



Coming Events

- Saturday 10 &
Sunday 11 October
Agility and Jumping
Trial

CLASS TIMES

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OCTOBER

AGILITY & JUMPING TRIAL

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Tuff Dog Beds

EGDOC Committee
Please speak with
any Committee
member if you
would like anything
addressed at club

Upcoming Committee Meetings

* Thursday
10th Sept

* Thursday
8th October

7.30pm

*** You can place
suggestions and
ideas in the
membership mailbox



Thank you to all
our club members
who give up their
time to be part of
the EGDOC
Committee &
contribute greatly

OCTOBER AGILITY & JUMPING TRIAL

Saturday 10 & Sunday 11
October 2015

The club needs helpers for the October trial

- * People to help set up on the morning of Saturday 10 October
- * Members to help out in competitor catering
- * A sheet will be up near the sign in book Sunday for people to put their names down in the area they would like to help with

CLUB ESTABLISHED: 1979

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

People and their positions within the club

EGDOC Committee Positions

President:	Sherran Howlett
Vice President:	Frank Vanatta
Secretary:	Tracey Gall
Treasurer:	Nicole Summers
Committee Members:	Janice Vanatta, Ana Butcher, Vickie Green, Natalie Brown, Steve Reason, Helen Summers
Membership Officer:	Natalie Brown
Club Room Supplies:	Ana Butcher
Equipment Officer:	Michelle Morrison
Equipment Sales:	Natalie Brown, Janice Vanatta, Peter McMaster, Sherran Howlett, Lu Cornwell, Vanessa Reed
Instructors:	Natalie Brown, Sue Bryant, Ana Butcher, Vickie Green, Sherran Howlett, Julie Lovell, Peter McMaster, Michelle Morrison, Melissa Tatterson, Frank Vanatta, Janice Vanatta, Kathy Vernon, Mavis Weymouth
Librarian:	Lu Cornwell
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Club awards:	Michelle Morrison
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RSPCA Cupcake Day

Thanks to the efforts of the Reason Family the club had its own cupcake day.

The Reasons made lots of yummy cupcakes for members to enjoy at a cost of \$2 per cupcake. Members had the choice of vanilla pigs and sheep, red velvet hedgehogs and chocolate rabbits / dogs.

The sales of the cupcakes totalled \$120 and the club added \$80 so a total of \$200 was donated to the RSPCA.



And with the aid of the cupcakes Julie Lovell gave a great demonstration of how Cash went with his herding the day before!!!

German Shepherd

Origins and History:

The German Shepherd has been known by a number of names. Originally in Germany he was known as the Schaferhund, and when taken to Britain he was known as the German Shepherd Dog. During the First World War he became known as the Alsatian, due to the undesirable connotations of the word 'German'. In Australia he was the Alsatian, due to the public concern about this dog which unfortunately resembles a wolf, the fanciers decided that it would be beneficial to revert to the original name of German Shepherd. Because of all this name-changing various legends have grown up, and maybe the most common is that the white members of this breed are Shepherds, and the others are Alsatisans. This is, of course, nonsense. The Shepherd, whilst being a widely-used sheep-dog throughout Europe, has never fulfilled this duty in Britain or Australia, as both of these countries possess perfectly successful herd dogs of their own. He has, however, done excellent work in these and other countries as a guard, police and army dog.

Character and Temperament:

The Shepherd is an intelligent dog, a little boisterous when a puppy, but settling down from around twelve months old. He is even tempered quite placid with children, respecting them more than they will ever respect him. It is unfortunate that people always consider him to be bad-tempered due to his wolfish looks, but there is no likelihood that there is any wolf blood in him. It was feared at one time, that a stray Shepherd may cross with a Dingo and produce large, fierce Dingos. The chances of this happening are laughable. The result of such a cross would either be a placid Dingo or a smaller Shepherd.

Weight:

34—36 kg (75—80 lb). Height: Dogs 61—66 cm (24—26 inch),. Bitches 56—61 cm (22—24 inch).



Cash Lovell

Colour:

The colour is not important, but white is considered undesirable for the show ring though favoured by some people. Generally colours are a mixture of fawns and blacks, but the true colour is not known until the puppy coat is shed and the full adult coat grown.



Care and Grooming:

The coat takes a fair amount of care, especially at the transition from winter to summer when it may be necessary to strip out the dead woolly coat which tends to cling to the new. This can often best be done by drawing a hacksaw blade along the dog, or brushing with a rubber brush specifically made for the job.

