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REBEL (IMP UK) CDX NRD (REBEL)**

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# President's Report

Peter Eley OAM



This is my last Presidents Report before our Annual General Meeting and I must commence by saying how disappointed I am regarding the lack of interest shown by some of our members. For many years now the Association has sponsored many Annual Awards and offered congratulatory sashes for title wins. There are 13 Annual awards available and this year only six were applied for.

No one applied for Interstate Show Dog of the Year,

500 Club acknowledgements,

Dual Purpose Dog of the Year,

Firebush Novice Obedience Dog of the Year,

Tracking Dog of the Year and there were no nominations for the Encouragement Award. Further to this only 6 members applied for Title sashes.

As an association dedicated to the breed what should we read into this? Are our members sick of the way we operate or just not interested in the award process. It would be nice to get some feedback on this to guide into the future.

For all of our Victorian members (and anyone else who may be in the area), our Annual General Meeting will be held on the 14th of March 2017. Full details will be sent out in the near future but if any locals think they might like to join the Committee you will be most welcome. We only have 4 meetings a year and we combine it with a nice feed before the official part of the night commences.

I wish all of our members a Very Happy New Year and hope that all of your ventures in the coming year are met with success.



## YOUR COMMITTEE

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### **My Life is perfect....as long as I'm in it.**

We have before us a whole new year of opportunities to have fun with our dogs, Pete & I are training strongly after having a long break prior and over Christmas. Pete has a new pup sired by the Finnish Retrieving champion who comes with great hope of being a very good working dog & of course her mother Ping should also do well again this year. I have done an article on Ping in this issue because I didn't think there would be enough content for this issue.....that's my story anyway :-)

Thankfully Jean Bryant a stalwart sent her report in and Rhonda Williams gave me a very good article on her dog Booker....thank you, articles about your dogs are always welcome.

Wow 8 Flatcoats to be exhibited at Canberra Royal that has to be a record for that Royal. I can remember 5 be-

ing shown, 4 of them were ours and the 5th was our breeding.

We only exhibited there the once as it was so hot with very little shade, too much for the dogs and us.

Sadly we have lost a few canine members of the breed recently Marilyn Dawson's lovely boy Rebel, he was one of my favourite Flatcoats even though I never met him and Scot Hanslow's Penny bred by Rhonda Williams, Penny was 14 1/2 years, a very good life span for a Flatcoat. We've had a couple of dogs that have made that age recently, let there be many more.



## 2017 CALENDER

Flatcoated Retriever Retrieving Trial	1st April 2017
Flatcoated Retriever RATG	4th June 2017
Flatcoated Retriever Retrieving Trial	15 October 2017
Flatcoated Retriever Open Show	5th November 2017
Flatcoated Retriever Championship Show	5th November 2017





Above is Ch Boltorp Rhythm and Blues RRD (Imp SWD). (Rhythm)

When Rhythm turned 10 years old Pete and I decided to get him annual veterinary check ups, when he was 11 1/2 years old his vet found a mass on his spleen which was called Splenic Haematoma with congestive extra medullary, put in simple terms it was extra like a factory making blood cells and when it is full of blood the dog haemorrhages internally, it is terminal. Before surgery was carried out his vet xrayed to make sure it had not spread, it hadn't and so was given the go ahead to remove the spleen. His annual check ups consists of all the vital organs be examined via Ultra sound for any anomalies.

This has got me thinking about the value of our dogs having an annual check up at any age, considering the breed has the propensity to some forms of soft tissue cancer maybe we can head it off for a few years.

With the luxury of Ultra sound machines vets can find anything suspicious in the early stages just like in Rhythm's case.

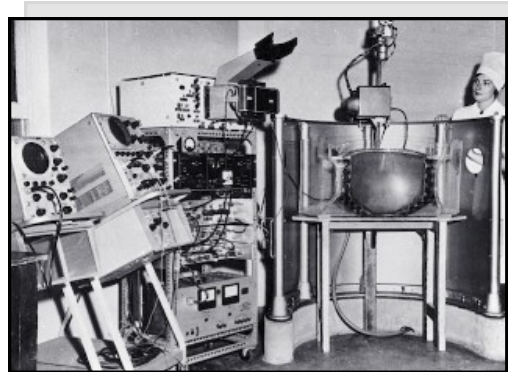
The use of medical ultrasound grew out of the sound navigation ranging (SONAR) devices that originated during the First World War, and was further developed during the Second World War.

