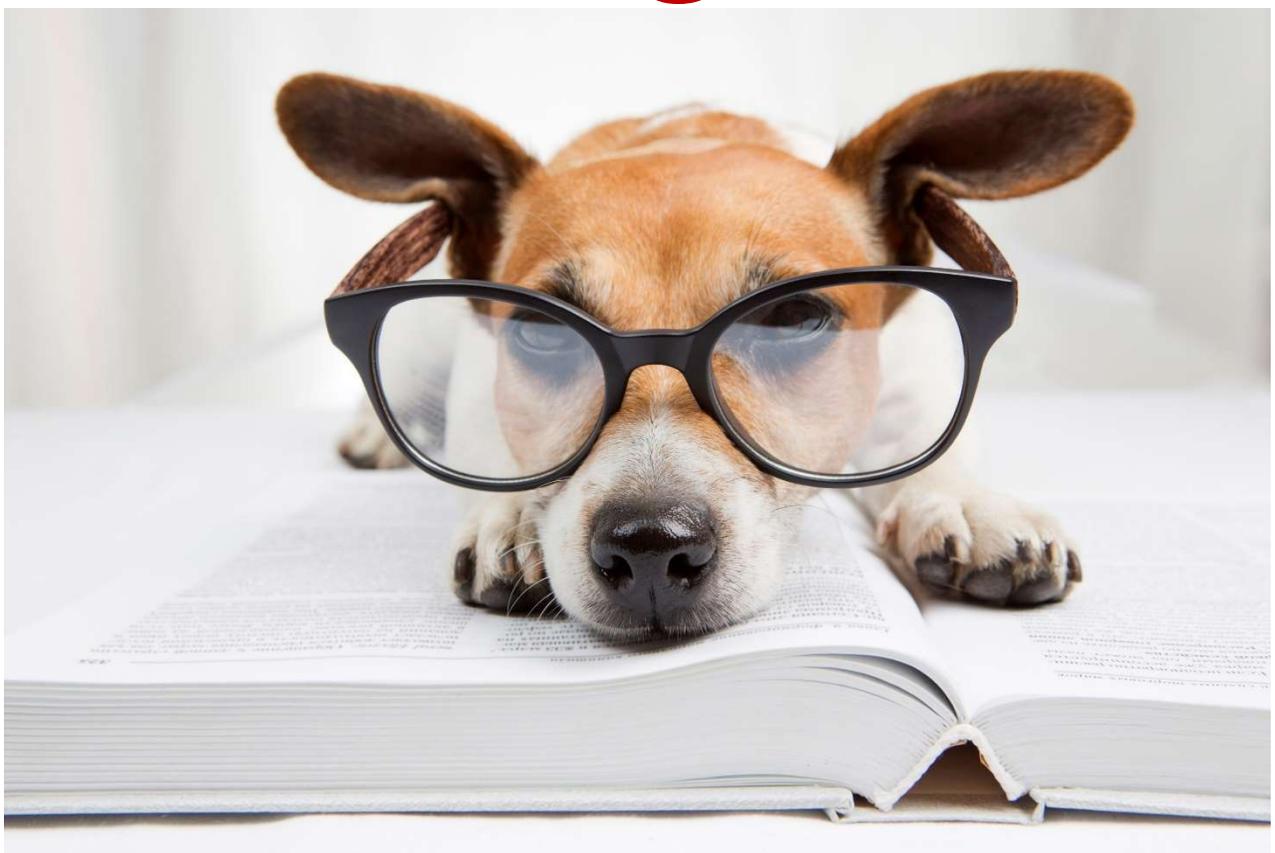




 **Dog Chat**
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Illawarra Dog Training Club 

December 2018/January 2019
Welcome Back to
Training 2019



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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

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Chief Instructors Report

December 2018/January 2019

Welcome Back to Training in 2019, We again hope to have a fun and productive year.

We had 2 training days in December averaging about 70 dogs on the ground at training, including our Christmas Training Day on 8 December where we only had a short first session followed by games for a bit of fun to wrap up the year.

