



## German Pinscher Club of Victoria

### Member Update No.3 - Jan 2003

We hope this newsletter finds you happy and healthy and that you have celebrated a great Christmas and New Year.

Once again, it has been 6 months since the last update and a great deal has happened since then. So here is our third newsletter!!!!.

Feedback is gratefully accepted, as are contributions. If web addresses are incorrect, please contact us to have them fixed asap. (Send to editors Kate Graham and Marie Burrell) Please be aware that everything contained in this newsletter is club news and peoples' opinions only. Not everyone will agree with them, nor do we expect them to – it is information only.

We will have a newsletter out every six months at this point. As we grow and develop this will become more frequent and more of a magazine style. For the present, it will take the form of a double-sided sheet with updates and other information. (Although, this newsletter is longer than 2 pages!)

#### Update

- Since the last update there have been 3 meetings. You should have received the minutes of these meetings via e-mail. If you have not, they are stored on the club internet site.
- Our last meeting was the Christmas BBQ. We had great weather and everyone enjoyed themselves – dogs and people alike :)  
The 3 Black & tans certainly had fun running rampant in the backyard :)  
It was great to meet everyone who attended and thanks to all those who brought provisions and dogs :)  
We hope to see you all again soon.
- We currently have 16 financial members, 10 in Victoria and 6 interstate. This is 2 more financial members than we had 6 months ago – we are GROWING !!!!!
- We have had several breeders' request membership forms to give to new Victorian/ Tasmanian/ South Australian owners. If any other people would like a copy please contact us.

- In case people have forgotten the office bearers are:

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- We thank the Utility Dog Club of Victoria for their support of rare breeds in Victoria. Not only are they aware that we are in existence – as shown by the number of phone calls from people interested in GP's which have been passed on to us through these associations - but they held a rare breed show in 2002 in conjunction with the Belgrave and District Champ show and intend to hold a Rare Breed Champ show this year in conjunction with the Utility Dog Show Open Show. We will



supply more details as they come to hand.

- If you are able to attend this show it would be greatly appreciated. We need to show the Utility Dog Club the same support they are giving us. If we do not attend the show, then we are wasting opportunities to show case our breed and indicating that we do not want this type of support.
- Finally a logo for the club has been chosen! It can be seen in the letter-head above. The colour is a blue similar to the blue used by Victoria.

### **Help Needed**

- We successfully applied for a stand at the Pet Expo to be held at Caulfield Racecourse Friday Jan 31- Sunday Feb 2.  
The set-up day is Thursday 30 Jan 12-5pm.  
We need people and dogs to man this stand. If you can donate any time it would be hugely appreciated. Even an hour or two will help. The more dogs we can get there the more the public can gain a better understanding of the GP.  
Please contact Marie Burrell if you can help.

### **Still to be done**

If people are interested in attending any of the club meetings, please telephone Kate Graham about the dates and locations. These tend to vary according to people's work and family demands. However, all interested parties are most welcome.

### **Correspondence.**

To date we have been sending all correspondence via e-mail. To facilitate this in the future, please ensure we have your correct e-mail address. If you do not have an e-mail address, let us know and we will

ensure that you receive hard copies of minutes etc.. in the future.

### **Events**

The next event we hope all our club members (at least those who live in Victoria) will attend is the Pet Expo mentioned earlier. We need people to man the stands and attend the champ show on the Saturday

The Royal Melbourne Show in September was well attended – 3 members from Victoria and 2 from interstate.

Members have attended a variety of shows across Victoria with great success. At these shows handlers are asked many questions about the breed. The GP's at these shows are wonderful ambassadors for the breed.

### **Congratulations**

To Bronson, Merlin and Hailey on achieving Champion Status. Well done!  
Merlin is the second male and Hailey the third female in Victoria to achieve this. This brings the total to 5 GP's titled in Victoria. We look forward to many others joining the ranks.

To Peachy on BOB at the Royal Melbourne Show and to Kira on BOB at the Royal Launceston Show.

To Cody on RUBOB and Kira on Bitch Challenge at the GPCNSW Speciality.

Special congratulations to Zeke and Kira on being the first GP's in Victoria to achieve puppy and open in group respectively.

Finally, congratulations to all those who persevere at obedience with their GP's – no small achievement !

