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## From the Editor

Welcome to this Bumper Christmas Issue of the Howler—the last issue for the year.

It's chock-a-block with articles and puzzles to pass the time during the hot (and wet) summer days ahead. There's also a tongue-in-cheek doggy dictionary to improve your knowledge of dogs.

While summer can be a fun time of the year on the beach with our dogs (council regulations permitting) we also need to be very mindful of the wellbeing of our pets at this time of the year. Hot days can mean discomfort, thirst and a general reluctance to go for long walks in the heat—your dog probably feels the same. We've reprinted a hot dog alert from last summer in this issue and some recipes for cooling treats for the dog and for you if you like the flavour.



Leash free parks are a great idea but they entail responsibility on the part of dog owners. We have a reminder article on good behaviour in parks. Especially to be noted is the need to "pick-up" after our dog and to ensure the dog is under our control.

At the AGM a number of members were recognised for their contribution to the Club—Marcia Hall and Bill Richardson for 40 years of service, Nicole Aldreds for service to the Club and Rob Fimmel was made a Life Member.

I'd like to thank my hard working editorial team, Denise Gardner and Glenys Barnes, who diligently collect, collate, suggest, write and produce material and occasionally coerce me into including material that I would rather not. A thank you also to all contributors especially Frances Hammer who finds the most excellent of material. Please continue with your contributions.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Club members and readers of the Howler.

Enjoy your dog and keep it safe in the hot weather.

Peter

## President's Podium

Hi Folks!

This is my last report for 2010 as I have resigned the presidency because of pressure of work. A full annual report is inside the Howler. I would like to thank the outgoing committee for their support this year and wish the new president, Roger White, and his committee the very best for 2011.

A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family.

Regards.

Trevor



### NEXT YEAR

First training day is the first Sunday in February, 6 February 2011

## Reminders

Please **keep a lead on your dog** at all times, even between classes, unless asked to remove it by your class instructor.

FREE tea and coffee before and after training on Sundays. Sweets and soft drinks also available to buy at the shop.

## Dog Park Good Behaviour

Here are a few important guidelines for you to observe when you take your dog for an off-lead run or walk at the park or beach or other open space.

- Check to see if dogs are allowed off-lead in the chosen area. Generally, if there is no sign indicating that dogs are allowed off-lead then it is an on-lead area.
- Do not unleash your dog as soon as you get to an off-lead area. Spend a few minutes doing some obedience exercises on-lead.
- Before letting your dog off, check the area to ensure that it is safe to do so.
- Do not let your dog bound up to greet other dogs or people and children in the area. People and other dogs may not appreciate your dog charging towards them.
- If other dogs are on lead, there is a probably a good reason. Put your dog on lead until you know it is safe to release it.
- Remember that in off-lead areas your dog must be under effective **control**. This means that as soon as you call your dog it must return to you **immediately**. If you don't have a reliable recall, don't let your dog off-lead when the distractions are too great.
- Practise your dog's recall every so often. Call your dog, ask for a sit, hold the collar and praise (treat) it for returning before letting the dog go off again. Don't just wait until you leave the area: if you call the dog just the once, clip on the lead and leave the area, then your dog may learn that the recall signifies the end of such an enjoyable time and the reliability of your recalls will deteriorate.
- Utilise the time you are in the off-lead area to polish up your obedience skills in between free-running. Use free-running as a reward for good work.
- Always be aware of what else is happening in the off-lead area; people and dogs are always arriving and leaving.
- Don't forget to pick up after your dog!

Julia Tahourdin



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## Instructor Profile — John O'Sullivan

**Years at the club?**

I've been a member of the club for about 16 years with my Golden Retriever and have served on the General Committee and held the position of Vice President for 2 years. I'm also Life Member of the Club.

**Years as an instructor?**

This is my tenth year of instructing at the Northern Obedience Club.

**Dog's name and breed?**

Our new family member's name is Darcy and he's eight months old. He's a beautiful Golden Retriever.

**Favourite movie?**

The Pirates of the Caribbean.

**Book currently reading?**

The story of motorcycling legend Barry Sheene titled "Barry".

**Favourite meal?**

Sunday roast with heaps of roast potatoes and gravy.

**Precious dog item?**

The wonderful memories I have of the dogs that have been part of my life.

**Advice?**

Give your dog a big hug and love them to bits.

**Your dog's best trick?**

As Darcy is only eight months old his best trick is finding stuff in the backyard I haven't been for years.

**Handy training tip?**

When a command is not working the way you would like, always refer back to your basics.

**Any other thoughts?**

Handlers enjoy your dog as the years go by so fast.



Glenys Barnes

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## Notices

- Introduction to **Canine Freestyle**. Boogie with your dog. Enhance your bond. Have fun in a new way. A morning workshop in Bulla is planned for 9.30 am Saturday 26 February 2011. It's for beginners and suitable for all breeds and ages. \$50 includes morning tea. More information from Sue Cordwell on 0400 940 019 or [melcan-freestyle@bigpond.com](mailto:melcan-freestyle@bigpond.com).
- Want to learn all about **dog rallying**? A seminar is being run by the King Valley Kennel Club in Myrtleford, NE Victoria on the first weekend of February 2011. This is a new dog sport in Australia and will soon be a recognised competition with the ANKC. Registration closing date is 31 January 2011. More information from Heather Scarcella on 03 5727 3403 or [angelsun@bigpond.com](mailto:angelsun@bigpond.com).
- Do you have a dog (or a cat) with aches and pains? Do you think **acupuncture** will help relieve the pain? If so, Dr. Cathy Daly, Kensington Vet Clinic, Epsom Road, Kensington can help. Call on 9372 2733.
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- Going away for your **holidays**? What to do with your pet dogs? A **home-based stay** might be better than a kennel – secure, clean, high level of attention and care. If your dog is of a temperament that can cope in your yard when you're away, this could be your best holiday solution. On-site feeding and walking services for those unable to feed or walk their dogs are available. Contact Philip Semmel for more information or to make a booking on 9387 6918 or 0418 175 143.



