



DOG CHAT

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Illawarra Dog Training Club



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NOTE FROM EDITOR

My apologies for the late newsletter, I can give you a whole lot of reasons but really life just got in the way but on the upside the next newsletter is not far away. 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 FEBRUARY/MARCH 2021

Once again Mother Nature challenged us, this time to hone our ark building skills leading to training being cancelled. I hope you all stayed safe and dry without any damage to your homes. Despite Mother Nature playing games with us we still seen an average of 75 dogs on grounds! Promotions have been really high a sure way to show how hard everyone has been working, well done everyone.

On the 26th February we held a Rally information night with many club members coming along to find out this exciting and challenging dog sport. A huge thank you to everyone who came along and an extra special thank you to judges Shanelle Corben and George Bartolo OAM for your enthusiasm and willingness to help and answer everyone's questions. An extra special thank you also goes to Carol & Danni Zeitsch for demonstrating on the night and my heartfelt thanks to Carol for your help and support and for organising the catering for the night. Everyone walked away with heads spinning with information but super inspired to get involved. In the coming months we will hold an information night for obedience so listen out at half time for announcements!

On grounds on training days you will see dogs with yellow bandanas please be aware of your and your dogs behaviour around these dogs, they are not necessarily aggressive but they are dogs/handlers that aren't as comfortable in group surroundings as other dogs so **PLEASE** give them their space and ask before approaching. We have had some dogs coming across the inspection tables that aren't comfortable with people if you happen to have a dog like this please make sure you tell the instructor who is at the vetting table before they approach you may also want to purchase a yellow bandana from the canteen to give a visual warning so your dog doesn't end up feeling so overwhelmed by someone trying to touch them. Please remember if you have a reactive dog or a dog that needs space that you are your dogs voice it's up to you to make sure that they don't get put in a situation that makes them uncomfortable.

We have many of our instructors and a growing number of club members competing in and preparing to compete in obedience and rally, if you're interested in learning what you need to do to participate in these enjoyable sports please approach your instructor who'll be able to direct you to get started

Our recent trial results are:-

Sapphire Coast Kennel Club (Bermagui)

George and Zac UDX Obedience 175 Points 3rd Place FIRST PASS

Cheers

Fiona Moulton.



UPCOMING NEWS!!!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**IDTC is holding the
Bev Charnock Memorial
Double Obedience Trial**

July 4th 2021

HOW CAN YOU HELP

Stewards – training will be provided,
Setting up the ring on ground,
Covid Marshalls
All help will be appreciated.

Please talk to Carol, Linda in the clubhouse or your Instructor

Come and watch competition level, there is some fantastic teamwork and dogs on display, even better join in the action, volunteer and get up close to the action.

You never know you may even get the bug to give it a go yourself.....
yes we help upcoming trainers who want to compete in this sport.

**Next Bi-Monthly Meeting is 1st June 2021 7pm-8.30pm
ALL WELCOME**

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 collar, comprehensive notes & general Information booklet.

BOOKING ARE ESSENTIAL – After hours on 0419 485 476

3pm – 4.30pm

Puppy Class

April Intake	May Intake	June Intake
10 th April 2021	8 th May 2021	5 th June <u>2021</u>
17 th April 2021	15 th May 2021	19 th June 2021
24 th April 2021	22 nd May 2021	26 th June 2021
1 st May 2021	29 th May 2021	3 rd July 2021

RECENT PUPPY GRADUATES







We will get more puppy spam in the future

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP & FEES

Enrolment day is every Saturday at 3pm with the exception of public holiday weekends.

Ground Fees are \$5 per week and Cash Only

Joining Fees

- One adult member and one dog (including collar and lead for your dog) - \$70
- Additional adult member - \$15
- Junior Member between 10-16 years old - \$10

Annual Renewal Costs

Membership is renewed at the end of each financial year

- Adult - \$15
- Junior - \$10

RALLY INFORMATION NIGHT

On February 26th 2021 Illawarra Dog Training conducted a Rally Information Night. The weather was great and there was plenty of information to digest and demonstrations to watch.

Rally is a fantastic starting point to enter competition if you don't feel as though Classic Obedience is for you, or use it as a stepping stone. Not only is it fun but it's a great way to build teamwork, work on foundations, and meet like minded people.

The Rally Information Night we were lucky enough to have Shanelle Corban and George Bartolo OAM to run us through rules and give the perspective from a Judge's point of view.

