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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 summer. And with the heat comes the usual advice to protect our dogs. Inside you'll find some recipes for summer treats (for the dogs.) Our breed feature this issue is on the Australian Cattle Dog also known as the Blue Heeler—a dog for active people or those with a some cows in the back yard. We've had quite a few successes in the trial ring this year and the hard-working handlers and Club award winners are listed inside.

Dog attacks continue with children being particularly vulnerable. Teaching them to “be a tree” could prevent some nasty incidents. See the Be A Tree advice inside.

Classes are now over for the year but of course our personal training at home continues. The most common question from handlers is “How do I stop the dog ?” The answer is “What would you like the dog to do instead?” See the Top Training Tip box inside and the story of Song and the sheep.

The story of Norton, the rescue dog, on our cover, starts this issue and his adventures will feature in future issues.

A Merry Christmas and a successful training year in 2012 to all Club members and families.

Enjoy your dog.

Peter, Denise and Glenys



President's Podium

Doesn't time fly when you're having fun! Where has the year gone? All I can say is I hope you achieved your goals and enjoyed the journey and the Club satisfied all your expectations. During the break spend time with your pets and look after them during the hot days – plenty of water and shade if left outside. If your dog is shy of the noise of firecrackers then make sure he is well taken care of during the fireworks.

Fun Day once again was a hit. All competitors seem to have had a pleasant time and had a little story to tell about their experience in the ring. Don't be disheartened, it's only with experience you learn and improve. Patience, perseverance and persistence will get you your results.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Committee and Instructors to wish you and your families a safe and joyous festive season.

See you at the training grounds in 2012.

Roger



NEXT YEAR

First training day is the first Sunday in February, 5 February 2012

Reminders

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

While you are at the Club **you are responsible** for your and your dog's actions. Ensure there is sufficient space between each dog so that they are unable to play with another dog or make another dog feel uncomfortable.

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Instructor Profile — Phil Semmel

How many years have you been a member of the club?

Almost fourteen years.

How long have you been an instructor?

Seven years.

Dogs' names and breed?

My dogs' breed is Schipperke, also known as Belgian Barge Dog. At home we have Jessica (6), Ziggy (4), Majik (1) and Fleur (5 months). At Mum's we have BB (13) and Rikki Tikki Tava (4).

Favourite Movies?

So many genres to cover – I guess the three *Lord of the Rings* movies; in music *Live Rust*, *Live at Pompeii*, and *Blues Brothers* (which all used to screen at the Valhalla); in motorbikes *Mad Max* and *Stone*; in WWII *Saving Private Ryan*; in comedy *Best In Show* and *Monty Python and The Holy Grail*.

What books are you currently reading?

Alfred Hitchcock Presents which is a series of short stories by various authors, many gruesome beyond my taste. *Bogong National Park* by Siseman & Brownlie. Both picked up off the pile to read on the train.

Favourite meal?

I like to go to the local Turkish with a nice red, or the local Vietnamese with a nice white.

Precious dog items or collectables?

BB's *Mornington Peninsula Shire Dog Of The Year 2000* trophy, Ziggy's *Condobolin Ag Show 2009 Best In Show* trophy, the *May Metherall Perpetual Trophy for Best In Specialty Show* which Ziggy is the last dog to win, BB's *2003 Tasmanian Schipperke Breed Feature* trophy, the two perpetual *Schipperke of the Year* trophies (BB and Ziggy are past winners), the *Clayton Cup* which Sandy, my Corgi bitch, won when I was a boy, and the *NODC 2002 Rubber Duck* award.

What advice do you like to give to people coming to the club for the first time?

Make friends at the Club and let your dog make friends. Visit inside the clubhouse and say "Hello" to the people there. Start training as early in your dog's life as possible. Come to club regularly, including Wednesday nights. Commit to sticking at it. Find yourself a mentor. Do your 5–10 minutes a day practice on days when there's no training. See yourself and your dog as a team that is training together and having fun together. Pick out some achievable targets for yourself and go for it. Make sure you understand what the exercises are in your class and what is the pass standard for those exercises, so that you have a yardstick with which to compare yourself. Teach your dog to retrieve as early as you can and keep practising it regularly. Add as much variety to your training and dog-walk routine as is possible.

Your dog's best trick?

Schipperke love to train humans and I admire them more when they show me they have yet another human fooled. They love to lie on their back and have their bellies rubbed, and if they can confiscate some food from a gullible human it gives them great joy. One thing my dogs like me to do is an old warm-up routine (off-lead). Spread your feet far apart and have food treats in each hand. Get your dog to do Figure 8s around your legs.

Handy training tip?

Listen lots, then discern which ways you want your team to progress.

Any other thoughts to share?

Make sure you come along to Fun Days. Enjoy your Club. Put up your hand to help every now and then. Say "Hello" to someone you don't know yet.



Glenys Barnes

Congratulations

Julia Andrew became a full
Instructor last month.

Aspiring Instructors

Maggie Jongejans
Kirsten Siddle
Darryl Andrew

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Dr Murray Sykes

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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"

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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.

