



# MUDTC Newsletter

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## MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB INC

### President's Report

Welcome to our last Newsletter for 2017. First of all I would thank all those Instructors, Committee members and other helpers who give of their time and expertise to help in the running of this club and making it the success that it is. The club cannot exist without their invaluable help.

We have had a wonderful year with 39 training Sundays, our Obedience competition, our jumping and agility competitions and our Rally O training and competitions. We have also recommenced fly ball training. So there are many different sports that you can learn and compete in. Plus of course our general obedience classes which we try to make interesting with the addition of some games. You will find a full list of our Instructors on our website and on the next page of this Newsletter. Please thank them if you are in their classes as they are all volunteers.

Our Committee has held 8 meetings this year to deal with the financial and organisational aspects. Thanks to all those who have attended and given of their time and ideas.

Agility and Jumping classes have been held most Sundays including Pre-Agility for those wanting to start agility. We also held a two-day ADAA competition in August with competitors coming from Sydney, Canberra and beyond. It was a great chance for our members to see what trials are all about.

Apart from our Instructors there are some people who give amazing time to the club. They are Jenny Patch, our Catering Officer who organises the food and drinks for all our competitions, meetings and parties. Also Cheryl Ball, our Treasurer who can be seen attending every Sunday at the front desk taking payments, dealing with new members and keeping all the financial records for the Club. Margaret Rudd, our Publicity Officer, who also sits at the outside table, taking monies and explaining classes and training to members, and Mark Wilden and Warwick Taylor who look after the equipment, lawns and the dog park.

Thank you all for voting me in as President for 2017.

Very best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and enjoyable holiday time with family and friends. Look forward to seeing everyone at the Presentation Day and end of year BBQ on Sunday 3 December.



Regards  
*Rosie Milton*  
President



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**12 November**  
**We share**  
**grounds with**  
**horses**  
**Final Club**  
**Agility Event**  
**and**  
**Club AGM**

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**CALENDAR**  
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**LAST TRAINING DAY IS 3 DECEMBER - CLASSES RESUME 4 FEBRUARY 2018**



- **Sunday 12 November**—final Club agility event at 7.30am Obedience Classes at 9am. Annual General Meeting after training classes. We share grounds with Milton Show Society Horse Event
- **Sunday 19 November** - Agility, Obedience and Fly ball classes as usual. Fly ball classes commence at 10.30am.
- **Sunday 26 November** - Agility, Obedience and Fly ball Classes as usual
- **Sunday 3 December** - Last training day for 2017. 1/2 hour training class followed by end of year Award Presentations and BBQ
- Club Demo Team practice each Tuesday morning from 8am, and Advanced Training Class held each Thursday afternoon for 1 hour 5.30 - 6.30pm.

**NEW MEMBER DAY AND USUAL TRAINING CLASSES  
RESUME SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2018**



- 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

**Instructors**

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.



## Busy day on 12 November

At 7.30am 12 November we will hold the fourth and final round of our Club Agility events for this year. Competition is held in the fenced agility area, and is open to all Club members training in agility and entries are taken on the day. Obedience Classes are held as usual from 9am. Best wishes to everyone taking part in the Agility competition.

Our Club AGM will be held at 10.30am on **Sunday 12 November** after training. Everyone is invited to attend and if you would like to stand for Committee, or help out in any way, please let us know. Nomination forms for positions were circulated with last month's Newsletter and hard copy is available at the Clubhouse. You must be a financial member of Dog Club to stand for a position or vote at the AGM.

Also on 12 November we share the Showground with Milton Show Society Horse Event. Please have your dog on leash around the horses. There will also be some clearing up going on following the Timber Festival held on 11 November, and so we may need to relocate where we hold some of the obedience classes that morning.

## Award Presentations and Christmas BBQ



All members and their immediate family members are very welcome to attend our Award Presentations and end of year BBQ on Sunday 3 December. This is a free day. The colour theme is **Red** and **Green** for Christmas so don't forget to dress up in your Christmas colours. We are pleased to support the RSPCA Raffle this year and Club member Bea will be selling tickets on behalf of the RSPCA on training days and at our Christmas BBQ.



Make sure you receive your Dog Club free Lucky Paw Ticket when you attend the Presentation and BBQ - we have some great prizes.

This year we will award 5 Outstanding Achievement Medallions instead of the previous Best in Class Medallions. Medallions are also awarded to the Most Improved in Agility and Fly ball.

