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The Mysterious Case of Franz Maher

Here at Hike! Central we've had some queries about the point score system. In particular, reference has been made to Franz Maher's progressive point score of 2036 which was published in last month's edition. The question was put that perhaps there was a stuff up by giving Franz 1000 points for coming first in the 2-dog Sportsman class at Southern Cross.

Well I went back to the Excel spreadsheet and double checked - and everything is in order. In fact while Franz came first in the Sportsman's class - a look at his results (see last months edition) shows that he came 4th over all in the combined 2-dog class with a total time of 18:05.6. According to the formula (see last moths edition again), this earned him 955.2321 points plus 70 points (because there were 7 of last year's top 10 two dog mushers competing). This brought his points for Southern to 1025.2332. Add that to his 1011.113 earned at Underra (961.1126 + 50) and you get the magic figure of 2036.345.

As with last year, the full spread sheet is available to all *Hike!* subscribers upon request. So if in doubt let us know.

Thought For the Month

Results of a contest for "theories" sponsored by Omni magazine.

GRAND PRIZE WINNER

When a cat is dropped, it always lands on its feet, and when toast is dropped, it always lands with the buttered side facing down. I propose to strap buttered toast to the back of a cat; the two will hover, spinning inches above the ground. With a giant buttered cat array, a high-speed monorail could easily link New York with Chicago.

Hike! National Sprint Champion Point Score Update

Here it is again - up to date as at 31 July. However, I haven't managed to get the Wild Dog results yet - they're coming in the post. I will publish them and incorporate them in the point score next month.

For reasons of space I have only included people who have raced the maximum number of races and one race less - so you can see the dark horses. For example a glance at the 2-dog results will show that while I am currently rated first because I've done 4 races, its easy for Beth Bobroff, Adrian Fasham, Darren Higgins or Clem Bittendorfer to knock me off my perch at their next race as they've only competed in 3.

Also of note is the fact that 3 one-doggers have now competed in 5 races. The final point score tally will be based on their best 4 races - as is this progressive update.

Six Dog

2 Dog

Name	Points	Races	Place
P Komidar	3964.6	4	1
S Hodgkinson	3847.55	4	2
D Skakal	3565.23	4	3
A Gersbach	3474.49	4	4
C Turner	3399.92	4	5
J Walkom	3324.17	4	6
B Bobroff	3049.89	3	7
A Fasham	3037.91	3	8
D Higgins	3008.94	3	9
B Dron	3000.34	4	10
C Bittendorfer	2920.55	3	11
K Losurdo	2877.9	3	12
D Potts	2770.12	3	13
P Skinner	2517.19	3	14
I Higgins	2258.36	3	15
D Hamann	2028.36	3	16
R Tolhurst	1828.89	3	17

1 Dog

Name	Points	Races	Place
D Kent	4159.938	5	1
M Mulcahy	3971.19	4	2
R Kinnane	3706.647	5	3
T Taylor	3619.68	4	4
D Forst	3373.11	4	5
R Shailer	3201.113	5	6
J Abela	3090.15	4	7

4 Dog

Name	Points	Races	Place
T Mace	4130	4	1
M Blockely	3529.281	4	2
D Baker	2778.202	3	3
M Waldock	2773.588	3	4
K McCarthy	2380.948	3	5

3 Dog

Name	Points	Races	Place
A Theuma	1933.489	2	1
I Douglas	1687.359	2	2
G Hall	1349.268	2	3
D Hodgson	1000	1	4
L Coutts	991.5379	1	5
O Robertson	965.3591	1	6
N Colvin	868.2283	1	7
A Jackson	809.0312	1	8
R Koch	805.0785	1	9
J Wooley	800.1592	1	10
M Weakley	620.158	1	11

6 Dog

Name	Points	Races	Place
T Mace	1000	1	1
J Hodgson	1000	1	2
J Toth	957.2414	1	3
M Karow	884.1391	1	4
K McCarthy	845.1428	1	5

Drivers Delegate Report.

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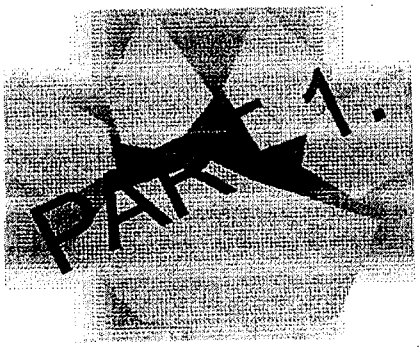
No Feet, No Dog.

This article will be in two parts as the amount of information is to large to be included in on months magazine. The first part will discuss the problems will your dogs feet and the second part will give you the treatments that are available. If anyone would like to view the second part because you may have some concerns about your dogs feet please feel free to contact myself and I will try and have a copy sent to you ASAP.

We should be checking our dogs feet periodically, whether you expect problems or not. During racing and training we should check them faithfully. You will need good daylight or a strong headlamp is very handy. Either lay the dog down on the ground or place it between your legs and bend the feet up to you.
Pick up each foot spreading the toes, inspecting the toes, pads, webs and nails. Web fur should be dry and fluffy unless the dog has been licking at them, which normally means that something is bothering them. Some dogs maybe ticklish but be firm with your handling and they will get used to it, the more you do it.
Prevention of foot problems should be a major concern. If your dog cuts or damages it's pad and continues to run on it and it isn't treated, it can be detrimental to it's racing career. I've seen dogs cut pads and they have never run properly again. A major concern are race tracks with rocky surfaces and those people who choose to train their dogs on cement or road surfaces. Besides the abrasion on the pads and claws you are definitely causing impact damage to their ankles and even other leg and shoulder joints.These problems don't tend to be obvious straight away , but they do build up over time and when this has happened the damage can not be reversed and you maybe subjecting the dog to an early uncomfortable life. Basically we should ***never*** ever run our dogs on hard man made surfaces, we don't see human athletes running on roads without very expensive sneakers, so don't punish our dogs and expect them to do it.

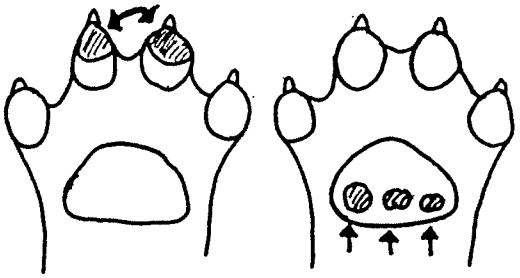


Remember they cant decide for themselves so it is up to us to look after their welfare.

