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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 dogs 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
- Fully enclosed shoes must be worn at all times

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Chief Instructors Report

Over the last 2 months our number have dropped off with dogs at training averaging 54 each week, unfortunately we have had a few training days with either rain, threat of rain or high winds. As usual we have been working hard on getting promotion testing done and thank you to those deputies helping me identify teams worthy of promotion and well done to instructors on preparing members for promotion. Diggers - In August Larissa, Thea, Lisa and Kathy made the visit to Digger's, in September Larissa, Kathy and Lisa visited, it is great to see so many handlers getting involved.

And a Few Reminders,

Covered Shoes,

Through the week the grounds are a public park, so we have little control over what might be left on the grounds, please remember to wear covered shoes to training.

Membership Badges

It adds to the administrative load if you don't have your membership badge or know your member number, please endeavour to bring your badge to each training day

Yellow Bandannas. We want ALL our members to enjoy the time spent on the grounds with their dog, so just a general reminder to look out for dogs that are wearing yellow bandannas, these bandannas indicate the dog is uncomfortable near dogs **OR PEOPLE** and the owner of the dog should be consulted before approaching.

As always, A BIG Thank You to all Instructors and Helpers who volunteer their time to help members improve their communication with their dogs, your assistance is much appreciated by both members and myself.

Thanks Mark

Trial Results

Shoalhaven 3/8/19 AM

Fiona and Storm

RN 92 points 2nd Pass

Shoalhaven 3/8/19 PM

Fiona and Storm

RN 89 points 3rd Pass – Title

Canberra 3/8/19

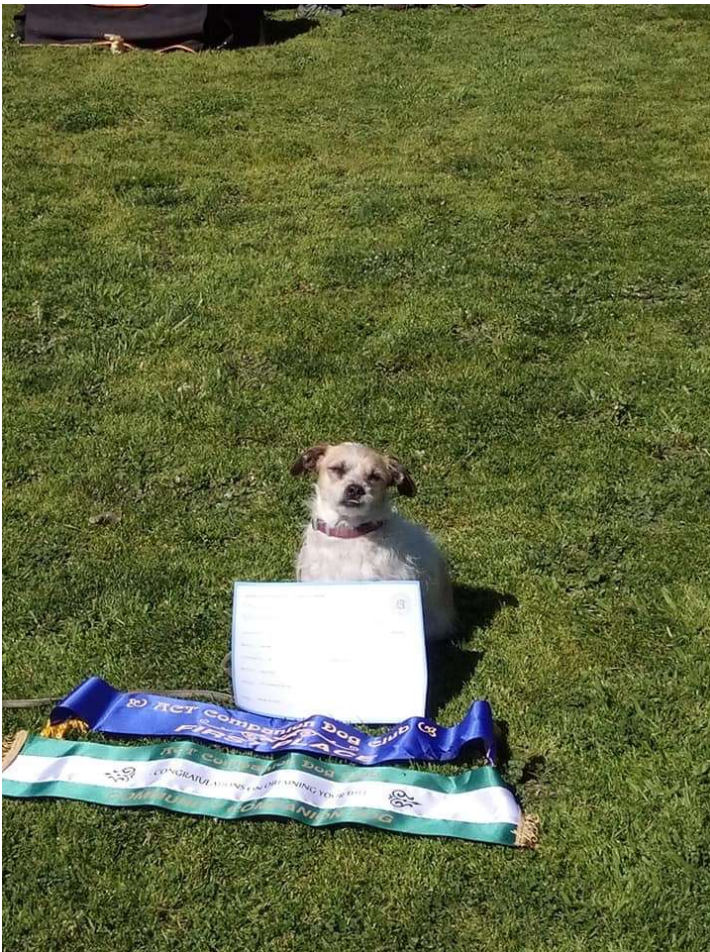
Janice and Lani

CCD 96 Points 1st place – 3rd Pass Title

Blacktown 22/9/19

Fiona and Storm

RA 98 points 1st place 1st pass



Welcome To Our New Members

JANELLE	FALCON	AUSTRALIAN BULL DOG
GREG	ROSIE	JACK RUSSELL TERRIER
SARAH	MISCHA	SIBERIAN HUSKY
FIONA	BUDDY	ROTTWEILER
HARRY		
CHRIS	PADDINGTON	AIREDALE
RIKI LEE		
KERRIE	OLLIE	BOARDER COLLIE
MAX		
JUDY	WINNIE	SCHNAUZER X
BRUCE		
WAYNE	BACARDI	HUSKY
REBECCA	HUXLEY	AM STAFFY
CHRISTOPHER		
ELISH	LOKI	BOXER
ROBERT	ANGUS	BORDER COLLIE
KRIS	TESSA	LABRADOR
IRENE	LABRADOR	KALSON
BETH	ROSIE	GREY HOUND X GREAT DANE
ALLAN	BEAR	GSD
LYN		
LOUISE	BONNIE	HUSKY X BORDER COLLIE
JOHN		
JODY	MAGGIE	KELPIE
SUE	MIEKA	BORDER COLLIE X
TERRY		
NIKKI	ROSIE	CAVOODLE
TYLER		
STEPHEN		
ROZLYN	PLUTO	GOLDEN RETRIEVER
DANNELLE	CHARLIE	KELPIE X LABRADOR
PETER		
JAMES		
TONY	MAX	BORDOODLE
KATHARYN		
LIAM		
KERRY	BELLA	CATTLE DOG X STAFFY
RUDOLPH	OSCA	MINIATURE SCHAUZNER
DI	LAMBCHOP	BRUSSELLS GRIFFON
NICK	ODIN	MAREMA
JESSICA		
REBECCA	BENJI	JACK RUSSELL X PUG
LEVI		
ANNE	MUNGO	KELPIE X
CASSANDRA	HUNTER	SIBERIAN HUSKY
MAUREEN	CHLOE	BERGLIER

Summer Safety Tips

