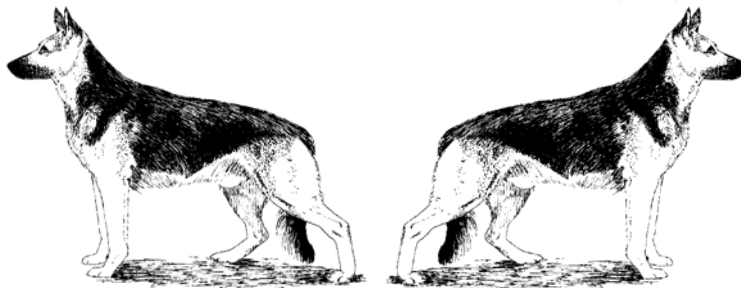
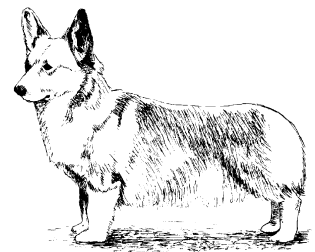
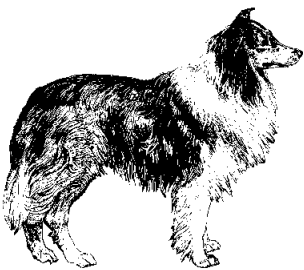
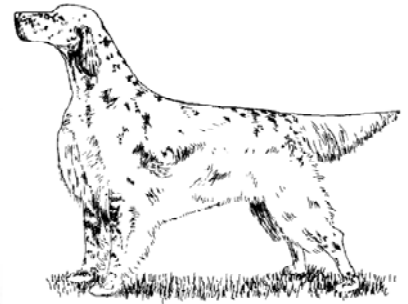


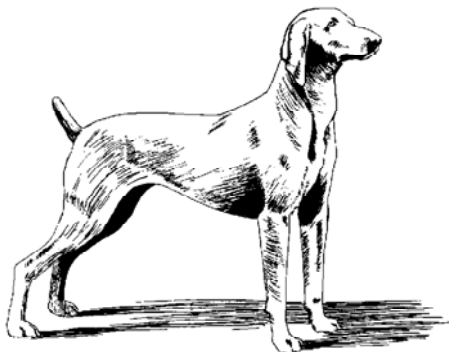
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The Committee would like to
wish all Members and
Instructors a very merry
Christmas and all the best
for 2011

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well I guess another year has passed us by and I for one am looking forward to the break, all be it a short one.

Some things seem to happen for a reason I guess, first we had the drought and now we have had an abundance of rain and water flood onto the grounds, which does not make for good training.

We have had a reasonably productive year I think as far as training goes. Had a reasonably successful Dogs Day Out and Agility and Obedience trials this year also. The new training program seems to be going well except for a few people who seem to find it hard to adjust. Maybe they need to look at the others to get help or ask for some.

Well enough for me. May I wish, on behalf of the Committee and the Instructors, you all a Merry Christmas and a successful New Year.

Jim Ball - President

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Hi everyone

As another year comes to an end I would like to take this opportunity to say well done to everybody for a great year. Our new training program is doing well and it's great to see dogs and owners having fun while training.

Well done to those Members who gained Titles and Passes this year, also, to the Instructors for all your help and support to the Members. A job well done.

To the Committee, thank you for all your help throughout the year and finally to everyone, may you have a "Very Merry Christmas" and a safe New Year and I look forward to catching up with you all in 2011.

Karen Millard – Secretary

LIBRARY NEWS**THE DOG WHISPERER - BOUQUETS AND BRICKS PART ONE:**

Born in 1969 in rural Mexico where he earned himself the nick name of "the dog boy", this self taught professional dog trainer has become internationally known as The Dog Whisperer to his millions of fans who regard him as the guru of confused owners. He works with celebrities Oprah Winfrey, Nicholas Cage, Will Smith and Vin Diesel to mention a few. He has even advised President Obama on the art of Dog Handling.

Cesar Millan: Training Principles:

*handle the dog with "calm assertive energy."

*dogs are pack animals - owners must learn to become "calm assertive pack leaders."

Dog's Primary needs - in Cesar's order:

*Exercise

*Discipline

*Affection.