If the R.S.P.C.A. ever had anything to complain about in this sport I would support them with this one . We always have a choice when to run them and where to train, so what if we have to drive half an hour to a training track. I will mostly end up training my dogs at about 8.30 at night after coming home from work spending time with my son and putting him to bed and then packing the dogs into the car and drive half an hour up to the forest to train. Get home at about 10 and get a good nights sleep. I know there are plenty of other guys that do the same because they care where they train their dogs.

PAD INJURIES

Pad injuries are the easiest to detect. Such injuries are cuts, slices off the pad or worn pads are the most common. These are generally caused by running over sharp objects (rocks) or rough ground and excessive wearing usually from running on roads or gravel. Deep cuts need sutures ASAP, slices can sometimes be sutured, or have protective patches glued over them. Worn pads can be treated with a dressing or booties. Cuts in pads can also be treated with Superglue, this is one of the common items found in a vets bag in the U.S. or Europe when they attend a race as a race vet. I've heard that our . common Superglue is the same compound as Surgical glue that is used by our doctors to fix us mere humans.This glue is used on football players when they get those cuts above the eyes. Booties are available from most Outfitters.



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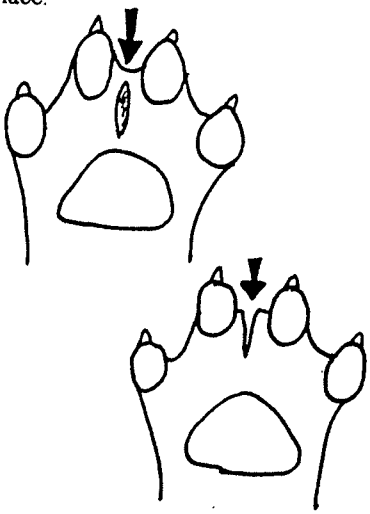
No Feet, No Dog?

WEB INJURIES

The web can develop cracks/splits either major or minor. These are not as easy to detect as on the pads. The webbing must be examined by separating the toes and looking top and bottom under good light. You may need to wash dirt away before being able to examine properly. Webbing normally develops problems during constant wet conditions where the skin becomes softer and inflamed and thus more prone to damage. If not detected the dog may start licking at the wound and furthering the damage. Vet attention will probably be needed. Ointments can be useful to treat these problems. Booties should be worn when further running is taking place.



NAIL INJURIES

Nail and nail bed injuries can be very annoying. Often noticed by redness and swelling around the nail bed. Licking is a normal occurrence as well. Sometimes serum or pus are noticed around the base. Keeping nails short can reduce the risk of damage. Common injuries seen are deep cracks up the length of the nail or the nail being pulled away from the bed. This may allow bacteria into the long part of the toe and an infection begins. Treatment includes booties, ointments and/or antibiotics. Sometimes the nail needs to be removed.

DEWCLAW INJURIES

Dewclaws are prone to tearing or rubbing up against the leg causing an uncomfortable, quite often infected sore. Sometimes booties can cause this when they are tied over a dewclaw. You can avoid this by either placing tape between the dewclaw and leg or the most sensible thing to do is to have the dewclaw removed. Some breeders will do this with their pups before they sell them. If your buying a pup and are intending to race it, ask the breeder to have them removed and save yourself a lot of hassle.

Remember that our dogs don't need dewclaws anymore, it is just a remainder of the past. Dewclaws can often cause problems just in the back yard when a dog is digging under a fence or putting its paw through a hole in the fence somewhere, the dewclaw can often get caught and be torn or pulled out.

SWOLLEN, TENDER FEET

Swollen feet are normally associated with the extremes of racing - hard and rough surfaces often the problem. Larger dogs seem to have more problems with swelling On close inspection the web skin is rubby and swollen and the foot is tender everywhere it is touched. Feet can swell if booties are applied too tight. Booties need to be loose enough to allow the foot to expand as it cushions the fall of the foot, but not loose enough that it hampers the dogs movement. They should; not have toe holes cut in them. Swollen feet will heal with two or three days of rest, with applications of an anti- inflammatory ointment.

Next month will include Treatments and First Aid. Remember if you need this info before hand feel free to contact me.

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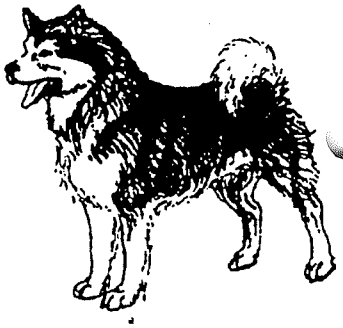

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Bloat: A Medical Emergency

B. Bouyet

Large breeds are prone to GASTRIC DILATATION-VOLVULUS (GDV), commonly known as "bloat," a true medical emergency.

What is bloat? Imagine an inflated balloon, one-third of the inside space occupied with water. As the balloon is moved, the water moves, eventually twisting the balloon on its axis. In the dog's stomach, motility or movement of food during the process of digestion stops for unknown reasons. The stagnant food begins to ferment forming gas-producing bacteria. The stomach continues to expand with gas until it twists, cutting off the blood supply to surrounding organs and, in some cases, rupturing. Almost every breed of dog is affected by GDV but the condition is more common in large breeds.

The Great Dane, Weimaraner, Saint Bernard, Gordon Setter, Irish Setter, Irish Wolfhound, Akita, Boxer, Borzoi, Bloodhound, Mastiff and Bullmastiff seem to be especially susceptible to this disorder. However, it does occur in all large breeds.

The exact cause of GDV has never been resolved but theories abound. One theory claims some dogs are born with their stomachs slightly out of position allowing it to twist more easily. Another theory speculates affected dogs are born with impairment of either the oesophagus or pylorus, effectively preventing food from leaving the stomach. Dogs that gulp food and then exercise heavily may also be at increased risk. Some dogs under extreme anxiety suffer "stress-related bloat" by gulping large amounts of air when nervous.

Tumours of the spleen, stomach, kidney or other internal organs, may cause twisting and subsequently result in bloat. Eating indigestible materials like clothing or garbage may also cause bloating.

Studies have been ongoing at many veterinary schools for decades but the exact cause(s) remains a mystery. The frequency of bloat has been estimated at 2.9 to 6.8 cases per 1,000 dogs. Dogs seven years and older appear to be twice as likely to bloat as dogs among 2 and 4 years old. Purebred dogs are 3 times more likely to bloat then mixed breeds. Dogs with narrow and deep thoracic cavities appear to be more prone to bloat.

