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# EGDOC Inc.



**THE MONTHLY  
NEWSLETTER OF THE  
EAST GIPPSLAND  
DOG OBEDIENCE  
CLUB Inc.**



**ISSUE  
34**

## **10** COMMANDMENTS of Responsible Pet Ownership



The Queen's Birthday long weekend saw three Gippsland based dog obedience clubs holding individual obedience, rally and agility trials. These were held at Bairnsdale on the Saturday by the Bairnsdale & District Dog Obedience Club Inc (BDDOC), Sunday

of course was EGDOCs turn and Monday saw the Gippsland Obedience Dog Club (GODC) hold their trial at Toners Lane, Morwell.

All three of these trials saw competitors coming from all over both Victoria and interstate. Several of our EGDOC members competed at the trials held at the other clubs and overall did very well especially at obtaining enough passes in order to gain various titles for both themselves and their canine friends.

The trial held on the Sunday by EGDOC - was from all reports - another great success for the club and all the volunteers and donations were very much appreciated. But a very big thank you needs to go to the Trial Secretary - Julie Lovell.

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**LIFE MEMBERS**

- 1984 Val Karpys
- 1987 Mike White
- 1987 Karen White
- 1989 Janice Vanatta
- 1989 Mavis Weymouth
  
- 1990 Rob Williams
- 1990 Carol Williams
- 1994 Rex White
- 1994 Jo Morgan
- 1998 Joan Kingshot (dec.)
  
- 2000 Fiona Gilbert
- 2000 Alicia Larsen
- 2001 Willy Lucas
  
- 2011 Peter McMaster
- 2011 Kathy Vernon
- 2011 Lynne Rapson
- 2011 Beryl Walden
- 2012 Natalie Evans
- 2012 Sue Bryant
- 2012 Frank Vanatta

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# CANINE OF THE MONTH

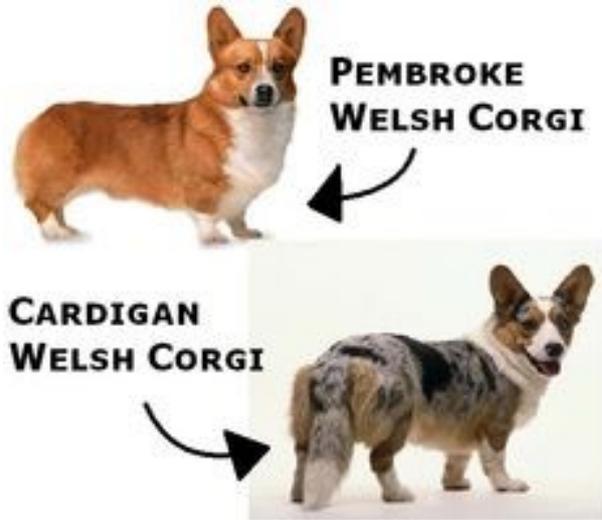
## THE WELSH CORGI

As the weekend of the EGDOC Rally and Obedience Trial was conducted over the Queens Birthday long weekend—I thought it was only fitting that this months page 3 canine should be the Welsh Corgi.

There are two types of Welsh corgis: the Pembroke Welsh corgi and the Cardigan Welsh corgi. They are considered two entirely different breeds because they come from different ancestors. Their remarkable resemblance is a result of crossbreeding in the 19th century.

If you're trying to tell the two breeds apart, the most notable difference is that the Pembroke does not have a tail. On top of a tail, Cardigan Welsh corgis also have rounded ears, while Pembrokes generally have pointy ears.

Queen Elizabeth II has owned more than 30 Pembroke Welsh Corgis since 1944 when she was given her first, Susan, as an 18th birthday present. It is this high profile which has caused the breed to be so popular in the United Kingdom.



The Welsh used the short dogs as herders as early as the 10th century. In those days, pastures were considered common land, so there were no fences. In order to keep a farmer's cattle together and separated from other herds, corgis would nip at their legs to herd them. Because of their closeness to the ground, corgis had easy access to the cows' ankles and were difficult targets of the retaliatory kicks of cattle.

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### **Temperament**

Outgoing, friendly and loyal. Nonetheless the Pembroke is instinctively a herding dog, a heeler, and may display this tendency if it sights a nice pair of heels on the move to nip at. Pembrokes are active dogs, breeders suggesting they are more outgoing and excitable than the reserved Cardigans. They are affectionate and accepting of children though may be suspicious of strangers. They are quite active, not docile lap dogs. Pembrokes don't really need excessive space, preferring to have plenty of attention rather than acres of room.