First Day Back at training was 2/2 and we again had over 70 dogs on the ground with a record 19 in the Introduction class.

To start off the new year I have some reminders for members,

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.

We are our dogs advocate and we can certainly opt out of interactions if we feel it is not in our dog's interest.

Covered Shoes - JJ Kelly is a public park through the week, so even though we inspect the grounds before training, we can't be completely sure of what surprises we might find on the grounds, it is a club requirement that all people training are wearing covered shoes.

As always, A BIG Thank You to 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 Johnston

Welcome To Our New Members



December 2018

Albert with Zara a GSP
Sharna with Eve a Bull Arab &
Mark with Titan a NEO X

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

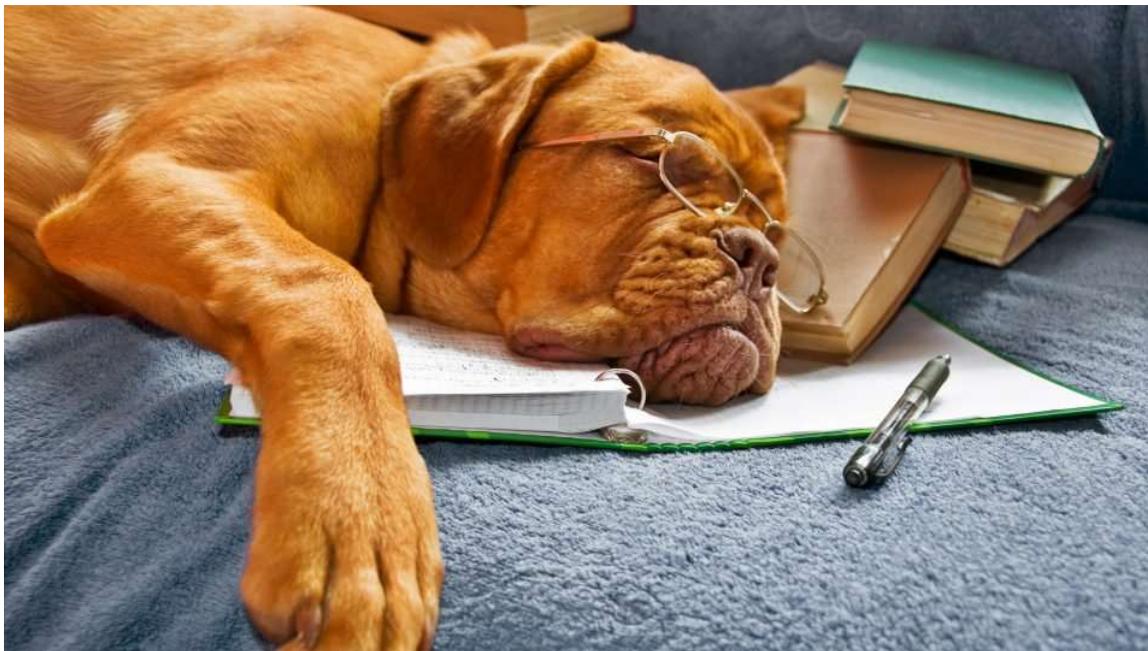
Class 3 Challenge to Class 4 Finishing:

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



Congratulations Tony Mitchell

Senior Citizen of the Year 2019

If you've been to training a Saturday chances are you've come across Tony Mitchell and his Border Collie Nippa. This year Tony's extensive volunteer work in the community was recognised when he was awarded Senior Citizen of the year by Kiama Council.

Tony's community involvement started from a young age with the Kiama Scout Troop. He has gone on to volunteer with a range of clubs and organisations in Kiama and Wollongong, including Minnamurra Car Club, Kiama Sailing Club, Kiama Dog Club, Kiama Silver Band, Wollongong Dog Sports Club, Illawarra Dog Training Club, South Coast Dog Training Club, Kiama Ski Club and Illawarra Light Railway Museum. Tony's passion for responsible dog ownership lead him to found he Kiama Dog Training Club.



