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EDITORIAL

Hello

Another edition of the newsletter is done and dusted, thanks to those who have contributed or given me ideas, please keep the ideas coming as my mind goes vacant at times and you may end up with a newsletter of similar calibre.

The AGM has been and gone and with that comes a new committee, some new and some not so new. They are there for your club so tell them what you want.

In this edition you will find at least a couple of very important items, firstly is the notice of the Special General Meeting, this is to make a small change to our constitution regarding the electing of an auditor, we wish to change this to - appointing an independant and suitably qualified person to review the accounts. As full audits are very costly this is going to save the club hundreds of dollars per year. Please come to this meeting, it is important and we need to have at least 15 members there to 'pass' the change.

Secondly you will find we are running some 'intensive training sessions' we have noticed a drop off of breed showing people coming to training and these sessions are designed to lure you back. I am sure they will be beneficial to you and to your dog and they are perfectly timed for the lead up to the November show finishing up with a mini show in the form of a match parade. Please support these – If you put work 'into' your dog then your dog will work for you.

Another idea we are circulating is to e-mail the newsletter to members who would prefer to have an electronic version instead of the printed one. If this is preferential to you please e-mail me at mjdzell@xtra.co.nz or phone me on 03 960 6697 or indicate to a member your preference.

Until next time Keep safe and Keep smiling,

Jane 

The committee would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new member:

Tim Maxwell

PRESIDENTS PEN

Hi Everyone

Welcome to the SIGSL 2011/2012 year!!

A big CONGRATULATIONS to all Annual Award winners – a year of hard work pays off.

We once again have a passionate Committee with the addition of some new faces. This injects some fantastic enthusiasm and initiatives for the forth coming year. We also welcome SIGSL's very first 'Junior Committee Member' – Becca Dalzell. Her role on Committee is extremely important as it is the 'next generation', learning the ropes. It is very important we encourage and support our youth.

Look further on for information on the upcoming show training programme, to be followed by a Match Parade. A great opportunity to get your dog/s out and about prior to the November shows which are fast approaching.

Further on in the newsletter is a Notice of Special General Meeting. It is imperative that we get at least 15 members to this, so that we can pass the amendments required to our Constitution. Please note this date of Wednesday 21 September, in your diary.

There are a few fundraising ideas being looked into at present. If anyone can offer any ideas or help, please contact Andy Connor.

It is with great sadness that a highly regarded club member, Dave Burge passed away recently, our condolences are extended to his family and friends at this sad time.

Plans are well underway for the November show. Ensure you get your entries in early, we have two great days lined up.

Take care
Rach

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The Lines Of Communication

Dont forget South Island German Shepherd League is on *facebook*, add it and post photos of your dog's e.t.c.

Our new web page is still under construction and will be released soon, until then keep a check on the site for news and updates www.sigsl.org.nz.

Communication is the key to a sucessfully run club so please let us know what you are thinking and how we can make this a better club for you.

I would like to add a 'letters to the editor section' in the newsletter so let me know any suggestions, complaints and don't forget compliments.

“Good communication does not mean that you have to speak in perfectly formed sentences and paragraphs. It isn't about slickness. Simple and clear go a long way.”

‘John Kotter’

TRAINING

Training – Training takes place on a **Monday** night 7.00pm in the RDA centre and Sunday mornings at the SIGSL grounds 10.30am

From **WEDNESDAY 21st September** it will once again be outside at the clubrooms - each Wednesday evening from 7.00pm

Come for training, come for a coffee, come for a look, come for a chat.

**Intensive training sessions begin Wednesday 21st September
Outside under spotlight at the clubrooms.**

The following week daylight saving will of started, so lets shake off the winter 'dreary's' and get out and get training.

See you there!!

CODE OF ETHICS

1. Owners should properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when desired.
2. Owners should not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
3. Owners should ensure that their dogs should wear properly tagged collars and should be kept fully leashed or under effective control when away from home.
4. Owners will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are exhibited.
5. Owners should agree without reservation that any veterinary surgeon performing an operation on their dogs, which could alter the natural confirmation of the animal should report such an operation to the New Zealand Kennel Club.
6. Owners should not agree to breed from a bitch in any way which is deleterious to the bitch or the breed.
7. Owners should take care to ensure that when selling dogs there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life and will help with the rehoming of a dog if the initial circumstances change.
8. Owners should provide written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
9. Owners should not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers or directly or indirectly allow dogs to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind.
10. Owners will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise dogs nor mislead any person regarding the quality of the dog.
11. Owners will ensure that all relevant New Zealand Kennel Club documents are provided to the new owners when selling or transferring a dog.