Several perpetual awards are also presented including Most Improved Handler, Most Persistent Handler, Young Achiever, Most Titles Achieved, together with our Club Obedience, Agility and Rally O Trophies.

For the first time we will present two Rally O Trophies, one for Novice and one for Advanced. The Club is very grateful to Diane Richmond and Jan Lyall for generously donating the new Rally O trophies to the Club for our annual awards.

## Program for the day

### Sunday 3 December

- 9.00 - 9.30am Obedience Classes
- 9.40am - Club Demo Team performance
- 10.00am - Award Presentations
- 10.45am - Sausage sizzle BBQ



For catering purposes please let us know if you will be staying for the BBQ by putting your name on the list at the Clubhouse by Sunday 26 November - thanks. BBQ and Tea & coffee provided free - Small charge for cans of drink and bottled water.

## Rally O Summer School



Thank you Chief Instructor Diane, who has offered to hold Rally O practice over the summer break.

Rally O classes will be held on Sundays 7, 14, 21 and 28 January 2018 at the Showground in the shaded Dog Show Rings on the eastern side. Classes are from 9-10am and dogs at any level will be able to attempt some of the exercises. Cost is \$8 total for the 4 classes, payable on the 7 January, or in advance at the Clubhouse. If you are interested to attend, please add your name to the list at the Clubhouse.



## Training Exercise - Perch Work

For general body awareness as well as independent rear paw awareness. The end result can also be that your dog sits in front and is able to turn and sit at your side on both right and left side.

Your perch should be 25cm x 25 cm roughly for large dogs and about 15cm x 15 cm for smaller dogs.

**First lesson:** Put the perch on the ground with dog watching. CT (click and treat) for any movement towards the perch. You can do this a couple of times but then wait for further advancement towards the perch. This can be:

- touching with nose
- touching with foot etc.

CT these actions a couple of times.

Then wait again for further advancement towards the goal of dog putting both feet on the perch. CT with dog's feet on the perch and then release off the perch.

Make plenty of value for dog with front feet on perch. This means waiting for the dog to go to the perch himself and CT. Try not to help the dog in any way. You should be still during this lesson.



**Second lesson:** Go back and repeat couple of the first lesson steps to remind the dog what the object is. Now add your movement. Move around the cone slightly so dog starts using his backend while still keeping his front paws on the perch. Use lots of CT as dog moves his back legs. Remember to move both directions.

**Lesson Three:** If the dog is moving around the cone with his back legs, add a PVC jump bar, placed on the ground, so the dog has to lift his back legs over the bar as you move around the perch. This is not a 'jump' it is to be stepped over carefully. Remember to CT as he steps over the bar.

**Lesson Four:** Just using the perch start standing with dog by your side. CT. Move a quarter around. When your dog moves to be beside you then CT. Move another quarter CT. Remember to have the dog beside you on both sides.

**Lesson Five:** Fade the perch and use your shoulders to get dog to move his back legs around to be beside you. Do this on both sides. Add a sit command. Using this method also means the dog is sitting straight on your side.

*Make sure you do not advance to the next step until your dog really 'knows' the previous step. Also do not put a word command to the action until lesson 5 and it can then be 'close' or 'side' different commands for different sides. This is a lot to take in and understand. If you are in any doubt or have questions please email or see me at training. Rosie Milton*

## Did You Know:

Studies have shown that the acuity of dog's vision is similar to humans. However dogs are better at detecting motion and have a much better night vision than humans.

In the past it was thought that dogs were colour blind but studies have shown that this is not the case. Humans have three cones in the retina and can detect blue, green and red light and so together they can see all the colours we recognise. Dogs have impaired colour vision with only two cones and see blue and purple but the colours green, red, orange and yellow all appear as a yellow colour.

So use this information when training. If there is a background then wear colours that the dog can detect, e.g. if background is concrete wall then don't wear any of the colours that will be roughly the same colour (green, red, orange, yellow), wear contrasting blues and purples so your dog can pick up your signals and body language much more easily. Think of toys that you use for training and think about what colours will be more discernible. If the grass is green (yellow to the dog), then blues, purples will possibly be easier to see.

## Vet Check - Milton Village Vet - extract from article Ulladulla Times 1 November 2017

If your pet is displaying symptoms of paralysis i.e. hind limb incoordination/paresis/paralysis, difficult or noisy breathing, change of voice, gag, grunt or cough, refusing food, vomiting, pupil dilation or reduced blink reflex

- Seek Veterinary attention immediately:
- Withhold food and water
- Keep quiet, minimise stress and excitement
- Keep in a temperature controlled environment
- If you find a tick remove it immediately and place in a container for identification.