Ultrasound is now a routine procedure in the monitoring of many medical conditions & most would be unaware that the technology was developed by a small team of Australian research scientists and medical specialists who won international and national acclaim for their work.

Equally unaware is the humble beginnings of the ultrasound machine, we look at the computer like apparatus of today and assume that is how it was when developed but I am here to tell you it was quite an involved affair requiring a number of doctors and several technicians to produce one ultrasound image at Royal Women's Sydney. How do I know this? I was one of the pregnant test dummies in 1967 at the Royal Women's in Paddington, Sydney, Mr. Bill Garrett was my obstetrician.

Bill Garrett was a 31-year-old obstetrician at Sydney's Royal Hospital for Women (RHW) in 1959 when he was asked to join a small interdisciplinary team to investigate whether high frequency sound waves could be applied for imaging of the pregnant uterus. This team was put together by Norman Murray, the head of Commonwealth

Acoustics Laboratory, and the ultrasonic research section was headed by research scientist George Kossoff, with Garrett as medical adviser and technical officers Reg Allen and Laurie Lean.



In 1962 the team was the first in the world to identify a number of foetal anatomical structures. Garrett and Kossoff were joined by research scientist David Robinson, then technicians Ian Shepherd and George Radovanovich. Kossoff says that the team knew the importance of ultrasound was growing as the group started out in a "miserable basement" but as the service grew they were moved to the first floor, "prime real estate". By 1965 ultrasonic testing was part of clinical practice at RHW.



I recall the day I was to be ultrasounded, when I arrived my doctor saw to my comfort and prepared me for the event, smoothing petroleum jelly over my pregnant belly he then got me to stand in front of a tank of water where he moulded one heavy rubber wall of the tank over my belly, in the tank was a transmitting device that travelled backwards and forwards past my belly bouncing sonar signals off and transferring them to a bank of sonar screens, where the image was photographed..... that was an ultrasound image back in 1967.

The benefit of Ultrasound is that gives you a window into your dogs body & health. If there is anything nasty lurking in there it may give you the opportunity to do something about it rather get a shock down the track.

The only decision to be made is to when you should start to do yearly check ups, we were lucky when we left it until our boy was 10 years old, but I have heard of dogs as young as 7 having terminal conditions, that may have been saved if it had been found early. We have been informed Rhythm's son recently died from Splenic Haematoma.

I don't believe this to be a silver bullet, it cannot combat against bone & joint conditions such as osteosarcoma but gee it does give us at least the tools to do something about other conditions our dogs can suffer from



### AVOID HEAT RELATED INJURIES IN DOGS.

After the long, cold winter and stubbornly cool spring we endured it's only natural to want to go out and enjoy the summer weather with our dogs. However, dogs are extremely sensitive to heat and humidity, and it's easy for them to become overheated in what may appear to be normal situations. The normal temperature for a healthy dog is 101° (38.3C) but can range from 100.5° (38.05C) to 102.5° (39.16C). Once a dog begins to overheat, he cannot cool down as efficiently as a human, and his temperature will continue to escalate even after you get him into a cool space. Dogs with black coats or brachycephalic features (Pugs, bulldogs, etc) are at even greater risk for heat exhaustion, as are very young pups and older animals. Being aware of the risks will allow you and your dog to stay safe as you enjoy the hot weather. The following article is by veterinarian Nate Baxter, who has kindly allowed and encouraged its distribution among dog owners. Take a minute to read it, print it out and highlight the important parts to bring with you to the lake, the hiking trails, even the dog park.

#### Avoiding Heat Related Injuries in Dogs -- Nate Baxter DVM

The first thing that needs to be understood is that dogs and people are different enough that most of the info cannot cross lines. I do not profess to know what the appropriate procedures for people are, other than what I learned in first aid.

Dogs do not lose enough electrolytes thru exercise to make a difference, but if the dog gets truly into heat stroke the physiological changes will make them necessary. BUT oral replacement at that point is futile, they need intravenous fluids and electrolytes and lots of it.