It's that most wonderful time of the year again. But before you head off to your Christmas gatherings, New Year's Eve parties, or annual family summer vacation, don't forget to make plans for your four-legged friends to make sure they are safe and happy during this festive season.

Here are some tips and things to remember:

Travelling with your dog or puppy

If you are travelling to a potential tick infested area, make sure your dog has the appropriate tick prevention applied 48 hours before travelling.

Bring a portable water bowl or water bottle and enough water for your dog to drink.

Make sure your dog is safely and securely restrained in the car. Do not allow the dog to put their head out of the car window while the car is moving.

Plan to stop every two hours for a toilet break. Make sure you pick up after your dog and dispose the waste properly.

Leaving your dog with a friend or a pet boarding facility

If the dog will be staying in a boarding kennel, have a friend who lives nearby to be the emergency contact. Provide your friend's contact details to the boarding facility.

If the dog will be staying with a friend, ensure that the dog has a tag with the contact details of the person looking after the dog. Make sure your friend has the contact details of a vet clinic open over the Christmas holidays.

Feeding your dog

Do not give your dog the leftover Christmas ham, meats, or cooked bones.

Increased fat in your dog's diet can lead to serious intestinal issues. Bones can also cause gastrointestinal obstruction.

Keep the puddings, chocolates, lollies or biscuits out of your dog's reach. These types of food contain ingredients that are very toxic to dogs.

Preventing stress or anxiety

If your dog has noise anxiety or becomes agitated when there is noise (for example, fireworks or several people in the room), make sure your dog has a "quiet spot" where it can be comfortable and away from the noise. Place a bed and soothing toy in the "quiet spot" and give praises to your dog when it is calm.

To decrease the chance of separation anxiety, regularly leave your puppy or dog alone for a short period during the day. This builds your puppy's confidence. Just make sure that the puppy will have the right amount of water, bedding, toys and shelter.

You must supervise your dog at all times when it is with other pets and children.

Tips for summer safety

- Never leave your dog in a car unsupervised. Cars heat up very quickly and dogs are susceptible to heat exhaustion within a matter of minutes.
- Leave your dog inside during very hot days.
- If your dog stays in the yard, make sure that there is plenty of shelter.
- Make sure your dog has a couple of water bowls both indoors and outdoors (in the shade).
- Provide a small pool or tub for your dog to play in.

Hose Safety

Sound silly right? We've all at one point had a play with our dog with the hose, but what if you have a dog that is crazy for water and loves to just keep drinking mouthful after mouthful of water while you play? Safe right? Actually it's a danger to

your pet! If you allow your dog to drink too much water from the hose or anywhere in the summer heat it can actually lead to a potentially fatal condition called water intoxication. Please don't be afraid to have fun with your dog but as with everything have that fun in moderation.



