



## MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB

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NO TRAINING 23  
SEPTEMBER**

Hello members

Unfortunately again during August some training sessions were cancelled because of rain and the very soggy condition of the Showground. However, on the finer days it was wonderful to see so many members each Sunday and thank you all for arriving in time to enable classes to start at 9am. Please remember to leave your dog in the car, or with someone else, while you pay your training fee as this will prevent congestion around the ramp and front veranda of the Clubhouse.

The Club Championships were held on Saturday 18 with our largest entry ever. 20 dogs were entered in the various events that started at 9am with the compulsory obedience. This was held in the main oval and gave handlers and their dogs the opportunity to show their skill in a heeling pattern, both on and off lead. During the heeling pattern, dogs also performed all the exercises learnt in class such as sit, drop, stand and the various turns.

The competition then continued with agility, flyball/zipball, gun dog work and flags. The tracking events had been held the previous week. Everyone put 100% effort into their work, and took part in the spirit of both competition and enjoyment. Occasionally dogs didn't perform as well as expected or hoped, and then managed to perform perfectly at just the right moment – all part of the joys of dog training!

Congratulations to our winners – Liz with Rosie won The Lyn Brookes Trophy, with close runner up Diane and Lady. The Marion Mann Trophy was won by Roy with Penny, Sarah with Sam was our runner up – well done everyone.

Thank you very much to all our judges and helpers. Thank you also to all those who put in a lot of hard work in the weeks prior, to organise the paperwork and entry forms. 2007 marks the end of the 3-year program set down for the Club Championships and your committee will be discussing the format for next year at the September committee meeting.

### **Flyball and Zipball**

Instructor Rosie has been running flyball and zipball sessions before our training classes on Sundays. To enable more members to learn the basics of this fun event Rosie will be holding training classes for approximately 30 minutes during our 9am start training classes. Please speak to your Class Instructor or Rosie if you would like to put your name down for a session.

These training sessions are available to all members, and dogs can be either on or off lead. Please make sure you advise Rosie if your dog is less than 12 months of age, so that she can adjust the training over the jumps.

Flyball is a dog sport with two teams of 4 dogs each. One dog at a time is sent over 4 jumps to a box to trigger a tennis ball release and then the dog grabs the tennis ball and returns to its handler over the 4 jumps.

The dogs love it, particularly if they love to chase or retrieve a ball, and enjoy lots of action.

The Club uses flyball and zipball at demonstrations during the year as it is very exciting for the audience. There are also competitions throughout Australia if you are keen to travel with your dog.

### **Demonstration**

The Club has been invited by Ulladulla Milton Lions Club to present a demonstration at the Australia Day event at Mollymook Beach next year. Your committee will start discussing arrangements at the September meeting.

### **Training Tip (Downloaded from the Internet)**

"Ever ended up chasing your dog around the park when its time to go home because they just don't want the fun to end? Try going through your normal routine with calling your dog back to you and clipping on his or her lead. Reward your dog with a treat or a pat before unclipping the lead and letting the dog run off and play again. Repeat this a few times to ensure your dog doesn't think of you calling him or her back, and clipping on the lead, as a bad thing. In no time you will never have to chase your dog around the dog park again!"

### **Equipment**

Have you noticed our very colourful new jumps in the agility area? Beautifully painted in red and yellow by Roy and Diane who have spent many hours in preparation and then painting – they look great – thank you Roy and Diane.

The speaker covers for the sound system are now in use, and are a great improvement on the cardboard box Ken used when transporting them until now!

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## MEMBERS CORNER

A very warm welcome to our new members; Lilli and Rebel, Wendy and Ellie, James & Amelia with Rafe, Enid and Hamish, Penny and Benji, Jaslyn and Honey, Darnell and Brie, Paul and Tiki, Dean and Alby, Karen and Gus, Lesley and Matilda, Rachel and Licky, Mark and Mika and Michelle and Bella.



***What do you get if you cross a dog and a lion?  
A terrified postman!***

Congratulations to the following members who have graduated:

### **Beginners to Class 1**

Sarah and "Shadow", Nicole and "Bella", Caroline and "Beau", Margaret and "Angus", Glen and "Toby", Rebecca and "Ninja".

### **Class 1 to Class 2**

Rosemary and Flynn, Florence and Leo, Gail and Lily, Russell and Ebony, John and Phoebe, Danny and Sasha and Steve and Sam.

### **Class 2 to Class 3**

Nerida and Jewel, Michael and Chloe and Natasha and Betty.

### **Class 3 to Class 4**

Sharon and Saffi, Lynne and Jessie, Ros and Molly

Don't forget to ask for the coloured star, which represents your new Class, to add to your name badge when you next visit the Clubhouse.

### **Caption Needed**

This picture really deserves your attention! Looking for entries for the best caption.



My goal in life is to be as good a person as my dog already thinks I am.

### **22 and 23 September Tracking**

As announced at Training last Sunday arrangements are being made to hold fun tracking events on the weekend of 22 and 23 September. Please ask your Class Instructor for more details, or collect an information sheet from the Clubhouse. Those interested in taking part must register by Sunday 9 September. Both participants and helpers needed.



***If you take your dog downtown, where should you  
leave him?  
In a barking lot.***

### **Date for Your Diary**

Our Club Christmas Party will be held on Sunday 2 December. This is the last training day of the year and our party is held after training classes finish. More details to follow in later Newsletters.

### **Member Margaret**

I am very pleased to let you know that Margaret has had her operation and is progressing very well indeed. Tessa and Ozzie are missing her lots, and can't wait for her to get back home. Very best wishes to Margaret from all of us.

### **Off Leash Areas**

The Club approached the Ulladulla Community Forum with suggestions for 24 hour off leash areas in the southern Shoalhaven. The Forum has now lodged a submission with Council for consideration of 3 areas – two in Ulladulla and one at Narrawallee. Will keep you up to date on the progress of this request.

### **Plan of Management – Milton Showground**

Council is preparing a Plan of Management for the Milton Showground and is seeking input from the Dog Club. The Committee members are liaising with Council staff. The plan is in its very early stages and again I will keep you up to date through the Newsletter as more information is received.



***What happened to the dog that ate nothing but  
garlic?***

*His bark was much worse than his bite!*