

Send us your email  
address for the next issue

#### Special points of interest:

- T Ch Fernamber Rendezvous qualified for her Tracking Champion Title
- T Ch Fernamber Nymph CD awarded Obedience Dog of the Year
- Fernamber Tambourine NRD CDX awarded Retrieving Dog of the Year
- Fernamber Labyrinth awarded Baby Puppy in Show at the Gunnedah, Northern Gundog and Gunnedah shows
- Ch Fernamber Apparition awarded Best Exhibit in Group at the Gunnedah and Wingham shows

#### Inside this issue:

Who's for Cats?	2
The Quiz	2
Flea Facts!	2
CARTROPHEN VET®	3
Mozart Soothes Elephant's Grief	3
Barking Mad	3
I Am Thankful	4

# Fernamber Off Lead

## Welcome to our Winter Issue

It's getting colder! Wrap yourself up in some warm winter woollies and enjoy!

The first tracking trial of the season has come and gone and clever Ashley is now a Tracking Champion! Many thanks to her clever handler, Peter Howard who was responsible for Ashley's success. Also many thanks to her tracklayer, Faye who lay out in a paddock in the freezing cold waiting for Ashley to find her!

Ashley's puppies have all settled into their new homes and are gradually learning how to run things. They are four months old, full of beans and learning how to be big dogs!

Benjamin, Fernamber Labyrinth, was awarded Baby Puppy in Show at his very first show and has followed that up with two more Baby Puppy in Shows and a Baby Puppy in Group award.

His older sister, Missie, Ch Fernamber Apparition was awarded Best Exhibit in Group at the Gunnedah and Wingham Championship Shows. Congratulations Vickie and Darren!

Baby Scarlett is learning how to track—you should see her go!

Bella, T Ch Fernamber Nymph CD was awarded Obedience Dog of the Year and Meg, Fernamber Tambourine NRD CDX was awarded Retrieving Dog of the Year at the Golden Retriever Club of Victoria presentation day. Congratulations to Kim and Norma on their achievements!

Meg, Fernamber Tambourine NRD CDX was also awarded First Place in the Restricted Stake at the Labrador Retriever Club Trial. Congratulations Norma!

The wild storms that hit Melbourne in April



Bella, Scarlett, Benjamin, Hudson, Boris and Ashton  
Fernamber Liberty, Lantaana, Labyrinth, Landmark, Lexicon, Lazarus

left us with no power for two days—the inconvenience is a memory now but there is now an emergency kit in the house with lights, batteries and other essentials. That is sure to make the kit unneeded!

Sadly we said goodbye to more of our friends. Rest In Peace Normie, Shaq and Fang the cat. We will remember you...



"Hey, I'm not crazy... Sure, I let him drive once in a while, but he's never, never off this leash for even a second!"

## Who's for Cats?

There are a staggering half a million unowned stray cats living a life of disease, neglect and public nuisance in Victoria.

"The massive and growing number of unowned cats is a tragedy for the welfare of the animals" said Dr Carole Webb, Director of the Cat Protection Society of Victoria. "Through research, we know many people - often very well intentioned - demonstrating genuine care - feed unowned cats without realising their actions are contributing to the growth of the stray cat population," Dr Webb said.

"Feeding an unowned cat enables it to grow strong enough to reproduce which in turn results in more kittens being born into a life of disease and neglect. Cats have the ability to breed very quickly, and every year, around 35,000 cats are euthanased after being impounded."

Tragically, thousands of the cats that have to be euthanased are healthy sociable kittens. There are simply not enough people to adopt them.

"This is a situation no humane person or cat lover wants to see continue."

"They also create significant community nuisance, preying on wildlife, yowling at night, spraying strong smelling urine, fighting with responsibly owned cats and spreading disease."

The 'Who's for Cats?' campaign is calling for people who are feeding an unowned cat to act humanely by either taking full ownership of the cat (registering and desexing it), or bringing the cat into a shelter. For information on what to do if you come across an unowned cat, visit [www.whosforcats.com.au](http://www.whosforcats.com.au).