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Dogs  
must be  
under effective  
control, especially when  
off lead, for the  
comfort and safety of  
everyone else, especially at the beach and  
in the park.  
Effective control means your dog always  
comes back when called

## SUMMER TIPS

**MAKE SURE YOUR  
DOG HAS:**

**PLENTY OF WATER**

**PLENTY OF SHADE**

**DON'T EXERCISE IN  
THE HEAT OF THE DAY**

**KEEP SAFE DURING  
FIREWORKS**

**DANGER!**



**TICKS!**

**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**

## CLUB PHOTOS



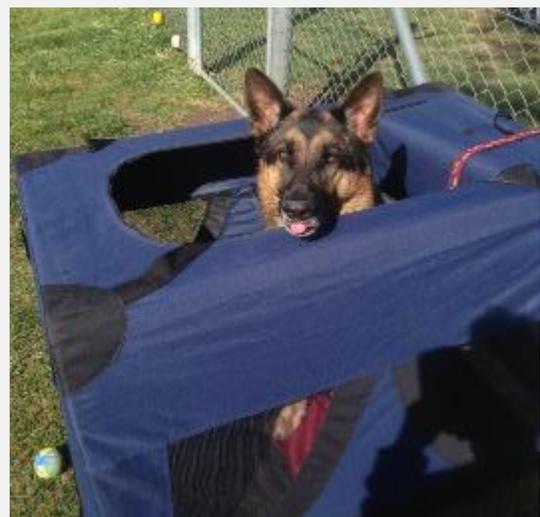
Liz Karacsonyi's dog Shelby practicing at Fly Ball



New Baby Puppy Zip  
with owner Jean Patterson



Leanne Hoogwerf's Billie - in training for  
Fly Ball



Lynette Campbell's Sheba - waiting her turn at  
Demo Practice

## SOME CLUB MEMBERS & THEIR DOGS



Rick Venning and Jack. Rick likes Jack's really gentle and relaxed nature and Jack's willingness to learn – sometimes!



Lynette Johnston and 1 year old Molly. Lynne said "she is very happy with the new Instructor roster as she thinks it provides more diversity for handlers and their dogs in the various classes."



Shianne Smith and puppy Onyx - Loves to play with the other dogs and Shianne is very pleased Onyx is starting to learn to come back



Ian Rose and Sallee. Ian and Judie joined in April and Sallee is 9 months old. They are pleased with Sallee's progress and said "it is very good for her to mix with the other dogs. They said it is good to learn things properly in a supportive and friendly Club".



Jean Channon and Toby - recently promoted to Class 2. Jean re-joined Dog Club with her new puppy Toby at the beginning of the year. Toby is now 1 year old. Jean said "Toby loves meeting all the other dogs and taking a rest every now and then"!



**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:** Samantha and Terry Kennedy with Onnix and Oakey, Jeff Parnell and Chloe, Christine Reed and Sid Preston with Micky

**Class 1 to Class 2:** Mary Lou Barclay and Pixi, Rick Venning and Jack , Margot Hadfield and Sam, Lynnette McFadden and Charlie, Wendy Bazett and Jaxon, Jean Channon and Toby

**Class 2 to Class 3:** Carolyn Martin and Merlin

**Results: Club Rally O Event held 28 October 2017**

#### Novice:

1st Lynette Campbell and Sheba

2nd Jean Patterson and Ice

3rd Lynette Johnston and Pip

#### Advanced:

1st Diane Richmond and Lady

2nd Diane Richmond and Rusty



### Members' Success Stories

Congratulations to member Kylie White whose dog Zing won 1st Place Novice Agility at Tuggeranong Club Canberra on 18 October. Also to Chief Instructor Diane and her dog Rusty - Rusty got 1st in Open Dog, and Reserve Challenge Australian Kelpie in the morning Show and 1st in Open Dog in the afternoon at the Goulburn Kennel & Obedience Club event on 3 November

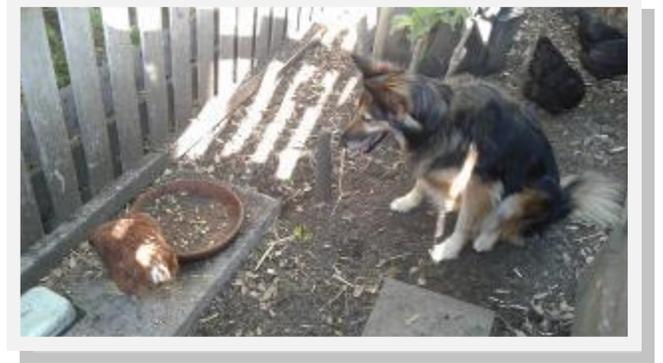
### Quiet Pippa

A photo from Jenny Patch to show us that Pippa can be a good quiet girl, when snuggled up in bed!