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

- In Warrnambool, Victoria, the RSPCA dog shelter was broken into and a Staffordshire Bull Terrier stolen. The other seven dogs were let loose but were later rounded up by the ranger. Maybe the Staffie was just smarter and evaded capture.
- And another dog release. Two Staffies were stolen from the Baw Baw Shire dog pound. Owners were contacted using the dogs' microchip information but later that night someone axed their way into the pound, stole the dogs and copies of the ownership papers.
- Australia's pet dog population has dropped by 14% over the past decade according to the Australian Companion Animal Council. The move to flats and apartments, changing life styles, cost of pet ownership and legislation are to blame. Smaller dogs (the Maltese Terrier) have bumped bigger dogs (the German Shepherd) off the most popular dog list.
- Some people think their dog's poo is worth its weight in gold. If you lived in Taiwan, you would be right. Some municipalities are offering dog owners raffle tickets for picking up after their dog. Could win a gold ingot worth \$2,000.
- In Reservoir, a Melbourne suburb, Duke, an 18-month-old Staffordshire Bull Terrier, was mauled to death by the neighbour's Pitbull that had dug under the fence along with two other dogs. A second Staffie escaped a mauling after Joe, the dogs' owner, attacked the invading Pitbull. Joe has no ill feelings towards the Pitbull breed. The three dogs have been seized.
- And yet one more dog attack in Burnside, west of Melbourne. This time an English Bull Terrier attacked a one-year-old in his pram. A passing motorist came to the help of the mother and baby. The dog will be destroyed and the owner charged.
- The Victorian Government has passed the long awaited anti-puppy farm legislation. Illegal breeders will be fined up to \$20,000 and there are jail provisions and fines of up to \$30,000 for breeders found to be cruel to animals. There are also provisions for seizing the assets of illegal operators.
- The Prime Minister of Australia, Ms Julia Gillard, was given a Cavoodle for her 50th birthday by her partner Mr. Tim Mathieson. Some report it was a Spoodle. The name is still a mystery.

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Know Your Breed—Australian Cattle Dog

The Australian Cattle Dog breed (also known as a Blue Heeler) began evolving in the early 1830s through the need for a dog that could work cattle in Australia's harsh environment. The breed today is the result of many years of selective breeding. Five breeds of dog have gone into "the making" of the Australian Cattle Dog.

First there was the crossing of the dingo with an English breed of dog, the Smithfield, and the progeny from these were crossed with the smooth-coated blue merle Collie (commonly referred to today as the German Coolie). These were then mated to the Dalmatian to put the love of horses and the protection of their master's property into the breed.

AVERAGE LIFESPAN

This Aussie battler will often live up to 15 years of age but with the right care and diet can live to 20 years of age.

BREED PERSONALITY, CHARACTERISTICS AND TEMPERAMENT

Australian Cattle Dogs are loyal, courageous and devoted and possess a natural aptitude in the working and control of cattle. They are suspicious of strangers and will protect the family and possessions with their life. They are not naturally aggressive, but if provoked they will not back down without a fight.

COMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER PETS

The Australian Cattle Dog will get along with other animals in a household as long as they are introduced slowly and without tension. The best way to do this is by allowing the animals to see and smell each other through a wire fence for a few weeks until they realise they pose no threat to each other.

CARE REQUIREMENTS

Even though the Australian Cattle Dog is a working dog, it does well in a suburban household as long as its exercise requirements (this includes mental stimulation) are met. Obedience training of Australian Cattle Dogs is a must, as their brain needs stimulation of the right sort so that they don't think things up for themselves – such as digging, pulling washing from the clothes-line, pruning trees, landscaping, and jumping fences. They are prone to hip dysplasia and progressive retinal atrophy.

IDEAL OWNERS

The ideal owner for the Australian Cattle Dog should be someone who likes to have an active dog. While the Australian Cattle Dog absolutely adores children, similar to all breeds of dog it should never be left alone with them unsupervised. Elderly people might find that the Australian Cattle Dog is a bit of a handful.

IN CONCLUSION

If you have decided that the Australian Cattle Dog is the dog for you and you are prepared to properly train this loyal dog to get the most out of it, then contact a reputable breeder.



Titles & Awards for 2011

Canine Companion Dog:
 Nikola James
 Indyridge Bella (Annie) CCD
 Canine Companion Dog
 Darryl & Julia Andrew
 Shertonah Itz A Blast
 Novice
 Julie Burns
 Patsygirl Roxy
 Open
 Paul Robilliard
 Shidian Brain Stormer CDX
 Track & Search Dog
 Julia Tahourdin
 T Ch. Killara Padraic 'A"Z
 Endurance Title
 Phil Semmel
 Gr Ch Beadale Like A Hurrican
 Les Mc Miller Trophy 2011
 Highest Scoring Dog
 Nikola James
 Indyridge Bella (Annie) CCD
 Colin Hall Trophy 2011
 Nikola James
 Indyridge Bella (Annie) CCD
 Jean Roe Trophy 2011
 Denise Gardner
 For service to the Club.