There are a staggering half a million unowned stray cats in Victoria

## The Quiz

1. How long did the Hundred Years War last?  
\*116 years
2. Which country makes Panama hats?  
\*Ecuador
3. From which animal do we get cat gut?  
\*Sheep and Horses
4. In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?  
\*November
5. What is a camel's hair brush made of?  
\*Squirrel fur
6. The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?  
\*Dogs
7. What was King George VI's first name?  
\*Albert
8. What colour is a purple finch?  
\*Crimson
9. Where are Chinese gooseberries from?  
\*New Zealand
10. What is the colour of the black box in a commercial airplane?  
\*Orange, of course.

What do you mean you failed?

---

*"Do you know what colour a purple finch is?"*

---

## Flea Facts!

Some interesting facts about the adult flea:

- The female flea must have a meal of blood before she can lay eggs, so fleas cannot breed on the ground - it all happens on your pet's coat
- The adult female flea consumes 15 times it's bodyweight in blood each day and lays approximately it's body weight in eggs.
- Adult female fleas don't tend to jump from pet to pet, once they find a host they stay attached for the rest of their life - drinking blood and laying eggs !
- The adult only makes up less than 5% of the total flea population in an environment. The other 95% are eggs, larvae, pupae waiting to become adults!



Not Fleas!

## CARTROPHEN VET®

CARTROPHEN VET® is a revolutionary advance in the treatment for arthritis in dogs. Tens of thousands of dogs around the world are enjoying the benefits of this proven Australian technology which relieves pain and lameness, and dramatically increases the range of pain-free movement by treating the underlying disease processes.

Treatment is similar to vaccinations, with weekly doses for four weeks, followed by booster shots, which your veterinarian will adjust to achieve the best results for your dog. Eight out of ten pets respond quickly to the initial course with an increase in activity and general well-being. This improvement should last for more than three months and may last for years in less severe conditions. If you want your dog to enjoy the full benefit of the treatment, it is

essential to complete the full course.

CARTROPHEN VET® is pentosan polysulphate. It has multiple pharmacological actions which affect the immune and tissue cell systems.

These effects include:

- Inhibition of enzymes which break down cartilage in addition to stimulating natural inhibitors of these destructive enzymes.
- Stimulation of the production of lubricant and cartilage molecules by the joint cells.
- Improvement of the circulation of blood to the arthritic tissues, thus improving nutrition to the joint tissues.
- Normalisation of the immune response by regulating the messenger molecules which control these processes.
- Stimulation of the production of proteins which block damaging free radicals and antigens.



CARTROPHEN VET® - a revolutionary treatment for arthritis  
[www.ingleburnvet.com.au/cartrophen.htm](http://www.ingleburnvet.com.au/cartrophen.htm)

## Mozart Soothes Elephant's Grief

Suma, a 45-year-old elephant and long-time resident of the Zagreb Zoo in Croatia, was bereaved and inconsolable after her pachyderm partner of 10 years died of cancer. "Suma became very depressed after Patna died," head of Zagreb Zoo Mladen Anic said. "She was refusing to eat became uncommunicative, and showed all the signs of serious depression." Then, by sheer accident, Suma's keepers discovered that the healing power of Mozart extends to animals too. The zoo had organised a concert of classical music opposite Suma's dwelling. At the sight of the musicians preparing themselves, Suma became very

nervous and aggressive, peppering the intruders with little stones that she blew out of her trunk. But as soon as the concert started Suma leaned against the fence, closed her eyes and listened without moving to the entire concert. When zoo authorities realised that classical music seemed to help Suma cope with her grief, they bought a stereo so she could get a daily dose of music therapy. The elephant especially adores Mozart but is also partial to the strains of Vivaldi and Bach. "We are so glad that we can provide - at what is a rather advanced age for elephants - things that Suma really enjoys," Mr Anic said.