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## It's Dangerous in Petland

- Just over 6000 people visited Victorian emergency departments with pet-caused injuries July 2006—June 2009.
- 15 percent of the injuries required hospital admission.
- More than 25 percent of injuries occurred to children aged 0-14 years.
- The hand was most commonly injured followed by the face, forearm and wrist.
- More than half the injuries were caused by dogs; 29 percent by horses.
- Other pets included cats, cows, rabbits, sheep, goats, chickens, guinea pigs, ferrets, rats, snakes, mice, dingoes and birds!

Victorian Injury Surveillance Unit, Monash University, reported in The Sunday Age.

**Did you know?**

**Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte (yes he was a great, great grandnephew & possibly the last Bonaparte) died in 1945 following injuries sustained from falling over his dog's leash. Should have done more work on his healing!**

**THE DOG'S BATH**

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## Hot Weather Alert

This time of the year is a danger period for dogs.

Make sure there's plenty of cool fresh water to drink and a shady place for them to hide and rest during the day. Wet a patch of the shaded yard for them to lie in.

Under no circumstances should they be left in a parked car during the day even for a very short time. Temperatures can soar very quickly leaving the dog brain-damaged or dead.

Go easy on exercise too and during Sunday classes make sure you take time out to give your dog a drink or a rest in the shade. If you're feeling hot or thirsty it's a good bet your dog is too.

Dogs do not have the ability to sweat like humans and their panting is not effective in cooling themselves down in very hot weather, so heat stroke is a threat.

Symptoms of heat stroke include::

- Excessive panting
- Salivation
- Body temperature of 40° C or more
- Collapse
- Diarrhoea
- Vomiting
- Increased, thumping heart rate
- Depression
- Stupor or appearing in a daze
- Seizures
- Coma

"Dogs do not have the ability to sweat like humans"

Get more information on the web at <http://www.dog-health-guide.org/dogheatstroke.html>

**Emergency 24 hour vet service:**  
**Animal Accident + Emergency**  
**Main Terminal, Essendon Airport, Phone: 9999 3388**

## Summer Treats

Frozen snacks are just the thing for this hot weather. They keep the dogs cool, give them something nutritious and keep them occupied as they chase ice cubes across the floor.

### **Frozen Chick Blocks**

*2 chicken stock (or beef) cubes*

*Pieces of chicken*

*2 Cups of Water (or enough to fill the ice tray in the fridge)*

Dissolve the cubes in the water. Pour into an ice tray. Put a piece of chicken in each cube. Freeze. How hard was that?

### **Doggy Fruit Freezies**

*Fruit (whatever you have and takes your fancy but not grapes)*

*Fruit juice*

*Low fat yoghurt*

*Small amount of honey*

*Level teaspoon of cinnamon*

Puree the fruit in a blender. Add the other ingredients and blend till smooth. Pour into an ice tray and freeze. One for the dog and one for you.

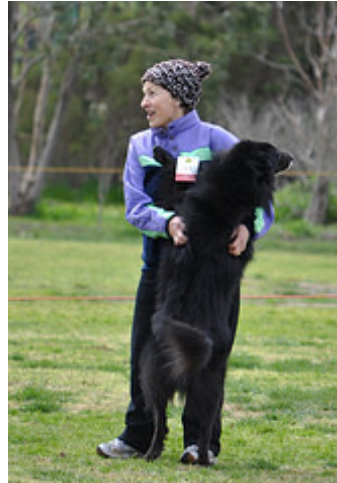
Teach the children cooking skills, keep them occupied during the holidays and keep your dog happy all at the same time with these simple recipes for dog snacks.

## NODC Trial

The Club hosted a Trial in September. Selected photos of the day snapped by Nicole Alfreds are below. See them in colour in the colour version of the Howler at our website or go directly to Flickr at

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/54084798@N08/sets/72157624848037725/>

Congratulations to Anna Del Bono who won Open Class and gained highest score at the Trial.





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## Titles & Awards for 2010

**Canine Companion Dog:**

Glenys Barnes  
Pascal CCD

**Canine Companion Dog:**

Julie Burns  
Patsgirl Roxy CCD

**Canine Companion Dog**

Ron Sciberras  
Spritzee Inflight CCD

**Canine Companion Dog**

Jodie Blair  
Truhaven Kings Ransom CCD

**Novice**

Alf Briffa  
Quils Bizzie Lizzie CD

**Novice**

Glenys Barnes  
Pascal CD

**Endurance**

Anna Del Bono  
Grandbelge Decan ET

**Pre Trial Herding**

Paul Robilliard  
Shidian Brainstormer PT

**Les Mc D Miller Trophy**

**Highest Scoring Dog 2010**

Alf Briffa  
Quils Bizzie Lizzie CD

**Alan Hayman Trophy**

**Highest Scoring Title Dog 2010**

Alf Briffa  
Quils Bizzie Lizzie CD

**Colin Hall Trophy**

**Highest Scoring CCD Dog 2010**

Glenys Barnes  
Pascal CCD

**Jean Roe Trophy**

Awarded to Nicole Alfreds  
For service to the Club

**Wooden Spoon**

Trish Blundell



### Congratulations

Marcia Hall and Bill Richardson, already Life Members, receive Awards for their 40 years of service to the Club.

