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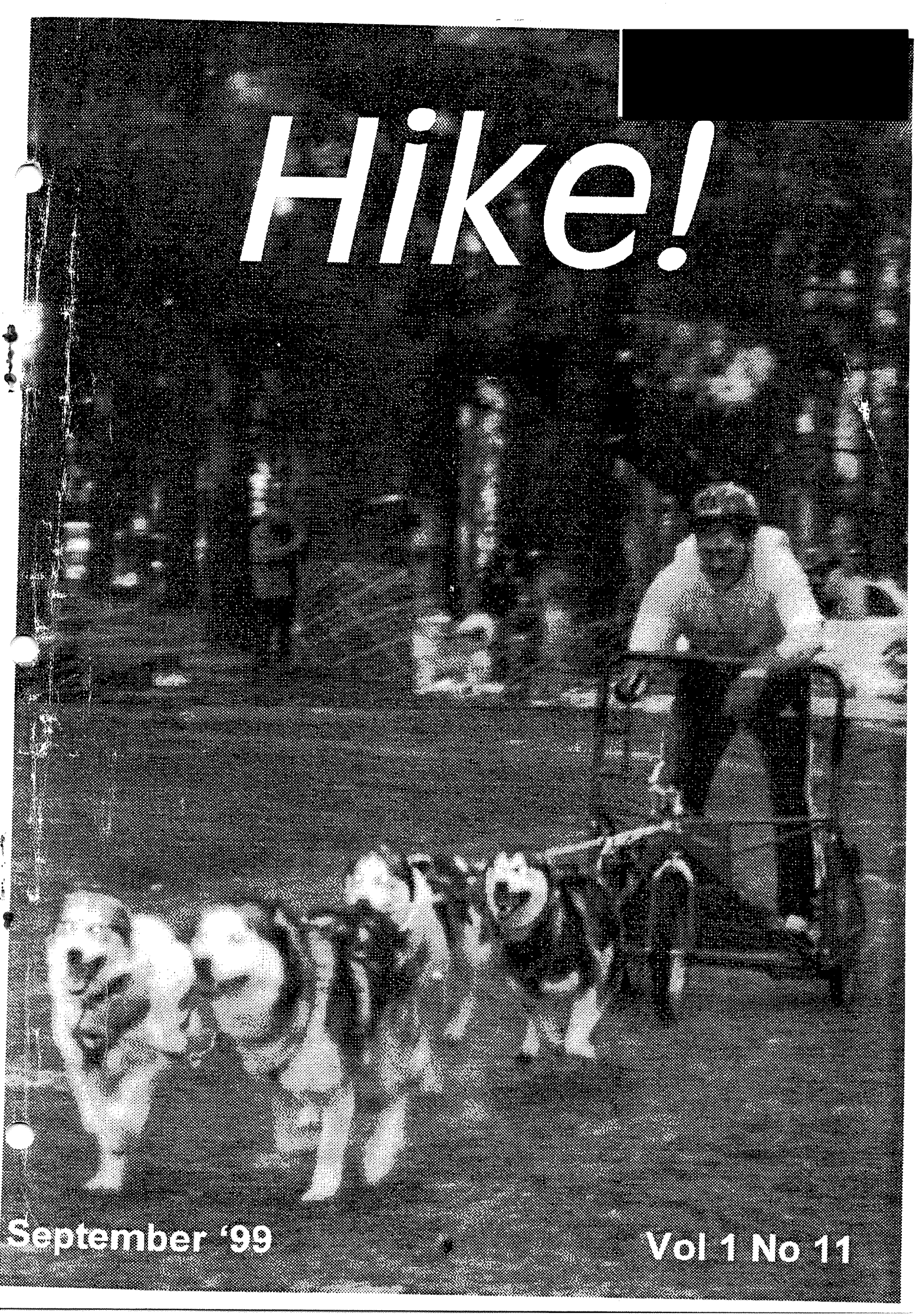

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Next Month in Hike!

October is a special milestone in the life of *Hike!*

Not only will the long awaited *Hike!* sprint and marathon champions be announced - and the full point score results. But October also marks the first full year of *Hike!* publications!

And not to mention the 1999 Far Side Awards - for more on this see the article in this edition.

Thought For the Month

"Just give me a comfortable couch, a dog, a good book, and a woman. Then if you can get the dog to go somewhere and read the book, I might have a little fun!"

Groucho Marx.

Did You Know?

Domesticated cats are never mentioned in the Bible. Dogs are mentioned 14 times, lions 55 times.

The common belief that dogs are colour blind is false. Dogs can see colour but it is not as vivid colour scheme as we see. It is much like our vision at twilight.

Dogs have 42 teeth, cats about 30.

In a suburb of medium density, a dog's bark can be heard in 200 surrounding houses -- or by 800 people.

Anything over 45 minutes seems like forever to your dog. You will be greeted as enthusiastically coming back from a two-hour shopping trip as you will coming back from a two-day vacation.

Source: Trivia Trivia

Hike! Sprint Point Score Update

Well we've now reached the business end of the point score but Hike! had to go to the printer before I could update the score with the Canberra race results.

As it now stands many more mushers having participated in 4 or more races in a particular class. But still there are quite a few with 3 races notched up - who if they attend the Canberra Sled Dog Classic - will make a big impression on the final outcome. And of course, for those who have done 4 or more races - there is still a chance to improve their score - as the four best scores are tallied to produce the final result.

