



MUDTC Newsletter

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MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB INC

President's Report

Starting to wonder how long this rain will continue, it has certainly played havoc with our training class schedules, and planned events at Milton Show during March. We are hoping to reschedule the Fun Agility & Jumping Competition, cancelled at the Milton Show, to Saturday 29 April. In April we will not hold training classes on Easter Saturday and Sunday, but with 5 Sundays in that month we should be able to keep to schedule.

At our March meeting we set dates for the various Club events held each year in Agility and Obedience and these are listed later in the Newsletter. I hope lots of you will enter, as exercises are graded to suit all levels of skill. This year we will hold our first Club Rally O competition on Saturday 24 June.

Also discussed at our March meeting was, sighting renewed vaccination records for our dogs, and members arriving late for class.

It is a requirement of your membership to provide the Club with an annual vaccination record for your dog. You can bring the vaccination record to be sighted at the Clubhouse, or new member table, or scan a copy and email to info@mudtc.org.au

We ask everyone to arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of their training class so that classes can start on time. Our volunteers who look after taking fees and helping new members on their first day, also have roles as Instructors or go to training class with their dogs themselves and so need to be in class at the correct time. It is disruptive to Instructors, and other handlers and their dogs, when members arrive late to class.

Club Membership renewals are due by 30 April 2017 for anyone who joined the Club before 1 October 2016, cost is \$10 or \$11 for a family. If you joined after 1 October 2016 your membership is still current. The Club Facebook page is a shared resource for Club members and so from 1 May we will carry out "housekeeping" to retain only current members. Our email list will also be updated to include current financial members. Information about Dog Club activities is still available for anyone to view on our web site at www.mudtc.org.au

With Easter time coming up please don't forget that chocolate is a well-known toxin for dogs. While milk chocolate is less toxic than dark, play it safe and keep ALL chocolate away from your pet and contact your Vet if you have any reason to think your dog has eaten any Easter eggs!

Wishing a happy and safe Easter to everyone.



Regards
Rosie Milton
President



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CALENDAR**

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**PHYSIO TALK
SUNDAY 2
APRIL**

NO TRAINING

16 APRIL

**EASTER
SUNDAY**

IMPORTANT DATES



- **Sunday 2 April** - Invitation to all members to attend a free information session by Kurt Gacki – Professional Equine and Canine Physiotherapist based in Berry. Kurt will give us an overview of his work in canine physiotherapy and is happy to answer questions from members. All welcome at 10.15am after training classes.
- **Saturday 15 April** - No Fly ball Practice
- **Sunday 16 April Easter Sunday—NO TRAINING CLASSES**
- **Sunday 23 April** Rescheduled Horse Events from Milton Show so we share the grounds - please keep your dog on lead around the horses.
- **Saturday 29 April** - Rescheduled Fun Agility & Jumping Competition (tentative date is not yet confirmed)
- **Sunday 7 May** - New Member joining day.



- Training Class fee is \$2 per dog per class.
- Members can pre-pay several weeks in advance if they wish. Once you have pre-paid your name is added to the book at the New Member table, and \$2 marked off each time you attend class.
- Please arrive at the Showground in time for your class, 10 minutes before class start time as a minimum.
- If you need to purchase equipment at the Clubhouse please arrive at least 20 minutes early.
- Handlers must wear filled in shoes such as trainers. Please wear your name badge and bring your Dog Club bag with all your gear for training, including a toy, water bowl for your dog and soft food treats. We sell bags of soft treats for \$3.
- If you take your dog for a run in the Off Leash Park and notice the poo bags have run out, or that the bin needs emptying, please let us know.
- Annual Membership Fee Renewal. If you joined Dog Club before 1/10/2016 your Annual Membership renewal of \$10 (\$11 for a family) is now due. Members must renew by 30 April 2017.
- Immunisation record - remember to bring your dog's immunisation record for us to sight each 12 months.
- Next Club meeting is scheduled for Sunday 9 April after training, everyone welcome, or if you can't attend and want to raise a matter, please discuss with one of our General Committee members; Lori Muir, Jan Lyall or Alison Nagle.