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

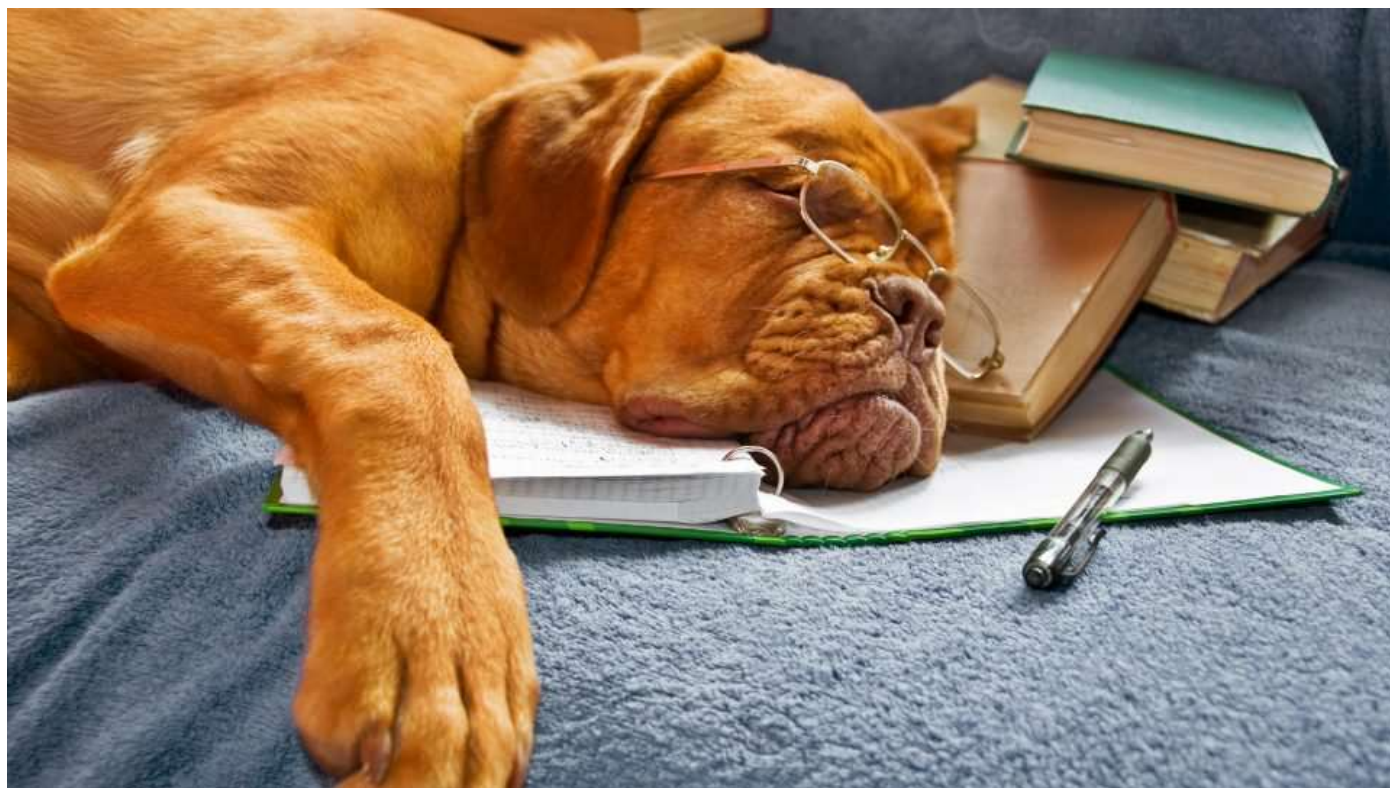
Class 3 Challenge to Class 4 Finishing:

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



Promotions

Class 1 Basic to Class 2 Stabilising:

Ray and Roxy

Eilish and Loki

Phil and Maddie

Mignon and Dougie

Scarlett and Audrey

Ryan and Wally

Kris and Jazzy

Sue and Mika

Judy and Winnie

Wayne and Bacardi

Wendy and Ace

Alexander and Scout

Fiona and Audrey

Greg and Rosie

Irene and Tessa

Chris and Shadow

Jill and Ruby

Melissa and Harvey

Jina and Cola

Erika and Pippa

Jody and Maggie

Terry and Mika

Faith and Nutmeg

Class 2 Stabilising to Class 3 Challenge:

