

VICTORIAN AGILITY NEWSLETTER

For everything you need to know about agility in Victoria
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From the Editors

Firstly, please accept our apologies for the lateness of the March issue of VAN. March was an extremely busy month for us and included involvement in running a Breed Show and a two evening agility trial, coinciding with the visit from our sister-in-law from the UK, closely followed by agility trialing interstate. Sorry and we will try not to let it happen again.

At the moment there are positive relations between trialers and agility judges and vice versa. There are, however, incidents occurring which could interfere with this relationship. I am referring to the conversations with judges, prior to a course being run that are crossing the boundary between discussions about a course and attempting to persuade the judge to change aspects of the course. It often looks like a 'jovial chat' but when there are a number of trialers having a frank, 'jovial' chat with the judge it is perhaps moving from technical discussion to intimidation - especially where as a consequence the judge changes their course.

If a trialer believes there is danger to either themselves or their dogs, then by all means discuss it with the judge. But if a trialer believes part of a course is too difficult for them then it may be that that trialer is not ready for that level of competition.

SA is endeavoring to create a prestigious annual event during April called the 'Pedigree Autumn International' and I hope we will see some Victorian trialers over there. Entries have closed for this year but it is an event that will probably be worthwhile placing in your calendar for next year. Not only is it fun to trial interstate it also provides a measure of just where you are with your skills compared with the 'big picture' - that's also a reason why you should consider going to the Nationals in Perth later this year.



Ian & Jenni

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INFORMATION BOOKLET

The committee has put together an information booklet for all those interested in traveling to Perth this year for the Agility and Jumping National Titles in October. Simone Tolhurst, secretary of the Agility Nationals WA working committee, sent us copies of the Information Booklet and requested that we distribute them to interested people.

All the information in the booklet is contained within the website as well.

To receive a copy please contact VAN and we will arrange it.

A CAUTIONARY TALE

They lingered at the Park
After dark
Deep in conversation
It was late and everyone else had left
So they decided to go home
But the gates had closed
And there was no way out.

BEWARE
The electronic gates at KCC Park
close at 10.30pm.

From the VCA Agility Committee

SELECTION OF A NATIONAL AGILITY TEAM

The remaining Masters Agility classes at trials to be used for team selection are:

Moorabbin Murray Tyler
Southern – James Browne
Warringal – Paul Gavin

Marked catalogues for all agility trials should be sent to the Top Agility/Jumping Dog of the Year Co-ordinator Chris Shelton
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INCOMPLETE/INCORRECT ENTRY FORMS & LATE ENTRIES

Recently Trial secretaries have reported that they received many incomplete entry forms. All details **must** be filled in on the entry form. Please remember that the position of Trial Secretary is a voluntary role and critical to the conduct of our sport. Without Trial Secretaries there would be no trials.

Trial Secretaries have a big job to do leading up to a trial and having to phone competitors for information such as Height at shoulder, titles, class they wish to enter and queries about writing they find difficult to read waste their precious time.

Part 8 Regulations – Agility

8.1 trials

8.1.4 Trial Entries – All details must be shown clearly on the entry form.

As stated on the entry form

Details of the dog entered must be identical with the registration of the controlling body with whom the dog is registered.

All titles must be included. A dog without an ADX or JDJ title is ineligible to enter Master class.

ASSOCIATE DOGS:

Trial secretaries please note that an Associate dog should be listed in the catalogue as an **Associate**. In Victoria all non-purebred, crossbred or purebred dogs without registration papers are registered as **Breed Type: Associate**.

They should not be listed as Associate followed by a breed e.g. Associate Kelpie.

LATE ENTRIES

It is the trialers' responsibility to get entries in on time. Trial secretaries do not have to accept late entries and are entitled to return them. Arguing with the trial secretary over the phone when they won't accept a late entry is not on.

Please treat our Trial Secretaries with the courtesy and respect they deserve.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Once again the trialing community got behind the VCA Agility Committee's Trivia Night to raise funds to purchase uniforms for our Victorian Team for the 2005 National Teams Event. Ten tables participated and raised a total of \$1,169.85 which was straight profit.



The winning table

Thanks to Annette Cloughton and Michael Cowman for planning and preparing the questions and presenting them on the night. Thanks to Charles Spencer for his assistance on the night and to everyone who opened their wallets, donated goods and assisted in the clean up afterwards. Congratulations to the winners.



Thanks to the following businesses and individuals for their support, donations and discounted prices:

- Alias Wine – Frankston [wine purchased using an anonymous donation of \$150]
- Pets at Home – Fountain Gate
- GelPad International – Julie Morrison
- Tiger Dog Tidy Bags
- PETstock – Werribee & Purina
- Ribbon Racks – Ron Diamond
- Trial Vouchers – Warragul & District K & ODC Inc
- Whisky – Michael Cowman
- Bag, beaded bracelet & necklace – Karolyn De Graauw
- Email subscriptions – VAN





News from overseas

CRUFTS AGILITY RESULTS

Team Agility Final

- 1st Denwent Valley
- 2nd Crayford Agility T.S.
- 3rd Thames D.T.C.
- 4th Beacon D.A.T.C.

