



DOG CHAT

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Illawarra Dog Training Club



AUGUST to NOVEMBER 2022



Where has this year gone?

NOTE FROM EDITOR

Please refer to website for Ground Rules ie. footwear

If you would like to contribute anything for future newsletters or suggestions in what you would like to see please feel free to email them through or hand it in to the Clubhouse and I will include it – Cheers

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Membership Cards

Any member on the grounds is asked to wear their membership card. This will allow records to stay up to date, helps us out when recording the information and most importantly it protects you.

In case of an emergency it will help us identify quickly and efficiently.

If you have misplaced your card or holder replacement cards and holders can be purchased at the clubhouse for \$2.

Extreme Weather Cancellations

We ask our members to keep an eye on the social media Facebook and Instagram on days when it is extremely hot or electrical storms are around. Illawarra Dog Training Club must abide by Dogs NSW and we have a duty of care to all our members including the dogs to keep everyone safe.

Cancelling any training day is a decision not taken lightly but sometimes it is necessary.

CHIEF INSTRUCTORS REPORT

It has been a very sad and frustrating 12 months. Since the last scheduled AGM date of 3rd August 2021 there were 42 training Saturdays scheduled. There have been 11 Saturdays lost to Covid restrictions and 17 Saturdays lost to wet weather and ground closures. So, up to and including 23rd July we have only had a total of 14 training Saturdays for the period.

This situation has never happened in the 54-year history of the club, so all members can now claim to be part of a history making event. We can all only hope for better times going forward.

We are still continuing with our start, stop, start, stop training program. However, it is pleasing to observe the good quality work on display at the training sessions able to be run.

With no more public holidays or special events programmed for the balance of the year and with cooperative weather, it is hoped that we can build up numbers on the ground to be able to finish the year on a high.

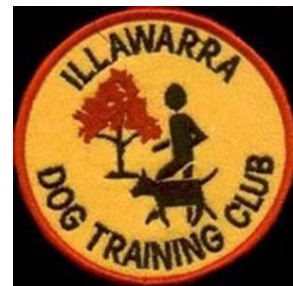
The club has had a very positive response to the call for new instructors and we those volunteers are currently in training, and we will soon be able to have smaller class sizes and more trainers on the ground to provide individual instruction as required.

A very sincere thank you to these new instructors on behalf of all members.

On the trialling front there were many positives achieved with Floyd, Loreena Graham, Carol, Danni Janice, Roz, Jane and George competing in rally obedience and obedience events with passes through to titles achieved over multiple levels. Congratulations to all those members who achieved for themselves and the club.

Cheers

Tony



TRIALLING RESULTS

Gundog Society	20.08.22				
Roz Manning with Barney	CCD	99 points	1 st Place	1 st Pass	
Golden Retriever National	20.08.22				
Roz Manning with Barney	CCD	94 points	1 st Place	2 nd Pass	
Spring Fair	28.08.22				
Roz Manning with Barney	CCD	95 points	2 nd Place	TITLE	
Canberra	24.09.22				
Janice with Fergie	CCD	88 points	3 rd Place	1 st Pass	
Victoria State Titles	07.08.22				
Floyde Gilbert with Finn	Rally Excellent	94 points			
Orana K9	29.07.22				
Floyde Gilbert with Finn	Rally Excellent	100 points	1 st Place	TITLE	
Orana K9	30.07.22				
Floyde Gilbert with Finn	Rally Excellent	93 points			
Orana K9	31.07.22				
Floyde Gilbert with Finn	Rally Excellent	96 points			
Brush Farm	21.08.22				
Floyde Gilbert with Finn	Rally Advanced	96 points		1/5 RAE	
	Rally Excellent	96 points			
Blacktown	17.09.22				
Floyde Gilbert with Finn	Rally Advanced	97 points		2/5 RAE	
	Rally Excellent	94 points			
Hills	29.10.22				
Floyde Gilbert with Finn	Rally Advanced	94 points		3/5 RAE	
	Rally Excellent	93 points			
Hills	29.10.22				
Floyde Gilbert with Alf	Rally Advanced	99 points		2 nd Pass	
Blacktown	17.09.22				
Floyde Gilbert with Finn	Open			TITLE	

If you are interested in trialling or thinking about trialling in Obedience or Rally, please let us know.

We have a team of trialers who are training their dogs for competition so the club has a wealth of information.

If interested let us know so we can help you on where to start

WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING

When the rain has stopped, and grounds dry enough to work on we have had Saturday classes as normal. We just need more of a dry spell to get some consistent training in.