### Is a tired dog a good and happy dog?

That's certainly the handed-down wisdom. But it depends on what you mean by good. Good to most owners means that the dog is not chewing, digging or barking. Vigorous exercise might certainly tire the dog enough to cease some of these "bad" behaviours but if the cause of the behaviour is something else, such as anxiety, tiring a dog might not work. Read more at <http://animalbehaviorassociates.com/blog/233/behavior-wellness/tired-dog-good-dog-happy-dog/>

## The AGM

### President's Report (Trevor Boyden)

This year the Club is 57 years old and we had an excellent membership of 647 members. It has been a successful year.

I want to thank the Committee for a great job especially Roger White who has had to fill in for me during the year on a number of occasions. Another big thank you to Frances, Peter and all the Instructors. A special thank you to all the volunteers who help the Club. Rob with the ground and equipment, Ray in the Canteen and all the general members who help each week and those who helped at the Open Trial.

The worst kept secret in the Club is I have had a change of work commitments and therefore am unable to continue on the Committee. I want to thank everyone for their acceptance of me over the last 3 years.

Northern is a great club with special people and I ask everyone to support Roger and his committee for next year.

### Secretary's Report (Marcia Hall)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has worked tirelessly to help the Club function throughout the year. In particular, my heartfelt thanks to Trish, Judith, Jackie and Helena who have stepped into the breach with my numerous absences this year.

As all of you will have realised I am stepping down from the Secretary's job this year. I figure that after 28 years on and off doing the Secretary's job it's time for someone else to take over. I urge everyone to give their support to Trish in the same unstinting fashion as you have all given to me.

I will continue to be the Trial Secretary and I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their assistance both before and on the day of our Trial. It is thanks to these efforts that we held a successful trial. Numbers were down and the Trial did run at a loss but once again the Trial itself was a success.

My thanks to those members of the Committee who are retiring and I thank you all for the work you have done in your time on Committee. Without their efforts the Club could not continue to function in the way that it has. I urge members to step up and make offers to assist around the Club or to serve on the Committee. The club is staffed by volunteers and we do need people to put their hands up to assist with the running of the Club.

To fellow Committee members, Instructors, volunteers and members, your support and commitment has been very much appreciated. Without your commitment each week the Club would not function.

I wish everyone a very happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all next year. Good luck with your training and trialing.

### New Committee for 2011

President: Roger White  
 Vice President: Marcia Hall  
 Secretary: Trish Blundell  
 Treasurer: TBA  
 Howler Editor: Peter Dapiran  
 Social Secretary: Helena Steel  
 Committee:

- Judith Hillyear
- Dorothee Bourges
- Frances Hammer
- Nicole Alfreds
- Darryl Andrews
- Isla Derrick



The New Committee (Back: Dorothee, Peter, Roger, Judith, Darryl, Frances;  
 Front: Marcia, Trish, Nicole, Helena)

## Congratulations

Life Membership was bestowed on Rob Fimmel. Rob has served on committee, is an Instructor and is currently the Equipment Manager.

## Fun Day Results — October

### Class 1

1 <sup>st</sup>	Nickolas Stafford	Riddick
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lisa Bennet	Riley
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Charles Drakoulas	Santi

### Class 2

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shelby Apap	Myla
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Matilda Houlihan	Moz
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Emily Marston	Bonnie

### Class 3

1 <sup>st</sup>	Nichole Alfreds	Almos
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Katherine Moloney	Daisy
3 <sup>rd</sup>	John Massey	Cooper

### Class 4

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mandy Kerr	Gus
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Helena Steele	Wobbles
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lyn Phillips	Spirit

### Class 5

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jodie Blair	Arnold
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nikola James	Annie
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Julie Burns	Roxy

### Class 1

1 <sup>st</sup>	Rachel Moloney	Lucy
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Trisha Tomlinson	Smokey
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Isla Derrick	Apollo

### Class 2

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kirsten Siddle	Rumo
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Frances Hammer	Gert
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Elizabeth Day	Zena

### Class 4

1 <sup>st</sup>	Nancy Evans	Stella
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Glynn Burnup	Gracie
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Peter Treloar	Gordon or Ruby

## New Members

Kirsten Siddle		Schnoodle	Rumo
Colin Spurgeon	Leah Spurgeon	Toy Poodle	Luna
Mark Longley	Catherine Vakapodio	English Staffies	Piddles & Chuck
Richard Dienjes	Linda Dienjes	German Shepherd & Maltese Pom	Fredrick & Chloe
David Wenig		Lab X Retriever	Max
Marisa Marion		Schnoodle	Harvey
David Laine	Bruno Helbert	Akita Inu	Kensoon
Karin Muiznicks		Labradoodle	Petzi
Sarah Metcalf	Ashley Metcalf	Vizsla	Ruby
Nick Stafford	Juliana Stafford	Doberman & Cavoodle	Riddick & Daisy
Lisa Bennett		Golden Retriever	Riley
Stephanie Randles	Chris Beaty	Pug X Maltese	Murphy
Sue Bayliss	Jacqueline Bayliss	Cavoodle	Winston
Christine	Marie Luvera		Molly
Viv Head	Jono Head	Border Collie X	Delta
Sarah Lambert	John Sharpley	Heeler X	Penfold
Jacilyn Lorenzon		Rottweiler X	Holly
Annette Allison		Labrador	Indie
Maryanne Scott		Weimaraner	Jude
Cathy Lowry	Emma Lowrie	Border Collie	Maya
Margaret Shaw		Cairn Terrier	Bobby
Patricia Tomlinson	Jacke Tomlinson	English Staffy	Smokey
Daniel Healy	Katherine Kelly	Border Collie	Oscar
James Spratt		Labrador	Eve
Leanda Nissen		Labrador	Zak
Vicki Ryles		Jack Russell	Marchall
Nicholas Hardy		Italian Greyhound	Rupert

