

MUDTC Newsletter



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President's Message

Hi Members

I am very pleased to see the popularity of our pre-agility class and that members attended for each session. Thank you to Jenny Marshall for sharing her extensive expertise in the sport of Agility with us in these classes. Jenny is an ADAA Agility Judge and trains and competes with her own dogs.

Unfortunately the Fly ball Event scheduled for 26 September had to be cancelled due to the weather. It was disappointing for the participants, some who had travelled from Queensland, and also our hard working team who spent many hours preparing for the event. We still prepared breakfast for about 40 people before they started their homeward journeys. Then we fired up the BBQ again at Sunday training, and sold slices and biscuits to members. Thanks so much to everyone for your support.

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 15 November following training classes. I urge everyone to attend as Club AGMs are important. All Club committee positions become vacant and elections are held for your Executive

and Committee members for the coming year. Details of Club positions are included on the nomination sheet sent out with this Newsletter. Our Club has three member representatives who are there to bring your ideas and suggestions to the committee. We welcome our members input to the running of the Club. If you have any suggestions, please let us know.

The Dog Agility Park is proving very popular. We have planted some trees, and more are to go in on the north. Poo bag dispensers will be installed soon and we have approached the Management Committee and Council about having a bin placed near the Park. If you are enjoying using the Park, please write us a brief note and leave it at the Clubhouse, so we can forward them all to Council.

Happy Training!

Regards
Rosie Milton
President



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THIS WEEKEND

Special points of interest

4 Oct New Member Day

18 Oct Club Agility Comp and Relay for Life at Showground

25 Oct We share grounds with Riders



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Club News and Information

Dog Agility Park Progress

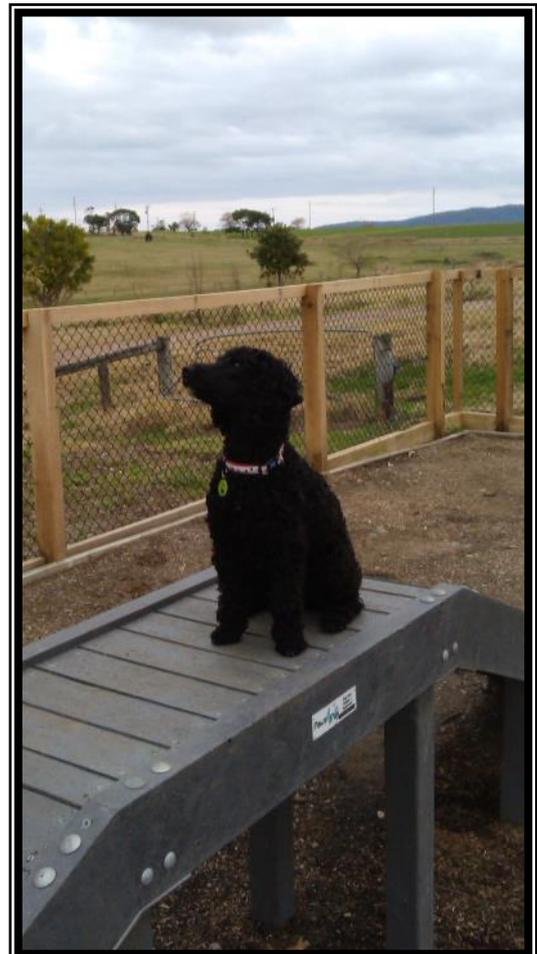
As President Rosie mentioned in her report, lots more activity has been happening at the Dog Park. Thank you again to Mark who has planted a row of wind break trees on the west and shade trees on the north; installed



We have requested a garbage bin on a bracket and post be installed near the park and hope this will happen soon. We are not leaving permanent water bowls at the Park and recommend against this, as Kennel Cough can be very easily spread using shared water bowls.

The Club is extremely grateful to members Rick Venning and Jan Lyall who have each generously donated park seats for the Dog Agility Park. Thank you both very much. The benches are ordered, but will not be delivered until the end of the year.

Here is new member Millie enjoying the Dog Park (owner Kerrie McCutcheon)



poo bag dispensers at the gate entry area, and near the play equipment. There is a clip on the second gate, also installed by Mark, as we realised that a large dog could possibly push open both gates from the outside, if there was no clip.



Club News and Information

Reminders



- Please drive slowly around the show-ground, as some dogs are off leash having a run before training starts. Also children ride their bikes, people are walking/jogging or riding horses. The speed limit is 15kph.
- Please pick up after your dog. After using the Dog Agility Park, or our Agility Arena, or in class, walk around to check if you need to pick up after your dog. Poo Bag dispensers are located at the Dog Park and the Clubhouse.
- Please don't bring your dog with you up the ramp when you pay your fees.
- Ask about our pay in advance system – it avoids waiting at the counter.
- Try to spend at least 5 minutes every day working through your training exercises with your dog.
- Don't feed your dog before training class
- Arrive by 8.45am at the latest so you can pay your fees and be ready for Club announcements. Our volunteers, who help every training day, also want to go to class at 9am with their dogs .
- If you want to purchase collars they need to be fitted, so please arrive early and see our Equipment Officer, Mark.
- Bring your Dog Club bag to training with you with all your gear, and please wear your name badge.



