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

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Above 5 Flat Coated Retrievers from Scandinavia.

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President's Report

Peter Eley OAM



Hi all. Well it is time for another newsletter and what to say in this one?? I hope everyone is coping with this terrible situation we find ourselves in and managing to at least get some canine activity whether organised or self motivated. We have been doing what we can but what with travel restrictions, government regulated hours for being away from the home things have not been easy. We have now started to get some training in but boy, are the dogs rusty. Oh well, that's life.

The club still has three planned functions to get through but they are all in the hands of the Covid 14 demon and what officialdom has in store. On the 22nd of August we are teamed up with the Labrador Club of Vic for a Retrieving trial.

We plan to conduct a RATG on the 10th October and TWO Championship Shows on Sunday 31st December, The Sunday prior to the Melbourne Cup. These shows will be AM and PM shows and contrary to other years, this year we will be having Local judges but with International experience, (more details later in the year) But like everything these days we are governed by the dreaded Virus.

The breed has been enjoying great success interstate even with the restrictions and I am sure Helen has covered this elsewhere in the newsletter so I will leave you all with this important message.

KEEP SAFE

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



Simone Wilkie says; floating tonight after Nakia 'Ch Blacqlabel Stares N Whisprs' went **BEST IN SHOW** at Deniliquin Kennel Club Show today with an entry of over nearly 550 dogs. So pleased with how he showed and can't wait to get his daughter Gracie out to shows in a few weeks. Thanks so much again to for letting me have this beautiful boy. Thanks to abd Mia for the great company on our first big post lockdown road trip.

Cheers Nakia 'Blacqlabel Stares N Whisprs' Runner Up in group today at Deniliquin Show today (115 entries). Showed his heart out again, although a little cheeky. Thanks to, Mia and Dan for staying until the end. Lovely shows and grounds also fantastic weather at Albury NSW.



Huge congratulations to Peter King and Almanza Kennels on Gr Ch Almanza Double Action Dark Kiss (Imp Swd) winning his final group to make him a Supreme Champion - what a fabulous achievement. He followed this up by winning Runner Up in Show at the Gawler Kennels Club Championship show today 24th April.

General Specials : Mrs Sylvia Brackman (NSW)
Group Specials : Mrs Sylvia Brackman (NSW)

Runner Up in Show & Open in Show: Aust Gr Ch Almanza Double Action Dark Kiss (Imp SWD) (Peter King)

Best in Group & Open in Group: Aust Gr Ch Almanza Double Action Dark Kiss (Imp SWD) (Peter King)

BOB, Dog CC & Open of Breed: Aust Gr Ch Almanza



Big Congratulations to Ben Evans and Ch Kellick Criminal Intent "Merlin" getting his Championship title, details below of recent show results.

At 10.5 months

AM SHOW

Best Puppy in Group

BEST PUPPY IN SHOW

Both under gundog specialist all breeds judge Mr.

Glen Vernon

(NSW)

PM SHOW

Best Puppy in Group

Best in Group - 4th

Both under all breeds judge Mr.



A Flat Coated Retriever Play date on the river in Bridgetown Western Australia, thanks to Jan Burgess for the photos. From left to right the dogs are: Isabel (Blackregal), Jazz (Skyehaven), Gus (Kellick) - and Pip (Hawksdale). *(A mixture of 4 breeding kennels)*



Anyone for a swim? Or maybe a stick ball. The dogs meet every Monday.



Winners are grinners at the recent Flat Coated Retrieving Trial judged by Mrs Helen Pownall. It was an all girl affair, Congratulations to the winners.

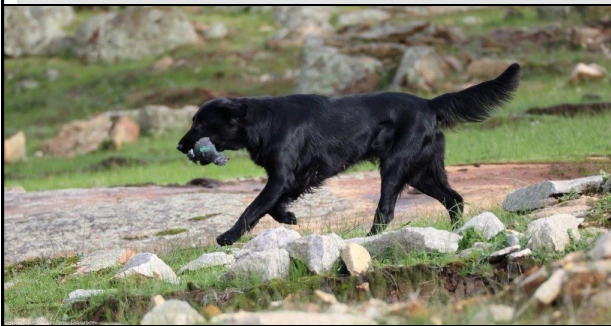
Unfortunately there were no Flat Coats amongst the winners. However, we train with the judge and the 2nd place winner, didn't help.



Meaghan O'Shannassy's Dev, aka Skyehaven Devil At Play picked up the last points he needed for his title as well as taking out Junior in Group at the Ku-Ring-Gai Kennel Club on 23 May 2021 under Flat Coat specialist Peter King. He also was Junior in Group under Gundog Specialist Kim Meyer and short listed for Best in Group at the ACT Ladies Show on 24 April 2021. Some lovely results under people who appreciate the breed.