Jessica Donnellan	Michael Ware	Golden Retriever	Morris
Denis Huynh		Jack Russell X	Louis
Rohan Sommerfield		Blue Heeler	Blade
Nicole Porochowsky	Tony Ansaldo	Spoodle	Buddy
Sam Sacchetta		English Setter	Max
Lyn Vincent		Cairn Terrier	Poppy
Millicent Tree		Cavalier King Charles	Maya
Melinda Borg		British Bull dog	Hurley
Robert Buskey	Russell Drake	Cavoodle	Gloria
Gretta Curran		Beagle	Bonny
Marnie Ross		Gold Retriever	Jasmine
Nicholas Tan		Cavoodle	Cocoa
Patrick Ryan		Border Collie	Belle
Rod Goulding	Dom Goulding	Labrador	Ruby
Brittany Walker		Labrador	Peaches
Tony Johnson	BJ Johnson	Staffy	Bob
Nola Pearse		Spoodle	Bonnie
Cheryle Harry	Riley Harry-Blackall	Whippet	Picasso
Matthew Bates	Sandra Bates	Shar Pei	Kaiah
Kate Symons		Samoyed & Dachshund	Phoenix & Moes
Lauren Wickham	Tom Wickham	Border Collie & West Highland	Ruby & Rex
Lisa Palmer	Ash Palmer	Labrador X Kelpie	Jett
Anne Lamont		Samoyed	Pola
Kate Abfalter		Terrier X	Benny
Tony Conway	Christine Conway	Cocker Spaniel	Max
Sam Kapralos	Sanja Durisic	German Shepherd	Sparky
Elias Heradotu		English Staffy	Bronx
George Baglava	Bianca Giampaolo	Bernese Mountain Dog	Stella
Elizabeth Rayner		Terrier X	Sparky
Luke Barber	Emma Lewis	Weimaraner	Bruce
Joanna Middleton		Kelpie X	Peppa
Penny Milne		Spoodle	Murphy
Lisa Hills		Poodle X	Delboy
Mel Desira		Labrador	Kodi
Chrishan Georgianos		Poodle X	Jessie
Matthew Turco	Jemma Provenzano	Siberian Husky	Gucci
Carolyn O'Dea		German Shepherd X	Wally
Patrice Butson	Zach Butson	Rottweiler	Lulu
Roland Jones	Tegan Howarth	German Shepherd	Sarge
Robyn Kent	Paul Quilty	Staffy X	Bella
Danny Couch	Tarkiah Crouch	Border Collie	Ed
Kathy Cdaidi	Marcus Giurdanella	Labrador	Jake
Shuo Guo	Tim Hassett	Border Collie	Xiao Bao
Elizabeth Hede	Rinaldo Cesarini	Golden Retriever	Sacha
Audrey Georgianis		Yorkshire Terrier	Maisy
Emma Laitala	Michael Wheeler	Collie X Lab & Golden Retriever	Buster & Monty
Charmaine Townsend		Staffy X	Cooper
Gail Mayes	Les Mayes	Cocker Spaniel	Hudson
Vicki Lawson		Schnoodle	Poppy
Simone Masuino		Toy Poodle	Cody
Katrina Kauzmina		Standard Poodle	Grant
Garry Bichler		German Shepherd	Jag
Leesa Ford		Great Dane	Lexie

## Three Cheers! Passes from Classes

### From Puppies to Class 1

Angelique & Robbie Woodburn	Louie
Claire Salkeld	Zuki
Rebecca Tzaros	Bobby
Claire McConville	Charlie
Annette Petterson	Tehya
Sue Rennex	Yogi
Mark Koster	Ruff
Kirsten Siddle	Rumo
Bernadette Eastham	Tess
Lianda Nissen	Zak
Corrie Luck	Zali
Lisa Bennett	Riley
Charles Drakoulas	Santi
Chris O'Gorman	Jasper
Annie MacDonough	Charlee
Helen List	Penny
Antony Anderson	Willow
Darryl Andrew	Remy
Marnie Ross	Jasmine
Kate Abfalder	Benny
Lucy Zimmer	Rex
Jack Tomlinson	Smokey
Bruno Helbert	Kensoon
Megan Pitson	Murphy
Mel Desira	Kodi
Kristy Lehman	Luna
Margaret Shaw	Bobby

### From Class 1 to Class 2

Laina McKenzie	Boots
Glen Beard	Kylar
Michelle Fox	Banjo
Mandy Rees	Pepper
Jane Ramsay	Curly
Alistair Stewart	Fitzzy
Jade Brooke	Kylar
Laina McKenzie	Boots
Elizabeth Day	Zenda
Miriam James	Bob
Amanda Thorneycroft	Hutch
Emily Marston	Bonnie
Stas Lukaitis	Coco
Ian Gillam	Helga
Julia Tahourdin	Peta
Gail Mitchell	Spike
Paul Bannister	Millie
Nicholas Stafford	Riddick
Rachael Amon	Jake
Tony Conway	Diesal
Sam Sacchetta	Max
Bryan Creswell	Allie
Sandra Blass	Bessie
Trisha Tomlinson	Smokey
Darryl Andrew	Remy
Corrie Luck	Zali
Charles Drakours	Santi
Pam Williams	Milli
Annette Pettersen	Tehya
Sue Rennex	Yogi
Olivia Liassos	Cooper
Eliza Pitson	Murphy
Kath Orgovany	Benny

### From Class 5 to Class 6

Glenys Barnes	Pascal
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## Three Cheers! Passes from Classes

