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MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB INC

President's Report

On behalf of all members I wish to congratulate Club Life Member Margaret Rudd on her well deserved recognition by the NSW State Government on serving 50 years as a Justice of the Peace. A very special and much appreciated achievement.



Margaret Rudd receives her Certificate from NSW Attorney General The Hon. Mark Speakman and Member for South Coast The Hon. Shelley Hancock

My apologies for not being here on the last few Sundays. I have been competing in both flyball racing and also attended the first UpDog disc Grand Prix held in Canberra. I am a beginner at this sport with four of my dogs, and the day was made much more difficult with winds of up to 50 km gusts. However I came away with multiple third, fourth and fifth placing. This was over five different games including frizgility, four way play and time warp. My Papillon Mikki gained some placing using roller discs and my old boy, Pac (14) also gained some places with roller discs. Rollers can be used for any dog but mostly for those small dogs and older dogs. This week I am travelling to Brisbane for a two day competition combining a Canberra dog, two Queensland dogs and my flyball dogs. Should be fun.

Thank you to Vice President Liz Karacsonyi for filling in for me while I am away at workshops and competitions with my dogs. Very sincere thanks to Treasurer Cheryl Ball who has done a fantastic job of organising new jackets for our Instructor Team. Each instructor has purchased a distinctive red

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**SUNDAY
8 OCTOBER WE
SHARE
GROUNDS WITH
ULLADULLA
RIDERS**

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jacket with the Club logo and their name embroidered on the front. This has involved hours of work by Cheryl liaising with the manufacturer and Club Instructors to complete the order and we are extremely grateful, thank you for a job very well done.

Our Club continues to offer members the opportunity to compete in various disciplines and the second of our Rally O Events was held on Saturday 16 September. I wish to congratulate and thank Chief Instructor Diane who has provided training and support for members to learn about Rally O. Some members are now also competing in formal Rally O Events outside our Club. Congratulations to all our members who entered our Rally O event and best wishes to all entrants for the final round to be held on Saturday 28 October. The overall winner of the Rally O events will be the recipient of a new Club Trophy donated in 2017 by Diane Richmond and Jan Lyall, to be awarded at our Club Award Presentation and end of year party.

The final round of the Club's Agility competitions will be held on Sunday 12 November, commencing at 7.30am. Obedience classes are held as usual from 9am.

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 12 November following training classes. I encourage all of you to attend and to consider taking positions on your Club committee. An information sheet describing the various positions, and a nomination form is circulated with this Newsletter.

Welcome home from holidays to Instructor members Bea Mies, Mark Wilden and Rick Venning, great to see you all back at Dog training. Don't forget you can learn all about the exciting sport of Flyball with Bea on Sunday mornings, after classes. Training sessions are held in the agility arena. We are very keen to re-establish our Mudd on the Paws Flyball team again, and need a team of at least 6 dogs to be able to enter competition. Hope to see lots of you trying out this fun sport with your dog.

Regards
Rosie Milton
President



**Don't forget Daylight Saving
in NSW Clocks go forward 1
hour at 2am Sunday 1 October**



**NO DOG
TRAINING
CLASSES
SUNDAY 5
NOVEMBER
STOCK
HORSE
EVENT AT
THE SHOW-
GROUND**



**Check your pets
each day for any
sign of ticks**



**Take care - Snakes
have been seen in
previous years in the
long grass areas at
the Showground**



- **Sunday 1 October** - New Member Joining Day. Usual Agility and Obedience Classes. **Rally O practice at 7.30am with Diane - rescheduled from 24 September.** Flyball practice after classes with Bea
- **Sunday 8 October** - Agility and Obedience classes as usual. Committee meeting 10.15am (Flyball practice to be confirmed). We share grounds with Ulladulla Riders
- **Sunday 15 October** - Agility, Obedience and Flyball Classes as usual
- **Sunday 22 October** - Agility, Obedience and Flyball Classes as usual. Rally O practice at 7.30am.
- **Saturday 28 October** - final round Rally O Club Event
- **Sunday 29 October** - Agility, Obedience and Flyball Classes as usual.

Club Demo Team practice each Tuesday morning from 8am, and Advanced Training Class held each Thursday afternoon for 1 hour 5.30 - 6.30pm.