Training Premises:

*Give affection only when the dog is in a balanced state of mind.

*Owners must understand profound effect of own attitudes, internal emotions and physical postures have on

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dogs = strong posture [shoulders high chest forward] + calm assertive energy = success.

Identify Dog on 3 Levels:

- *1. Dog - canine rather than human needs.
- *2. Breed - [Boxer/Beagle etc] - breed specific energy level & behavioural instincts.
- *3. As an individual - Buddy/Prince etc.

MILLAN'S PHENOMONAL SUCCESS AS A COMMUNICATOR:

BOOKS:

1. Cesar's Way. [Mar. 2007]
2. Be the Pack Leader. [Mar 2007]
3. A Member of the Family. [Mar. 2008]
4. How to Raise the Perfect Dog. [2009]

PERIODICAL MONTHLY: - Cesar's Way.

DVD'S

- * People Training for Dogs.
- * Becoming a Pack Leader
- * Sit & Stay the Cesar Way
- * Common Canine Misbehaviours
- * Raising the Perfect Puppy

DVD SERIES:

Dog Whisperer with Cesar Millan.

Complete First Season 2006

" 2nd " 2007

" 3rd " 2008

" 4th " 2010

TRIBUTES/AWARDS

1. 2005 Humane Soc. of the United States: Genesis Award.
2. 2007. Michael Langdon Award for Inspiration to Youth through Television
3. 2006/07/09. T.V. show - Emmy nomination for Outstanding Reality Program
4. 2006. Honorary Membership of the International Association of Canine Professionals
5. 2009. Dog Whisperer - Best Variety or Reality Show - 23 Annual Imagine Awards.
6. 2010. T.V. Show: People's Choice Award for Favourite Animal Show.
7. 2009-10. Working with Yale University Faculty of Education to create teaching units for schools based on His work.

Robyn Youl - Librarian

AGILITY NEWS

November – and still the difficult weather conditions continue! Nevertheless, there have been a couple of perfect weekends in the past month and the agility triallers made the most of them.

The highlight would have had to have been the NADAC Australian Division National Championships held over the 5th, 6th and 7th November at Forest Edge in Neerim East. About thirteen of our agility dogs and their handlers made the trek down to Gippsland for three days of competition and fun. Most stayed on site but some found accommodation in nearby towns, with all of us meeting up each day at 'Geelong Junction' where we had set up our day shelters.

Passes were hard to come by as, being Nationals, all Novice courses were actually Open standard, but our dogs and handlers acquitted themselves well and we brought home a number of beautiful rosettes and Q pins.

On the Saturday night we had the presentation of the various awards to those who had achieved special



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milestones during the year and I take great pleasure in letting you know that Carole Sparks and Lacey were awarded their 1000 points Lifetime award and their Novice Triple Superior award, and Lee-Ann O'Brien and Gemma were awarded their Novice Versatility award. Congratulations girls on a wonderful effort!

To add to the fun each day we could also take part in the teams event and Geelong members were once again well represented. The teams were comprised of three dogs and their handlers and each dog had a specific part of a course to run, the courses being basically Regular, Hoopers and Tunnelers. There was a lot of laughter and champing at the bit as handlers waited for other team members to complete their requirements. Once again, I am very pleased to announce that Jo and Bracken, Annie and Misty and Susan and Hector were the overall winners, running under the name, "The Wild Ones". Woohoo! Go the Geelong dogs and their handlers who know how to have fun!

With the Nationals over, it is time to get back to Classes at GODC. Unfortunately there have been many disruptions to Agility training this past term but hopefully things will settle down now and we can get back to our routine from now on..... weather permitting!

As this will be my last 'Agility News' for the year I should like to take the opportunity of thanking you all for your support of Agility throughout the year. Agility is a fun sport and one which gives us the chance to make new friends who share our frustrations and successes. Thank you for your friendship and I look forward to more fun with you in 2011.

Finally, I wish you, your families and our wonderful dogs a very happy Christmas with lots of Agility presents for you all.

Trish Gavaghan



WINCHELSEA FESTIVAL

Well, what a great day we had!

After all the rain we had on Saturday, who would think Sunday would be a fine Spring day. Thanks to everyone who attended to take part in activities. Dogs and handlers had a great time.

