



THE FLATCOATED RETRIEVER ASSN.

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FLATCOAT NEWS



The Editor's Creed:

Mistakes are made deliberately. Some people are always looking for errors..... and the Editor aims to please everyone.

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Best In Show winner at the inaugural Flat Coated Retriever Club of NSW specialty show held at the 2017 Sydney Royal Dog Show

Supreme Champion Bushman Fly Me to Heaven (Storm)

Bred and owned by Bushman Kennels - Jazmyn Wray...
Handled by Clare Richards

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President's Report

Peter Eley OAM



Well another Presidents report with not a lot of news. The breed is really performing well around the country at the moment and growing in strength day by day.

Unfortunately this year we have lost quite a few members that did not renew their club membership, some of them have been long term and I welcome any feedback that they may wish to contribute. We also had only a few applications for Annual Awards for the year 2016. Reminders were sent out at the end of 2016. The same practice will take place at the end of 2017, we are quite happy to process applications and make the awards but we will not chase people to

apply, which we believe has happened in the past that responsibility lies with the member.

On a brighter note, all our planning is underway for our Open Show and Championship Show in November. Once the schedules have been approved they will be published as email attachments and in Flatcoats Down under.

The working side of the breed is on the increase with dogs now being worked in 4 states and being shown in 5 states and the A.C.T. What a great place for the breed to be an the quality of he dogs being exhibited is a credit to all.

Congratulations to the New South Wales Flatcoat Club for their successful Champ Show. I am sure that we will se more of this club before very long.



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

It seems May is the month for the breed to compete in Retrieving trials, this last weekend in May it was reported there were 6 Flat Coats competing, 2 in Perth, 2 in Victoria, 1 in NSW and 1 in Queensland. Out of those 6 Flat Coats 3 placed, two 1st places and one 3rd, the 3rd place winner was only 11 months old.

Many people may not understand the need for the breed to compete in retrieving, the purpose of it is to exercise the ability of the breed to continue be what it was originally bred for "Retrieving" it is the blue print of his/her brain but must be exercised so to retain it preserve it .

It is important that we retain the retrieving instinct in our breed and in addition keep the breed looking like the standard dictates. In many Gundogs breeds there are discrepancies between the show and working dogs and in that process some breeds have lost their breed identity. Case in

point I have seen some Labradors that are too light in their frame lacking substance, Labradors are supposed to be built so they can push their way through heavy under cover, however the retrieving Labradors I see are built for speed. I find it hard to see that ever happening in our breed as the retrieving ability seems strongly instilled in the breed With 6 of our numerically small breed competing in the sport of Retrieving I think it remains strong, healthy and in safe hands.

For those of you who are curious about what dates our shows are being held this please refer to our calendar below, I print the calendar in every issue. We are looking for donors for our Championship show, for anyone wishing to donate please contact scott.sue.farquhar@bigpond.com



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2017 CALENDER

Flatcoated Retriever Retrieving Trial	1st April 2017	Completed
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	



Sydney Royal Easter Show Best of Breed went to Supreme Champion Bushman Fly Me to Heaven (Storm) Bred & owned by Bushman Kennels - Jazmyn Wray...Handled by Clare Richards



A further congratulation to Joy Gregg for her youngster 10 month old Poweron Bag Full of Silly (Toby) getting Runner Up to Best of Breed at the Royal , bred by Kirstin Gurner. A very promising young dog.



Congratulations are also extended to the NSW Flatcoated Retriever Club on holding their Inaugural Championship Show & congratulations to Jaz Wray for her dog Supreme Champion Bushman Fly Me to Heaven (Storm) for winning Best in Show handled by Claire Richards

Poweron Bag Full Of Silly RUBOB Sydney Royal age 10 Mths. Very happy with my bag full of silly.

Apologies for not having all the Royals results but I could not find them.

I've just been brushing our dogs and noted it's nearly always Autumn when they start to lose their coat. This poses the question; because a lot of our dogs are of European or Scandinavian origin and those countries are approaching their summer when we are in our Autumn is it reasonable to think that our dogs body clocks are in tune with those countries seasons and therefore are losing their coats in preparation for the warmer months in those countries, however we are preparing to go into our winter. This is a subject Pete and I have pondered for many years.



NEWS FROM S.A.