Maureen and Bruno

Jasmine and Dusty

Sharon and Gorgie

Mikayla and Lola

Maxine and Indi

Tony and Shadow

Loreena and Zula

Janelle and Falcon

Maxine and Finn

Class 3 Challenge to Class 4 Finishing:

Lorna and Zoe

Phil and Maverick

Kathryn and Juno

Kim and Moet

Tracey and Moose

Emily and Mitchell



Doggie Treat of The Month

Sunflower Dog Treats

Ingredients

- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- ¼ cup shelled unsalted sunflower seeds
- 2 tablespoons rolled oats
- 2 tablespoons flax seeds
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 eggs
- ¼ cup milk
- ½ cup chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons olive oil



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 165°C. Lightly grease two baking sheets
2. Combine flour, sunflower seeds, oats, flax seeds, and baking powder in a large bowl.
3. Combine eggs and milk in a bowl and beat using an electric mixer until well combined. Add chicken broth and olive oil and mix well.
4. Knead dough on a floured surface for 1 to 2 minutes. Roll out dough thinly using a rolling pin and cut out cookies using your favourite cookie cutter. Place on prepared baking sheets.
5. Bake in the preheated oven until lightly browned, about 30 minutes. Turn oven off but leave cookies in warm oven to crisp for 30 more minutes.

Water Intoxication in Dogs: How much water is too much?

Responsible pet owners understand the importance of providing their dog with plenty of fresh clean water to drink on a daily basis. Water is a necessary nutrient needed for overall good health. We know that not drinking enough water can cause dehydration and can also indicate an underlying medical condition, but can dogs drink too much water?

Water accounts for about 80% of your pet's body weight. It flushes waste products from the body, lubricates joints, aids in delivering oxygen throughout the body, cushions internal tissues, helps regulate body temperature, is vital for proper digestion and necessary for a healthy brain. Not getting enough water can cause your dog to become dehydrated, which can be fatal if left untreated. However, ingesting *too much* water can also be fatal.

Water Intoxication

Water intoxication happens when more water is in body fluids than it can process. This causes sodium levels to become extremely depleted resulting in a shift in electrolyte balance. This is dangerous because sodium maintains muscle and nerve function as well as blood pressure. When excess water dilutes sodium levels it's in extracellular fluid, which is the fluid outside of cells. As the body tries to balance sodium levels inside the cells while sodium levels outside the cells are depleted, the inflow of water causes cells to swell, including cells in the brain. It can also affect the nervous system.

Dogs at highest risk are those that love to play in a lake or pond retrieving balls and sticks, or diving for toys in a swimming pool. Water intoxication can happen when a dog ingests too much water while having fun. Even snapping at water from a sprinkler or garden hose can put a dog at risk. Some dogs can consume too much water during or after exercising. High energy canines who will jump and dive in water as long as they are allowed to, and dogs who are obsessed with trying to "catch" water from a sprinkler or hose are more at risk.

Any canine regardless of size or breed can develop water intoxication, but symptoms show up more quickly in smaller dogs because it doesn't take as long for excessive water to build up in their smaller bodies. And dogs that are fit are more prone to water intoxication because they don't have extra body fat tissue that can absorb extra fluid.

Dogs are much more at risk than cats, but a feline who is deprived of water for some reason, such as accidentally getting locked inside a building for an extended period of time, can end up drinking too much H₂O once she's free.

Symptoms

Water intoxication is a potentially life-threatening condition and can come on quickly, so if you suspect your pet has ingested too much water it's essential to get him to your vet immediately. Symptoms include loss of coordination, staggering, vomiting, nausea, lethargy, bloating, glazed eyes, dilated pupils, excessive salivating and light colored gums. Severe symptoms include difficulty breathing, collapse, loss of consciousness, seizures and coma.

Thankfully, water intoxication is not a common condition, but pet owners need to be aware of the risk because it can happen. This condition can be treated with IV fluids to replace electrolytes, diuretics (water pills) to increase the amount of water and salt eliminated from the body in urine, and drugs to reduce swelling in the brain. With aggressive treatment some dogs will recover, but too often many dogs don't.