We also could not have done it without Fiona, Danni and Carol with demonstrations and behind the scenes work.

We thank all the members who came and its never to late to join, IDTC has recently started some Rally Classes on the Saturday. If you would like to learn more talk to the girls in the Clubhouse or your instructor.

We look forward to you joining in the fun.



Question time after a walk through with Fiona, George & Shanelle



We are planning a Classic Obedience Information Night in the near future we hope you can join us



WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING

Illawarra Dog Training Club has some fantastic volunteers. If they are not instructing they are helping with general running of the club, completing general maintenance, organising, mentoring etc we would be lost without you all.

Even our youngest volunteer member pitched in then followed it up with helping on the grounds. Thank you

You don't have to be an instructor to volunteer and help the club. We are very grateful for any help.



TOPIC OF THE MONTH

GIVE US SPACE

DID YOU KNOW IDTC SUPPORTS THE YELLOWDOG AUSTRALIA PROJECT.

If you see a dog with a yellow ribbon, bandanna or a vest please give the dogs and handlers space. There are a number of reasons a dog may have a yellow warning.

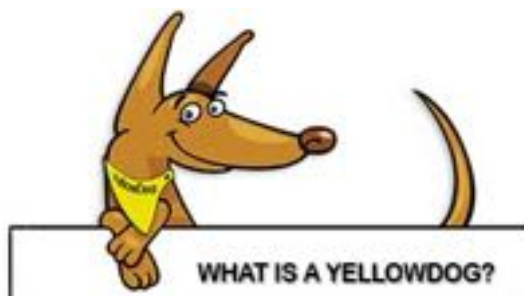
This includes in lines waiting for vetting, in class, near the clubhouse and out and about in general public space. We all want to set our dogs up for success and we can all respect each others space.

● INTERVIEW FROM DOGSLIFE

● **What are the reasons why a dog might need a little extra personal space?**

The concept behind it is quite simple, the Yellowdog Australia Project suggests a wide range of reasons behind why a dog might be wearing a yellow ribbon, vest, bandanna or any yellow item attached to a leash, collar or harness.

It is to communicate that this dog needs some space and please do not approach this dog with your dog. Also it signals to maintain a distance or allow time for this dog with his/her person to move out of the way



● **Training in the Community.**

As an example a puppy or young dog that is in training.

It can be difficult to teach a dog *not* to jump up at people when a stranger walks by and “coos” at the puppy.

Socialization is very important, but so is training and learning manners, thus outside interference and distractions can make it much more difficult to concentrate. We know as dog trainers it is best to never interrupt a dog training session of any kind without a good reason so in this scenario - the yellow ribbon, bandana or vest may only need to be used for short periods of time.

For the Dog Trainer. And then there are trainers who are very serious about working with their dogs on their fears. These people are



generally going to be Counter Conditioning a dog to its fears (be it people, dogs garbage cans, etc.) and doing BAT (Behaviour ,Adjustment Training). These dogs are going to need to be taken out into public at some point or else they will not be able to progress past a certain point. These dogs are going to need to be exposed to their triggers many times. There is no way to avoid going out in public if the problem is truly going to be addressed!

Consider dogs with behavioural or temperament issues that require a significant amount of time to be spent on their assessment and training before they are able to be taken out off the lead or trusted to play nicely with other dogs or people. This is often the case with dogs that have been re-homed after an uncertain past. Give them the time and space they need to learn about the right ways to behave, and let them have some room to see the things that they haven't seen or heard before.



● **Dog training Clubs.** The number of dog training clubs incorporating the Yellow Sign into their class structure is steadily increasing helping those who need assistance with their dog. Ground rules depend on class structure. Wearing the yellow indicator does not mean these dogs are “bad”, rather that they do better with space for a whole variety of reasons that may **NOT** be related to their temperament or approachability in itself.



● **Fearful Dogs in the Environment.** There are many dogs who have been so traumatized they may never be 100% after what has happened to them so need a “back off” sign. They should still be allowed to go on walks but perhaps not so much in a public setting because there is a real issue in the fact that too many people have no idea what it means to be polite or kind.

Not to mention to know how to approach a dog in a way that is proper providing a good opportunity for a positive social interaction in the first place. Whatever the reason, it is always good to give an oncoming dog

and their family space. There are many “friendly”, “people loving”, “dog loving”, yet ill-behaved off leash dogs out in public, owners who have allowed their dogs to drag them to another dog saying “Don’t worry, my dog’s friendly”. If reactive dogs “shouldn’t be out in public” then perhaps the same should apply to these dogs also??