Congratulations to Julie and Gemma for being the most entertaining, Raelene and Millie, Rebecca and Reuben for their enthusiasm during the day. I hope you all enjoyed your prize of a gift voucher donated by Megan Hole from the Winch Festival

Thanks also to Pam, Janelle and Leonie for all your help

Karen Millard

GEELONG MEMBERS ENJOY THE NADAC NATIONALS



The Wild Ones - the overall winners of the Team Events at the NADAC Nationals

The Team Members

Jo-Anne Hamilton & Bracken
Annie Macrae & Misty
Susan Axe & Hector



Upcoming Events-January 2011

SUN 9	TEST LEVEL HERDING TRIAL	SCOTTISH BREEDS DOG CLUB (P)
SUN 23	AGILITY TRIAL	CROYDON & DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB
SUN 30	JUMPING TRIAL	CROYDON & DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB

Trial Results

Lara - 24th October

S Axe	Hector	Chances	Q		★
		Regular	Q	4 th Place	
K Bell		Title			★
		Tunnelers	Q	3 rd Place	
		Weavers	Q	2 nd Place	
		Novice Jumpers	NQ	3 rd Place	★
V Bridges	Bryce	Novice Tunnelers	Q	2 nd Place	
		Elite Tunnelers	Q	1 st Place	
G Murray	Remy	Novice Weavers	Q	1 st Place	★
		Superior Novice Weavers Certificate (S WV N)			★
		Novice Jumpers	Q	1 st Place	
		Novice Regular	Q	1 st Place	★
J Convery	Mason	Title			★
		Chances	Q		
J Convery	Mason	Chances	Q		★
		Open Regular	Q	3 rd Place	
		Novice Touch N Go	Q	3 rd Place	
		Novice Touch N Go Title (TG-N)			
		Novice Tunnelers	Q	4 th Place	★
		Novice Weavers	Q	1 st Place	
		Novice Versatility Award			★ ★

Werribee Obedience Trial – AM Trial

F Hughes	Lachlan	CCD Obedience	Q	4 th Place	★
J Convery	Belle	CCD Title			★
	Mason	CCD Obedience	2 nd Pass	1 st Place	
		Utility Obedience (AM)	NQ	3 rd Place	
		Utility Obedience (PM)	NQ	3 rd Place	

German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria Restricted To Group 5 Obedience Trial

F Hughes	Belle	CCD Obedience	3 rd Pass	1 st Place	★
		CCD Title			★ ★

Warrnambool VCA Agility Trial – 31st October

V Bridges	Bryce	Masters Jumping	1 st Pass	5 th Place
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NADAC Nationals – Friday 5th November

PGavaghan	Star	Open Tunnelers	Q	2 nd Place
S Axe	Hector	Open Jumpers		2 nd Place
		Open Weavers		3 rd Place\

Trial Results

Team Event The Wild Ones

V Benham	Barkley
J Convery	Mason

Winners of the Teams Event at the Nationals

Novice Jumpers Veteran	NQ	3 Place
Novice Regular Veteran	NQ	2 nd Place
Open Jumpers	NQ	1 st Place
Novice Tunnelers	Q	2 nd Place
Novice Weavers	Q	1 st Place

NADAC Nationals – Saturday 6th November

G Murray	Remy	Open Regular	Q	1 st Place
S Axe	Hector	Open Hoopers	Q	5 th Place
		Open Jumpers	Q	1 st Place
		Open Weavers		3 rd Place
V Benham	Barkley	Novice Jumpers Veteran	Q	2 nd Place
		Novice Touch N GoVet	Q	4 th Place
		Regular Veteran	NQ	2 nd Place
J Convery	Mason	Novice Hoopers	Q	6 th Place
		Open Jumpers	NQ	2 nd Place
		Open Regular	NQ	2 nd Place

NADAC Nationals – Sunday 7th November

P Gavaghan	Star	Open Tunnelers	Q	1 st Place
G Murray	Remy	Open Regular	Q	1 st Place
S Axe	Hector	Open Hoopers	Q	4 th Place
		Open Jumpers		2 nd Place
		Open Tunnelers		2 nd Place
V Bridges	Bryce	Elite Tunnelers	Q	1 st Place
		Open Hoopers	Q	1 st Place
		Outstanding Open Hoopers Title		
V Benham	Barkley	Novice Jumpers Veteran	NQ	5 th Place
		Novice Tunnelers	Q	2 nd Place
J Convery	Mason	Open Jumpers	NQ	1 st Place
		Open Regular	NQ	3 rd Place



. Just a little saying for the Newsletter
 Handle every stressful situation like a dog.
 If you can't eat it or play with it,
 Just wee on it and walk away.

