



# **Dog Chat**

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**Illawarra Dog Training Club**



**June/July 2018**

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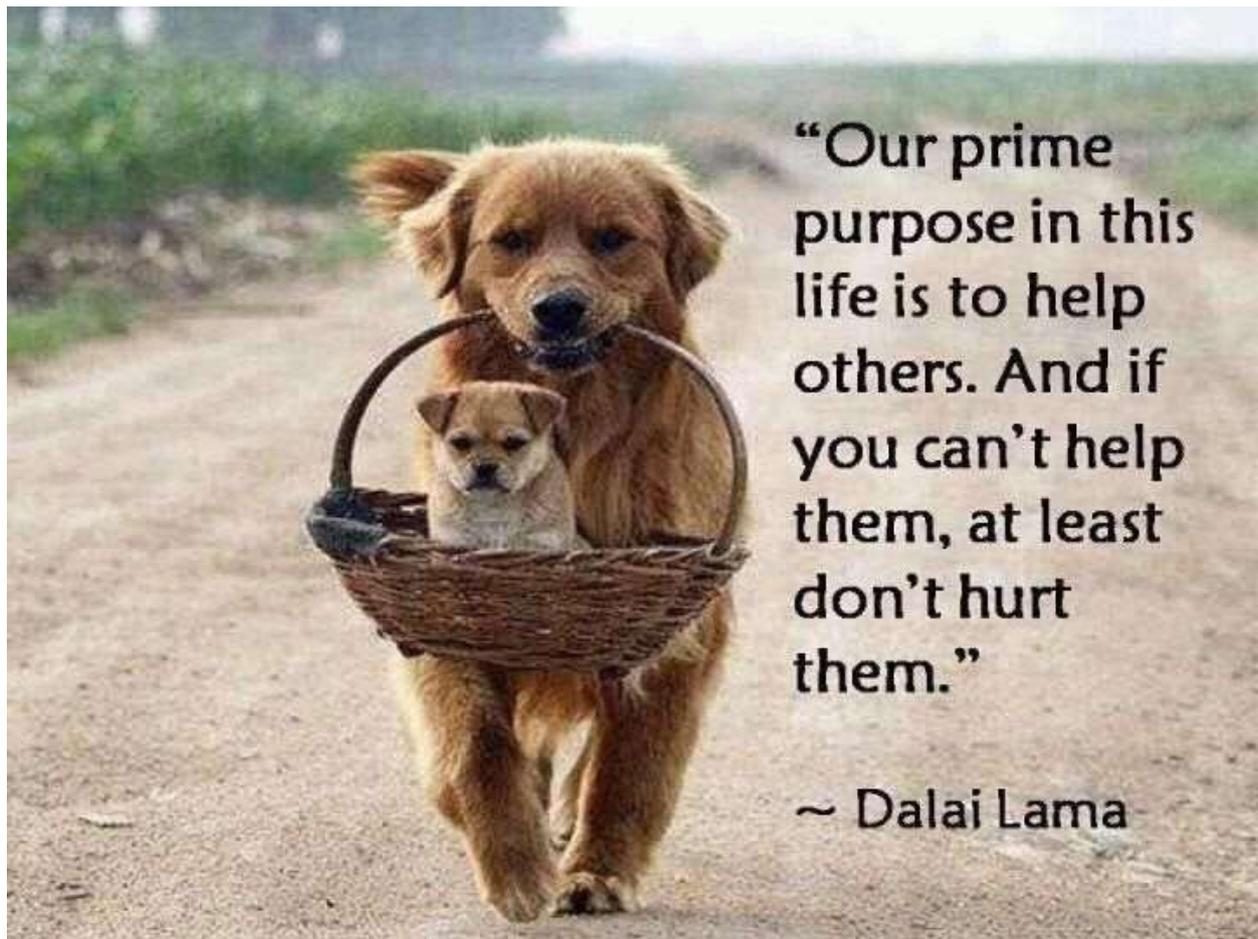
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Vikki Geraghty			

# Ground Rules

- Dogs are to be kept on leads at all times, unless in training class and under direct supervision of an instructor
- Dogs are not to be tied to the club house or trees
- Bitches in oestrus (season) shall not be permitted on the grounds while training is in progress
- Classes using club equipment will be responsible for returning this equipment to the correct storage place under the supervision of the class instructor
- Parking on ground is for instructors and workers on that day only. Cars are to be parked no closer to the club house than the southern boundary fence of the electrical sub station
- Pick up your dog's droppings if they foul the ground. Plastic bags are available to ensure responsible disposal
- Be on the alert for other instructors requiring assistance in training their own dogs
- Do not automatically use equipment set up on the ground. It may have just been set up by an instructor who is in the process of preparing to use it. They may also be in the process of using it, but not necessarily in the immediate vicinity
- Equipment such as jumps and obstacles, are not for general use without supervision
- Children are to be kept away from dogs pegged near volunteers cars for both children and dogs safety
- Children are not permitted in class with parents

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**“Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can’t help them, at least don’t hurt them.”**

**~ Dalai Lama**

# Chief Instructors Report

## June/July 2018

We have had another couple of good months of training during June and July averaging about 70 dogs on the ground at training, including a week of bad weather where we had 42 dogs on the ground. During this time we have worked hard at maintaining promotions so members can progress their training.

