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Special points of interest:

- The twenty-fifth issue of Fernamber Off Lead is here
- Teagan, T Ch Fernamber Silhouette CDX turned ten years old!
- Joshua, Ferntip Golden Blaze UD turned fourteen in September!
- Avalon, T Ch Goorambat Belle Starr awarded Tracking Dog of the Year 2007

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Fernamber Off Lead

Welcome to our Summer Issue

In November Teagan along with her six brothers and sisters were ten years old! To celebrate this milestone nineteen dogs and their families got together at the Kepala Canine Country Club for a doggy day of swimming, fun and cake! It's hard to complain about rain but that Sunday was the wettest day we have had for a long while. So if you think the dogs in the photo look a bit bedraggled it's only because they were out in the rain!



Tessa, Teagan, Jaimee, Byron, April and Huney

Earlier this year Missie, Ch Fernamber Apparition had a litter of ten puppies for Dykinta kennels in NSW. Her owners, Vicki and Darren are thrilled to have a new puppy, Laddie, in their household.

In September Edynn, T Ch Fernamber Edynn had eight puppies, four girls and four boys for Morningmyst Golden Retrievers.

Ashley is still thinking about her puppies, but we are hoping to hear some little paws early next year.

Congratulations to Avalon, T Ch Goorambat Belle Starr who was awarded Tracking Dog of the Year 2007 by the Tracking Club of Victoria.

Best wishes to Lyn who is finally back home after ten long weeks in hospital. We hope you're feeling better!

A very sad fact about dogs is that we are always saying goodbye to our friends. There have been too many sad farewells recently and we are thinking of the families that are missing them desperately.

Farewell Shona, Chester, Rosie, Fern and Shae. We will be seeing you again

*Our family chain is broken
It will never be the same
But as we leave, one by one
The chain will link again*

Cheryl recently completed a short course in the web design software Dreamweaver. So you can expect some changes in the Fernamber website—one day!

Christmas will soon be here! I hope you're ready! Season's greetings to all! And keep those dogs cool!



Obedience Barbie

OBEDIENCE BARBIE: Barbie comes with a training bag full of gear, a set of utility articles, a full set of regulation obedience jumps, her own lawn chair, cooler, a subscription to Front and Finish, and her very own obedience Golden Retriever "O Ch Sparklepond's Shorestepper's Heelalong Fool" better known as "Two-hundred". Accessories such as HIT ribbons and high scoring club plaques can be purchased separately.

TRACKING BARBIE: Barbie comes with a polartec snowsuit, Gore-Tex raingear and boots, wool socks, leather tracking gloves, silk long underwear, sunscreen, bug spray, a baseball cap, a waterproof clipboard, mylar paper and space pens in three colours. She also comes with whistles in two different colours to match the snowsuit and rain gear, a complete set of tracking

flags, a compass, and a set of 12 different tracking articles. Unlike most Barbies, this Barbie always has a "bad hair day" so it's best to leave a hood or the baseball cap over her hair at all times. Included in the deluxe version is Barbie's tracking dog "Pokealong's Can't Find Squat TD", "Sniffer", a Siberian Husky who comes with his own harness and rope as well as a lifetime supply of hot dogs. Sniffer has been known to eat start articles with one gulp and turn the start flag into a large toy at TDX tests, grabbing it in his mouth and running in large circles around the paddock (especially when there is a large audience watching). This version also comes with a case of Valium for Tracking Barbie for this very reason. This is the most expensive Barbie and most collectors prefer to leave her in the original box.



Barbie comes with all accessories.

Keeping Clean!

Rolling in dust or sand is a natural way in which dogs look after their skin and coat. Rolling has a massaging effect on the dog's skin, which apart from feeling good to the dog, has the following benefits;

- The dog dislodges stubborn debris that it cannot remove by grooming with its tongue and paws

- The sebaceous glands produce an oily substance called sebum that waterproofs the skin and makes the coat look sleek. Sebum also contains chemicals that prevent infection.

from "Caring For Your Dog" Dr Bruce Fogle

Help Wanted

A dog was walking down the street one day when he passed a store with a HELP WANTED sign in the window.

The dog walked into the store and told the manager that he wanted the job. The manager said, "Great! You have to be able to type well, you have to know computer programming, and you have to be bilingual."

The dog sat down at a computer and typed a two page document in under five minutes.

"Wow!" said the manager, "Can you write computer programs?"

The dog turned back to the computer and successfully wrote a complicated program.

"That's great," said the manager, "but you have to be bilingual, too."

The dog looked up at the manager and said, "Meow."

*The adult heartworm
has been documented
to live around
seven years in the dog.*



The best man for the job!