GIVE ME SPACE
DON'T SAY HELLO TO A DOG WEARING YELLOW
A yellow ribbon on the leash or on the dog could mean.

I'm shy
I've just been adopted
I get too excited
I'm deaf
I'm recovering from surgery
I get grumpy
I'm in training
I'm old and tired

PLEASE GIVE US TIME TO MOVE OUT OF YOUR WAY
YELLOWDOG AUSTRALIA

www.yellowdog-australia.kdevents.com
www.facebook.com/yellowdogaustralia

This campaign is not suitable for dogs with a bite history!

So if the dog and/or handler is displaying the **GIVE ME SPACE** signal we ask that you **GIVE THE DOG AND HANDLER SPACE** even if your dog is friendly as we do not want to set anyone backwards in training and everyone including our dogs need to feel safe.

For all other dogs who are social the following is a great tool for you as well

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.



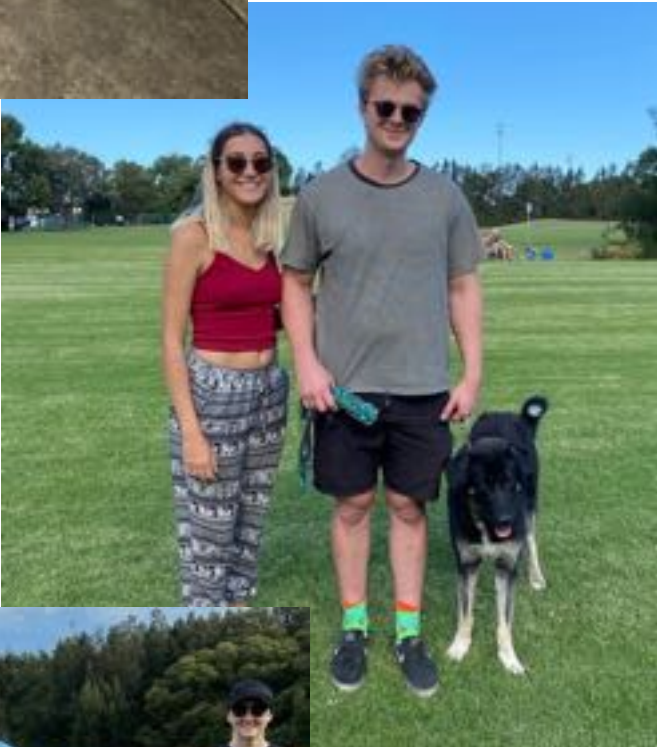
By following these simple steps you can help keep your dog safer and encounters with others a pleasant experience.

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GRADUATIONS

Congratulations everyone, keep up the great work







WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS FOR FEBRUARY

	FIRST NAME	Dog's Name	DOG BREED
1	MARISA	LEO	CAVOODLE
2	JULIE	SHERIFF	BORDER COLLIE
3	LEANNE	RAVEN	ENGLISH STAFFY
4	NORMA	ANGIE	TOY POODLE X TIBETAN SPANIEL
5	RAMONA	TWITCH	GERMAN SHEPHERD
6	KIM	DOUGAL	STANDARD POODLE
7	GRAHAM	MANNY	STANDARD POODLE
8	DEB		
9	DAVID	SAM	GOLDEN RETRIEVER
10		EMMA	STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER
11	HEIDI	ARLO	BULL ARAB X
12	LUKE	ELLIE	POMCHI
13	ANNICA	THABO	BOERBOEL
14	WENDY	WILLOW	BORDE COLLIE
15	WENDI	WILLOW	GERMAN SHEPHERD
16	ANA CLARA	MEL	BEAGLE
17	MEL	JANGO	GROODLE
18	BEN		
19	AKI		
20	LOUIS		
21	KYLIE	MAC	LABRADOR
22	BARRY	NALA	MOODLE
23	AMBER	RUBY	MINI DACHSUND
24	BLAKE	PIPER	AMERICAN STAFFY X
25	BELINDA	BOSTON	KING CHARLES CAVALIER
26	CURTIS		
27	PETER	ARCHIE	GOLDEN RETRIEVER
28	HOLLY		
29	STUART	VAGA	BELGIAN SHEPHERD
30	SUZANNE		
31	DARREN	ROXY	KELPIE
32	BELINDA		
33	TYLER		
34	KAYLEE		
35	JOHN	MAX	KELPIE X CATTLE DOG
36	ADAM	FLOYD	BULL ARAB X
37	DIANNA	DOLLY	BICHON
38	MATTHEW	NANCY	KELPIE
39	JOHNNY		
40	MEJA	LOLA	COCKER SPANIEL
41	JOHN		
42	ALICE		
43	ROSE		
44	HELEN	MARVIN	STAFFY X
45	NICKI	NED	GROODLE
46	BRETT	MAUI	LABRADOR