Team Agility Semi-Final

- 1st Denwent Valley
- 2nd Crayford Agility T.S.
- 3rd Selkirk/Dryburgh Abbey
- 4th Glenifer Blue

Team Agility Semi-Final

- 1st Beacon DATC
- 2nd Thames DTC

Singles Agility Final Thursday, 10th March 2005

- 1st Gregg Derrett
- 2nd Sue Rolfe
- 3rd Ian Smith
- 4th Ann Marie Froggatt

International Agility – Part 2 Thursday, 10th March 2005

- 1st Sally Andrews Belgium
- 2nd Kari Flataas Norway
- 3rd Dianne Collie Southern Ireland

Eukanuba Mini/Maxi Pairs

- 1st Jayne Bray – Ag Ch Harvest Geld For Aprika
Alan Bray – Lunarlite Selenas Tiger At Upanover
- 2nd Lorraine Drew – Trio Of Valgray
Keith Williams – Thunderfox Bryn
- 3rd Jane Birch – Li'l Maise
Amanda Williams – Deja Blue
- 4th Louise Challis – Speedy Spud
Alan Stiff – Chances Tic Tac
- 5th Miranda Frankham – Chandling Idiots Charger
Wendy Fairlamb – Caldohna River Till Over Racingredd
- 6th Tricia Robarts – Burlodge Rambouillet
Ray Ellerton – Lightning Delph
- 7th Angela Sallis – Zeta The Dark One
Sally Parker – Kellys Mystic Conquest
- 8th Vanessa Layton – Karamugi A Little Bit More
Mel Doyle – Pepsi Fizz Of Valgray
- 9th Lisa Gantly – Chasing Rainbows
Jane Gold – Quinns Buddy

Eukanuba Mini Challenge Overall Results

- 1st Priscilla Barrett
- 2nd Carol Donnelly
- 3rd Gladys Tombs

Eukanuba Mini Pairs

- 1st Clive Foden – Carolrose Stedey Eddie
Dawn Wood – Trail Blazer
- 2nd Jeanette Tandy – Buddy of the Dale
Heather Reeves – Ajanti On Me Tod
- 3rd Lorraine Drew – Trio of Valgray
Dawn Weaver – Piquant Painted Sunshine
- 4th Soraya Porter – Hartsfern In Earnest
Lorraine Gillan – Lorraines Fantastic Elastic

Eukanuba Mini Circular Overall Results

- 1st Ian Mitchell
- 2nd Lisa Lesigne
- 3rd Amanda Spinks
- 4th Martine Wates

Around Australia

Keeping you up to date with news from other state controlling bodies.

NEW SOUTH WALES

SYDNEY ROYAL AGILITY & JUMPING RESULTS

NOVICE AGILITY

JUDGE: Mr. Brian Hillier [NSW]

- | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|--------|----------------|
| 1 | Clancy CD JD | Assoc | Mrs PF Bradley |
| 2 | Ch Guilcroft Pure Guinness | BT | Ms J. Barnett |
| 3 | Brookshire Son O Sedgely CD | Staffy | Mrs KL Snell |

OPEN AGILITY

JUDGE: Mr. Brian Hillier [NSW]

- | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-------|------------------------|
| 1 | Gotrah Border Legend ADM JDM | BC | P.Thomson |
| 2 | Fly ADX | Assoc | L. Davis |
| 3 | Gus AD JD | Assoc | Ms T. Woollard |
| 4 | Tianah JDX ADX | Assoc | Miss PD Walsh |
| 5 | Ruby AD JD | Assoc | Mrs C. Pleskanczak |
| 6 | Nahrof Sassasfra JD ADA | BC | Ms L. Somer & E. Bador |
| 7 | Radar CD AD JD ET | Assoc | Mrs CL Daniel |

MASTER AGILITY

JUDGE: Mr. Brian Hillier [NSW]

- | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| 1 | Taylor ADX JDM | Assoc | Mrs KM Jones |
| 2 | Jak ADM JDM AFCH | Assoc | Ms R. Shawyer |
| 3 | Monifieth Rising Fast ADM JDM | Rott | P. Thomson |
| 4 | Fenrik Southerly Buster CD ADX JD RRD | GSP | G & Mrs J. Keating |
| 5 | Ch Nahrof Ghost Ofa Chance JD ADX | BC | Ms MA Aldous |
| 6 | Tervailles Ellwyn ADX JDX | ? | Mrs T Hay |

NOVICE JUMPING

JUDGE: Mr Graham Keating [NSW]

- | | | | |
|---|------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| 1 | Fluke | Assoc | Mrs K. Skinner |
| 2 | Kirchoff Anzac Biscuit | NSDTR | Mrs KJ Richards |
| 3 | Keira | Assoc | B. Carter |

OPEN JUMPING

JUDGE: Mr Graham Keating [NSW]

- | | | | |
|---|------------------------|-------|----------------|
| 1 | Megtav Highland Shadow | BC | Ms C. Heyworth |
| 2 | Jak ADM JDM AFCH | Assoc | Ms R. Shawyer |
| 3 | Cricket ADM JDM | Assoc | Ms R. Shawyer |

MASTER JUMPING

JUDGE: Mr Graham Keating [NSW]

- | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|-------|------------------------|
| 1 | Gotrah Border Legend ADM JDM | BC | P.Thomson |
| 2 | Jak ADM JDM AFCH | Assoc | Ms R. Shawyer |
| 3 | Brenilly Winona Ryder ADM JDM | GSP | LK Hammer & KA Edwards |

A.C.T.