Christine Murray and Ch. Sherepoint Green Ivy competing in a Retrieving Trial in country Perth in June. Ivy seems to be a “A Dog for all Seasons”...showing, giving birth to a litter of pups and competing in retrieving trials.

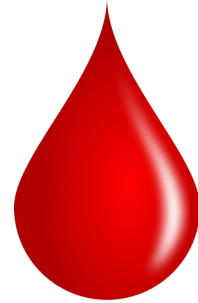


Christine Murray has been very active in her home state of Perth. She recently bred a litter of puppies, competed in a Retrieving Trial with the recovered mother of the pups and won Best Puppy in the Gundog group at a recent show with one of those puppies.





**CH KELLICK LIMITED
EDITION AT FIREBUSH
(PADDY)**



Blood Donation in Dogs

As those of you who are on the Facebook page Flatcoats Downunder are aware, earlier this year Tilda became critically ill with immune mediated haemolytic anaemia. Basically her body was attacking her red blood cells. She went from a healthy dog on Tuesday, to us needing to take her to the vet on Wednesday, to a decision having to be made by Thursday to either euthanasia her or try a blood transfusion. Her PVC count should have been around 35 and had gone down to 8 on the Thursday from the 13 it was on the day before.

PVC refers to packed volume count which is basically the amount of blood that is made up of cells. So a score of 35 means that in 100mls of blood, 35% or 35mls is red blood cells.

In dogs, there is no need to have a blood type match for a transfusion as there is in humans. As long as the donor dog is a young adult and healthy, then they can donate blood. Apparently greyhounds make the best donors as they have high PVC levels.

We opted for a blood transfusion and went home and collected Paddy our 3 year old male. Tilda remained at the clinic as she was critically ill. She and Paddy are first cousins as Tilda's mum and Paddy's dad were littermates. Being related is not necessary for a transfusion to be able to take place.

We had to leave Paddy at the vet clinic until late afternoon. He had a blood test and it was determined that he had good levels of red blood cells. Blood has to be taken from the jugular vein in order to get the necessary amount quickly. Paddy didn't mind as the vet nurses fed him pieces of barbecued chicken while the blood was being taken. The effect on Tilda was almost instantaneous and she came home with us that evening when we picked up Paddy, instead of having to remain overnight. She still has a long road to travel but without the transfusion she would have died.

Earlier this month Forbes Street Veterinary Clinic rang and asked if Paddy would again be able to donate blood for a very ill dog that needed the blood and an operation to survive and so we took Paddy in he gave his second blood donation. So far that dog is doing well. There needs to be 3 months at least between donations for the donor dog to give the red blood cell numbers a chance to rebuild.





We all know Rin Tin Tin was able to sniff out bombs and Lassie was able to find Timmy in the well. Have you ever wondered how our dog's senses compare to our own? Like us, dogs have visual, hearing, olfactory, taste and touch senses. However, the physiology of these sensory organs differ between the two species. Here's the shake down:

The Nose: A dog interprets the world predominantly by smell, whereas human predominantly by sight. Even though a dog's brain can be one tenth the size of a human's brain, the part that controls smell is 40 times larger than in humans. A human has about 5 million scent glands whereas dogs have 125 million to 300 million (depending on breed), meaning their sense of smell is 1,000 to 10,000,000 times better than humans!

Have you ever wondered why their noses are wet? It's because the mucus on a dog's nose actually helps it capture scent particles. Dog noses are so sensitive that service dogs are even being trained (by using smell) to help detect blood sugar levels in diabetic persons.

The Eyes: A common question people ask is if dogs are colorblind. The answer is, not really. Studies have shown that dogs do not only see in shades of black and white, but see in colors of various shades of blues and yellows as well but not red or orange.

Dogs can see better at dawn and dusk than humans, however humans can see objects at a distance much better than dogs. Humans can also see things better close up than dogs. Dogs do have the advantage on recognizing moving objects, giving them better ability to spot and hunt prey.

The Ears: Puppies are born deaf and cannot hear until they are 21 days old. By the time their sense of hearing has developed, they can already hear 4 times the distance of a human with normal hearing. Dogs can hear higher pitched sounds and can detect a frequency range of 67-45,000 Hz, compared to a human range of 64-23,000 Hz.

Dogs have 18 muscles in their ears allowing them to move them in the direction of the sound. Perked ear dogs (such as German Shepherds) usually have better hearing than floppy ear dogs.

Many Gun dog breeds have floppy ears to protect the ears from the noise impact of gun shot.



FLATCOATED RETRIEVER CLUB OF VICTORIA INC

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2021

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 , Send personal details via email.

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DOGS VICTORIA MEMBER (V.C.A.)	Y/N	MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	BREEDER PREFIX (IF APPLICABLE)
OTHER CLUB MEMBERSHIPS?			
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SINGLE MEMBERSHIP	\$20.00	\$
JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP	\$15.00	\$
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	TOTAL	

Signed _____ Dated ____/____/____

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

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