### From Class 2 to Class 3

James Ha	Top Deck
Anna Morley	Biscuit
Vince Pino	Johnny
Kjel Ardivisson	Tess
Nicole Alfreds	Almos
Tammy Guerrisi	Millie
Andrew Lyon	Sasha
Michelle Fox	Banjo
Sophie Stefanetti	Pesto
Kaye Evans	Bailey
Kirsten Siddle	Rumo
Julie Quinn	Levi
Frances Hammer	Gertrude
Elizabeth Day	Zena
Matilda Houlihan	Mozart
Trish Blundell	Cassie
Mark Apperly	Bender
Sam Sacchetta	Max
Leanda Nissen	Zak
Darryl Andrew	Remy

### From Class 3 to Class 4

Trish Zurna	Tsar
Victoria Thomson	Muzza
Madeline Kerr	Gus
Joy Lech	Harvey
Belinda Bisignano	Lexi
Faye Solomon	Angel
Luke Borg	Rexie
Vince Pino	Johnny
Jan Scholtz	Kosi
Joanna Middleton	Peppa

### From Class 4 to Class 5

Robyn Duter	Fern
Anthony Natalie	Kiara
Lynette Fitzpatrick	Harry
Helen Safstrom	Josh
Julia Andrew	Chilli
Anthony Natale	Kiara
Fred Grima	Buddy

## Calendar 2011

**Classes next year start Sunday 6 February.**

### Did you know?

The Kelpie, that most Aussie of dogs, was bred in Casterton, Western Victoria. It was named after the supernatural water horse of Celtic mythology. Highly trained shepherds can fetch top prices — \$8600 at a recent sale. Kelpies excel in highly athletic competitions: high jumping (2.4 metres), sprinting (50 metres in 5.4 seconds) and iron-kelpie hill climbs and triathlons.

## The Good, the Bad and the Ugly—Dogs in the News

- A Chihuahua named *Momo* has passed exams to become a police dog in Japan. At just 3 kilograms, the long-haired seven-year-old dog was one of 32 out of 70 dogs to pass the grade as a search-and-rescue dog. What she lacks in brute strength she makes up in sniffing ability.
- Anyone for a hot-dog? Pets consume a significant part of the world's resources and so are major contributors to climate change. Researchers at Victoria University, New Zealand, have suggested that the best way we could contribute to a more ecologically sustainable planet would be to eat our dogs. Or perhaps not own one. A dog is the ecological equivalent of the manufacture and use of two Toyota LandCruisers. Next time you see a family in an SUV, think of how much happier they might be owning and walking a dog instead.
- Dr Robert Holmes, labelled as one of Australia's leading animal behaviourists, advises that dogs should be in bed with their owners, not left languishing in the back yard on their own. Bad dogs are not bored dogs, he declares, but simply anxious dogs that need to spend more time with their pack, preferably all piled in together in bed.
- Pet ownership can be dangerous. Each year more than 2000 Victorians visit hospital emergency departments because of a pet-caused injury. Most are dog-related. Many dog bites occur when just playing with the dog or feeding it. Elderly owners are particularly at risk. A broken nose resulted when an owner fell forward trying to stop a puppy from diving into the fish tank. A broken leg occurred when a Jack Russell on a retractable lead ran round and round its owners legs causing a fall. Broken ribs were the result when the owner slipped in a puddle of urine from a new Labrador puppy. But don't rush into swapping your dog for a cat – a Perth woman early last month died from the toxic effects of a cat bite.
- Jack the 8 kilogram Jack Russell managed to chase a 68 kilogram cougar up a tree in South Dakota, USA. Jack regularly chases cats up trees and he thought this was just another, admittedly large, cat. A spokesperson for the cougar said that the cougar probably wasn't hungry enough to have Jack for dinner. Taking unfair advantage Jack's owner shot and killed the cougar.
- Not only are we getting fatter but we're taking our dogs with us. A University of Sydney study has found that 41 percent of our dogs are overweight or obese. Another study found that 89 percent of dog owners give their dogs treats once or twice a day without taking this into account at regular meal times. So we're starting to see the symptoms of human obesity in our dogs – heart disease, diabetes, arthritis, breathing difficulties. They might be our best friends but we don't seem to be theirs.
- In Toowoomba, Queensland, a 20-year-old man has married his 5-year-old Labrador, Honey, in a ceremony in the local park. The bride wore a white cape, the groom a grey suit and purple tie. It's only platonic said the groom rather cruelly. "You can't actually marry a dog", continued the groom perceptively.
- It appears that a new Food Act was interpreted rather strictly by many Perth councils, which resulted in dogs being banned in cafe open-air areas. There were loud complaints from voting dog owners. The law is now being interpreted more realistically and only being enforced where there is evidence of unsafe food handling practices. Cafes are being encouraged by the RSPCA to provide drinking water for the dogs and owners are being encouraged to make sure their dogs behave.
- Lifeline Australia has recognised the stress that can arise from the loss of a pet. The emotional stress associated with pet loss is a significant factor in the calls to Lifeline. It has appointed a veterinarian to promote Lifeline's role in supporting people grieving over pet loss.
- Dogs who don't think they're dogs can get into trouble. A dog at an Adelaide beach followed a sea lion four kilometres off shore. Lifesavers went searching and found the dog happily playing with the sea lion beyond the surf. Time's up Rex.
- Doncaster East, Victoria. Dr James Gannon, aged 80, died from a heart attack. He was known as "the Bradman of Greyhound veterinary science" as a result of his life-long promotion of the care and welfare of Greyhounds with owners and trainers. He revolutionised Greyhound veterinary science. He co-authored several textbooks and helped trainers and breeders with practical advice on maintaining the health of their dogs. He played a major role in establishing the Greyhound adoption program for retired racing dogs.
- Lori McGill won a prize in Melbourne for turning her dog into a Sphinx. By cunning grooming, cutting and dyeing, her Bichon Frise was converted into the enigma of the Egyptian desert. Not to be outdone by her dog, she dressed as Cleopatra, which no doubt helped to clinch the grand prize. Her husband Craig knocked up a pyramid to complete the setting. She won last year too with a dog that looked like a triceratops. The unlucky losers only managed to look like red-back spiders, bumble bees and punks – no match for a Sphinx.