After our last working bee with the help of our members and volunteers we have been trying to keep on top the grounds conditions whilst we deal with this weather a big thank you to Tony Gardiner and Phil Rath for extra mowing of the grounds during the week so we all can keep training.

IDTC has introduced a Rally Workshop for our members to try a new dog sport or just an opportunity to mix up your training with your furry friend.

So far, the feedback has been positive, if you are a member of the club you are welcome to attend, all levels.

Next workshop is

Sunday 23rd October – 10am Start
Saturday 12th November – 10am Start
Saturday 10th December - 10am Start

NEWS!!!!

As you may be aware Black Hawk sponsor our puppy classes.

Black Hawk are also happy to support our rally and promotions at the club.

What we would like our members to do is tag your furry friends enjoying their treats on Instagram and Facebook

@BlackHawkPetCare



WELCOME NEW IDTC INSTRUCTORS

We have new instructors joining the team at IDTC.

What does that mean for you?....

- Smaller classes,
- More help if needed
- Grouped in similar level as others
- Chance to have different instructors

Not all instructors will be at the club every Saturday as they are all volunteers and sometimes, they have other commitments – family, personal – holidays – trialling our own dogs.

The Instructors at Illawarra Dog Training Club are as follows;

Carol Zietsch	Tony Gardiner (Head Instructor)
Dani Zietsch	Julie Stubbington
Dave Cooper	Loreena Tate
Geoff Taylor	Floyde Gilbert
George Bartolo OAM	Acacia Dawson
Heather Kennedy	Lorraine Graham
John Hallett	Abby Cameron
Linda Thomas	Karen Wyers
Lorraine Lipman	Gary Lumley
Mark Johnston	Roz Manning
Phil Rath	Ellie Pice
Dianne Wastell	Tracey Williams

Thank you to our new instructors coming on board, without our volunteers we don't have a club.

If you would like to be an instructor at the club, please talk to our head instructor Tony



If you would like to volunteer, we would be very grateful.

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

If you would like to be around dogs and people helping out on a Saturday afternoon or in the background, we would love to hear from you. Just see the girls in the Clubhouse

General Duties / Canteen
Newsletter Creator
Set up & Pack Up
Member number on field records
Puppy photographer
Train to be an instructor

I would love it if someone is interested in doing the newsletters for IDTC as I am struggling with my current workload hence the delay in newsletters at the moment.

I am willing to help put it together with you.

Please let me know on the field or let us know in the clubhouse.

Cheers
Loreena



PUPPY NEWS!!!

PUPPY PREP COURSE

The puppy prep course is a four (4) week certified course which runs monthly with limited numbers. Payment is cash only or bank transfer on your mobile device. Joining Fee \$100



Included in the cost is the full four-week course, single adult membership to the club, a puppy training collar, comprehensive notes & General Information booklet and special treats from our sponsor Blackhawk.

BOOKING ARE ESSENTIAL – After hours on 0419 485 476
3pm – 4.30pm



SANTA PHOTOS

Santa photos will be offered again this year so you can get a Christmas photo

Saturday 12th & 26th November 2022 starting at 1.45pm



TOPIC OF THE MONTH

Building Engagement with Your Dog

- [By dogedit](#)
- June 18, 2021

We've all seen it: the dog who watches his owner intently for the next word, who checks in with his human partner when hiking off leash or even the patient pup who frequently checks in with his human partner. These are examples of engagement between the dog and the pet parent. Engagement is having a connection with our dogs.

As a dog trainer and pet parent, I strongly believe engagement is one of the most important things we can work to develop with our dogs. Strong engagement gives us a focused, involved and happily willing pet partner. We shouldn't force engagement, but we can build it through various ways and flourish engagement together.

To understand engagement, it helps to understand what it is not. Engagement is not a dog who is fixated or obsessed with a reward, such as toys or food or even barking to grab your attention. An engaged dog wants to focus and work with you, paying attention to you no matter what you are doing or where you are together.

Creating engagement does not magically happen overnight. It's a process that requires work and time. Here are tips to get you on your way:

1. Start with Your Routine Walk

The top way to build engagement with your dog is to reward him when he engages with you. When you are out on a walk together, reward your dog every time he looks up at you. Reward right away, making sure your timing is immediate so your dog understands the relationship between the action and the reward. I often use a marker word, such as "Yes" as my dog looks at me and then go in with my reward. And, of course, reward with something better than kibble, like a tasty treat.

