

99014 \$2.50
TOP DOG JOURNAL

(F)
ISSN 1037 5090

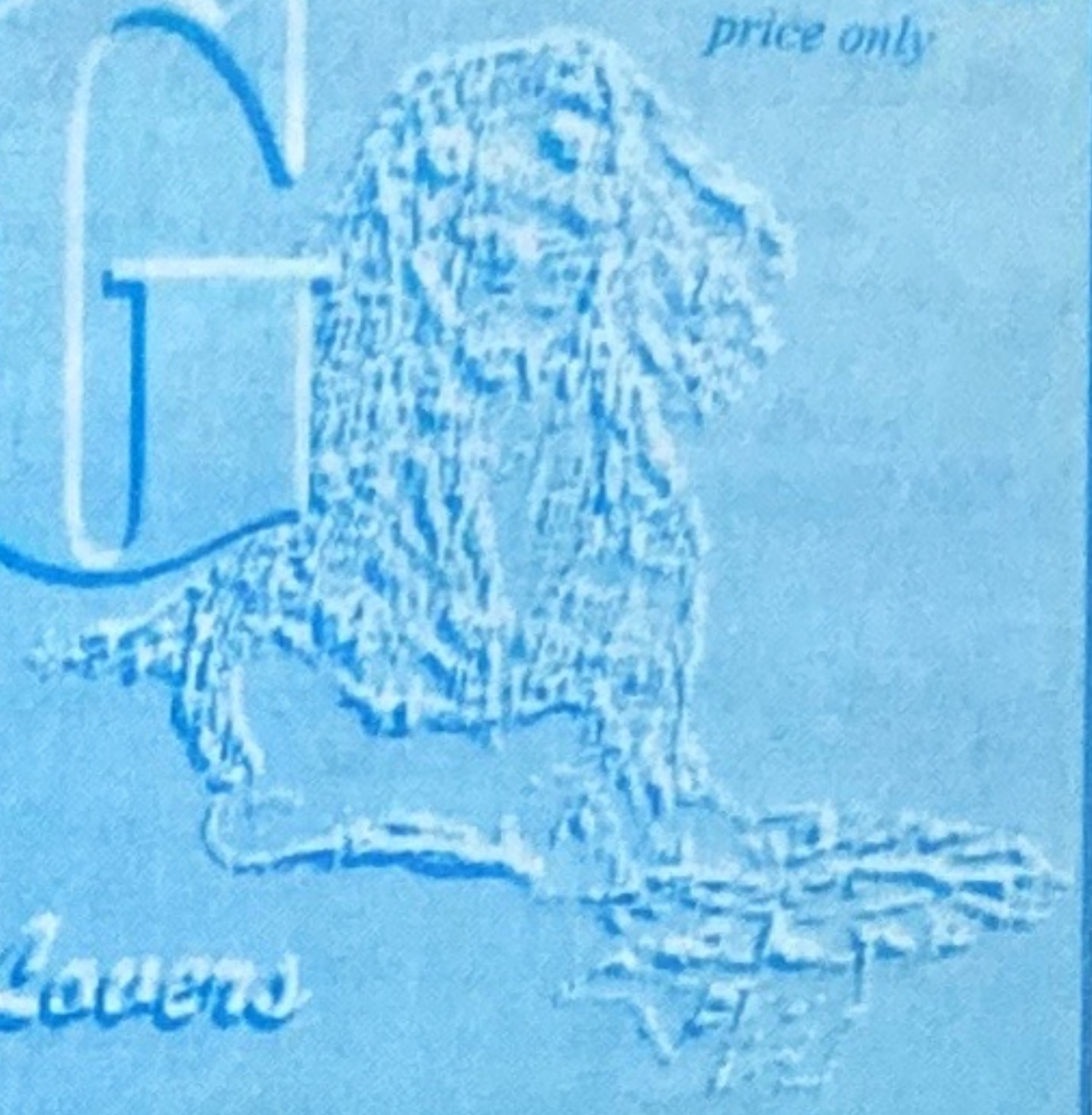
\$2.50
recommended retail
price only

TOP DOG JOURNAL

MARCH 1999
Vol 7 No 11 [no 83]

PRINT POST APPROVED PP32699/00010

The Australian magazine for all Dog Lovers



profiling
CHESAPEAKES
STUMPYS +
TOLLERS

Dog Stamps!



**Nova Scotian Duck
Tolling Retrievers
from Lidriver Kennels,
Qld**

ALL THE PRESIDENTS' DOGS!