"He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion."

-- Unknown

JOKE

Ahhhh spoken like a true Irish Priest

Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside with only a pet dog for company.

One day the dog died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest and asked, "Father, me dog is dead. Could ya' be saying a mass for the poor creature?"

Father Kevin replied, "I'm afraid not; we cannot have services for an animal in the church. But there are some Baptists down the lane, and there's no tellin' what they believe. Maybe they'll do something for the creature."

Muldoon said, "I'll go right away, Father. Do ya' think \$5,000 is enough to donate for the service?"

Father Kevin exclaimed, "Sweet Mary, Mother of Jesus! Why didn't ya' tell me the dog was Catholic.

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South Island German Shepherd Awards 2011

Specialist awards

Pup of the Year

Zetland mad Max

Junior of the Year

Reichund as good as it gets

Intermediate of the Year

Reichund as good as it gets

N.Z Bred of the Year

Zabeel Von Gavarol

Glenka Yana

Open of the Year

CH Bradwins Lord Jester

Dog of the Year

CH Bradwins Lord Jester

Bitch of the Year

Reichund Runvs

Gough Trophy

Bradwins Kennels

25th Jubilee Trophy (breed)

CH Bradwins Lord Jester

All Breeds awards

Puppy of the Year

(Vernris Trophy)

Westfield Qointreau

Junior of the Year

(Heathcote Trophy)

Westfield Qointreau

IntermmEDIATE of the Year

Year

(Glenlomack Trophy)

Oakway on Form

N.Z Bred of the

(Kirsty Memorial

Oakway on Form

Open of the Year

(Chew Trophy)

Oakway Kiwi Magic

Dog of the Year

(Zauberhaus Trophy)

Oakway on Form

Bitch of the Year

(Eichenmacht Trophy)

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Westfield Qointreau

Other Awards

GL Bowron (Southland Trophy)

For the dog gaining the most points at open specialist and all breeds shows
CH Bradwins Lord Jester

GL Bowron (Woolston Trophy)

For the Bitch gaining the most points at open specialist and all breeds shows
Reichund Runvs

Leila Greig Memorial Sash

For Dogs and Bitches gaining their Champion Title
Ch Westfield Qointreau
Ch Westfield Katie
Ch Oakway Kiwi Magic

Obedience Dog/Bitch of the Year

Klausenburg Dawn raider

Carter Trophy

For the handler who has made the most progress throughout the year
Martin Wilson

Albara Kennels Trophy

To a club member for outstanding service to SIGSL
Martin Wilson

Lustig kennels Most Improved Show Handler

Grace Pither

Training Committee Trophy

For the handler who has persevered on a regular basis with a difficult dog
Anne Dixon Kane

Junior Handler

Grace Pither

Child Handler

Pip Prendergast

Agility Dog/Bitch of the Year

(Most Points)

Klausenburg Dawn Raider

Agility No1 Trophy

Klausenburg Dawn Raider

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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER
7.30PM**

NOTICE OF MOTION 1

South Island German shepherd League Inc constitution currently reads-

(4) Treasurer

- (i) To take charge of and keep all books and documents relating to finance and to supply the same on demand by the main committee or auditor.
- (iv) To have the bank passbooks, chequebooks, and all account books available at each committee meeting or at any time for the honorary auditor.
- (vii) To submit to the honorary auditor the financial records of the SIGSL in reasonable time (at least 2 weeks) and co operate on all matters relating to the audit of the annual accounts.

Notice of motion – That the role of the treasurer (4) (i) (iv) (vii) be amended as follows :-

(4) Treasurer

- (i) To take charge of and keep all books and documents relating to finance and to supply the same on demand by the main committee or ***an independant and suitable qualified person appointed as reviewer of the accounts***
- (iv)** To have the bank passbooks, chequebooks and all account books available at each committee meeting or at anytime for ***an independant and suitably qualified person appointed as reviewer of the accounts.***
- (vii) To submit to ***an independant and suitably qualified person appointed as reviewer of the accounts*** the financial records of the SIGSL in reasonable time (at least 2 weeks) and co-operate on all matters relating to the *review* of the annual accounts.