- 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.
- Club meetings are held monthly and everyone is 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.

Articles appearing in this newsletter are considered to be of interest to members, but do not necessarily express the opinions of the Committee or of the Editor

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 Member Officer—Bea Mies
 Equipment Officer - Mark Wilden
 Catering Officer - Jenny Patch
 General Committee Members

- Lori Muir
- Alison Nagle
- Jan Lyall

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Diane Richmond
 Jenny Patch
 Rosie Milton
 Jenny Marshall
 Janet Smith
 Colleen Ringe
 Belinda Smithers
 Liz Karacsonyi
 Natasha Backhouse
 Mark Wilden
 Rick Venning
 Bea Mies

Assistant Instructors

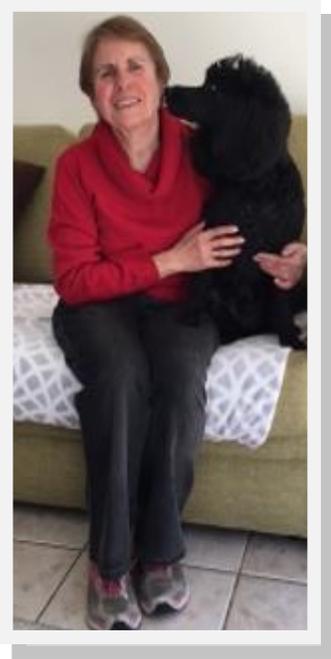
Rosemary Rixon
 Leanne Hoogwerf
 Cheryl Ball
 Jan Lyall
 Mary Firenze
 Carolyn Campbell
 Lynette Campbell

Committee Meetings 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.



Assistant Instructors

Welcome to Mary Firenze who has joined our Team of Assistant Instructors. Mary is also one of our valued team at the new member table.



“My name is Mary Firenze and I have over 30 years of experience in the form of training and showing. I completed my National Dog Trainer Federation training and behaviour certificate about 5 years ago and am passionate about assisting many handlers forming a positive bond with their dogs.

Looking forward to assisting in any way I can.”

Crate training your dog

Crate training is a new concept for many, but is a very effective training tool for adult dogs and puppies. It may take a little time and effort to train your dog to use the crate, but it can prove useful in a variety of situations. For instance, if you have a new dog or puppy, a crate is a fantastic way of teaching it the boundaries of the house and keeping it safe. When you're travelling in the car, visiting the vet or any other time you may need to confine your dog (eg. after surgery or if it has been injured), it's much easier and safer if your dog has been trained to enjoy being in a crate.

How big should my crate be and what type should I get?

A crate should be big enough for your dog to stand up, turn around and lie down. Crates can

be plastic (used on airlines), wire (collapsible, metal pens) or collapsible fabric crates. It is not recommended to leave your dog for long periods in a fabric crate unless you are certain that your dog will be happy and calm inside it and will not scratch its way out.

I don't like the look of a crate! What will my dog think?

A crate is intended to be a 'safe haven' or 'security blanket' for the dog. By nature, dogs like small, enclosed spaces, especially when they are feeling a little bit unsure. By providing your dog with an area where it can 'escape' and know it won't be bothered, it can readily seek out this area when it needs a bit of a break or time-out.

Training your dog to use the crate

The duration of crate training varies from dog to dog. It will depend on the dog's age, temperament and past experiences. It is very important to remember that your crate should be associated only with something pleasant and training should always move at your dog's pace. Always vary the length of time that your dog will spend in its crate, especially during training. This will prevent your dog from 'expecting' to be let out at a particular time and reduce any issues such as whining or scratching at the crate door.

Introduce your dog to the crate

Place the crate in a central part of the household (living room, TV room, etc). Make the crate inviting and comfortable for your dog. Usually, dogs will go over and investigate. When your dog goes near the crate, reward it by throwing a food treat into the crate or near its entrance. Repeat this every time the dog goes near the crate. If the dog settles down inside the crate, reward this behaviour either with your voice or with food rewards. You want the dog to view the crate as a wonderful place to be, full of goodies and fun. You don't want to shut the door of the crate just yet. Your dog needs to understand that it can come and go as it pleases, therefore reinforcing it as a good place to be.

