



MUDTC Newsletter

**MILTON ULLADULLA
DOG TRAINING CLUB INC**

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President's Report

On behalf of everyone I'd like to send our very best wishes to Life Member-Margaret Rudd. Margaret and Sunday have been greatly missed from our New Member table, and from classes, while Margaret recuperates after injuring her leg. Looking forward to seeing you again very soon ☺

We had several members enter the 3rd of our Club Agility competitions on Sunday, well done everyone, and special thanks to our timekeepers, scorers and course designers. The last Agility event for this year is on 27 November with agility trophies presented, along with other trophies, at our end of year party on 4 December.

Recently we commenced a training class for Advanced members and Instructors on Tuesday afternoons at 5.30pm. The class is held in the Agility enclosure and gives our Instructors an opportunity to train with their dogs, together with some of our Advanced handlers. Another extra class is Fly ball training with Bea on Saturday afternoons at 3pm, again in the Agility enclosure. Thank you to Bea for organising this class. Our long term goal is to restart our Club Flyball Team - Mudd on the Paws - and to take part in Flyball competitions once again.

The cost to attend these extra classes is \$2 per class per dog. If you take part in these classes you must pay Cheryl at the Clubhouse on Sundays, as we are required to record all income. Please pay a minimum \$10 which will be recorded in an attendance book. The class instructor will mark off your attendance in the book. (There is no change to the fee collection system for Sunday classes).

Date for your diary is our Club's Annual General Meeting on Sunday 13 November at 10.15am, after training. I encourage you to attend, especially as Catering Officer Jenny, will again organise an excellent morning tea for everyone! This is your opportunity to learn more about the activities of our club and its organisation. Committee positions are declared vacant, and elections held for members to fill positions for the next 12 months. Circulated with your Newsletter is an information sheet about all positions, and a nomination form.

Regards

Rosie Milton

President

*We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare.
And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal ever made.*

M. Acklam



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COMING UP:

- Saturday 1 October —Fly ball practice 3pm
- Sunday 2 October - Quick Start new member day. **NO** Agility Classes. Rally O Practice at 7.30am. Obedience classes 9am 8.00am Tuesdays - Demo Team practice
- 5.30pm Tuesdays - Instructor and Advanced Member Class
- Saturday 8 October - Fly ball practice 3pm
- Sunday 9 October - All classes as usual including Pre-Agility at 10.15am and Club Committee Meeting and we share with Ulladulla Riders
- Saturday 15 October - **NO** Fly ball practice
- Sunday 16 October - All classes as usual including Pre-Agility at 10.15am
- Saturday 22 October - Flyball practice 3pm
- Sunday 23 October – All classes as usual and Rally O Practice with Diane at 7.30am
- Saturday 29 October - **NO** Fly ball practice
- Sunday 30 October - All classes as usual plus Quick Start New member day.

October is the last intake for Pre-Agility in 2016 so please add your name to the list at the Clubhouse to be included



Sunday Obedience Classes commence at 9.00am

Announcements are at 8.50am



If you want to purchase equipment please arrive at least 20 minutes before classes commence



Clocks go forward 1 hour this weekend

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
- Bea Mies

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.



First Aid Officer



Thank you to Colleen Ringe who has added her name to our list of First Aid Officers at the Clubhouse. Colleen is Instructor for weeks 5–8 of the Quick Start course, and is also New Member Officer.

Important Dates

- * In October we have two joining days for our Quick Start 8 week course, Sunday 2nd and Sunday 30th. Sunday 30th replaces Sunday 6 November as a joining day, because all training is cancelled that weekend due to the ASH Stock Horse 2 day event at the Showground.
- * Sunday 13 November - Annual General Meeting at 10.15am after training classes.
- * Sunday 27 November is the final round of our Club Agility Competition for 2016.
- * Sunday 4 December is our last training day for 2016 and Club Presentation Party.
- * Training resumes Sunday 5 February 2017.



Training Flags

Thank you very much to members Lynette Johnston and Fiona Smith for donating sets of training flags for use in Intermediate and Advance classes. Looking forward to seeing lots of dogs playing flag races very soon!

Photo on right from the archives - past member Kim and her dog Brock - Flag Racing at Australia Day demonstration Mollymook Beach 2011

Thank You

Thank you to Mark, who wasn't back long from Melbourne before he was busy fixing up lighting for the Tuesday evening training class. Also to Warwick who is mowing the puppy ring and the agility arena and keeping the Dog Park tidy, where he recently replaced the tree guards. Dog Club is not responsible for mowing the park, but we do empty the rubbish bin and fill up the poo bag dispensers.