Prevention

You can prevent water intoxication by monitoring your dog when he is playing in water. Rough water and pressurized water from a sprinkler or garden hose can cause a dog to ingest a large amount of water in a short period of time. If your dog dives to the bottom of a pool to retrieve toys, is holding a ball, stick or toy while in the water or has his mouth open a lot when in the water, he's at risk of water intoxication.

There's nothing wrong with allowing your dog to play in water as long as you have him take frequent breaks to rest. Don't allow your dog to drink a lot of water after playing hard or exercise. It's better to have your dog take frequent small breaks for a drink of water to make sure he stays hydrated and doesn't drink an excessive amount all at once. If you spend time at the beach, make sure to carry fresh water with you. Drinking too much salt water can result in salt poisoning – another life-threatening condition which is the opposite of water intoxication.



In Loving Memory of Bev Charnock

Bev & Kyle joined IDTC in 1988, so a very young Kyle could train Sandy, a Border Collie who needed some training. Every Saturday Bev would bring Kyle to training and then when he got a bit more serious she would drive him all over NSW to take part in competitions with his dog. As Kyle trained Sandy to UD level, this involved a large number of trials & some of which included camping, so lots of adventures and fun times were had together with club members.

Whilst Kyle was training Sandy on Saturdays, it didn't take Bev long to realise help was needed to run the club successfully, so getting involved in the canteen, at meetings, social events & functions and helping at our annual trial was a natural progression, and as Kyle became independent Bev remained involved, taking on the role of Treasurer from 1993 to 2000. As expected, she was efficient and faultless in this role.

In the year 2000, Life membership was awarded to Bev. This was in recognition for her dedication to the Dog Club and her friendly, helpful attitude towards our members.

Even when Bev moved to Bargo she still made the trip to Wollongong on Saturday arvo's and trial days to help with memberships and in the Canteen duties.

I think I can say, Bev's favourite role at IDTC was in the BBQ tent at our Annual Trials. She was the BBQ Queen from 1988 to 2018. Her first job in the morning was to cook breaky for the volunteers who had been at the grounds early setting up, and then our competitors looked forward to a B & E or Sausage Sandwich from Bev for lunch. What a fabulous effort!

This year was the first time she couldn't make it to our trial, and it just wasn't the same without her.

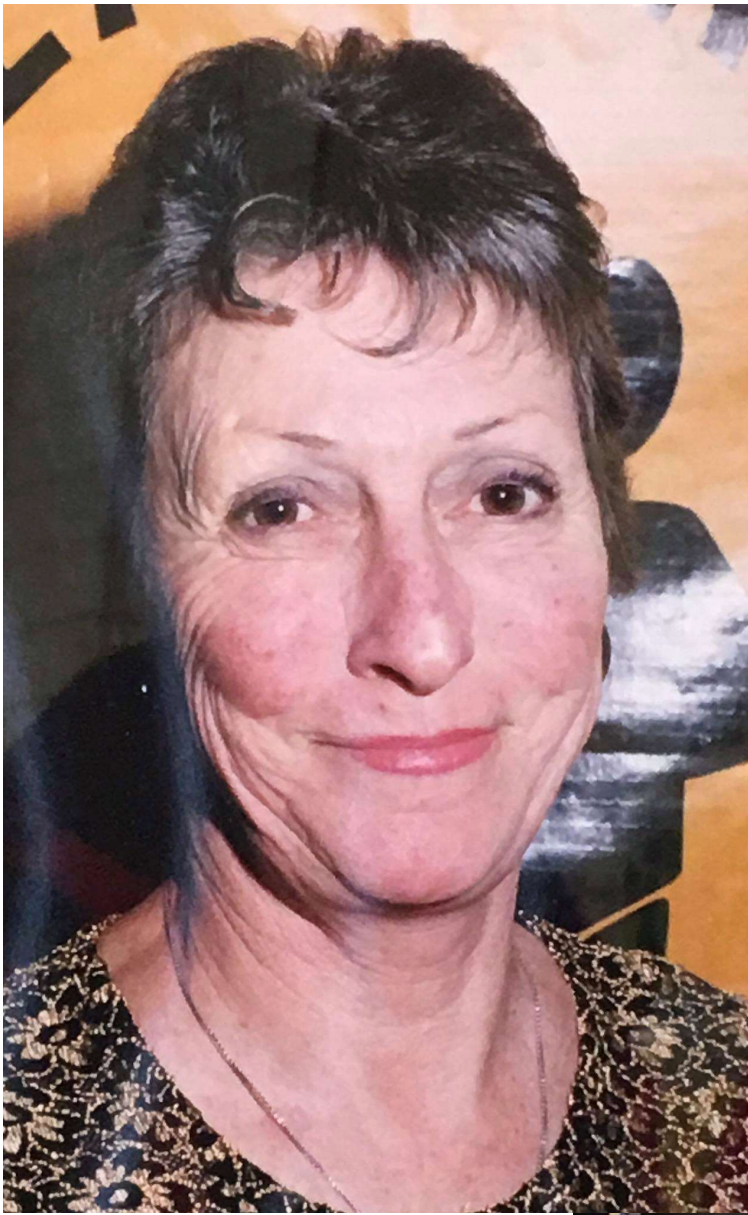
To me, Bev was a quiet achiever, unassuming, no fuss and happily got on with any task.

