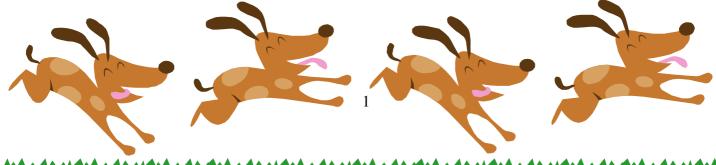


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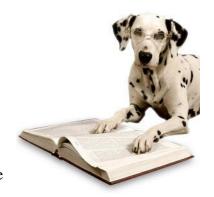
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CLUB INFORMATION

Well May is over and we are into the first month of winter. It is a busy time for Club members who are involved in the various disciplines of trialling and some weekends there will not be many instructors at Club. Please be considerate of those who are there and are shouldering the lion's share of the work. All our instructors and committee are volunteers and also have their own dogs to enjoy.

Don't forget we are getting very close to our annual Tracking Trial which is held on the weekend of **June 16th & 17th**. There will be normal training on the Sunday but most instructors will be working at the trial so please be understanding. If you are interested in Tracking please speak to someone on Committee and we will give you details of where to come either to have a look or to help out on the days. The



more helpers we have the better. It is a fantastic sport to do with your dog and the best way to learn what it is all about is by coming to a trial.

Also we are holding our Annual Agility Trial at Finn Street on July 14th – a Saturday. So if you would like to see some of the State's top agility dogs competing please feel free to come along and if you have some time to spare on the day to help out either with catering or moving equipment please put your name down at the office. We really need helpers on this day as Agility/Jumping is very labour intensive with having to move equipment etc. After the trial we have booked a table at Dribs N Drabs for their Christmas in July night. This includes a full meal so if you want to come to that please let them know in the office too.

PLEASE REMEMBER THERE IS NO TRAINING ON THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND.

As you will have all noticed the weather is getting decidedly colder and this is the time to make sure our 4 footed companions are kept warm and dry – especially the older ones who are suffering the aches and pains of old age. There are some good preparations available from vets or pet stores to make their senior years easier. Please make sure they aren't expected to do anything that will place too much of a strain on their joints – eg jumping in and out of high 4WD's, utes and cars – it doesn't take much to either lift them or include a ramp to help them. Their beds should be off the ground and out of drafts.

If you have anything to contribute to our Newsletter or something you want addressed via the committee please either write to our PO Box 2396 Bendigo Mail Centre 3554, or hand it in to the office. Remember that Danielle our hard working editor appreciates your contributions and is looking for profiles from members about why they joined Club and what they enjoy doing with their dogs.

Cheers

Heather & the Kelpie/Corgi Clan.

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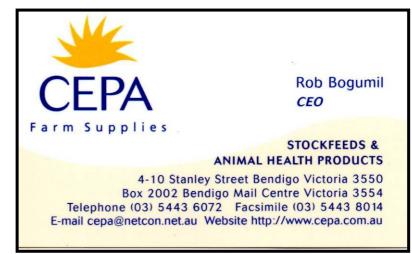
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Profile of the Month: Meredith & Macze

When I was growing up our house was a menagerie of purchased, donated and found animals and birds. A black cat that was given to my brother when it was a feral kitten, which didn't really change much, a couple of lizards of various shapes and sizes, tortoises, guinea pigs, rabbits, magpies, a kookaburra for a short time, rosellas, budgies and of course a couple of dogs. Muffin was an Australian Champion border collie bitch with an eye for handsome black labradors and a distain for the concept of pure bloodlines. She was our early childhood friend, teacher, companion, guardian and play mate. She passed away at the ripe old age of 16. She had two litters of Border Collie x Labrador pups. After a suitable mourning period and to be certain that we would commit to the responsibilities of



