



MUDTC Newsletter

**MILTON ULLADULLA
DOG TRAINING CLUB INC**

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President's Report



I was very pleased to accept a cheque for \$100 from the Heritage Bakery at Milton recently. The Bakery has a Community Matters fund raising project which runs each month for 3 local community organisations. This is a great initiative and the funds are very much appreciated. We have also received the grant funding under the Federal Volunteer Grants and Jenny

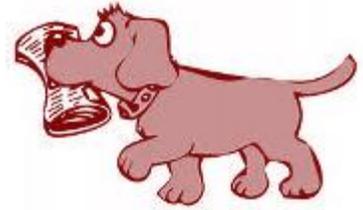
Patch spent a lot of time researching and organising the purchase of a brand new fridge with part of the monies. Warwick Taylor collected the fridge from Nowra, which saved us the delivery costs, and he also installed the fridge in the Clubhouse – thanks guys.

At our last committee meeting, we discussed several suggestions from members and as a result have now organised a separate class for our Instructors and Advanced Class members to train their dogs. We are also in the process of setting up a Flyball training group, and you will find more details later in the Newsletter. Thanks to Bea for offering to take the running on this project. The Club is looking forward to hopefully competing once again with our Mud on the Paws Flyball Team. We have also re-instated a Suggestion Box at the Clubhouse for members to submit ideas about Club activities.

I'd like to remind all members to be aware of their dog when arriving at training, during announcements, and in Class. Make sure your dog is properly restrained getting into and out of your car. Keep your dog on a short lead when going to pay your training fee, and use your training skills to keep your dog's attention on you, and use 'park' when we are waiting for announcements. In class be aware of other handlers and their dogs, and don't let your dog rush up to another dog unexpectedly. We have also decided that whilst a dog is using the agility equipment off lead, other dogs cannot be tied up to the fence inside the compound. Dogs can be crated, or wait with their handler outside the ring.

This month we hold our Club Championships on Sunday 24 July and I encourage you to enter. There are exercises for all levels, and so everyone can take part. Then on 31 July the 2nd round of our Club Agility competitions will be held starting at 7.30am. There are no training classes on 24 July, but classes will be held as usual at 9am on the 31st.

Regards Rosie Milton - President



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COMING UP:

Sunday 3 July - Quick Start new member day

Sunday 3 July - **No Agility Classes.** 9am Obedience Classes as usual

5.30pm Tuesdays - Instructor and Advanced Member Class

Sunday 10 July - **No Agility Classes.** 9am Obedience Classes as usual.

Sunday 17 July - Pre-Agility Class at 10.15am



Sunday 17 July - We share

Showground with Ulladulla Riders

Sunday 24 July - Club Championships [more details](#) - (No Agility or Obedience Training Classes on 24th)

Sunday 31 July - Second round Club Agility Competition 7.30am. Obedience Classes as usual at 9am.

Sunday 31 July - Fly ball Demonstration after classes - all welcome

Sunday Obedience Classes commence at 9.00am



Announcements are at 8.50am

CLUB COMMITTEE 2016

Committee Members

President - Rosie Milton

Vice-President - Rick Venning

Secretary - Belinda Smithers

Assistant Secretary - Janet Smith

Treasurer/Public Officer - Cheryl Ball

Chief Instructor - Diane Richmond

Assistant Chief Instructor - Jenny Patch

Publicity Officer - Margaret Rudd

New Members Team - Margaret Rudd & Colleen Ringe

Equipment Officer - Mark Wilden

Catering Officer - Jenny Patch

General Committee Members

- Billie Macleod
- Natasha Backhouse
- Jan Lyall

Instructors

Diane Richmond

Jenny Patch

Rosie Milton

Jenny Marshall

Janet Smith

Colleen Ringe

Belinda Smithers

Liz Karacsonyi

Natalie Moore

Mark Wilden

Rick Venning

Assistant Instructors

Rosemary Rixon

Danielle Butson

Cheryl Ball

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. There is also a suggestion box at the Clubhouse.



Flyball --- Anyone?

We are looking for Flyball enthusiasts --- all levels, including absolute beginners --- to join us in our quest to put Milton Ulladulla Dog Training Club back on the Flyball map.

Flyball is a relay race involving a team of 4 dogs which, after clearing the start gate, leap over 4 jumps to trigger a spring-loaded box and retrieve a tennis ball in order to take it back over the jumps to the start/finish line. It is a fun-filled and fast-paced sport which is suitable for all breeds and sizes of dogs. The height of the Flyball jumps is set to the smallest dog on the team.

