

Hello members

RSPCA Million Paws Walk

What a great success – the weather was kind and there was a huge turnout for the walk. The Times Newspaper has been full of articles and photos about the day – so a big thank you to our publicity officer Margaret.

Our demonstration teams did fantastically well and it was so good to see such a large group of members with their dogs take part in the obedience work, zipball, freestyle heeling, singing dogs and agility. All events were really impressive and were a credit to instructors, handlers and their dogs – thank you all very much and also a big thank you to everyone who helped transport, set up and dismantle all the equipment – everyone's help is really appreciated.

Club Championship 2006

The Club Championship for 2006 will be held on Saturday 26 August commencing at 9am at Milton Showground. You must compete on that day, there will be no “catch up” events. If bad weather prevents the Championship taking place on 26th it will be held the following Saturday, 2 September. Entry forms and notes will be available this month with the closing date being 31 July 2006. Please remember that under no circumstances will late entries be accepted. If you cannot hand in your entry form at training it can be posted to PO Box 274 at Milton, faxed to 4455 3137 or scanned and emailed to miltondogclub@bigpond.com. Please ask your instructor or any committee member if you have any questions about the Club Championship.

PA System

This year one of our purchases is to be a PA system, especially for use at our demonstrations. It is planned to hold a garage sale later this year, probably in October, to raise funds to purchase this equipment. All donations for the garage sale will be very welcome. We will also be seeking volunteers to help out on the day, so look out for more details in future Newsletters.

Equipment insurance

Arrangements have now been finalised to insure the Club's equipment housed in the Clubhouse.

Web Site

Work has started on the Web site, which is an exciting project for our Club. More information to follow once we are “on line”.

Funding and Off Leash Sub committees

There are many opportunities available to apply for funding and it has been decided to set up a sub committee to investigate funding opportunities for the Dog Club. The members of this sub-committee are Roy, Julie and Rick. If you have any fund raising ideas or hear of funding opportunities please let them.

A sub committee has also been established for off leash areas in the Shoalhaven and its members are Margaret, Diane and Roy.

Smart dogs

- Dogs are very astute people watchers, they anticipate our actions by watching the minute, subconscious movements we make. Intentionally or unintentionally we may teach our dog, or permit our dog to do something which is actually causing a problem.
- Dogs learn by repetition through a pleasant experience and by positive reinforcement. Once your dog has learned a response, it will remember longer if it is rewarded only intermittently.
- When things are not going the way you feel they should, don't blame your dog – think about what you are doing. Your dog will always try to please you, but may be getting mixed messages.
- Trust is gained through love, affection and consistency.
- Sometimes your dog will seem to have forgotten things already learnt. This is only temporary – be patient, relax and enjoy your dog.

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