## Digging Dogs

### Some Dogs Just Love to Dig

Some dogs just love to get down and dirty by digging and digging. Meanwhile their masters can do nothing but watch as the yard starts to resemble a minefield. What you should do about digging depends on why your dog is scooping up soil by the paw full in the first place.

### Why Dogs Dig

There are a number of reasons that dogs dig. One is a well-founded urge for comfort, particularly on hot days. Dogs do not sweat very effectively and so they don't cool off as efficiently as humans. Digging into moist soil and then lying in it can provide summer relief. Even if the weather is not particularly hot, a well-appointed hole may be comfortable for nesting. Looked at from that point of view, digging is an indicator of how ingenious dogs can be.

Some dogs dig because they are pursuing an odour of buried food or a prey animal. Breeds, such as terriers and dachshunds, have been bred for the propensity to dig to facilitate their burrowing into the underground dens of small animals.

Sometimes, dogs dig just for the fun of it while others dig out of boredom or frustration. Then again, some dig because they have figured out that they can escape to roam the neighbourhood if they can just get under the fence.

On a more tragic note, some dogs that dig may be frightened into a frantic attempt to escape from frightening situations. Occasionally, dogs with separation anxiety dig out of their yards possibly in an attempt to be reunited with their owners. Thunderstorm phobic dogs just want to get away from the storm.

If digging does seem to be the result of a broader behavioural condition, such as separation anxiety or thunderstorm phobia, you should seek help through a veterinarian or an animal behaviourist.

Digging is hardly ever a sign of a medical condition though it sometimes occurs as an obsessive-compulsive behavior and, as such, indicates anxiety superimposed on an underlying genetic tendency. Again, veterinary assistance should be sought if such a condition is even suspected.

**Some breeds, such as terriers, have been bred to dig for underground small animals, but many other dogs dig for a variety of reasons.**

### Tips to Discourage Digging

- If your dog is digging to find a cool spot, try providing him with a small children's pool or sand pit in a shady area. Alternatively, try providing a shelter, such as a spot under a deck or insulated doghouse, for use on hot days. (Remember, all outdoor dogs should have access to shade and water at all times.)
- If your dog is digging to escape from the yard, try to figure out why he is so keen to leave your property.
- If your dog is leaving to find a mate, neutering will probably help.
- If your dog is leaving to raid a neighbour's garbage, buy your neighbour a dog-proof garbage receptacle. If you have a benevolent neighbour who is feeding your dog, ask the neighbour to stop.
- Give serious consideration to improving your containment system. The addition of an underground electronic fence or a fence that extends beneath ground level may be the only way to contain a skillful escape artist.
- If your dog is digging just to have fun, show him other ways to play. Provide him with lots of exercise. If you don't have the time, consider hiring a dog walker or neighbourhood child to walk your dog and play ball with him in the backyard. Always keep your dog busy and mentally stimulated.
- Supervise your dog when he is out in the yard. Reprimand (NO!) if he starts to dig. Get him interested in doing other things instead (playing ball). If there is one particular area your dog likes to excavate, try temporarily covering the area with plastic or wood. Or change the texture of the soil - for example, with water, large stones or newly planted grass - as this may discourage the unwanted behavior.
- Consider providing a special area of the yard for your dog to dig and teach him that it is acceptable to dig there but not in the rest of your yard. Well-placed (buried) treats may help direct him to a suitable area.

## Monster Quiz

- 1 What colour is the bulldog on the Western Bulldogs' jumper?
  - 2 What colour was the dog on Ted Whitten's (Footscray star of the 60s) jumper?
  - 3 Where is Dog Island in Australia?
  - 4 How many teeth does an adult dog have?
  - 5 How many bones in an adult dog?
  - 6 Traditionally, what were Dachshunds bred to hunt?
  - 7 When is the Dog Watch on a ship?
  - 8 What percentage of Australian homes have a resident dog?
  - 9 True or False: Australian Sheepdogs were first bred in the USA?
  - 10 Where in the world is the Isle of Dogs?
  - 11 Which dog is associated with Winston Churchill?
  - 12 Which dog features in the old ads for HMV record players?
  - 13 What is a record player?
  - 14 What dog does Paris Hilton own?
  - 15 What dog does President Obama own?
  - 16 What dog does Kevin Rudd, Australian ex-Prime Minister own?
  - 17 What is its name?
  - 18 When is the next Year of the Dog in the Chinese zodiac ?
  - 19 Which breed of dog sits on the Tucker Box at Gundagai?
  - 20 Where in the world is Pomerania, origins of the Pomeranian breed?
  - 21 Where in the world is Dalmatia, origins of the Dalmatian breed?
  - 22 Where in the world is Chihuahua, home place of the breed of that name?
  - 23 What breed was named after an English king?
  - 24 What is the name of the Dog Star?
  - 25 What is its correct astronomical designation?
  - 26 What is the average temperature of a healthy dog?
  - 27 What type of dog is a Pumi?
  - 28 Pick the odd one out:
    - a. Springer
    - b. English
    - c. Fox
    - d. Sussex
  - 29 What kind of dog is a Tosa?
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- 30 What kind of dog is a Dunker?
- 31 What kind of dog is a Kooikerhondje?
- 32 What kind of dog is a Tasy?
- 33 A dog's hearing is how much better than a human's?
- Twice
  - Twenty times
  - Four times
- 34 A dog's sense of smell is how much better than a human's?
- Twice
  - 1000 times
  - Fifty times
- 35 What type of dog was Sherlock Holmes searching for on the moors?
- 36 What breed of dog does the Australian Prime Minister, Julia Gillard own?
- 37 When attaining your CCD pass, your dog does a one minute sit stay and a three minute down stay. How many points have you achieved?
- 38 When attaining your Novice pass, which two tasks are optional:
- Change of position
  - Stand free for examination
  - Retrieve dumbbell
- 39 When attaining your Open pass, which two tasks are optional:
- Broad jump
  - Distance control
  - Retrieve dumbbell on the flat
- 40 How many ears does Cerberus, the dog that guards Hades, the mythical underworld, have?
- 41 Can you name the first dog in space?
- 42 Which is dangerous for your dog?
- The Poinsettia plant
  - Onions
- 43 Which movie dog was portrayed by a German Shepherd?
- Lassie
  - Rin Tin Tin
  - Toto
- 44 The Great Dane breed originated in which country?
- Germany
  - Denmark
  - Norway
- 45 In class when the instructor says, "Halt", the command to your dog is what?
- 46 What was the name of the Darling Family dog in Peter Pan?
- 47 What is a Lapponian Herder?
- a species of dog
  - a native of Lapland
  - a species of South American cat
- 48 Who was Toto's owner?
- 49 How many claws does your dog have?
- 50 What is the name of the Grinch's dog from the movie, *The Grinch that Stole Christmas*?
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## Doggy Dictionary