A BIG Thank You to Instructors and Helpers who were able to give up their time during the last 2 months, your assistance is much appreciated by both members and myself.

The Diggers visit for June was attended by Joyce with Molly and Elizabeth with Marlon. July was attended by Merilyn and Millie, and myself with Kaos.

A large, elegant cursive script that reads "Thank You". The letters are fluid and connected, with a soft shadow effect behind the text.

Over the last few weeks we have recognised the following instructors with Service Awards

### **5 Years**

Dave Cooper  
Larissa Woods

### **15 Years**

David Chester

### **45 Years**

Tony Gardiner

Again a BIG Thank You to these Instructors as these service awards represent a large commitment of time towards helping people improve their relationship with their dogs .

Thanks  
Mark Johnston

# Promotions

**Congratulations to the following club members on their promotion Class 1 Basic to Class 2 Stabilising:**

Kristy and Panda,  
Ranko and Roxie  
Peta and Yoshi  
Georgia and Millie  
Lorna and Archie  
Andrew and Woody  
Jose and Mika

Natasha and Arlo,  
Karen and Arusha  
Victoria and Charlie,  
Mark and Kali  
Mitchell and Yoshi  
Lisa and Lucy  
Angela and Mika

Kerrie and Bailey  
Joe and Kane,  
Michelle and Shelby  
Jason and Dozer  
Terri and Achilles  
Amy May and Koda  
Jimmy and Remi

**Congratulations to the following club members on their promotion Class 2 Stabilising to Class 3 Challenge:**

Amanda and Marlo, Jacque and Pip, Stephanie and Sia,

Adam and Bronson, Scott and Sam

**Congratulations to the following club members on their promotion Class 3 Challenge to Class 4 Finishing:**

Teresa and Gus, Joyce and Molly



# President's Report AGM 2018

*"Dogs make us feel better"*

*A huge Thankyou goes to my team of wonderful people, for your valuable contributions and your continuing guidance & dedication.*

- **For Life Members** it's been a busy year, *George Bartolo* has received an OAM for his dedication to the Wollongong community and IDTC also *Kyle Charnock* has been nominated for Royal Canine Council board of Directors. *Peter Franks* is very busy writing a book and Thank you to *Tony Gardiner* for achieving 45 years of Service to the Club.
- **Annual Double Obedience Trial** - After an extremely busy and challenging lead up to our recent Annual Trial, the tenacity & hard work of the executive staff Committee, along with the help of Instructors & members, who volunteer their valuable time, we have once again enjoyed a very successful, smooth Trial. Special thanks to Carol & Heather and Kyle who helped me immensely to prepare for this annual event. Appreciation to the team of hard working volunteers who begin at daylight setting up rings & gazebos, assisting judges by stewarding & being gofers. ***Our success is a result of these magnificent people!***
- **In appreciation** - Thankyou to Ros & Di for their catering this year at our Trial & Bev on the BBQ for the past 30years. All these special people contribute to make this day a great success, creating a relaxed environment for the competitors, spectators and guests (our Judges), with yummy treats, and a lovely lunch to help us get through the long day.
- **Competing** - Our Club members have continued trialling with very successful results at the Obedience & Tracking trials throughout the year, always striving for improvement and challenges. Keep up the great work of achieving excellent results in your respective sections, all proudly representing our club - IDTC, *well done!*
- **Our dedicated Instructors & Admin** team is very strong. It is our aim to make our members Saturday afternoons an enjoyable, fun & rewarding experience, aiming to achieve the best results between handlers and their dogs and cute little puppies. We enjoy watching partnerships develop & seeing them be promoted through the classes.
- **Maintenance** – our committee takes great pride in our grounds, whether it be general repairs, organising painters, cleaning gutters, welding, lawns, meeting with council for improvements, sourcing ink for our printers etc. there is always someone to put up their hand up to assist, *thank you so much.*

- **Thank you** to the IDTC team & well done new Chief Instructor – Mark for another successful year. I’m seeing many happy dogs & handlers here each week on our grounds.
- **Diggers Rest home visits** – We continue to put smiles on faces with our monthly visits to the Diggers rest home, the patients are very grateful and there is always a good story (often a doggie one) to listen to when visiting. A huge thankyou goes to those members & doggies that are able to attend the monthly visits. This is a fabulous rewarding experience; your time is most appreciated, enriching the lives of others.
- **As President**, when I am surrounded by friendly, supportive people, it makes my job much easier. Thank you to the Executive Committee, Carol, Danni, Tony, Mark, & all the Committee members, as well as our general members. For me it has been a little challenging this year, personally beginning the year with the loss of my beautiful big boy ‘Silver’ and then the joy (sort of) of now having an energetic Labrador Pup!

