



MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB

**STOP PRESS:
RSPCA Paws Walk
Sunday 20 May 2007**

Hello members

Well I don't know how everyone else feels, but I can hardly believe we are into May already, only seems 5 minutes ago we were welcoming each other back from the Christmas Break. Once again May brings around the big fund raising event for the RSPCA the Million Paws Walk, which will be held on Sunday 20 May at Burrill Lake Lions Park, commencing at 9am. Free entry to the park, walk cost is \$5 adult, \$3 child and concessions or \$15 for a family. Food and drinks will be available from the Lions Club catering vans.

Million Paws Walk

The Dog Club has again been invited to present a demonstration following the walk at approximately 10.30am. The RSPCA has asked if the Club could repeat the weaving pole race event from the Milton Vet Open Day. Diane and Kim are liaising with our friends at Shoalhaven Dog Club (Nowra) to take part. Our Club will present its obedience demonstration and if time permits flyball/zipball races and possibly some of our agility dogs will perform as well. The RSPCA has asked us to keep the demonstration to 45 minutes.

There will be no dog training that day so if you can, please come along and support both your Club's demonstration team and the RSPCA.

We are still looking for helpers on the day to set out the equipment, so if you can help please see Peter, Diane or Roy.

Club Championships

As winter approaches it is time to think about entering the Club's Championship Competitions, which will be held sometime in July/August. The program is currently being finalised and will be available in the next few weeks. The closing date for entries will also be announced shortly and as for last year no late entries will be accepted.

There are 2 competitions, one being for the smaller dogs. You do not have to enter every event and several members last year entered one or two events to gain experience. More information will be provided as soon as possible.

Dogs off leash

- A gentle reminder that Council regulations only permit dogs off leash in the designated area between **4pm and 8am**. The designated area for Milton Showground is across the road in front of the Clubhouse and across the road to the west.
- Handlers must have their dogs under proper control, as you are responsible for any incident that may occur.
- It is a good idea for handlers not to congregate in a large group to talk while their dogs run free. While you are talking your attention may not be on your dog. The dogs tend to run back to the group and their handlers, and this creates the opportunity for several dogs to be in close proximity – all off leash.
- Please ensure that your dog does not run free into the area in front of the Clubhouse where handlers are waiting, with their dogs on lead, for classes to start. We have several young handlers who may not be able to easily deal with any situation that may arise with a dog running free.

Dogs On Leash

- Please also make sure that when your dog is on lead and you are talking to other members that you still have your dog under control, this is especially important when queuing to pay training fees and in the general area in front of the Clubhouse. Be aware of your own dog and other handler's dogs at all times and always leave the front of the clubhouse area in the opposite direction to other handlers with their dogs who are queuing to pay. If you are chatting to other members it is a good idea to practice the "down" or "sit" with your dog, which has been introduced while announcements are being made prior to training classes.

A big thank you to everyone for arriving on time for training, this has meant classes have started at, or very close to 9am, for several weeks now.

Janet ☺

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MEMBERS CORNER

Welcome to our newest members; Rebecca and Stephen with "Jessie", Kevin with "Tim", Maureen with "Brandy", Glen with "Toby and Abbey", Julie with "Toby", Michelle with "Febe", Caroline with "Beau" and Steve with "Sam".

Well done to the following members who have recently graduated

To Class 1: Carolyn and "Navarro", Patrick and "Stella", Lyn and "Jimmy", Amber and "Bailey", Nerida and "Jewel", Rosemary and Graham with "Banjo" and Michael with "Chloe"

To Class 2 Natasha and "Betty", Lyn and "Jimmy" and Nerida and "Jewel"

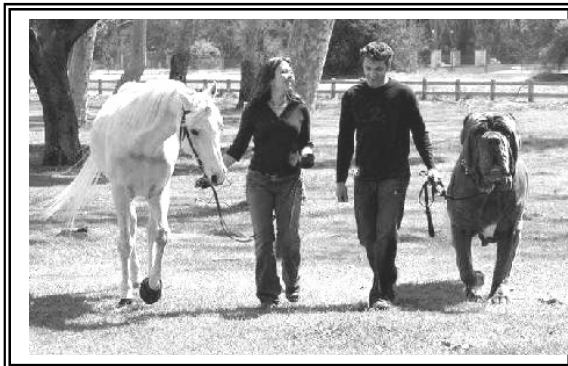
To Class 3 Barry and "Jenny".



Now for some interesting statistics – compare your dog's age to that of humans:-

0-10 kg Dog	Human Age
10 years	56
15 years	76
10-25 kg Dog	Human Age
10 years	60
15 years	85
25-40 Kg Dog	Human Age
10 years	66
15 years	95
40+kg Dog	Human Age
10 years	78
15 years	115

THIS DOG HAS TO BE OVER 40 KG !



How about thinking up a caption for the photo? Entries close with Janet on 27 May

Championship Dog Shows

Congratulations to member Natalie Moore and her family with their dogs, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, Chilli and Abbey who have won places in several Championship shows over the past few weeks. They have had a great couple of weeks showing their dogs in ACT, Deneliquin and Albury. Natalie's daughter Jenny won Junior Handler at Albury Show - and then onto the Royal Easter Show - "Chilli and Abbey a third place each at the Sydney Royal - top field, so we were overjoyed to be placed with both dogs at our first royal - maybe next year we'll take out the big one!!!!"

Are Your Kids Safe?

Recent dog attacks have again raised public awareness of dogs and dog ownership. The responsibility for protecting children and our dogs must rest with us. **No dog is 100% reliable with children.** Recent studies of 150 dog attacks on children showed 75% of attacks occurred in a private setting and 60% of parents said the dogs were familiar with the child. Blue Heelers accounted for the highest number of attacks (14%) followed by larger breeds such as German Shepherds and Rottweillers. Three out of five attacks were the result of a child disturbing the dog, playing with or feeding the dog, waking the dog from sleep or using body language perceived as threatening by the dog.

Tips for Parents

- Never leave a child alone with a dog
- When visiting a friend's house, don't let your child play with the dog unsupervised.
- Don't allow a child to feed a dog unsupervised
- Never let your child discipline your dog
- Never allow your dog to snatch food from your child.

Tips for Children

- Never pat a strange dog, even if the owner is present
- Stay away while a dog is sleeping or eating
- Never pull a dog's tail or ears or tease it
- If knocked to the ground by a dog, roll into a ball, cover your face with your arms and stay still.

Thanks so much to members, Margaret, Peter, Bob and Natalie for their contributions to Members Corner.