**LEASH:** A strap which attaches to your collar, enabling you to lead your person where you want him/her to go.

**DOG BED:** Any soft, clean surface, such as the white bedspread in the guest room or the newly upholstered couch in the living room.

**DROOL:** A liquid which, when combined with sad eyes, forces humans to give you their food. To do this properly you must sit as close as you can and get the drool on the human.

**SNIFF:** A social custom used to greet other dogs, similar to the human exchange of business cards.

**GARBAGE CAN:** A container which your neighbours put out once a week to test your ingenuity. You must stand on your hind legs and try to push the lid off with your nose. If you do it right you are rewarded with margarine wrappers to shred, beef bones to consume and mouldy crusts of bread.

**BICYCLES:** Two-wheeled exercise machines, invented for dogs to control body fat. To get maximum aerobic benefit, you must hide behind a bush and dash out, bark loudly and run alongside for a few yards. The person then swerves and falls into the bushes, and you prance away.

**DEAFNESS:** This is a malady which affects dogs when their person wants them in and they want to stay out. Symptoms include staring blankly at the person, then running in the opposite direction, or lying down.

**THUNDER:** This is a signal that the world is coming to an end. Humans remain amazingly calm during thunderstorms, so it is necessary to warn them of the danger by trembling uncontrollably, panting, rolling your eyes wildly, and following at their heels.

**WASTEBASKET:** This is a dog toy filled with paper, envelopes, and old candy wrappers. It is important to evenly distribute its contents throughout the house before your person comes home.

**BATH :** If you find something especially good to roll in, humans get jealous, and they use this degrading form of torture to get even. Be sure to shake only when next to a person or a piece of furniture.

**LEAN:** Every good dog's response to the command "sit!" especially if your person is dressed for an evening out. Incredibly effective before black-tie events.

**BUMP:** The best way to get your human's attention when they are drinking a fresh cup of coffee or tea.

**GOOSE BUMP:** A manoeuvre to use as a last resort when the regular bump doesn't get the attention you require ... especially effective when combined with the sniff. See above.

**CHILDREN:** Short humans of optimal petting height. Standing close to one assures some good petting. When running, they are good to chase. If they fall down, they are comfortable to sit on.

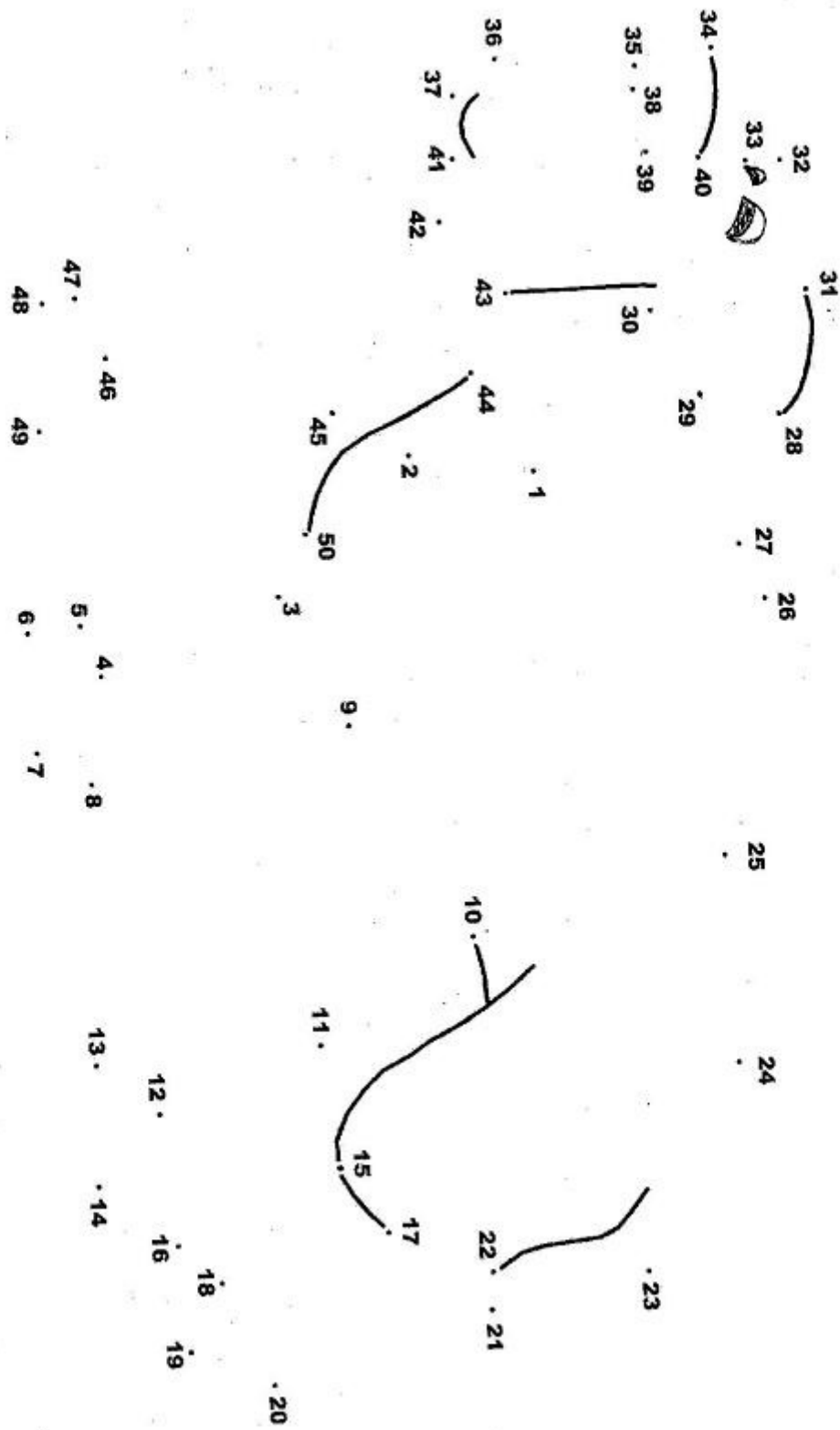
**LOVE:** A feeling of intense affection, given freely and without restriction. The best way you can show your love is to wag your tail. If you're lucky, a human will love you in return.