### **Health and Lifespan**

Corgis are generally hardy and healthy dogs. Like other breeds, they may suffer from eye diseases such as progressive retinal atrophy and glaucoma. These diseases can be tested for by a veterinarian and you should enquire of the breeder if the parents have been screened. Since all Corgis are dwarfs they are prone to a series of skeletal problems. Choose a compact and well-proportioned animal if possible. Unusually long bodied Corgis are more prone to slipped discs in the middle of the back. Back problems may also occur in aged dogs, particularly if they are overweight and poorly exercised. Corgis have an average lifespan of 12 years.

### **Grooming and Maintenance**

The short double coat needs occasional brushing to remove dead hair and dirt. Corgis have two seasonal moults a year, in spring and autumn and require more diligent grooming at this time. They make great house pets but expect some hair around the place.

### **Breeding and Cost**

Corgis have few whelping problems though small bitches have been known to require caesareans. Average litter size is six to eight pups. A Pembroke pet costs around \$550, more for a show quality dog. Puppies are not always readily available and many are 'reserved' before they are born.

### **Space and Exercise**

Despite their working heritage, Corgis don't need a large space to run around. They do like company and if left in the yard with little attention may become destructive.

### **Ideal Owner**

Pembroke Corgis are great family pets and are also popular with the active elderly. They are suitable as house pets and not too boisterous with children. Remember their heeling heritage though if you're running around with these royal canines.



# EGDOC OBEDIENCE AND RALLY TRIALS

## SUNDAY 12TH JUNE 2016



Congratulations to all those competitors that did so well over the Queens Birthday long weekend and in particular to those EGDOC members who competed and had such a great time trialling over the long weekend:

Marion and Noel Atherstone trialled for the first time with Mitzi and Heidi two German Spitz on the Saturday at Bairnsdale where they gained three passes each and subsequently their Rally Novice Title for both Mitzi and Heidi. On the Sunday at EGDOC they went onto gain more Rally Novice passes.

Sarah Wheel trialled with Annie a Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever. The two of them had gained a pass for Rally Novice from Bairnsdale back in November. Then over the long weekend they gained two more passes and subsequently gained their Rally Novice Title.

Frankie Matthews and Merlyn also had a pass - but for Rally Advanced on this occasion - from Bairnsdale last November. Over the long weekend they also gained two more passes and gained their Rally Advanced Title.

Ana Butcher and Darcy had one pass in Rally RAE also from Bairnsdale in November. Over the long weekend they gained four more to gain their RAE Title.

Frank Vanatta and Snickers an Aussie Shepherd had their first attempt at Rally Masters - competing in 5 trials over the long weekend - three at Bairnsdale and two at Sale. This fine team of man and dog subsequently gained 5 passes out of 5 trials and now only just need two more passes to get their Rally Masters Title. For those that aren't aware - Rally Masters is a very high level in Rally, which was introduced at the beginning of the year and in order to obtain a pass requires a score of 85 or over to be attained.

# EGDOC OBEDIENCE AND RALLY TRIALS

## SUNDAY 12TH JUNE 2016

Brent and Jessica Vujcich returned to EGDOC for the weekend from Sydney with Indie their Border Collie and competed at both Bairnsdale and Sale. They also had already gained one pass in Rally Novice from Bairnsdale last November and managed to gain two more passes at Bairnsdale on Saturday subsequently gaining their Rally Novice Title.

Sharyn Thompson with Kali her German Shepherd obtained their first pass in CCD Obedience on the Sunday at EGDOC.

Julie Lovell - managed to juggle both her job as the Trial Secretary and also trial with Cash her German Shepherd. The two of them had a go at Novice (CCD) Obedience. This is an off lead level and a level up from on-lead CCD Obedience. While they nearly got passes but not quite, they did get placings and ribbons - which included highest scoring EGDOC Inc dog at both Bairnsdale and Sale and highest scoring BDDOC dog at Sale.

Many also got placings of 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Some of the others competing were Sherran Howlett with her Boxer Jordy and Wilma Bates with her German Shepherd Lucy. Though they didn't get passes, they did seem to have a whole lot of fun, and no doubt their passes are not too far away.