Did You Know?

- * A dog can locate the source of a sound in 1/600 of a second and can hear sounds four times farther away than a human can.
- * Touch is the first sense the dog develops. The entire body, including the paws, is covered with touch-sensitive nerve endings.
- * Dogs can smell about 1,000 times better than humans. While humans have 5 million smell-detecting cells, dogs have more than 220 million. The part of the brain that interprets smell is also four times larger in dogs than in humans.

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Below - Diane Richmond at the Australian Kelpie Club Show 5 September—Diane's dog Rusty was awarded Best Performed Dog and 3rd place in Intermediate Dog and Best Footed Dog

Above - Alison Nagel with Champion and Neuter Champion Beljekali Zelee Holly - (known as Holly)

Awarded at the Berry Show this month



Left - Natasha's dog Chief at the White Shepherd 2016 National Show last weekend

1st Junior Dog

1st Best Entire Opposite Junior

2nd Open Handler

2nd Obedience Intermediate

3rd Best Entire in Show

3rd Best Trick



Photos courtesy Alison Nagel, Diane Richmond and Natasha Backhouse

Tips for Shy and Fearful Dogs

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Shyness and timidity can develop as a young dog matures. Sometimes the root of the problem is lack of proper introduction to different people, animals, places and things during the prime puppyhood socialization period. Other causes include emotional trauma, physical abuse or simply not getting enough social interaction. Shyness and fear are problematic traits that can lead to aggression and biting.

Owners can help their dogs mature into confident, stable dogs by carefully but consistently introducing the pets to other people, other friendly dogs and new environments outside the home. Daily walks on leash are often the most practical way to do this.

If moving from the country or quiet suburbs to a more urban location, pups and dogs should be gradually introduced such things as crowded sidewalks, noisy traffic and big diesel trucks. You can start with an occasional trip into town, before the move.

Even if you don't plan a move in the future, you should still get pups acclimated to busy environments at an early age, since you will eventually be visiting such places from time to time. For very young pups who have not had their vaccinations, you might carry them so that they are not exposed to germs on the city sidewalks.

Set up a situation for learning new, positive responses:

If you have a more mature dog who is shy, help the dog gradually gain confidence. It's especially important to control any situation you introduce him to. Enlist the help of people you can trust to follow your instructions. Here's one approach:

Have your helper avoid eye contact with the dog, stay quiet and still, stand sideways to the dog, and keep at an ample distance from the dog. Do not force the dog to approach the person. Instead, let the dog initiate contact and approach when he feels ready.

The helper can crouch down or sit on the floor, maintaining the nonthreatening sideways stance, with eyes still averted. Give the helper some small tasty high-value treats, which may mean something really strong like liver cookies available at pet supply stores or bits of hot dog. Have the helper extend a hand in the direction of the dog and drop a treat. Eventually the dog will sniff around and slowly approach. Most likely, the dog will take the treat and

retreat a bit to eat it. The helper should leave the hand extended, but not reach at the dog. Next, have the helper keep the treat in his extended hand.

The owner has a role to play during these exercises. Project a happy, relaxed body posture and tone of voice. Make it clear that you welcome the helper's presence. However, avoid too much chatter with your helper, and avoid distracting your dog. Ignore your dog if she tries to cling to you or beg for attention. Also make sure not to comfort the dog, verbally or physically, at times when the dog displays timidity or fear, since you do not want to reinforce these undesirable behaviors. You want your dog to get the clue that during these practice sessions, your helper is the only source for treats and positive interaction.

Eventually, the dog will show signs of budding confidence. Ideally, the dog will touch the helper's hand upon taking the treat. The helper can softly say, "Good dog". When the dog seems somewhat secure, the helper can gently stroke the dog under the chin or on the neck or chest (be aware that shy and fearful dogs are often frightened when people attempt to touch their face or head). Eventually make eye contact. However, progress slowly to avoid the setback of a fear response.

It might take a few of these set-up encounters for the dog to feel comfortable enough to approach at all. So be patient. The results will be worth it.

As the dog gains confidence, repeat the practice sessions in other rooms and then outside of the home, and with different helpers of varying ages, sizes, and gender. Gradually expose the dog to new experiences and whenever he shows the slightest sign of relaxing or sociability, reward him with very tasty special treats. Carry them with you in a little bag at all times.

More of this article will be reproduced in next month's Newsletter.



