



Dog Chat

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Promoting Responsible Dog Ownership



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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

Chief Instructors Report June 2019 – July 2019

Over the last 2 months our number have dropped off a little with dogs at training averaging 67 each week, mainly due to 2 bad weather days. 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 June Larissa, Marilyn and Lisa made the visit to Diggers, in July Thea, Marilyn and Lisa visited, again it is great to see some new handlers getting involved.

And a Few Reminders,

A reminder from the Member Handbook,

the rules exist for the safety of our members and their dogs, and apply during your attendance at training
(note that this is not a complete list)

Ground Rules

Dogs are to be kept on leads at all times, unless in training classes and under direct supervision of an instructor.

Dogs are not to be tied to clubhouse structures or trees.

Pick up your dog's droppings if they foul the ground. Plastic bags are available to enable responsible disposal.

The Club will not tolerate physical or verbal abuse towards dogs or members

Children are to be kept away from dogs pegged near volunteers' cars for both children and dog's safety.

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.

Another big thank you to members who helped at our annual obedience trial in July

Congratulations to David Chester on completing his CCD title with Zoe, it was a great performance to get a pass (and first place) at Western Suburbs in extremely difficult conditions

Thanks Mark

Welcome To Our New Members

First Name	Name	Breed
PHIL	MAVERICK	LABRADOODLE
MARY	BIDDY	COLLIE ROUGH
EMILY	DIXIE	BORDER COLLIE X PUGALIER
KATHERINE	MILLIE	SPOODLE
MELISSA	HARVEY	SPOODLE
JACKSON		
LILY		
ELESE	GIDGET	CHIHUAHUA
RYAN	LAYLA	GERMAN SHEPHERD
DAVID	NUTMEG	LABRADOR
FAITH		
MICHELE	LUNA	LABRADOR
SAMANTHA	RUBY	BOSTON TERRIER
MAGGIE		
JAMIE	LUNA	DASHUND
LACHLAN		
LYNDAL	CHARLIE BROWN	KELPIE
SHARON	GEORGIE	LABRADOODLE
GEORGINA	MILHOUSE	MINI DACHSHUND
CALLUM		
AUDREY	BRONTY	AMERICAN BULL DOG
ROB		
JACQUELINE	SHADOW	HUSKY X MALAMUTE
First Name	Name	Breed
PHIL	MADDIE	BORDER COLLIE
HELEN	KIAYA	LABRADOR
GABRIELLE	BUDDY	BORDER COLLIE
DAVID		
ROBYN	KAAN	WHITE SWISS SHEPHERD
DEBORAH	THEO	SPOODLE
KERRY	MAGGIE	WESTIE
KRISTY	EVO	KELPIE
JUSTIN	SAL	SPANADOR
MARINA		
MARGIE	KAT	MASTIFF X LABRADOR
DEE	PIPPA	LHASAPOODLE
ERIKA		
MIGNON	DOUG	SHITZU X PUG X CHIHUAHUA
FONA	AUDREY	SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER
CHRIS	SHADOW	CAVOODLE
JINA	KORA	ROTTWEILER
LESLIE	ACE	STAFFY X SHAR PEI
MACKENZIE		
BRONWYN	SCOUT	COCKER SPANIEL X CAVALIER
ALEXANDER		