JEAN BRYANT

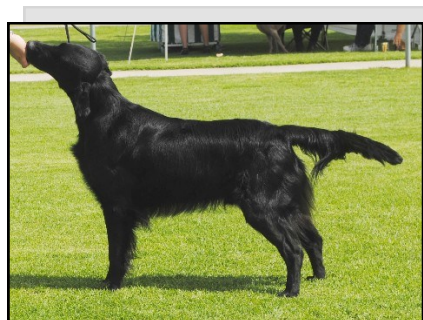


Some years ago I was asked to write an article on our breed and it was entitled "So What's Happening with Flatcoated Retrievers in Australia" – I think from memory the article was written in 2008 – it was several pages long – this was the last paragraph – and I wonder if this is still true – or have we made some progress in this aspect.

"What does the future hold for Australian Flat Coats, well that is the sixty four thousand dollar question – we have come a long way in 10 years, both numerically and in quality. But unless there is some co- operation between kennels I can only see each kennel continuing in their own way – and having to import to obtain new bloodlines – with not much advancement as Australian Flat Coats. When Brenda Phillips from Exclyst kennels judged here in Australia in 2001 – she found it hard to understand that the Flat Coat breeders in Australia did not help one another. Especially given the small number of dogs and gene

pool we have here. On a happier note almost all of our breeders are hip and elbow x-raying*, and having eyes checked for hereditary diseases before breeding their dogs. This should be used as a monitoring system to make sure we continue on the same track – of soundness and good health in our dogs. We personally have been fortunate that the dogs we have imported have not brought in any serious health problems. Paramount of course is temperament and I can only comment on the dogs I see and have seen, and I believe that our dogs (Australian Flat Coats) are exhibiting the true friendly, confident temperament that is so much a part of the Flat Coats that we all love so much."

This was written obviously before the rule of compulsory x- raying of hips and elbows and eyes being checked came into force.



Above is a picture of Cracker on the day he got his Champion title. Ch Sherepoint Cracked Pepper – gained his show title on 2/4/17 under Mrs L Brown (NSW).





The recently formed Flat Coated Retriever Club of NSW held its inaugural breed Championship show on Saturday April 15. The breed show, held at that Sydney Royal Easter Dog Show at Sydney Olympic Park, attracted a strong field of 19 entries. The judge was Mrs Lee Steeves from Canada.

Congratulations to Best in Show winner SUP CH BUSHMAN FLY ME TO HEAVEN, "Storm", bred and owned by Jazmyn Wray of Bushman Kennels. Storm was handle in the ring by Clare Richards.

Following on from the success of our first specialty show, FCRC NSW is now focussed building the interest and involvement among NSW Flatcoat owners in retrieving with the aim

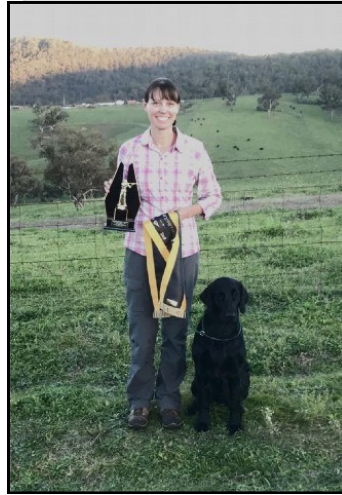


of significantly expanding the number dogs competing in trials. So far this year three NSW Flatcoats are regularly competing in Retrieving Ability Test and Retrieving trials with considerable success.

The club's inaugural RATG trial is scheduled for July 2 at Berrima. This will be a double trial and open to all Gundogs. The trial schedule has been posted on www.retrieving.org.au and www.easydogentries.com. Entries close June 19. Interstate competitors will be very welcome.

As precursor to the Berrima trial, a mock RATG trial and retrieving training day is being organised for the first weekend in June. This will be an opportunity for owners of Flatcoats and other gundogs who have yet to try retrieving to come along and give their dogs go at doing what they were bred to do.

I cannot end this report without congratulating Kirsty Blair and her bitch Freja in winning the Novice at the Labrador Retriever Club of NSW 1st One Shining True Hero, Flat Coat Ret bitch, Kirsty Blair, 179 pts. and the second day 2nd One Shining True Hero, Flat Coat Ret bitch, Kirsty Blair, 152pts, 331 points gained over the two days of trialling.



Below is Kirsty Blair with her girl 'One Shining True Hero' Freja winning at a recent RATG.

They can't stop this girl what a priceless little dog she is ...wish she was mine Ed.