**Cooling:** Evaporative cooling is the most efficient means of cooling. However, in a muggy environment, the moisture will not evaporate so cooling does not happen well. I cool with the coldest water I can find and will use ice depending on the situation. The best way is to run water over the dog, so there is always fresh water in contact with the skin. When you immerse a dog in a tub, the water trapped in the hair coat will get warm next to the dog, and act as an insulator against the cool water and cooling stops. If you can run water over the dog and place it in front of a fan that is the best. Misting the dog with water will only help if you are in a dry environment or in front of a fan. Just getting the dog wet is not the point, you want the water to be cool itself, or to evaporate.

For **MOST** situations all you will need to do is get the dog in a cooler environment, ie shade, or in the cab of the truck with the air conditioning on (driving around so the truck does not overheat and the AC is more efficient). Up to a couple of years ago, I was very concerned about my dogs getting too hot in the back of my black pickup with a black cap. A new white truck fixed a lot of that problem. When I had one dog I just pulled the wire crate out of the car and put it in some shade and hopefully a breeze. But having 2 dogs and running from one stake to another that was not feasible. So I built a platform to put the wire crate on, this raises the dog up in the truck box where the air flow is better. Then I placed a 3 speed box fan in front blowing on the dogs with a foot of space to allow better airflow. I purchased a power inverter that connects to the battery and allows the 3 speed fan to run from the truck power. It has an automatic feature that prevents it from draining the battery.



# I AM BOOKER

Rhonda Williams



I am Booker, also known as Professor Peanut owned by Rhonda Williams hereafter called my Handicap. I was attacked in a show ring at 9 months and became a reactive dog. Handicap realised that being a show dog was not enough for my inquisitive brain so we tried obedience but I cannot do stay line-ups if dogs eyeball me. So Handicap embarked on "Tracking" with me.

I caught on quickly but I thought the aim was to get from start to finish at breakneck speed. First trial Handicap got yelled at and I thought it was because she was moving too slow. Judge then bellowed at me to slow down and said I was going to break Handicap's leg once we were in the bush. We passed but everyone said I wasn't ready.

Handicap is not one to give up and we went on to trial 2. So many cows and I think every cow deserves a bark. Suddenly the steward informs Handicap that there is barbed wire wrapped in my tail feathers. Steward held my head whilst Handicap gave me the worst wax job ever. Thank dog my cajones were safe. Despite finding a dam that I really wanted to explore, Handicap had been told that our tracklayer was injured. I have a sixth sense (and I can stop being Prof Peanut) and I found our tracklayer very quickly and he was ok.

On to track 3 and Handicap has a sore hamstring. Like I care and I am flying around the track until I discover a fox hide. What's a dog to do? We don't have fox hides in the burbs and I was fascinated. I copped a glare from Handicap and the judge so I begrudgingly left it and I think I nailed the track. I have my TD title but again all the judges and stewards say we are not ready. I am 18 months old.

Handicap had already entered me in track 4 at Gippsland in case I had bombed one of the first 3. I have never seen so much capeweed and I ate my way through the first leg of the track. Another dam and I nearly had Handicap swimming. Then I found the biggest bone ever (half a leg of a cow) and tried to take it with me. I got those glares again so I left best bone behind.

Handicap kept trialling my mother, Baloo, and I was stuck in the car watching her fail and fail. I told Handicap that Baloo would do better if I was also entered and she listened.

Onto track 5, Baloo has already bombed so it is up to me to fly the flag. Good friend Clive has come with us and I had already ransacked his backpack and eaten his ham sandwich including the glad wrap. They say what happens on the track stays on the track. I worked my butt off in difficult conditions, not easy when

my Handicap is crying!

I move onto track 6 in a mud-puddle of a winery. Baloo bombed again but only on the last corner. I have mud and cows. Barking my head off we descend down a steep hill to a dam. Handicap knows there is an acute angle (my first) and I take it and drag her back up the hill. I was knee deep in mud and she was calf deep and hard to tow. Handicap decides I am wrong and I have to drag her up that hill again. I stopped for a rest and the judge says I am not fit. How insulting! I took off in a flash and killed the rest of that track.

I bombed the Tracking Champion title track a few times and mummy Baloo caught up fast and she had puppies in between. I got there one week ahead of her and then we went onto Track and Search.