Feed your dog in the crate

Begin giving your dog its regular meals in the crate. Place the bowl inside the crate and encourage the dog to enter. If your dog readily enters the crate at dinner time, start asking it to go in and then place the food inside the crate.



As the dog becomes more comfortable eating in the crate, you can introduce closing the door. Start by closing the door as your dog eats its meal. Make sure you open it before the dog finishes its meal. As you progress, gradually leave the door closed for a few minutes at a time. Soon you should have a dog that will happily stay in its crate after a meal. If the dog whines; ignore the behaviour and try to reward it or let it out as soon as it is quiet. Next time, make sure the dog is in the crate for a slightly longer period of time.

Increase the length of time spent in the crate

Once your dog is happy in the crate for about 10 – 15 minutes after finishing its meal, you can start to confine it to the crate for longer periods. Get the dog into the crate using a command such as “crate” or “bed”. As the dog enters the crate, give it a treat, praise it and close the door. Quietly sit nearby for a few minutes and reward the dog for remaining calm and happy. You might even want to open the door and give the dog a rewarding treat-dispensing toy such as a Kong. Continue with your daily activities and return regularly to reward the dog, either verbally or with a food treat, for its calm behaviour inside the crate.

Start with short sessions and gradually increase the length of time that you leave the dog inside the crate. This may take several days or weeks.

Crating your dog at night

Once your dog is happy spending time in its crate with you around, you can introduce it to crating at night. Make sure your dog has toys or treat-dispensing toys with it to initially settle it into the routine. Keep the crate in a familiar, central area so the dog feels comfortable and settled. With young puppies or older dogs you may need to take them out for toilet breaks during the night. By making the crate a ‘fun’ and enjoyable place to be, night time crating should be an easy transition.

Potential problems

Too much time in the crate

Be careful that your puppy doesn't spend too much time in its crate. While it is a fantastic tool for toilet training puppies and preventing

destruction, a dog of any age should not spend all day in a crate while you are at work and again when you go to bed. This can affect your dog's muscle development and condition. Young puppies shouldn't spend more than 2-3 hours in the crate without a toilet break as they cannot last that long without relieving themselves.

Whining

If your dog begins whining in its crate, the best thing to do is ignore it. For a young puppy, whining may occur because it needs to relieve itself, so quietly take it out to the toilet on a lead, making sure not to play with it. Place it back into its crate once it has gone to the toilet. Remember that any sort of interaction, positive or negative, will be a ‘reward’ to the dog, so ignoring the whining is best. However, make sure that you reward the dog appropriately when it has settled and is quiet. Using a towel or sheet to cover the crate if the whining persists can also help settle the dog.

By following these steps, you can train your dog to not only love its crate, but also see it as a safe haven. Your dog's crate can be a place to escape for a much-needed rest, a break from kids or other dogs, and even a portable home that will always be familiar no matter where you are.

Thanks to member Alison Nagle for submitting this article from RSPCA Victoria <http://www.rspcavic.org/>



Rule Number One – laugh when things don't go right and let your dog grin at you when you've got it wrong

CLUB PHOTOS



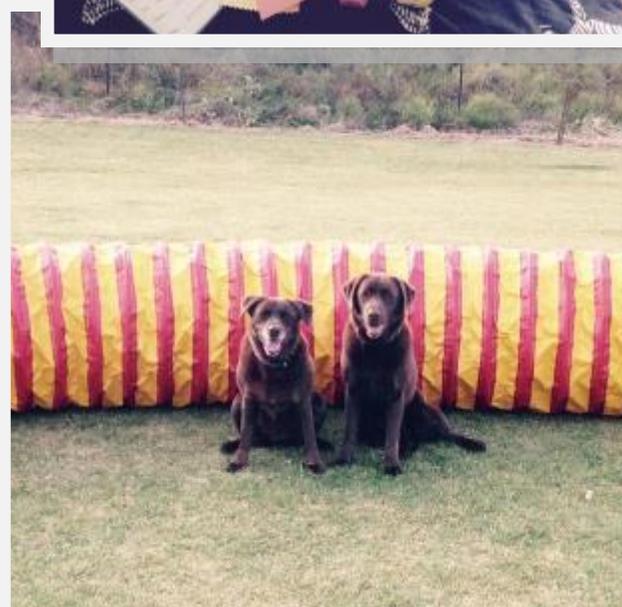
Ready for competition - Handlers who entered the Club's Rally O Comp on 16 September