Rationale – This reflects the appointment of an independant and suitably qualified person appointed as reviewer of the accounts as opposed to an auditor. This practice is now commonplace within clubs as the cost of a full audit is now prohibitive.

Notice of motion 2

South Island German Shepherd League Inc Constitution currently reads:

14. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- (d) The business of the annual general meeting shall be:
- (8) To elect an honorary auditor

Notice of motion – that rule 14 (d) (8) be amended to read:-

14. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- (D) The business of the annual general meeting shall be:

(8) To ***appoint*** an independant and suitably qualified person to review accounts

Your New Committee

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Rachel Pither

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Liz Wilkinson

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Jane Dalzell

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Carla Turnbull

Club Captain

James Pullen

Committee

Andy Connor

Martin Wilson

Becca Dalzell

Sarah Jones

Natasha Connor

Lisa Amlehn

Meet our club Captain James Pullen & Max



Name: James Pullen

Height: 6'2

Eyes: Who cares?!

Likes: Man-stuff

Dislikes: Shortland street, unrealistic action scenes in movies

Favorite Food: Meat

Hi I'm James. I've recently been appointed as the Club Captain for 2011. My dog's name is Max and he is nearly two years old. We moved from the North Island to Christchurch in January (bad timing - I know!), and I have been involved with the SIGSL since then. As we lived rurally in the North Island we were never involved in any dog clubs so we leapt at the chance to sign up and become involved with this club. The training Max and I have received from Blue (Mr Miagi (Ref-Karate Kid trainer)) has been great and well worthwhile. We enjoy coming along to the weekly training nights as they are great learning sessions for me and it's a good chance for Max to socialize with other dogs. This year I would like to encourage more new GSD owners to attend training and join our club. Feel free to contact me if you know someone wanting to join the club, or if you have any ideas you would like to discuss. I'm usually at the training sessions so come along and have a chat!

Objectives of the German Shepherd Dog Advisory Council.

- A. The Objects of the council are
- B. In co-operation with all German Shepherd dog clubs recognised by the New Zealand club but without interfering with the autonomy of any club, to promote professionalism and expertise within the German Shepherd dog breed through education by:
 - i. Collecting, publishing and making available information on the GSD breed, breeding, bloodlines and related subjects.
 - ii. Promoting improvement of the GSD breed.
 - iii. Conducting meetings, seminars, breed surveys and breed assessments and related activities.
- C. To carry out advertising, public relations and other promotional activities which the council considers to be in the interests of or related to any or all of the objects specified in this paragraph
- D. To use the funds of the council as the council considers appropriate in meeting the costs and expenses involved in furthering or carrying out any or all of the council's objects, including breed assessments and breed surveys.
- E. To liaise with or become a member of and co-operate with any organisation whose objects are similar with those of the council
- F. To do all things related to any or all of the above objects ensuring that nothing shall usurp any functions of the New Zealand Kennel Club in relation to the standard of the German Shepherd dog breed, registrations, transfer, of pedigree dogs in New Zealand.
- G. The zone of influence shall be within New Zealand
- H. To become recognised by the New Zealand club.

Dunkleys Pet Expo

This is happening again this year on Saturday the 1st and Sunday the 2nd of October at Pioneer stadium and Centennial park.

It is a great way to promote the German Shepherd breed and our club and was a great success when previously held.

We require people to help on the stand and also we need some 'sound' dogs, if you are able to spare 2 hours or so during that weekend it would be most appreciated.

Please e-mail me at mjdzell@xtra.co.nz or ring me on 03 960 6697.

JOKE

A man takes his Rottweiler to the vet and says "My dog is cross-eyed. Is there anything you can do for him?" The vet says, "Well, let's have a look at him." So the vet picks the dog up while examining his eyes. Finally he says "I'm going to have to put him down."

"What? said the startled owner, Just because he is cross-eyed?" "No, because he is really, really heavy." answered the vet.

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SPRINGTIME INTENSIVE TRAINING SESSIONS

The club is introducing some training sessions that we hope will be an excellent way to get some practice and interaction to lead into our November show please support these sessions we are sure they will benefit both you and the dog

Session 1

Wednesday 21st September 7.00 – 8.30pm

Handling and double handling your dog – Showing your dog to its fullest potential, Methods for double handling.