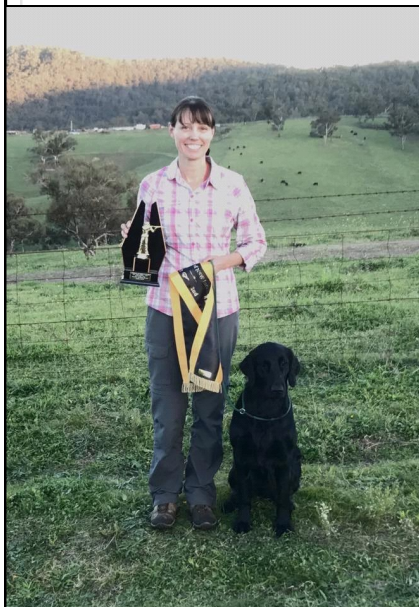




Kirsty Blair & Freja at the starting peg at Labrador Club retrieving trial.

Below is the result Congratulations Kirsty & Freja she won Novice one day and was 2nd the following day and therefore was the highest scoring Novice dog over the two day trial.

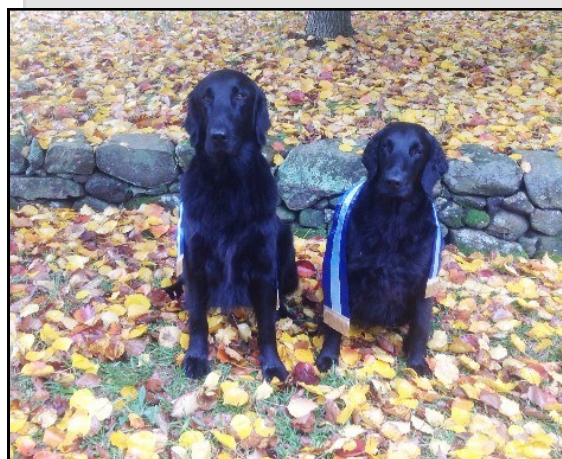
At her last trial held at Arthursleigh Kirsty said:- "We left for home straight after the last retrieve, later I was to learn 'Freja' - ONE SHINING TRUE HERO (IMP SWE) was 1st Place in the Novice Stake under judge Karl Britten (Vic)"



Interesting to note out of the 4 placings in Novice Flatcoats featured in two of them

Teddy and Grace had a successful weekend at the Golden Retriever Clubs retrieving trials at Tarana. Teddy continued his steady improvement and qualified in novice on both days, taking 4th place on Sunday. Grace came second on Sunday. While she did not make through restricted, she did enough good work to show that she will not be long before she does Thanks to the Goldie's Club for organizing some excellent trialing on Two beautiful properties

Life's too short to hunt with an Ugly dog



Above:-

Kirsty & Emma with "Freja" - ONE SHINING TRUE HERO (IMP SWE) - 1st Place on 98 points in Novice RATG at the Golden Retriever Club of NSW

Right:-

Teddy again this time gaining his Tracking title giving Helen a big kiss for her good work.





Big thank you to Sandra Appleton Parker for opening up their winery to the Flat Coat owners in Melbourne to have their get together. The weather was very kind and Sandra and her husband had gone to a lot of trouble to make sure everyone was comfortable and had a good time.

You can see from the photos everyone grouped together under the shade of the huge trees. The weather was perfect for such a function we were most grateful to be invited to Kings Creek Vineyard for the day.



Hands on Hips ?



Any Left overs for us ???



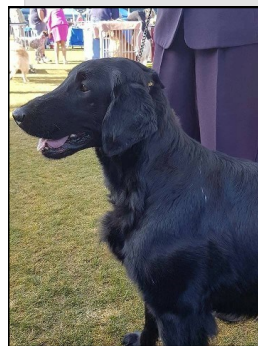


Our beautiful eight year old Gimmick is still with us but we are not sure for how much longer. We will not let him suffer. We are so grateful to our friend Mathilda Luckner of Sweden for allowing him to be part of our lives.



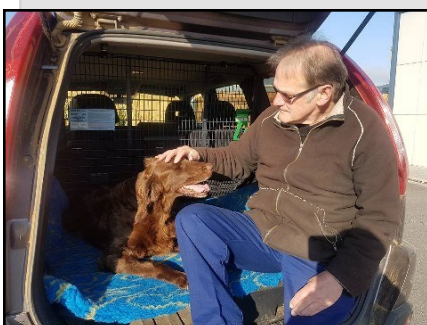
It has been a few months since I last checked in. A lot has happened in that time. Last November we had to give our beloved Dizzy (Ch Firebush Dizzy Miz Lizzy), her wings a few days after her tenth birthday. She had been battling a severe infection and was then diagnosed with cancer. We miss our sweet girl heaps.