Handicap was now training me around roads and I am not an easy dog especially if another dog wants to fence fight. We scraped through the first levels of this. I bombed atrociously at Bendigo at level 4 and Handicap had rope burns. I repeated level 4 at Inverleigh and I think I was funny. I nailed a tight corner and Handicap heard "yes" from behind her but I came back as there was a glasses case on a picnic table. I grab the case and present it to the judge. Handicap asks if this is an article. Yes it was but it had been moved. They were all worried that I would then track the person who had moved the article. I am "Professor" Peanut and I got back on the track and took a slight detour to steal a tennis ball. Judge commented "a tennis ball short of an excellent".

My first Urban Trial (all streets) and Handicap did not tell me there were no articles. Half a km into it, I am looking for an article so I jump into the back of an open station wagon and steal a blanket and present to the judge. Oops. Angry owner of station wagon and the judge and stewards covered up my pilfering.

Onto my first night trial and I thought all those lights on heads were a Christmas party for me. Think we may have the police present and that just added to my excitement. It was late at night in a not very salubrious suburb and Handicap was so cold that I had been keeping her warm for the last 3 hours. Handicap was awful but I did it. I did investigate every water feature that was in any house but we did it.

Bless the tracking fraternity, they got permission to hold more levels of TSD and I did all of them proud. I had some fails along the way but Handicap and I had a blast doing them. When I bombed a track I was funny and I love my Handicap for doing this with me. I don't care what titles are on my name but apparently I am Australia's first Dual Grand Champion. I am Booker.



The recently formed Flatcoated Retriever Club of NSW is off to strong start following a well attended inaugural meeting of members held at the Blacktown Canine Complex last October.

The meeting elected an executive and general committee members and also approved a draft constitution which has since been finalised and accepted by Dogs NSW.



The Executive is:

President - Bill Frew

Vice President – Helen Frew (Trial Secretary)

Secretary – Kirsty Blair

Treasurer – Gillian Holmes

Show Secretary - Sue Batchelor

General Committee members: Valerie Parker, Nerida Ware, Dianna Cooper

Club colours - purple and white - have been agreed on by members after various colour combinations were canvassed and debated via Facebook. A Club logo has been designed and a NSW Flatcoats Club Facebook page established.

At last count the club had 37 members and planning is well advanced for a number of events during 2017, including a Championship Show and a double RATG trial.

The Championship show will be held at the Sydney Royal Easter Show in April on the same day and at the same location as the Sydney Royal Dog Show breed judging. The Judge will be Dan Ericsson (Sweden).

The double RATG trial is scheduled for Berrima in the Southern Highlands on July 2 and we are hoping for lots of entries. Interstate Flatcoats and other gundog breeds will be very welcome.

A retrieving ability test training day for beginners is also planned for May. It is hoped the training day will help to generate interest among NSW Flatcoat owners yet to try their hand at retrieving.

Bill Frew

President

February 2017



Hello from us

I think the last issue is the first time I have not had an input to the newsletter, puppies and other things seem to get in the way.

I am trying hard to think what has happened since then – I remember that Kirstin Gurner's Gr Ch Poweron Tails of Wonder took out a Best in Group at the Murray Valley Kennel Club shows late last year – lovely to see flatcoats taking top honours.

Tina Corbell and Kirstin's jointly owned dog Ch Skye Power Black Brianta (Imp Czech) (Westhoff) took out a Best in Group in January under local Judge Ms Lauren Schwerdt – and he also was Runner Up in Group on 4 February under Mr M Permyakov from Russia at the Adelaide Hills Champ Show – group entry 149. Westhoff took out all three Best of Breeds and was also shortlisted for group the first day. Kirstin's new girl Poweron Let Me Entertain took out her first challenge and Runner Up Best of Breed at the first show on 3 February under Finnish judge Mr J Joslin. This judge refused my bitch Ch Sherepoint Peppermint Crisp the reserve challenge – no reason given – Minty took out the Bitch challenge on the subsequent days. Several challenges, classes and placings were refused by this judge all weekend, and in Melbourne on the previous weekend. I have never witnessed a third place in a class of three being refused before – Pointers. Reserves in the dogs went to Sherepoint Cracked Pepper twice and once to Gr Ch Sherepoint Kentucky Bluegrass. Ch Sherepoint Peppermint Crisp won a State Bred in Group at a show in January.