Since total prevention is not possible until an exact aetiology is determined, treatment is the only means of saving the life of your dog. The earliest clinical signs of a dog suffering bloat include:

- ***Restlessness***. The dog will act anxious, agitated, uncomfortable, and unable to rest.
- ***Loss of appetite***. It may not be interested in food or water, though some dogs try to drink.
- ***It may vomit*** once or twice followed by nonproductive retching and gagging. It may attempt to defecate.
- ***Whining***, crying, heavy panting, and salivation accompany the physical distress.

As the condition accelerates, the abdomen begins to swell noticeably from the accumulation of gas in the stomach. In most cases of GDV, the stomach twists 180-360 degrees making it impossible for the pressure to be released without medical intervention. The condition is rapidly fatal, causing shock, coma, and death within minutes or hours.

If your dog exhibits any of the above mentioned symptoms, transport the animal to your vet or to an Emergency Clinic without delay. Treatment is aimed at stabilising shock, and relieving gas pressure. Surgery should be performed to turn the stomach back to its normal position, remove necrotic tissue and finally, to tack the stomach (gastropexy) to prevent a recurrence of torsion. Once a dog bloats, it will bloat again and torsion or twisting will recur if surgery is not performed following the first GDV episode.

Twenty-nine to thirty-three percent of all dogs with GDV die. Survival depends on how quickly the owners get the dog in for emergency care, how experienced your veterinarian is in treating the disease and luck. Shock, heart arrhythmias, a build-up of metabolic poisons and post-operative infection are the primary causes of death with GDV. These dangerous post-bloat effects can occur for at least 7 days following the GDV episode and surgery.

Risk factors include eating habits, exercise, genetic predisposition, behaviour or lifestyle, and environmental influences. The only chance a dog has to make it through GDV depends on the owner's awareness of the condition, observation of symptoms and a swift response. Be sure you know what hours your vet is open and exactly where the closest Emergency Clinic can be found. You should discuss medical emergencies with your vet BEFORE they occur so you can be prepared.

PRINT THIS OUT AND POST IT CONSPICUOUSLY

http://www.akitarescue.com/bloat.htm

Did You Know?

According to ancient Greek literature, when Odysseus (or Ulysses) arrived home after an absence of 20 years, disguised as a beggar, the only one to recognize him was his aged dog Argos, who wagged his tail at his master, and then died.

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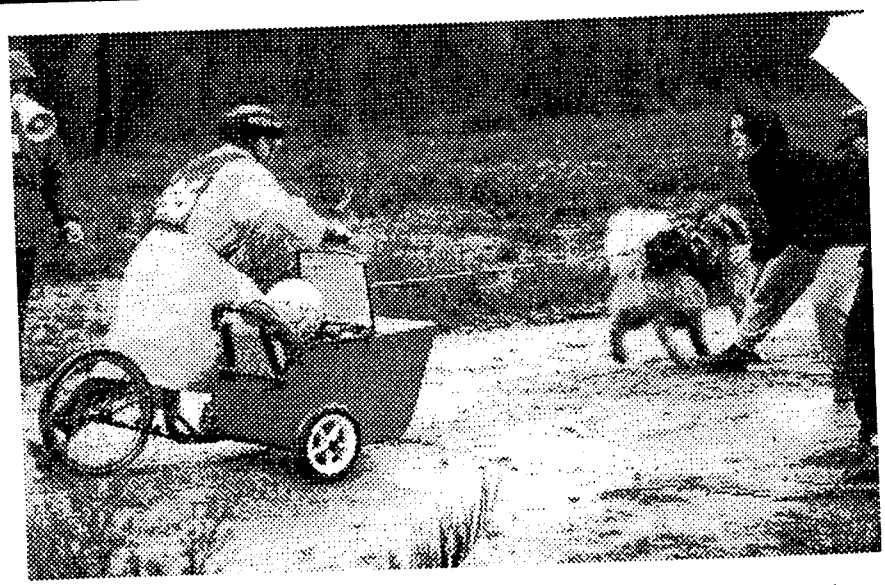
	Altitude 5000 - Pedigree Pal Sled Dog Derby (Vic)	7 - 8 August
	CSDC - Canberra Sled Dog Classic (ACT)	21 - 22 August
September	Kooyoora Challenge (Sprint and Distance Race)	4-5 Septmeber



Doing the Kid'n'Mut in style! *Photo A & F Matthews*

Hike! National Marathon Champion Point Score Update

Here's the latest instalment of the Marathon point score. Unfortunately I haven't been able to get hold of the Belangalo 50 results so these will be incorporated in next month's issue.

Final results will be posted in the October edition.

1 Dog

Name	Points	Races	Place
M Mulcahy	2000	2	1
D McIntyre	1783.517	2	2
G Meyers	1633.522	2	3
N Smith	1405.252	2	4
L Mulcahy	1378.8	2	5
D Walters	1389.815	2	6
James McIntrye	1275.967	2	7
B McIntosh	1212.839	2	8
A McIntyre	1025.829	2	9

2 Dog

Name	Points	Races	Place
C Bittendorfer	1991.947	2	1
D Higgins	1000	1	2
P Taylor	1000	1	3
C Turner	987.2059	1	4
K Losurdo	917.3985	1	5
J Walkom	896.441	1	6
D Skakal	856.7547	1	7
D Gardner	846.0032	1	8
H Cordani	839.6716	1	9
R Bates	824.9453	1	10
A Gardner	811.109	1	11
N Church	803.6703	1	12
C Cobb	774.9556	1	13
B Dron	753.2611	1	14
G Nicholson	751.5228	1	15
R Tolhurst	738.8765	1	16
S Glover	660.8425	1	17
E van Driel	626.1814	1	18
K Shannon	545.8153	1	19
D Gava	544.4139	1	20
R Paule	528.6958	1	21

3 Dog

Name	Points	Races	Place
A Theuma	1000	1	1
I Douglas	818.4334	1	2
G Styche	634.4703	1	3

4 Dog

Name	Points	Races	Place
D Baker	960	1	1
A Theuma	840	1	2
G Styche	585.7804	1	3

5 Dog

Name	Points	Races	Place
M Karow	600	1	1
N Randell	540.2867	1	2

6 Dog

Name	Points	Races	Place
J Toth	1440	2	1
M Karow	748.7996	1	2
O Robertson	582.7896	1	3
G Badior	385.475	1	4