Warwick Taylor's dog Ajax at Rally O



Alison Nagle's Holly and Livvy with their Show rosettes and ribbons

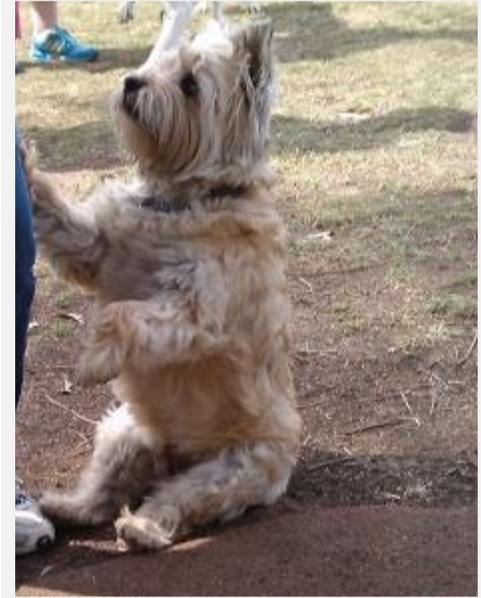


Danielle Butson's Labrador girls Tia and Lua - great recent success at Coffs Harbour Agility & Jumping Events

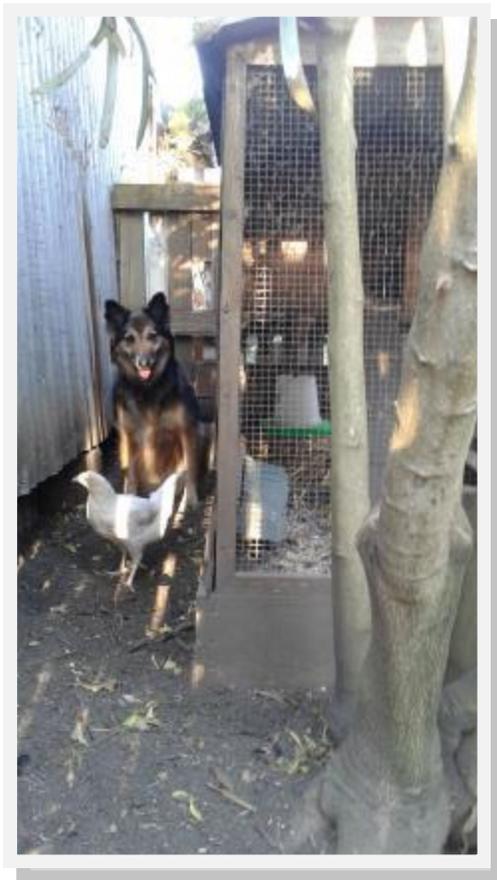
CLUB PHOTOS



Happy Birthday to Diane Richmond's 13 years old Kelpie Lady (RHS) celebrating with "brother" Rusty on 20 September



Birthday Boy Flynn - 11 years old at training on 24 September



Mark Wilden's Sophie looking after "new kid on the block" at the Wilden household - Hen - Blondie



Mark's dogs Sophie and Rex - taking relaxation to a new level on their recent holiday!



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 our Club.

Graduations



Congratulations to members who have recently graduated from **Quick Start to Class 1:** Pia Hartvig and Misty; Denise Fors and Tara; Lyn McFadden and Charlie; Wendy Bazett and Jaxon; Margot Hadfield and Sam; Erin Smith and Wally; John Mulville and Pippi; Rick Venning and Jack
Results: Club Rally O Event held 16 September

Novice:

Lynne Campbell and Sheba 1st
 Susan Doyle and Honey 2nd
 Lynette Johnston and Pip 3rd
 Warwick Taylor and Ajax 4th
 Jean Patterson and Ice 5th
 Jan Lyall and Ricco 6th
 Belinda Smithers and Coco 7th
 Liz Karacsonyi and Shelby 8th
 Ciara Quilkey and Zatopek with Lynette Johnston and Molly equal 9th
 Belinda Smithers and Captain 10th