INSTRUCTOR PROFILES

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

This month's profile is Chief Instructor - Diane Richmond



1. What is your involvement with the Club?

I have been Chief instructor since 2000, having previously held the positions of President and Treasurer. I was proud to be awarded Life Membership in 1999. I have Instructed in Obedience , Tracking and Dancing with your dog, am a member of the Club's Demonstration Team and was a member of our Flyball Team, Mudd On The Paws.

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

In 1991 I joined the Milton Ulladulla D.T.C. with Dusty who gained his Novice Title and Tracking Title, gained my Instructors Certificate in 1996 with the Club, and when the Chief Instructor Ann Cook left I was proud to become the Club's Chief Instructor.

3. What are your top training tips?

Take your time, and be consistent with your training, have patience and don't try and do too much at one time. The most important thing is to have fun with your dog. I get such a thrill seeing people and their dogs improve over the weeks, and the joy on their faces when their dog does well.

4. What dogs do you own?

I own two Kelpies. Lady started with Zip ball then on to Fly ball and has gained her title in Fly ball, Obedience, Agility & Rally O. She loves Tracking & Dancing and doing tricks. Rusty who at only 2 1/2 has gained his Companion Dog Title, 1 pass towards his Novice Title, his Rally O Novice title, and 1 pass in Rally O Advanced. He is also doing quite well in the Show ring.

5. What is your personal training goal?

I just love working with my dogs, no matter what field we work in, either Showing, Obedience, Rally O, Tracking, Agility or learning moves for Dancing, I just enjoy helping people train their dogs to be better canine citizens. I am lucky to be a member of such a wonderful friendly club



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, and any returning members. We hope you have a happy and rewarding time training your dog at the Club.

Graduations

Congratulations to members Leanne Hoogwerf and Billie; Adam Lonard and Sophie; Ciara Quilkey and Zatopek who have all graduated to Class 1.

Congratulations to member Lynette Johnston and Pip who have graduated to Advanced Class.

Agility Results

Well done to our placegetters in last Sundays 3rd round of the Club's Agility Competitions:

Penny Cullen Trophy:

- 1st Sue Swaney and Bonnie
- 2nd Rosie Milton and Mikki
- 3rd Jenny Patch and Pippa

Tessa Rudd Trophy

- 1st Lynne Campbell and Sheba
- No qualifiers for 2nd and 3rd

Kelly Agility Trophy

- 1st Liz Karacsonyi and Shelby
- 2nd Jan Lyall and Rico
- No qualifier for 3rd



Flyball Success

Congratulations to Rosie Milton and her Border Colie Wizz, members of a Fly Ball Team which achieved 1st place in their Division at the recent Fly Ball Nationals in Canberra.

Best Wishes from all of us

Glad to report that Diane is feeling very well, after a short pre-planned visit to hospital this week, and she will be at training on Sunday. To Rick who has had the flu, and to Mark who has returned to Melbourne again, to support family members.

How Dog Brains Process Speech

Thank you to member Adriaan, who has provided information about a new study which indicates that when it comes to language, canines are in fact much more capable than many people think, with an ability to understand individual words while also reading between the lines. As anyone who has ever owned a dog will know, man's best friend is certainly no fool, and can be trained to recognize a large number of words – though, unsurprisingly, they tend to be much more skilled at learning terms related to food.

Tests showed that when the dogs heard “praise words” spoken in “praising intonation”, they responded. Praise words in a neutral intonation, or neutral words in a praising intonation, did not produce a pleasure response. You can find out more at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9QQxa6eLPc>

Most Titles Achieved Award

At our Presentation Day on 4 December, one of the Awards is for the Club member's dog that has achieved the most Titles in the past 12 months. To be considered for this Award please send an email to info@mudtc.org.au with the details of any new Titles achieved with your dog from December 2015. Closing date to receive the information is Monday 28 November.

Happy September Birthdays

To Diane's 12 year old Kelpie Lady, and Rosemary's 10 year old Cairn Terrier Flynn. Their birthdays are only a few days apart, and so they have been celebrating together for a long time. Here is a picture of them both when Lady was 7 years and Flynn only 5.



Facts and Figures about MUDTC

- We have 177 Financial Members (including 10 Life members). Perhaps it a good thing we don't all attend every Sunday!
- We are in our 37th year.
- The Club is Incorporated and operates under the Model Constitution 2009
- All Committee members and Instructors are Volunteers
- The Club pays an annual rent to the Milton Showground Management Committee for our use of the Showgrounds.



Don't worry about failure, worry about chances you missed if you don't even try