Keeping Your Dog Cool

In hot weather provide your dog with at least two bowls of fresh cool water. Always place them in a spot that will be shady all day and make sure they can't be knocked over. Metal and plastic bowls can heat up very quickly in the sun. Puppies may chew plastic bowls. Freeze margarine tubs filled with water and place these in the water bowls to keep the water cool.

Freeze chicken necks, lamb flaps or marrow bones overnight. These make a great treat and will help to cool your dog.

Place a child's clam shell in the shade. Fill one side with water and fill the other side with sand. Wet the sand down so it's cool for your dog to dig and roll around in.

Freeze juice or soft drink bottles filled with water for your dog to play with. They will also help to keep him cool.

Make sure there is plenty of shade in the yard for your dog.

Groom your dog with a grooming mitt, comb or slicker to remove any dead hair. Dead hair in his coat traps heat and will make him uncomfortable.

An overweight dog is prone to overheating. This is because extra fat layers can trap the heat within his body.

Exercise your dog only during in the cooler parts of the day, the morning or the evening. Watch your dog for signs of heat stress such as excessive panting. If he shows signs of stress, allow him to rest in a shady well ventilated spot. Carry a water bottle and bowl with you.

Take special care on humid days. The effectiveness of your dog's cooling method of panting is reduced in high humidity.



A great way to keep cool

UP!

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP? At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP and why are officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends. And we brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses. To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed UP is special. A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP. We

open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP. When it doesn't rain for awhile, things dry UP. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP! Look UP the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk sized dictionary, the word UP takes UP almost 1/4th of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions. If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now my time is UP, so it's time to shut UP!

The Guests



Ten years old today!

Climate Change

Deforestation is actually the second biggest source of global greenhouse gas emissions.

The Newsletter from Fernamber Golden Retrievers

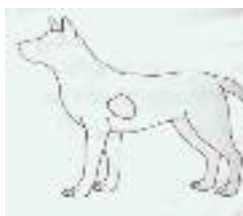
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the Clever Companions*

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The inner thigh



Below the wrist



Below the ankle



Dash and Dot say,



*"I am bigger than the
cat next door and should not be
afraid of him."*

*We wish everyone a very happy
festive season*

and the very best for 2008,

Cheryl and Goldens,

April, Teagan, Paddington & Ashley 

Measuring Heart Rate and Pulse

Observe how your dog breathes, eats, drinks, walks, urinates and defecates. Knowing these things about your dog will make you sensitive to any changes that may signal problems.

Heart Rate and Pulse

The heartbeat of a dog can be felt above the point where the left elbow touches the chest (above the fifth rib.)

1. Lay your dog down on the right side.
2. Gently bend the left front leg at the elbow.
3. Bring the elbow back to where it touches the chest.
4. Place your hand or the stethoscope (available at most pharmacies) over this area to feel or hear and count the heartbeats.

The pulse can also be felt using your middle and index finger at these locations.

The inner thigh. This is the easiest of the three locations at which to find the pulse.

1. Lay your dog down, on either side.
2. Gently lift the upper back leg away from the lower back leg.
3. Place your two fingers as high up as possible on the inside of either leg, just where the leg meets the body wall. A light touch should be used: if you press too hard you will not feel the pulse.
4. The pulse can be felt in the middle of the leg approximately half way between the front and back of the leg, where you can feel a recess in the leg; this recess is where the blood vessels run.

Just below the wrist

1. Locate the area just above the middle pad on the underside of a front paw.

2. Lightly place your middle and index finger at this point. Feel for a pulse.

Just below the ankle (hock)

1. Locate the area just above the middle pad on the underside of a hind paw.
2. Lightly place your middle and index finger at this point. Feel for a pulse.

Practice on your pet before an emergency occurs!

Normal Heart and Pulse rates

- Small, miniature, or toy breed (15 Kg or less): 100-100 beats per minute.
- Medium to large breed (over 15 Kg): 60-100 beats per minute.
- Puppy (until one year old): 120-160 beats per minute.

Heart rates outside these ranges could signal an emergency.

Breathing rate

- Have your dog either stand or lie down.
- Watch your dog and count the numbers of times, in one minute, that the chest rises and falls.

In an emergency situation, if you are not sure whether your dog is breathing, try one of these techniques:

- Hold a cotton ball or tissue in front of the nostrils and watch it to see if it moves.
- Hold a mirror up to your dog's nose and look for water droplets (condensation). Droplets mean your dog is breathing.

Normal Breathing rates

- 10-30 breaths per minute.
- Up to 200 pants per minute.