Helen Whitelaw



A day at Winchelsea Festival



YOU AND YOUR PET AT CHRISTMAS

A PET FOR CHRISTMAS

As we busily hurry around in the pre-Christmas chaos, it's easy to think of a pet as a novel and cute gift for a friend or family member. Think carefully about this choice of gift. Only give a pet to someone who you know wants a pet and is committed to caring for it throughout its life – not just for a few weeks.

We're all familiar with the sad story a few months after Christmas of puppies and kittens being dumped. Many of them were gifts where the novelty wore off.

CHRISTMAS HINTS FOR PETS

Beware of Christmas decorations being chewed or swallowed by enthusiastic pets! They can cause tummy upsets and at worst, a blocked bowel.

Don't overfeed your pet on Christmas treats. Remember that any sudden changes in a pet's diet can cause gastric upsets. Too much rich food could ruin your pet's Christmas. A small treat of a piece of turkey breast is always greatly appreciated though!

Don't feed cooked turkey and chicken bones: they can bring disaster. Only ever feed raw bones to your pet.



If the weather is warm, don't forget plenty of fresh water for your pet and heed all the warnings about cars and your family pet when the weather is hot. The temperature inside a car rises very dramatically even on a mild sunny day.

PETS ON HOLIDAYS

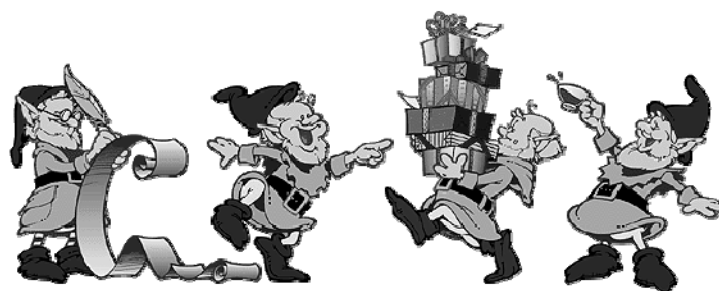
Heading off on holidays? Have you thought about what you'll do with your pet? It's important to include your pets in your holiday plans?

1. TAKING YOUR PET WITH YOU

If you're visiting friends or family you may be able to take your pet with you. Your pet will enjoy the holiday too.

There are a number of holiday homes, caravan parks and camping grounds where pets are allowed. There is a directory available with these places listed, copies available from many of the Vets, RACV and a copy is available to borrow from the Club Library.

If travelling by car ensure you have regular breaks for your pet to have a drink and go to the toilet. If your pet suffers from travel sickness, consult your vet about travel sickness medication. If your pet is travelling by plane or train, see your Vet about sedation, if required.



You and Your Pet at Christmas (continued)

2. BOARDING YOUR PET

There are a number of excellent boarding kennels for dogs and cats around Geelong. Book well in advance, as they get very busy during the holiday season. It's also a good idea to arrange to have a look at the kennel before you leave your pet there

It is usually possible to arrange for special requirements such as diet preferences and medications and all reputable boarding kennels will require a current vaccination certificate for your pet.

3. LEAVING YOUR PET AT HOME

Sometimes the easiest thing is to leave your pet at home, especially in the case of caged birds, fish, guinea pigs and rabbits. There are a number of options for ensuring your pet has adequate care while you're away:

1. Ask a friend or neighbour to check and feed your pets once or preferably twice a day.
2. Arrange for a friend or family member to house sit for you. This has the added advantage of better security while you're away as well as having someone to empty the letterbox and water the lawn.
3. There are a number of professional house and pet minding services operating in the Geelong area. These people will either visit your house daily or occupy the house, while taking care of your pet and garden.



HOLIDAY HINTS FOR PETS

If taking your dog on outings in the car be sure to provide plenty of drink breaks, heat stress can occur easily in the warmer months. Carry a bottle of water for the dog in case you can't find a tap.

