

MARCH, 2024

The Flat Coated Retriever Association Of Victoria



Flatcoat News Highlights

**Welcome to
New Members**

Congratulations

Snake Avoidance

**Retrieving Ability Test
for Gundogs**

Vale -Julee Hoskings

Current Commitee

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top entries for
crufts 2024



GOLDEN
RETRIEVER



STAFFORDSHIRE
BULL TERRIER



LABRADOR
RETRIEVER



BORDER COLLIE



COCKER
SPANIEL



CAVALIER KING
CHARLES SPANIEL



WHIPPET




IRISH SETTER



FLAT COATED
RETRIEVER



RHODESIAN
RIDGEBACK

amber  marie

CRUFTS - No 5

Flat Coated Retriever

Thursday 7th - Sunday 10th March

Live View on Crufts Youtube

Highlight - Crufts Facebook

Number of Entries 426

349 Dogs Competing.

1ST MARCH 2024

PRESIDENT - SIMONE WILKIE -

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS



Jane Pettifer and Puppy Charlie



Charlie is now tall enough to reach the counter top!!!



**Congratulations to
Benny Evans and
Sup.Champ. Kellick
Criminal Intent
“Merlin the Magnificent
on their 5th All Breeds Best in
Show for 2024 with a total of
17 All Breeds Best in Shows.**

THE BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW

Excerpt from Benny Evans Facebook Page

Memories and history were made today, our boy was the standout example in a field of Australia’s most outstanding and top-winning show dogs.

**The Ulverstone Kennel Club Inc. hosted multiple all-breed shows, specialties and A20 and CACIB shows all in one weekend, and they should be commended for the quality and number of entries they attracted from all over Australia. It takes courage for a club to put a cluster of shows like this together for us to enjoy in Tassie. Thank you to everyone involved for an enjoyable weekend
The results...**

Aust. Supreme Ch. Kellick Criminal Intent “Merlin the Magnificent”

Saturday A20 All Breeds champ show

BEST EXHIBIT IN GROUP and awarded A20 certificate under respected international Gundog specialist Mr Mukul Vaid (India)

Sunday FCI CACIB All Breeds champ show

BEST EXHIBIT IN GROUP 1st - CACIB scored “Excellent” and awarded CACIB under respected international Gundog specialist Mrs Anjeli Vaid (India)

BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW 1st- CACIB under GS international judge Mr Mukul Vaid (India)

Congratulations to Peter Eley, Helen Eley, Julie Govan, Gudrun Brunnström, Christina Drottsgård, Christine Clarke and all the other breeders involved in the pedigree of this outstanding Flatcoat.

Many of our recent judges have stated that they have judged hundreds of flatcoats worldwide and that our Merlin is one of the finest and most complete examples they’ve ever seen. The results speak for themselves.



Congratulations
A2O Ch, C.I.E Ch & Australian Champion
Alubyc Orphan Black
“ANNIE”



Bred and Owned by Karen and Bill Vowell

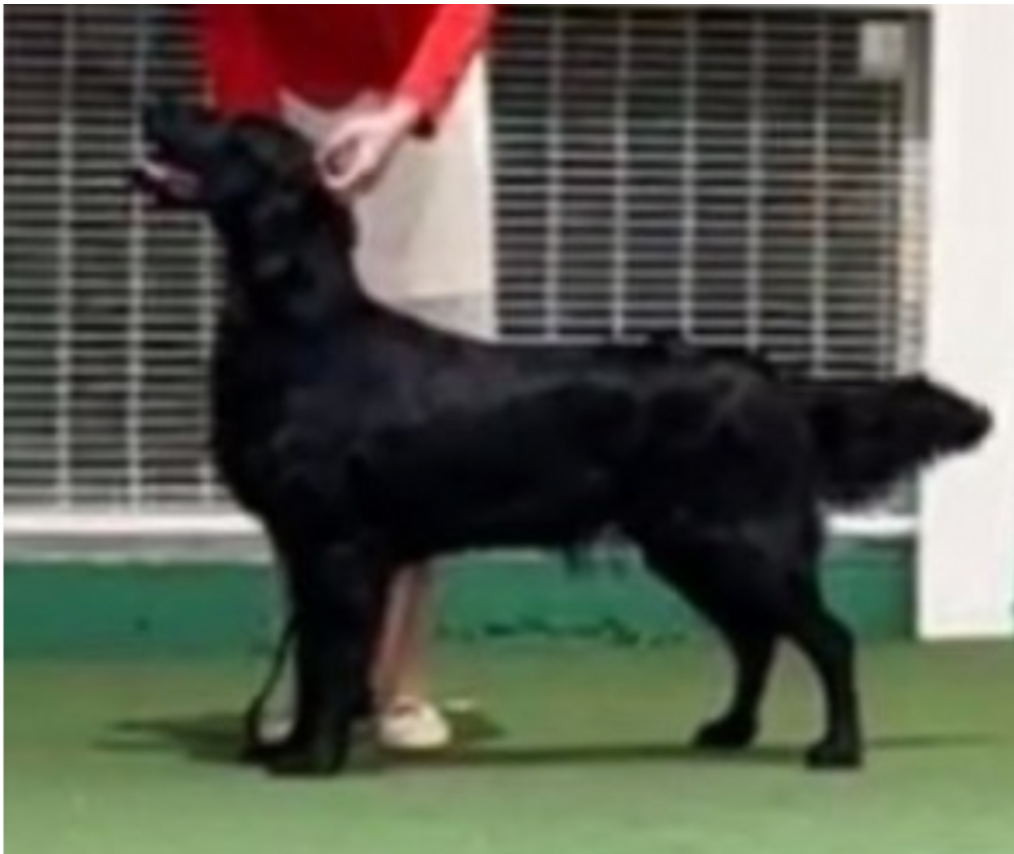
Shown by Jean Bryant 2020/2021/2022
Shown by Karen Vowell (owner) in 2023