Learning how to play Flyball, with the ultimate goal of competing against teams of similar speed (in different racing divisions), is done in a number of stages, including ball retrieval, box turn, jumping, cross-overs with other dogs – all eventually combined to deliver reliable return runs, for the next team member to do their ‘thing’. As with all other training techniques practised at the Club, Flyball will be taught using positive reinforcement, including the clicker if you wish.

For anybody who hasn't seen Flyball in action, we will be arranging for a demonstration of the sport on Sunday, 31 July 2016, after completion of obedience/agility training for the day.

In the meantime, we are calling for expressions of interest from members in participating in Flyball training at the Showground, tentatively scheduled to commence at the beginning of August, on Saturday afternoons, as Sunday morning is jam-packed with other sports at the Club. Training would start at 3 PM and run for 30 minutes initially; sufficient



for, especially beginner dogs, to get instruction on custom stations to practise individual components of the sport. Days and times are not set in concrete and will need to be adapted to allow for warmer temperatures when winter comes to an end.

Session organisation and instruction will be taken care of by Bea Mies (with Bonnie, the playful bitzer who looks a bit like a Fox Terrier on steroids). Our President, Rosie, and Catering Officer, Jenny, have kindly agreed to assist with training and getting a team up and running. Bea has been playing Flyball since 1998, and while Bonnie has completed her training, she lacks ring experience. The latter, Bea is looking forward to achieving with a new ‘Muddies’ team at future Flyball events.

Please feel free to speak to Bea before or after Sunday training sessions, should you have any questions about this exciting fun sport.

Please register your interest in Flyball training by contacting info@mudtc.org.au

(Photo - Member Louise Hamilton's dog - Darcy competing at Flyball)

CLUB PHOTOS



At only 12 weeks of age Great Dane puppy Merlin is growing fast!



Diane's dogs Lady and Rusty sit proudly with their Obedience Certificates



Merlin's little elderly friend Dunno (14 years) Dunno is a rescue dog, and when the new owners were asked what their dog's name was - they said Dunno!!!



Rosie's Mikki with ribbons & prizes from the Nationals Agility Comp

The Club's new fridge purchased from funds under the Federal Volunteer Grant Program.



Catering Officer Jenny is very happy with the new purchase.

Grateful thanks to Jenny for researching which fridge to purchase and huge THANK YOU to member Warwick who picked up the new fridge from Nowra, and installed it at the Clubhouse.



INSTRUCTOR PROFILES

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

This month we profile Quick Start Instructor (weeks 4-8) - Colleen Ringe.

1. What is your involvement with the Club?

I recently became the Instructor for weeks 4-8 of the Quick Start course, having spent over a year as an Assistant Instructor. I am a Club Committee member and New Member Officer with Margaret Rudd. We meet and greet our members every Sunday morning.

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

I have been at the club now for 15 months. I previously trained at the Eastern Suburbs Dog Training Club in the mid 70's. At the time I had an Old English Sheepdog, CoCo. We obtained our CD but could not go any further due to CoCo getting a bad back. We also participated in the mass obedience teams display at the Royal Easter Show for 3 years.

3. What are your top training tips?

I found the best training tip for me was to do my homework, at least 10 minutes a day, this makes a real difference for the dogs don't forget from week to week

4. What dogs do you own?

I don't own a dog now as I have back and hip problems and no fences. I am an active volunteer with Animal Welfare League NSW and Campus Cats NSW at the UNSW.



An Interesting article on Puppy Biting

Extract from <http://www.wikihow.com/Get-Your-Puppy-to-Stop-Biting>

Biting is a normal part of canine development, and normally puppies receive feedback from other members of their “pack,” including adult dogs, which teaches them about bite inhibition. Allowing puppy biting to go unchecked can lead to behavioural problems in adult dogs; a cute nip in a 10-pound new puppy can turn into a serious bite in an 80-pound adolescent dog.

Understand Puppy Biting Behaviour

Know how puppies learn not to bite. Young puppies often do not know how hard they are biting, and so they bite playfully without understanding how it affects others. Puppies usually learn that they're biting hard by playing with other puppies or adult dogs. Puppies will nip and bite each other playfully until one puppy or dog is nipped too hard and gives out a high-pitched yelp. The victim will stop playing, and the puppy that bit the victim is taken aback and also stops playing momentarily.

Next time the puppy plays, if she bites too hard and gets the same reaction, she begins to realize that her bites can actually hurt other puppies and people. The puppy uses this evidence to modify her behaviour.