CLUB COMMITTEE 2017

Committee Members

President - Rosie Milton
Vice-President - Liz Karacsonyi
Secretary - Belinda Smithers
Assistant Secretary - Janet Smith
Treasurer/Public Officer - Cheryl Ball
Chief Instructor - Diane Richmond
Assistant Chief Instructor - Natasha Backhouse
Publicity Officer - Margaret Rudd
New Members Officer—Bea Mies
Equipment Officer - Mark Wilden
Catering Officer - Jenny Patch
General Committee Members

- Lori Muir
- Alison Nagle
- 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 - check the Calendar. All Club members are welcome to attend. Alternatively you can talk to any Committee member, especially one of the 3 General Committee members, Jan, Alison and Lori and ask them to raise suggestions for discussion on your behalf. There is also a suggestion box at the Clubhouse.



CLUB PHOTOS



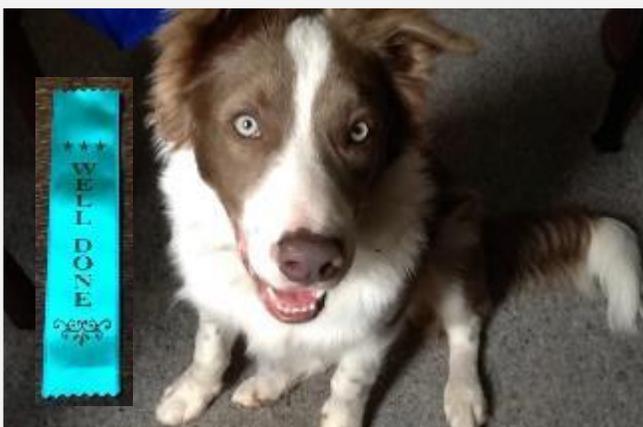
Mark and Sophie at the recent instructor Workshop



Member Alison Nagle and her Belgian Shepherd Livvy Best of Breed and gaining her Champion Title Dogs NSW, pending approval, Milton Show 4 March 2017



Nathan McCredie working with Kerrie and her dog Millie at the recent Instructor & Trainee Instructor Workshop



Member Rick Venning's dog Jack so proud of his 1st ribbon awarded for successfully completing Weeks 1-4 Quick Start



"The Milton Way of Life with the Family"
Member Mark Wilden's dogs Sophie and Rex with friends

Dog Park at Milton Showground

The Dog Park at Milton Showground is popular and many members take their dog to the Park after training on Sunday. The Park is available to all members of the public, and is part of the Milton Showground complex, and the responsibility of the Milton Showground Management Committee. Volunteers from Dog Club keep the poo bags filled up, bin emptied and trim around the fence line and around the seats. Milton Showground Management committee arranges for the area to be mown.

The Sign outside the Dog Park is to remind users of their responsibilities, including:

- dogs are to be attended at all times,
- always immediately clean up after your dog and
- keep your dog under effective control and leave if it becomes aggressive.

Members must watch their dog, especially when there are many dogs running free together. An under effective control dog, means that your dog will come back to you when called. Make sure you pick up after your dog, it is the law, and it is very unpleasant for the next person who uses the park, if they walk in your dog's poo.

Dog Behaviour

MYTHBUSTING MONDAY: "My dog has never..." "My dog always..." I have never shot anyone named Jason who has entered my home. However, if someone named Jason enters uninvited while wearing a hockey mask and brandishing a large knife, my behaviour is likely to change.

Behaviour is not static, it is constantly changing depending on the dog's health, level of stress, and learning history.

Just because a dog has never exhibited aggressive behaviour does not mean that he never will. I remember reading a story years ago about a dog that bit the family toddler "out of the blue," with no prior history of aggressive behaviour. The family took the dog to the vet to be euthanized, but the vet asked them to consider allowing a physical exam first. What the vet found was a broken pencil in the dog's ear canal, courtesy of the toddler.