Open

Name	Points	Races	Place
J Toth	1440	2	1
A Theuma	1416.068	2	2
M Karow	1226.172	2	3
Di Baker	960	1	4
G Styche	950.7415	2	5
O Robertson	582.7896	1	6
I Douglas	478.4633	1	7
N Randall	429.8634	1	8
G Badior	385.475	1	9

5th Annual Northern Exposure Classic

4 dog class

Mitch Blockley (Vic)	05.02.1	10.45.6	10.28.3	26.16.0	1
Diane Baker (Qld)	05.07.4	11.28.9	09.59.2	26.35.5	2
Wayne Baker (Qld)	05.19.8	11.08.9	11.00.7	27.29.4	3
Michelle Weakley (Qld)	06.06.0	13.05.2	12.27.6	31.38.9	4

2 dog class

David Pettifer (Vic)	04.38.0	11.11.8	10.18.6	26.08.5	1
Annie Jackson (Vic)	04.59.4	10.41.0	10.47.7	26.28.1	2
Ian Higgins (NSW)	05.13.7	11.26.7	10.57.4	27.27.8	3
Karl Persson (Qld)	06.12.8	11.27.7	11.14.2	28.54.8	4
Russell Andrews (Qld)	05.52.8	12.51.4	13.06.2	31.40.3	5
Donald Maillet (Qld)	06.06.7	13.35.7	12.07.1	31.49.5	6
Col Seare (Qld)	06.13.2	13.21.0	12.37.9	32.12.1	7
Ken Moore (Qld)	07.11.0	15.25.6	14.08.5	36.45.1	8
Susan Berry (Qld)	07.33.3	15.49.4	14.14.2	37.36.8	9
Sandra Giesen (Qld)	07.28.4	16.07.1	14.38.2	38.13.6	10

1 dog class

Darren Kent (Vic)	04.24.0	07.18.4	07.01.1	18.43.4	1
Daryl Morris (Qld)	06.02.7	09.38.0	09.20.4	25.01.1	2
Brian Poole (Qld)	05.32.8	10.54.4	09.02.5	25.29.7	3
Robert Clive (Qld)	06.27.9	10.26.6	10.07.1	27.01.7	4
Adam Johnston (Qld)	06.37.6	10.27.8	10.21.0	27.26.3	5
Robert Gibbon (Qld)	06.49.0	11.37.3	10.58.2	29.24.5	6
Jason Bauer (Qld)	08.34.4	11.06.2	10.28.1	30.08.6	7
Eric Evans (Vic)	08.24.0	13.33.8	14.04.7	36.02.5	8
Melinda Kelly (Qld)	08.37.5	15.01.0	13.13.2	36.51.7	9

Karen McCarthy in full stride *Photo A&F Matthews*

Vetsearch Tips

Eating Away at Stress

Q I have a greyhound that stresses out badly before and after races and trials. Sometimes directly after a race he will pee blood. Before races he is highly excited. It seems anything I try, injectable or oral does not work.

From AW, Vic

A. Any greyhound that is urinating blood should be seen by a vet immediately, as some conditions that lead to this problem can be fatal. It is possible that the dog is suffering from exertional rhabdomyolosis or 'acidosis' as it is more commonly called. If this is the case it is not actually blood in the urine, but rather 'myoglobin' a red pigment that is released from muscle cells damaged by the acidosis. This problem is not uncommon after racing particularly in nervy greyhounds and those prone to dehydration. I would consult your vet regarding this dog.

There are some simple dietry changes that can help to calm nervy greyhounds

- Increase the amount of fat in the dog's diet. Fat is digested in a different way to carbohydrates and provides a slower form of energy release. Replacing lean beef with lean-medium beef (15-20% fat) or adding 2-3 tablespoons of lard or polyunsaturated oil to a lean beef diet will increase the fat content.
- Decrease the amount of carbohydrates in the diet by reducing the amount of dry food fed. Give a maximum of one cup of 20-40% protein dry food in the evening meal to help maintain the protein levels, which will be reduced by the increased fat in the diet. Adding extra vegetables will help to increase the bulk of the ration.
- Make sure the fog is getting adequate electrolytes, as electrolyte deficienceies or imbalances can cause nervousness. Give ½ - 1 scoop of Betacel in the morning and evening meals. If the dog is prone to dehydration one Beta-K tablet each day to provide extra potassium.
- Vitamin E is very effective at calming some dogs when given at high dose rates. Give 100 iu (1/2 scoop) of White-E in the morning meal for at least 7-10 days before trialling or racing. On the morning before, and the morning of a trial or race, give 300-400 iu (11/2 - 2 scoops) mixed into the morning milk.
- Give a dose of Neutradex after fast work, trialling or racing to help combat acidosis and to encourage the dog to drink.

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Dogs and People

Dogs and Men

1. Both take up too much space on the bed.
2. Both have irrational fears about vacuum cleaning.
3. Both mark their territory.
4. Neither tells you what's bothering them.
5. The smaller ones tend to be more nervous.
6. Both have an inordinate fascination with women's crotches.
7. Neither does any dishes.
8. Both fart shamelessly.
9. Neither of them notice when you get your hair cut.
10. Both like dominance games.
11. Both are suspicious of the postman.

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7. You can train a dog.
8. Dogs are easy to buy for.
9. The worst social disease you can get from dogs is fleas. (OK,the really worst disease you can get from them is rabies, but there's a vaccine for it and you can kill the one that gives it to you).
10. Dogs understand what "no" means.
11. Dogs mean it when they kiss you.

WHY A DOG IS BETTER THAN A WOMAN:

10. A dog's parents will never visit you.
9. A dog loves you when you leave your clothes on the floor.
8. A dog limits its time in the bathroom to a quick drink.
7. A dog never expects you to telephone.
6. A dog will not get mad at you if you forget its birthday.
5. A dog does not care about the previous dogs in your life.
4. A dog does not get mad at you if you pet another dog.
3. A dog never expects flowers on Valentine's Day.
2. The later you are, the happier a dog is to see you.
1. A dog does not shop.