Session 2

Wednesday 28th September 7.00 – 8.30pm

Presenting your dog to the judge – Grooming your dog, the 'stand', the out and back, the individual.

Session 3

Wednesday 5th October 7.00 – 8.30pm

Temperment – Mouthing, the measuring stick.

These sessions will run similar to a normal training night but with emphasis on the session title – Cup of coffee/tea afterwards and light supper.

A great way to get in some serious practice for the November show

MATCH PARADE

Match parade on Sunday the 9th October - Judged by - To be advised
Entries from 9.30am Judging starts 10.00am

Classes

Baby Puppy – bitch and dog

Puppy – bitch and dog

Junior – bitch and dog

Intermediate – bitch and dog

Open – bitch and dog

Long coat - bitch and dog in same class

Child Handlers under 12 years and Junior Handlers over 12 years but under 17 years

Stakes

Best head and expression

Best coat and condition

Best mover over 12 months

Best mover under 12 months

Best pet

B.B.Q Lunch available/ raffles and fun and friendship, A Great day for the whole family

Training the German Shepherd Dog for the Show Ring

By Kim Downing

Before a dog is ever entered for a competitive show, there is a lot of work that must be accomplished in order to be able to present the dog properly. There is nothing like having a quality dog that is unprepared for a show. A dog that hasn't been well trained and conditioned just won't be a competitive dog.

Training for the Ring

The best time to start ring training and preparing your dog for shows is when the dog is still a young puppy. Puppies are easy to train and instill good habits in. The problem is often that many breeders and exhibitors don't begin training early enough as they aren't always sure a puppy will fully develop and don't want to invest the time and energy in an uncertainty.

Unfortunately, that means many people lose out on these early months that could be used to work with the puppy and prepare it for future shows. There are several things that should be done while still a puppy:

1. While it might seem obvious that leash training is a good thing to teach in puppyhood, I don't mean just simple leash training. Puppies can learn quite well the rules of the leash and how you would like them to walk on leash as well as how you would like them to gait on leash.

Introduce your puppy to the style of leash and collar that will be used in the show ring early on. For example, when I begin leash training a puppy, I teach them a modified version of heel for just generalized walking. I simply frequently reward the puppy exactly where I want him to be (right next to my left leg in this case) with tasty food morsels. Many young puppies can be given bits of their daily kibble as reward.

These early sessions should be quite short so that the puppy is having fun and is getting it right the majority of the time. This way the puppy enjoys leash training instead of dreads it. You can also reward the puppy as he begins to understand with a game of tug periodically as an additional reward.

Now, your leash training should reflect how you want the dog to ultimately look in the ring. Part of this will depend on what style of show your dog will be shown in and where. Many German Shepherds are shown in a modified heel position for their gait, so this means simply teaching a tighter walking style (like heel) and then adding in the component of varying speed.

Other dogs will be shown in a faster gait or will be asked to run out in front of the handler. This type of gaing is most commonly seen in American Kennel Club shows. A dog can be taught this gait as a puppy just as easily by encouraging the puppy to pull out through the use of a second person enticing the puppy forward with a toy.

2. Stacking is something that shepherds naturally do themselves, but this posture is refined for the show ring. Everyone has a different way of teaching the proper stack, but one method that can be used starting with the young puppy is to mark the correct stance with either a clicker or marker word.

With the use of treats or a favorite toy to use as a lure, move the puppy forward while you slowly move backwards. When the puppy naturally poses itself correctly, click and reward the puppy for holding the position for just a second or two initially.

As the puppy ages and becomes better and better at it, gradually add in small amounts of time that you expect the dog to hold the position. This way you develop an impressive natural stack that the dog will hold as an adult in a show.

Body Conditioning the Dog

Physically exercising and conditioning a dog for the show ring is a task really geared towards the maturing adult dog. Puppies and young adolescents should have exercise to keep them fit and begin the process of muscle tone building, but you cannot do heavy conditioning work on a dog under the age of one to one and a half years old. It is too stressful for a young dog's joints.

Puppies and dogs under this age should be exercised on a more minimal level and with a wide variety so as to avoid repetitive work that could cause stress injuries or joint damage.