Exercise Requirements:

The Shepherd is an ideal dog for the active owner and will be quite happy to partake in the most strenuous of activities. He is a dog that needs plenty of room to move around in, and should be kept no closer to the city than a suburban house. His is definitely not for the aged or infirm.

Training:

The German Shepherd is used in police work and as a guard dog because he is reliable, intelligent, and responsive to training, as well as possessing the carriage and appearance to impress a foe. As mentioned previously, puppies of under twelve months are inclined to be rather boisterous, but the dog settles down well. His amenability to training may be measured by the fact that he is sometimes used as a guide dog for the blind. His use in this field is limited because of his height, which makes him suitable for only tall people when wearing a harness.

Owners Comments: This week I have been talking to Julie about owning German Shepherd's, Julie says (while Gill stops for lots of pats) that they are a working dog and as such need lots of exercise, she runs hers with a ball runner for at least 40 minutes every day and they are still looking for more. The breed has had some issues with hip and shoulder problems in the past but with registered breeding programs and strict vet checks these issues are disappearing. Julie remembers her dogs first trial about 3 years ago on a frosty June morning where he was coming to the end of his display and doing quite well, he rounds the last corner and running back to Julie, trips over his front paw, rolls top to tail 4 times, somehow lands up right sitting in front of her. Unfortunately on this occasion there was no win, but what a memory. Julie has just started herding with Cash and is having great success although it is early days yet and he has to pass a few more tests. It has been wonderful to talk with Julie about her experiences with the breed and I look forward to hearing about her success in future newsletters.



Cash & Lara Lovell

DOG SPORTS:

An explanation
of dog sports
you can
participate in

Have you been into the club rooms and ever seen those big wooden boards on the walls and ever wonder what all the letters after the dogs names are? Well you better keep reading.

When you get to a stage of competing with your dog you can gain 'Titles'

Please find on the following pages explanations of titles you can gain and what your dog needs to be able to do for you to compete in.

(Information taken from the Dogs Victoria Website)

PURE FUN, PURE SPORT, PURE HERDING

A bit of background

When the early settlers arrived at what became Australia, they brought with them their ways of using the land to provide sustenance, this included livestock and the dogs they had used to guard and herd this stock. Working dogs quickly became part of the backbone of the developing nation, of which it was said for many years that Australia rode on the sheep's back.

In the early 1990's, Australia wide, people who owned dogs not in work but of the herding breeds were keen to demonstrate that their dogs, some bred for many generations purely for showing or performance activities, were still able to perform the functions for which they were developed in the first place.

In Victoria this charge was led by keen members of the Working Dog Club of Victoria Inc, an affiliate of what is now DOGS Victoria, which in turn is a member of the national body, the Australian National Kennel Council Ltd (ANKC Ltd). A lot of hard work was put in by these "pioneers" of what is now a burgeoning activity across most of the country, ANKC Herding, which commenced officially in January, 2001.

Who can compete?

Under ANKC rules, dogs in Australia are placed into groups according to their function and the herding and flock guarding breeds are found in group five. Any of these dogs may compete in ANKC herding activities. Currently group five breeds are:

- Australian Cattle Dog
- Australian Kelpie
- Australian Shepherd
- Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog
- Bearded Collie
- Belgian Shepherd (all varieties)
- Bergamasco Shepherd Dog
- Border Collie
- Bouvier Des Flandres
- Briard
- Collie (Rough)
- Collie (Smooth)
- Dutch Shepherd
- Finnish Lapphund
- German Shepherd Dog
- Komondor
- Kuvasz
- Maremma Sheepdog
- Norwegian Buhund
- Old English Sheepdog
- Polish Lowland Sheepdog
- Puli
- Pumi
- Pyrenean Sheepdog Longhaired
- Shetland Sheepdog
- Swedish Lapphund
- Swedish Vallhund
- Welsh Corgi (Cardigan)
- Welsh Corgi (Pembroke)
- White Swiss Shepherd Dog

DOG SPORTS cont.

Dogs of mixed breeds may compete providing they are a mix or apparent mix of herding breeds. These dogs must be associate registered dogs with the ANKC, through DOGS Victoria if in Victoria.

Also...

There are some breeds from other groups which are eligible to compete because they have a background of herding in their development, currently:

- Bernese Mountain Dog
- Canaan Dog
- Keeshond
- Kerry Blue Terrier
- Norwegian Elkhound
- Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier
- Tibetan Terrier
- Standard Schnauzer
- Giant Schnauzer
- Rottweiler

And finally...