The weekend was also one that saw the greatest number of EGDOC Inc members competing for quite some time - a big well done to all the competitors - both human and canine.

A big thanks also to all those Sale GSD Club members that assisted at EGDOC.



## Why Title a Dog? by Sandra Mowery

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores, a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honour the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in record and in memory for as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard.

And though the dog itself doesn't know or care that its achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A title says your dog was intelligent and adaptable, and good-natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that please you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.

And a title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with it because it was a good dog, that you believed in it enough to give it yet another chance when it failed, and that, in the end, your faith was justified.

A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few; that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return.

And when that dear short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of pride in one small set of initials after the name.

A title earned is nothing less than love and respect, given and received, and permanently recorded.



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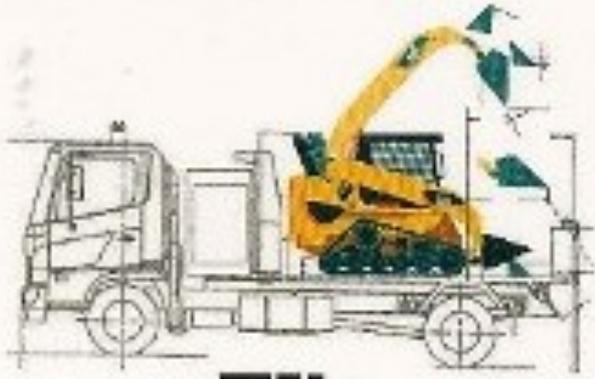
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- AKITA
- BASSET HOUND
- BEAGLE
- BOXER
- BULLDOG
- CHIHUAHUA
- CHOW CHOW
- COLLIE
- DACHSHUND
- DALMATIAN
- GERMAN SHEPHERD
- GREAT DANE
- LHASA APSO
- MALAMUTE
- MALTESE
- MASTIFF
- PEKINGESE
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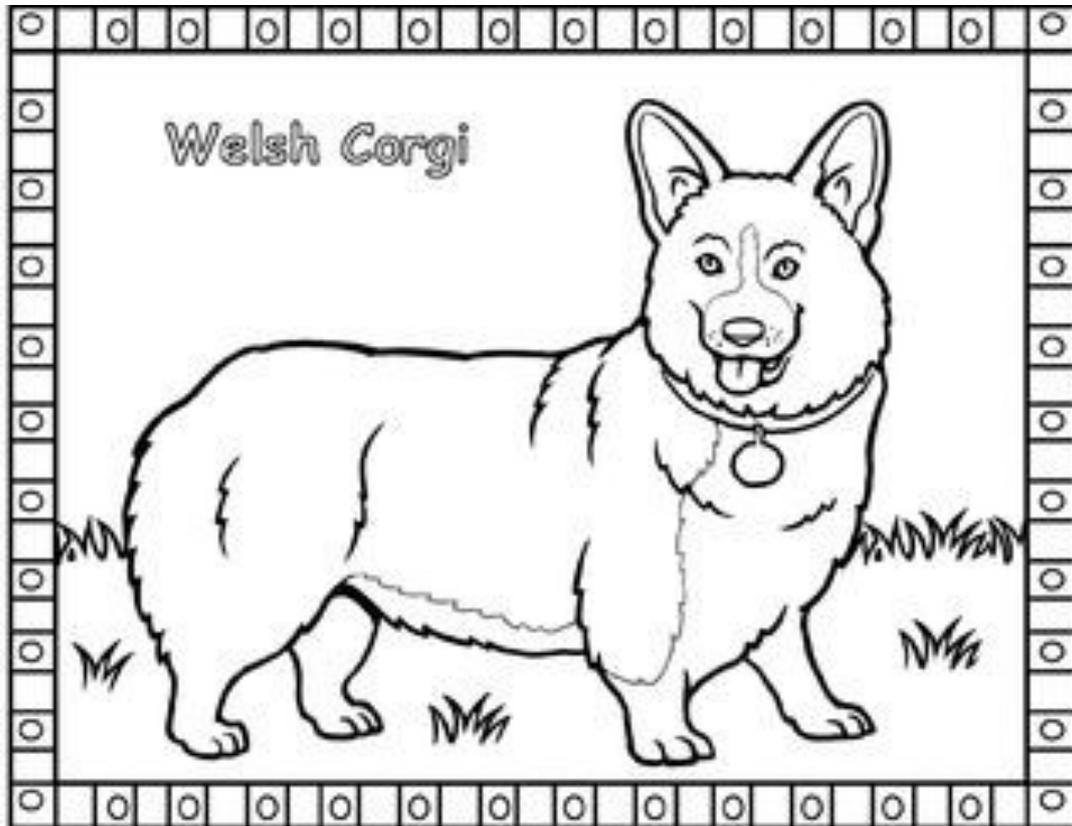
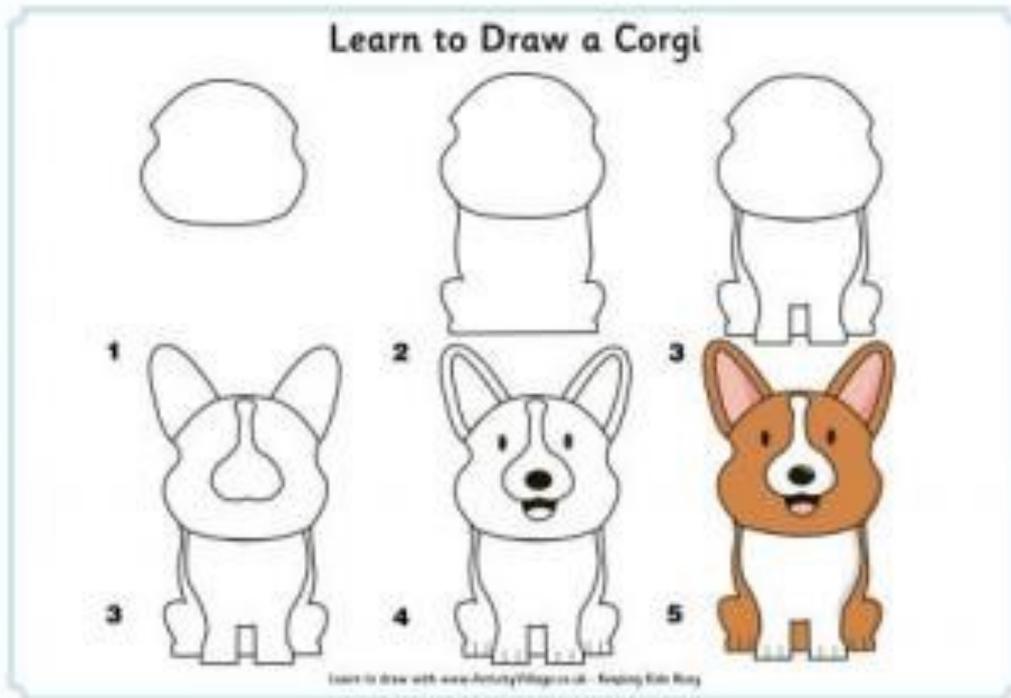
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- ROTTWEILER
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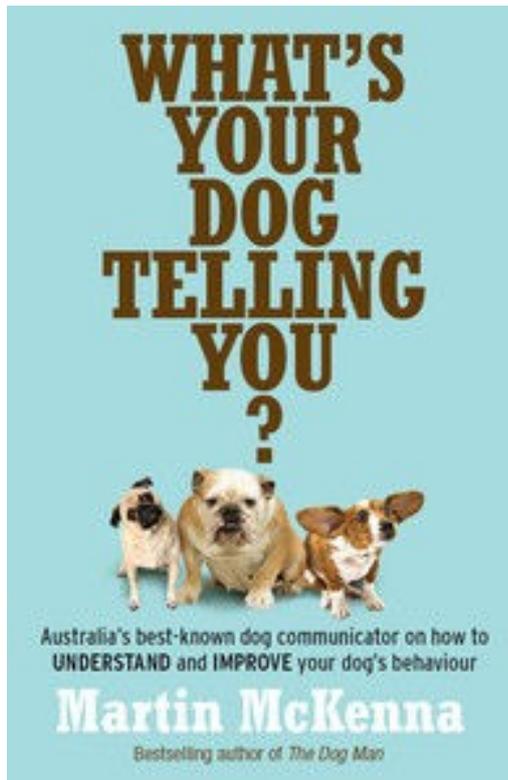
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# BOOK REPORT

## WHAT'S YOUR DOG TELLING YOU ?

by Martin McKenna



As taken from the ABC Shop Web Page.

