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From the Editor

Another busy month at Dog Club, on the first Sunday we welcomed six new members into the Quick Start 8 week course, and held our celebration morning tea for the Dog Park.

On 15th our demonstration team performed at the very successful RSPCA Dogs Day Out at Mollymook Beach. The team excelled with beginner clicker work with members Natasha with Chief, Alison with Georgie and Janice with Gypsy. The demo team then performed a great routine to music, which the crowd absolutely loved, especially when the 3 little dogs sat in their basket, with the larger dogs in groups of 3 on 2 separate tables. It looked great. Belinda's Jack Russell, Kelly delighted with football skills, including scoring a goal. We demonstrated agility, serpentine races, weaving and a new discipline from New Zealand, called Fly Agility, where a fly ball course is incorporated into an agility course. We welcomed back Natasha's Rottweiler Busta for this, and he really enjoyed himself. Diane was thrilled with Lady who completed a perfect agility run, at 12 years old. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

As always grateful thanks to our helpers, especially Warwick and Eddie who arrived early and set up the performance ring, and took it down at the end of the day, and to Jenny who is becoming an expert in the sound system!

The Club Obedience Championship exercises have been emailed to all members. If you haven't received your copy please let us know. The Championship will be held on Sunday 24 July and we ask you to please lodge your entry by Sunday 17th. The Championship covers all levels of skill, including a Beginner section, and members who have only been training for a short time will be able to attempt some of those exercises. Put your name down, and give it a go – it is a fun day and you will learn a lot.

I am pleased to report that our Club has been successful in a funding application under the Federal Government Volunteer Grants Scheme and we will now be able to purchase a new fridge, a computer and accounting package.

Several of our members have been in Adelaide during the past two weeks taking part in the National Agility Titles, and have achieved some great results - congratulations.

Happy training ☺ Regards Janet - Newsletter Editor



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DOG TO DOG COMMUNICATION

Written by: Dr. Nicholas Dodman Extract from *Article reproduced from Petplace Newsletter May 10 2016*

I hope members find this article interesting and informative. If you have any questions about the information it contains please talk to our Chief Instructor Diane, your Class Instructor, or your own Vet.



Without a sound, two properly socialized dogs meeting for the first time can size each other up in just a few moments. An exchange of glances can tell each canine if they're going to be friends or enemies. How can dogs do this without a sophisticated verbal language? The answer: facial expressions, body language and posturing. Although dogs signal intent by barks and growls, the message is not complete without the telegraphy of body and facial language.

Dog Body Language

Various parts of the dog's body are involved in this form of communication. Here is a quick primer in canine body language. Here are what canine facial expressions, head and neck positions, gestures, tail position and torso position means as to how dogs communicate.

Dog Facial Expressions

A combination of facial expressions communicate a dog's mood and intentions that can be understood by other species, including humans. Here are a few examples of facial communication:

Relaxed mood: Soft eyes, lit up, looking – but not staring. Ears forward or flopped, with tips bent over (if anatomically possible). Mouth open, lips slightly back, giving the impression of smiling. Tongue hanging limply from the side of the mouth

Anxiety: Eyes glancing sideways or away. Ears to the side of the head or flopped. Teeth clenched, lips firmly retracted. Tongue either not evident or lip licking

Intimidating: Eyes staring like searchlights. Ears forward. Teeth bared

Fearfulness: Eyes looking forward or away, pupils dilated. Ears pressed back close to the head. Panting/breathing hard through clenched or slightly open mouth. Jaw tense so that sinews show in the cheeks

Stress: Yawning plus other signs of anxiety or fearfulness (as above)

Dog Head-Neck Position

Head down ("hang dog"): Submission or depression

Head in normal mid-way position: Everything is all right

Head/neck turned to side: Deference

Head held high/neck craning forward: Interest or, depending on other signs, a challenge

Head resting on other dog's back: Demonstrating dominance

Dog Torso/Trunk/Upper Limb

Tensing of muscles and the raising of hackles: Threat/imminent fight

Dog Gestures

Play bow – head low, rump elevated: The universal sign of canine happiness and an invitation to play