6 dog - (3 races)

Name	Points	Races
J Toth	1957.241	2
T Mace	1802.405	2
M Karow	1668.722	2
J Hodgson	1000	1
W Baker	965.5684	1
M Blockley	871.934	1
G Badior	859.6685	1
K McCarthy	845.1428	1
H Cordani	826.1139	1

3 Dog Class - (3 races)

Name	Points	Races
A Theuma	1933.489	2
O Robertson	1688.192	2
I Douglas	1687.359	2
R Koch	1565.775	2
G Hall	1349.268	2
D Hodgson	1000	1
C Bittendorfer	1000	1
L Coutts	991.5379	1
A Fasham	921.4134	1
R Paule	889.3285	2
N Colvin	868.2283	1
D Baker	817.2632	1
G Carter	813.5015	1
A Jackson	809.0312	1
J Wooley	800.1592	1
J Walkom	707.1515	1
D Hamann	693.6248	1
D Skakal	690.1539	1
A Gardiner	663.9581	1
D Limnatitis	652.6258	1
S Glover	641.4323	1
E Vandriel	624.5256	1
M Weakley	620.158	1
C Kyle	489.9585	1
M Dutton	486.5813	1

4 Dog Class - (8 Races)

Name	Points	Races
T Mace	4130	4
M Blockley	3778.369	4
M Waldock	3646.555	4
K McCarthy	3239.887	4
A Theuma	2775.32	3
D Pettifer	2625.339	3
J Hodgson	2982.519	3
D Baker	2778.202	3

One Dog - (7 races)

Name	Points	Races
D Kent	4169.938	4
M Mulcahy	3971.189	4
R Kinnane	3706.647	4
T Taylor	3619.679	4
D Forst	3373.115	4
P McCann	3236.019	4
R Shailer	3201.113	4
J Abela	3090.146	4
D Higgins	3052.412	3
G Myers	2854.12	3
S Blanch	2815.244	3
P Snibson	2790.501	3
S Komidar	2713.71	4
D DeBono	2699.562	3
C Neave	2540.75	3
D Potts	2504.397	3
B Jarvis	2373.422	3
Tim Carter	2323.625	3
D Odgers	2227.555	3
M Turner	2219.27	3
Tracy Carter	2055.509	3
S Van Der Pol	1910.726	3
A Matthews	1894.535	3
F Matthews	1838.588	3
A Tetzlaff	1716.35	3

2dog - (8 races)

Name	Points	Races
D Higgins	3994.853	4
P Komidar	3992.539	4
S Hodgkinson	3847.546	4
A Gersbach	3691.348	4
D Potts	3607.566	4
D Skakal	3565.235	4
C Turner	3399.916	4
J Walkom	3324.167	4
I Higgins	3210.233	4
M Turner	3177.393	4
D Hodgson	3107.525	3
B Dron	3103.718	4
B Bobroff	3049.887	3
A Fasham	3037.914	3
C Bittendorfer	2920.553	3
K Losurdo	2877.897	3
R Tolhurst	2589.799	4
P Skinner	2517.191	3
D Hutchison	2215.024	3
J Montanari	2150.729	3
M McGregor	2058.5	3
A Bartlett	2051.855	3
D Hamann	2028.356	3

Owen Robertson at Sugarloaf creek Xing **Andrew Matthews**

1999 Far Side Awards

As you would know, the October edition of Hike! will include the final results of the '99 Hike! Point Score. Which is all very serious and important - especially if you are seeking to impress potential sponsors! However, some Hike! supporters have suggested we include some awards for the more lighter side of the season. Here's some suggestions:

Best Stack of '99
(damn, I would have won that in 98)

Most dogs lost at one time during a race

Most dogs bagged during a single heat

Wierdest encounter with the wildlife

Best quote of '99

The musher with the worst bad luck

Wierdest decision by race organising committee

Silliest race clothing

Best 'if only' excuse

Best display of alcoholic intoxication

Longest distance travelled by a handler to attend a race

The Musher who scratched the most in 1999.

Musher that attended the most races

If you want to nominate anyone for any of these awards - or any other award you can think of - phone, write, fax or email us at Hike! and we'll put it in the October edition

A Religious Dog Joke

There was this bloke who had a sled dog which he was attempting to train, but alas had very little success. He was on the verge of despair when he happened across a very charismatic American evangelist. He unburdened his soul to the American, who promptly informed him to leave the dog with him, and he would have it trained in a jiffy.

The next day the man returns, and asks how the evangelist got on. The reply was positive, and the evangelist calls the dog to give a demonstration.

Picking up a stick, he throws it and says 'Fetch.' And instead of running away, the dog takes off, grabs the stick and returns. The evangelist says 'Drop' and the dog drops the stick at his feet. 'Roll over' and the dog rolls over.

By this time the dog's owner is very excited, and asks if he can have a go.

"Sure," replies the evangelist.

Attempting the most difficult trick for a sled dog, the owner yells "Heel."

And the dog lifts one paw, places it on the man and says, "I command this sickness to leave you..."

Religious Dog Joke II

There was this man that took his dog duck hunting with him in his little row boat.

When the ducks flew over head he shot and one fell. He told the dog to go and get the duck. The dog jumped from the boat walked across the water, got the duck, and came back.

The duck hunter couldn't believe his eyes. So he waited until more ducks flew over, shot, one fell, he ordered the dog to go get the duck. The jumped from the boat walked across the water, got the duck, and came back. The still couldn't believe his eyes. So off to town he went to find a preacher because everyone believes a preacher.

Well when they are sitting the boat, ducks fly by, man shoots, one falls,he orders the dog to fetch. The dog jumps from the boat walks across the water gets the duck and comes back. The preacher didn't say anything.

So the man asked the preacher, "didn't you see anything strange about my dog?" The preacher answer, "sure he can't swim."

Minnesota Mushing Holiday

Hello Marty,

Jenny is looking for a dog handler this season to help get her dogs trained for Grand Portage and/or the Beargrease. Jenny is a full time student at the University of Minnesota. We will have the main team, a yearling team and some young pups to train.