Training Classes at MUDTC

At Milton Ulladulla Dog Training Club we have the following classes:

Obedience

- Baby Puppy - Instructor Belinda
- Quick Start- Instructor Janet
- Beginners -Instructor Diane
- Basic - Instructor Mark
- Intermediate - Joint Instructors Liz and
- Advanced - Rick

Assistant Instructors: Rosemary, Colleen and Cheryl

Agility

Instructors Jenny Marshall; Rosie; Jenny Patch

- Pre - Agility
- Beginners Agility
- Advanced Agility
- Fun Agility Course 1st Sunday month

Assistant Instructor: Danielle

Obedience Structure

In Obedience Dogs stay in Baby Puppy class until they are over 4 months of age. Sometimes very small dogs stay in puppy class for extra weeks. The Quick Start course begins on the 1st Sunday of each month and is a structured 4 week course. On completion of Quick Start members graduate to Beginners, and progress through the other Obedience Classes. Your Instructor uses the Club's Training Manual guidelines to work on various exercises with you. Your Instructor will discuss your dog's progress with you, and promote you to the next class when your dog has reached the required level of competence.

Agility Structure

Members can register to attend the Pre-Agility class when their dog has reached 12 months of age. Pre-agility runs for 4 weeks.

At week 4 an assessment is made whether your dog is ready to join Beginner Agility. Agility Instructor's will discuss your dog's progress with you and promotion from Beginner to Advanced agility will occur when your dog has reached the required level.

A fun agility course is set up on the first Sunday of the month for members to run their dogs. More information about Agility is available on our web page <http://www.mudtc.org.au/documents/Sunday%20Agility%20at%20MUDTC.pdf>

Demonstration Team

The Club has a Demonstration Team that performs at different functions throughout the year. The group meets on Tuesday mornings around 7.30am until about 9.00am at the Club grounds, the first half hour for dog socialisation and the rest of the time for the practice of routines.

Demonstration routines consist of basic exercises learnt during normal dog classes on Sundays, with extra exercises that are designed to extend the skills of both handlers and dogs, all put to music. We also showcase Agility and other activities like Flag races, Hurdle relays and Weaving demonstrations in our routines. New members are always welcome - please see Rick or Liz or talk with your own Instructor who can provide more details.

Clicker Training



Clicker training relies on marking your dog's desirable behaviour with a 'click' and then rewarding with something very special – e.g. tasty food treats. Clicker training encourages your dog to 'think'. You want your

dog to work out what it is you want them to do. Every time you 'click' you must give a reward, (even if you clicked accidentally).

The timing of the 'click' is very important – it tells the dog the behaviour is correct and it will gain a reward. Important steps are to get the behaviour (for example a sit) mark the behaviour – with a 'Click', and then reinforce the behaviour with a tasty treat. Clicker training is different in that the handler waits until the behaviour is well understood by their dog before introducing the word/hand signal for the particular exercise. Once your dog confidently repeats a behaviour, such as the sit, and knows this is what earns the Click and reward, it is ready to learn the name of that behaviour – this is called "introducing the cue". Eventually, when the dog has learned the behaviour and it happens every time on cue, the click and reward is eliminated for that particular behaviour, and replaced with less intensive rewards such as a pat or praise.

The Clicker and treats are used again when the handler wants to teach a new behaviour. You need to remember that the treats form part of your dog's diet and so you may need to reduce the size of their meals in the early training stages when many treats are given. For more information see www.clickertraining.com

We recently heard that one of our new member's dogs responds to the 'click' of a ring pull on a can. We also had a member's dog that sat every time it heard the 'click' of the gas fire starting up! Some pretty smart dogs out there 😊

Members Corner If you have any photos or stories for the Newsletter please email to newsletter@mudtc.org.au

A warm welcome to all our recent new members. We hope you have a happy and rewarding time training your dog at the Club.

Congratulations!

Graduation from Quick Start:

Mila Thorn-Kuribola and Torika Bojovic with Frankie; Trish Thomas with Freddy; Daphne and Rodney Mahon with Sally ; Kerrie McCutcheon with Millie; Margaret Tiernan with Suzie; Alan Harvey with Milo; Cheryl Adams and Bella

Promotion from Beginners to Basic:

Adriaan Piels with Bindi, Robyn Perry with Cassie, Peter Lindsley with Rosie, Lyn Johnston with Pip and Megan Andrews with Amber

Promotion from Intermediate to Advanced:

Jan Melton & Molly, Warwick Taylor and Ajax and Lyn Campbell and Sheba.

Birthday Wishes

Happy birthday wishes to Chief Instructor Diane's dog Lady who recently celebrated her 11 birthday and to Rosemary Rixon's terrier Flynn who also had his birthday. Flynn is doing a great job in the demo team, despite his recent loss of vision.