She has enriched our lives. IDTC is grateful for her contribution as a volunteer.

She will always be held in high esteem amongst the members of the Club and will be greatly missed, especially by the older members.

We express our sincere condolences to you Kyle, Erin Jessica & Lara.

THANKYOU.



Farewell Magic

Rainbow Bridge gained another amazing dog, Rest in Peace Magic (or as your person Tony would often be heard saying “you silly old goat” with the utmost affection) your absence is truly felt.



She Was Just My Dog

By Unknown Author

She was my other eyes that could see above the clouds;
my other ears that heard above the winds.
She was the part of me that could reach out into the sea.

She had told me a thousand times over that I was her reason for being;
by the way she rested against my leg;
by the way she wagged her tail at my smallest smile;
by the way she showed her hurt when I left without taking her along
(I think it made her sick with worry because she was not along to care for me).

When I was wrong, she was delighted to forgive.
When I was angry, she clowned to make me smile.
When I was happy, she was joy unbounded.
When I was a fool, she ignored it.
When I succeeded, she bragged.
Without her, I am only another person.
With her, I was all powerful.

She was loyalty itself.
She had taught me the meaning of devotion.
With her, I knew a secret comfort and a private peace.
She had brought me understanding where before I was ignorant.
Her head on my knee could heal my human hurts.
Her kisses on my tears washed away my bad feelings.
Her presence by my side was protection against my fears of dark and unknown things.
She had promised to wait for me...whenever...wherever...in case I need her.
And I expect I will — as I always have — she was just my dog.

Breed of The Month

Boerboel

The Boerboel is a very large domesticated working dog. Muscular, exceedingly strong and loyal to a fault, the South African Mastiff is a tough breed, bred for guarding the homestead in hard African conditions.

The name Boerboel is Afrikaans in its origin and can be translated to 'farmer's dog'. *Boer* is Afrikaans for an African farmer of Dutch descent and *boel* was most likely constructed from the English word, bull. It is difficult to pinpoint just what breeds were mated to produce the first Boerboels but it is understood that a number of dogs native to Africa were in the mix. It is thought that European dogs like the [Old English Bulldog](#), the [Bull Terrier](#) and some mastiff-type animals were mated to produce this muscular, brave and loyal breed.

[Boerboels are tough working dogs](#) and have a reputation for being able to adapt to ever-changing and unforgiving conditions. Also used for tracking, the breed has a tremendous prey instinct and shows a great level of alertness while outdoors.

They can be a little bit lazy at times, especially during the warmer months. Getting them outside at least once a day for a long walk is essential to the dog's health, so they may sometimes need some firm persuasion.

The South African Mastiff are very independent dogs but require a good deal of attention from their owners. They are affectionate with children and very loyal but have a tendency to be a bit pig-headed at times. Training from an early age is important for this breed; they are large dogs and first-time owners may find the Boerboel a bit of a challenge.

The breed is a ferocious guard dog and will defend their family bravely, even to the death, if they feel threatened in any way. For this reason it's important that strong discipline be introduced early and maintained for the BoerBoel puppy.