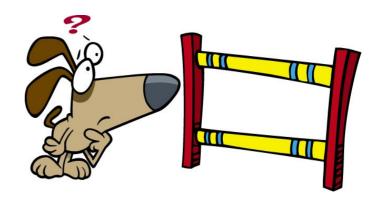
another dog, now that we were older and had many other interests, Mc Duff came into our family. He was a solid Border Collie boy with a determined nature who felt his responsibilities rested with reversing the legacy of previously mentioned black labradors by escaping and spreading his gene pool. If we had understood the danger he was in perhaps we would have kindly removed the cause of his wanderlust. Mc Duff was my hockey training partner, my horse riding buddy, my bike riding pace setter and my first basic attempt at dog training. He won his puppy and junior show classes but I had no interest in the dog showing world and Dad never quite got over the loss of his beautiful Muffin so couldn't bring himself to continue showing McDuff which should have been the trigger to have him desexed. I taught him tricks and he knew when he came inside that he had to close the door behind him. He was not a fetch type of dog though. His philosophy being - if you threw it, you go get it. (Which I now understand is a male dog characteristic). He was a wonderful companion who loved to be running with his pack. He was hit by a car when he was 10 years old, on one of his escapades, which broke his pelvis in multiple places, despite surgery, he was put gently to sleep while I held him. It took 18 years before circumstances were suitable for another dog to come into our home. Now my husband and I have a beautiful Murray River Curly Coated Retriever (an Australian breed from around the 1890's paddle steamer era) called Macze who fills our home with smiles, toys, soft brown balls of curly fluff and little treasures from the bush like kangaroo bones, rabbit skins, other assorted carcass bits. We have been through puppy classes to level 3 in obedience classes and now I trial her in Agility which we both love. This canine sport keeps me fit, makes me use my memory and challenges my nerves on competition days. When I first started training agility obstacles I did it just for the fun and challenge it presented to us both but I have learnt so much about canine and human behaviour that I look forward to each moment with her, watching what motivates her and learning to understand each flick of her tail, each look, ear movement, body posture and training myself to respond appropriately so that misunderstandings are as few as possible. She is not chained in the back yard and played with at our convenience like my childhood dogs - I have a much better appreciation of the needs of dogs now - she has her excess energy worked off with play or an on lead walk in busy public places so that she is confident around people. She is gradually exposed to every situation that I can think of so that she learns to follow my lead and not be afraid of different environments. There are times on cold mornings or hot days when I could think of better things to do than exercise her but she looks deep into my eyes and reminds me that I chose her, that she has no choice about living with me so I get the umbrella, put on the coat and get out of the office chair for her sake and mine.

Meredith Marshall





Calling all Members!! Agility Trial – Saturday 14th July



Assistance is needed from club members to help organise and run a successful event. Some things need to be organised or done before the day (eg, sponsorship/bbq) and others need people on the day (eg, changing equipment height).

A big thank you to those who have already volunteered to assist. It is greatly appreciated. Club events cannot run without the support and assistance from club members.

I am still looking for people to assist with the following:

- Lead Stewards you take the lead from the competitor and leave it by the exit. I need 2 people for the morning (8:30 to approx. 12:30) and 2 for the afternoon (12:30 to approx. 5).
- Course assistants I need 3 for am and 3 for pm. Approx times as above. This will involve changing the heights of jumps and helping reset the course.
- Course set up getting all of the equipment out and setting up the first courses of the day. Would be needed from 7am to 9am and need about 5 people for this.
- Additional manning of the bbq from 6:30am 1pm. We would like to have at least 2 people on the bbq for all of this time.
- Someone to organise/coordinate the catering of judges lunches
- Volunteers to provide dishes (eg, pasta bolognaise, cake for desert etc) for the judges lunch
- Pass card typer/printer we will need someone for the whole day to process and print out the judges pass cards for each class.

Many of these could be shared between a number of people (eg, bbq), so even if you are available for just an hour or two your help will make a difference.

This list may not be complete. If you are able to assist either before the day or on trial day, please contact Sarah Crocker. The more people who can assist, the smaller the work load will be for everyone.





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