**tracking - agility - recall - specialist dogs -
and more!**

ISSN 1037-5090



9 771037 509033

NOVA SCOTIA DUCK TOLLING RETRIEVERS
KIRCHOFF and LIDLRIVA KENNELS



"Blue"

Aust.Can Ch BERDIA TRUE BLUE to KIRCHOFF WC

KIRCHOFF

We currently have stock excelling in Agility and Obedience fields, others qualified in NSRTs and Endurance. Our latest import, Aust.Can Ch Berdia True Blue to Kirchoff WC is the youngest dog to gain a WC at 7 months and is now passing on his phenomenal working talents to his progeny. All our stock is health checked prior to breeding. Further enquiries welcome.

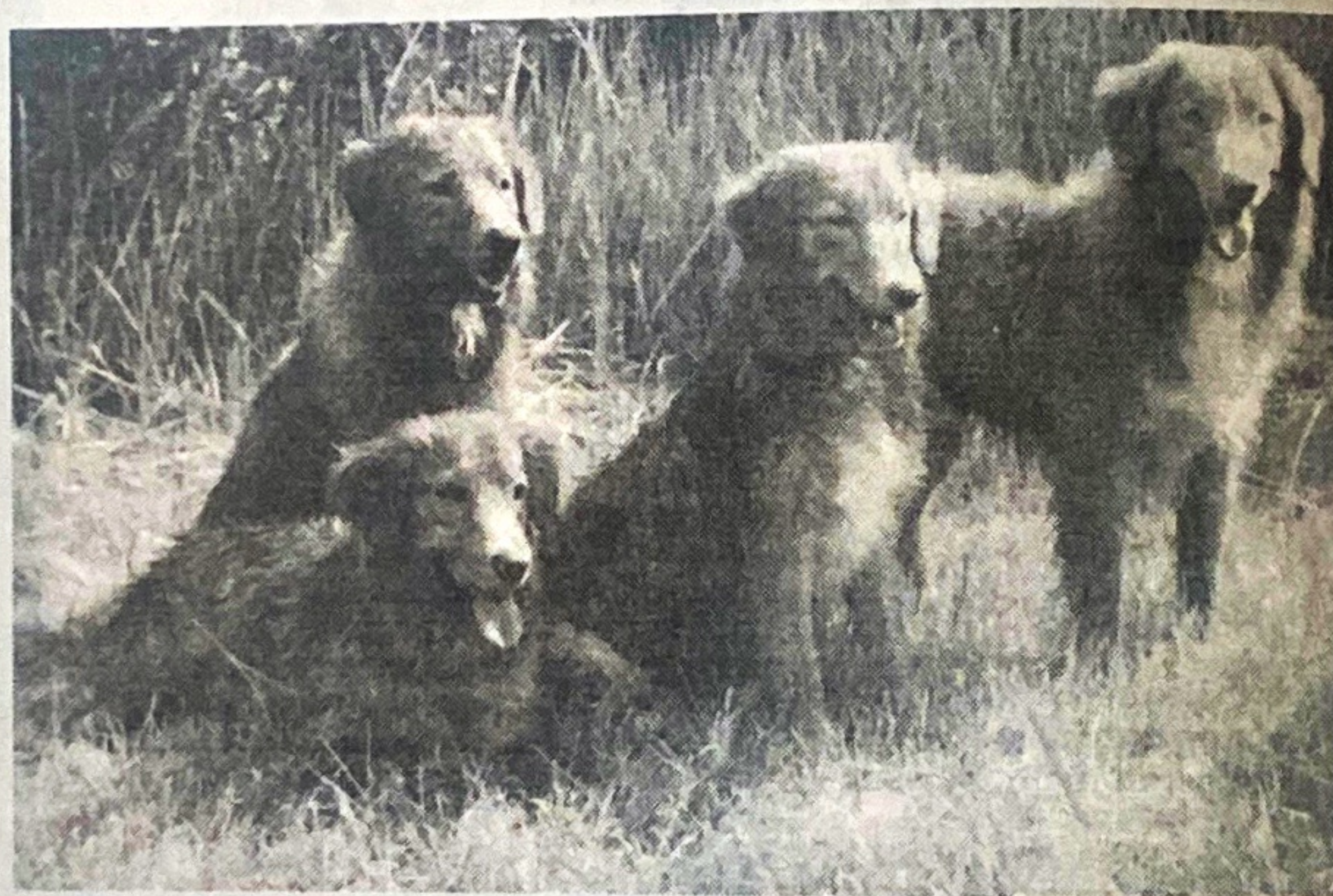
Puppies currently available

BREEDING SOUND, TRUE TO TYPE AND TEMPERAMENT

LIDLRIVA

Introducing my first litter sired by "Blue".
left to right

- ▣ Ch Kirchoff Overland Treker "Trek", Mum
- ▣ Lidriva Desert Ochre, "Kazan", owned by Andrea Nixon
- ▣ Lidriva Pumpkin Pie, "Lacey", and
- ▣ Lidriva Gingerbread Man, "Teddy", owned by Lorraine Sanney



Litter planned for mid 1999
Puppies sometimes available

All of these kids are currently training for their CD titles.