When a dog reaches adulthood and is maturing, it is time to begin the process of more finely conditioning the dog. It both builds muscle tone and increases a dog's stamina level. A dog must be able to have endurance in a show because if the dog gives out during a show, he will lose.

There are many ways to condition a dog, and using a variety of activities will help condition all the core muscles, not just a few of them. Some ideas for conditioning exercises:

Endurance jogging or biking: Slowly building a dog up to a jogging schedule that is several miles long really helps build a dog's stamina level. You can also utilize a bike and bike alongside the dog for a similar effect.

Water exercise: If you have access to a pool, water exercise is one of the most therapeutic forms of exercise for a dog. Not only does it build incredible stamina and muscle tone, but it is easier on a dog's joints and body so as to avoid injury. If you don't have access to a pool, look for someone with an underwater treadmill.

Treadmill work: For some locations and people, training a dog to run on a treadmill is one way to jog a dog. The nicer treadmills give the option of easily adjusting the pace of the machine in order to properly warm up and cool down the dog, and many of them provide the option of having the machine incline as part of the walk.

Jumping: Agility work provides the opportunity for a dog to do jumping, but you can also utilize jumps for the non-agility dog. Jumps require the dog to really use its rear

end which helps build muscle tone and strength. It is important to start work on practice height jumps and slowly build to a full height jump.

Play: While this might not seem like a conditioning exercise, it really can be if you vary your play. Games of tug of war are incredible motivators, but dogs often dig in with their front legs and rear when tugging and use every muscle they have to play! Fetch with balls and Frisbee catching also build muscles and can build stamina if a dog enjoys playing. Many dogs will easily play for an hour at a time.

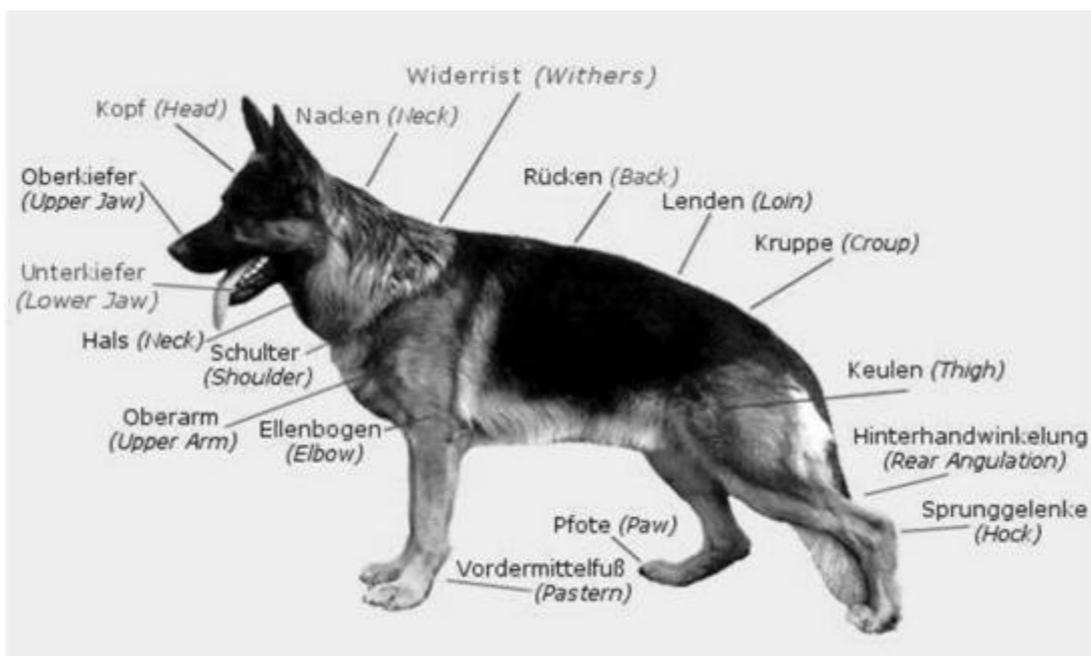
The point with conditioning work is to help your dog's body tone itself, but if you balance out the activities and give variety, not only will your dog enjoy it more, but it will also be better for the dog's body.