Working dogs, which are dogs registered with a body recognised by the ANKC as an approved working dog registry. These approved bodies are listed on the ANKC website.

Not all of these breeds will be seen at a herding event because the function of some was not to herd, but to guard the flock from predators, often they lived with the flock, and they were not bred to want to work with a person, as the true herding breeds must do. If you read the breed standards on the ANKC website you should be able to find out what your dog was bred for. Breed standards are not just to describe what a breed should look like, they reflect a dog built for a purpose, in the case of the herding breeds a dog which should be able to put in long hours and often in rough terrain and to have strong desire to work with a human.



Michelle Morrison and her Blue Heeler, Bobby doing some herding together

Different dogs...different jobs

Not all herding breeds did the same work, some worked vast areas, often well away from the handler, to gather and move stock, some drove stock to market or from one pasture to another or brought them in for milking, some acted as living fences and kept the flock in a grazing area by constantly patrolling the unfenced area according to the shepherd's needs, some went out in all kinds of weather to check on stock and help the farmer find animals needing help, others worked in the yards to push stock through races, up ramps, into trucks or shearing sheds, so different breeds and even different strains of breeds were thus developed. Many breeds ended up multiskilled and able to help out wherever needed.

The ANKC rules reflect this and there are different herding trial courses at which the various breeds excel.

So what is herding all about?

The rules and regulations for herding are located on the ANKC website www.ankc.org.au under ABOUT ANKC Ltd. Scroll down to Rules and all the information regarding herding can be found there. These rules, as well as explaining the work required, have plans of each course available to be tested in.

How do you get started?

Several breed clubs in Victoria offer herding events over the year or have members who can help you with advice, so that is often a starting point. You will find the breed clubs on the DOGS Victoria website. The Victorian Herding Association Inc is currently the only DOGS Victoria affiliated club dedicated to ANKC Herding in Victoria. Check out their website at www.victorianherdingassociation.com There are places offering private herding tuition and useful internet groups which will keep you abreast of things, especially when and where the next herding event is being held, you might like to go and have a look before jumping in. Herding rules require that the dog has had some exposure to stock prior to entering, so exploring the avenues above will usually be the beginning for most dogs.

Sometimes a dog will need more than one exposure to stock to turn on the herding switch, be patient and try and have an experienced person with you under controlled circumstances to give your dog the confidence to bring out its instincts. Other dogs are over-keen and they too need careful handling to curb and direct the skills we need.

The welfare of stock is paramount at all times in herding, stock used in tests and trials are sheep, cattle or ducks.

What do you have to do?

There are various levels of tests and trials, right up to herding champion if you have the time, the opportunity and the right dog. But at any level there is something special about being part of the dog-human team doing what the dog was meant to do.

To enter a test or trial

The dog has to be registered with DOGS Victoria on one of these registers: main, limited, associate, or sporting, and the owner of the dog, plus the handler if they are not the owner, must be a financial member of DOGS Victoria or similar Australian state canine control.

Instinct test

All dogs must pass this test prior to moving on. This is performed in a small rounded area and the dog must show sustained interest in the stock whilst on a long lead, the lead may be dropped or removed at the discretion of the judge. The dog must be able to be called off the stock, come to its handler, and be able to be caught to pass. Only one pass is required to move up to the herding test.

Herding test

This is done off leash in a small area. The dog must be able to:- hold a pause or stop at the beginning, make two changes of direction around pylons which show controlled movement of the stock, stop when told, and come to the handler at the end of the test.

Two passes under two different judges are required to attain the herding tested certificate, the handler may do more tests for experience but two passes means you can move up to:

DOG SPORTS

cont.

Pre trial

This is in a larger area with the first real experience for the dog in working the sheep through obstacles, changing direction, and putting them in a pen at the end. The handler is not allowed to touch the stock but may give the dog a lot of help and the judge will also assist with advice if needed.

Two pre-trial passes under two different judges will give the dog it's pre trial tested title

Herding trials

Trials are conducted over three different Courses, A, B & C. Course A is a smaller area, Course B has more space and Course C is conducted over a larger area to test all the skills a dog might need to have in the daily management of stock. Some dogs or breeds are more suited to one course or another but a dog can compete in any or all.