He was a founding member on Kiama Council's Companion Animals Committee and is a life member and one of the founders of the Wollongong Dog Sports Club. He actively assists Kiama Council with events such as 'Dog's Day Out' and the 'Sustainability Expo' and still regularly competes in agility competitions around the state with his dogs. Tony Mitchell is also a dedicated volunteer for the Delta Society – a national not-for-profit organisation which provides animal-assisted therapies for the sick and elderly. He is also a driver with the Kiama Community Volunteers.

He founded the Kiama Dog Training Club in the early 90s, was a founding member on Kiama Council's Dog Committee, and is a life member and one of the founders of the Wollongong Dog Sports Club. He actively assists Kiama Council with various events such as Dog's Day Out and the Sustainability Expo, and still regularly competes in agility competitions around the state with his dogs. Mr

Mitchell is also a dedicated volunteer for the Delta Society – a national not-for-profit organisation which provides animal-assisted therapies for the sick and elderly. Tony visits guests and residents at Carunya and Bluehaven Nursing Home (two support units for those with dementia).

On behalf of the Linda (President), Mark (Chief Instructor) and all the instructors Congratulations Tony on your well-deserved award.

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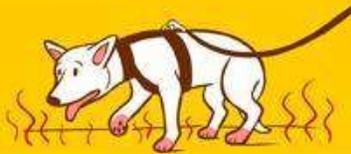
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NO CARS

Never leave a pet in the car, not even with the window cracked.



NO ASPHALT

If it's too hot for bare feet, it's too hot for bare paws.



LIMIT EXERCISE

Don't let playful pets over exert themselves in the heat.



HEAT STROKE

Excessive panting, discolored gums, and mobility problems are signs. Seek veterinary attention immediately!

Why Own a Dog?

Why own a dog? There's a danger you know,
You can't own just one, for the craving will grow.
There's no doubt they're addictive, wherein lies the danger.
While living with lots, you'll grow poorer and stranger.

One dog is no trouble, and two are so funny.
The third one is easy, the fourth one's a honey.
The fifth one's delightful, the sixth one's a breeze,
You find you can live with a houseful of ease.

So how 'bout another? Would you really dare?
They're really quite easy but, oh, Lord the hair!
With dogs on the sofa and dogs on the bed,
And crates in the kitchen, it's no bother, you've said.

They're really no trouble, their manners are great.
What's one more dog and just one more crate?
The sofa is hairy, the windows are crusty,
The floor is all footprints, the furniture dusty.

The housekeeping suffers, but what do you care?
Who minds a few nose prints and a little more hair?
So let's keep a puppy, you can always find room,
And a little more time for the dust cloth and broom.

There's hardly a limit to the dogs you can add,
The thought of a cutback sure makes you sad.
Each one is so special, so useful, so funny.
The vet and food bills grows larger, you owe BIG money.

Your folks never visit, few friends come to stay,
Except other "dog folks" who live the same way.
Your lawn has now died, and your shrubs are dead too,
But your weekends are busy, you're off with your crew.

There's dog food and vitamins, training and shots.
And entries and travel and motels which cost lots.
Is it worth it you wonder? Are you caught in a trap?
Then that favorite one comes and climbs in your lap.

His look says you're special and you know that you will
Keep all of the critters in spite of the bill.
Some just for showing and some just to breed.
And some just for loving, they all fill a need.

God, winter's a hassle, the dogs hate it too.
But they must have their walks though they're numb and your blue.
Late evening is awful, you scream and you shout
At the dogs on the sofa who refuse to go out.

The dogs and the dog shows, the travel, the thrills,
The work and the worry, the pressure, the bills.
The whole thing seems worth it, the dogs are your life.
They're charming and funny and offset the strife.

Your life-style has changed. Things won't be the same.
Yes, those dogs are addictive and so is the dog game.