### **SPIKES. SPOT.**

**Hi all, it is me again making mum work hard to get something interesting for you all to read.**

With summer on the way or is it. Sometimes it is hard to tell here in Victoria. I have talked mum into getting some information



concerning the heat and problems caused by summer in all states.

### **SPIKES Summer Solutions.**

Fleas: Yep those horrible little critters that bite and make you itch.

Mum doesn't like using poisons on her dogs so she prefers to eliminate the fleas from the environment that we live in. Here she has listed the ways that she deals with fleas.

To remove fleas from yards, pens or runs I use a powder mix called Coupex. This substance is restaurant grade and can be used on all surfaces around the kennel or run where the dog is not likely to lick the surface. This preparation is also good for repelling flies and mosquito's and all other insects for up to 6 months depending on the concentration used.

Also when hosing out kennels I have been known to use malawash, allowing the dogs to return once the substance has dried. I have also soaked bedding in malawash but find that the smell is very strong so prefer not to use it inside or where young puppies are likely to be housed.

My dogs are fed garlic every day as this tends to deter the odd dog show flea that thinks it would like a meal. It does not work when there is a large infestation of fleas.

The only flea rinses that I use are the herbal remedies as they are short lived. They kill the fleas that are there already but don't last on the dogs coat long enough to do the coat or skin damage.

Other flea products that are recommended for use, are the Frontline range in any form. This product is suitable from pups at around 2 days onwards. They do form a residue but have very little impact on the coat or skin. The tablet form has been reported as very good.

Remember that your vet is there for advise and has a large range of flea products in different forms. Pick something that works for you.

## **Merry Xmas & Happy New Year. From SPIKE.**

### **PINSCHER NEWS.**

This column is for news of the German Pinscher throughout Australia.

Our thoughts are with Narelle and Chris Gordon regarding the disappearance of Demi. We all hope that she makes her way home

Congratulations to Nellinda kennels on the birth of the litter from Kismet and Lochi in August – more GP's for people to love :)

Chris and Kate Graham welcome all GP's to playgroup at their house – it seems to have become a regular event :) So far Kira, Spike, Merlin, Zeke, Bronson, Tasha, Bones and Java have all taken part in this event. The more the merrier.

If anyone has any interesting news concerning their pinscher please write in by email or snail mail to be included in the newsletters.

**Newsflash.** Pinschers concern for dogs during the summer break.

Spike has asked me to remind you that summer is upon us and certain precautions need to be taken in regard to dogs.

**Never leave your dog in a car.** The interior heat builds up fast and can cause your dog to dehydrate and fall into shock very quickly.

**Always leave fresh cool water for your dog to drink.** Whether it be at home or out and about always have water available for your dog.

**Make sure your dog has a shady and cool spot to lie in.** At home or out visiting keep them cool always.

### **GP PLACES OF INTEREST.**



This column is for those on the Internet and will feature sites of interest for Pinscher owners to visit or become members of. Also for those not on the internet this column will regularly feature snippets of interesting information that could be useful found on these sites by those who have current internet access.

<http://gpcv.warpspeed.com.au> The Victorian club site

<http://www.geocities.com/pinschermania> - The NSW German Pinscher Club site

<http://www.germanpinschers.com> - GP's from Australia and around the world.

<http://firedragon.warpspeed.com.au>  
A GP Breeder in Victoria

<http://www.geocities.com/australiangermanpinschers/> - GP Breeder in NSW, Narelle Gordon

<http://www.geocities.com/germanpinschervic/> - Another Victorian owner.

<http://www.geocities.com/dor2285/> - A NSW GP owner

## **Bits & Pieces**

Remember that dogs cool through the bottom of their paws – giving them something cool to stand on, or water to paddle in will help cool them down on hot days. Spraying their coats with water will not!

For those of you who would like to make your own dog treats, this is from a GP chat site and come highly recommended:

### ALL NATURAL DOG TREAT

2 lbs. finely ground liver (1 lb. = 500 gr. approx.)  
4 large beaten eggs  
1 cup cornmeal  
1 cup whole wheat flour  
1 cup wheatgerm  
1 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. powdered garlic (optional)

Mix all ingredients well and spread onto a large greased cookie sheet. (add a little water if mixture is too dry)

Bake at 300\* for 15 min.

Turn down the oven to 250\* and bake for 1/2 hour or until firm and dry to the touch.

Cut into squares and keep

Finally, on behalf of the club have a fantastic and safe 2003 :)