### Chicken Stories

I hope these two stories are not about the same chicken!



Here we see Mark 's dog Sophie looking after the new 18 week old addition to the Wilden family at Milton.

Then Belinda tells us - "When coming to demo practice, and it can only happen in Milton, turned into Croobyar Rd. following Bea down and she halts in the middle of the road, I think what the ..... and then I saw the reason why

A CHICKEN CROSSING THE ROAD TO GET TO THE OTHER SIDE

A true story - Cheers Belinda

### Sheba's Kittens

Another Club member's dog also takes on a caring role



Lynette said "here is Sheba with the little kittens we hand raised, I think they thought she was their Mum there were 5 of them all up."



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## Most Titles Award

One of our Awards, to be presented at the Annual Presentation day on 3 December, is for the most Titles won during the past 12 months. If you would like to be considered for this award please send details of any titles won with your dog during the past year to [info@mudtc.org.au](mailto:info@mudtc.org.au) by Friday 17 November - thanks



2016 winner Lua - owner Danielle Butson



## Birthdays

Sending Happy Birthday wishes to two of our club dogs who had their 1st birthdays recently  
19 October - Toby - owner Jean Channon; 31 October - Molly - owner Lynne Johnston  
Also congratulations to Rose - owner Liz Karacsonyi. Rose was 14 years young on 7 November.

## Drop or Down Exercise

Thanks to Carolyn for this link to a u-tube clip of an alternative method to teach your dog to drop. This may be especially helpful to owners of some of our smaller dogs <https://youtu.be/FNtUsKWceEQ>



## Australia Day

As part of the Ulladulla Milton Lions Club Australia Day celebrations at Mollymook Beach, Dog Club has once again been invited to present a demonstration. The event will be on Friday 26 January 2018 at Mollymook Beach reserve off Mitchell Parade. Our demonstration is usually held early in the program, just after the official opening at 9am, come along to see the demo team in action and enjoy all the other events and market.

## Keeping your Pet Cool this Summer

Extract RSPCA web site <https://www.rspca.org.au/>

Here are five tips on keeping your pets cool this summer:

1. Walk your dog very early in the morning or in the early evening. This will help you avoid the hottest part of the day and prevent your pup from dehydrating or burning their paws on hot pavement or asphalt. One way to test if the ground is too hot is to

use to Five Second Rule. Place the back of your hand on the surface for five seconds and if it's too hot for you, then it's too hot for your dog!

2. Never leave your pet alone in your car or ute. Even when the windows are down or the car is parked in the shade, these precautions are just not enough to stop your pet from overheating. One study found that when the outside temperature is a mild 22 degrees, the inside of a car can reach 47 degrees in just an hour. Dogs travelling on the back of utes can also burn their footpads or bodies on the trays, as these get extremely hot in the sun. If you see a distressed dog alone in a car, please call emergency services ASAP.

3. Make sure your pets have access to plenty of shade and clean, fresh water. It's worth providing extra water sources too. If your pet normally drinks from one water bowl – set down a few more bowls in different places too, just in case any of the others are accidentally knocked over.

4. On really hot and humid days, bring your pets inside. If you're able to keep your home cool with air-conditioning, fans or open windows, your pets will thank you for it!

5. Keep your littlest pets in the shade or indoors at all times. Because rabbits, birds, guinea pigs, rats, mice and ferrets are often kept in cages or hutches, they're not always able to seek out cooler places themselves. Make sure you move them into a shady, well-ventilated area in hot weather – or better yet, bring them inside into a cooler room like the laundry.

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*Thank you for contributions and photos for this month's Newsletter from:  
Rosie Milton; Carolyn Campbell; Jenny Patch; Lynne Campbell; Colleen Ringe ;  
Mark Wilden; Belinda Smithers*



**Sending very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Club members and their families**