Canine Companion Dog
 Anthony Natale/Jenny Thompson
 Taranou Lil Blue Angel
 Novice
 Nikola James
 Indyridge Bella (Annie) CD
 Novice
 Ron Sciberras
 Spritzee Inflight CD
 HSAS
 Paul Robilliard
 Shidian Brain Stormer CDX. HSAS
 Champion
 Andrew Lyon & Joulyet Lyon
 Ch Joden Palace Music CCD
 Wooden Spoon 2011
 Anthony Natale

Alan Hayman Trophy 2011
 Nikola James
 Indyridge Bella (Annie) CCD

Rubber Duck 2011
 Russell Morley
 For turning up to a trial on the wrong day.
 Spit The Dummy
 Glenys Barnes
 For falling over her own feet and breaking her leg.

Rumour is that Nikola James missed the awards because she popped off home to get the trailer for the trophies. Well done, Nikola!



The Annual General Meeting

President's Report at the AGM (Roger White)

Good morning. On behalf of the Club and Committee I would like to welcome and thank all members for attending our AGM. My special thanks to all who helped make 2011 such a success.

Not all of us realise how the wheels of industry of the Club turn. There are many hours of dedicated work given, to the running of the Club. For this and the support given to me I would like to thank the Committee.

To the Howler Editorial Team for putting together such a great read – thank you.

To the Instructors who religiously turn up week-in week-out - thank you.

We have been able to blood one new Instructor this year and there are three more in the pipeline, so the load on the Instructors will, with a little bit of luck, be reduced next year. Bill, thank you for your patience and dedication in training the inspiring Instructors.

To the Training Sub Committee - thank you for your input and help. To our ground manager Rob Loney and equipment manager Rob Fimmel - thank you.

Denise Gardner, your work is much appreciated – thank you.

If I haven't mentioned anybody in my dispatches I apologise.

All functions were successfully and professionally run. If at this stage I can make an appeal to any member who doesn't wish to commit to the committee but is willing to help out on function days please give your name to any Committee member. We will keep a list and touch base with you as functions arise – many hands make light work.

Financially the club is sound even though we made a slight loss. The loss is because we purchased two aircon units; details of Club finances to follow. Total membership is down but our retention of members is up so we must be on the right track.

On this note I'll close and hand you over to our secretary for her report.



New Committee for 2012

President: Roger White

Vice President: Marcia Hall

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Social Secretary: Helena Steel

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- Judith Hillyear
- Dorothee Bourges
- Frances Hammer
- Rob Staggard
- Judy Peel



Congratulations

Life Membership was bestowed on Anna Del Bono. Anna has served the Club for many years and is currently an Instructor.



Opposite page. Clockwise from top left: Anthony, Paul, Anthony, Jolyet , Ron

This page. Clockwise from left: Denise, Anna, Glenys.

Fun Day Results

Class 1

1. Janet Martin	Orlanda
2. Bernie Marantelli	Pepper
3. Bernadette Mogg	Zhara

Class 2

1. Ron Komisararis	Boris
2. Vicki Lawson	Poppy
3. Marijka Keane	Rory

Class 3

1. John O'Sullivan	Darcy
2. Frances Hammer	Gertrude
3. Sandra Glass	Bessie

Class 3

1. Nic Millar	Meg
2. Claire Feely	Baxter
3. Sue Rennex	Yogi

Class 4

1. Fred Grima	Buddy
2. Nancy Evans	Stella
3. Ray O'Brien	Murphy

Junior Handlers

1. Kate O'Hanian	Baxter
2. Sarah Jackson	Sammy
3. Kate Abaster	Benny

Calendar 2012

Classes next year start Sunday 5 February.

Careful What You Feed Your Dog

A pet's dietary needs are very different from ours. Some human foods are harmful to dogs and cats.

While your dog or cat may be a fully-fledged family member, their **nutritional needs** are very different from humans.

Alarmingly, several types of **human foods are toxic to pets**. Table scraps can contain foods mentioned below, and aren't nutritionally balanced for their needs.

Examples of human foods that are harmful to cats and dogs include:

- caffeine, including chocolate, which is toxic to pets' nervous systems
- fatty foods, including fat trimmings, which can cause pancreatitis
- onions and garlic, and anything containing onion or garlic powder, such as baby food. These damage pets' red blood cells
- uncooked yeasted dough, which can expand and rupture internal organs
- grapes, raisins and currants can damage the kidneys
- nuts, especially macadamia nuts
- mushrooms can cause shock, even death. Be sure to remove any wild mushrooms from your yard.

This is not a comprehensive list. Speak to your vet if you're unsure about what to feed your pets.

Classes next year start Sunday 5 February.