2016 ended on a positive note with Pandora (Ch Hawkesdale Heart of Fire), re-entering the show ring and completing her conformation title.



This year we had more sadness as both Dizzy's litter sister Maya (Ch Firebush Let It Be), and our lovely Swedish import Gimmick (Ch Explicit The Fame Game imp Swe), were both diagnosed with cancer within 2 days of each other. Our lovely liver girl left us a few weeks later at ten years and 5 months 9f age and is buried up under the trees beside her sister and her mum. Her bouncy presence in our lives is much missed.

About ten days ago a new little munchkin arrived from South Australia. She is Sherepoint Lunar Eclipse at Firebush. After much discussion we decided to call her Jasmine as that flower is often called flower of the moon because of its colour. She is a delightful little black girl who we are enjoying immensely.



The Flatcoats have been going very well in the show ring the last few months being award group and in show classes.

24th February at the Hills Kennel Club All Breeds Show. Sonja Pfister with Poweron Could It Be Magic (Finja) winning Minor Puppy in Group.

26th March Christine Murray and GRCH Kellick Song Sung Blue RN (Vader) gaining is last points for his Grand Champion title.

1st April at the All Breeds Dog Club of WA. Christine Murray and GRCH Kellick Song Sung Blue RN (Vader)- BOB, Best in Group, Aust Bred in Group then went on to win R/U in Show.

Christine Murray and Sherepoint Green Ivy (Ivy) – Minor of Breed and Minor in Group.

29th April at the Metropolitan Kennel Club (PM Show) Christine Murray and Sherepoint Green Ivy (Ivy) – Minor of Breed and Minor in Group.

6th May at the Gundog Club of WA CH show. Christine Murray and GRCH Kellick Song Sung Blue RN (Vader)- Aust Bred in Show

Christine Murray and Sherepoint Green Ivy (Ivy) Minor in Show.

Congratulations to everyone and very sorry if I have missed anyone.



Agility Ring News.

Sonja Pfister and Dual CH Fetchitup Dare to Dream UD RMADX ADO JDM JDO GDX SPDX NRD QRD ORA TSDX (Tika) have been flying the Flatcoat flag at agility.

On 8th April Tika gaining her last pass for her Gamblers Excellent title with a finish in 3rd Place.

30th April Tika gaining her last qualifying certificate for their Masters Jumping Title.

Congratulations Sonja and Tika.



Retrieving News.

The Retrieving Club of WA have been running training classes for beginners and their dogs and it has been great to see two more Flatcoats and their owners enjoying the sport, Christine Murray and Vader (GRCH Kellick Song Sung Blue RN) and Breeanna Swetman with Grover (Sherepoint Leave it to Beaver). Christine and Vader have not entered their first trial as yet but not far off I believe. However, it was great to see Breeanna and Grover taking the plug at their first trial in April. I was there taking photos and they did the breed proud, they just need a bit more experience on the difficult terrain we have here in WA (which we only get access to at trials) and they will certainly be giving the Labs and Goldies a run for their money. A star in the making I am sure.

Only personal news I have is that, Max (Mhadaidh Brave Heart who is a Golden Retriever) and I have a new family member which arrived on 12th May from Ross and Jean Bryant, a gorgeous, outgoing very confident boy whom I have named Quinn so yes I have gone over to the dark side as people keep telling to me. However, he is not the first black Gundog I have owned just my first black Flat Coat. Thank you Jean and Ross for trusting me with this beautiful boy who is keeping Max and I on our toes.

Grover is Sherepoint Leave it to Beaver

Note the feather on the nose.



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Trial run by the Golden Retriever Club of WA, Judge Mrs Heather Ellis

1st Place on 118 points.

Continued....



Judge Heather Ellis with Dr. Breeanna Swetman and Sherepoint Leave it to Beaver (Grover)



Sherepoint Leave it to Beaver (Grover) coming out of the water with his retrieve. I think he is pretty pleased with himself, when a Flat Coat is happy he sometimes circles his tail, note the water coming of Grover's tail.

Grover is son of Ch Sherepoint Summer Holiday (Summer) and Boltiltorp Take it or Leave It (Imp SWD) (Gideon)

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.



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The Day God Took You Home

*A million times
I've needed you
A million times I've cried,
If love alone
Could have saved you
you never would have died.
In life I loved you dearly,
In death I love you still.
In my heart you hold a place,
No one else can ever fill.
It broke my heart to lose you,
But you didn't go alone
Part of me went with you,
The day God took you home.*

FLATCOATED RETRIEVER CLUB OF VICTORIA INC

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