Do you know anyone with sled dog experience who would be interested in spending a winter in Minnesota? We offer room/board and perhaps a small salary depending on experience--also all expenses paid during travel to races and an opportunity to drive teams in some shorter mid-distance or sprint races.

Let me know if you think of anyone.

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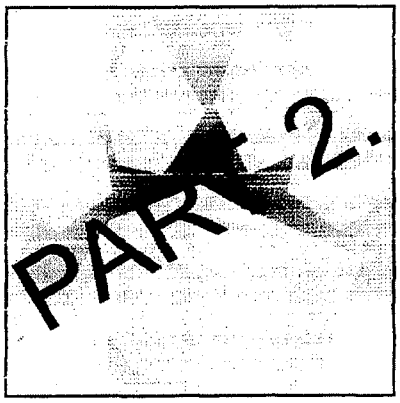
No Feet, No Dog?

I'm sure Part 1 of No Feet, No Dog ? was of interest to all. I have included the treatments available and the First Aid that can be done to protect or deal with the problem related to your dogs feet.

TREATMENTS

The basic treatment for foot injuries begins with thorough cleaning with a mild disinfectant such as Betadine or Chlorhexadine. Never use Savlon or Detol to wash a wound. Topical antibiotic ointments including Savlon cream or an Iodine based cream can be of benefit if needed. Clavulox or Antirobe are the best systemic antibiotics to use; you will need to visit your vet to get these. Occasionally a Cortisone based cream such as Neo-hydrocort or Neotopi-H can be used to treat small areas of inflammation. Get these creams from your vet. For mild, non infected abrasions and cracks, Paw paw or Aloe Vera ointments are excellent. Get these from your local chemist. Sit down on the floor with your dog and slowly rub these ointments into the pads for approximately ten minutes. Enough ointment will be absorbed in after this time to be beneficial. Chronic foot problems sometimes improve with zinc supplementation. But talk to your vet before taking this course as to much zinc can also be harmful. Mushers overseas often have their own cocktail mix of ointments. Their compounds contain such things as Zinc oxide, Cortisone, Antibiotics, Scarlet oil, Aloe Vera and vitamins have used an ointment called Zam Buk which is a natural based ointment of Eucalyptus Oil, Camphor, Sassafras Oil, Thyme Oil and



Colophony and found this to be very useful in drawing out infections. There are some pad ointments available from pet stores that stock greyhound products, such as Pad Aid. You will need to ask a greyhound trainer of the benefits. There also used to be one called Quick Heal but I was unable to find it in any stores.

FIRST AID

Pad injuries are common during training runs as well as during racing. If you have a basic First Aid Kit with you in your vehicle you can clean up the wound and get the healing process under way. If you are unable to do this at the track and then have to go to the vet, you will more than likely increase the time your dog needs to have off racing by double. If you can clean the wound and stop the infection from getting started things will heal much quicker. You will need to have some saline solution to wash the wound and then pack the wound with Savlon and wrap the foot with a piece of gauze and elasto bandage and head off to the vet if needed. This may save you up to two weeks of healing time and the use of antibiotics.

I must say thanks to Dr Anthony Woof BVSc for his help in supplying me with information on treatments. I hope this article is of benefit to all novice and experienced mushers as we all are responsible for the welfare of our dogs feet, and if their feet aren't good, they aren't gonna run. An important piece of your sled dog equipment is your First aid kit for your dogs. We all should carry one for those times that we are out training and the dog cuts itself . Basic First Aid can save you weeks of healing time and get you back to the track as soon as possible. There are specially designed kits available for our needs, give me a call and I can gat one to you. See you on the trail hopefully with good paws.

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Vetsearch Tips

Bone Stress

John Kohnke BVSc RDA

Strong, well developed bones and joints are absolutely essential to withstand the stress and loading forces imposed by racing. Many musculo-skeletal problems in racing dogs, particularly injuries related to skeletal weakness and abnormalities, can be linked back to nutrition and exercise in the growing puppy. Nutritional problems can be traced back to problems with either the mineral base, or organic structure and development of bone. They can also result from excessive rates of reabsorption of mineralised bone under conditions of stress, disease, or prolonged inactivity following an injury. The loss of bone strength during a hard racing campaign can lead to an increased risk of long bone and toe fractures.

Many growing greyhounds are unable to develop strong, dense bones during the rearing phase because of imbalanced or deficient diets, and restricted opportunity to exercise to provide the raw materials and stimulus to lay down strong bone. Once greyhounds reach the breaking-in and track education phase, the added force loading of galloping on circle tracks stimulates the modelling and thickening of shin and toe bones to withstand the extra bending forces imposed on the immature bone.

Rickets

The classic example of a nutritional bone disease is 'juvenile rickets' in growing puppies. Rickets has become a general term for enlargement of the bone ends and bending due to weakness in the long bones, such as the humerus (shoulder), femur (hip) and the ribs. Rickets can be caused by a deficiency of Vitamin D, calcium or phosphorus in the diet. When a rickets lesion in the bone is examined under a microscope, it shows reduced mineralisation within the bone that has occurred during its development phase. Rickets is most commonly associated with an outright deficiency of bone growth minerals. Unfortunately it is becoming more common in racing greyhounds, despite the wider use of dry foods to counteract calcium and bone mineral deficiencies in meat based diets. More about this later.

When examining the reasons for failure of adequate bone strength, such as occurs in toe fractures, or causes of other bony enlargements around the joints in an individual greyhound (and occasionally in a group of greyhounds), it is important to investigate some of the common underlying reasons for abnormal bone development. In young horses, a great deal of research has been carried out into the reasons for developmental orthopaedic disease (called DOD for short), an overall name that encompasses a number of syndromes that affect the development of the bones and joints in the young horse. In horses, the balance between nutrition and exercise in the young growing horse is the main factor that influences the risk of DOD problems in the bones and joints.