New Members

Greg	McLean	Kate	Scalzo	Tibetan Terrier	Archar
Antonina	Borzi			Maltese/ Poodle	Simba
Ben	Murray	Krissy	Savidis	Staffy	Massie
Pam	Matthews			Jack Russell	Lexie
Geoff	Pinner			Flatcoated Retriever	Angus
Heath	Shirtcliffe			Weimaraner	Takoda
Lee	Rodrigues	Ian	Gillam	Rottweiler	Kristie & Helga
Elizabeth	Barnes			English Staffy	Banger
Tim	Goldby	James	Goldby	Jack Russell Rough	Harry
Joan	Dea	Kristy	Dea	Border Collie	Mac
Daria	Butters	David	Butters	Labradoodle	Freddie
Laurie	Taranto	Pauline	Groenland	Heeler X	Missy
Eamon	Gallagher			Cairn Terrier	Wolfie
Elise	Barton	Andrew	Lorimer	Border Collie	Lennox
Andrew	Creek			Siberian Husky	DaVinci
Alistair	Stewart	Sara	Stewart	Kelpie X	Fitzy
				Border Collie X	Benji
Dale	Shaw	Rebecca	Heinrich	Border Collie	Jasper
Shae	Banbury-Gay			Beagle	Georgie
Heather	Smyth	Natalie	Crea	Cavalier	Max
Carmel	Didio	Leo	Didio	Cockalier	Ben
Jack	Bonfa			English Staffy	
Vanessa	Griffin	Jack	Darcy	Labrador	Nina
Wendy	Elsek			Border Collie	Jess
Helen	Boreham			Labrador	Bella
Oona	Pettenon	Michael	Pettenon	Dalmatian	Peanut
Laurie	Sternar	John	Sternar	Boxer	Jaxon

Farewell Katherine Moloney

We're usually not very familiar with people's surnames at the Club so Katherine Moloney might not ring a bell but most who have been attending regular Sunday classes would remember Katherine and her Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Daisy. With great sadness we have to advise that Katherine passed away suddenly a few weeks ago at the young age of 31.

Sunday dog classes were one of the main events in Katherine's calendar and our Christmas break-up party the pinnacle of the dog year. She simply loved Daisy and the Christmas party gave Katherine the opportunity to dress the dog in the festive spirit. It was difficult to convince her to remove perhaps just one layer of clothing so Daisy could keep cool.

Having her in my classes was a delight. Her stern directions to Daisy to sit and stay could be an example for some of us to follow but her over-enthusiastic praise of Daisy often left the dog shaken. Her "Daisy, Heel" could be heard clearly and loudly.

She often chatted about her work at Woolworths supermarket in Bundoora and her trip to Bali this year. The pending Bali trip was a big event and was counted down Sunday after Sunday until the holiday at long last eventuated. She took dog training seriously and was always anxious to progress through the classes. Katherine took Daisy all the way to Class 3. She will be missed. The Club offers condolences to Katherine's extend family.

Peter Dapiran

Teach Children to Avoid Dog Bites



Be a Tree for Dog Safety

Teaching children to “be a tree” around loose or bouncy dogs is a great safety technique.

Encourage the children to stand with their **feet** planted hip-width apart (for “strong roots”).

Tell them to “fold their branches,” by clasping their **hands** together in front of their bodies.

Then they should use their **eyes** to “watch their roots grow,” by looking at their feet and counting to the highest number they know.

This technique keeps the children’s minds, hands, and eyes busy doing a specific task that requires no decision making, very little movement, and is not subject to interpretation.

While the children are occupied with that task, the dog has time to relax and walk away.



Colleen Pelar, CPDT, CDBC, author of *Living with Kids and Dogs . . . Without Losing Your Mind*, is America's Kids and Canines Coach. Colleen has more than 16 years' experience as the go-to person for parents trying to navigate kid-and-dog issues. Because every interaction between a child and a dog can be improved by a knowledgeable adult, Colleen is committed to educating parents, children, and dog owners on kid-and-dog relationships. For more information, visit www.livingwithkidsanddogs.com.

Three Cheers! Passes from Classes

Puppies to Class 1

Chris Sutherland	Riley
Shannon Power	Vlad
Bernie Marantelli	Pepper
Janet Martin	Orlanda
Fiona Dawson	Zak
Amira Myer	Max
Rebecca Dale	Finn
Doran Gafni	Dolly
Milena Betho	Billy
Julie Dax	Maximus
Lauren Borchert	Bailey
Mark Borchert	Bailey
Vanessa Darcy	Nina
Jack Darcy	Nina
Heath Shirtcliffe	Takoda
Rebecca Heinrich	Jasper
Dale Shaw	Jasper

Class 1 to 2

Sonja Carter	George
Jennifer Halemba	Uni
Neil Kirk	Roxy
Virginia Heaver	Cessy
Trudy Dawson	Zak
Leo Didio	Ben
Krystyna Widera	Bartek
Paula Semmel	Majik
Bruce Jenkins	Webby
Rhonda McIntyre	Mia
Stella Fawns	Poppy
Reece Shand	Jack
Michael Pettenon	Peanut
Chris Thomson	Poppy
Don Matthews	Max
Gina Kennedy	Charlie
Kathy Doherty	Tessa
Melissa Trainer	Sol
Rob Staggard	Muscat

Class 2 to 3

Claire Feely	Baxter
John O'Sullivan	Darcy
Rob Staggard	Muscat
Janine Kocjancic	Roxie
Debbie Smith	Ollie
Marijka Keane	Rory
Megan Phillips	Georgie
Chris McCaffrey	Portia

Class 3 to 4

Nic Miller	Meg
John Massey	Cooper
Victor Rajewski	Baxter
Sue Rennex	Yogi
Rhonda Dickson	London
Peter DeBono	Jett
Kate Treadwell	Darcy

Did you know?

