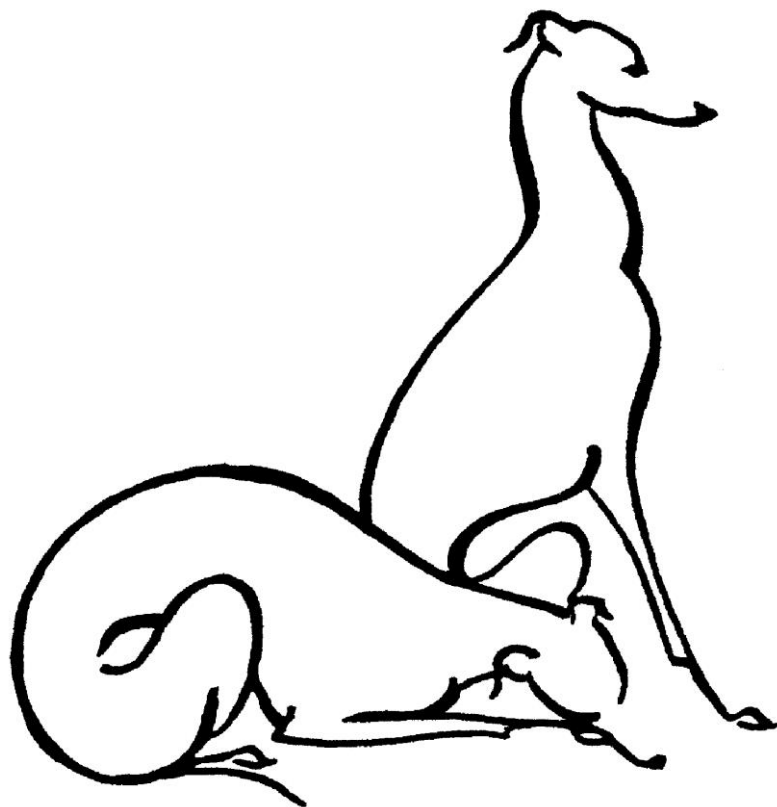


Whippet Whispers



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Winter Edition

From the desk of the president.....

Who would have thought that 2020 would be the year that we have experienced so far. From fires, to floods and now Covid-19! It has been a lot to deal with for many and although the year is not over yet, it does feel like there is a light at the end of the tunnel with this pandemic that we are currently facing.

With Covid-19 came the cancellation of all shows across Australia and the world. Very disappointing for our dog community but the right decision for everyone involved. With strict restrictions in place for all in early March, in came the huge amount of emails of many wanting a puppy. A very worrying time for all with puppies or planned litters as the 'spontaneous buyer' seemed to be wanting a puppy as they were home during the virus but then what happens to said puppy when the world goes back to normal? Worrying times but hopefully any puppies that have gone to new homes have a wonderful long life with their new owners.

The committee met recently via a zoom meeting to tie up a few loose ends since the cancelled shows. It was also suggested by club members Greg and Cheryl Skene to have a club meet up for lunch. What a great idea! So arrangements have been made for a get together.

More information regarding this later in this newsletter and hopefully we can catch up with a few of you there.

Until next time.....