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

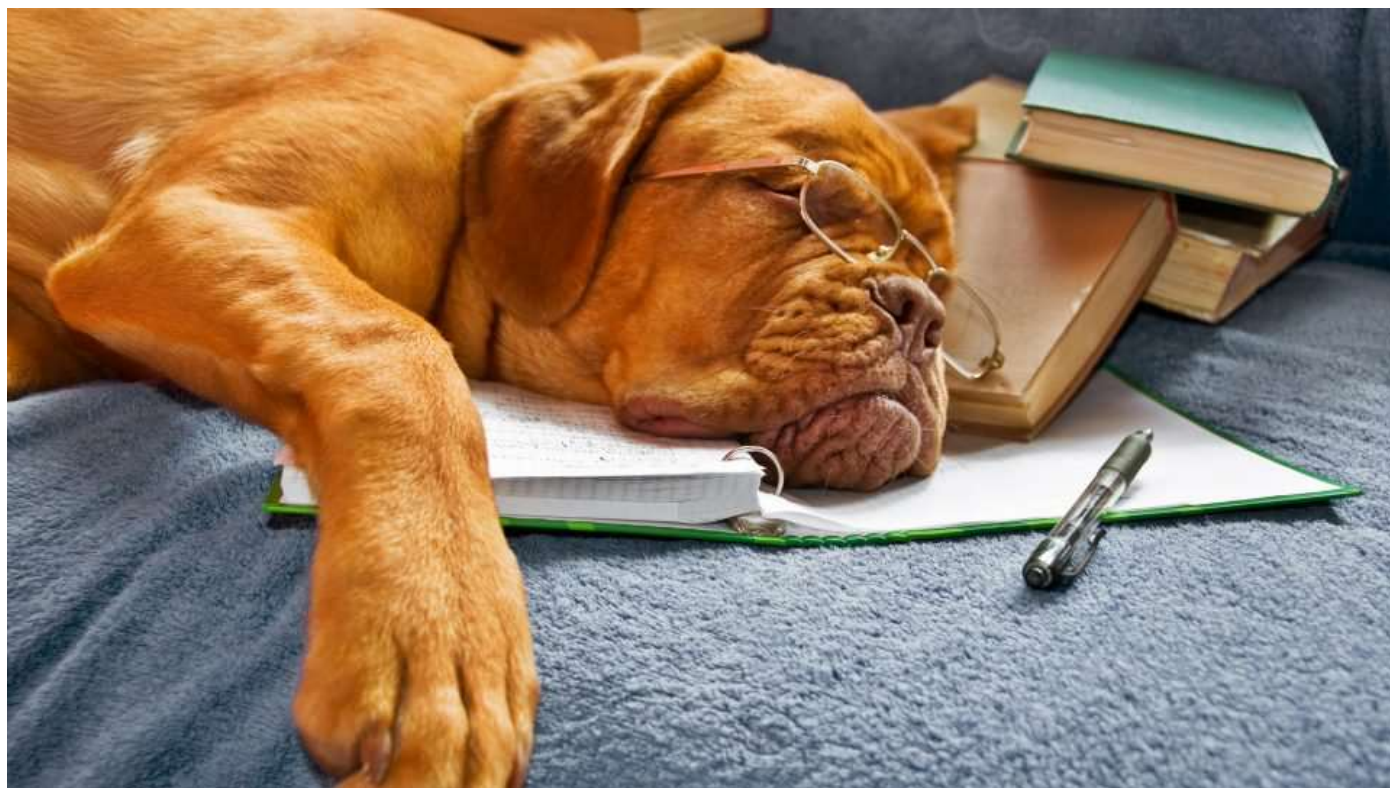
Class 3 Challenge to Class 4 Finishing:

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:

Sherin and Daisy	Sharon and Mica	Abishek and Coco
Amanda and Ted	Michelle and Luna	Maxine and Indi
Phil and Maverick	Ellie and Evie	Sharon and Georgie
Robyn and Kaan	Adam and Sally	Troy and Roxy
Deborah and Theo		

Class 2 Stabilising to Class 3 Challenge:

Catherine and Ivy	Lindsay and Billie	Andrew and Diesel
Elaine and Marley	Ben and Lola	Rachel and Maple
Ron and Peanut	Danielle and Lola	Phil and Bewlla
Jess and Fleur	Graham and Banjo	Emily and Gracie
Jayden and Monte	Brett and Buddy	Ryan and Astro
Rhiannon and Indi	Tanja and Momo	Phil and Maverick
Victor and Lizzie	Michael and Xena	

Class 3 Challenge to Class 4 Finishing:

Terry and Polly	David and Mia	Dave and Ziggy
Jason and Obi	Jimmy and Raven	Jacque and Holly
Warwick and Orlando		Debbie and Willow
Natasha and Arlo	Peter and Tess	



Doggie Treat of The Month

Liver Lickers Dog Treats

- ¾ cup wheat germ
- ¾ cup nonfat dry milk powder
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon brewers' yeast
- ½ cup pureed chicken liver
- ¼ cup water, or as needed



Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 175°C
2. In a medium bowl, stir together the wheat germ, milk powder, egg, yeast and liver. Add water if necessary, to make a workable dough. Drop by teaspoonful onto a greased cookie sheet.
3. Bake for 20 minutes in the preheated oven. Remove from cookie sheet to cool on wire racks. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

Breed of The Month

Collie (Rough)

Rough Collies, also known as Long-Haired Collies, are a medium-large sized dog that were originally bred for herding. Their coats consist of a long double coat which is straight on top and soft and furry underneath.

Rough Collies shed a significant amount of hair and it's good to give their coats a deep brush about twice a week and keep them clean and groomed.

Rough Collies come in a variety of colours that include shaded sable, mahogany sable, sable, double merle, sable merle, blue merle, colour headed white, and tri-coloured.

Female Rough Collies can grow up to 61 cm and can weigh up to 30 kg. Male Rough Collies can grow up to 65 cm and can weigh up to 35 kg and the breed can live up to 14+ years.

Rough Collies require an average level of exercise and like most dogs regular walks are a must. These dogs are really suited to families and they get along very well with children.

Personality and Temperament

This breed has a confident, placid, kind, and loyal attitude. They are rarely nervous or aggressive. It is important to remember that this breed needs constant training from a young age to prevent shyness when it is older. Rough Collies often show their true colours when they are still in their litter so be sure to choose the dog who is behaving how you want them to.

Rough Collies are a very intelligent dog, which means that training them is easy but they can have a tendency to bark if they are provoked. This breed is not an explorer, so make sure it is kept in a familiar environment.

Rough Collies have a deep love for children, and they can play together all day every day. This love for kids often sees Rough Collies becoming defensive and protective over children. Rough Collies are also wonderful companions for other animals as long as they are socialised and trained from a young age.

History

The true original roots of Rough Collies appear to be lost in history. Rough Collies are believed to be descendants of sheep and goat herding dogs from Scotland and Wales. The two different types of Collies Rough and Smooth, resulted from mix-breeding. When Queen Victoria owned this breed, the Rough Collie turned into a fashionable pet

to own. The constant mix-breeding of this dog has seen it grow smaller in size. In the 1960's, the breed was much taller than it is today.



We Say Farwell To A Special Dog - Quake

Most trainers will have noticed one of our dogs working his way through all the Obedience Classes from the initial puppy class to 4th class and wearing a bright orange coat. What makes this dog so special is that Quake is a Guide Dog In Training. Quake returns to Guide Dogs NSW on 22 July 2019 to commence his formal training and hopefully qualify as one of the many valued dogs owned by Guide Dogs NSW. We wanted to find out more so we asked Joe the following questions:

Why did you decided to become a puppy raiser for Guide Dogs NSW? I have wanted to do puppy raising since I ran into a puppy raiser at the Bowral Tulip Festival in 2010. I now have the time and can commit to the puppy. I find that puppy raising is enriching for me and I want to be part of that journey for the dog. The other thing is the satisfaction of knowing that the puppy you raised has not only helped someone else but has most likely changed their life for the better.

What is involved in puppy raising for Guide Dogs? You raise the puppy in a normal household environment as you would for any other puppy dog. You are required to walk and train the dog on a daily basis and never leave the dog on their own for more than 4 hours at any time. Guide Dogs have a few rules that you must comply with so that the dogs do not develop any unacceptable habits or social behaviours. You meet your Puppy Development Advisor from Guide Dogs at a local park on a weekly basis for the first 8 weeks, then on a fortnightly basis where you are trained in a small group. If you managed to get through Class 2 at IDTC, you are capable of doing puppy raising for Guide Dogs.