A few other notes about conditioning:

A dog's body needs time to rest in between heavier exercise sessions. This means set up your conditioning schedule on a rotating schedule of every other day for heavy work. Fill out the rest of the week with lighter activities that are perhaps more fun.

Always give the dog time to warm up and stretch before asking for heavy work or exercise. Also give his body time to cool down from heavy work. Provide plentiful water breaks and don't do heavy exercise on a full stomach. Take into account the weather conditions. Dogs can easily overheat so try to time heavy outdoor exercise for earlier in the day. If at any time the dog appears overly tired or hot, stop and cool him down.

Parts of the German shepherd Dog – English and German



The South Island German Shepherd League

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We are looking at ways of developing the relationship with our sponsor and we urge members to support them. You can access the Eukanuba website by clicking on the icon on the homepage of the South Island German Shepherd website at www.sigsl.org.nz

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JOKE

George walked into the police station to report that his wife was missing. The cop began writing up the case.

"How tall is she?"

"About this high, give or take a little."

"How much does she weigh?"

"About average, i guess."

"Eye color?"

"Uhhmm, neutral...i'm not really sure."

"Hair color?"

"I don't know, it changes a lot."

"What was she wearing?"

"I suppose...a hat...and...a coat, maybe."

"Was she carrying anything?"

"Yes, a dog on a leash."

"What kind of dog?"

"A pedigreed white and gray German Shephard, weighing thirty-nine pounds, six hands high, license number 21-14-697-41-AFY, wearing a black collar, slightly deaf in the right ear, and answers to the name, Sam."

Obituary

David Burge **11th April 1934 – 28th July 2011**

It was with great sadness that I learnt of the death of Dave Burge and I thought to myself not only would he be a very sad loss to his family but also a great loss to the club.

Dave was a man who you always knew you could rely on, if you asked him to do something you knew it was going to get done, and not just 'get done' it would be done to the highest possible standard. He had great work ethic and was a highly valued and hard working member of sigsl for over 12 years. Dave served on the committee for several years; he has been the club captain, the maintenance man and the cleaner. In his role as club captain he was very organized and stringent, making sure everyone paid their fee, he sold raffle tickets and introduced new members and made everyone feel welcome. Often on fun days and ribbon parades you would find the barbeque manned by Dave and almost every Wednesday evening Dave would be there not to do training in the later years but to socialize with other members along with his ever faithful companion Sabre.

We have a long lasting reminder of Dave in the dog on the roof of our clubrooms; Dave designed, cut out, painted and fitted the dog. I believe many people also have reminders of Dave in the metal work that he so generously gave his time and skills to make.

Sincere condolences to June, Steve, Andrew and James on the loss of Dave –
Forever in our memory



Live so that when the final summons comes you will leave something more behind you than an epitaph on a tombstone or an obituary in a newspaper.

** Billy Sunday**

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The Best You Can Do For Your Dog

It is with a heavy heart that I advise of the passing away, at the age of thirteen years and five months, of sweet Quena on 25 June 2011, but also with a sense of admiration and love and gratitude at the wonderful life she led. Quena was always a special dog, and as her life progressed she was to continue to leave us in awe at her total beauty inside and out. She was bred by Olive Sargeant of Wellington, and owned by her and John, Tracey and Leanne Walsh, of Oldfields Kennels, at whose place she spent most of her life. Quena was breed surveyed class 1 and during her show career won many excellent medals and a gold medal under Rolf Evensen (Norway) in 2003.... one of her most impressive attributes was her ability and willingness to run, no doubt a result of both her character and her very good breeding. She was sired by 'Bayreuth Alfie Langer' (1997 NZ Sieger) and her dam was Konigreich Firestarter, who went back to Dunmonaidh Junker.

Quena had five lovely litters for Oldfields and Konigreich, and among her progeny three bitches stand out - Konigreich Xinte AZ (by Ingo Frankengold) and of course Oldfields Jazmin BSC1 AZ (by Stattlich Gold Rush) who many will know well, and in one of her litters to Rhosyn Quest for Power she produced a lovely sable bitch, Oldfields Heidi....who is owned by my brother and sister in law, and she is so like Quena it is eerie - a truly wonderful ambassador for the breed, never shown, but a beautiful and much loved and admired girl.