Congratulations to the winners

2004 Agility Dog of the Year

Zac CDX ADM JDM Assoc **Greg Leek**

2004 Jumping Dog of the Year

Hanafor Rousel Vieri ADX JDX CD Hungarian Vizsla **Lara Sedgemen**

BIRTHDAY CAKE FOR DOGS

This yummy cake will be big enough to serve several dogs, so make sure your hound invites friends to the party.

Serve up dainty portions to the guests as you don't want to send them home with indigestion. Use dog biscuits for candles and for decorations.

INGREDIENTS

2 large cans dog food
bread crumbs
milk
dog biscuits
liver pate
cream cheese



1. Scoop the meat into a large bowl and mix well with the bread crumbs. Add a little milk. Mould the mixture into a cake shape. Put onto a serving plate.
2. Cover the top with a thin layer of liver pate. Press bone shaped biscuits around all sides
3. If desired fill a piping bag with cream cheese and write your dog's name or a loving message on top.
4. Decorate with suitably shaped dog biscuits. Keep the cake in the refrigerator until served.

From: Gifts for your Pet. Available from VCA library.

NEW TITLES



Congratulations to

Roslyn Atyeo

Ch Rhonabwy Magic

Border

Gemma ET FM **AD & JD**

Collie

Roslyn Atyeo

Winpara Fast N Thfurious

Border

FDCH **AD**

Collie

Geraldine

Gateacre Choc Twirl **AD**

Border

Kisielnicki

Collie

K9 AGILITY CLUB



Trains on Thursday evenings at KCC Park.

www.geocities.com/k9agilityclub

Secretary: 9799 3064

Mitchell Agility Dog Club Inc.

Congratulations to M.A.D. Victoria's newest Agility Dog Club. Operating at Broadford, this enthusiastic bunch of dog owners is keen to learn more about agility. We understand that they are in the process of gaining V.C.A. affiliation.



One very hot Sunday at the beginning of December, we traveled up to Broadford and helped them with training and measuring their dogs. Some of their members have already started trialing and we wish them every success.



AGILITY NEWS FOR PUBLICATION

Send us all agility news you would like published in V.A.N. by the last day of each month.

Titles gained [ANKC, NADAC], articles of interest, reports of events, interstate results, photos, amusing agility related snippets, all make good reading.

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Angie & Jess placed 1st in
K9 Club's Master Agility Class on Saturday

A COMPARISON OF AKC AGILITY (AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB) WITH ANKC AGILITY.

At the K9 Club trial I ran the 2003 AKC finals as a Master course following discussions with the American judge. It required very little alteration to make it conform to our rules and as I had viewed a Video of the American event I was able to make my own comparison of how I thought the Australian competitors fared.

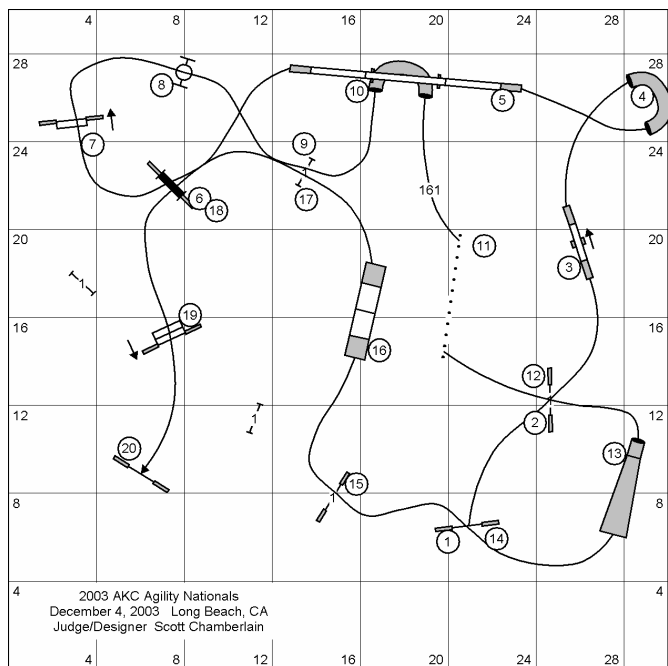
2003 AKC Final Course.

In adapting this course for ANKC agility the first most obvious difference was the use of dummy obstacles. They are a great assistance in the design of flowing courses, it's a pity that we don't have them in ANKC agility. I had to adjust the position of obstacle 19 and move obstacle 20 to regain 2 challenges lost when dummies were removed. I could not compensate for the removal of the dummy between 18 & 19.

The second difference from viewing the tapes was that the American course was visually much more interesting as almost all the obstacles were multicolored winged hurdles. For some reason wings have not taken off in Australia, although geographically many Australian cities are coastal and windy thus wings are more likely to blow over than bar jumps.

My final change was to place a broad jump as the last obstacle as it is mandatory in our Masters class.

In AKC Agility all dogs compete in separate size categories, (in mm, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 600). In Victoria (and most other states) we have rejected the concept of running separate height categories, yet videos of this course, when run by some of the best dogs in America demonstrated that the 'toy' dogs took approximately 25% more time to complete the course than larger sizes.