There is no such thing as ALWAYS or NEVER in behaviour. A big part of my job when working with dogs is to assess risk. Is that dog simply reacting to other dogs on walks because of frustration caused by lack of training and restraint, or could he pose a risk to other dogs?

Maybe he's been going to the dog park for the last 6 months and never been in a dog fight. However, if his body language and social skills (or lack of) increase his risk for picking or inadvertently starting a dog fight, I'm going to recommend he stop going to the dog park.

I think the idea of ALWAYS or NEVER comes from our bad habit of mistaking behaviour for personality. We are too focused on what a dog IS and not what the dog DOES. We say a dog IS aggressive, not that he exhibits aggressive behaviour in specific situations. I've been told that a dog IS very dominant with other dogs, not that the dog goes tense when meeting dogs before trying to mount them. When we start to mix up behaviour and personality, we tend to think in terms of absolutes - the dog is ALWAYS or NEVER because that's who he is.

Sometimes I cry. But that does not mean I am always sad. Sometimes I laugh. But that does not mean I am never sad. Behaviour is just information about our dogs in that moment. How they handle certain situations, where we are in our training or behaviour program, what steps we need to take to avoid future problems, and what we still need to work on.

And can we PLEASE stop saying that X breed is always this or never that? I've worked with over 150 breeds (and well over 4,000 dogs), and I can say that the one thing dogs ALWAYS do is defy stereotypes - whether that stereotype is the great family dog or the great menace to society. As the owner of a lazy Border Collie who failed herding school, there is no such thing as always or never.

*Article by Lisa Mullinax from Facebook Page
4Paws University*



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 who have recently graduated: To Class 1 - Merrill Allen and Oscar, Joshua Barker and Charlie, Warwick Robinson and Gypsy. To Class 3 - Jodie O'Leary and Sooty, Susan Doyle and Honey. To Class 4 Advanced - Kerrie McCutcheon and Millie, Adriaan Piels and Bindi.



Show Success - Well Done

Alison Nagle's success at Milton Show with Livvy is detailed on our photo page. Member Hilary Coulton was also successful, gaining Neuter Championship Title with her dog Izzie.

Thank You

Special thanks to Assistant Chief Instructor, Natasha, for arranging an Instructor and Trainee Instructor Workshop on Saturday 25 March with Nathan McCredie, Behavioural and Training Specialist based in the Southern Highlands. It was a great day and we all learnt a lot. Nathan's web site is at <https://www.doggonemad.com.au/>

Thank you to member Lynette Johnston for organizing a projector for us to use at the Workshop, much appreciated.

Thanks to member Kylie White for donating a BBQ for us to use at Dog Club, thank you for thinking of us, it will be very useful. Thanks also to Mark & Jeny for collecting it from Burrill Lake.



More Dates for your Diary

29 & 30 April Relay for Life is on at the Showground. Dog Training classes on Sunday will be held as usual. We are waiting for confirmation if we can hold the rescheduled Fun Agility & Jumping event on 29th.

Sunday 21 May - RSPCA Dogs Day Out - No Dog Training Classes

28 May - Rotary Car Boot Sale & Swap Meet is held at Showground - Dog Training classes held as

usual. Advise the gate person you are with Dog Club and you won't be required to pay the entry fee. If you plan to visit the swap meet after class, please pay the entry fee. All monies raised are for charity.

Sundays 4 June / 16 July / 27 August / 12 November Club Agility Competition event. Held at 7.30am and so all other Classes are held as usual.

Saturday 24 June Club's inaugural Rally O Competition

Sunday 30 July Club Members Obedience Competition Events. No Dog Training Classes held.

Saturday 19 Sunday 20 August ADAA Agility Event - No Dog Training held that weekend

"Parking your Dog"

When you are waiting in front of the Clubhouse for training classes to start, and chatting to your friends with their dogs, it's a very good idea to 'park' your dog. This means keeping your dog close to you by standing on the lead, while still holding the lead in your hand. Your dog is far less able to move toward other dogs, or jump up, when kept in the 'park' position.