South Australia has experienced strange weather like the rest of Australia, with three big storms in the last few

months – a few very hot days and as I type 41 degrees is forecast. We were fortunate with no flooding, and only a few small branches of trees coming down. A litter of 8 puppies in October from Bree Ch Kellick Take A Break and Cracker Sherepoint Cracked Pepper kept us busy. Especially as at 5 weeks of age one of the pups developed "Puppy Strangles" not to be confused with Horse Strangles – this apparently is caused when the immune system is compromised and usually happens after vaccination or trauma – neither of which this pup had experienced – I won't describe it here (google it). Suffice to say they are quite healthy and active whilst they have this, eat well and its not contagious. Some scarring on the face may occur. Little Jack went to his new home this week at four and a half months old – the owners had seen him when he was about 7 weeks old. They had previously owned a boy from Angela and Tony Jenkins, both parents bred by us. He has settled in well, and has a lovely home. The worst thing for us was that because flatcoats keep licking, we had to separate Jack from his mother and from the other pups, this didn't seem to hold him back. Oddly no one ever seems to mention that they have had experience of this until you ask – then I found four other breeders who had a pup develop this. The treatment for this is steroids and antibiotics, the steroids the vet tries to get them off as quickly as possible. Chinese herbal medicine was given to help restore his hair – no Ross didn't ask to borrow some. If anyone wants to know more about this or see photos please contact me.

It has been great to see the winning of the baby puppies in Perth with Christine Murray and Julie Govan – great stuff WA.

I can't think of anything more, my brain is cotton wool today, septic is playing up and the pump keeps fusing our electricity – and worst of all today I am off to the Dr's to have a vaccination against Shingles, me who is terrified of needles. Even my encounter last week with the brown snake wasn't as bad as thinking about an injection – well not quite.

That's it from me – Jean Bryant





## VALE

### Dual CH (T) Casblaidd Mondays Rebel (Imp UK) CDX NRD



It is with great sadness I have to report the passing of this wonderful Flatcoat who oozed with personality.

Dual CH (T) Casblaidd Mondays Rebel (Imp UK) CDX NRD ORA RE (Rebel) owned by Marilyn Dawson of Perth, WA.

We love all Flatcoats but every now and then one stands out & this was Rebel he simply captured your heart by just being there and doing the things he did. Rest in peace Rebel you are severely missed.

*Today you did the bravest thing  
Today you set me free  
Thank you for showing me  
The ultimate dignity  
I am sorry that my leaving  
Has broken your kind heart  
But we knew this day come  
The day we had to part  
Don't think I didn't hear  
Every last word you said  
Don't think I did not feel  
Your trembling hand touch my head  
Today you did the bravest thing  
Today you set me free  
Thank you for a wonderful life  
Thank you for loving me. Rebel*



I don't put many announcements of my dogs successes in the newsletter because people could say it is self promoting. But I am going to risk it in this issue, just to show the breed is a worthy working dog & also apart from Jean Bryant no one has sent me anything to add to this issue so this has left a very big gap and that is always dangerous as it allow me to fill with my stories. PS Now Rhonda Williams has sent me an article...thanks Rhonda.

Below is Ping, she has just turned 6 years old and in those 6 years she has produced 3 litters for us, a total of 27 puppies & in between those litters she has been my retrieving dog, she is a dog that makes me look good as a trainer but I cannot take credit for she just know what I want. In the photo above at her last trial for 2016 she was awarded The FT Ch Firefield Yankee Belle CM Novice Aggregate Trophy donated by Noel & Kate Eltringham and a Mr. J. Montasell Memorial Sash for 2016 for being the highest scoring Novice dog over 2 days of trialling, she beat approx 40 dogs.



This was very much a surprise to me as I had only put her in the trial for the exercise as she had just had a litter 5 months before. On both those days of trialling she had not won but came 2nd on the Saturday and 3rd on the Sunday but cumulative those scores were the highest over the two days of trialling.

Furthermore her sire Boltitorp Take it or Leave it (Gideon) was awarded the same trophy last year. So we are hoping Pings Daughter Morgan who is a very driven retriever will keep it in the family & win this year. Morgan is sired (AI) by Finnish Retrieving Champion FIN KVA Taka-Tapiolan Fuin Tahvo.

Below left is our judge Tor Bakkeland from SA and the first place getter Sandy Smith and myself. Below right is other Field and Game equal All Age award winners Mark Davis and Russel Thomas & ofcourse me.