Modified AKC Course

I used a rate of 3 m/second which gave me a SCT of 59 seconds. Scott Chamberlain, the American judge used:

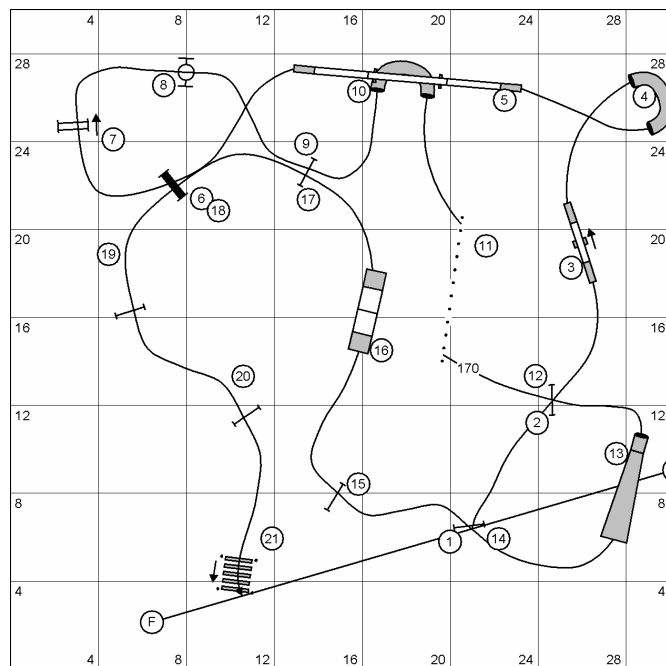
- 56 seconds for the 500 & 600mm division
- 58 Seconds for the 400mm division, and
- 64 seconds for the 200 & 300mm divisions.

The fastest American clear round times ranged from 34 to 42 seconds (42 seconds being the smallest division)

The Australian clear round times ranged from 48 to 55 seconds. The time faults occurring mainly amongst the large and small dogs

Altogether I have found this an interesting exercise. For me the main points are:

1. The times the Americans used were overall more generous than we would use in Australia.
2. In ANKC Agility, requiring all height categories to compete against each other is quite unfair to the smaller dogs. It will be more obvious if a Toy category is introduced in the coming rule changes.
3. The course difficulties in this AKC course were quite similar to that expected at Master level in ANKC Agility



Ian Staniforth

K9 AGILITY CLUB INAUGURAL EVENING AGILITY & JUMPING TRIALS RESULTS

Friday 18th March 2005

NOVICE AGILITY: Judge Mrs D. Howard SCT 58 seconds

1	Gateacre Chocolate Twirl	34.28	BC	Kisielnicki*
	TITLE			
2	Ch Rhonabwy Magic Gemma ET FM	35.15	BC	Atyeo*
	TITLE			
3	Oldiron Gelly Baby	39.62	Aire	Zitella [Carroll*]
4	Erdos Tennessee Rose	40.34	Vizsla	Morgan*

NOVICE JUMPING: Judge Mrs J. Holbrook SCT 31 seconds

1	Ch Rhonabwy Magic Gemma ET FM	18.87	BC	Atyeo*
	TITLE			
2	Winpara Fast N ThFurious FD CD	20.62	BC	Atyeo*
3	Sjecoin Heavenly Peace	26.46	Boxer	Tigas*

OPEN AGILITY: Judge Mr A. Tilley SCT 60 seconds

1	Bordarita Whatwhillshedo UD ADM ET JDM TD	41.28	BC	Woods
2	Tamtam Pipers Star ADM JDM	43.95	BC	Lucas*
3	Tosca CD ADM JDX	49.06	Assoc	McMillan NQ

OPEN JUMPING Judge: Mrs D. Child SCT 42 seconds

1	Just Topsy CDX ADM JDM	28.49	Assoc	Howard*
2	Ch Bel Adele Nice N Naughty CD ADM JDX ET	28.72	BC	Bel Adele
3	Bengal Ben CDX AD JD	38.06	Assoc	Davidson*
4	Tamtam Pipers Star ADM JDM	38.19	Beardie	Lucas*
5	Romhund Ikon AD JD	39.09	Rottie	Milner*

MASTER AGILITY Judge: Mr M. Cowman SCT 69 seconds

1	Just Topsy CDX ADM JDM	53.30	Assoc	Howard*
2	Bindi Boo CDX ADM JDM	61.66	Assoc	Scaffochia
3	Yotclub Terry J ADX JDM	62.14	Poodle T	Gibney

MASTER JUMPING Judge: Ms A. Claughton SCT 35 seconds

1	Just Topsy CDX ADM JDM	31.31	Assoc	Howard*
2	Jess Gunfa ADM JDM ET	32.78	Assoc	Gunther*
3	Arnybeth Special Edition CDX ADM JDM	34.28	CKCS	Frazer

* Member of K9 Agility Club

Congratulations to all.