Advanced:

Diane Richmond and Lady 1st
 Diane Richmond and Rusty 2nd

Members' Success Stories



Once again Danielle Butson's Labradors Tia and Lua have produced outstanding results, including a Master Jumping Title for Tia, this time at the Coffs Harbour Trial, weekend 23 and 24 September. Danielle wrote "Tia 2nd master jumping, 1st excellent snooker, 2nd open jumping, 1st master jumping and she gained her Master Jumping Title. Reedyvale Kahlua 5th open jumping 4th master agility 3rd master agility and 3rd in excellent snooker. Both girls did awesome in the heat very proud of them." (See photos on Page 6)

Alison Nagle's Show success continues with her dogs Holly and Livvy. Holly was runner up neuter of breed at the Belgian Shepherd specialty show on 16/9. Livvy won her Australian bred class of Breed at the Belgian Shepherd Specialty show on 16/9.

Holly was runner up neuter in group at Nowra Kennel Club on 23 & 24/9 and Livvy won her Open class in group at Nowra Kennel Club on 24/9. (See photos on page 7) At the same Show, congratulations to Chief Instructor Diane Richmond and her dog Rusty who was 1st, Challenge Dog, & Best of Breed Australian Kelpie on both days of competition.

Prize Winner

Our Club Instructor and Vice President Liz Karacsonyi was Grand Champion winner at the Milton Ulladulla Spring Orchid Show held weekend 14 15 September at the Ulladulla Civic Centre. These wonderful photos of her entries show us why Liz was so successful.





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Jan appointed President of Pottery Group

Congratulations to member Jan Lyall, who was recently elected President of the Nulladolla Pottery Group. The Group has a shop in the Milton Courtyard and welcomes new members. Jan said she has been very busy since her appointment, as the Group held a Totem Pole Workshop recently as part of this year's ARTfest celebrations.

Extra role for Club Treasurer Cheryl

Our Club Treasurer Cheryl and her husband, Steve, are members of the Sporting Shooters Club at Batemans Bay and regularly attend the Club and compete, and have had some excellent results. Cheryl has recently been appointed Secretary of SSAA, and so this dedicated and talented lady will be very busy.



Stocktake Sale

We still have items for sale in our Stocktake Sale - items are displayed at Sunday training days - take a look and find a bargain!

Equipment for Sale at Dog Club

Need a new lead or training collar or harness for your dog? Need a dumbbell, tuggy, treat pouch, clicker or other training gear - don't forget to see us at the Clubhouse and enquire if we have what you need. Equipment Officer Mark Wilden is available on Sunday training days to fit collars. Treasurer, Cheryl can advise on prices and take payment (we don't have eftpos facilities). You must arrive early (by 8.30am) if you need to have equipment fitted, or want to purchase training gear.

Rally O and Agility Club Competitions

For members entering these Club competitions the final Rally O event will be held on Saturday 28 October commencing at 8.30am in the agility arena.

The final round of Agility competition is on Sunday 12 November from 7.30am, in the agility arena.

Trophy presentations will be made at the Club Annual Award Presentation and Party, usually held the first Sunday in December which is 3 December. The 3 December date will be confirmed as soon as possible.



Horse Event 8 October

Ulladulla Riders have an event at the Showground on 8 October, which may have a large entry. There will be extra traffic, horse floats and horses so please keep your dog on leash.

Annual General Meeting

Date for your diary is our Club's Annual General Meeting on Sunday 12 November after training. Morning tea is provided ☺. This is an opportunity to learn more about the activities of our club and its organisation and to vote for your Committee. Committee positions are declared vacant, and elections held for members to fill positions for the next 12 months. Circulated separately to this Newsletter is an information sheet about all positions, and a nomination slip. All Club financial members can vote at the General Meeting.

Throwing Sticks

Please **Don't** throw sticks for your dog to retrieve. Unfortunately there have been many injuries to dogs when catching sticks, including one several years ago when a Club member's dog was tragically fatally injured. Have games with a Frisbee or favourite toy instead.



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

Email to: newsletter@mudtc.org.au

*Thank you for contributions and photos for this month's Newsletter from:
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