The Barkley Pet Hotel in Los Angeles, USA, is the world's most luxurious pet hotel. Dogs can be picked up in a specially fitted stretch limo with custom number plate - VIP PET. Rooms have individual climate and lighting control and are fitted with soothing piped music. The Hollywood Star Suite costs \$100 a night. The poolside cabana offers cool drinks and gourmet snacks - just bark for a waiter. Swimming lessons are available with a personal instructor - life jackets for the more nervous dogs. A trained pet masseur can relieve the day's stress or perhaps opt for a relaxing pawdicure or a trend-setting fur dye.

westlake.thebarkleypethotel.com (of course they're on Facebook and Twitter)

The Adventures of Norton

Norton was found running wild and sleeping rough on the streets and in the parks of Essendon. He was rescued by a Good Samaritan who thought he deserved better. Norton was given a thorough clean-up and taken to visit Dr. Murray Sykes at the Strathmore Vet Clinic. Norton was weighed, given a check-up and his vaccination shots.

Luckily, Norton's new owner was a member of NODC who knew the benefits of good training and socialisation. Norton was made a member of the Club. He appears on the Christmas cover of the Howler.

We'll be bringing you more Norton adventures in future issues of the Howler.



Denise Gardner & Glenys Barnes

Understanding Barrier Frustration

Have you noticed that your pup is tenser with other dogs while on the lead? Does your dog go crazy at the fence when another dog goes by? Does your pup whine or fuss when confined or tied up?

On-lead aggression is usually the problem that most upsets people. We all like our dogs to be friendly and sociable with other dogs. Some dogs are relaxed and friendly, but many start to develop aggressive behaviours while on lead, even when they have never had any bad experiences to give them a fright.

When we look at a dog's natural response to a situation, we find the clues to this mystifying behaviour. When a dog sees another dog, their usual desire is to go greet the other dog, check it out, and either befriend it or chase it away.

The over-confident friendly dog will become frustrated because it can't approach the other dog, and lunge and bark to express it's frustration.

The shy or fearful dog will want to retreat from the other dog, but be unable to because the lead stops it. It might learn instead to yell at the other dog to stay away. To many people, this looks like aggression, but it is really fear.

This barking and lunging can be embarrassing and even frightening for owners. A nasty spiral can happen as owners tense up on the approach of a strange dog, anticipating their dog's behaviour. However, all the dog knows is that when a strange dog comes close, their owner gets tense, so they get more tense, and so it goes on.

Try to remember to relax and breathe deeply. Don't hold the lead short or tighten your grip. If possible, smile and greet the other dog's owner in a friendly, relaxed manner.

Learn to "read" your dog's body language, and try to distract and relax the dog before they get too wound up. Watch for the ears coming up or forward, head and neck going up, eye expression, the mouth, body or tail tensing up. If you can intervene before the dog "explodes" you will be more successful than if you wait till after the explosion.

Teach your dog a cute trick, like shake hands, or to fetch a toy or ball, and use this to relax you both while in the park or to distract the dog. Turn your dog away from the approaching dog and move out of its path, then ask the dog to play with the toy or do its trick. Be aware that at first your dog may be too tense to respond, but be patient and keep trying (remembering to stay relaxed), or move further away and try again. If the trick is too hard or the dog won't play with the toy, perhaps ask for something much easier – a Sit. Stroke the dog calmly to help it relax, once it has responded to you. Ensure your action is not "nervous petting" but a smooth, calming motion.

Stay calm yourself and try not to be embarrassed or get angry. Your emotional state will affect your dog's emotional state, so concentrate on remaining calm and relaxed. Don't worry about "what people think" – concentrate on helping your dog to deal with normal daily social interactions instead. Sometimes it can help to sing a happy song or tell a joke under your breath.

Keep attracting the dog back into facing you, and turning it's back to the other dog. Don't allow the dog to remain at the other end of the lead with it's back to you, staring at the other dog. Keep moving away as far as you need to in order to get your dog's attention back onto you. In time you will find you have to move away less and less as your dog learns to relax.

Finally, remember that the noisier your dog is being, the less serious they are about really hurting anyone. Dogs use loud "threat displays" to avoid real conflict, so if your dog is "shouting" at other dogs, this is more likely to be just posturing designed to encourage the other dog to go away, and not serious aggression (which is usually very silent).

Courtesy of Frances Hammer

Did You Know?

Recent veterinary research has studied the behaviour of dogs in public places both on and off lead. The study reports on the effect of dog age, gender and size, human gender and the use of a leash on body sniffing, scent marking, play behaviour and threatening or biting behaviour.

Off lead dogs sniffed each other more often than dogs on lead probably because of the restraining actions of the handler. Threatening behaviour occurred twice as often for dogs on leash than those off lead. Males and females bit dogs of the same gender five times more often than those of opposite gender.

More interesting is the finding that dogs exhibited threatening or biting behaviour four times more often when both owners were men than when they were women!