What does it cost you? Some of your free time, lots of TLC and 3 trips to Guide Dog Facilities in Sydney. Guide Dogs pay for all pet bills, medication, dog food, and all necessary equipment, etc.

Won't you miss giving the puppy back? Off course I will, you form a special bond with one another but I see it from the perspective that Guide Dogs need as many good puppy raisers as they can get hold of to help not only visually impaired people but also companion dogs for those with special needs.

What happens if the dog does not get through Guide Dog's Training Program? If the dog is classified as a pet, you get the first option to keep the dog from Guide Dog, otherwise it will be sold off as a pet. There is a long list of people wanting such a pet, or a retired Guide Dog (usually 8 years old) for their family. In any instance, if Quake does not get through for any reason, he will re-join my family.

Will you get yourself another puppy if Quake get through? Most definitely. I find puppy raising a rewarding experience whichever way you look at it. I have my own 12 yo Labrador and if Quake is returned to me, I will take a short break, to allow Quake to mature a little bit more and then raise another few puppies for Guide Dogs.

How can we find out more about puppy raising? I always tell people that there are many ways that they can help Guide Dogs whether it be puppy raising or someone they know that

may be interested in taking up the cause or even sponsoring or donating to Guide Dogs. I am more than happy to answer any questions that people may have about my personal experience with puppy raising and what is involved. Alternatively, if anyone is interested, or want to know more, they can go to Guide Dogs web site where they can find out more on puppy raising:

https://www.guidedogs.com.au/guide-dogs/puppy-raising?gclid=EALalQobChMI7oCi4o6Q4wIVTwwrCh1TcAWAEAAAYAiAAEgINTPD_BwE



Trial Results

IDTC 7/7/19

David and Zoe CCD 91 points 3rd Place

Linda and Jet CCD 90 Points am trial 1st pass

Linda and Jet CCD 85 Points pm trial 2nd pass

Deer Bush 30/6/19

Mark and Kaos RN 76 points 2nd pass

Western Suburbs 28/7/19

David and Zoe CCD 88 points 1st place Title

Danni and Pepsi RN 77 points 1st pass

Fiona and Storm RN 85 points 1st pass

Mark and Kaos RN 93 points 3rd place - Title



Pamper your dog with his “Love Language”

In his 1995 book, “The Five Love Languages: How to Express Heartfelt Commitment to Your Mate,” Gary Chapman decodes the way people express love and theorizes that we tend to give love in the way we like to receive it. He describes five “[love languages](#),” and believes most of us express and experience love in both a primary and a secondary way. Our communication is most successful when we know and acknowledge our partner’s love language.

But, this theory doesn’t just work for romantic relationships. You can apply the same principles to your relationship with your dog!

1. Words of affirmation

For people who speak this love language, hearing “I love you” or receiving compliments is extremely meaningful. Negative comments hurt them deeply. In this language, words have real value.

For your dog: Does your dog wag his tail happily when you say “Good boy!” or “Who’s a smart boy?” in an excited or tender tone of voice? Most experts agree that dogs, while they don’t understand words, are sensitive to tone. A [recent study](#) shows that our canine companions have some idea of what specific words convey. If speaking sweet nothings to your pet and verbal affirmation light up his world, this may be his love language.

2. Quality time

Time spent together without distractions, even something as simple as taking a walk, is an expression of love. If your mate speaks this language, doing things together and being there for him shows that you love him.

For your dog: Does your dog do his happy dance when you reach for the leash? Is he thrilled to play endless games of fetch with you? In this case, playtime and quality time will make your dog feel pampered and cared for. Even time spent [training](#) is an act of love: you and your dog will communicate and strengthen your bond.