Submitted by Rob Stevens

SHCNSW Shield 99
Results - Final
2 Dog Class

Place	Name	Bib N°	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Total
1	Peter Komidar	82	00:09:46.05	00:09:20.59		00:19:06.64
2	Beth Bobroff	4	00:09:35.80	00:09:32.54		00:19:08.34
3	Owen Robertson	117	00:10:21.47	00:10:20.27		00:20:41.74
4	Kasie Losurdo	74	00:10:34.29	00:10:23.05		00:20:57.34
5	Sue Hodgkinson	17	00:11:01.49	00:10:28.04		00:21:29.53
6	David Potts	60	00:10:40.25	00:10:57.59		00:21:37.84
7	Ian Higgins	75	00:11:05.26	00:10:34.53		00:21:39.79
8	Geoff Carter	76	00:11:11.91	00:10:41.22		00:21:53.13
9	Michael Quinn	80	00:11:01.21	00:10:54.21		00:21:55.42
10	Daniel Skakal	20	00:11:11.00	00:10:55.82		00:22:06.82
11	Andrew Gersbach	13	00:11:15.77	00:11:10.01		00:22:25.78
12	Daryl Gardner	68	00:11:10.93	00:11:51.19		00:23:02.12
13	Shaun Butcher	97	00:11:49.72	00:11:33.29		00:23:23.01
14	Clem Kyle	109	00:11:23.95	00:12:04.48		00:23:28.43
15	Michelle Wheakley	79	00:11:19.43	00:12:18.74		00:23:38.17
16	Jason Walkom	108	00:11:45.95	00:12:10.87		00:23:56.82
17	Craig Turner	62	00:12:15.45	00:11:59.07		00:24:14.52
18	Kate Ord	34	00:12:56.21	00:12:11.26		00:25:07.47
19	Anee Maree Gardner	69	00:12:47.22	00:12:47.05		00:25:34.27
20	Toni Hosie	116	00:12:33.78	00:13:02.54		00:25:36.32
21	Karen McCarthy	72	00:12:32.18	00:13:11.73		00:25:43.91
22	Jason Montanari	51	00:12:49.57	00:12:57.46		00:25:47.03
23	Dave Hutchison	52	00:12:21.41	00:13:43.64		00:26:05.05
24	John Rozman	99	00:13:03.24	00:13:17.00		00:26:20.24
25	Alan Bartlett	30	00:13:43.21	00:12:45.68		00:26:28.89
26	Murray McGregor	1	00:13:56.64	00:13:17.51		00:27:14.15
27	Brian Dron	61	00:13:44.23	00:13:30.60		00:27:14.83
28	Matt Rowcliff	45	00:13:41.69	00:14:01.98		00:27:43.67
29	Andrew Pinner	112	00:14:08.32	00:14:31.22		00:28:39.54
30	Brad Mcintosh	55	00:14:21.60	00:14:20.15		00:28:41.75
31	Natalie Church	22	00:14:27.69	00:14:24.31		00:28:52.00
32	Len Tomlinson	54	00:14:07.77	00:14:46.99		00:28:54.76
33	Karen Johnson	27	00:15:16.15	00:15:37.22		00:30:53.37
34	Glen Nicholson	63	00:14:55.02	00:16:29.34		00:31:24.36
35	Rob Tollhurst	56	00:16:12.98	00:18:51.06		00:35:04.04
36	Anne McIntyre	10	00:16:04.68	00:19:11.15		00:35:15.83
37	Jaime McIntyre	9	00:16:39.16	00:18:40.21		00:35:19.37
38	Clint Shannon	89	00:16:58.29	00:18:31.69		00:35:29.98
39	Michael Ginis	16	00:19:25.36	00:20:29.75		00:39:55.11
40	Bianca Ralphs	103	00:21:12.08	00:22:19.72		00:43:31.80

SHCNSW Shield 99
Results - Final
1 Dog Class

Place	Name	Bib N°	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Total
40	Heather McGuiness	111	00:14:25.45	00:14:48.65		00:29:14.10
41	Tom Lunney	35	00:13:14.39	00:16:30.07		00:29:44.46
42	Kim Webber	107	00:14:36.06	00:15:11.16		00:29:47.22
43	Lisa Peerdeman	119	00:15:43.49	00:15:44.28		00:31:27.77
44	Jo Workman	5	00:15:02.84	00:18:34.92		00:33:37.76
45	Rosie Santangelo	101	00:18:30.43	00:18:21.33		00:36:51.76
SCR	S Shaw	18	00:10:03.29			00:10:03.29
SCR	Sam Bradley	106	00:14:43.43			00:14:43.43
SCR	Shayne Douglas	46				00:00:00.00
SCR	Peter McCann	12				00:00:00.00
SCR	Paul Morgan	66				00:00:00.00
SCR	Shaun Butcher	97				00:00:00.00
SCR	Colin Cope	86				00:00:00.00
SCR	Greg Anstiss	105				00:00:00.00
SCR	Bob Bob	19				00:00:00.00
DNF	Wendy Myers	28	00:11:30.81			00:11:30.81

SHCNSW Shield 99
Results - Final
4 Dog Class

Place	Name	Bib N°	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Total
1	Terry Mace	98	00:19:14.64	00:20:03.45		00:39:18.09
2	Alex Thuma	3	00:21:13.76	00:22:02.93		00:43:16.69
3	Laurie Coutts	118	00:22:40.71	00:21:43.26		00:44:23.97
4	Clem Bittendorfer	47	00:21:58.72	00:22:46.08		00:44:44.80
5	Mark Waldock	32	00:22:47.15	00:23:58.54		00:46:45.69
6	Natalie Colvin	73	00:20:59.81	00:26:00.08		00:46:59.89
7	Mitch Blockley	25	00:22:24.06	00:25:28.20		00:47:52.26
8	Dianne Baker	49	00:23:48.86	00:26:05.03		00:49:53.89
9	Karen McCarthy	72	00:24:53.03	00:28:29.71		00:53:22.74
10	Graeme Hall	31	00:34:30.38	00:32:02.50		01:06:32.88
11	Paul Cartwright	100	00:35:07.39	00:35:51.34		01:10:58.73
12	Craig Turner	62	00:34:30.50	00:36:45.15		01:11:15.65