If walking your dog along the river or beach, be on the look out for dead fish, if your dog eats one he could end up with a very sore tummy.

Also be on the lookout for discarded bait attached to hooks. Dogs will grab the bait and end up with the hook embedded in the mouth.

Check local Council regulations regarding dogs on beaches and be aware of your dog if free running. Most dogs will interact happily when they meet outside their territory, but you don't want to spend your holiday at the Vet's as a result of a dogfight.

Remember to carry a plastic bag or similar to clean up after your dog, regardless of where you are.

Regulations are making it more and more difficult for us to have free space with our pets and one of the main complaints is always the droppings left behind, so be a responsible dog owner!

UV radiation affects the skin of animals just as it affects humans; it causes sunburn, dermatitis and eventually skin cancer. Use zinc cream or one of the special preparations on the market for unpigmented skin, such as ears, nose and belly.

Check on the location of the local Vet when visiting an unfamiliar area, in case of emergency.

TJUKURPA KOOL BRYCE J.D.X. G.D.

Bryce started 2010 with one Excellent Jumping pass under his belt. He managed to achieve four more passes in Excellent Jumping throughout 2010 enabling him to achieve his Jumping Dog Excellent title (J.D.X).

Below is a summary of his results in VCA agility for 2010:

 <p><i>Photo courtesy of Wendy Mitchell</i></p>	10/04/2010	Border Collie Club	Excellent Jumping	5 th Place	2 nd Pass
	25/04/2010	Geelong	Excellent Jumping	1 st Place	3 rd Pass
	25/04/2010	Geelong	Excellent Jumping	2 nd Place	NQ
	03/07/2010	Sunbury	Excellent Jumping	1 st Place	4 th Pass
	28/08/2010	Hastings	Excellent Jumping	2 nd Place	NQ
	04/09/2010	VCA	Excellent Jumping	1 st Place	5 th Pass J.D.X. Title
	31/10/2010	Warrnambool	Master Jumping	5 th Place	1 st Pass
	31/07/2010	Schipperke	Excellent Gamblers	2 nd Place	1 st Pass

The highlight for the year was when Bryce got his first Master Jumping pass at Warrnambool. He had some really good runs at Warrnambool, only just missing out on a few passes because of one knocked bar or one refusal. So it was a real buzz when he finally nailed one run to achieve his first ever Master pass. Bryce is my fourth Agility dog and the only dog I've owned who has obtained a Master pass in VCA Agility. Hopefully we can continue to grow as a team and achieve some more Master passes in 2011.

Vanessa Bridges and Bryce



Summary Of Committee Meeting

- Prices at the Canteen will increase in the near future
- 2 Nominations for Instructor/Committee Member of the Year
 - Next Committee Meeting January 17th 2011
 - Photographer here on the 21st November
 - New DVD on their way and have arrived
- Christmas night for all Club Members 3rd December \$25per head. Need to know by the 28th November (No Children under 14yrs)
 - We are in need of a Santa contact Tina

Summers' Troubles

Every year, many dogs are rushed into veterinary clinics suffering from heat stress, the result of which can be devastating. As always, prevention of this nasty condition is better than a cure.

Who is at risk?

If the temperature is very hot, any dog can be affected by heat stress. Some dogs may suffer from pre-existing ailments that will increase their risk, meaning they are more likely to suffer signs of heat exhaustion at lower temperatures or after shorter periods of exposure. Obese dogs are more likely to get stressed in hot weather.

Panting is usually an effective way for a dog to cool down in summer. Obese dogs have a lot more fat, therefore a higher body weight, meaning they need to pant harder to cool down. Additionally, fat will accumulate in the back of the throat and around the neck and in the chest, reducing the dog's ability to pant. A vicious cycle begins; the dog has to use excessive energy to pant, resulting in overheating.

Elderly or very young dogs may not be able to compensate as well in hot weather. A number of medical conditions, such as heart disease, respiratory disease, diabetics and even pregnancy will reduce a dog's ability to cope with hot weather. If a dog runs out of water it may quickly become dehydrated.