### The Fox Terrier

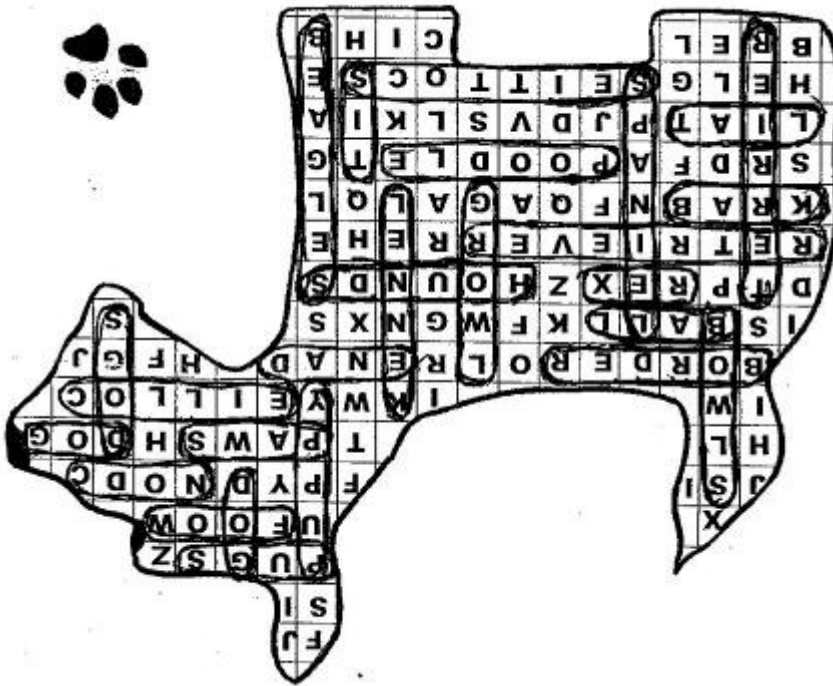
The name derives from the Latin *terra* meaning *earth* and were known as far back as Roman times. Julius Caesar's soldiers in 54 BC reported seeing small dogs scurrying around hunting for rats. They were also used early on in the English fox hunt to flush foxes out of burrows. They were cheap to buy and cheap to keep and were favoured by many trades that had to keep rats at bay — game keepers and grain millers. Fox Terriers became very popular. Queen Victoria owned one called Jack.



# Dots - to - Dog



# The Answers



- Monster Quiz:
- White 2. No dog on the jumper 3. Off Ceduna, SA. 4. 42 5. 319-321 (depending on tail length) 6. Badgers 7. There are two: first 4pm-6pm, second 6pm-8pm 8. 48% 9. True 10. Thames River, London 11. British Bulldog 12. Fox Terrier 13. Electrical device used for playing music from black circles of plastic before CDs were invented 14. Chihuahua (in a bag) 15. Portuguese Water Spaniel 16. Golden Retriever 17. Abby 18. 2018 19. Kelpie 20. Part of Poland 21. West coast of Croatia 22. City / State in Mexico 23. Cavalier King Charles Spaniel 24. Sirius 25. Alpha Canis Majoris 26. 38 Celsius 27. Hungarian sheep dog 28. (c) others are spaniels 29. Japaneese fighting dog 30. Norwegian hound bred for hunting hares 31. A Dutch spaniel-type dog bred for duck hunting 32. Russian hunting hound 33. (c) about four times 34. (b) about 1000 times 35. Hound of the Baskervilles 36. Doesn't own a dog 37. 40 points, 20 for each exercise 38. (a) and (c) 39. (a) and (b) 40. Six ears for his three heads 41. Laitka 42. Both 43. Rin Tin Tin 44. (a) 45. Sit 46. Nana 47. A dog from Finland bred to guard reindeer 48. Dorothy 49. Dogs have 16-20 depending on dew claws on front and rear legs. Go and count how many YOUR dog has 50. Max

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