Total of 12 active mushers

SHCNSW Shield 99
Results - Final
1 Dog Class

Place	Name	Bib N°	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Total
1	Darren Higgins	95	00:08:21.44	00:07:53.87		00:16:15.31
2	Darren Kent	37	00:08:07.08	00:08:08.29		00:16:15.37
3	Mark Mulcahy	14	00:08:28.59	00:09:43.80		00:18:12.39
4	Paul Snibson	90	00:09:00.82	00;09:12.58		00:18:13.40
5	David Debono	2	00:09:11.76	00:09:02.10		00:18:13.86
6	Donald Maillet	44	00:08:55.59	00:09:24.67		00:18:20.26
7	Grant Myers	29	00:09:38.24	00:09:08.30		00:18:46.54
8	Trevor Taylor	84	00:09:45.28	00:09:05.34		00:18:50.62
9	Ross Kinane	33	00:09:14.57	00:09:38.77		00:18:53.34
10	Steve Blanch	41	00:09:51.06	00:09:23.55		00:19:14.61
11	Jason Workman	6	00:09:33.74	00:09:49.89		00:19:23.63
12	Roseanne Shailer	40	00:09:46.78	00:09:45.52		00:19:32.30
13	Nick Katsoulis	48	00:09:43.04	00:10:10.51		00:19:53.55
14	David Potts	60	00:10:07.99	00:09:48.83		00:19:56.82
15	Jo Abela	21	00:09:54.95	00:10:21.53		00:20:16.48
16	Don McIntyre	42	00:09:59.45	00:10:28.25		00:20:27.70
17	David Forst	15	00:10:16.68	00:10:30.71		00:20:47.39
18	Lee Mulcahy	87	00:10:16.24	00:11:08.16		00:21:24.40
19	David Turner	104	00:10:38.20	00:11:00.94		00:21:39.14
20	Don Walters	7	00:10:34.53	00:11:14.44		00:21:48.97
21	Tim Carter	78	00:10:38.59	00:11:27.53		00:22:06.12
22	Chris Filmer	93	00:11:13.81	00:11:01.84		00:22:15.65
23	Jon Richards	38	00:10:27.32	00:12:10.73		00:22:38.05
24	Kim Pratley	70	00:10:57.04	00:11:43.47		00:22:40.51
25	Andreá Quarterman	110	00:11:39.24	00:11:15.65		00:22:54.89
26	Jessica Baker	50	00:11:22.45	00:11:34.21		00:22:56.66
27	David Hodson	88	00:11:52.58	00:11:06.84		00:22:59.42
28	Jeff James	85	00:11:33.43	00:11:28.13		00:23:01.56
29	Phil Jones	57	00:11:35.28	00:11:36.38		00:23:11.66
30	Sharon Komidar	81	00:11:17.35	00:12:06.91		00:23:24.26
31	Sean Thompson	114	00:12:19.67	00:11:18.85		00:23:38.52
32	Dimitri Limnatitis	83	00:11:58.26	00:11:52.30		00:23:50.56
33	Tracy Carter	77	00:12:23.63	00:12:36.08		00:24:59.71
34	Stephen Slater	91	00:11:55.76	00:13:19.53		00:25:15.29
35	James McIntyre	11	00:12:21.66	00:13:15.16		00:25:36.82
36	Jamie Silva	59	00:12:38.21	00:13:21.39		00:25:59.60
37	Nick Winata	26	00:13:12.09	00:13:58.95		00:27:11.04
38	Karen Curman	23	00:13:25.58	00:15:41.48		00:29:07.06
39	Rebecca Day-Tomlinson	53	00:12:15.79	00:16:53.59		00:29:09.38

Southern Highlands Freight Run 1999
Final Results

11-Jul-99

Drivers Name	Bib #	Breed	Heat1 Elapsed Time	Heat1 Position	Heat 2 Elapsed Time	Heat 2 Position	Overall Time	Overall Position
1 Dog								
Mark Mulcahy	60	SH	22:19.38	1	22:30.70	1	44:50.08	1
Paul Snibson	56	SH	23:18.98	2	23:32.95	2	46:51.93	2
Daniel Skakal	47	SH	25:57.92	3	27:18.44	5	53:16.36	3
David DeBono	35	SH	27:53.32	7	26:35.12	3	54:28.44	4
Donal McIntyre	62	SH	27:38.01	6	27:25.15	6	55:03.16	5
Grant Myers	37	SH	28:13.77	8	27:17.41	4	55:31.18	6
Chris Filmer	55	SH	27:32.07	4	30:05.05	8	57:37.12	7
Andrew Gersbach	43	AM	27:35.24	5	30:17.62	9	57:52.86	8
Geoff Carter	31	SH	30:33.06	10	28:39.53	7	59:12.59	9
Don Walters	64	AM	33:44.17	15	30:45.03	10	64:29.20	10
Tracy Carter	52	SH	33:23.15	14	32:15.75	11	65:38.90	11
Lea Mulcahy	51	AM	33:15.08	13	32:37.41	12	65:52.49	12
James McIntyre	34	AM	32:10.33	11	34:21.88	16	66:32.21	13
Greg Anstiss	42	AM	32:58.66	12	33:37.61	14	66:36.27	14
Nicole Smith	61	AM	34:39.38	17	33:02.70	13	67:42.08	15
Murray McGregor	24	OTH	34:18.87	16	34:02.45	15	68:21.32	16
David Hodgson	27	AM	36:28.29	21	35:30.74	17	71:59.03	17
Peta Kazlauskas	63	AM	35:39.37	19	36:21.18	18	72:00.55	18
Stephen Slater	38	SH	36:22.98	20	36:31.16	19	72:54.14	19
Brad McIntosh	57	AM	36:47.70	22	38:27.64	20	75:15.34	20
Heather McGinness	28	AM	38:16.20	24	41:14.50	22	79:30.70	21
Kathy Kuypers	41	AM	37:29.96	23	42:16.65	24	79:46.61	22
Michelle DeBono	65	SH	44:02.90	29	38:58.90	21	83:01.80	23
Bob Bob	30	AM	41:45.92	26	41:28.87	23	83:14.79	24
Liz Van Driel	50	SH	40:15.44	25	46:33.55	25	86:48.99	25
Jamie Silva	33	AM	44:42.22	30	49:35.02	26	94:17.24	26
Phil Freidlander	59	OTH	49:30.56	32	50:48.24	27	100:18.80	27
Belinda Brown	36	AM	46:13.47	31	54:53.66	29	101:07.13	28
Phil Sadler	40	AM	42:53.00	27	61:15.67	31	104:08.67	29
Ann McIntyre	39	AM	51:21.58	33	56:19.29	30	107:40.87	30
Rosie Santangelo	48	OTH	56:53.50	35	54:22.55	28	111:16.05	31
Scott Glover	44	SH	30:23.27	9	DNS	37		32
Kim Webber	70	AM	43:30.37	28	SCR	36		33
Andrew Pinner	49	OTH	34:39.95	18	DNF	41		34
Shane Douglas	46	SH	54:54.45	34	SCR	35		35
Rick Van Driel	29	SH	DNF	36	SCR	32		36
Colin Cope	54	AM	SCR	40	SCR	34		37
Darren Cassar	53	AM	SCR	37	SCR	33		38
Jeff James	26	AM	DNS	39	SCR	38		39
David Turner	58	SH	DNS	38	SCR	40		40
Matt Rowcliff	25	AM	DNF	41	SCR	39		41
2 Dog								
Clem Bittendorfer	11	SH	60:59.31	3	52:59.45	1	113:58.76	1
Craig Turner	19	SH	57:42.55	2	57:44.84	2	115:27.39	2
Jason Wallkom	7	?	67:00.60	4	60:08.19	3	127:08.79	3
Darryl Gardner	18	SH	74:25.14	7	60:18.47	4	134:43.61	4