Details of courses and what has to be achieved are in the ANKC Herding Rules as above

Each course has three levels, started, intermediate and advanced, a dog requires three passes under two different judges to attain a title at each level as it moves up the ladder to the highly respected herding champion title.

To sum up

ANKC herding is attracting many followers, it is an activity in which dog and handler can work together as man and dog have been doing for thousands of years. It might be just a taste but many people are out every weekend with like-minded company having a great time with their canine mate in a very friendly atmosphere.

Why not give it a go?



Cash Lovell
learning all about
herding



DOGS ON LEAD AREAS IN SALE

Due to the predominately rural nature of our municipality, Wellington Shire Council nominates dog **on lead** areas, rather than dog **off lead** areas. Apart from the nominated areas listed below, dogs can be exercised **without leads**, **provided** they **remain in the effective control** of the person walking them.

“**Effective Control**” means that the dog will come to you when called and stay with you in the presence of distractions.

Designated Dog On-Lead Areas in Sale

All dogs are required to be placed on a lead at all times in the following areas unless otherwise specified

- Sale Pedestrian Mall
- Raymond Street (Between Stawell and Foster Streets)
- Cunninghame Street (Between Reeve and York Streets)
- Macarthur Street (Between Reeve and York Streets)
- Macalister Street (Between Reeve and York Streets)
- York Street (Between Foster and Stawell Streets)
- Sale Botanic Gardens
- Lake Guthridge Reserve
- Lake Guyatt Environmental Playspace
- Port of Sale Reserve (During market operational times only)
- Lake Guthridge and Guyatt walking tracks (flora and fauna risk)
- Lions Park

If you are found to have your dog off lead in the areas listed above, you may be issued with a penalty notice as follows:

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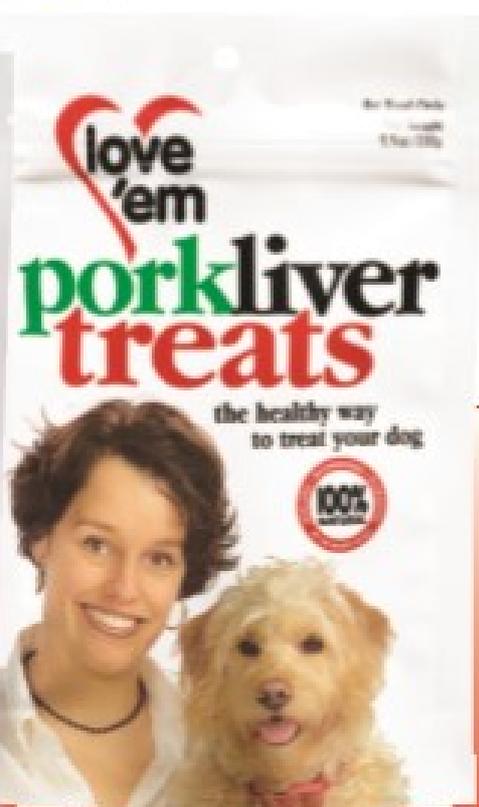
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The club has a facebook page. Search for EGDOC Inc and request to join so you can stay up to date with club activities and events.



This site is a social forum for those involved in dog related activities, particularly EGDOC.

This site is not to be used to discredit other groups or people. Such postings will be deleted.

No member is to be prevented in anyway from seeing posts added to this group. Any person preventing others from seeing all posts will be deleted from the group.

Official business of the East Gippsland Dog Obedience Club should be transacted through the Club's Committee by email or direct contact

SOME HOUSE KEEPING AND THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP OUT AROUND CLUB

- Before class - fill a water bucket, help the instructors with equipment, grab a poop scoop & clean up the ground you are about to walk on, ***help stack & keep stock of drinks in the fridge***, check there's enough toilet paper in the toilet
- Please remember to wear your name tag, if there is not one on the board please speak with the membership officer
- **Name tag board is by alphabetical order, Surname**
- Please sign the book provided every Sunday for insurance purposes. It is located on the table near the name tag board
- Please make sure you pick up after your dog! There is a bin provided for all your garbage and dog poo. Please make sure that poo is in a plastic bag before it goes into the bin
- Tea and Coffee is free for members; all that is asked is that you clean up after yourself. So please feel free to stay after classes and "have a cuppa".

EGDOC SUNDAY CLASS TIMES – from 6th September 2015

NEW TIMETABLE

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11:45 – 12PM	PACK UP EQUIPMENT				