Bone Demineralisation

In young greyhounds, the underlying reason for bone and joint problems has commonly been related to weakening of the bones due to a condition known as Nutritional Secondary Hyperparathyroidism (NHS for short). This is caused by the increased turnover of bone under conditions of stress imposed by racing . It is also linked to Vitamin D and calcium deficiency or inadequacies on high meat diets. Parathyroid hormone is released into the blood when calcium intake is too low to maintain blood calcium levels. There is also a continuous remodelling process to strengthen bone subjected to bending and load bearing forces during galloping. The combination of these two conditions is thought to increase the rate of demineralisation of major long bones, including the metacarpals (shins) and toe bones, leading to an increased risk of fracture and bone soreness in a racing greyhound.

NSH is a common underlying bone development related problem in both the growing an racing greyhound. However, in recent clinical surveys of bone problems in growing greyhounds, there is a concern that greyhound p0uppies are developing symptoms of rickets due to an inadequate or unbalanced calcium, phosphorus and vitamin intake. This is in contrast to NSH in the older greyhound up to racing age. It is well established that a high meat diet in ke43nnelled puppies, which is traditionally low in calcium and Vitamin D, is the major cause of rickets.

Recent investigation have sh0own that the affected puppies are being fed n a meat and dry food diet which theoretically contains adequate calcium, phosphorus and Vitamin D for bone growth. However, there is a high risk of them developing classical symptoms of rickets. Some authorities believe that although the dry foods are balanced to meet the dietary needs for growth, calcium may be less available due to binding to the cereal base and Vitamin D may be lost during storage. This may be the reason for the increase in both primary rickets and secondary hyperparathyroid problems in growing and racing greyhounds.

Let us discuss some of the causes and effects of skeletal diseases influenced by the diet that commonly

develop in greyhound puppies. There are a number of blood tests to measures calcium, phosphorus and enzyme levels that can be used to pinpoint the underlying reasons for bone and skeletal weakness in growing and racing greyhounds.

Calcium Deficiency

Calcium deficiency is linked to high meat diets, without adequate intake of a balanced calcium supplement. It may also be linked to dry foods that have less than optimum calcium availability. Blood samples can be take to measure blood calcium and phosphorus levels, however in most cases, the levels of these minerals in the blood are normal even if the animal is deficient in these minerals. This reflects the body's ability to maintain normal blood levels of these minerals by 'mining' them from the skeleton.

However, the level of an enzyme in the blood called alkaline phosphatase (ALP) can be measured to determine the extent of calcium deficiency. This enzyme is activate by bone modelling and remodelling activity in a racing greyhound in response to exercise loading , and often it is elevated above normal where there is a calcium or Vitamin D deficiency in the diet in a young growing greyhound. When the bones are X-rayed in a calcium deficient adult racing greyhound, areas of demineralisation with loss of density of the bone can be pinpointed. Often clinical calcium deficiency is linked to an increased risk of fractures in young racing greyhounds at breaking in, or in their first preparation at 15-16 months of age.

Although a greyhound suffering from a borderline calcium deficiency can exercise without any risk of bone deterioration, in a severe calcium deficiency brought on by high meat diets (without adequate calcium intake), the animal can develop symptoms of hind-limb weakness or paralysis. This is often due to partial vertebral collapse along the back-line and pinching of the spinal cord. Luckily this is not a common problem in young greyhounds. If a greyhound is receiving a high meat diet appropriate calcium supplementation should be given. A product such as Calci-D which is formulate to be fed in direct proportion to the amount of meat in the diet, will help to overcome these types of conditions brought on by calcium or Vitamin D deficiency.

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Did You Know?

The Beatles song "Martha My Dear" was written by Paul McCartney about his sheepdog Martha.

Source: The Land O' Useless Facts

According to tests made at the Institute for the Study of Animal Problems in Washington, D.C., dogs and cats, like people, are either right-handed or left-handed --- that is, they favor either their right or left paws.

Source: Useless Fact of the Day

More than 50 percent of dog and cat owneres give theirpets a human name, such as Molly, Sam or Max.

Source: American Animal Hospital Association

Hike! Marathon Point Score Update

Here's the latest point score update - incorporating the results of the Belangalo 50. For four dog and over teams, there's only one more race to go - the Kooyoora 50. The results will be incorporated in the finalised point score to appear in the October edition.

Meanwhile results for the 1, 2 and 3 dog teams have now been finalised and remain unchanged from last month. Congratulations to all.

Full Marathon point score results will appear in October edition.

Open Class

Name	Points	Races
J Toth	2419.84	3
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A Theuma	1416.068	2
T Mace	1000	1
Di Baker	960	1
W Baker	919.5303	1
O Robertson	582.7896	1
I Douglas	478.4633	1
N Randall	429.8634	1
G Badior	385.475	1

Chinooks - Frisco and Kali

Photo Nancy Bartol

Kontroversy Korner –Containing Kennel Cough

Peter Komidar

WHAT IS KENNEL COUGH

Kennel cough is a term applied to a highly contagious disease affecting the respiratory system of dogs. It is usually produced by a combination of bacterial and viral agents, and is influenced by various environmental factors.

The major sign of kennel cough is a spontaneous, dry, hacking cough that is easily induced. For example, simply walking the dog on a leash may cause a sudden fit of coughing. Owners may initially suspect that the dog has something caught in its throat, or that it is trying to vomit. Generally, three to 9 days is required after exposure to an infected animal before a dog develops the characteristic cough.

Most cases of canine kennel cough will spontaneously resolve in 10 days to 3 weeks.

Any dog that is suspected of having kennel cough should be isolated from other dogs so that it cannot transmit the disease to healthy animals.