So Quena had been a great show dog and brood bitch, as well as a natural matriarch at Oldfields, keeping everyone in order and teaching youngsters and fellow kennel mates how to behave; a busy girl...but then she was asked to become a companion for my Mum, the late Beryl Dockery; so at the age of eight she joined Mum at Sumner, and it was during these precious last few months of Mum's life that I witnessed just how fantastic a German Shepherd can be...after being a show dog and mother, she fell into her role as Mum's companion and loyal friend so easily we were all amazed. Quena had never been an inside girl, but she immediately slept on Mum's bed, and was right there with her all the time. She just seemed to understand what to do and never misbehaved. She became pregnant for her last litter and one of my most endearing memories is of Quena sitting at Mum's breakfast table, dark eyes shining, tail sweeping the floor, enjoying her breakfast of dates and malt off the spoon...Mum always believed this was what helped Jazz become a winner! Mum's joy at Jazz's Bronze medal at the 2006 Nationals was immeasurable. I am quite sure Quena was responsible for Mum's happiness in those few months. She did all she could all on her own, and I will be forever grateful to John, Tracey, Leanne and Olive for allowing her to carry out such an important task. As Mum's health failed, Quena was at her side...

After Mum's passing Quena happily returned to Oldfields, and we all know how much she tried for Leanne in child handler classes...

A truly remarkable dog. Visits to Oldfields will never be quite the same; Quena was always there to greet me and sing a song about how great life is...

So to John, Tracey, Leanne, and Olive - my heartfelt thanks for sharing her so kindly, and congratulations on the part you all played in Quena's life. She was so very special.

Viv McCambridge

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Above – Obedience training Sunday morning



Above - Becca and Fergus with Ellie about to catch a snowball



Above - Marty and Tonka, Obedience training

Bill Gates recently gave a speech at a High School about eleven (11) things they did not and will not learn in school. He talks about how feel-good, politically correct teachings created a generation of kids with no concept of reality and how this concept set them up for failure in the real world.

Rule 1 :Life is not fair - get used to it!

Rule 2 :The world doesn't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3 :You will NOT make \$60,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice-president with a car phone until you earn both.

Rule 4 :If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss

Rule 5 :Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your Grandparents had a different word for burger flipping: They called it opportunity.

Rule 6 :If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

Rule 7 :Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you were: So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room..

Rule 8 :Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life HAS NOT. In some schools, they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as MANY TIMES as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

Rule 9 :Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you FIND YOURSELF.Do that on your own time.

Rule 10 :Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11 : Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one

If you can read this... Thank a Teacher

If you can read this in English... Thank a Soldier

And for life and everything else you have... Thank God!!

Why is My Dog's Nose Turning Pink

Pigmentation in a dog's nose is determined by genetic factors, just the same as hair color. Depending on the breed, the dog's nose may be black, pink, liver colored, or self colored (same color as coat). But, what does it mean if your dog's nose changes color? If your dog's nose is turning pink, specifically turning from black to pink, there could be many causes for the loss of pigmentation. Sometimes the change indicates a medical condition, and other times, a dog nose turning pink is a completely natural part of aging.

The most common cause of a fading nose is called "snow nose" or "winter nose," because the dog's nose will fade to pink or white during the winter months, and return to black once summer arrives. Labrador Retrievers, Golden Retrievers, Bernese Mountain dogs, and Siberian Huskies have this seasonal variation in the color of the nasal planum. Some dogs within these breeds, and even dogs of other breeds, have noses that change from black to brown or pink as the animal ages. The cause is thought to be a breakdown of a certain enzyme called tyrosinase, which is responsible for producing pigment. Apparently, the enzyme becomes less efficient as the dog ages, causing the nose to fade from black to brown or pink. Tyrosinase is also temperature sensitive; it works more effectively in warmer weather, which explains the fading of the nose during winter months. While a dog with a completely pink nose (also known as a Dudley nose), can be disqualified from the show ring (depends on breed), dogs with originally black noses that fade to pink are still allowed to be shown.

Physical ailments and medical conditions may also cause a dog's nose to fade from black to pink. Sometimes, the dog will lose pigment due to an illness or trauma, and then recover the pigment once healed. If your dog's nose is scraped or suffers abrasion, it will usually turn pink as it heals, then to black once the scabs are gone. Contact dermatitis can also cause loss of pigmentation in the nose. Certain dogs are sensitive to plastics in food dishes, and the continual irritation will cause the nose to turn pink; the lips will also become inflamed. Switching to stainless steel food and water bowls will eliminate the possibility that your dog is suffering from contact dermatitis.