3. Receiving gifts

We all like presents, but, receiving a tangible gift shows that your mate is thinking about you. It doesn’t have to be an expensive or elaborate gift; something thoughtful, no matter how small, makes you feel appreciated and loved.

For your dog: Is your dog highly motivated by treats? Is getting a new toy the high point of his week? Although most dogs love receiving [treats](#), some like it more than others. If yours is one, National Pet Day is the perfect time for a special treat or [brand new toy](#).

4. Acts of service

No, you don't have to run out and join the Peace Corps. This language means that actions speak louder than words. It can be as simple as knowing your mate will be working late and preparing him a tasty dinner. For these people, doing the dishes, picking up the dry cleaning, or mowing the lawn is seen as an expression of love.

For your dog: You feed your dog, bathe him, [groom](#) him, and take him for walks. These are all acts of service that show your dog you're a trustworthy caretaker.

5. Physical touch

For some people, touch is a way of communicating emotional love. Research shows that babies who are held and kissed develop a healthier emotional life than those who were deprived of physical touch. A hug when you come home, a kiss goodnight, even a simple touch of the hand as you walk through the room can express your love for a mate.

For your dog: Most dogs love a belly rub or a scratch behind the ears. In fact, an ear rub does more than just feel good; it actually releases endorphins in dogs, giving them a blissful "high." If your dog is always nudging your hand with his head, rolling over for a rub, or nestling up close to you, touch may be his favourite expression of love. Even a good [brushing](#) may be heavenly for some pups.



AGM Reports

President's Report

Dogs teach us so much:

Patience, unconditional love and compassion. They always remind us of the secret to happiness, they rejoice at everything, like just being with the ones they love, viewing the same landscape they've seen hundreds of times or taking in a special scent in the air. We constantly learn from them, to slow down, be appreciative & enjoy things exactly as they are.

As a CLUB, we have kicked a few successful goals this past year, most importantly gaining a favourable outcome, regarding the 'Proposed Off Leash Area' on our ground. The tenacity & commitment our special committee have shown, through meetings & conversations, and the support we have received from our passionate members expressing your concerns along this journey, will not be forgotten. This strong support is appreciated.

Annual Double Obedience Trial – Once again we have hosted a very successful Annual Trial. Thankyou to George for managing several important roles on the day, Judging and Trial Manager, also for preparing our stewards, who did a magnificent job. Appreciation to the team of hard working volunteers who begin at daylight setting up rings & gazebos, preparing our grounds for this event. Our efficient Trial Secretaries, with a special mention to my partner in crime, Carol who has overcome lots of challenges again this year to receiving the entries and preparing our catalogue for the day enabled us to create a relaxed atmosphere for competitors on this day. Special thanks to Heather who sat at our admin desk enabling Carol & Myself to trial our dogs. Our success is a result of these magnificent, wonderful people!

Thanks again to Ros & Di for preparing & serving a magnificent lunch for our Judges, Stewards and all our club members & volunteers who assist with our Trial, also a huge thanks to the boys Julian and Russell in our BBQ tent, with delicious treats, to help us get through the long day.

Achieving results! – Throughout this year our Trialling Club Members have had some very successful results when competing, proudly representing our Club – IDTC, always striving for improvement, often encountering many challenges along the way. Tony has taken out the Club award with his results. Consistent hard work is achieving results, well done!

Pride in our Club, 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 or presenting an improvement idea, there is always someone to put up their hand up to assist, thankyou so much.

Mark, our Chief Instructor continues to do a wonderful job! Delivering another successful year, I'm seeing many happy dogs & handlers here each week on our grounds. Well done to you and your team of dedicated Instructors. It is our aim to make our members Saturday afternoons an enjoyable, fun & rewarding experience. We enjoy watching partnerships develop & seeing handlers promoted through the classes.

As President, it is said we are only as good as the people we surround ourselves with, well I must be fabulous. I have the best of the best, a wonderful Executive & Committee to work with. Our Club is blessed with volunteers that go beyond, giving their valuable time, sharing their experience & knowledge with our members. What a wonderful dedicated team! Always Caring for each other. I'm Proud of you and our Club.