Monster Quiz

- 1 True or False - Dandie Dinmont Terriers are named after a Scottish farmer in a book by Sir Walter Scott.
 - 2 The original Labrador was used to haul in fishing nets. What were they called at the time?
a. Always been called Labradors b. St. John dogs c. Canadian Netting dogs d. Rovers
 - 3 Where and when was the first dog licence issued?
a. New York 1860 b. Utrecht Holland 1446 c. Xian China 5th Century
 - 4 The Turnspit dog breed no longer exists. What was it used for?
 - 5 Delta, a dog that died at Pompeii after the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79AD, was found protecting a child. It wore a silver collar because
a. he saved his owner from drowning. b. fended off 4 men trying to rob his owner. c. protected his owner from a wolf attack.
 - 6 True or False - dogs are born left pawed or right pawed?
 - 7 Jack London wrote which book about a dog called Buck?
 - 8 Which dog breed was developed to protect tax collectors?
 - 9 "Beauty without vanity, strength without insolence, courage without ferocity and all the virtues of man without his vices." What was the poet Byron writing about?
 - 10 True or False - all "Lassie" movie stars were female.
 - 11 A Neapolitan Mastiff holds the record for most pups in a litter. How many? a. 12. b. 24 c. 36
 - 12 Bluey, a working dog from Rochester Victoria was the world's longest lived dog. How old was he when he died? (Give you 2 years either way.)
 - 13 Beatle Paul McCartney's song, Martha my Dear, was about a. his dog b. his grandmother (on his mother's side) c. his first childhood sweetheart d. the lady next door who looked after him.
 - 14 How much is that doggie in the window?
 - 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
- 34 A dog's sense of smell is how much better than a human's?
- Twice
 - 1000 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
- 43 Which movie dog was portrayed by a German Shepherd?
- Lassie
 - Rin Tin Tin
- 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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Song and the Sheep

"I don't have the patience for that". Sure, people have the patience to spend YEARS being frustrated about a behaviour, but don't have the patience to spend three hours fixing it. If something your dog is doing doesn't bother you, there's nothing to fix. If something he's doing DOES bother you, quit complaining. Sit down, write up a plan starting from what you're starting with, what you want, what you're going to do to explain to the dog what you want. Do it.

Let me tell you the story of Song And The Sheep. Song is a Giant Schnauzer, and Giant Schnauzers are generally relatively calm and reasonable creatures, but they do have Passions about some things, and one of Song's Passions is Sheep. She would start screaming in the car when we were a quarter of a mile from the sheep pasture, and keep it up until she was running around sheep, where she wouldn't listen worth a darn, being too busy running around sheep to bother with me. The herding people around here basically told me to let her go, let her run around sheep, use a bag on a stick in her face to keep her from dive-bombing them, and after ten or fifteen minutes she would start to slow down and listen to me. My response to that was not to do herding any more, because a Giant Schnauzer having a heart attack on the floor could still be screaming about sheep. I whined about this on a list one day, and got several helpful answers, resulting in the flat-forehead DUH.

I took a paperback book, a lawn chair, a sturdy leash, a clicker, and Song, and drove to the pasture. I got her screaming out of the car, put down my chair, sat in it, and read my book, holding the leash of the screaming, lunging, jumping Giant Schnauzer for over an hour. Note I did NOTHING but read my book and sit on the leash. When she finally shut up and looked back at me ("Did you die? Why aren't we in with the sheep?"), I clicked and started to stand up. Of course, she screamed and jumped back at the sheep, so I sat down again immediately. About twenty minutes later, she shut up and looked at me again, click. This time I got to stand up and almost take a step before she started screaming and I had to sit down again. That day, it took me three hours to get approximately 20 feet into the pasture. When we were in there, I had a responsive, quiet, pleasant herding dog working sheep.

The next day, it took me twenty minutes to get into the pasture, and once in, I once again found myself working a responsive, quiet, pleasant dog.

The third day, it took five minutes.

The fourth day, she bounced eagerly out of the car and strut-step heeled with eye contact into the sheep pasture, without me asking her to, and then went to work.

It works. Stop jumping around. Stop trying to DO something to get the behaviour, simply decide that you don't go that way until you have contact.

Sue Eh?

NOTE: Further down the experience road, I'd start much further away from the pasture, back where Song could still concentrate on me. Then I'd move closer and closer... and further away again when she went over her threshold of concentration. The training would be easier for me, less noisy, easier on the dog, and wouldn't take any longer. I didn't know that at the time - but at least I knew that beating on her wasn't going to accomplish what I wanted!

Source: www.sue-eh.ca This the website of Sue Ailsby, AKA Sue Eh? Visit her site for more dog insights.

Top Training Tip

Make a complete list of your dog's favourite things - food rewards, activities and distractions.