Vitiligo is an immune disease in dogs that will cause a pink nose, but dogs with vitiligo will commonly have white patches or hairs throughout the rest of their bodies. In animals with vitiligo, antibodies are formed against pigment-containing cells that are responsible for nose color. The antibodies destroy these cells, resulting in loss of color. A veterinarian can do a biopsy to confirm this diagnosis. Certain breeds are at greater risk for this disease, such as Doberman Pinschers, German Shepherds, Rottweilers, and Dachsunds. While the dog's health is not adversely affected by this disease, nutritional supplements may help to restore the dog's pigment.

If you have a dog with a pink nose, make sure that you protect him in the summer by applying sunscreen to avoid painful sunburn. While a black or brown nose is safe, a pink nose will burn and may blister if the sun damage is severe. Pink noses are accordingly more at risk for the development of cancer. In some cases, an owner can

choose to have his dog's nose tattooed with black ink to protect it from the sun. This practice is more common in dogs such as the Collie who will get nasty ulcerations from sun exposure.

Though the dog's nose is one of his most important features, knowledge is lacking as to the reasons for color change, loss of pigment, and why some dog's noses fade while others do not. If your dog's nose is changing color, but he is otherwise happy, healthy, and maintaining a normal activity level, he is probably fine. If his nose is blistering, or seems chapped or dry, consult a veterinarian to see if there is a health reason behind your dog's changing nose. A dog nose turning pink happens more often than most dog owners realize. Research your breed's tendencies, seek help for a damaged nose, and make sure to protect your dog's new pink nose from the sun!

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Are you an active member? The kind that would be missed.
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Do you attend our activities and mingle with the crowd?
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And when the programmes scheduled, that means success is done.....
Do you put your shoulder to the wheel and work with everyone?

So attend our club regularly and help with hand and head,
Dont be just a member but take an active part,

Think this over members....are you right or wrong?
Are you an active member or do you just belong!

A NOTE FROM FERGUS



Hello people, my name is Fergus I am now 5 months old, I must say this getting older thing is pretty exciting, ive gone from just lazing around home doing nothing much except annoying Ellie and playing, to getting out and going places. The first time I went to a place the boss calls 'club' I saw other dogs, I wasn't sure if I liked them or not so I barked and I barked and I barked and I barked, the trainer started calling me "The Yappy one", so the trainer got me and another guy with his big dog to walk around each other – keeping a safe distance mind you because it looked like I might of been annoying the big dog and if he could, he might of wanted to have me for breakfast- so we did that for a while and slowly my barking slowed down. Then we got to go in a big arena and play with a ball I was very clever because Ellie has already shown me how to 'fetch' the ball although my giving it back needs a wee bit of work. A few weeks after this I went to a different place and there were other sorts of dogs there and we went into a building and true to form I was yappy yappy yappy – my junior boss was actually embarrassed to lead me because I was drawing attention to us, but I got quieter and I lined up with all the other dogs (some of them looked pretty weird too, like sausages and rats) but overall I was pretty good there. The next time we went to G Shep club I was still doing my yappy thing and so I got tied up inbetween two very tolerant dogs and I was then amazed to see the boss just walk off and leave me there hmmmmmmph.....I couldn't believe it, so I thought I better be quiet, gladly after a while she came back, phhheew. So we have been doing lots and lots and lots of work to get me to be respectfully sociable and it is starting to pay off.

Well people, this weekend I went to my very first show, I was a fairly well behaved lil pup even if I do say so myself – ok I barked a few times and I wanted to play with the junior boss when we were running around the ring – but on Saturday I came first twice, maybe I should also mention that I was the only one in my class, but a win is a win, it counts doesn't it? On the Sunday I was up against my kennel brother he was born 4 days after me, this show was outside so the ring was a bit bigger, I still played up and jumped up at my junior boss as she took me round the ring but I did win in that class, then I went up against my sister and she was better behaved than me and she won.....but watch out sis, I might get ya next time....

Til then people, be kind to yourselves and to dogs — Fergus 

Whenever I hear a dog continually barking, my reaction is one of relief — that it's not my dog making all that racket and inciting the neighbors to call dog control.

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