Linda Thomas

President. IDTC

Chief Instructor's Report

Chief Instructors Report Year Ending July 2019

It is a pleasure to report on a successful year. A big thank you to all Instructors and Volunteers who give up their valuable time to support the club.

Saturday afternoon training is only successful as a result of a great team effort. This starts with the administration effort that happens because Carol, Danni, Fiona and Heather do the paper work involving new and renewed memberships, organising inspection tickets, puppy paper work, telephone liaison and stock and run the canteen, along with Janice who ably assists in the canteen.

I would also like to acknowledge all the instructors who have worked with their allocated classes each week. These people are the backbone of the club as our main purpose is to educate members with simple methods to teach their dogs a few valuable actions.

Thank you to each and every instructor.

Length of volunteering milestones recognised this year were;

40 years Phil, 5 years Danni, Kat and Lorraine, these awards represent a large investment to the club and towards the dog owning community.

Statistics from the last year are:

Number of handlers and dogs at training sessions were 2933 (2357 in 2018).

Numbers of promotions from Basic class one Stabilising class 2 were 175 (139 in 2018)

Number of promotions from Stabilising class two to Challenge class 3 were 96 (11 in 2018).

Numbers of promotions from Challenge class three to Finishing class 4 were 32 (16 in 2018)

Number of puppies at training days was 302 over 40 weeks. (286 in 2018)

Number of classes taken by an instructor were 335 (341 in 2018).

Finally, congratulations to our club triallers who represent the club in obedience competitions.

The highlights for this year are listed here

State Titles 1/10/18

Tony and Ash CDX 171points Triple Qualifier Medal

Golden Retriever Club NSW 5/5/19

Carol and Cruze CD TITLE

Western Suburbs DTC 28/7/19

David and Zoe CCD TITLE

Mark and Kaos RN Title

Mark Johnston.

Chief Instructor IDTC

Trial Secretary's Report

- It's very rewarding when we have a successful Trial day. We were packed up & finished in good time, I was at home in my house at 4.03pm, so very happy.
- We have a fabulous committee of wonderful dedicated people, who contribute to our success.
- Thank you to George Bartolo OAM for managing several tasks – Trial Manager, Judging and preparing the Stewards.
- We are very fortunate to have many members of our club volunteer to Steward each year, becoming quite experienced.
- Judges appreciate our skilled stewards.
- We were grateful the weather was on our side as we'd had a lot of rain leading up to the Trial.
- Carol's efficiency, having everything methodically organised prior to the trial is of great assistance.
- Heather was well organised and in control at our admin desk.
- We missed Phil, our grounds weren't quite up to our high standard.
- Thank you to Ros, Di & Lyn, Lunch was delicious.
- Thank you to the boys Julian Jankowski and Russell Hammond in BBQ tent and Lorraine Lipman in our Canteen. Will revise our BBQ plans for next year.
- Thank you to Lyn for answering some important Trial questions from participants.
- Thank you to all who baked and made Pumpkin soup for our canteen sales.
- We had some nice positive feedback from Judge, Vickie Harris.

Great outcome again!

Carol & Linda

Secretary's Report

IDTC is still going strong with a total of **210** new members on our books over the last year ending

30 June 2019. Total Membership **420** to 29 July 2019

The Club has published Newsletters bi-monthly to a high standard with positive feedback that has been received concerning content. Thanks go to Fiona Moulton for taking on this task on this past 2 years and doing an outstanding job!

The IDTC Website is kept up to date and maintained by Heather Kennedy, who does a fantastic job thanks Heather. The high number of visitors to our website is evidenced by the number of people contacting us to make enquiries to attend either Puppy PREP Classes or to join our general membership.

