors say I can have positive effects on your health too,  
But most importantly I understand and accept you like nobody else.*





*Best Wishes  
for a  
Merry Christmas*

*&  
A Happy New Year*

*From the  
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Dog Club inc.*