Saturday 19/03/05

NOVICE AGILITY Judge: Ms R. Docker SCT 62 seconds

1	Winpara Fast N Thfurious FDCH	37.34	BC	Atyeo*
	TITLE			
2	CH Rhonabwy Magic Gemma ET FM	38.38	BC	Atyeo*
3	Eramoo Dazzling Dion	38.62	Rottie	Watson
4	Hevsent Rocky Starlight JD	50.35	AS	Elverd

NOVICE JUMPING Judge Mr S. Pearson SCT 32 seconds

1	Raelie Highland Dancer	25.13	NQ	Golden	Middleton
2	Poppy	34.85	NQ	Assoc	Boreham
3	Krikka Rockey Road	36.44	NQ	GSP	Hunt

OPEN AGILITY Judge Mr M. Cowman SCT 60 seconds

1	Jess Gunfa ADM JDM ET	43.44	Assoc	Gunther*
2	Tamtam Pipers Star ADM JDM	49.11	Beardie	Lucas*
3	Yotclub Terry J ADX JDM	53.88	Assoc	Gibney
4	Ch Hisands Fore Aces JD AD	57.60	Schn -M	Pickering

OPEN JUMPING Judge: Mrs P. Gavin SCT 37 seconds

1	TCH Echuca Jade CDX AD JDX	27.12	Assoc	Robinson*
2	Jess Gunfa ADM JDM ET	29.50	Assoc	Gunther*
3	Tamtam Pipers Star ADM JDM	35.19	Assoc	Lucas*
4	Oldiron Gelly Baby	36.81	Aire	Zitella [Carroll*]

MASTER AGILITY Judge: Mr I. Staniforth SCT 59 seconds

1	Jess Gunfa ADM JDM ET	48.00	Assoc	Gunther*
2	Budstaff Billy The Kid CD ADX JDX	50.78	Staffy	Fletcher
3	Crestvale Flamboyant Lad CD ADX JDX	53.84	BC	Dedman*
4	Tamtam Pipers Star ADM JDM	54.56	BC	Lucas*

MASTER JUMPING Judge: Ms D. Carroll SCT 33 seconds

1	Holly Golightly AD JDX HIT	26.32	Assoc	Ward/ Attard
2	Bordarita In Ya Dreams ADX JDX	28.63	BC	Bordarita s
3	Taytur Mist & Clouds JDM	28.94	Poodle t	Gibney
4	Zoe D CD JDX AD	29.15	Assoc	De Graauw*
5	CH Bel Adele Nice N Naughty CD ADM JDX ET	31.94	BC	Bel Adele
6	Cwind Be Kool JDX ET AD	32.66	BC	George

* Member of K9 Agility Club



Dot & Joe



Roslyn had two very successful evenings

Thank you everyone who entered our first two trials. Many people worked hard to make them a success and we really appreciate their input.

Everyone wanted to win our Cross Stitch Patch Work Quilt made and donated by Joy Wilks but the lucky winner was Toy Poodle trialer, Nyorie Lindner.

Thanks to our sponsor, Pedigree.

WARRNAMBOOL DTS Inc
RESULTS
Saturday 12/3/05

PM Trial: Novice Agility Judge: R Ashman

1	Gateacre Choc Twirl	37.97	BC	Kisielnicki
2	Ch Lindenbrae Tarfin Cazaly (ai) CD	37.97	BC	Lindenbrae
3	Astro JD	40.25	Assoc	Withell

Open Agility: Judge: R Ashman

1	Bindi Boo CDX ADM JDM	47.35	Assoc	Scafocchia
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Master Agility Judge: M Tyler

1	Trillian ADM ET HIT JDM	41.10	Assoc	McMaster
2	Ima Dandydoodle JDM ADM CD	NQ	Assoc	Diamond
3	Bindi Boo CDX ADM JDM	NQ	Assoc	Scafocchia

Novice Jumping Judge: C Makepeace

1	Clojo Causin Comotion	23.14	Poodle m	King
2	Ch Lindenbrae Tarfin Cazaly (ai) CD	24.86	BC	Lindenbrae

Open Jumping: Judge: C Makepeace

1	Trillian ADM ET HIT JDM	29.27s	Assoc	McMaster
2	Dunwarren Blue Curacao CD JDX ADX	33.80s	BC	Baker
3	Gemma CD JD	34.94s	Assoc	Fulton

Master Jumping Judge: M Tyler

1	Trillian ADM ET HIT JDM	24.85	Assoc	McMaster
2	Tahlia JDM ADM	25.47	Assoc	Monahan
3	Jenuin Jumpin Jack Flash ADM CD JDM	27.34	Poodle (Mini)	King
4	Bordarita Knls & Bordarita Are Ya Ready CDX ADX JDX	29.95	BC	Bordarita
5	Tamtam Pipers Star ADM JDM	30.44	Beardie	Lucas

Sunday 13.3.05

PM Trial: Novice Agility Judge: M Tyler

1	Clojo Causin Comotion	NQ	Poodle-m	King
2	Astro JD	NQ	Assoc	Withell
3	Ch Lindenbrae Tarfin Cazaly (ai) CD	NQ	BC	Lindenbrae

Open Agility: Judge: M Tyler

1	OC Mallawindy Melody AD JD	NQ	BC	Dedman
2	Bindi Boo CDX ADM JDM	NQ	Assoc	Scafocchia
3	Aussielab Dark Secret CDX AD JD	NQ	Lab	Booth

Master Agility Judge: C Makepeace

1	Bindi Boo CDX ADM JDM	53.46	Assoc	Scafocchia
2	Tahlia JDM ADM	57.95	Assoc	Monahan
3	Ima Dandydoodle JDM ADM CD	NQ	Assoc	Diamond

Novice Jumping Judge: R Ashman

1	Clojo Causin Comotion	22.30	22.30	King
2	Ch Lindenbrae Tarfin Cazaly (ai) CD	NQ	BC	Lindenbrae
3	Egidel Champagne	NQ	BC	Hoggan