THE DARK SIDE OF KENNEL COUGH

One of the curious aspects of human nature is our need to find scapegoats. And it seems with every major disease outbreak there is a similar witch-hunt. Only recently certain politicians were blaming Asian tourists for increases in TB. And before that gays were being blamed for AIDS. And for that matter go back a bit further to the Middle Ages and you'll find Gypsies, Jews and 'witches' were being blamed for a whole range of diseases and accidents.

So I guess it should come as no surprise really to have witnessed all the finger pointing as a result of this year's kennel cough outbreak – both at individuals and particular races. Sure we should isolate any affected dog as soon as it shows symptoms – but it is a disease after all and it will spread despite our best efforts. And while it may knock you out of a race or two – it really is only a cold – and we never blame mushers for passing on the human cold – even though that can knock you out of a race just as effectively.

OUT OF THE DARKNESS INTO THE LIGHT

It was for these reasons that I found it so enlightening to have attended the Wild Dog Derby. Wreaked with rumours of rampant diseased dogs, the race organisers turned a negative into a positive by putting into place a range of measures (under the guidance of race vet Dr Woof) which really set an example for all races – and indeed all mushers.

Based on a recognition that Kennel Cough is spread by the saliva expelled by the dog (for instance in coughing but also through more direct means – eg licking etc), people were advised not to handle any dogs other than their own. And for those who did (as did I when a four-dog team upped one of its stake out line stakes and started to wander off) buckets of hospital grade disinfectant were on hand to wash off any germs. In fact the disinfectant was so strong that my hands smelt of chlorine 24 hours later!

At the start chute, dog teams were spaced out at least a team length apart – to minimise any airborne saliva generated by a coughing dog. And all handlers were encouraged to wash their hands in the disinfectant immediately after handling dogs.

Needless to say I have not heard of anyone who contracted kennel cough as a result of attending the Wild Dog Derby.

LESSONS LEARNT

My first message is "race organisers take heed". Let's face it, it's not a race organising committee's fault if a dog infected by kennel cough attends a race. But one way of minimising the danger (and the flack) is to apply the stringent state-of-the-art methods adopted by the Wild Dog crew. I know I'd be more comfortable attending a race if I know those procedures were going to be adopted.

But the lessons don't stop there. Upon returning from SA, I was really surprised by how often we touch other people's dogs – potentially spreading the disease. We are all doggy people and love showing our affection to them through pats – but frankly I will not be handling another dog from now on unless there are good reasons (in the racing season anyway) – and if I do I will make sure to wash after. Why take the risk?

Finally, a lesson for dog outfitters, race dog markers, and yes race vets! I would really recommend having a bucket of strong disinfectant on hand and washing thoroughly after every contact. After all one of the first dogs you'll be infecting are likely to be your own!

CONCLUSION

OK, I'm not a vet –so what do I know. True – its up to you – but personally I won't be taking any risks next year.

WILDDOG DERBY 1999 Results 1 dog Classes

DRIVERS NAME	BIB	NET HEAT 1 ONLY	NET HEAT 2 ONLY	NET HEAT 1+ 2	FINAL POS.
Darren Kent	7	08:07.9	08:00.8	16:08.8	1
Darren Higgins	20	08:16.4	08:12.3	16:28.8	2
Jamie Dalziel	9	09:17.5	08:54.3	18:11.8	3
Chris Neave	11	09:13.5	09:03.0	18:16.5	4
Adrian Hurst	23	09:37.0	09:24.4	19:01.4	5
Ross Kinnane	1	09:28.2	09:36.7	19:05.0	6
Kieran Glaser	14	09:35.4	09:39.4	19:14.8	7
Peter McCann	5	09:55.3	09:51.9	19:47.2	8
Ashley Polley	4	10:03.6	10:08.0	20:11.6	9
Daniel Odgers	22	11:11.1	10:41.5	21:52.7	10
Michael Dutton	21	11:19.6	11:09.8	22:29.4	11
Sharon Komidar	18	11:33.0	11:23.3	22:56.3	12
Andrew Myers	19	12:34.7	12:01.4	24:36.1	13
Fiona Matthews	12	13:33.3	11:14.8	24:48.1	14
John Bunyon	6	13:00.3	12:13.6	25:13.9	17
Andrew Matthews	3	13:33.3	11:47.6	25:20.8	18
Kevin Wood	8	12:48.7	13:44.4	26:33.1	19
Barry Cook	17	14:27.7	13:45.2	28:12.9	20
Leanne Haller	10	13:58.3	15:18.5	29:16.8	21
Dave Brown	13	15:30.3	15:36.4	31:06.7	22
Merv Turner	2	16:02.2	16:34.4	32:36.6	23

WILDDOG DERBY 1999 Results 2 dog Classes

DRIVERS NAME	BIB	NET HEAT 1 ONLY	NET HEAT 2 ONLY	NET HEAT 1+ 2	FINAL POS.
Dave Hodgson	35	13:08.3	12:33.9	25:42.2	1
Peter Komidar	36	13:08.5	13:18.0	26:26.5	2
Graeme Cook	46	14:58.3	14:51.1	29:49.4	3
Michael Herbst	42	14:48.6	15:01.4	29:50.0	4
Annie Jackson	38	15:58.7	16:36.8	32:35.5	5
Daniel Odgers	39	16:26.6	16:10.1	32:36.7	6
Maryanne Robinson	41	17:30.3	17:03.0	34:33.3	7
Brendan Heinicke	37	17:33.9	18:19.7	35:53.6	8
Merv Turner	48	18:57.0	18:11.1	37:08.2	9
Ed Johnstone	40	19:11.0	19:20.9	38:31.9	10
Anthony Cook	34	19:49.0	19:00.2	38:49.3	11
Craig Wheeler	47	20:32.4	19:14.9	39:47.4	12
Dave Boulden	31	20:26.3	22:05.6	42:31.9	13
Robert Vitkunas	45	27:31.2	21:28.9	49:00.1	14
Michael Dutton	33	24:13.9	28:52.7	53:06.6	15