Signs of heat stroke

It may be difficult to pinpoint the exact moment the problem begins. A dog may be having its usual play session in the park and seem more distressed afterwards. It may be restless, moving from place to place in order to cool down. In really severe cases, the dog may become weak or collapse. As the core body temperature increases, proteins can denature, or unravel, leading to destruction of cells. Muscle and blood cells are more likely to be damaged, releasing their pigments into the blood stream. These changes are exacerbated by dehydration. This may lead to kidney and gut damage and, if the changes are severe enough, death.

Treatment

Urgent veterinary attention is always required if you suspect your dog has, or is developing, heat stroke. The key to treatment is quickly cool the body and drop the core body temperature before too much damage is done. Veterinary hospitals in hot climates have air-conditioned wards. The dog may be placed in a water bath or sat in front of a fan. More serious cases may require an intravenous drip, which cools the bloodstream quickly as well as rehydrating the dog. This may halt the progression of cell damage and also help to protect the kidneys. Severely affected dogs may require several days in hospital to recover.

Prevention

Make sure your dog always has access to lots of drinking water, especially in hot weather, and plenty of shade. On really hot days, tick or compromised animals are better left inside in cool places, like the tiled bathroom or air-conditioned lounge. Most cases of heat stroke I have seen have been in young dogs that play like crazy in the park in really hot weather. If you own the kind of dog that would run till it dropped, avoid exercising in very hot weather. Alternatively, try leash walking in the hotter months, or exercise in the early or late parts of the day. It is mostly common sense. And finally, NEVER leave a dog in a car unattended in hot weather.

Ticks

The Australian Eastern Seaboard is plagued by the paralysis tick, *Ixodes holocyclus*. This nasty little critter lives naturally on possums and Australian wildlife, where it does not really cause too much of a problem. However, our suburban dogs and cats have not evolved to cope with the tick and they suffer from its toxins.

The tick attaches and sucks blood, like any tick. However, it also injects a neurotoxin in its

Summers' Troubles (continued)

saliva. Ticks are usually attached for a couple of days to inject enough toxin into a dogs for clinical signs to develop. Dogs become slightly weak in their hind legs and may look a bit wobbly. A dog that usually jumps up onto the couch with ease may struggle. A subtle change can be detected in the bark, which becomes hoarser and flatter. The dog may start to regurgitate, which is differentiated from vomiting by the lack of abdominal contractions (they tend to just open their mouths and spit out the food, without the drooling or forceful expulsion that is associated with vomiting) All these signs indicated that the different muscles in the body are being affected.

As the signs progress, the dog becomes progressively weaker and cannot stand or walk. Their breathing will become laboured and they may grunt. If left untreated, the toxin will lead to paralysis of the breathing muscles, slowing of the heart and increased blood pressure, and death.

Treatment

Treatment should be started early, as dogs often get worse before they get better, if left too late, affected dogs will die from respiratory failure. Antitoxin can be given intravenously to mop up any toxin that is still floating around in the system. Otherwise, treatment is based on supporting the dog and waiting for the effects of the toxin to wear off. Affected dogs need to be kept very quiet and still and may need sedation. Some may need antibiotics to treat a pneumonia, which can develop as a complication. Severe causes will need to be ventilated (placed on a breathing machine) as the muscles which control breathing are paralyzed.

All will need excellent intensive nursing care.

Occasionally, dogs have an allergic reaction to the anti-toxin which, in itself, can also be very dangerous. Fortunately, this tends to be a rare side effect, so mostly the benefits of giving the antiserum outweighs the risks of not treating the disease.

Prevention

Naturally, prevention is better in the case of tick paralysis, it will take a couple of days before symptoms begin to show, so searching for ticks every day and removing them may reduce the risk of being poisoned. This may seem like a big job in a large or hairy dog! If you are on the East Coast or in a bushy area, consider shaving your dog's coat in summer; not only will tick searching be easier, but your dog will be cooler, too.

Early detection of signs is also important, if you suspect your dog may be affected, get to a vet straight away. It is much better that it be a false alarm than your dog actually suffering from your potentially life-threatening condition.

Anti-tick washes and spot-ons are also available from your vet and while these provide good protection, they tend not to be fallsafe. Make the "tick check" a nightly occurrence and a bit of a treat for your dog (which will think they it is getting a good massage). And don't forget to look in those darker places, like ears, around the muzzle under facial hair and under the arms.