Unknown Poet



Doggie Treat of The Month

Turkey & Cranberry Dog Biscuits

Ingredients

- 3 ½ cups whole wheat flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup shredded cooked turkey
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup low-sodium chicken broth, or as needed



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 175c
2. In a large bowl, whisk the whole wheat flour and baking powder together until thoroughly combined, and stir in the cooked turkey meat and dried cranberries. Make a well in the centre of the mixture and drop the egg into the centre; pour in the olive oil and about ½ cup of the chicken broth. Mix into a soft dough. If mixture is too dry, mix in more chicken broth, about 1 tablespoon at a time, until dough is desired consistency.
3. Turn the dough out onto a floured surface and knead for 1 to 2 minutes. Roll the dough out to ¼ inch thick and cut out with your favourite cookie cutters.
4. Bake until the treats turn brown, about 25 minutes. Turn the oven off and leave the dog treats in the oven an additional 30 minutes to dry out. Refrigerate any leftover dog treats

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DON'T SAY HELLO TO A DOG WEARING YELLOW

A yellow ribbon on the leash or on the dog could mean...

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I've just
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I get
too excited



I'm deaf



I'm recovering
from surgery



I get
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Six Benefits of Training Your Dog

One reason why our relationship with dogs developed over the centuries is because they are pack and social animals. Our canine friends look to their people for guidance on how to behave and to learn what we expect from them. It's up to us to educate our dogs through training and socialization. Dogs can't be expected to follow our rules if they don't know what those rules are. Teaching your dog obedience gives you and your pet some important benefits.

Obedience training is focused on teaching your dog basic commands, how to be social and how you expect your pet to behave. You can achieve these goals in one of three ways: by enrolling your dog in a quality dog obedience training school, by working with a qualified dog trainer, or doing it yourself using whichever positive training techniques you prefer. The benefits you gain will make living with your pet more enjoyable and less stressful, and your dog will gain self-confidence and be happier. Read on for six benefits of obedience training.

Better Control

Basic commands all dogs should know include sit, come, drop it, leave it, stay, stop, wait, no, watch me and quiet. These commands help you better manage your pet as he encounters different situations throughout the day. They help to keep your dog safe and make it easier for you to control him when on a walk or at the dog park. Obedience training teaches your dog to greet people and other dogs in a calm way with manners. Better control makes it possible for you to take your pet to dog-friendly public parks, events and businesses, or bring him along on hiking and camping outings. It also eliminates the need to lock your dog away from guests when they visit your home.

It Can Save His Life

Even a well behaved dog could bolt if scared. A dog that will return to you when called can make the difference in a dangerous situation, like running out in front of an approaching car, racing out the door during a thunderstorm or running away while evacuating your home because of an impending natural disaster. Understanding the commands "stop" and "wait" is also important.

Provides a Solid Base

Working with your dog and practicing obedience commands each day using positive reinforcement builds a solid base that helps both of you deal with different situations you may face. A reliable sit/stay and watch me command makes it possible for you to keep him under control and avoid uncomfortable or potentially dangerous encounters when your dog waits and looks to you for instructions on what he should do. A solid foundation helps your pet understand what he does right and wrong, and eliminates confusion when he knows who is in charge.

Helps You Understand Your Dog

Obedience training gives you an opportunity to spend quality time with your dog. You can better understand his body language and the unique signals he uses to communicate with you. It gives your pet the tools he needs to succeed when he masters commands you want him to know.

Develops a Stronger Bond

Establishing a strong connection is essential, and training your dog with positive techniques is a great way to build trust and mutual respect while bonding. A well trained dog with good manners is more manageable, relaxed, content and confident. And it makes you a happier pet owner when your best buddy understands what you expect. According to research, dogs that have obedience training pay attention to their owners, which reduces stress on both sides and

creates a loving relationship with your dog. The more time you spend with your dog, the better you know who he is as an individual, and the better he understands you will be a consistent and fair leader.

Provides Important Stimulation

With obedience training, you are providing your dog with other important things he needs in his life, such as mental stimulation, exercise, quality time alone with you, and having a job. Research has found that most dogs prize their favorite treat as a reward when they have an opportunity to earn it first. In your pet's mind, it's his "job" to master a command and it gives him satisfaction when he has to use his mind to solve a problem, like learning a new command.