*“The reward of owning a well-behaved, loving and intelligent dog is beyond measure.*

*Those who have owned such a dog are truly blessed”*

*Linda Thomas*

*President. IDTC*

## **Congratulations to our New 2018/2019 IDTC Committee**

The Committee Members were finalised by a silent ballot on the evening of the AGM 7 August 2018.

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		Geoff Taylor
		Kyle Charnock

# Welcome To Our New Members for June and July 2018

First Name	DOG 's Name	DOG Breed	First Name	Dog's Name	Dog Breed
MAREE	ZOE	LABRADOR	AMY	ROSIE	POMERANIAN X MALTESE
DEBORAH	WILLOW	ENGLISH STAFFY	AMYMAY	KODA	BLUE CATTLE DOG
PETA & MITCHELL	YOSHI	RED HEELER X KELPIE	LAURA	NACHO	BOSTON TERRIER
MARGARET	KOBE	GERMAN SHEPHERD	SARAH	KOBY	GROODLE
JACKY	LOLO	LABRADOODLE	LISE	LUCY	CAVOODLE
KIRSTEN	MAGGI	TOY POODLE	NIUSHA	SHADOW	STAFFY X
LINDA			MOHSEN		
NIKKI			LESLEE	LOCHIE	CAVOODLE
CALLAM	KLEO	ENGLISH STAFFY	ISABEL		
ANDREW & ANNETTE	WOODY	BORDER COLLIE	RHIANNON	DUGGEE	POMERANIAN X
SAM	BEAR	GERMAN SHEPHERD	CHRISTOPHER	RILEY	KELPIE
NICK	NED	GROODLE	LEILA	PECOS	WHIPPET
MAXINE	FYNN	AMERICAN STAFFY X	JOANNA	JOVI	COCKALIER
TAYLOR			ANN	FRANKIE	BORDER COLLIE KELPIE X
YVONNE	BELLA	BORDER COLLIE	ANGELA	MIKA	GERMAN SHEPHERD
RENEE	LUNA	CAVOODLE	JOSE		
MICHELLE	SHELBY	BORDER COLLIE X	JIMMY	REMI	STANDARD POODLE
VICTORIA	CHARLIE	JACK RUSSELL X	THI	LUCKY	HUSKY X STAFFY
LIS	LOC	STAFFY X TERRIER	JONATHAN		
KATH & BRAD	BUSTER	BORDER COLLIE	TERRI	ACHILLES	BORDER COLLIE
LIS	LOC	STAFFY X TERRIER	MICHAEL	NZURI	RIDGEBACK
ALEISHA	SHILOH	LABDARDOR	JANICE		
RACHEL	MAPLE	GOLDEN RETRIEVER	ELAINE	MARLEY	WELSH CORGI PEMBROKE
PHIL			KIM	BOO	AMERICAN STAFFY
MATHEW	RANGER	BORDER COLLIE	CATHERINE	IVY	LABRADOODLE
MARK	KALI	GSD	RON		
GERMAINE	JEDD	AUSSIE SHEPHERD	MIA	LOKI	DALMATIAN
ASHLEY	TORA	KELPIE X	KIRBIE	STANLEY	DACHSHUND
			JODIE	JORDAN	LABRADOR



# Promotions

## **Class 1 Basic to Class 2 Stabilising:**

To be able to be promoted from class 1 to class 2 you and your dog must be able to complete the following exercises

1. Your dog is comfortably walking next to your left leg.
2. Your dog is able to sit next to your left leg on command.
3. Your dog is able to stand next to your left leg on command
4. You are able to call your dog back to you on lead and continue walking.
5. You are able to complete left and right turns successfully
6. You are able to complete left and right about turns successfully.
7. Your dog can sit and stay with you standing beside it, in position for 30 seconds.

Handling the lead with 2 hands on most of the time, and using the lead to position the dog.

At this stage it is much more important that the handlers mechanics are good – giving clear commands, guiding the dog as necessary, and praising the dog. If the dog makes a mistake and is effectively guided by the handler this is a positive.