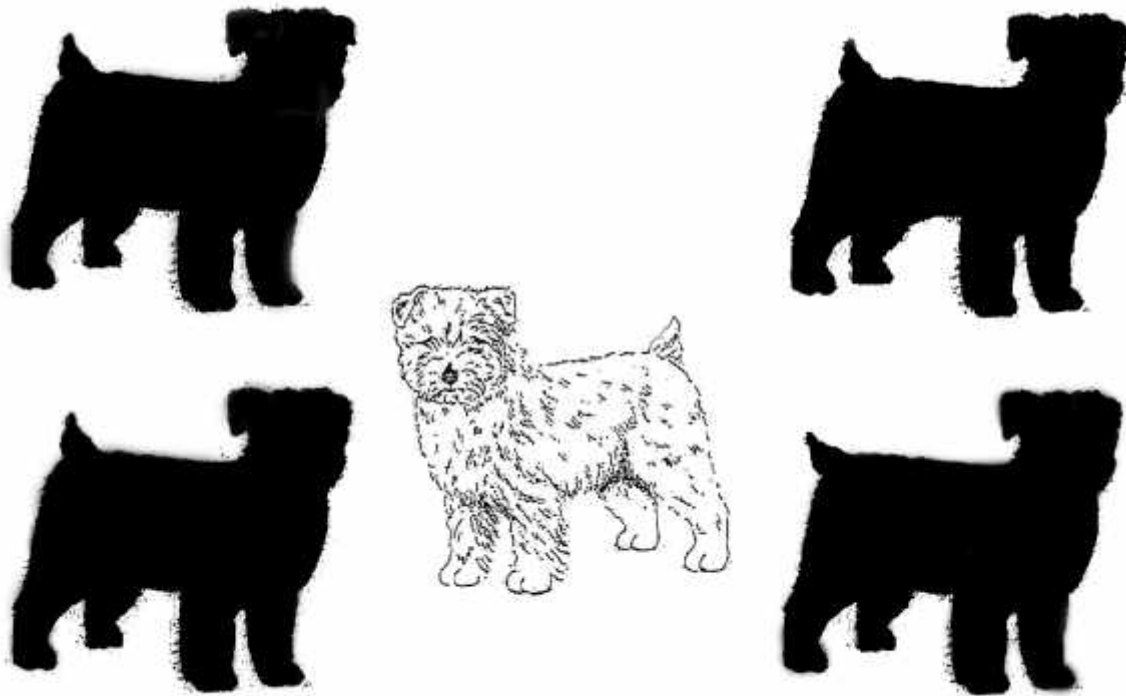
Make a list of 'problem behaviours' that you see in your dog. Can you identify what is rewarding these behaviours?

Make a list of behaviours that you would like to see more of. Can you identify rewards that could be used in different situations?

For dealing with 'problem behaviours' you want to look at what you would prefer the dog to do (not what you don't want him doing). You can eliminate access to rewards for undesired behaviours and allow him access to things he likes for offering an alternative behaviour (remember, what do you want him to do?).

Rewards are NOT just treats. They are whatever the dog wants at any given moment.

Help Timmy the Terrier Track his Silhouette



Denise Gardner

Checklist for the Right Boarding Kennel

Visit the kennels, speak to the owners. Here're some of the things you should look out for and ask.

Is the facility clean?

Do the current boarders appear to be relaxed and comfortable?

Do the boarding team members have a genuine interest in pet care?

How often and what type of food will your pet be fed?

How often will your pet have access to an exercise area?

Will he/she share the exercise area?

What measures are taken to ensure your pet will not be socialised with unfamiliar or unsocial pets?

How often will your pet's sleeping and exercise area be cleaned?

Will your pet be relocated during cleaning times? If so, where?

Will your pet have access to adequate shelter day and night?

Will your pet be supplied with adequate bedding? Will they have access to a raised bed, or be elevated from a concrete floor?

Does the facility have adequate security both night and day?

What happens if your pet becomes unwell?

What is their procedure for contacting you should your pet become unwell?