Understand the dynamics in a dog group as puppies age. Adult dogs tolerate the (sometimes naughty) behaviour of young puppies reasonably well, but they become less tolerant as the puppy ages. It is as though the adult dog thinks that the puppy “ought to know better.” Hence, as the puppy ages, the severity of the correction from an adult dog changes from a mere change in play to a quick message that may include a growl or a snap. Puppies generally learn from adult dogs that biting is unacceptable before they are old enough to cause harm to other dogs or people.

Use good judgment when training. When selecting a training technique for your puppy, keep in mind the amount of time you are able to spend on the training and the appropriateness of the training method for your situation. If you have children, it is important that the puppy understands not to bite them, but it may not be appropriate for the children to participate in the training.

Teaching Bite Inhibition

Play with your puppy until your puppy bites you. When she does, give out a high-pitched yelp, imitating the yelp of a dog. The sound should be loud and sharp, like a dog's yelp would be. Stand up to stop playing with the puppy to further reinforce that her behaviour was not acceptable. If you are clicker training the puppy, click as soon as he withdraws her mouth from your hand or lets up the pressure.

Let your hand go limp when your puppy bites you. Jerking your hands back in pain, while certainly a natural response, may actually encourage your puppy to play

harder and continue biting. When your hands move, you are encouraging the puppy's prey drive, which will make her want to continue biting you. A limp hand, on the other hand, is very little fun to play with. Play with the puppy again. If she starts to bite again, let out your yelp or stern rebuke and withdraw from playing again. Repeat these steps no more than 3 times in any 15-minute period.

Reward positive interaction. Between biting incidents, if your puppy licks you or tries to comfort you, praise her and/or give her a treat. She should be rewarded and encouraged to offer positive feedback that does not involve biting. Add a time-out to your reaction if the yelp alone doesn't work. When your puppy bites you, yelp loudly and remove your hand to signal that playing has stopped. Then ignore the puppy for 20 seconds. Physical isolation from the pack sends a strong message to the puppy that she has acted incorrectly. If the puppy bites you again, get up and leave for 20 seconds.

After the 20 seconds are up, go back and start playing your puppy again. You want to communicate that gentle play is encouraged and rough play is discouraged. Play with your puppy until the same sequence happens again and repeat the ignore/withdraw steps.

Be patient and persistent. This process can take quite a long time, particularly with puppies that have a high prey drive. The method should work effectively, but you may receive many bites along the way.

Teaching Good Habits

Encourage your puppy to play with other friendly puppies and dogs.. Regular play with other well-mannered dogs, will encourage her to play nicely around other dogs and you.

Substitute your puppy's favourite bone or chew toy for your skin whenever she bites you. Take out a toy or bone and let her bite on it. This will teach her that her teeth belong on a toy or bone instead of on your skin. Engage in other forms of play. Playing rough with your hands is plenty fun, but it might be giving your puppy the wrong idea.

Stick to the same rules every time you play.

Provide plenty of interesting and new toys so that you keep your dog engaged. Don't discourage normal forms of play. You might not enjoy being bitten every time you go out to play with your puppy, but you do want to forge a real bond between you and your puppy, and playing is partly how you do this. Don't give up on play time just because your puppy doesn't yet know how to play gentle. Teaching her the difference between right and wrong, not abandoning play altogether, will be best for both of you

Give the puppy a timeout if she gets too rough in her play. If your dog begins playing too roughly, you can give her a “time out” from playing for a while, even before a bite occurs.

Dogs feel the cold too! *(Extract Wagging Tails 2016 Winter Newsletter - Barkbusters)*

There is a misconception that, because they have a fur coat, dogs do not feel the cold. Whilst their coats will provide a certain amount of protection they will feel the cold just as we do. If your dog lives indoors with you, he will have become used to the warmth, and going outside into colder temperatures can be as uncomfortable for him as it is for you.

As a guide, if the winter weather is too cold for you to stand outside without wearing a coat, then it may also be too cold for your dog. Dogs with thin/short coats may need to wear a dog coat or knitted jumper when out for walks during cold spells. Even then, a coat won't protect the ears, nose, feet or tail, so it is a good idea not to keep your short-haired dog out for too long.

Walkies!

Clearly, you will still want to walk your dog and most dogs will still require and expect their fair share of 'walkies' time. You can try to minimise the impact of winter weather conditions by taking him out for a walk in the middle of the day, rather than early morning and late evening. Going outside when the sun is shining is a good idea as temperatures will be slightly higher, and you can both benefit from a little vitamin D!

When you take your dog out, always ensure that your dog is wearing his identification tags. Watch out for signs that your dog is getting overly cold when he is outside. If you notice him shivering, becoming lethargic or if he starts to whine, take him into the warmth and cover him with a light blanket. Paws are extremely vulnerable in colder conditions. Check your dog's paws regularly for cracked pads.