WILDDOG DERBY 1999 Results 3 & 4 dog Classes

DRIVERS NAME	BIB	NET HEAT 1 ONLY	NET HEAT 2 ONLY	NET HEAT 1+ 2	FINAL POS.
John Hodgson	65	19:41.2	19:08.6	38:49.8	1
Mitch Blockley	61	21:04.2	21:32.2	42:36.3	2
David Pettifer	62	22:07.2	22:59.9	45:07.1	3
Karen McCarthy	63	23:56.1	23:28.8	47:24.9	4
Jason Wooley	64	25:02.1	22:29.2	47:31.3	5

Altitude 5000 Sled Dog Derby 1999
Results - Heat One
Two Dog Class

Place	Name	Bib N°	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Total
1	Andrew Gersbach	26	00:04:41.34			00:04:41.34
2	Trav Smith	38	00:04:41.45			00:04:41.45
3	Darren Higgens	44	00:04:45.36			00:04:45.36
4	Peter Komidar	21	00:04:52.81			00:04:52.81
5	David Hutchinson	22	00:05:04.71			00:05:04.71
6	Darren Kent	59	00:05:05.60			00:05:05.60
7	Chris Giacomi	67	00:05:09.86			00:05:09.86
8	Merv Turner	69	00:05:18.83			00:05:18.83
9	Ross Kinane	45	00:05:25.59			00:05:25.59
10	David Potts	25	00:05:35.95			00:05:35.95
11	Craig Turner	54	00:05:53.90			00:05:53.90
12	Brian Drohn	30	00:05:55.81			00:05:55.81
13	Grant Myers	35	00:05:56.90			00:05:56.90
14	Karl Persson	48	00:05:58.41			00:05:58.41
15	Rob Tolhurst	52	00:06:09.74			00:06:09.74
16	Steven Blanch	65	00:06:16.25			00:06:16.25
17	Peter McCann	58	00:06:25.95			00:06:25.95
18	Jaime McIntyre	20	00:06:27.71			00:06:27.71
19	Matt Rowcliff	34	00:06:32.05			00:06:32.05
20	Heather Mcginess	40	00:06:32.41			00:06:32.41
21	David Debono	61	00:06:33.36			00:06:33.36
22	Murray McGregor	36	00:06:53.95			00:06:53.95
23	David Boulden	29	00:06:58.62			00:06:58.62
24	Alan Bartlett	68	00:07:04.84			00:07:04.84
25	Jason Montatanri	60	00:07:32.64			00:07:32.64
26	Don Walters	33	00:07:35.81			00:07:35.81
27	Jason Workman	46	00:07:50.66			00:07:50.66
28	Philip Myers	43	00:07:58.90			00:07:58.90
29	Jon Richards	64	00:08:36.54			00:08:36.54
30	Anne McIntyre	27	00:08:57.36			00:08:57.36
31	Rob Roseworne	28	00:09:01.78			00:09:01.78
32	Michael Ginis	31	00:10:15.28			00:10:15.28
33	Andrew Mathews	53	00:11:48.90			00:11:48.90
DNF	Glen Nicholson	32				00:00:00.00

Total of 33 active mushers

Altitude 5000 Sled Dog Derby 1999
Results - Heat One
Four Dog Class

Place	Name	Bib N°	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Total
1	Lawrie Coutts	10	00:08:35.99			00:08:35.99
2	John Hodgson	3	00:08:53.88			00:08:53.88
3	Natalie Colvin	18	00:09:24.40			00:09:24.40
4	Luke Elliot	7	00:09:26.92			00:09:26.92
5	Mark Waldock	19	00:10:19.46			00:10:19.46
6	Alex Theuma	2	00:10:21.58			00:10:21.58
7	David Pettifer	5	00:11:00.49			00:11:00.49
8	Peter Kuypers	15	00:12:29.08			00:12:29.08
9	Merv Turner	8	00:13:16.49			00:13:16.49
10	Mark Banks	16	00:13:18.08			00:13:18.08
11	Paul Cartwright	14	00:13:38.99			00:13:38.99
12	Craig Turner	11	00:14:35.02			00:14:35.02

Three Dog Class

Place	Name	Bib N°	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Total
1	Clem Bittendorfer	24	00:03:58.60			00:03:58.60
2	Adrian Fasham	62	00:04:18.95			00:04:18.95
3	Diane Baker	42	00:04:51.95			00:04:51.9
4	Geoff Carter	47	00:04:53.30			00:04:53.30
5	Ralph Koch	39	00:05:13.66			00:05:13.66
6	Owen Robertson	56	00:05:30.09			00:05:30.09
7	Jason Walkom	57	00:05:37.41			00:05:37.41
8	Daniel Hamann	23	00:05:43.99			00:05:43.99
9	Daniel Skakal	37	00:05:45.72			00:05:45.72
10	Ann-Marie Gardiner	51	00:05:59.36			00:05:59.36
11	Dimitris Limnatitis	41	00:06:05.60			00:06:05.60
12	Scott Glover	49	00:06:11.98			00:06:11.98
13	Liz Vandriel	66	00:06:22.05			00:06:22.05
14	Clem Kyle	55	00:08:06.98			00:08:06.98
15	Rodney Paul	50	00:08:07.76			00:08:07.76
16	Michael Dutton	63	00:08:10.36			00:08:10.36

Six Dog Class

Place	Name	Bib N°	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Total
1	Joszef Toth	17	00:09:19.18			00:09:19.18
2	Wayne Baker	9	00:09:39.12			00:09:39.12
3	Mitch Blockley	13	00:10:41.31			00:10:41.31
4	Greg Badior	1	00:10:50.46			00:10:50.46
5	Henry Cordani	4	00:11:16.88			00:11:16.88
6	Terry Mace	12	00:11:36.88			00:11:36.88
7	Marty Karow	6	00:11:53.71			00:11:53.71