## **Class 2 Stabilising to Class 3 Challenge:**

To be able to be promoted from class 2 to class 3 you and your dog must be able to complete the following exercises

1. Your dog is comfortably walking next to your left leg.
2. Your dog is able to sit next to your left leg on command.
3. Your dog is able to stand next to your left leg on command
4. You are able to complete left and right turns successfully.
5. You are able to complete left and right about turns successfully.
6. You are able to call your dog back to you and get them to place finish as one exercise.
7. Your dog can calmly work at fast pace with you.
8. Your dog can sit and stay with you standing in front, in position for 30 seconds.
9. Your dog can stand and stay with you standing beside it, in position for 30 seconds.

At this stage it is expected that to sit and stand, very little guiding is necessary (< 3 out of 5 times)

Still walking using the lead to position the dog, giving feedback to the dog when it is in position

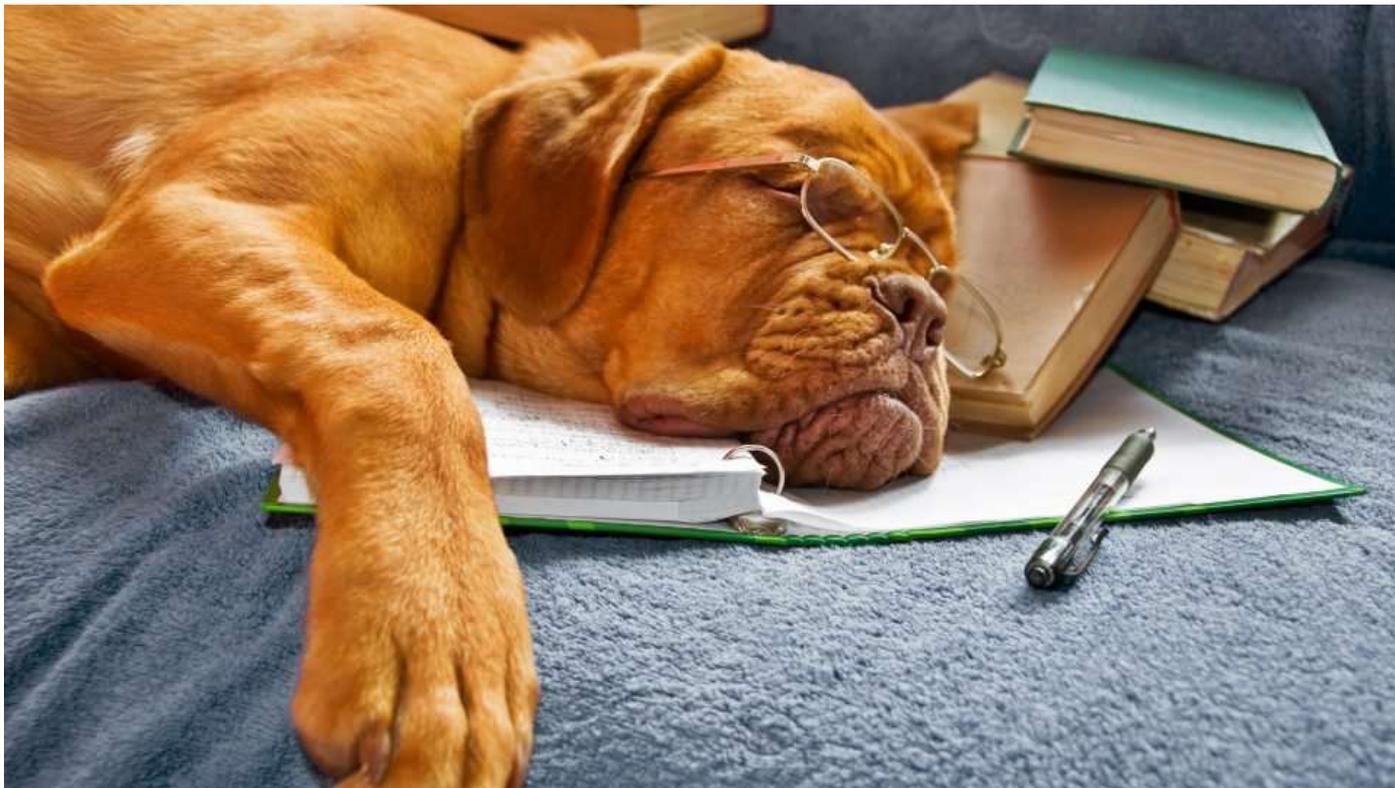
### **Class 3 Challenge to Class 4 Finishing:**

To be able to be promoted from class 3 to class 4 you and your dog must be able to complete the following exercises

1. Your dog must be able to walk comfortably next to your left leg using a loose leash.
2. Your dog must be able to drop next to your left leg on command.
3. You are able to complete left and right turns successfully
4. You are able to complete left and right about turns successfully
5. You are able to call your dog back to you on lead and have them sit directly in front of you.
6. You are able to get your dog to do a place finish as a separate exercise
7. You are able to get your dog to successfully complete an off lead recall to front on command.
8. Your dog can calmly work with you at slow pace.
9. Your dog can sit and stay with you standing in front, in position for 30 seconds, returning around your dog
10. Your dog can stand and stay with you standing in front, in position for 30 seconds
11. Your dog can stay in the down with you standing beside it in position for 30 seconds.