Yellow Ribbon

The Club has yellow ribbons available at the Clubhouse for members to tie on their dog's lead. This alerts other members to give your dog lots of space, as your dog may be uncomfortable around other dogs, or has a health issues, or for any other reason. There is no charge for the ribbon. More information is at <http://yellowdog-australia.k9events.com/about.html>



Ulladulla & South Coast Branch of the RSPCA will hold their annual Dogs Day Out event on Sunday 21 May at Mollymook Oval Reserve, Mitchell Parade, Mollymook Beach from 9am—1pm. Our Club's Demonstration Team has been invited to perform and is busy working on a new routine. Dog Training Classes are cancelled so that everyone can go along and join in the fun of the day.



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Recipes

Another recipe this month for tasty biscuit treats for our dogs. Please email recipes to newsletter@mudtc.org.au

Recipe:

Recipe submitted by Colleen:

Chi Chi Char Cookies

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups wholemeal flour (or rice flour if your dog has wheat allergy)
- 1/4 cups dry milk powder
- 2 tablespoons dry milk powder
- 1 vegetable stock cube
- 1/4 cup boiling water
- 1/4 cup cooking oil (or canola oil)
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar Loose, not packed
- 1/2 cup shredded carrots or apple from juicer (can include beets, celery or fruit pulp)
- 1 egg
- Additional small amount of flour for dusting.

Method:

Preheat oven 150C

Dissolve stock cube in boiling water. Mix dry and wet ingredients separately, except the egg. Pour wet ingredients into dry; mix lightly. Make a well in centre and add egg. Mix well.

Place dough on a lightly floured surface, sprinkling a little flour on top. Roll out to not more than 30-50mm. To avoid dough sticking to rolling pin, dust a bit of flour on top of dough. Don't use too much flour or they'll puff up.

Use cookie cutter for shapes or cut strips 20mm wide by 100mm long.

Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 15 minutes, turn over and bake another 10 minutes. Cool on wire racks. Store in airtight container.

Club Obedience Championships

The Club's Obedience Championship competitions will be held on 30 July. There are 3 levels of competition, to give as many members as possible the chance to compete. The levels are Beginner, Novice and Open (Advanced). Each level has a set number of exercises, judged by Club Instructors.

There are two Open (Advanced) trophies, one for medium/large dogs which is the Lyn Brooks Champion Companion Trophy, and one for smaller dogs, the Marion Mann Trophy.

Novice dogs compete for the President's Trophy. A dog which has won or placed in the Novice competition cannot enter that competition again, they must be entered in the Open event.

Prizes are awarded in Beginner Level for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Once the exercises for this year have been finalised we will provide information sheets and entry forms for members. It's a fun, social day including a BBQ lunch, and we hope lots of you will enter with your dogs.

Club Agility Competition

There are 3 separate trophies awarded for Agility.

1. Tessa Rudd Trophy for Club Agility
2. Penny Cullen Memorial Bowl for Club Agility
3. *Kelly Venning Memorial Trophy Encouragement Agility Award

The Club Agility competition is run over 4 Sundays during the year. On those Sundays courses will be set up for each trophy, and the winners decided based on scores over all 4 events. The first is on Sunday 4 June at 7.30am. Club Obedience classes are held as usual at 9am.

**If a member has trialled in agility, or won or placed in competitions such as the Fun Agility Jumping comp at the Milton Show or our own Tessa Rudd or Penny Cullen Trophies, they are not eligible to enter the Kelly Venning Memorial Trophy Encouragement Agility Award with the same dog, as it is a jumping competition designed purely for beginners and does not include all agility equipment.*

Write or contribute an article, story, photo, comic, joke, idea, etc. to the Newsletter - All we need is your name and your source!

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Thank you for contributions and photos this month from Colleen Ringe, Bea Mies, Mark Wilden, Rick Venning and Alison Nagle