Flynn enjoying the weave poles at Milton Show

Dates for your Diary

18 October - 4th and final round of the Club's Agility Competition. The Relay for Life is on at the Showground, Dog Training continues as usual.

Monday 19 October - Demonstration Team to perform at Sarah Claydon

25 October - We share grounds with Ulladulla Riders.

8 November - NO TRAINING as the Stock Horse weekend event is on

15 November - Dog Club Annual General Meeting

6 December - Award Presentations and Last training day for 2015

7 February 2016 - Training resumes

Welcome return

Welcome back to Life Member Fiona Smith and her sister, Robina, with their gorgeous new Labrador puppy Laurie, who is having lots of fun in the Puppy Class.

Ticks

Please keep checking your dog and yourself for ticks. as members have reported them on their dogs and on themselves!

We have seen Red Bellied Black snakes at the Showground in the long grass opposite the Clubhouse, so please take care.

Ulladulla Riders

The Riders major event of the year is on 25 October. We share the grounds on these days with the Riders, and they expect a large entry. Please keep your dog on leash around the horses.



If you would like your results included in the Newsletter please send details to newsletter@mudtc.org.au or let Diane know.

Nowra District Kennel Club Dog Show weekend 20 September



Diane Richmond with Rusty were awarded 1st Challenge and runner up Best of Breed on both days. Picture shows ribbons won by Rusty on the weekend.

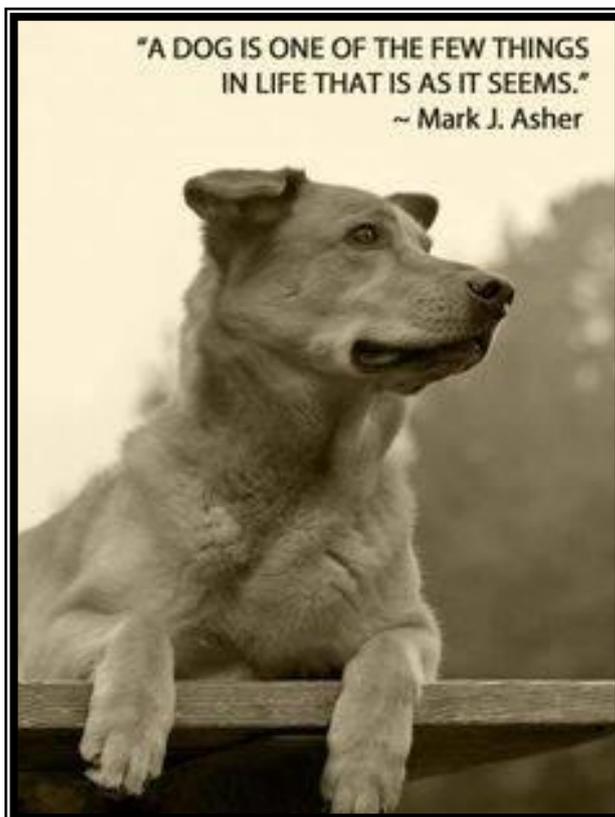
Alison Nagle and Livvy were awarded 1st Challenge and runner up Best of Breed on both days. Well done all.

ADAA Event Tamworth

Several of our Club members will be competing this Long Weekend at the ADAA National Grand Prix. This is a major event in the ADAA Annual Agility Calendar. For more information

go to <http://www.adaa.com.au/schedules/nationalgrandprix15.htm>

Sending our best wishes to everyone from MUDTC who will be competing over the weekend.



Check for New Member joining date (usually 1st Sunday in month) and Committee Meeting dates (usually held 2nd Sunday in the month) as these often change. Event dates and agility classes are subject to change so always check with your Instructor to confirm

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4th 7.30am Fun Agility Course: 9 - 9.45am Beginner Agility; 9am Obedience Classes; 9.45-10.15am Advanced Agility

11th : 9 - 9.45am Beginner Agility; 9am Obedience Classes; 9.45-10.15am Advanced Agility:

10.15am Club Committee Meet-

18th : **7.30am Club Agility Comp** 9 - 9.45am Beginner Agility; 9am Obedience Classes; 9.45-10.15am Advanced Agility: **Relay for Life**

25th Share with Riders : 9 - 9.45am Beginner Agility; 9am Obedience Classes; 9.45-10.15am Advanced Agility

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6th END OF YEAR AWARD PRESENTATIONS AND

LAST TRAINING DAY OF YEAR

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1st 7.30am Fun Agility Course: 9 - 9.45am Beginner Agility; 9am Obedience Classes; 9.45-10.15am Advanced Agility: 10.15am Pre-Agility

8th NO TRAINING STOCK HORSES AT SHOW-GROUND

15th ?SHARE WITH RIDERS? 9 - 9.45am Pre- Agility; 9am Obedience Classes; **10.15am ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

22nd 9 - 9.45am Beginner Agility; 9am Obedience Classes; 9.45-10.15am Advanced Agility: 10.15am Pre-Agility

29th 9 - 9.45am Beginner Agility; 9am Obedience Classes; 9.45-10.15am Advanced Agility: 10.15am Pre-Agility