At this stage it is expected that to sit and stand and drop come and place, very little guiding is necessary (< 3 out of 5 times )

Still walking on lead but with a loose leash the majority of the time



## **Trial Results**

No Trial Results to report, however IDTC had its Annual Double Obedience Trial on 8th July 2018, A very BIG THANK You to All our volunteers from the Club who assisted on the day!



# Photos from the IDTC Trial - AM & PM







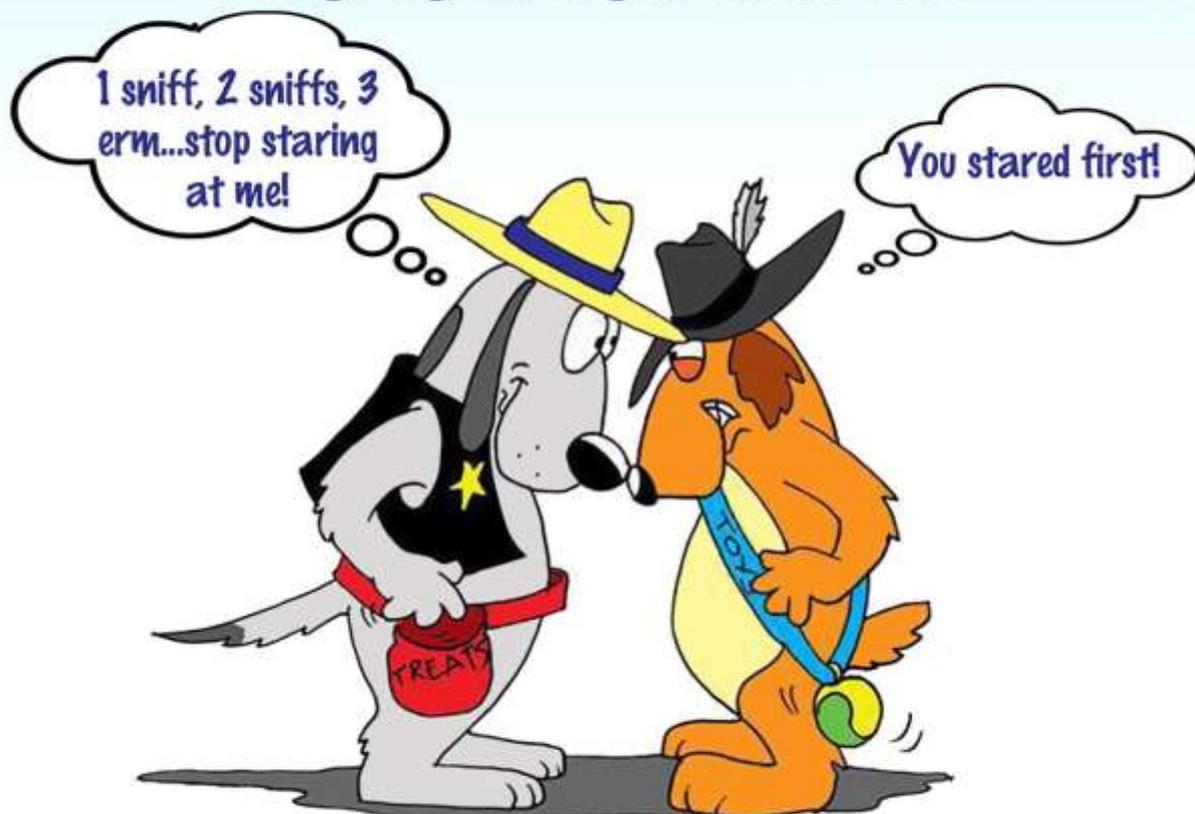
# **The 3 second meet and greet...** **3 seconds is the maximum time you should allow for an initial greeting.**

**Count in your head - 1 Sniff, 2 Sniffs, 3 - AND GO!  
If either dog is looking tense then leave sooner.**

**Pay close attention to both dogs -  
Things can escalate very quickly!**

**Keep your leash loose -  
A tight leash can raise arousal.**

**Let them sniff butt! This is a more 'polite'  
way of greeting than face on.**



**By following these simple steps you can help keep your dog safer and encounters with others a pleasant experience.**

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# **Doggie Treat of The Month**