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September	**Kooyoora Challenge (Sprint and Distance Race)**	**4-5 Septmeber**

B50 SLED DOG RACE

24th/25th July 1999

FINAL TIMES AND PLACES

Place	Musher	Bib No.	Time Overall
1	Terry Mace	1	8:53:50
2	Jozsef Toth	5	9:04:49
3	Wayne Baker	4	9:40:33
4	Marty Karrow	2	9:41:49
5	Geoff Stych	3	10:35:14

Canberra Classic 1999
Results - Final
One Dog Class

Place	Name	Bib N°	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Total
1	Darren Kent	95	00:08:25.79	00:08:21.10		00:16:46.89
2	Darren Higgins	109	00:08:45.58	00:08:08.65		00:16:54.23
3	Mark Mulcahy	128	00:08:41.59	00:08:25.75		00:17:07.34
4	Chris Neave	115	00:08:56.16	00:08:30.18		00:17:26.34
5	Mark Knowles	126	00:09:29.05	00:09:12.27		00:18:41.32
6	Trevor Taylor	125	00:10:07.87	00:09:25.98		00:19:33.85
7	Lea Mason	130	00:10:12.59	00:09:24.25		00:19:36.84
8	Rob Thompson	85	00:09:58.12	00:09:40.09		00:19:38.21
9	S Blanch	133	00:09:52.64	00:09:51.20		00:19:43.84
10	Paul Snibson	94	00:10:11.49	00:09:42.89		00:19:54.38
11	R Shailer	132	00:10:22.98	00:09:31.85		00:19:54.83
12	Ross Kinnane	89	00:10:08.75	00:09:51.44		00:20:00.19
13	Mike Allsop	118	00:09:52.58	00:10:47.81		00:20:40.39
14	Donal McIntyre	82	00:10:44.00	00:09:58.62		00:20:42.62
15	Donald Maillet	102	00:11:22.53	00:09:24.31		00:20:46.84
16	Chris Cobb	121	00:10:58.85	00:10:25.05		00:21:23.90
17	Joe Abela	86	00:10:55.88	00:10:45.74		00:21:41.62
18	Ricky Wheeler	138	00:11:09.92	00:10:35.48		00:21:45.40
19	David Buswell	99	00:11:12.07	00:10:35.68		00:21:47.7
20	Andrew Pinner	83	00:11:04.68	00:10:51.88		00:21:56.56
21	Haidee Hudson	137	00:11:41.66	00:10:20.26		00:22:01.92
22	Josh Martin	122	00:11:27.39	00:10:35.28		00:22:02.67
23	Tony Hosie	129	00:10:45.82	00:11:17.44		00:22:03.26
24	Peter McCann	81	00:11:25.79	00:10:54.54		00:22:20.33
25	David Potts	103	00:11:12.52	00:11:21.04		00:22:33.56
26	Darryl Gardner	110	00:11:43.09	00:11:21.00		00:23:04.09
27	Sharon Komidar	100	00:11:48.28	00:11:25.13		00:23:13.41
28	Nicole Smith	119	00:12:00.12	00:11:36.77		00:23:36.89
29	Carl Hampson	139	00:12:35.60	00:11:08.37		00:23:43.97
30	Michael Whitaker	113	00:12:20.14	00:11:26.31		00:23:46.45
31	Matt Rowcliff	120	00:11:34.13	00:12:27.95		00:24:02.08
32	Greg Anstiss	112	00:12:13.97	00:12:01.71		00:24:15.68
33	Jon Richards	92	00:12:35.85	00:11:43.17		00:24:19.02
34	Derek White	136	00:12:50.60	00:11:51.42		00:24:42.02
35	Natalie Fredericks	108	00:12:43.54	00:12:23.92		00:25:07.46
36	Tracy Carter	98	00:13:15.91	00:12:25.47		00:25:41.38
37	Paul Ogden	131	00:13:02.84	00:13:25.10		00:26:27.94
38	Thomas Lunney	87	00:14:13.08	00:13:16.00		00:27:29.08
39	Andrew Matthews	97	00:14:04.86	00:13:27.51		00:27:32.37

Canberra Classic 1999
Results - Final
One Dog Class

Place	Name	Bib N°	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Total
40	Brad McIntosh	107	00:13:35.24	00:14:10.02		00:27:45.26
41	Adam Payne	91	00:13:42.31	00:14:04.96		00:27:47.27
42	Sue Smith	123	00:15:18.81	00:15:58.70		00:31:17.51
43	Jason Workman	101	00:20:34.55	00:11:10.53		00:31:45.08
44	Fiona Matthews	96	00:14:34.86	00:17:41.80		00:32:16.66
45	Chris Smith	111	00:18:04.48	00:17:06.49		00:35:10.97
46	Ben Hart	93	00:18:56.61	00:19:56.02		00:38:52.63
47	Anne Shearston	104	00:27:42.88	00:26:11.60		00:53:54.48
SCR	Ralph Koch	84	00:11:52.74			00:11:52.74
SCR	Dean Brussow	114	00:13:54.13			00:13:54.13
SCR	Rachel Murphy	135	00:15:08.39			00:15:08.39
SCR	Alison Slater	134				00:00:00.00
SCR	David Forst	127				00:00:00.00
SCR	Michael Curman	117				00:00:00.00
SCR	Rob Davey	116				00:00:00.00
SCR	Jeff James	106				00:00:00.00
SCR	Colin Cope	105				00:00:00.00
SCR	Judy Paule	90				00:00:00.00
SCR	Jason Strenger	88				00:00:00.00
DNF	Michael Herbst	124				00:00:00.00