2. Graduate to "Watch"

The next step is to teach your dog a "Watch" behaviour. Once this is a learned behaviour and your dog begins to offer it, reward your dog for naturally looking at you and engaging with eye contact when you aren't

specifically asking for it. This can lead to an offered behaviour the more you teach and reward, leading to your dog watching you and offering engagement with you.

3. Trick Training

Trick training gives you an opportunity to show your dog how much fun training can be. Training together helps your dog to understand your communication and the rewards that come with training, all while keeping your dog focused on you. These are all things that grow your bond and grows the drive to engage with you.

4. Playtime

Every dog deserves play. When you take the time to play with your dog, you build that strong bond. Let him win games every now and then to keep it fun!

By building engagement, you will soon have a dog who has a stronger bond with you, enjoys training, is less stressed in new situations and is easier to train and get to focus no matter where you go together. Have fun training together!

About the Author: *Nicole Ellis, CPDT-KA, is a celebrity dog trainer based in Los Angeles. She has trained everything from bears to tigers to leopards as well as household dogs and cats. Nicole has appeared on Amazon's The Pack, The Today Show, NBC, Fox, MSN, Mashable, Pet360, Travel+Leisure, Huffington Post and more.*

GRADUATIONS

Basic (class 1) to Challenge (class 2):

Lindsey and Zeus
Bianka and Roman
Judy and Watson
Tess and Roxie
Abbey and Bobo
Jenny and Harvey
Julian and Rookie
Troy and Luca
Helen and Dodge

Challenge (class 2) to Stabilising (class 3):

Kim and Rosie
Ben and Murphie

Stabilising (class 3) to Finishing (class 4):

Rachel and Freddie
Karen and Rosso
Michelle and Lara
Joe and Henry
Jimmy and Scarlett



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS FOR 2022

Welcome to the Club and we look forward to being part of your journey. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to talk to any of our instructors, volunteers or members.

FIRST NAME	DOGS NAME	BREED
PAUL	SADIE-SUE	BORDER COLLIE
DANICA & EYLISH	MANGO	KELPIE X KOOLIE
LINDA	GWEN	BORDER COLLIE
BETH	BASENJI	
NATASHA & JAKE	MONTY	BORDER COLLIE X MASTIFF
CHRISTINE	BANJO	TOY POODLE
DIANNE & TIANA	HARVEY	BORDER COLLIE
LAKMAL & CASSIE	ROSIE	LABRADOR
KRISTY & JASON	MUFFIN	SPOODLE
ABBY & MATT	MOLLY	TOY CAVOODLE
KIM & MAILIN	BERT	LAGOTTO
TESS	ROXIE	CAVOODLE
STEVE	CEDRIC	LABRADOR
BRAD	JESSIE	BLUE CATTLE DOG
PETER	BENNETT	ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL
ELOISE	BOBBY	MINI DASCHUND
KELLY & CHRIS	TEDDY	MAREMMA
MARGO	SAMSON	AMERICAN STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER
ANGELA	LUNA	SIBERIAN HUSKY
RACHELLE	DENIYSUS	GREAT DANE X MASTIFF
LYNNE	BELLA	BRITISH BULLDOG
ENRICO & CHIARA	TIA	WHIPPET
LYNDSEY	ZEUS	BORDER COLLIE
CONOR, LORRAINE & ELICIA	LENNY	KOOLIE
YVONNE	SHOOTER	BORDER COLLIE
KIM	BISCUIT	CATTLE DOG
SHAUNA & LIAM	RUE	STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER
CARMEL	MOLLY	CATTLE DOG
KELLIE & BRONWYNE	JASPER	SPOODLE
ROBERT & KAYE	ROCKY	STAFFY X FOXY
TAMMY	ABBY	LABRADOR X
CATHERINE	SUMMER	ENGLISH SETTER
MATTHEW & KIMBERLEY	TILLIE	GOLDEN RETRIEVER
JULIEANNE	BUDDY	BORDER COLLIE
KELLIE	NORTHEN	GOLDEN RETRIEVER
	TEMPUS	BORDER COLLIE
	SHANDEE	GOLDEN RETRIEVER