To finish my bragging; left is Simone Wilkie's Grand Champion Kellick All I Ever Need is You (Lachie) a multiple Best is show winner and his brother Christine Murray's Ch Kellick Song Sung Blue (Vader) a multiple group winner. Confirming their mother Ping is a pure dual purpose producing brood bitch.





*There has been multiple pushes to recognise the yellow Flatcoat in our breed over the years but the powers that be will not move forward on it and include Yellow in the breed standard. On the right is a Yellow Flatcoat and on the left a Golden Retriever or is it the other way around? It is hard to tell the difference, one could be a female & male of the Golden Retriever breed. Following is an article on the subject I found, I have lost the authors name, so apologies to that person but it gives a good summary of both breeds.*

I have written the following in the hope it will go some way in educating those who would like to breed from yellow Flatcoats and who would like to see the breed standard changed to encompass this colour. The occasional yellow that was born eventually split from the breed many years ago and was instrumental in forming the breed now known as the Golden Retriever. If yellow Flatcoats were recognised in the Flatcoated Retriever breed standard it would be difficult to differentiate them visually from their relative the Golden Retriever, especially the working Goldens. When breeding, if a fault appears it is the responsibility of breeders to take note and breed away from said fault, one does not try to alter the breed standard to encompass the faults (including health problems) you have introduced, incorrect dentition, incorrect conformation, all the odd colours that crop up from time to time, the list is endless, eventually the breed would no longer be recognisable.

To be a responsible breeder takes dedication, knowledge of the breed concerned and accept when it goes wrong and try and put it right. I am not against yellow puppies, indeed I produced 3 in a litter in 1980, and all were placed

in companion homes, sold at a reduced price and the registration papers endorsed not for breeding (which was allowable at the time). I have taken the liberty of copying the following from the Golden Retriever Breed Council on the history of their breed. Those who have been the guardians of their breed for many decades and who have protected the breed from exploitation take exception to those with little or no knowledge who seem to think they can walk roughshod over long standing devotee's in a breeding program, if one did where would it stop, you would have to accept values and misuse the breed for their own gain.

"The History of the Golden Retriever; Unlike many breeds, the development of the Golden Retriever in historical terms is fairly recent, and thanks to the painstaking research carried out by breed historians, firstly the late Elma Stonex, and latterly Val Foss and Frank and Anne Weekes, the history is quite defined and documented.

Continued....

The breed originated from a series of matings carried out by Lord Tweedmouth from 1864 onwards. The starting point was his acquisition of a good looking yellow coloured Flat Coated Retriever which he took to his estate at Guisechan, near Inverness in Scotland. He mated this dog to a Tweed Water Spaniel, a breed now long extinct, and then bred on from the offspring of this mating using the occasional outcross to an Irish Setter, a second Tweed Water Spaniel and a black Flat Coated Retriever. The dogs produced proved to be grand workers, biddable and attractive. Puppies from the matings were given to friends and family, notably his nephew, Lord Ilchester, who also bred them. The dogs bred true to type, and so the forerunners of the breed we know today were established.

It was not until 1908 that the breed came into the public eye. Lord Harcourt had formed a great liking for the breed, and had gathered on to his estate at Nuneham Park, Oxford, a collection of the dogs descended from the original matings. He decided to exhibit them at the Kennel Club Show in 1908, where they created great interest. They were entered in a class for Any Variety Retriever, and described as Yellow Flatcoated Retrievers. The term 'Golden Retriever' was first coined around this time, and has been attributed to Lord Harcourt



Lord Harcourt's  
Nuneham Park  
home at Oxford  
UK

Once they had been seen by the general public, there were many people that wanted to own one for themselves, and the breeds popularity was assured. One of the people that saw them and acquired one for herself was Mrs. Charlesworth, who became the greatest enthusiast the breed has ever had. From 1910 when she acquired her first Golden, until her death in 1954, she championed the cause of the breed against all comers, and nagged her fellow enthusiasts remorselessly to keep the breed as a true dual purpose dog. She, it was who organised her fellow enthusiasts into forming a Golden Retriever Club in 1911, writing a breed standard, and campaigning for the breed to be registered with the Kennel Club as a separate breed. (The Kennel Club had previously registered them as Flatcoated Retrievers).