Margot Quinn

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Every ingredient matters

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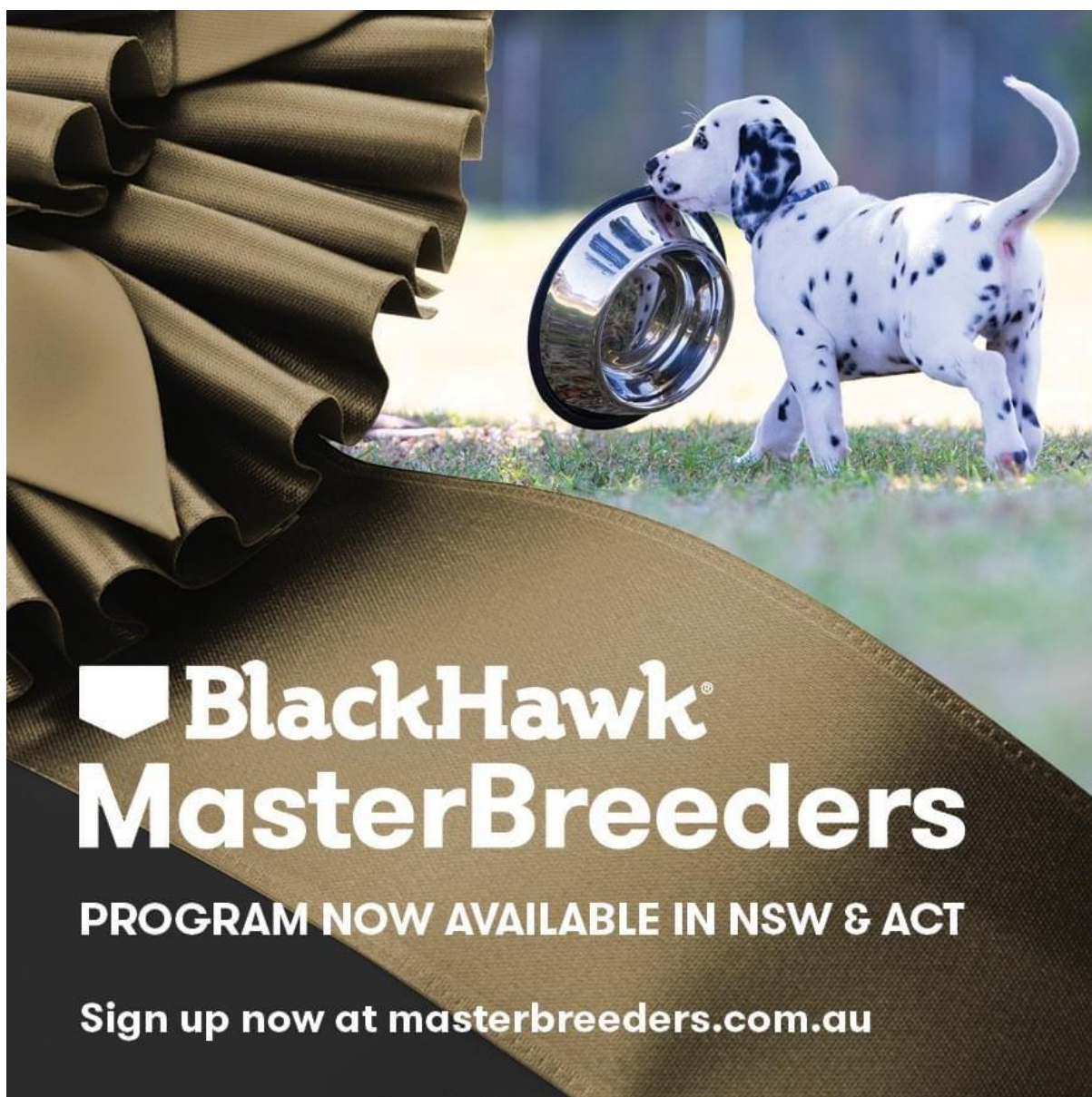
We welcome you to join us for a catch up in the Southern Highlands


When: Sunday 26th July 2020

Where: Surveyor General Inn – Berrima, NSW

Time: 12pm onwards

RSVP: Please RSVP to Jenna McNeill on Facebook or email the club nswwhippetclub@gmail.com



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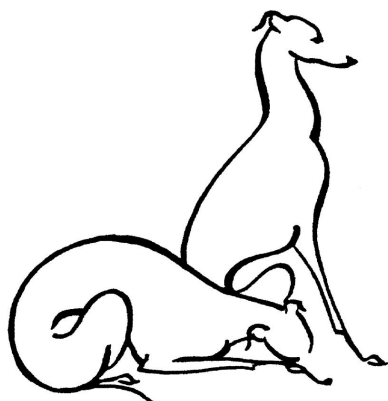
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2021 Easter specialty

Pending Dogs NSW Approval

The Whippet Club of NSW Inc

Good Friday 2nd April 2021
Easter Sunday 4th April 2021

Appointed Judges:

Nicole Harrison (Devine Whippets, NZ)
Jo Whithead (Citycroft Whippets, UK)

Other shows that will be on in the same week/Weekend

- * Whippet judging at the Advance Royal Sydney Show
- * The Sighthound Association (at the same grounds as the Whippet specialty)

More information regarding these events will be posted to our club website, social media and circulated to members as they come to hand