Paws on top of another dog's back: Dominance

Looming over: Dominance

Rolling over: Submission/deference

Urinating by squatting: Deference

Urinating by leg lifting: Dominance/defiance

Humping: Dominance

Backing: Unsure/fearful

Dog Tail Position

Tail up: Alert, confident, dominant

Tail wagging: Dog's energy level is elevated (excited or agitated)

Tail held low or tucked: Fearful, submissive

Tail held horizontal and wagging slowly: Caution

Tail held relaxed and stationary: Contented dog

The Conclusion on How Dogs Communicate with Other Dogs - There is no one sign that gives away a dog's feelings but if you consider all the body language signs, you can get a pretty good idea of what's going on in the dog's head. A dog that is staring at another dog, his ears pricked and his tail stiff, is probably conveying dominance, or at least a wish for it. A dog that averts his gaze from another dog and hunkers down nervously as if waiting for an explosion is likely fearful and is trying to defuse the situation by acting submissive.

CLUB COMMITTEE 2016

Committee Members

President - Rosie Milton

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Committee Meetings are usually held on the 2nd Sunday of each month after training. All Club members are welcome to attend. Alternatively you can talk to any Committee member, especially one of the 3 General Committee members, Billie, Natasha or Jan and ask them to raise suggestions for discussion on your behalf.



TRAINING TIPS

In our Quick Start training course we use what is called “luring” to show our dogs what we want them to do. This is because we are in a class situation, and we do not have time to wait for every dog to Shape a particular behavior. Shape just means to ‘catch’ the moment the dog does something you want, without any luring, and click and reward.

An example of luring is using a piece of food between your fingers, bringing your hand up to your face, and when your dog looks at your face (because it knows there is food in your hand) you “click” and reward.

It is important to start eliminating the food lure as soon as possible. You will be amazed at how quickly your dog responds to just the action of bringing your hand up to your face, even though you do not have food between your fingers. You must respond every time your dog looks at you, which will start to happen even when you don’t use your hand to encourage the “look”. If your dog looks at you ALWAYS click or say yes, (if you haven’t got your clicker), and reward your dog. You must also do this if your dog looks at you when you call its name. Before long you will be able to add a word such as “watch” or “look”, still click and give a reward. Eventually you will be able to eliminate the click and reward, as your dog will always respond when you use the word. Of course, intermittently you will still give your dog a reward for a learned exercise, just to keep them guessing!

CLUB AGILITY EVENT

The first of our Club Agility events was held on Sunday 29 May. It was a fun morning, thanks so much to Rosie and Jenny Patch for designing the courses, and to Belinda, Diane, Cheryl, Liz and Helen for helping out. Congratulations to everyone who took part, looking forward to the 2nd round on Sunday 31 July. Results: Tessa Rudd Trophy; 1st Lynne Campbell and Sheba; 2nd Jill Nielsen and Koda. Penny Cullen Trophy; 1st Belinda Smithers and Kelly, 2nd Jenny Patch and Pippa, 3rd Helen Voyce and Swiper. Kelly Venning Trophy; 1st Diane Richmond and Rusty, 2nd Jan Lyall and Rico.



Pic 1 - The Course Early Morning

Pic 2 - Bea (rear) L-R Front; Diane, Belinda and Jenny

Pic 3—Sheba and Lynne about to Start

Pic 4—Helen keeping the records up to date!

CLUB PHOTOS



Margaret Rudd's Sunday dressed up for her 6th Birthday at the Dogs Day Out Mollymook Beach



Mikki, Flynn and Kelly in the basket Club Demonstration at Dogs Day Out



Ruby watching Denise intently at the Dogs Day Out

Member Karan with gorgeous Obi at the Dogs Day Out →



Happy Birthday to Jan Lyall's 5 year old effervescent Rico ←



Happy 1st Birthday to Natasha's beautiful dog Chief ←

Photos courtesy: Janet Smith; Margaret Rudd; Ulladulla Times; Natasha Backhouse, Jan Lyall

CLUB PHOTOS - DOG PARK CELEBRATION



INSTRUCTOR PROFILES

Thank you to all our Club Instructors who volunteer their time to take training Classes each Sunday.

This month we profile Class 2 Instructor Mark Wilden .