THE COMPACT VERSATILE RETRIEVER

Tim and Sara Coombes
PO Box 450
Wauchope NSW 2446
phone 02 6585 6345
fax 02 6585 6015

Kirchoff @midcoast.com.au
www.midcoast.com.au/~kirchoff

Emma Simon
137 King Street
Buderim Qld 4556
phone 07 5445 2288 (work)
07 5476 8630 (home)

Lidriva@mpx.com.au
www.mpx.com.au/~lidriva



Breed Essentials:

Adult Height: Dogs 48 - 51cm (19 - 20in)
Bitches 45 - 48cm (18 - 19in)

Adult Weight: Dogs 20 - 23kg (45 - 51lb)
Bitches 17 - 20kg (37 - 43lb)

Ears: dropped, medium size, well feathered,
triangular, set high and well back.

Face type: clean cut and slightly wedge
shaped. Moderate stop.

Tail: Natural, reaching at least to the hock.

Tail Carriage: Level with back when moving,
above the backline, but not over the back
when alert.

Coat type: Double coat, the outer coat of
medium length and softness, undercoat
softer and denser. There may be slight wave
on the back. Feathering is present behind
ears, on throat, the backs of the legs and on
tail.

Temperament: Highly intelligent, easy to
train, strong retrieving drive and very playful.

Colours: Various shades of red or orange
with permissible white markings on tip of
tail, feet, chest and blaze.

Traditional Use: Tolling and retrieving
waterfowl.

Country of Origin: Canada.

Similar Breeds: Chesapeake Bay Retriever,
Kooikerhondje.

smallest and probably least known retriever. Its origins appear to date back to the 1800s when local hunters in Nova Scotia, Canada used a small red dog resembling a fox to lure (or "toll") curious ducks into range. This native dog is thought to have been further developed with the involvement of the Cocker Spaniel, Irish Setter, Collie, Brittany and various retrievers to produce the dog we recognize today. The first Canadian Kennel Club registration of fifteen dogs was in 1945.

The act of tolling is a very important characteristic of the breed and in the field this involves the dog running and playing along the shoreline in view of the ducks while the hunter is throwing a stick or ball. The animated appearance of a red dog with splashes of white (especially on the tail tip, head and feet) arouses the ducks' curiosity and brings them in close. This is also very evident in the home with Tollers being very playful and enjoying retrieving games to the point of obsession.

The Toller has a very short history in Australia with Marilyn Kellie importing a dog and a bitch in 1991. Since then the gene pool has been enlarged by Sara and Tim Coombes with the English importation of two bitches in whelp, followed by a dog from Canada.

From these beginnings we currently have a total of 126 Tollers nationwide and this number will be growing rapidly this year with more litters planned.

Tollers are an extremely versatile breed and can be found undertaking all kinds of activities from the conformation ring, to obedience, agility, tracking and retrieving trials. They are very powerful and agile, having great endurance - being able to retrieve all day long if given the chance! On the other hand they make great companion dogs and are quite content to lie around at their owner's feet (or preferably on their laps!) They are patient and tolerant with children and have been used as therapy dogs, in nursing homes and as guide dogs for the blind.

Tollers generally need little grooming but some coats can get quite knotty, especially behind the ears, so regular brushing and keeping the ears and feet trimmed is important. Even in the show ring the dogs should be presented in a natural but tidy state.

Tollers are becoming popular as more people realize what great little dogs they are but care must be taken with their breeding to avoid problems which can occur, including hip dysplasia, heart problems, progressive retinal atrophy and other eye diseases. Currently Australian breeders are aware of this and are doing a great job, but the plan in the future is to import more dogs and possibly frozen semen to strengthen the available gene pool. It is going to be very important for such a rare breed like the Toller, that as their great overall appeal increases they are not spoiled. = article ES photo courtesy Lidriva

The Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, affectionately known as the "Toller", is the