Drivers Name	Bib #	Breed	Heat1 Elapsed Time	Heat1 Position	Heat 2 Elapsed Time	Heat 2 Position	Overall Time	Overall Position
Annemarie Gardner	21	SH	74:10.03	6	66:21.34	5	140:31.37	5
Natalie Church	12	AM	73:16.46	5	68:32.95	6	141:49.41	6
Brian Dron	9	AM	76:13.83	8	75:05.04	9	151:18.87	7
Glenn Nicholson	8	AM	77:22.11	9	74:17.76	8	151:39.87	8
Robert Tolhurst	23	AM	80:57.14	11	73:18.48	7	154:15.62	9
Klint Shannon	66	AM	125:47.17	14	83:02.27	10	208:49.44	10
Rodney Paule	10	AM	111:13.31	13	104:21.84	11	215:35.15	11
Beth Bobroff	15	OT	48:23.99	1	SCR	12		12
Kate Ord	20	MIX	80:12.73	10	SCR	15		13
Jason Montanari	16	AM	86:28.58	12	SCR	13		14
Bianca Ralphs	17	AM	125:51.53	15	SCR	16		15
Steve Moore	13	AM	SCR	16	SCR	14		16
Jason Strenger	14	SH	SCR	17	SCR	17		17
Robert Losurdo	22	SH	DNF	18	SCR	18		18
4 Dog								
Alex Theuma	4	SH	78:33.24	2	77:41.98	1	156:15.22	1
Geoff Styche	1	AM	110:25.91	4	113:38.01	4	224:03.92	2
Ivan Douglas	6	SH	SCR	5	SCR	5		3
Barry Burden	2	MIX	SCR	6	SCR	6		4
6 Dog								
Josef Toth	5	MIX	75:10.97	1	79:28.93	2	154:39.90	1
Marty Karow	3	SIB	86:15.61	3	87:14.54	3	173:30.15	2
Junior								
Kelly Gardner	2		02:31.95	1	02:31.45	1	05:03.40	1
Nicole Dron	7		02:48.37	3	02:32.45	2	05:20.82	2
Simone Dron	8		02:36.07	2	02:49.91	4	05:25.98	3
Danny Gardner	1		03:02.76	4	02:45.32	3	05:48.08	4
Emma Belford	3		04:15.59	7	03:13.85	5	07:29.44	5
Graham Bain	4		03:45.96	6	03:59.18	6	07:45.14	6
Andrew Jansen	20		DNS	0	04:25.18	7		8
Kenny Butcher	22		DNS	0	05:04.11	8		9
Kyle Devaney	5		03:17.91	5	SCR	9		7
Pee Wee								
Shantelle Gardner	9		02:40.33	2	02:42.17	1	05:22.50	1
Joshy Styche	17		02:35.29	1	02:54.16	5	05:29.45	2
Anita Snibson	12		02:54.71	3	02:50.95	4	05:45.66	3
Reece Slater	16		02:56.50	4	02:58.90	6	05:55.40	4
Ryan Turner	14		03:14.42	5	02:46.96	3	06:01.38	5
Cheresa Snibson	15		03:32.80	8	02:46.06	2	06:18.86	6
Hanna Kypers	13		03:25.07	6	03:50.39	8	07:15.46	7
Tayla Styche	10		04:12.20	9	03:06.09	7	07:18.29	8
Jordan Slater	11		03:25.92	7	04:24.69	9	07:50.61	9
Nick Van Mill	6		05:52.17	10	DNS	10		10

1999 Great Grey Bound Results
Two Dog Class

Total Race Distance 13K Track condition: Dry 7C 98% Humidity
8 Scratchings

	Sat Time	Sun Time	Total Time	k/h	Place
Susan Hodkinson	14.34	13.32	28.06	27.7	1
Peter Komidar	14.27	13.48	28.15	27.6	2
Adrian Fasham	14.45	13.59	28.44	27.1	3
Travis Smith	15.22	14.10	29.32	26.4	4
Jacqui McNicoll	15.09	15.13	30.22	25.6	5
Steven Paul	15.01	15.42	30.43	25.4	6
David Potts	15.39	15.11	30.50	25.3	7
Annie Jackson	15.27	15.40	31.07	25.0	8
Lyndon Ried	16.48	16.09	32.57	23.6	9
Peter Skinner	16.20	16.42	33.02	23.6	10
Karen McCarthy	17.31	16.26	33.57	22.9	11
Dugald Baird	17.17	16.57	34.14	22.7	12
Daniel Odgers	18.23	18.46	37.09	21.0	13
Jahn Rozman	19.34	20.23	39.57	19.5	14
Owen Piper	21.34	19.46	41.20	18.8	15
Wayne O'Shannesy	21.20	20.33	41.53	18.6	16
Daniel Hamann	20.50	21.24	42.14	18.4	17
Warrick Walton	18.20	Scr			

1999 Great Grey Bound Results
Four Dog Class

Total Race Distance 16K Track condition: Dry 6C 98% (day 1) 11C 98% (day 2)
4 Scratchings

	Sat Time	Sun Time	Total Time	k/h	Place
Terry Mace	18.57	20.00	38.57	26.8	1
Mitch Blockley	21.00	23.48	44.48	23.3	2
Karen McCarthy	25.14	28.08	53.22	19.5	3

Rookie Award David Potts
Encouragement Daniel Odgers
Dog Care Terry Mace

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1999 Great Grey Bound Results