## **Flea Terminator Dog Treats**

- 3 cups beef bullion
- 1 ½ cups boiling water
- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 cup cornmeal
- 2/3 cup brewers' yeast
- 2 tablespoons garlic powder
- 2 egg yolks



1. Preheat the oven to 190 degrees C. Dissolve beef bouillon cubes in boiling water, and set aside. Grease cookie sheets.
2. In a large bowl, stir together the whole wheat flour, corn meal, brewers yeast, and garlic powder. Add the yolks, then gradually pour in the bouillon water while stirring. Mix thoroughly to form a firm dough. On a floured surface, roll the dough out to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut into desired shapes using cookie cutters. Place cookies one inch apart onto cookie sheets.
3. Bake for 20 minutes in the preheated oven, then turn the oven off, and leave the cookies inside for at least 3 hours or overnight to harden. Store in an airtight container at room temperature.

# **Breed of The Month**

## **Afghan Hound**

The Afghan Hound, also known as the Afghan Greyhound or simply the Afghan, is today usually referred to by breeders and fanciers as the “Affie.” Earlier names include the Balkh Greyhound, Baluchi Hound, Barukzie Hound, Barukhzy Greyhound and Kabuli Hound, among others. This is an ancient breed categorized in the Hound Group by the American Kennel Club. Afghans are elegant, aristocratic dogs that exude dignity and aloofness. They have a narrow, chiselled muzzle and a unique topknot of silky hair set between lengthy ears. With prominent hipbones and a spectacular thick, flowing coat, there is something exotic about this breed. They are prized as flashy show dogs and also excel in lure coursing. Above all, Afghan Hounds are known as beloved companions, with highly individualized personalities. They can be independent thinkers, with a strong prey drive.

### **Personality**

Tall, lean and noble, the Afghan Hound is often called “The Aristocrat” of the dog world. Though Afghans appear aloof, they are actually quite playful and clownish. They love running (galloping, really) through yards and playing with their family, but also enjoy quietly lounging around the house, being catered to like a true Aristocrat.

### **Activity Requirements**

Afghan Hounds require a lot of exercise. Long and lean, they need plenty of time a day to run and jump. Long walks are also beneficial to their health and muscle tone. This tall animal should not be kept in an apartment, as this space is simply too confining.

A fenced in yard is important when living with an Afghan. They are very independent dogs, and can take off in search of their own adventure (and not return) if allowed to roam.

### **Trainability**

Afghans are notoriously difficult to train. They are stubborn and independent, and like a true aristocrat, don't like being told what to do. Positive reinforcement, treats, and lots of patience are required when working with this breed.

Afghan Hounds, originally called the “Tazi,” originated in Afghanistan and is one of the oldest dog breeds. Their purpose was to track large game, including leopards, and hold the animal at bay until the hunting party could catch up. They were valued by hunters for their fearlessness and independent thinking abilities, and these traits can easily frustrate the modern Afghan trainer.

Afghans are sight hounds, and excel on lure courses, where dogs chase a plastic, mechanical lure around a track, across a field, or through an obstacle course.

### **Behavioural Traits**

Afghans are playful puppies, but as they mature, become very independent. While they may have loved cuddling and romping as a puppy, the adult Afghan will decide when he wants to be touched. They are not aggressive, but much like a house cat, will let you know when they prefer to be left alone and when they prefer to be doted upon.

Because of their hunting roots, Afghan Hounds are likely to chase after other animals, including small pets. If socialized to live with other dogs, they can coexist peacefully, but cats or rabbits should not live with Afghan Hounds.



# **Spotlight on Dog Sports**

## **Rally O**

### **WHAT IS RALLY OBEDIENCE?**

Known also as Rally-O or Rally, this dog sport was developed for the pet dog owner who is not interested in the precision required for traditional competition dog obedience. In other words, this is the more relaxed version of competition dog obedience. Handlers are not allowed to speak to their dog other than the instruction in traditional competition dog obedience. Whereas the handlers are allowed to speak to encourage their dogs during the course in rally. However, the handler is not allowed to touch the dog or make physical corrections. The rally course includes 10 to 20 stations, depending on the level. Scoring is not as rigorous as traditional obedience. Communication between handler and dog is encouraged and perfect heel position is not required, but there should be a sense of teamwork between the dog and handler.