Open Jumping: Judge: R Ashman

1	Dunwarren Blue Curacao CD JDX ADX	28.84	BC	Baker
2	Tahlia JDM ADM	31.67	Assoc	Monahan
3	Tamtam Pipers Star ADM JDM	NQ	Beardie	Lucas

Master Jumping Judge: C Makepeace

1	Ima Dandydoodle JDM ADM CD -	21.13	Assoc	Diamond
2	Trillian ADM ET HIT JDM	22.55	Assoc	McMaster
3	Bordarita Knls & Bordarita Are Ya Ready CDX ADX JDX	NQ	BC	Bordarita

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YOUR
DOG EVENTS DIARY**

Border Collie CV Agility Trial	9 April
Gina O'Keefe Seminars	9 - 17 April
Moorabbin DODC Agility	10 April
Pedigree Autumn International 2005 Agility & Jumping Trials	23 April
Pedigree Autumn International 2005 Agility & Jumping Trials	24 April
Entries close Altona	17 April
Entries close Geelong	18 April
Entries close Bendigo	22 April
Entries close Ballaarat	22 April
Geelong ODC Agility Trial X2	30 April
Altona Civic ODC Agility/Jumping Trial X2	1st May
Entries close HVCV ET	6th May
Entries close Southern	6th May
Bendigo ODC Agility/Jumping Trial X2	7th May
Ballaarat Dog ODC Agility/Jumping Trial X2	8th May
Hungarian Vizsla Club ET	21st May
Southern ODTC Agility/Jumping Trial X2	21st May
Agility Nationals Perth WA	15-16 Oct 2005

**RESULTS OF V.C.A
MANAGEMENT ELECTIONS**

Congratulations
to the following successful candidates:

Graeme Treacey

Wayne Douglas

Frank Tipping

BAIRNSDALE DODC

RESULTS

Agility / Jumping Trial – Feb 19th & 20th 2005

TRIAL A

NOVICE AGILITY Judge: M.Cowman SCT 60 seconds

1	Sladeshill Lucky	NQ	W Kelpie	Cameron
2	Great Expectations JD	NQ	Assoc	Claughton
3	Ebonpearl Kandi Magic HIT JD	NQ	BC	Ebonpearl K

OPEN AGILITY Judge: M.Cowman SCT – 62 seconds

1	Jai AD JDX	53.29	Assoc	Marshall
2	Yahni AD JD	NQ	Assoc	Tyack
3	Craysview Bob AD JDX	NQ	Assoc	Cray

OPEN JUMPING Judge: E.Howden SCT 43 seconds

1	Tamtam Pipers Star ADM JDM	NQ	Beardie	Lucas
2	Zoe D CD.JDM .AD	NQ	Assoc	De Graauw
3	Mitchell Armistead JD.AD	NQ	Assoc	Armistead

NOVICE JUMPING Judge: E.Howden SCT – 38secs

1	Gateacre Choc Twirl	22.75	BC	Kisielnicki
2	Jessie Patten	NQ	Assoc	Patten
3	Keyana Wild fire	NQ	BC	Jefferies

MASTER AGILITY Judge: A.Tilley SCT – 60secs

1	Buster Shelton ADX.JDX	50.32	Assoc	Shelton
2	Santecho So Im Zorro CDX ADM JDM	77.50	Sheltie	McLeod
3	Spinifex Spitfire JDM.ADM.CD	58.16	Kelpie	Evans

MASTER JUMPING Judge: A.Tilley SCT – 35secs

1	Trillian ADM HIT JDM .AFCh	31.69	Assoc	McMaster
2	Tosca CD.ADM.JDX	NQ	Assoc	McMillan

TRIAL B

OPEN AGILITY Judge: P.Buykx SCT – 61secs

1	Craysview Bob JDX.AD	53.02	Assoc	Cray
2	Mitchell Armistead AD.JD	54.00	Assoc	Armistead
3	Corriedale Jessie AD.JDX	55.45	Assoc	McMillan

NOVICE AGILITY Judge – P.Buykx SCT – 60secs

1	Great Expectations JD	NQ	Assoc	Claughton
2	Kiltmagh Rains Reprint CD	NQ	Assoc	Pallot
3	Sladeshill Happy	NQ	WKelpie	Cameron

NOVICE JUMPING Judge: D.Child SCT – 33secs

1	Gateacre Choc Twirl	23.24	BC	Kisielnicki
2	Keyana Wild Fire	27.41	BC	Jefferies
3	Sladeshill Happy	NQ	WKelpie	Cameron

OPEN JUMPING Judge: D.Child SCT – 43secs

1	Spinifex Spitfire JDM.ADM.CD	31.40	Kelpie	Evans
2	Zoe D CD.JDM AD	31.68	Assoc	DeGraauw
3	Mitchell Armistead AD JD	42.82	Assoc	Armistead

MASTER JUMPING Judge: M.Cowman SCT – 40secs

1	Trillian ADM HIT JDM AFCh	35.12	Assoc	McMaster
2	Jay Dee JDX	38.06	Assoc	Brain
3	Spinifex Spitfire JDM ADM CD	39.03	Kelpie	Evans

MASTER AGILITY Judge: M.Cowman SCT – 68secs

1	Spinifex Spitfire JDM ADM CD	NQ	Assoc	Evans
2	Tahlia ADX.JDM	NQ	Assoc	Monahan
3	Ima Dandydoodle ADM JDM CD	NQ	Assoc	Diamond