**Annie was the first Flat Coated Retriever in Australia
to win the following titles**

4 x CACIB's giving her a C.I.E Championship

**The CACIB is an international certificate for dogs from all breeds.
(Certificats d'Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté)
Winners of the Intermediate, Open and Champion classes who have
received an Excellent grade can compete for this award.
C.I.E. Championship for breeds subject to working test according to
FCI Breed Nomenclature.**

**She has also won 4 x A2O's - giving her the
Asia/Australasia/ Oceanic Championship title
In Australia - each state is regarded as a country.**





**Congratulations
Canberra Royal 2024 Best of Breed
Gr Ch Skyehaven Ticket To Ride.
Owner - Meghan O'Shannasey
Best of Breed Rosettes Sponsored by Flat Coat Assoc
of Vic**

Snake Avoidance Training - Jean Ross



Thank you to everyone who contacted me and shared their personal experiences of snake avoidance therapy.

Five weeks ago I walked out of my laundry and a 1 metre-long tiger snake was sunning itself on the concrete. We called several snake catchers and eventually the snake was dealt with.

Witnessing how fast and aggressive it was when cornered - was scary. Thankfully, our dogs were not in the area. Just a reminder to be vigilant at this time of year.



Retrieving Ability Test for Gundogs 2nd June 2024

**Venue: Connewarre Wetlands and the F&G centre
is being held in conjunction with
Labrador Retriever Club of Victoria
holding an AM and PM trial
Judges - Kirsty Blair (NSW)
Kate Eltringham and Andrew Yeomans**

The Retrieving Ability Tests for Gundogs is an introductory step into retrieving and testing basic obedience, with two levels of ability - Novice and Open.

Open tests have more complicated concepts including double retrieves. Both Registered and Associate gundogs are allowed to compete in these trials.

The Novice level is judged out of 100 points and includes obedience and retrieving components.

The obedience part of the test is not as demanding as the novice level of obedience trials; it is intended to demonstrate that owners have their dog under control.

The first exercise consists of the dog walking at heel for 20-30 metres. (10 Points) and the second exercise is a recall (15 Points).

The retrieving component consists (Exercise Three and Four) of two single mark retrieves of approximately 50 metres (30 Points) and 70 metres (35 Points), and may include land and water.

Dogs are allocated up to 10 points for Style and Action.



VALE – Julee Hosking

from her friend - Rhonda Williams



I first met Julee and Mike at a Flat Coated Retriever Association get-together in the early 1990's. At that stage they were owned by Labrador Ruger but it was quite evident that a Flat Coat would soon be joining them. Rook was their first Flat Coat and she was born in 1993.

As we all say, you cannot stop at one and Julee and Mike have owned Rook (Kellick – Eley), Sinner (Heddwyn – Wake), Chanda (Sherepoint – Bryant), Keeper (Riverflat – Hosking), Chi (Injitali – Williams), Mustard (Skyehaven – Corbell), Puzzle (Injitali – Williams), Cloud (Riverflat – Hosking) and Selkie (Malunbea – Brett).

Julee was interested in all things Flat Coat including anyone who owned or bred them. Julee titled most of her dogs in the conformation ring but she preferred obedience and in later years loved the newer discipline of Rally Obedience.

She delighted in taking her yellow boy Mustard to trials wondering what breed people would guess that he was. Julee was an obedience instructor at Alexandra Obedience School and that was where she spent most of her Sundays.

Julee stayed here on several occasions. Sometimes it was to choose a puppy but there were also some evenings shared with Kirstin. One particular evening after a Flat Coat specialty show we attempted to play trivial pursuit. I am not sure whether it was Elly lying across the trivial pursuit board or the beverages consumed but I doubt that we ever finished the game.

Julee also did a regular radio community broadcast Alexandra called “Men and Paws” which was a deliberate euphemism.

On December 9, Helen & Peter Eley, Anna & Greg Playdon and myself attended Mike and Julee's property to say our farewell. Julee's final radio broadcast was playing and I really appreciated hearing her voice and listening to her very varied taste in music. She signed off with “Time” by Pink Floyd and she said, “It's time”. I sure needed a moment!

Julee has informed Mike that she will be back to haunt him if Cloud and Selkie are not treated in the manner that they are accustomed to. Julee's friendship, sense of humour and banter will always be treasured. Your friend, always, Rhonda.



Newsletter - New Features

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Membership Reminder

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for a
membership renewal form**