After helping thousands of people improve their dogs' behaviour, Martin 'The Dog Man' McKenna believes the real problem is the same as it's always been – despite centuries of sharing our lives with each other, we humans still can't truly understand or communicate with dogs. This book will change that.

WHAT'S YOUR DOG TELLING YOU? reveals exactly what your dog is thinking when he jumps up on you when you get home from work (it's not always because he's happy to see you), why he licks you all the time (it's a form of domination), why he sometimes blinks a lot (he's nervous), along with many other dog behaviours. Whatever your dog's age, breed or personality, you'll discover at last why your dog sometimes behaves strangely. Now you'll find out what your dog is trying so desperately to tell you!

Along the way, you'll learn simple and ingenious ways to improve your dog's behaviour and solve problems quickly – sometimes within minutes. Even better, you'll effortlessly learn the international language of dog. By the time you reach the last page, you'll be astounded by all the new things you have learned to say fluently in dog language – not just to your own dog, but to every dog you meet!

Some Final Thoughts:

The author of this book has some very interesting ideas – but like most things – it's not the answer to everything because as we all well know - dogs can be and are all a little different. Some of the content does go a long way in helping you understand some of your dogs behaviour and it is still makes for an interesting read.



**This book can be borrowed from the clubs library for a small bond that will be refunded upon the return of the book. There is also a variety of other dog training books, dog training related DVDs and magazines available for hire at no cost except for a small bond. Please feel free to speak to any of your instructors if you wish to utilise the clubs library.**

# DOG STORIES

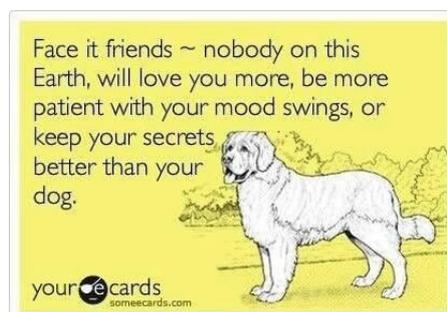
## BOB The Railway Dog



**Bob the Railway Dog** (also known as "Terowie Bob") is part of South Australian Railways folklore. He travelled the South Australian Railways system in the later part of the 19th century, and was known widely to railwaymen of the day.

Bob was born in South Australia in 1882, and for some reason he loved trains. He spent the early years of his life as a stray, following railway workers to work, until he was rounded up by a dogcatcher. It looked as if he was destined for the pound, but luckily for Bob he was bought by a kindly station guard who'd taken a liking to him. It worked out well, as his new master allowed him to ride the train with him in the guard's van every day. But, eventually, his master got a promotion and he and Bob parted ways. Then Bob started to jump trains alone.

Bob travelled up and down Southern Australia, becoming a familiar and welcome sight on trains across the land. Sometimes, when Bob felt that he needed some privacy, he chose an empty carriage and scared away any passengers who tried to sit in it by barking like crazy. The station masters and guards all knew him by name, so they left him to his own devices. At night he followed the engine driver home for a warm meal and soft place to sleep, then returned to the train the next morning. For most of his life, Bob went where he pleased, and as his fame grew so did his reception when he rode into town. He was allowed to attend banquets as a guest of honour, was given a special bracelet with his name on it—with an engraving telling anyone who read it to let him go where he wanted—and when he was seen riding on trains by local children they ran after him as if he were the Pope. Bob had many adventures in his short life and died the most famous dog in Australian history.



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# EGDOC SUNDAY CLASS TIMES – from 6th March 2016

<b>TIMES</b>		<b>CLASSES</b>			
9:15 – 10:00 (45mins)		OBEDIENCE BEGINNERS 1 By Clubrooms	OBEDIENCE BEGINNERS 2 By Clubrooms	OBEDIENCE GRADE 1 On Velodrome	OBEDIENCE GRADE 2 On Velodrome
10:00 – 10:15	<b>CLUB NEWS AND UPDATES Talk – 15 Minutes</b>				
10:15 – 11:00 (45mins)		LIFE CLASS By Clubrooms	RALLY NOVICE On Velodrome	RALLY ADV (EX/MS) On Velodrome	AGILITY INTRO On Velodrome
11:00 – 11:45 (45mins)		INSTRUCTORS OBEDIENCE On Velodrome			
11:45 – 12PM	<b>PACK UP EQUIPMENT</b>				