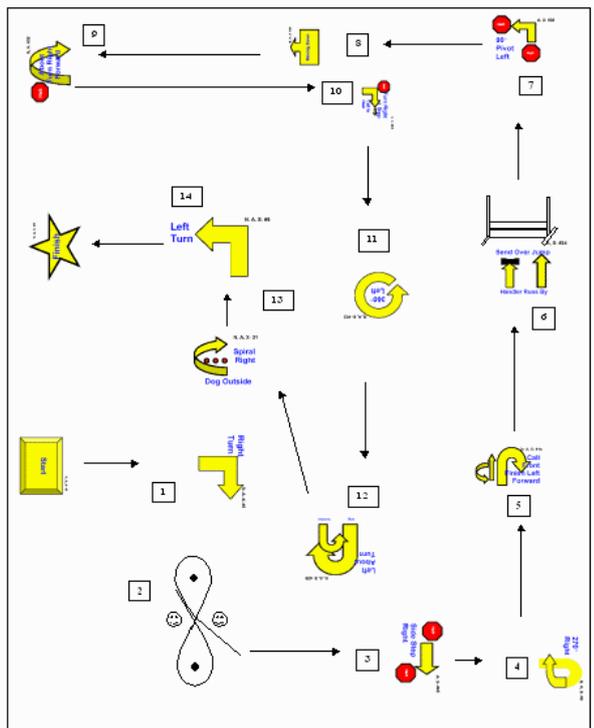
Handlers may encourage their dog with verbal praise and patting. Where, in the opinion of the Judge, the Handler's touch is being used to physically guide or correct the dog, the dog must be non-qualified for failure to meet minimum requirements. Multiple commands and / or signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed although they will be penalised accordingly; the Handler's arms need not be maintained in any particular position at any time. Where the dog is being substantially lured around the course, the dog must be non-qualified for failure to meet minimum requirements. At any time during the course, loud or harsh commands, intimidating signals or physical guidance will be penalised.

### **IS MY DOG SUITABLE FOR RALLY OBEDIENCE?**

All dogs are eligible to compete in Rally Obedience. Dogs who participate in Rally are dogs that have been trained and conditioned to compete at Novice level and in the presence of other dogs. (source: ANKC) Age restriction: Puppies six months of age or over.

### **WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT RALLY O?**

You can do so by talking to our instructors George Bartolo OAM or Chief Instructor Mark Johnston, or by contacting DOGS NSW



# **Human encouragement might influence how dogs solve problems**

The study, published in the journal *Applied Animal Behaviour Science*, sheds light on how people influence animal behaviour, said study lead author Lauren Brubaker, a doctoral student in OSU's Human-Animal Interaction Lab.

Brubaker evaluated the behaviour of search and rescue dogs and pet dogs when presented with the same problem-solving task. Both sets of dogs persisted at the task for about the same proportion of time, but the search and rescue dogs were more successful at solving the task when encouraged by their owners.

However, the search and rescue dogs didn't solve the task when they were alone. Further, pet dogs that solved the task with their owner present -- but not encouraging them -- also solved it when they were alone, Brubaker said.

"We thought that was unusual," Brubaker said. "Because search and rescue dogs are trained to work independently, we expected that they would out-perform pet dogs on this independent task and that wasn't the case. This suggests that the behaviour of the owner, including their expectation of their dog and how they engage with their dog on a day-to-day basis, may influence the dog during a problem-solving task.

"This leads us to believe that communication between search and rescue dogs and their owner could be more effective than communication between pet dogs and their owners," she said.

In the study, the dogs were given a solvable task with a person present: open a puzzle box containing a sausage within two minutes. They compared a group of 28 search and rescue dogs and a group of 31 pet dogs.

Search and rescue dogs were used as a comparison to pet dogs because they are traditionally trained to work independently from their owner. The search and rescue dogs were provided by Mountain Wave Search and rescue in Portland, Douglas County Search and Rescue in Roseburg, and Benton County Search and Rescue in Corvallis.

Pet dogs were recruited at random from the community through online advertisement and by way of word of mouth. Data from pet dogs from a 2015 study conducted by Udell were also used in the analysis. The dogs in both groups were from a variety of breeds.

The dogs were given the puzzle box under two conditions: alone in the room, and with their owner in the room standing neutrally. During the neutral phase, owners were instructed to stand in the room with their arms by their side and to avoid communicating with the dog. In the encouragement condition, the owner was instructed to encourage the dog however they saw appropriate, typically by using verbal praise or gestures, but without touching the dog or the container and without making contact with the dog or the container.