TRIAL C

NOVICE AGILITY Judge: E.Howden SCT – 55secs

1	Ebonpearl Kandi Magic HIT JD	41.45	BC	Ebonpearl K
2	Great Expectations JD	NQ	Assoc	Claughton
3	Sladeshill Happy	NQ	WKelpie	Cameron

OPEN AGILITY Judge: E.Howden SCT – 68secs

1	Craysview Bob JDX AD	50.81	Assoc	Cray
2	Corriedale Jessie AD JDX	56.00	Assoc	McMillan

3	Gadhar Mr. Clevuh CDX AD HIT JD	58.12	BC	Smith
4	Mavang Sugar N Spice JD	63.00	Beardie	Lucas

OPEN JUMPING Judge: M.Cowman SCT – 42secs

1	Zoe D CD.JDM AD	28.72	Assoc	DeGraauw
2	Spinifex Spitfire JDM ADM CD	31.22	Kelpie	Evans
3	Tamtam Pipers Star ADM JDM	35.13	Beardie	Lucas
4	Mitchell Armistead AD JD	40.06	Assoc	Armistead
5	Yahni AD JD	40.13	Assoc	Tyack

NOVICE JUMPING Judge: M.Cowman SCT – 41secs

1	Sladeshill Lucky	26.19	WKelpie	Cameron
2	Raelie Highland Dancer	31.91	GR	Middleton
3	Gateacre Choc Twirl	NQ	BC	Kisielnicki

MASTER AGILITY Judge: A.Tilley SCT – 65secs

1	Tosca CD ADM JDX	57.60	Assoc	McMillan
2	Tamtam Pipers Star ADM JDM	58.90	Beardie	Lucas
3	Ch Abbiestar Hot N Spicy ET ADX JDX	63.16	Vizsla	Staniforth

MASTER JUMPING Judge: A.Tilley SCT – 35secs

1	Dashing Lady ADM JDM	29.35	Assoc	Saletta
2	Jai AD JDX	33.47	Assoc	Marshall
3	Trillian ADM HIT JDM AFCh	NQ	Assoc	McMaster

TRIAL D

NOVICE AGILITY Judge: D.Child SCT – 57secs

1	Gateacre Choc Twirl	31.66	BC	Kisielnicki
2	Great Expectations	NQ	Assoc	Claughton
3	Anaurac Kiss And Tell	NQ	Boxer	Howlett

NOVICE JUMPING Judge: P.Buykx SCT – 33secs

1	Craysview Henry	22.59	Assoc	Cray
2	Banshannan Faith T.Ch	NQ	GSD	Morrey
3	Jessie Patten	NQ	Assoc	Patten

OPEN AGILITY Judge: D.Child SCT – 60secs

1	Ashurbanquo Augustus ET JDX AD	43.37	BC	Mlynarz
2	Gadhar Mr Clevuh CDX AD HIT JD	56.62	BC	Smith
3	Yahni AD JD	57.77	Assoc	Tyack

OPEN JUMPING Judge: P.Buykx SCT – 41secs

1	Holly Golightly AD JDX HIT	30.06	Assoc	Ward & Attard
2	Noodle JD AD	30.87	Assoc	Brown
3	Spinifex Spitfire JDM ADM CD	NQ	Kelpie	Evans

MASTER AGILITY Judge: M.Cowman SCT – 68secs

1	Trillian ADM HIT JDM AFCh	50.22	Assoc	McMaster
2	Dougal ADM JDM	57.34	Assoc	Gonelli
3	Spinifex Spitfire JDM ADM CD	57.75	Kelpie	Evans
4	Santecho So Im ZorroCDX ADM JDM	61.50	Sheltie	McLeod
5	Ch. Abbiestar Hot N Spicy ET ADX JDX	62.53	Vizsla	Staniforth

MASTER JUMPING Judge: M.Cowman SCT – 39secs

1	Trillian ADM HIT JDM AFCh	33.37	Assoc	McMaster
2	Tahlia ADX JDM	33.94	Assoc	Monahan
3	Spinifex Spitfire JDM ADM CD	35.50	Kelpie	Evans

APOLOGY

Apologies to Kez Luxford and Jedda who took part in the Agility Demo at the Pet Expo for the first time this year. They were disappointed that their names had been left off the list. Sorry.

In the ring

with Michael Cowman



Well, the trialing year has well and truly started now. It kicked off in Bairnsdale and the weather was pretty kind to us. Hopefully nobody suffered any problems with ticks in their sojourn to Gippsland.

It was very apparent that it was the first trial of the year, the dogs were erratic and the handling was a bit rusty. Annette Claughton ran a couple of Gamblers courses during the lunch breaks, which seemed to go down pretty well. Hopefully people will enjoy Gamblers, as it appears that it will be part of the new Games events that will come in with the new rules in 2006. And there is likely to be a *new and additional* Agility class, a true Open level that is open to dogs of all levels and which will incorporate an element of distance handling.

The new rules are still under discussion, so we can't say too much about them. What we can say is that the new rules will be a logical progression from where the current rules sit. Some will argue that there will be too much change, and others will argue that there wasn't enough change. The new rules will be a step forward, and change is ever constant, there is no point in looking backwards.