Personality and Temperament

The South African Boerboel is a very large animal, strong loyal. They have a great reputation with children, although smaller kids may find the Boerboel's size a touch overwhelming. They are best suited to families with children over the age of eight and supervision during play time is always advisable.

While Boerboels temperament is very affectionate, even-tempered and deeply loyal to their family, they have a long history protecting persons and property from strange people. They can be a bit standoffish with strangers and can show aggression when feeling uneasy. This instinct can be curbed by introducing the dog to lots of new people and pets young—the more strangers your Boerboel puppy is introduced to, the better.

Boerboels are hardy animals, equipped to survive the harsh African climate. They have a [reputation for being a very healthy breed](#), low maintenance and easy going. They require a good deal of routine exercise to remain fit and healthy, even though they may sometimes not look enthusiastic for it.

Good, long exercise sessions are essential. A big dog needs a good workout, even if your Boerboel is lounging about come walk time.

Discipline is very important for the Boerboel's development and temperament. It's essential that the owner positions themselves as a strong pack leader and doesn't allow any misbehaviour or bullying aimed at other animals. Aggression towards other dogs can occur, especially dogs of the same sex but, as always, early socialisation of the Boerboel puppy is key to avoiding such occurrences down the track.

This dominance over the animal is necessary on the occasions that visitors enter the home. A Boerboel will not take kindly to unfamiliar faces unless the owner asserts themselves, establishing control over the situation.

History

Boer settlers began developing the Boerboel as far back as the 1600s. The Boerboel was originally bred to serve a multitude of working dog functions and, later, developed further to guard the property's homestead.

The modern Boerboel is most likely a mix of at least two or three breeds. Mastiff-type dogs from Europe, together with English breeds like Bulldogs and Bull Terriers may have also attributed to the breeding process. The dog's uses were very varied in its early history; colonial life in Africa required that the breed be an adequate tracker, a hunting dog, attack dog and intimidating guard dog.

During the Boer War and the migration of the majority of the Boer people inland, the Boerboel became scattered throughout South Africa. The breed found homes with a number of settlers of various European backgrounds, including the English.

After the First and Second World Wars, like many breeds, the Boerboel was facing extinction. It wasn't until the 1980s that a group called the South African Boerboel Breeders' Association (SABBA) actively worked at saving the breed. Since this time, careful breeding together with a concerted effort on behalf of SABBA to find genuine Boerboel stock across the country has saved the South African Boerboel from extinction.

In 1990 SABBA filmed and distributed a documentary on the Boerboel's rich and extensive history in a harsh and unforgiving land. The dog bred for Africa captured the world's attention and the Boerboel began to generate a great deal of interest overseas.

Today, the Boerboel can be found in many countries across the globe, including Australia. In 2010 the breed was officially accepted into the American Kennel Club's Working Dog Group.



Upcoming Events

Puppy Prep Classes

November 9 Nov to 30 Nov

Santa Photos

30th November

7th December

Last Day Of Training 2019

14th December

Illawarra Diggers Visits

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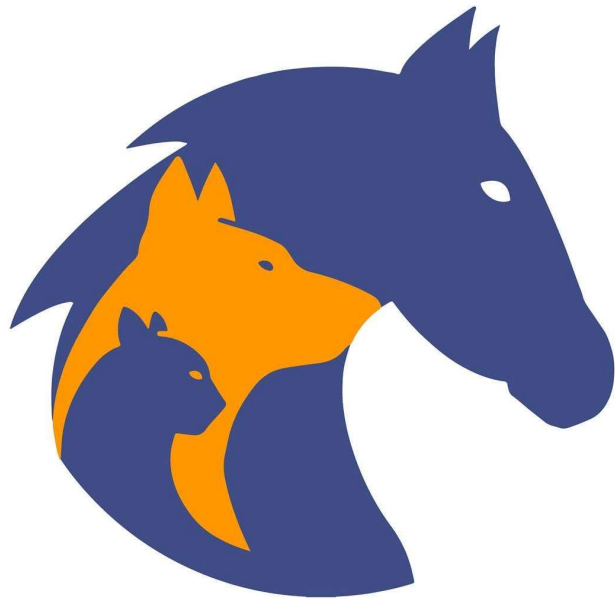
If you are interested in attending Illawarra Diggers with your dog please talk to our Chief Instructor Mark so he can assess your dog's suitability.

**WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING DONATIONS FOR OUR
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