One Dog Class

Total Race Distance 4.8K Track condition: Dry 8C 98%

7 Scratchings

	Sat Time	Sun Time	Total Time	k/h	Place
Darren Kent	4.44	4.42	9.26	30.5	1
Darren Higgins	4.54	4.42	9.36	30.0	2
Trevor Taylor	5.04	5.05	10.09	28.3	3
Pino Ulanio	5.14	5.20	10.34	27.2	4
Peter McCann	5.39	5.20	10.59	26.2	5
Ross Kinnane	5.28	5.36	11.04	26.0	6
David Potts	5.51	5.50	11.41	24.6	7
Josh Martin	5.43	5.59	11.42	24.6	8
Chris Magioni	6.07	6.00	12.07	23.7	9
Roz Shailer	5.58	6.11	12.09	23.7	10
Dean Letsch	6.32	5.43	12.15	23.5	11
Brett Jarvis	6.28	5.52	12.20	23.3	12
Peter Skinner	5.56	6.28	12.24	23.2	13
Franz Mahr	6.06	6.29	12.35	22.8	14
Stewart Cummings	6.17	6.23	12.40	22.7	15
Darrell McNicoll	6.27	6.26	12.53	22.3	16
Mikaela Paul	6.39	6.25	13.04	22.0	17
Simon Creeley	6.02	7.03	13.05	22.0	18
Sue McLeod	6.33	6.44	13.17	21.6	19
Natasha Halls	7.04	7.02	14.06	20.4	20
Daniel Hamann	6.58	7.19	14.17	20.1	21
Sharon Komidar	6.35	8.16	14.51	19.4	22
Fiona Mathews	8.02	6.54	14.56	19.2	23
Damien O'Niel	7.31	7.28	14.59	19.2	24
Stuart Vanderpol	7.24	7.47	15.11	18.9	25
Lynda Hewatt	7.31	7.50	15.21	18.7	26
Andrew Mathews	7.57	7.25	15.22	18.7	27
Alfred Tetzlaff	7.42	8.16	15.58	18.0	28
Steven Blanch	5.02	Scr			

1999 Great Grey Bound Results

Six Dog Class

Total Race Distance 14.1K Track condition: Dry 5C 98% (day 1)

3 Scratchings

	Sat Time	Sun Time	Total Time	k/h	Place
Terry Mace	35.33	Day 2 Cancelled due to heat & humidity	35.33	23.8	1

A5000 UPDATE

Rob Stevens

Please be reminded tomorrow Friday the 16th July was the official closing date for this years race. Entries received after this date may be rejected as trailer parking is becoming very tight at Dinner Plain (DP). Late entries accepted will incur a late fee and not be listed in the race program.

Snow Conditions:
To put the lack of situation into perspective I was last at Dinner Plain for the opening of the ski season June 14. At that time there was approx a 30 cm base. One would say a perfect start to the season. Man were we wrong! With our New Zealand neighbours recording record dumps, here we are sweltering away with closest likely hood of snow early next week. Usually at this time of year I have 200+ snow km's on my dogs.

Trail system:
Due to development of the DP school, the children's playground and the 9 hole golf course some sections of last years cross country ski trails are no longer available for dog sledding. Mushers can expect to see a different route being used this year. (Bear in mind any changes to trail configuration>will be dependent on snow conditions).

Entries:
As of tonight we have received around 60 entries spread unevenly across 4 classes.

Race Packs:
Due to mailing costs this years race pack containing race details, entry form and Dinner Plain information is the only mail out competitors can expect to receive.

Race site parking:
For those staying at Dinner Plain this year we have been advised to utilise the overnight car park area east of Halter Lane. We are not permitted to park across the newly developed area used last year. Last year was a one off situation. For those commuting daily parking is available outside of DP Village on the road shoulders. Caution signs advising motorists will be displayed.

Race Marshall:
With assistance from the New South Wales Siberian Husky Club we have secured from the US Leigh Gilchrist as this years Race Marshall.

Media Race:
After the main events Saturday a media race has been organised between the media crews and two very experinced local mushers. This is a chance to see Mitch Blockley and Steve Carrick show the media crews exactly what mushing dogs is all about.

Midrace Banquet and Entertainment:
Excel Pet have donated a basket of K9 products to the value of $100AUD. This will be raffled off over the Friday and Saturday nights and the lucky winner drawn at the banquet located in High Plains Lodge. There is also another free raffle for those attending the banquet only. Upon purchasing your banquet voucher another ticket will be handed to you ready to check in the draw for a $150AUD shopping voucher redeemable at Maloneys Ski Hire

Dinner Plain. Entertainment?
We are hoping for a return performance by Big Al however Big Al has informed us he is about to tour in the US.(North America beware!)

I hope the above is helpful however if you require further information or clarification on any aspect of the race please contact either Barry Burdin, Sussan Hodgkinson or myself before ariving at DP. Our phone numbers have been included in your race pack.

What's in a Name?

Traditional

Everybody who has a dog calls him "Rover" or "Spot" I made the mistake of calling mine "Sex".

Now Sex has been very embarrassing to me. When I went to city hall to renew his dog license, I told the clerk I wouldlike a license for Sex. He said "I'd like to have one too!"

"Then I said "You don't understand, I've had Sex since I was nine years old." He said "You must have been quite a kid."

When I got married and went on my honeymoon, I took the dog with me. Not wanting the dog to bother us. I told the clerk that I wanted a room for my wife and I and a special room for Sex. He said that every room in the place was for sex. I said "You don't understand, Sex keeps me awake at night." The clerk said "Me too."

One day I entered Sex in a dog show, before the competition began, Another contestant asked me what I was doing. I told him that I planned to have Sex in the show. He said that I should have sold my own tickets.

Sex ran away, I went to the dog pound. As I was looking in all the cages the operator came up to me. I said I'm looking for Sex. He said I was looking in all the wrong places.

When my wife and I separated, we went to court to fight for custody of the dog. I said "Your Honour I had Sex before I was married." He said "What's your point, so did I." I said "But my wife wants to take Sex away." He said "That's what happens in a divorce."

Last night Sex ran off. I spent hours looking for him all over town. A cop came over to me and asked, "What are you doing in this alley at 4 O'clock in the morning?" I said I was looking for Sex.....

My case comes up Friday

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HINDSIGHT - DUNE MUSHING OZ STYLE

On our way to the Wild Dog Derby via the Great Ocean Road - we took the opportunity to try running the dogs on the beach - which turned out to be magnificent fun for dog and musher alike.

Photos: Sharon Komidar and Andrew Matthews

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