Food and Drink

Ensure that fresh water is available at all times and use a plastic water bowl (if water is kept outside) so that your dog's tongue does not get stuck to cold metal. Don't be tempted to over feed your dog as his activity levels will probably be less during the winter than during the summer. You can even place some of his food into a treat reward toy, so that he has to work for his food, burn off more calories and it will also keep him entertained.

Outdoor Shelter

If your dog lives outside, or even if he spends periods of time outside, ensure that you provide him with a kennel, crate or a sheltered undercover area so he can get out of the cold elements. Fit a flap on-

to the kennel entrance, cover the crate and face it away from the weather. The kennel or crate should be raised several inches off the ground and the floor could be covered with an old blanket or the likes, which needs to be changed regularly to keep dry. The kennel or crate needs to be large enough for your dog to sit, stand and turn, but small enough to retain his body heat.

Indoor Bedding

Even if your dog lives indoors, don't leave them to sleep on a cold floor in winter. Provide a dog bed, blankets or even a heated or raised dog bed. Place the bed in an area away from draughts, or uncarpeted floors.

Don't Give Up Your Training Routine

Even though your dog may be spending less time outside during the winter you can still maintain your training exercises. Practice your basic obedience indoors, and play some interactive games with your dog. You can even practice recall, and leadwork in the house and around your garden. Spending 10-15 minutes each day doing some basic training will help maintain your relationship with your dog, and keep his brain active.

ADAA Agility Comp in August

The Club will run its annual ADAA Agility Trial at Milton Showground on the weekend of 20 and 21 August. Our Club is a member of the Australian Dog Agility Association and we are very grateful to Club Instructor and Agility Judge, Jenny Marshall for the time and expertise she gives to this event as Competition Secretary and Judge.



We hold a guessing competition over the Agility Trial weekend. If any member has a new unwanted item suitable as a prize, which they would like to donate, it will be gratefully received. Also if any member runs their own business, and would like to donate a prize item, or voucher please let us know.

For members information - no Training Classes are held on Sunday 21 August 2016, so you can come along and watch the action, and support several of our own Club members who will be competing.



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 Susan and Bob Doyle with Honey, Jody O'Leary and Sooty and Cloe Downie and Shadow, who have graduated to Class 1.

Happy Birthdays

Happy Birthday to member Margaret Rudd, seen here with the gorgeous Sunday at training last week. Margaret prepares the excellent articles you read in the Ulladulla Times each month, and meets and greets our new members at the New Member Table, with Colleen. We all hope you enjoyed your a special day on the 29th June ☺



Best Wishes

We are all pleased to see Rosemary and Flynn back at training during the week. Rosemary has had the flu, and been out of action for several weeks, and poor Flynn had an ear infection. They are both very happy to be back at training.



Trial Results

Rosie Milton's Papillon, Mikki won the National Novice Agility 200 Championship at the National Agility Titles held in Adelaide recently.

At Bermagui Obedience and Rally Trial on Saturday 11 June, Jill Nielsen and her Border Collie Koda gained their first pass in Novice Rally O, coming second. Also at the Bermagui Trial Diane's Kelpie Lady finally gained her Novice Obedience Title at the age of 12 years, coming 5th, and Rusty gained his 1st pass in Novice Obedience and came 3rd.

At the Deer Bush Trial on 26 June member Kerry Williams achieved Companion Dog Title with her dog, Lizzie and the previous weekend she gained her 2nd pass at Novice with her German Shorthaired Pointer.

Meet a Member

We are on the look-out for members to submit an article about their dog for our monthly newsletter. If you would like to contribute just send in details of your dog's favourite things, habits and dislikes, etc. and don't forget a photo!

Email to newsletter@mudtc.org.au

Some Training Tips

(courtesy Sydney All Breeds Dog Training Club)

- **Be consistent**

Every interaction with your dog is a learning experience, not just what you do in class, so consistency is very important for successful training.

Once you've established a rule such as not jumping up on people or coming when called, you must, enforce it consistently. If the dog learns that he/she can get away with it now and then, your previous efforts will go down the drain.

Do not give a cue you can't enforce as you just end up 'training' the dog that he/she doesn't have to obey.

Consistency doesn't just mean every time. It also means by everyone. Your dog will find it hard to learn if some members of the household do one thing, whilst others do another.

- **Find time to play with your dog**

There is nothing a dog (particularly a youngster) enjoys more than playing with you and it is an excellent way of building a bond between you. Any such understanding that is built in this way is in itself an extremely useful aid to your future dog training and obedience regime.

HAPPY TRAINING