Annette and I have both been up to Canberra over Easter to judge the ACT Agility/Jumping Dog Of The Year events followed by the ACT State Championships. Every time we visit Canberra we come back refreshed and revitalized and wanting to improve our skills. Some of the distance handling and control exhibited at *Novice level* was nothing short of amazing. These were super fast dogs that handlers just worked brilliantly. And it wasn't just one or two handlers, it was a whole bunch of them. I would encourage Victorian handlers to seek out true agility clubs to try to improve their handling skills, and to avail themselves of every opportunity to attend training seminars. There is a wealth of information out there as long as we are prepared to open our minds to the opportunities presented there.

This year will also be providing a few firsts. The Nationals will be held in Western Australia this year and they have gone with an October trial date. The agility list has been providing constant updates for those interested in attending. The popular Anzac day weekend has not been forgotten though, with SA stepping in and filling this weekend with an exciting one off event. Details are provided elsewhere, but it includes an array of popular local SA judges and some well-known interstate judges and competitors. It should also be a great weekend.

And for the first time, the State Trial will be held as a separate event for both Agility and Obedience. A whole new format will be devised to make the State Trial and Dog Of The Year events more spectacular than ever. I know that all members of the agility community will throw their support behind the new format.

As it early in the year, people haven't put together any questions as yet. I would encourage anyone who is unsure of any aspect of agility, and more specifically training, to put their hand up and ask questions. We can all learn from even the simplest questions, and there is a knowledgeable group of people involved with this column to give advice in the more technical areas for more difficult questions.

One last word as the trialing season settles in – remember that this is our hobby. It is meant to be fun for our dogs and us. When mistakes happen, and they will happen, neither our dogs nor we are robots, laugh at what happens and vow to do better next time. By all means analyze what went wrong, but don't take this sport so seriously that it becomes unenjoyable. You will have good luck and bad luck, get good decisions and bad decisions, but you will be able to share this wonderful sport with your special four legged companions and with a very special group of people. Never give up on the fun.

Good trialing Michael

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SLIP, SLOP, SLAP FOR DOGS??!!

We have all heard about the importance of protecting ourselves from the dangers of exposing our skin to the sun and these days children are brought up with hats and sunsuits as the general rule rather than as the exception but have you thought about protection from the sun for your beloved dogs? If not, you should!



Jenni Staniforth (Vice President of the HVCV) contacted me recently to tell me that her Vizsla Chilli, (otherwise known as Ch Abbiestar Hot N Spicy ADX JDX ET), had surgery to remove a lump from her groin area. The lump appeared overnight and Jenni did exactly the right thing in taking Chilli to the vet to have it examined and subsequently removed. The bad news was that the tumour, when sent to the laboratory to be examined by the veterinary pathologist, was a melanoma. The good news was that it was the lowest grade (least likely to cause further problems) and there was no other evidence of cancer anywhere. Jenni is obviously very relieved about the result of this episode in Chilli's life but she asked me to write an article for Russet Rumours about prevention of damage from the sun in dogs.

Just like in humans, the best way to prevent dogs' skin from being damaged by the sun is to minimise exposure. Sunburn will affect dogs in the same way as it affects you – pain, peeling and an increased risk of skin cancer. All dogs can get skin damage as the result of sun exposure but those with short hair and/or pale skin, (and Vizslas would fit both of these categories), have a higher chance of developing skin cancers so what can we Vizsla lovers do? Here are some tips to follow:

1. Try to avoid the sun when it is at it's hottest ie between 10am and 4pm. Walk your dogs either early in the morning or late in the afternoon or early evening. The times of the day also tend to be cooler so you also decrease the risk of heatstroke.
2. Keep your dogs inside on hot days or if this isn't possible, make sure there is easy access to shaded areas throughout the whole day. Remember that as the sun moves, so does the shade so what is a nice shady spot when you leave for work in the morning, might be in full sunlight by lunchtime. If your dog is a known sun lover who will sunbake with total disregard for their health, you may need to consider confining your dog entirely to a shaded area. They won't thank you for it, but at least you will know that you are doing the right thing!
3. Apply sun blockout cream or lotion to the exposed areas of your dog such as the tips of the ears, nose and the skin around the lips. If your dog is known to lie on its back and bake its belly you should apply some to that area as well. If you have an entire male, don't forget their "bits". You can buy pet sun blockout but it is also okay to use human products.



You need to make sure it is rubbed in well because dogs are very good at trying to get it off anyway they can. You also need to remember to reapply it regularly just as you would to yourself.

4. Buy your dog to wear a sunsuit. You will have seen the lycra sunsuits that most children wear these days when they go swimming, but did you know that you could get a similar bit of clothing for your dog? They are often used for dogs such as white Bill Terriers who are notorious for spending their days sunbaking and then pay the price. I haven't seen these in the shops (which doesn't mean that they aren't there!) but I did a quick Google search and the only place I could find was Designer Dogwear whose website is <http://www.designerdogwear.com/>



5. Get your dog sunglasses! Have you seen the sunglasses that are now available for dogs? Sunglasses have long been a fashion item for people, now dogs can join us.



The most comfortable ones I have seen are the Doggles range. (<http://www.doggles.com/>) I have seen a number of dogs wearing these with no complaints.

Thanks to VAN subscriber [Dr] Fran Peluso for her permission to reprint this article.