*"Suma became very depressed."*

## Barking Mad

Paddy and his missus are lying in bed listening to the next door neighbour's dog barking. He had been barking for hours.

Suddenly Paddy jumps up and says "I've had enough of this." He goes downstairs.

Paddy finally comes back to bed and his wife says, "The dog is still barking. What have you been doing?"

Paddy says "I've put the dog in our yard. See how THEY like it !"



I love to bark!!

The Newsletter from  
Fernamber Golden Retrievers

Chery Gibson  
Corrimela  
1 Namatjira Ave  
Plenty Vic 3090

Phone: (03) 9435 7848  
Email: cgibson@fernamber.com



*Golden Retrievers are  
the Clever Companions*

See our previous issues at  
[www.fernamber.com/page9.html](http://www.fernamber.com/page9.html)

**Visit us at  
[www.fernamber.com](http://www.fernamber.com)**



I Am Thankful



*"The world is a dangerous place,  
not because of those who do evil,  
but because of those who look on  
and do nothing."*

*Albert Einstein*

*Until next issue,*

*Cheryl and Goldens,*

*April, Teagan, Paddington & Ashley* 

## I Am Thankful

I AM THANKFUL  
FOR THE WIFE  
WHO SAYS IT'S HOT DOGS TONIGHT,  
BECAUSE SHE IS HOME WITH ME,  
AND NOT OUT WITH SOMEONE ELSE.

FOR THE HUSBAND  
WHO IS ON THE SOFA  
BEING A COUCH POTATO,  
BECAUSE HE IS HOME WITH ME  
AND NOT OUT AT THE BARS.

FOR THE TEENAGER  
COMPLAINING ABOUT DOING DISHES  
BECAUSE SHE IS AT HOME,  
NOT ON THE STREETS.

FOR THE TAXES  
THAT I PAY  
BECAUSE IT MEANS THAT  
I AM EMPLOYED.

FOR THE MESS  
TO CLEAN AFTER A PARTY  
BECAUSE IT MEANS THAT I HAVE  
BEEN SURROUNDED BY FRIENDS.

FOR THE CLOTHES  
THAT FIT A LITTLE TOO SNUG  
BECAUSE IT MEANS  
I HAVE ENOUGH TO EAT.

FOR MY SHADOW  
THAT WATCHES ME WORK  
BECAUSE IT MEANS  
I AM OUT IN THE SUNSHINE.

FOR A LAWN  
THAT NEEDS MOWING,  
WINDOWS THAT NEED CLEANING,  
AND GUTTERS THAT NEED FIXING  
BECAUSE IT MEANS I HAVE A HOME.

FOR ALL THE COMPLAINING  
I HEAR ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT  
BECAUSE IT MEANS THAT  
WE HAVE FREEDOM OF SPEECH.

FOR THE PARKING SPOT  
I FIND AT THE FAR END OF THE CARPARK  
BECAUSE IT MEANS  
I AM CAPABLE OF WALKING.

FOR MY HUGE HEATING BILL  
BECAUSE IT MEANS  
I AM WARM.

FOR THE LADY  
BEHIND ME IN CHURCH  
THAT SINGS OFF KEY  
BECAUSE IT MEANS  
THAT I CAN HEAR.

FOR THE PILE  
OF LAUNDRY AND IRONING  
BECAUSE IT MEANS  
I HAVE CLOTHES TO WEAR.

FOR WEARINESS  
AND ACHING MUSCLES  
AT THE END OF THE DAY  
BECAUSE IT MEANS  
HAVE BEEN CAPABLE OF WORKING HARD.

FOR THE ALARM  
THAT GOES OFF  
IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS  
BECAUSE IT MEANS THAT I AM ALIVE.

AND FINALLY...  
FOR TOO MUCH E-MAIL  
BECAUSE IT MEANS I HAVE  
FRIENDS WHO ARE THINKING OF ME.