



MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB

**STOP PRESS:
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
18 AUGUST**

Hello members

This month our Club Championship takes place on Saturday 18 August, commencing at 9am. It is great that so many members have entered, and don't forget everyone is welcome to come along and support those who are taking part. We are still looking for stewards and helpers on the day, so please let your instructor, or committee member know if you can assist.

Judges on the day will be: Obedience – Janet; Agility – Peter; Tracking – Diane; Gun Dog – Joe; Zip/Flyball – Rosie and Flags – Diane.

The Tracking discipline will be held on the Saturday 11th August on a property just off Little Forest Road Milton. Directions and times will be given to each competitor. It is important that each competitor arrives at the allocated time and follows the directions given on the day. Competitors will need to bring waterproof boots as there is a shallow creek to cross. A steward is needed for this day so if you can help out please let Diane know. We are very grateful to member Elsie for making her property available and we may be able to organise a fun Tracking day for later in the year, possibly during September. More information will follow in next month's Newsletter.

Demonstrations:

Thank you very much to everyone who took part in the demonstration for the 12 month opening celebrations at the Petstore at Ulladulla. The Club also gave a short demonstration at Sarah Claydon, where we are always very well received. Thank you to everyone who gives up their time to take part, it is much appreciated.

Stock Horse Event

I am not able to confirm the date at time of going to press, but on one Sunday in September there will be a Stock Horse Event at the Showground and there will be No Dog Training on that day – the date will be announced as soon as possible.

Web Site

Work has started again on our Web Site and the members area calendar is being updated. You will need to register for the members area. Please follow the prompts and once you have entered your details you will receive advice that you are validated. Minutes of meetings and other *members only* information will eventually be available in the members area.

Why Train Your Dog?

- A well trained dog is happy and fun to be around
- Dogs need something to do and want to please you – training gives them the opportunity
- A well trained dog can visit more places with you
- A well trained dog knows who the leader is and will become a good canine citizen
- You will be rewarded by having a very special companion

Equipment

A selection of leads, collars and other training equipment is available for purchase at the Clubhouse. The Club has a library of books on dog training which are available for loan, free of charge. The DVD or video of The Dog Listener (dog behaviour) is available to loan for a \$10 refundable deposit.

The Club also has a supply of various Dog magazines and these are on display on the table in front of the Clubhouse – please help yourself to these and they do not need to be returned.

Paying Training Fees

Thanks to those of you are now coming to the Clubhouse to pay your fees without your dog. This relieves the congestion on the ramp and in front of the counter – you will still be able to socialise your dog while we listen to announcements.

Christmas Cards

Yes, it is not that far away !!! and the Club has received an email from Assistance Dogs Australia promoting their Christmas Merchandise. If you would like a copy emailed to you please let me know. A hard copy of the information is available at the Clubhouse. A mixed pack of 15 cards sells for \$15.

Equipment

Our new jumps have arrived and will be available for use once they have been painted. Covers were ordered for the sound equipment and will be available next week. The sound equipment was used at the Petstore event and even borrowed by Power FM who were broadcasting live at the store!

Newsletter enquiries to:

Janet – ☺

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MEMBERS CORNER

Welcome to new members Lauren & "Keira", Allison and "Roxy", David and "Betty".

Congratulations to the following members who have been promoted to Class 1:-

Tracey and Diesel; Terry and Meg; Karen & Matt with Panda; Ken and Jessie; Danny and Sasha; John and Phoebe; Cheryl and Oscar; Phillipa and Bilby; Stephen and Lloyd; Michelle and Jet. Special mention to Lloyd who did a wonderful "laid back" trick to win our Beginners final week trick presentation prize.

From Class 1 to Class 2 and Class 2 to Class 3
Names to be notified in future Newsletter.

Trial Results

Joe and Mary Law's young Labrador Lindenlake Chipper Bravo (Chippie) once again competed successfully at recent Retrieving Trials held at Marulan on 23rd and 24th June and at Tarana on 7th and 8th July. He gained two first places which, along with a previous win in Canberra, gives him his NRD (Novice Retrieving Dog) title. This title also upgrades him to Restricted level. As well, Chippie's 2 litter sisters, Lindenlake Black Jazz and Lindenlake Black Mist, also bred by Joe and Mary, gained their NRD titles with their third wins at the Hartley trials on 21st and 22nd July.

Their mother, Kadnook Remember Jazz (Jazzie) qualified for her AARD (All Age Retrieving Dog) at this same Hartley trial. To gain this title, she had to have completed 10 All Age trials – no mean feat. Well done, Joe and Jazzie.

Border Collie - Cooper

I am very sad to let you know that David's lovely dog Cooper has died as the result of a tragic accident while playing with a stick. The Club has sent a card to David and Linda to let them know we are thinking of them.

The Symptoms of Arthritis

Dogs NSW magazine this month has an article on Arthritis in Dogs which includes the following:

- Veterinarians have developed a list of symptoms that could indicate arthritis in a dog including:
- Inactivity
- Reluctance to lie down or get up
- Trouble running and climbing stairs
- Audible "clicking" when walking
- Behavioural changes that seems to indicate pain
- Swelling and inflammation of the joints
- Limping
- Limited movements and lack of desire to exercise.

If your dog exhibits any of these symptoms on a recurring basis, contact your vet for a thorough examination that may include x-rays, ultrasound and blood samples to determine any deterioration of the joints.

Hereditary diseases in the German Shepherd

Dogs Life Magazine May/June 2007 issue has an article regarding CDRM disease in German Shepherds. It states that there is rarely any mention of the disease in books regarding German Shepherds and yet it is so common in the breed. It is commonly known as Degenerative Myopathy and causes wasting of the muscles. The full article is available at the Clubhouse.

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Thank you to Margaret for providing this lovely picture



Spell in Hospital

Please give Margaret your best wishes when you see her at the new members table as she will be having a spell in hospital very soon for an operation – very best wishes from us all Margaret, and we look forward to seeing you back at the Club, with lovely Tessa, once you are up and about again.

Thank you to members who provide information for the Members Corner. I am keeping a library of items for future editions – so please keep the contributions coming!

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