



MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB



Hello members

Sunday 20 May was the RSPCA Million Paws Walk and where else would you want to be other than at beautiful Burrill Lake in the stunning morning sunshine? There were dogs and people everywhere all enjoying the activities organised by the RSPCA for this important fund raising event. It was great to see so many of our Club members enjoying the day.

Max Bayliss, very ably assisted by Margaret Rudd, was the compare for the day and Kim gave an impromptu interview, describing all the dog training activities that she is involved in with Brock, Deli and Bella. Roy set out the wonderful dog photo exhibits he has put together and we had hand-outs and information about our Club available to the public. Owners and their dogs registered from 9am and at 10am started off on their walk around Lions Park. On their return the Club's new sound system, playing a very appropriate tune, enticed the crowd to our new location, close to the Lake edge, for the start of the Club's demonstrations.

With what must have been the shortest practice lead in time on record (5 minutes before the performance) - our obedience demonstration team of Liz, Sarah, Roy, Rick, Neville, Joe and Kim performed brilliantly to show the audience the exercises handlers and their dogs learn at training classes. This was followed by the weaving pole race, when the crowd got really involved. Children from the audience were chosen to hand out the winner's ribbons and the whole event was a great success. It was followed by zip ball and agility demonstrations. Again these disciplines are great crowd pleasers and give our audience examples of the great fun we can have with our dogs once they are under control.

Under Bob's direction the four agility team members of Liz, Rick, Joe and Neville performed a difficult routine, with all dogs in action at the same time – when all four dogs came together to sit on the table it was a truly fantastic finale and the audience's loud applause demonstrated their appreciation of the precision work done by these handlers and their dogs.

The whole morning was a great success for the RSPCA and for our demonstration teams. A huge thank you goes to our "roadies" Cheryl, Jenny and George, because of their involvement the whole demonstration was able to move smoothly and quickly from one discipline to another.

Thanks go to all those involved in organising this event which showcased the Dog Club so well – Diane, Roy, Bob, Jo, Liz, Margaret and all our team members and helpers – it just would not happen without all your hard work.

Championship Competition.

The tentative date for our Club's Championship competitions is Saturday 18 August 2007 at the Milton Showground. Entry forms and description of the events will be available later this month with an expected closing date for entry of Sunday 22 July 2007. These details will all be confirmed as soon as possible.



Down at the Showground

Please remember that there are dogs running free and handlers crossing the roadways at the Showground. 40kph max is definitely fast enough.

Agility Training

Unfortunately instructor Bob has not been very well lately and has even had a short stay in hospital. We are very grateful to him for his dedication to our Club, as he has kept attending training during this time. Bob will be taking a well-earned holiday shortly and your committee will be discussing what arrangements will be put in place for agility training at our meeting this month. In the interim there will be no agility training sessions on Tuesday at the Showground. I know you will all want to wish Bob all the best for his holiday, to get better very soon, and that we look forward to his return later this year.

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MEMBERS CORNER

Welcome to our new members during May who include: Sally and "Mungo", Katrina and "Angel", Belinda and Eric with "Max", Margaret and "Bindi", Mary and "Bella", Matthew and Tony with "Fraggel" and "Panda", Kate and "Willow", Pat and "Polly", Renee and "Bindi", Malcolm and Lauren with "Lily", Michelle and "Febe" and Caroline and Beau".

Congratulations to the following handlers and their dogs who have graduated.

From Puppy Class to Beginners:

"Angel" and Katrina, "Toby" and Glenn and "Jellise" and Ken.

From Beginners to Class 1

Malcolm and "Buruma", Alan and "Django", Jessica and "Lucy", Maureen and "Brandy", Steve and "Sam", Judith and "Caddie", Rose and "Fred", Sue and "Dennis".

From Class 1 to Class 2

Caroline and "Navaro" and Michael and "Chloe".

From Class 2 to Class 3

Rosie and "Pac" and Margaret and "Tessa"

Competition Results

Joe and Mary Law's young yellow Labrador, Lindenlake Chipper Bravo (Chippie), competed in the Novice Retrieving Trials held in Canberra over the weekend of 12th and 13th May. His results were very pleasing as, on the Saturday, he came second by one point to a Victorian dog. On the Sunday, the field eventually reduced down to just two finishers and Chippie was successful in gaining first place.

Kim and her wonderful team of Bella, Brock and Deli competed during April/May

Border Collie Club Trial at Erskine Park

Bella 3rd place Excellent Jumping no q
Bella 3rd place Excellent Gamblers no q
Brock Novice Gambling pass for his GD title
Deli 2nd place Novice Agility no q
Deli 2nd place Novice Jumping pass

5th May Shoalhaven Dog Training Club Trial.

Bella 2nd place Excellent Jumping pass
Bella 1st place Excellent Agility pass
Brock 3rd place Novice Jumping no q
Deli 1st place Novice Jumping pass

Well done to Joe, Mary and Kim and their fantastic dogs.

DOG SPEAK (thanks to contributor Roy)

When your dog wakes you with barks at 5am it probably seems like meaningless noise. But those yaps mean something. It's how our pets communicate with each other and with us. It's working out what they're saying that's the real challenge.

A bark is not just a bark.

Here's how to decipher your dog's message and keep him happy.

A low, harsh woof

"Stay away!" It's used as a warning to potential intruders, making the dog sound a lot bigger and more threatening than it might actually be.

Medium-pitched single woof

"Hello? Anyone there?" A bark used for locating the rest of the pack.

Medium-pitched repetitive bark

"Hey everyone....I'm bored in here." Shows the dog is frustrated.

High-pitched repetitive bark

"OK...I don't think that they're ever coming home." An anxious worry-filled yap.

Very high-pitched, single squeal

"I know it is a strong word...but I think I love you." This is a shriek of complete excitement usually during play.

Lovely Daisy

Daisy is looking for a new home, she is a 9 year old, very fit, although slightly overweight, Labrador. Daisy was surrendered to the RSPCA when her elderly owner moved to a Nursing Home. She has a wonderful nature, as seen by all of you who met Daisy at training on 27 May. Enquiries can be directed to Ken or Janet on 4455 3137.

Living Craft – June Long Weekend

The Lions Club of Ulladulla Milton is holding the Living Craft Exhibition at the Ulladulla Civic Centre over the June long weekend. Living Craft showcases local artisans at their craft. Admission is \$6 for adults. Children under 12 years free.

A hug is a great gift. One size fits all and it's easy to exchange.