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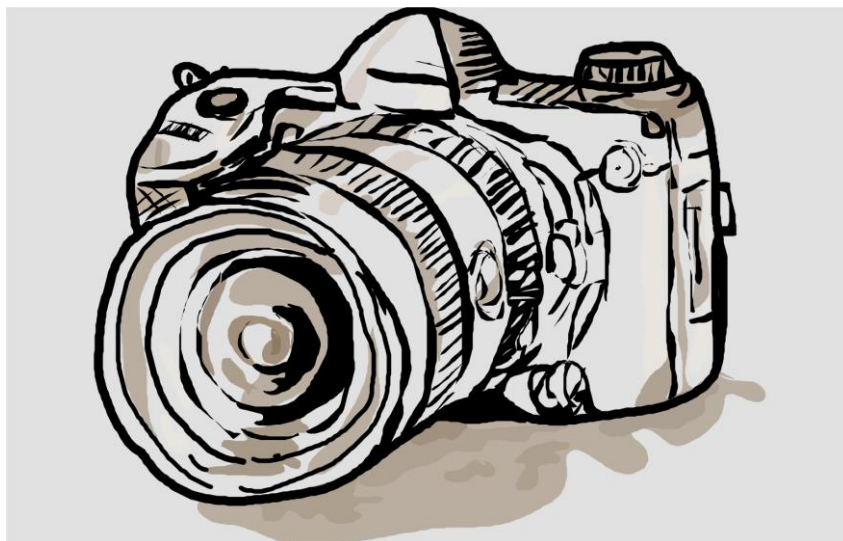
2021 Club Calendar

Club members are invited to submit photos to feature in our 2021 club calendar

- Photos must be in high res
 - Landscape layout
- You must have the permission of the photographer to use the photo for the 2021 club calendar publication purposes

All photos submitted will then be uploaded to our club page and the photos with the most likes/loves will feature in the calendar.

We look forward to seeing the images submitted so get clicking!!



“SHOW DOGS AND STUD DOGS”

by Richard G. (Rick) Beauchamp



A STUD DOG IS NOT SIMPLY A MALE DOG. Neither do show records or championships have anything to do with a dog's producing ability. Winning in the show ring proves the dog has the quality necessary to win. Siring outstanding offspring is the only thing that proves a sire's ability. These are two entirely different qualities.

A dog can be a truly great show dog and a poor sire. A dog can hate the show ring and never win a point and be an outstanding sire. It is just as simple as that. The biggest mistake breeders, novice or veteran, can make is to confuse their show dogs with their breeding dogs. They can be the same. We hope they will be the same. Often they are not.

There are those who say show wins are the indicator of a dog's value to the breed. In other words, if many judges agree a particular dog is the current ideal in its breed, the dog should be bred to. I agree - but only to a degree.

You can get every judge in the country to agree that the dog of the hour is the dog of the hour, but that same dog can be a complete disappointment in the breeding department. If a dog's quality is not realized in the whelping box, all we have is a box full of ribbons and nothing more.

This is not to say a winning dog cannot also be an outstanding producer. Records prove otherwise. But I cannot stress strongly enough that it is the producing ability that must be looked to and not the show record!

Even the outstanding sire can be misused. Most breeds have had those truly wonderful show dogs who develop records that become the envy of one and all. Unfortunately, they become the envy of too many who feel if a dog is good enough to win every award in sight, it must be good enough to breed every bitch in sight.

In a way, the popular stud dog that produces well only with certain bitch lines can be very destructive to a breed. A few excellent youngsters emerge from the right combination and the parade begins. Every bitch that can see lightning and hear thunder is bred to the dog, but the percentage of quality produced is minuscule. The breed takes a big step backward.

This is actually not the fault of the sire, but of the owners of the many bitches who follow the parade to the popular sire, regardless of the fact that he would in fact be the last choice for their particular bitch.

Truly great sires are really few and far between. There's an old saying I heard somewhere along the way that goes something like, "You can breed that one to a fence post and you'll still get good pups." They are the rare ones, the ones that any breed is lucky to have, but it is highly doubtful that any breed will have such a dog any more than once in any breeder's lifetime.

This no doubt all sounds perfectly logical, but I could write whole books on the excuses young breeders make for not breeding to the correct dog for their bitch: snow storms, rain storms, typhoons and earthquakes; the correct dog's third cousin lives down the street; it's just her first season and I'm "proving" her; etc., etc., etc.

There is only one breeding worth making - the right one. When it comes time to breed your quality bitch, stop and think, what if this turns out to be the only litter she will ever have!"

SAVE THE DATE!

7th Whippet National 2021

Hosted by The Whippet Association of Victoria Inc

23rd Sept -25th Sept 2021

KCC Park, 655 Western Port Highway, Skye VIC

More Information about this event to be circulated to members in the upcoming newsletters and shared on Social media