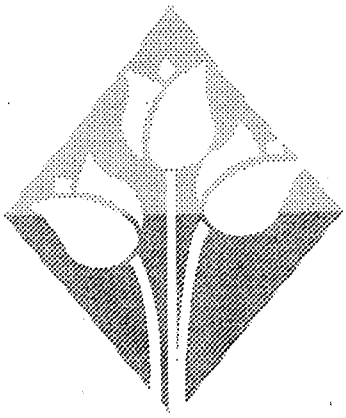
Canberra Classic 1999
Results - Final
Three/Four Dog Class

Place	Name	Bib N°	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Total
1	Terry Mace	2	00:21:39.58	00:21:00.05		00:42:39.63
2	Lawrence Coutts	11	00:22:06.42	00:21:27.97		00:43:34.39
3	John Hodgson	9	00:21:51.25	00:21:56.18		00:43:47.43
4	Owen Robertson	1	00:22:41.66	00:21:19.18		00:44:00.84
5	Alex Theuma	6	00:22:07.23	00:22:20.15		00:44:27.38
6	Mark/Karin Waldock	4	00:22:35.99	00:23:43.21		00:46:19.20
7	David Pettifer	8	00:23:05.69	00:24:04.17		00:47:09.86
8	Ivan Douglas	7	00:24:07.35	00:24:46.58		00:48:53.93
9	Karen McCarthy	12	00:28:37.77	00:27:32.76		00:56:10.53
10	Ralph Koch	3	00:28:02.63	00:31:33.74		00:59:36.37
11	Clem Kyle	14	00:30:04.13	00:30:31.86		01:00:35.99
12	Craig Turner	10	00:33:33.55	00:36:04.14		01:09:37.69
13	Peter Kuypers	5	00:34:02.56	00:37:54.16		01:11:56.72
SCR	Mitch Blockley	15				00:00:00.00

Total of 13 active mushers

Canberra Classic 1999
Results - Final
Two Dog Class

Place	Name	Bib N°	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Total
1	Clem Bittendorfer	29	00:15:00.01	00:15:03.88		00:30:03.89
2	David Hodgson	40	00:15:28.86	00:14:49.68		00:30:18.54
3	Peter Komidar	32	00:15:30.39	00:15:58.42		00:31:28.81
4	Beth Bobrof	31	00:15:59.03	00:15:40.88		00:31:39.91
5	Lyndon Reid	50	00:18:00.52	00:17:33.59		00:35:34.11
6	David Cole	28	00:17:51.50	00:17:46.75		00:35:38.25
7	Ian Higgins	47	00:17:43.45	00:17:55.77		00:35:39.22
8	Craig Turner	41	00:18:49.76	00:17:26.95		00:36:16.71
9	Daniel Skakal	23	00:18:01.95	00:18:17.39		00:36:19.34
10	Kasie Losurdo	44	00:18:16.81	00:18:02.81		00:36:19.62
11	Andrew Gershbach	61	00:18:13.31	00:18:30.43		00:36:43.74
12	Daniel Odgers	49	00:18:32.17	00:19:05.37		00:37:37.54
13	Geoff Carter	57	00:19:03.59	00:18:59.99		00:38:03.58
14	David Potts	35	00:18:33.43	00:19:32.19		00:38:05.62
15	Tony Hosie	58	00:19:21.12	00:18:47.77		00:38:08.89
16	Peter Skinner	66	00:19:45.42	00:18:38.69		00:38:24.11
17	Anne-Marie Gardner	43	00:20:38.21	00:18:42.51		00:39:20.72
18	Ivan Douglas	65	00:19:53.77	00:20:00.43		00:39:54.20
19	Henry Cordani	55	00:20:10.42	00:19:44.16		00:39:54.58
20	Andrew Colvin	56	00:21:21.56	00:20:52.02		00:42:13.58
21	Dave Hutchinson	33	00:17:11.59	00:25:06.67		00:42:18.26
22	Jayson Montanari	38	00:21:15.17	00:21:04.46		00:42:19.63
23	Kelly Gardner	42	00:21:13.71	00:21:17.02		00:42:30.73
24	Craig Hardie	46	00:21:03.24	00:21:28.42		00:42:31.66
25	Natalie Brown	64	00:22:19.90	00:20:23.94		00:42:43.84
26	Nora Galway	25	00:21:35.10	00:21:26.54		00:43:01.64
27	Grant Myers	27	00:20:18.00	00:23:11.98		00:43:29.98
28	S Blanch	59	00:20:45.54	00:23:36.62		00:44:22.16
29	Dimitris Limnatitis	48	00:20:32.41	00:24:56.58		00:45:28.99
30	M McGregor	26	00:24:25.48	00:25:10.79		00:49:36.27
31	Rob Tolhurst	39	00:25:05.64	00:25:30.00		00:50:35.64
32	Brian Dron	68	00:25:57.71	00:24:53.43		00:50:51.14
33	Donald Maillet	30	00:24:53.88	00:26:47.60		00:51:41.48
34	Len Tomlinson	51	00:29:18.95	00:23:25.28		00:52:44.23
35	Karen Johnson	37	00:27:45.67	00:26:01.11		00:53:46.78
36	Liz Van Driel	54	00:26:50.24	00:27:14.60		00:54:04.84
37	Dee Morgan	62	00:30:13.37	00:32:34.12		01:02:47.49
38	Mary Kershaw	45	00:34:23.52	00:32:20.72		01:06:44.24
39	Anne McIntyre	21	00:29:54.04	00:37:03.63		01:06:57.67
40	Rod Paule	24	00:36:19.40	00:36:54.28		01:13:13.68
41	Anna Paxton	67	00:35:29.42	00:39:47.03		01:15:16.45



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Hindsight

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