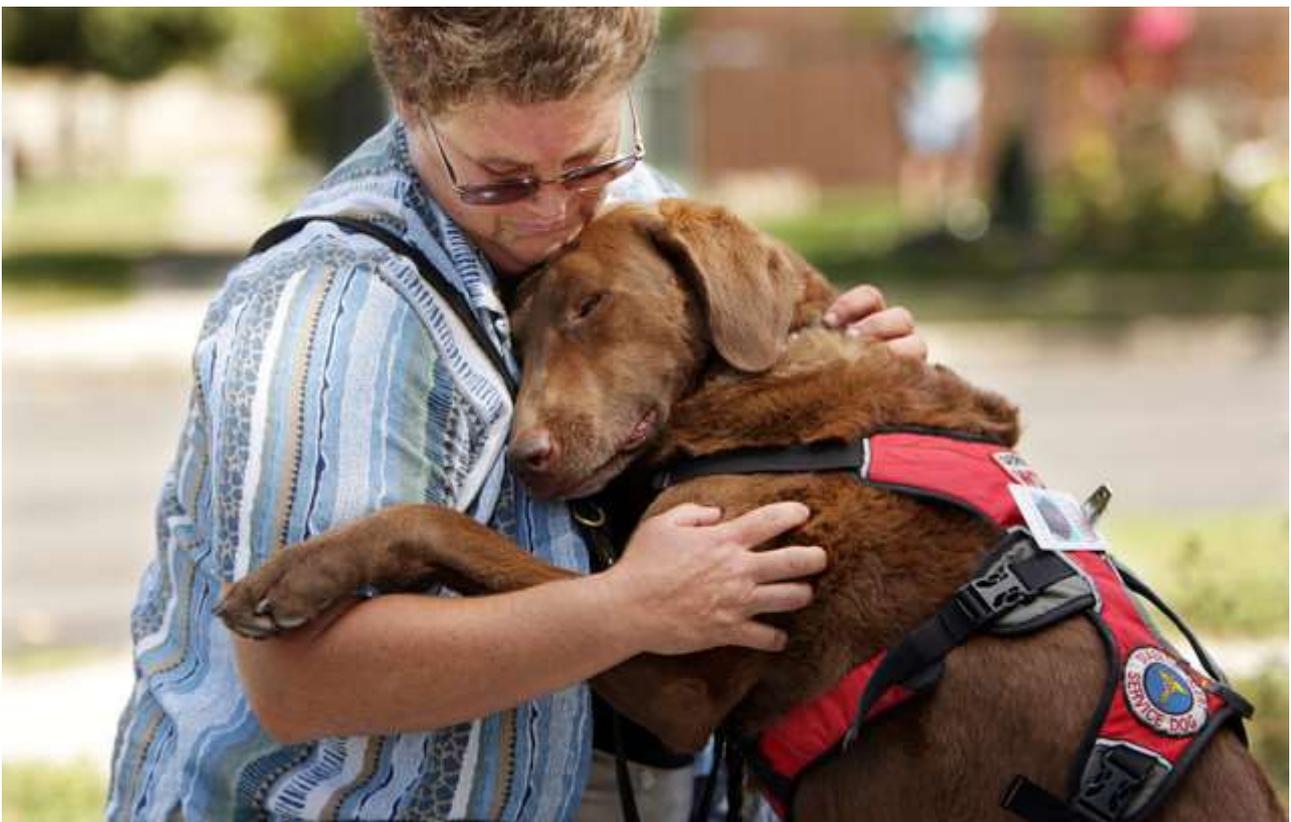
Before each condition the owner was instructed to "bait" the container by picking the container up, placing the food inside the container while the dog watched, and showing it to the dog to allow the dog to see that the container had food in it. Then they placed it on the ground in a designated location. In the neutral-human condition, the owner took three steps back and stood neutrally for two minutes. During the alone condition the owner left the room after placing the object on the ground.

In the human-neutral condition, three of the pet dogs and two of search and rescue dogs solved the task. Two pet dogs solved the task in the alone condition. In the encouragement condition, nine of the search and rescue dogs solved the task, while only two pet dogs did.

"When the owner's social cues direct the dog towards the independent problem-solving task, then we see something interesting," said Monique Udell, an animal scientist who directs the Human-Animal Interaction Lab in the College of Agricultural Sciences. "While most dogs increase the amount of time they spend attending to the puzzle when encouraged, pet dogs often end up treating the puzzle like a toy. Instead of engaging in goal directed behaviour, they act as if their owner was encouraging them to play."

Udell continued, "It's possible that when directed by their owners, search and rescue dogs instead see opening the box as their job. Their owners may be more effective at communicating about the task at hand. Or maybe there is something inherently different about dogs that are selected for search and rescue that makes them more apt to solve the problem. More research is needed to know for sure."

Source: <https://www.sciencedaily.com>



**Upcoming Events**  
**Puppy Prep Classes**

**September**  
**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**to**  
**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Last Training Day for IDTC 2018**  
**Saturday 8 December 2018**

**\*\*\*\*IDTC are requesting Donations for the  
Christmas Raffles for 2018\*\*\*\***





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