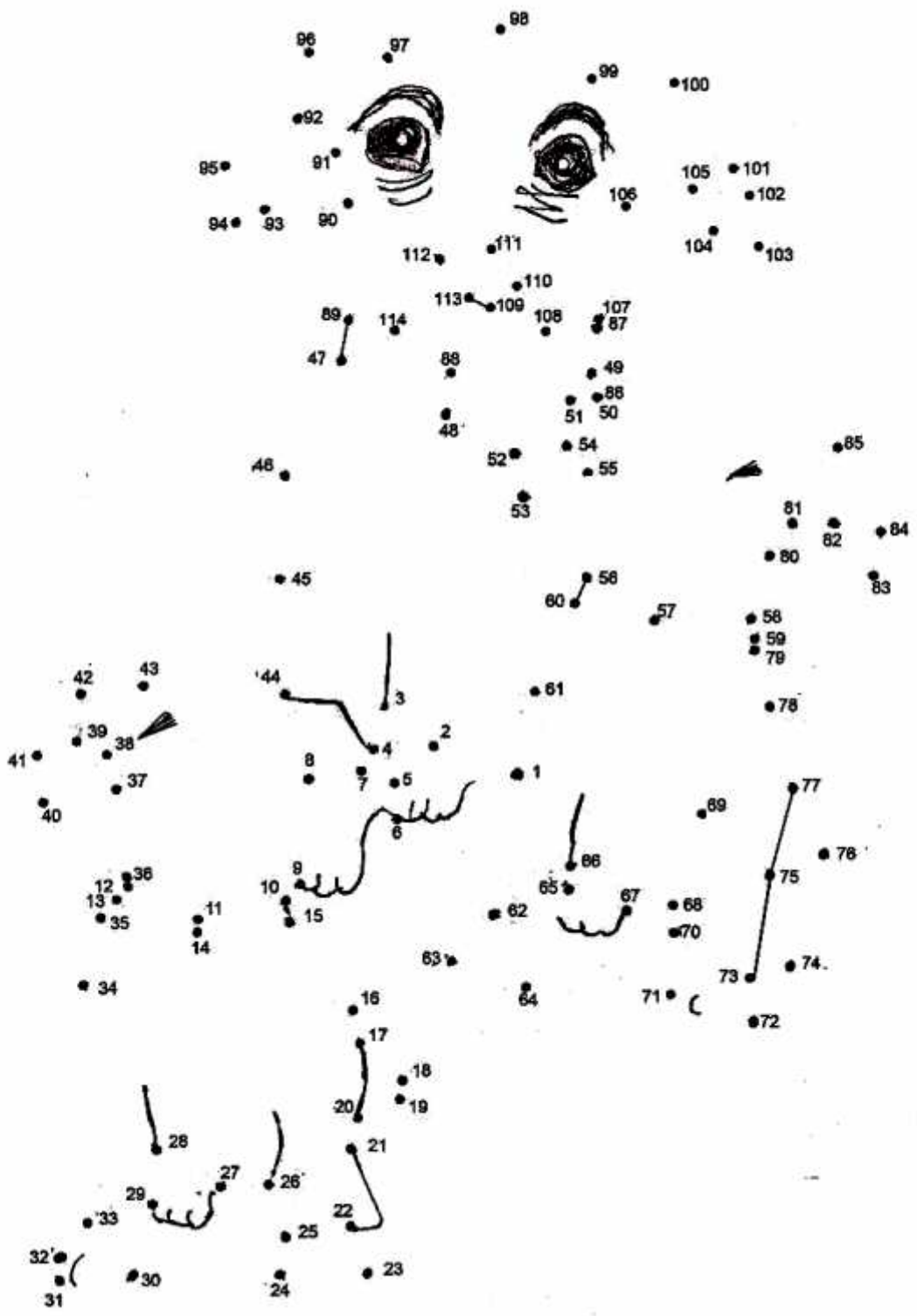
What is their procedure for contacting a veterinarian should your pet become unwell?

Does the facility strictly adhere to the rule that all boarders must be vaccinated?

Can their staff administer your pet's medication if required?

Did they ask about your pet's particular needs or behaviour so their team can make them feel as comfortable as possible?

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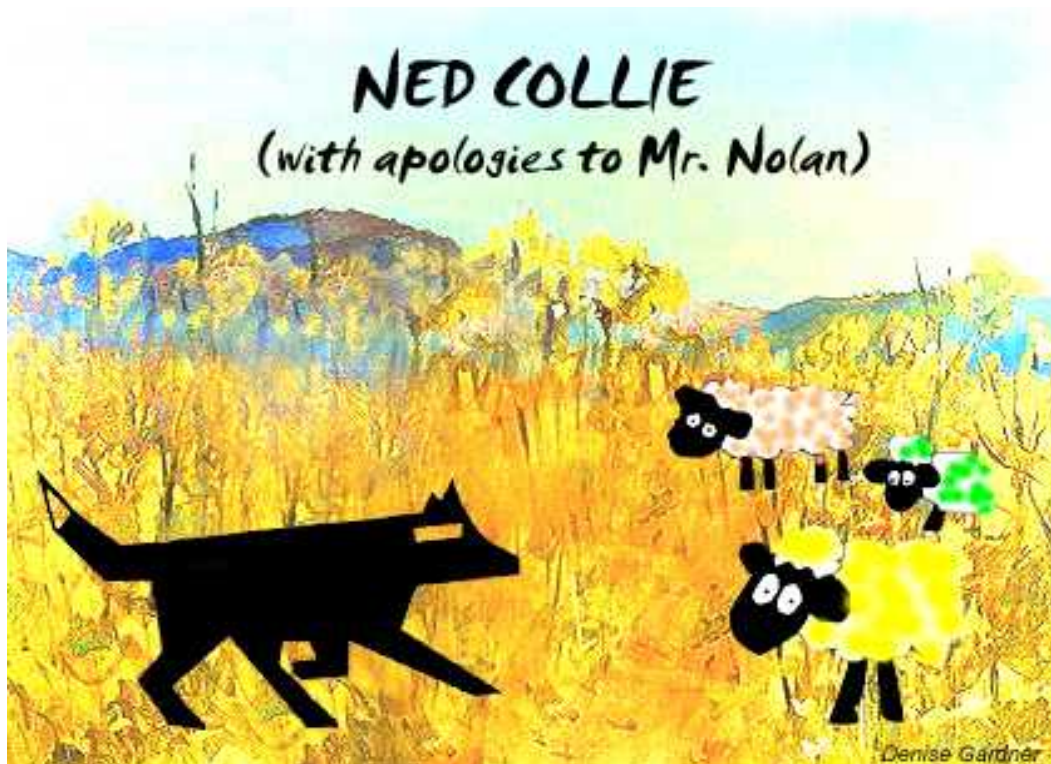
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