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The breed was accepted by the Kennel Club in 1913, and an allocation of Challenge Certificates was made the same year. The race had already been on to see who could win the first Field Trial award with a Golden, and the honour had fallen in 1912 to Captain Hardy with his bitch Vixie, who went on to become an influential dam in the breed. The honour of winning the first C.C.'s on offer proved to be an anti-climax.

One enthusiast, Col Le Poer Trench, insisted that the Golden had developed from a breed found in Russia, and had persuaded the Kennel Club to register his dogs as Yellow Russian Retrievers. At Crufts Dog show in 1913, there were classes for Golden Retrievers and for Russian Retrievers, but only one set of C.C.'s. The best Golden had to challenge the best Russian for the C.C.'s, and the Russians won both of them! At the next show, however, there were Challenge Certificates exclusively for Golden Retrievers, and the honour of being the first to win a C.C. went to Mrs. Charlesworth's dog Normanby Sandy and Mr F. W. Herbert's bitch Coquette. The race was then on to win 3 C.C.'s and a Field Trial award and thus become the first Golden Champion, an honour achieved by Mrs. Charlesworth with her dog Normanby Campfire. All canine activities came to a halt as the First World War grew in intensity, but the Golden Retriever had done enough to establish itself in the canine world, and the hearts of the dog owning public."



### A Poem from an Untrained Puppy

My family brought me home with them.  
Snugly cradled in their arms.  
They cuddled me and smiled at me.  
And said I was full of charm.

We would laugh and Play all day,  
They showered me with toys,  
I soon learned to love my family,  
Especially the girls and boys.

The children loved to feed me,  
They'd give me special treats.  
They even let me sleep with them,  
Snuggled between the sheets.

They used to laugh and praise me,  
When I played with my old shoe,  
But I was never taught the difference  
Between the old ones and the new!

The kids and I would grab a rag  
And for hours we would tug,  
So I thought I did the right thing  
When I chewed the bathroom rug!



They said I was out of control  
And would have to live outside,  
This I did not understand,  
Although I tried and tried.

The walks stopped one by one  
They said they didn't have time  
I wish I could have changed things,  
I wished I knew my crime.

My life became so lonely  
In the back yard on a chain  
I barked and barked all day long,  
To keep from going insane.

So they brought me to a shelter,  
But were embarrassed to say why  
They said I caused an allergy,  
And then kissed me good-bye.  
If I'd only had some training,  
When I was just a pup,  
I wouldn't have been so confused  
When I was all grown up.



# FLATCOATED RETRIEVER CLUB OF VICTORIA INC

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2017

The membership year is 1 January – 31 December of the year that you join. Memberships received from 1 October will be valid until 31 December of the following year.

If paying by Direct Debit use Member name & Post Code as reference.

This form is not required if paying via Direct Debit unless particulars change.

<b>NEW MEMBER-SHIP</b>			
NAME			
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS			
SUBURB		POSTCODE	
POSTAL ADDRESS			
SUBURB		POSTCODE	
TELEPHONE		MOBILE	
EMAIL			
WEBSITE			
DOGS VICTORIA MEMBER (V.C.A.)	Y/N	MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	BREEDER PREFIX (IF APPLICABLE)
OTHER CLUB MEMBERSHIPS?			
NEWSLETTER OPTION	I would like to receive the newsletter via POST / EMAIL. (please indicate)		

### SUBSCRIPTION FEES

<b>DUAL MEMBERSHIP</b>	\$25.00	\$
<b>SINGLE MEMBERSHIP</b>	\$20.00	\$
<b>JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP</b>	\$15.00	\$
<b>PUPPY BUYER MEMBERSHIP</b> Only applicable to breeders who are applying for membership on behalf of those who have purchased one of their puppies and is only valid for the first year of their membership.	\$10.00	\$
	<b>TOTAL</b>	

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Payment can be made through Direct Debit, Cheque or Money Order:

**Account Name: Flat Coated Retriever Association of Victoria**

BSB Number: 033-689 Account Number: 37-0802

**Please include your name & post code when depositing through Direct Debit.** Cheques and Money orders payable to:

**“FLATCOATED RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA”**

**Any Changes of particulars must be forwarded to:**

The Treasurer, 5 Pigeon Bank Road, Warrandyte, Vic, 3113 ph 9844 4617