GEELONG OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB CALENDAR 2011

January

Monday	17th January	Office re-opens – 3.00 pm to 7.00 pm
Monday	24 th January	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
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February

Tuesday	1 February	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Sunday	6 February	Normal training. Newsletter Available
Sunday	13 February	Normal training
Tuesday	15 February	Newsletter closes for articles, reports etc
Sunday	20 February	Normal training.
Monday	21 February	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Sunday	27 February	Normal training.

March

Sunday	6 March	Normal Training. Newsletter Available
Sunday	13 March	LABOUR DAY WEEKEND. NO TRAINING
Tuesday	15 March	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	20 March	Normal training
Monday	21 March	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm. Agility Trial Entries close
Sunday	27 March	Normal training.

April

Sunday	3 April	Normal Training. Newsletter Available
Tuesday	5 April	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised.
Saturday	9 April	BACK-TO-BACK AGILITY TRIALS
Sunday	10 April	BACK-TO-BACK AGILITY TRIALS. NO TRAINING
Friday	15 April	Newsletter closes for articles, reports etc
Sunday	17 April	Fun Day including presentations. Also Induction for New Members for Beginners Class and Fully Vaccinated Puppies Under 6 months
Monday	18 April	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	24 April	Easter Weekend – NO TRAINING

May

Sunday	1 May	Normal Training for current Members. New Members Commence Training
Sunday	8 May	Normal training.
Sunday	15 May	Normal training. Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Monday	16 May	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Sunday	22 May	Normal training
Sunday	29 May	Normal training.

June

Sunday	5 June	Normal training – Newsletter available
Tuesday	7 June	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Sunday	12 June	NO TRAINING. Queens Birthday weekend
Wednesday	15 June	Newsletter closes for articles, reports etc
Sunday	18 June	Normal training. Obedience Trial entries close
Monday	20 June	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	26 June	Normal training. Obedience Trial entries close
Thursday	30 June	End of financial year for all departments. Stocktake required for Canteen and Shop.

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July

Sunday	3 July	Normal training. Newsletter available
Friday	8 July	Working Bee
Saturday	9 July	OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIALS
Sunday	10 July	OPEN OBEDIENCE TRIALS. NO TRAINING
Friday	15 July	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	17 July	Fun Day including presentations. Also Induction for New Members for Beginners Class and Fully Vaccinated Puppies Under 6 months
Monday	18 July	Instructor's Meeting - 7.30 pm
Sunday	24 July	Normal Training. New Members commence Training
Sunday	31 July	Normal Training

August

Tuesday	2 August	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Sunday	7 August	Normal training. Newsletter available
Sunday	14 August	Normal training
Monday	15 August	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm. Newsletter closes for articles, report, etc
Sunday	21 August	Normal training
Sunday	28 August	Normal training.

September

Sunday	4 September	Normal training. Newsletter available
Wednesday	7 September	Committee and Non-Committee nominations close
Sunday	11 September	Normal training.
Wednesday	15 September	Newsletter Closes for articles, reports etc
Sunday	18 September	Normal training
Monday	19 September	Instructors Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Wednesday	21 September	Life Membership nominations close
Sunday	25 September	Fun Day including presentations. Also Induction for New Members for Beginners Class and Fully Vaccinated Puppies

October

Sunday	2 October	Normal Training. New members Commence Training. Newsletter Available
Tuesday	4 October	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 8.00 pm
Sunday	9 October	Normal Training
Saturday	15 October	Newsletter closes for articles, reports, etc
Sunday	16 October	Normal training
Monday	17 October	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm.
Sunday	23 October	Normal training.
Sunday	30 October	Normal training.

November

Sunday	6 November	Normal training. Newsletter available
Sunday	13 November	Normal Training. End of Year Awards closing date
Monday	15 November	Newsletter closes for articles, report, etc
Sunday	20 November	Normal training.
Monday	21 November	Instructor's Meeting – 7.30 pm
Sunday	27 November	Normal training.

December

Sunday	4 December	Normal training
Tuesday	6 December	General Meeting – 8.00 pm unless otherwise advised
Sunday	11 December	Last day of training for 2011
Monday	12 December	Office closes