When working with your dog doing obedience training, remember to be consistent, patient and understanding. Some dogs take longer to learn a command, but all canines are capable of learning. When your dog is well trained and socialized, you may be interested in entering him in competitive obedience trials. You can talk to your instructor or our Chief Instructor Mark



The more positive reinforcement
an animal has in its life,
the better able
it can
adapt to new situations
and stress,
and ultimately
the better its quality of life.
- Lisa Desatnik

Breed of The Month

Anatolian Shepherd Dog

The Anatolian Shepherd Dog, also known as the Anatolian Karabash Dog, the Anatolische Herdershund, the Coban Köpegi, the Kangal Dog, the Anadolu Kopek, the Karabas, the Turkish Guard Dog, the Turkish Sheepdog and the Karabash Dog, is an ancient guardian breed with its origin in Turkey. The breed was developed to withstand harsh climatic conditions and thrive in the lifestyle of nomadic shepherds, by guarding their flocks of sheep and herds of goats. Loyalty, hardiness and independence are the most valued characteristics of this breed. These dogs first came to America in the mid-1900s. Anatolian Shepherd Dogs are faithful to a fault, highly intelligent and obedient when well trained. They were admitted to the Working Group of the American Kennel Club in 1995.

This definitely is not a dog for everyone. If not properly socialized and trained, Anatolians can become unmanageable with strangers, and sometimes even with their owners. Anatolian Shepherds do best in large homes with lots of space, and they enjoy being outdoors where they can be on their best watch. These are intensely alert and territorial dogs, bred to be wary and watchful. Their strong protective instincts must be channeled properly to make them agreeable members of the canine community.

Personality

Anatolian Shepherds are truly a working breed. Designed to be protectors of livestock, these dogs take work very seriously. Excellent watchdogs with a loud, deep bark; neither fox nor burglar will get past an Anatolian Shepherd. They are independent and stubborn, but devoted to their family and are an ideal working dog for farmers. This is not a family dog, but a working dog, and potential owners should do as much research as possible before committing to an Anatolian Shepherd.

Activity Requirements

This large breed should not live in an apartment. Though Anatolian Shepherds need less exercise than other breeds of comparable size, they still need plenty of walks and daily time to run. Organized games of catch or fetch don't interest this breed. If they don't have livestock to work with, their desire to work can be satisfied by pulling a sled or cart, or engaging in tracking activities.

Farms are the ideal living space, as they have an inborn desire to work and protect flocks, and benefit from the open space to run. Families with small children should think twice about adopting an Anatolian. While they will bond well with members of their own family, they often don't react well to children they do not know.

Trainability

Anatolian Shepherds are easily trained by a confident leader, but are not for first-time dog owners. They are stubborn, dominant dogs, and a strong and consistent hand is necessary to establish leadership. This breed will take over the house if given even a little leeway. Their innate desire to protect can not be "trained" out of them, but their behaviour can be kept within limits. While you may not be able to keep an Anatolian from barking to alert a stranger's presence, he can be taught when to stop barking.

Behavioural Traits

The Anatolian was bred to be a livestock protector and he will grow to become fiercely protective of his flock, including family members. Wary of strangers, an Anatolian can quickly develop aggression if not kept in check. Early socialization to new people and experiences, as well as firm leadership can keep aggression from developing. Anatolian Shepherds determine on their own who is a "safe" visitor and who is not. New visitors to the home should never try to pet an Anatolian without a proper introduction, and though Anatolians bond well with children in their own family, other children can be perceived as a threat.

Additionally, as flock protectors, they instinctively drive away all animals that aren't part of his flock. Should a neighbour's dog wander into his territory, an Anatolian can cause serious injury, or even death.

Anatolian Shepherds have a reputation for barking at night. When they hear sounds in the distance, they are often set off, and their booming bark can wake up a neighbourhood.

If not stimulated enough mentally, Anatolian Shepherds can become destructive when bored. A large dog with a strong jaw, they can easily rip through drywall or destroy furniture. Commitment to an Anatolian's need to work is imperative when adopting this breed.



Upcoming Events

Puppy Prep Classes

March 2nd – 23rd

March 30th – April 27th

Illawarra Diggers Visits

30th March

27th April

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



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