163 Members have stated they found us via the Internet.

Other sources recorded where people found us:

- Council – 2
- Other – 269
- Pet Shop – 12
- RSPCA – 21
- Word of Mouth – 379
- Yellow Pages – 14

The IDTC Facebook site continues to be a fantastic source for the Club to attract new members also for our members to celebrate many activities including photos of promotions, Puppy Classes etc. Messages received via Facebook are generally answered within 20 minutes, thanks to Carol and Mark for assisting with these responses. Facebook generally receives over 500 plus likes when posts are published. I would like to see us run a competition on a quarterly basis via Facebook just to generate more of a profile out there in the Community,

We now have more flyers and business cards with the new mobile phone number and contact details. Thanks to everyone that help promote the Club to their friends, work colleagues, strangers (Dave Cooper), word of mouth is a great way to get people involved, as you can see above.

Our Annual Event Dinner this year will be held a little later this year Friday 23 August 2019 at the Lost Lobster. Looking forward to a Fun night!!

Thanks Danni
IDTC Secretary

IDTC DOUBLE ANNUAL OBEDIENCE TRIAL 2019

The IDTC's annual double obedience trial of the 7th of July was held in wonderful weather with sunshine and reasonable warm clear weather.

By 6am club members were out in force setting rings up and all other equipment necessary for each ring. It was pleasing to see so many members that came to help early and stayed all day to help packing up. My thanks to everyone especially Tony Gardiner for helping me marking the rings the previous day.

Our stewards did a great job and that was shown by the praise and complimentary remarks from the judges at the end of each trial.

Thanks to the Trial Secretaries Linda Thomas and Carol Zietsch for having everything well organized that made the trial run so smoothly, also Heather Kennedy for answering queries and printing qualifying cards so efficiently. Thank you.

Julian and Russell did a great job in the BBQ tent making sure no one will go hungry especially supplying the early volunteers with breakfast, well done.

Thanks to Ros and Dianne for organizing the lunches for the judges, stewards and volunteers. If you want a good lunch these two ladies are number one. Also thank to Lorraine for looking after the canteen all day.

After quite a few years away from the obedience ring it was great to see our president Linda throw her hat in the ring again and come away with a qualify in the morning trial, congratulations great to see you in the ring again.

All in all we had a terrific day with everyone lending a hand to make sure the success of our trial.

I sincerely thank everyone that was involved on the day and shown once again what a great club Illawarra Dog Training Club is.

George Bartolo OAM
Trial Manager

Upcoming Events

Puppy Prep Classes

September 7 Sep to 28 Sep

October 12 Oct to 2 Nov

November 9 Nov to 30 Nov

Illawarra Diggers Visits

31-August-2019

28-September-2019

26-October-2019

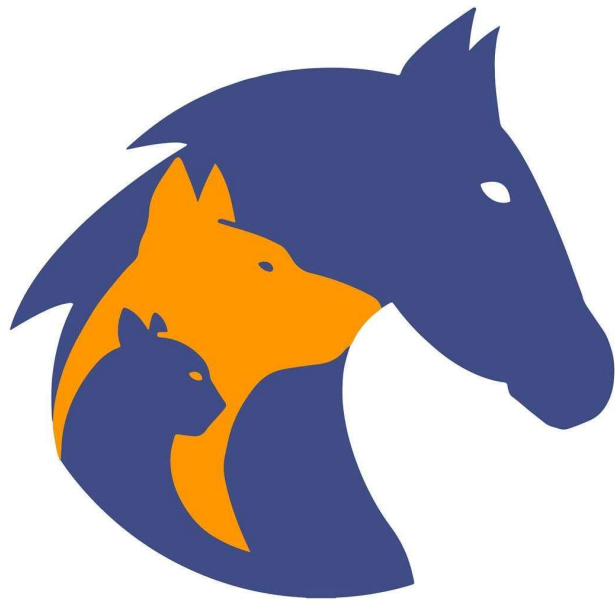
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If you are interested in attending Illawarra Diggers with your dog please talk to our Chief Instructor Mark so he can assess your dog's suitability.





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