1. What is your involvement with the Club?

My involvement in the club is one that I am the maintenance guy, lawn mower and whipper snipper man, fence builder and equipment officer. Besides all that I started off approximately 4 years ago taking Beginners class (now Class 1) for approximately 2 years and then I was moved to Basic (now Class 2) which I have been doing now for 2 years

2. How long have you been a member of the Club?

We moved up here to Milton from Melbourne about 9 years ago so I have been a member of the club for 8 years and within the 8 years I have got more involved in the instructing side of the dog club, which I enjoy immensely.

People actually listen to me, it's like when I

ran my own plumbing business for 30 years - I think it is my calling !

3. What are your top training tips?

Tip number 1: relax. Tip number 2: have fun. Tip number 3: do your homework. Tip number 4: Let's all work as a team.

4. What dogs do you own?

We own two dogs, one is Rex he is a kelpie cross and approximately 8 1/2 years old and we have Sophie who is a cross Belgian Shepherd and she is about 7 years old. We have had her for 3 1/2 years

5. What is your personal training goal?

My goals are for all the people I train to feel that I instil confidence in them so their canine family member can become a Model Citizen, and that they are safe from harm and they are a happy puppy.



MEMBER'S CORNER

If you have any photos, stories, or results for the Newsletter please email them 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 to Bev Downie and Boo, Therese Glasgow and Jock, Alan Harvey and Milo, who have graduated to Class 1. Fiona Smith with Laurie and Natasha Backhouse with Chief who are promoted to Class 2.

Agility Trial Results

Shoalhaven D.T.C. on the 30th April Rachael Haynes & Turbo (Australian Terrier) gained a qualifying score in Novice Agility coming 1st in 200mm.



Sue Swaney & Bonnie got 1st in Excellent Jumping. Jackie Koppman and Woody (Australian Kelpie) gained a Qualifying score in Masters Agility. Then at the Wollongong Competition the next day Sue Swaney and Bonnie got a 1st place in Excellent Jumping.

Jenny Marshall's dog Keeper achieved Strategic Pairs Title in Adelaide on the weekend of 22 May.

Committee Meeting

This month's committee meeting is on Sunday 19 June at 10.15 after training. Visit the web site and follow the link - *Take Me There* to view our Club Calendar.

Happy Birthdays

May has seen many of our members celebrate their birthdays, including Rick, Liz, Bea and Janet. Margaret Rudd's lovely dog Sunday celebrated her 6th birthday at the Dogs Day Out at Mollymook Beach, Natasha's beautiful "baby" Chief turned 1 year on 25 May and Jan's effervescent Rico was 5 on 30 May.

Relief for Allergies

Thank you to member Rob Gilford who shares this information with us. "The product we talked about is Apoquel. Ruby, who is 20 months old has suffered allergic reaction probably to grass her whole life. We tried everything the vet could suggest and even cortisone as we are not going to show Ruby.

Nothing worked she just scratched relentlessly all the time. She would chew her paws and scratch everywhere, the vet said this was typical of an allergy. Apoquel was only officially released in Australia at the end of March but we had been using it since the beginning of March, we got an advanced supply. The result was almost instant and has been working for her ever since. It is however quite expensive. Apoquel was actually going to be available in Australia about 12 months ago but all stock was recalled to USA as it had proved so popular there that they had to recall their released supply to satisfy the demand in USA. Hope all this may help, we will be looking on the internet to see if we can get the next lot cheaper". *If you are interested in finding out more information about Apoquel please discuss with your Vet.*

For Members Information

The VIEW club works to raise money for The Smith Family. The View Club is holding an Afternoon Tea with the Pigeon House Jazz Band on 19th June at the Dunn/Lewis Centre from 2 till 5- doors open at 1.30. Cost is \$25pp and includes a glass of bubbly (byo allowed). Bookings can be made through Margo Lester on 44551652. Tables seat 8. You can book single tickets or a whole table.

Happiness Kit



- * An eraser so you can make your mistakes disappear
- * A coin so you can never say I'm broke
- * A marble in case someone says you've lost yours
- * A rubber band to stretch yourself beyond your limits
- * A piece of string to tie things together when they fall apart
- * A kiss to remind you that someone cares about you

(from Marg & Sunday)