FIRST NAME	DOGS NAME	BREED
VANESSA & CHRIS	ALFIE	CAVOODLE
BRITTA	COCO	JAPANESE SPITZ
FEI	MOCHA	POMERANIAN X POODLE
SALLY	TILLY	BORDOODLE
MATTHEW	FRED	AM STAFFY X BRITISH BULLDOG
MARIAN	MAGGIE	CHCS
ROSEMARY	BILLIE	CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL
EVELYN	JESSIE	CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL
PETER	MILLY	BORDOODLE
BEN		
SOORYA	THOR	TOY POODLE
LORRETTA	ALYSSA	LABRADOR
CLAIR	DAKOTA	LABRADOR
JADE	ARLO	LABRADOR
BRENDAN		
ELLA	TAZZIE	AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOG
ROB	PABLO	ITALIAN GREYHOUND
LUCY	KIKI	ITALIAN GREYHOUND
BIANKA	ROMAN	GREYHOUND
LINDA	ROSIE	SPOODLE
GARY		
JACQUI	TEDDY	COCKER SPANIEL
NATALIE	KOBIE	GOLDEN RETRIEVER
ELIZABETH	FLETCH	LABRADOR
CLARE	HARLEY	BORDER COLLIE
LORRAINE	BONNIE	BORDER COLLIE X AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD
TONY	INDY	CATTLE DOG
MICHELLE		
CODY		
ANNETTE	JACKY	JACK RUSSELL X CHIHUAHUA
PATRICK		
DANNY		
LINDA	JACK	SHORT HAired LABRADOODLE
CHANELLE	LILY	GOLDEN RETRIEVER
JACQUELINE	MIA	CAVOODLE
RHONDA	INDI	GREAT DANE X
PETER	JAX	JACK RUSSELL TERRIER
DAN	FLISS	GREYHOUND
SARA		
THERESE	MURPHY	GROODLE
DEB	MIA	BORDOODLE
KATE		
BRUCE	RUSTY	GREYHOUND
JAN	BELLA	BORDER COLLIE
NIKKI		
CAILEN		
DAYNA	WHIPPY	WHIPPET X
ASHLEY		
DANE	KOBE	BORDER COLLIE

FIRST NAME	DOGS NAME	BREED
MELISSA	TULLY	CHIHUAHUA
TAYLAH	ARIA	KELPIE
GABRIELLE	OLIVER	BORDER COLLIE X
KEITH	MACK	BORDOODLE
JACQUI	MAXWELL	STANDARD POODLE
SCOTT	ZEUS	ROTTSKY
JESSICA	ZEUS	AMERICAN STAFFY
GAI	JASPER	BORDOODLE
PETER	ANGLIE	SCHNAUZER
ELIZABETH	PEPPA	SHOODLE
KELLIE	BEANIE	MIXED BREED
TUNOA	LOA	NEO MASTIFF X GREAT DANE
MEGAN	NALA	TOY CAVOODLE
CHRIS		
ISABELLA		
TAMMY	BUNDY	CATTLE X KELPIE
PHILLIP		
ALYSHA		
LAURA	LENNIE	COCKER SPANIEL
CAROL	BELLA	BORDER COLLIE
MELISSA	SHELBY	SIBERIAN HUSKY
SUMA	RUE	GROODLE
LYN	GYPSY	BORDER COLLIE
MICHAEL	MILLY	BORDER COLLIE X KELPIE
KITTY	PICKWICK	CAVOODLE
	RAGE	BORDER COLLIE X POODLE
ERIN	EARL	GREYHOUND



2022/2023

Executive Committee			
President	Linda Thomas		
Vice President	Mark Johnston		
Chief Instructor	Tony Gardiner		
Treasurer	Carol Zietsch		
Secretary	Danielle Zietsch		
2022/2023 Committee Members			
Kyle Charnock	Kim P	Mark Johnston	Floyde Gilbert
Loreena Tate	Phil Rath	Julie Blanchard	
Dave Cooper	Lorraine Lipman	George Bartolo OAM	
Life Members			
Ron Wilson	Kay Jefferys	Tony Gardiner	Carol Zietsch
June Franks	Phil Rath	George Bartolo OAM	
Kyle Charnock	Peter Franks	Bev Charnock (dec)	
Instructors			
Mark Johnston	Linda Thomas	Dave Cooper	David Chester
Phil Rath	Lorraine Lipman	George Bartolo OAM	Dianne Wastell
John Hallett	Pam Townsend	Julie Blanchard	Loreena Tate
Heather Kennedy	Geoff Taylor	Floyde Gilbert	Karen Wyres
Phil Rath	Acacia Dawson	Lorraine Graham	Abby Cameron
Gary Lumley	Roz Manning	Ellie Pice	Tracey Williams

Meetings are held Bi-Monthly and are open to club members to attend. We would love to see you.

Meeting
6th December 2022
7pm – 8.30pm

IDTC Club House
JJ Kelly Park
Swan Street
Wollongong



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