47	KALANI		
48	NEVE	BELLA	MAREEMA
49	HANNAH	INGRID	AIREDALE TERRIER
50	JACK		
51	MARIA	PAISLEY	POODLE
52	JOHN	JET	GERMAN SHEPHERD
53	NATHAN		
54	GIGI		
55	NICOLA	JARLI	SPOODLE
56	BERTUG	HUGO	ROTTWEILER
57	NICOLE		
58	JOANNA	COCO	BORDER COLLIE

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS FOR MARCH

	6/03/21		
	FIRST NAME	Dog's Name	Dog Breed
1	ANGELA	VUKI	ENGLISH STAFFY
2	PORSHA-LILY	LUNA	AMERICAN STAFFY
3	EDMOND	POPPY	AUSSIE BULLDOG
4	ERIN		
5	JOANNE	WALTER	JACK RUSSELL
6	STEPHEN		
7	EMILY		
8	TRISH	BOBBY	BORDER COLLIE
9	KIM	ASH	AMERICAN STAFFY
10	GLENN		
11	KYLIE	CLYDE	LABRADOR
12	GLEN		
13	ADELLE		
14	BRYCE	LENNY	GSP X WHIPPET
15	TARA		
16	KIERAN	ALFIE	BORDOODLE
17	GUILIA	ROCKY	CHIHUAHUA
18	VICTOR	SPENCER	COCKER SPANIEL
19	MALCOLM	ROSIE	STANDARD POODLE
20	LINDA	SHADOW	STANDARD POODLE
21	JILL	MYA	GERMAN SHEPHERD
22	LEVI		
23	STACY	MAGGIE	GOLDEN RETRIEVER
24	SARAH	BUTTERS	CAVOODLE
25	NATHAN		
26	KEIRAN	FRITZ	STANDARD SCHNAUZER
27	DEBORAH	RALPH	SCHNOODLE
28	REBECCA	WINNIFRED	CORGI
29	DANIEL		
30	JOE		
31	MELANIE		

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS FOR MARCH

32	KERRY	BANJO	FOXY X JACK RUSSELL
33	LIZ	MURPHY	RED CATTLE X
34	DOMINIC		
35	MATTHEW		
36	WILLIAM		
37	NATALIE	FEN	SWISS SHEPHERD
38	CHRIS	MAGGIE	GROODLE
39	JANET		
40	GORDON	FINN	GOLDEN RETRIEVER
41	LEANNE		
42	APRIL	ZUMA	GREAT DANE X
43	ANNE	TAZI	TIBETAN SPANIAL
44	GAI	SHENKO	POODLE (TOY)
45		FRODO	POODLE (MINI)
46	STUART	BONNY	LABRADOODLE
47		BINDI	LABRADOODLE
48	ANN	BELLA	CAVOODLE
49	NICK	LORENZO	WHITE SWISS SHEPHERD
50	ANGELA	ERNIE	KELPIE X

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.



2020/2021

Executive Committee			
President	Linda Thomas		
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Phil Rath	Lorraine Lipman	George Bartolo OAM	Dianne Wastell
Larissa Woods	Pam Townsend	Dave Cooper	Loreena Tate
Heather Kennedy	Geoff Taylor	John Hallett	

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

Next Bi-Monthly Meeting is
1ST JUNE 2021
7pm – 8.30pm

IDTC Club House
JJ Kelly Park
Swan Street
Wollongong



Ground Rules

- Dogs 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 in progress.
- Classes using club equipment will be responsible for returning this equipment to correct storage place under the supervision of the class instructor.
- Parking on the 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 volunteer's cars for both children and dog's safety.
- Children are not permitted in class with parents.
- Fully enclosed shoes must be worn at all times.

Promotion Requirements

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 two (2) hands 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 is comfortably walking next to your left leg using a loose leash.
2. Your dog is 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. Your dog is able to get your dog to do a place finish as a separate exercise.
7. You can 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 using the lead but with a loose leash majority of the time.



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