



MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB

**STOP PRESS:
CHRISTMAS PARTY
25 NOVEMBER**

Hello members



On Sunday 30 September, our Patron Peter Smith, spoke to us all about the importance of the bond between handler and dog and gave us an insight into the wonderful love he shares with his own dog Jimmy, shown here in the photo. Jimmy has been

called the "miracle" dog, as it was his presence, whilst Peter was very sick over a year ago, which led to Peter's recovery. Jimmy is our "dog" Patron and wears his own special Patron collar tag. Thank you Peter for sharing these special times with us all.

Tracking Report – by Secretary Roy

On the weekend of 23/24 September, a total of 16 handlers, with their dogs turned up on beautiful spring mornings to learn basic tracking skills. Eight on each day. The property used in Milton is a real gem and ideally suit for tracking, except for those tiny wee grass ticks. The Dog Club is very grateful to the owner of the property for allowing us free access on to run these training sessions. If the Club is to run more Tracking training we need some feedback from the participants and members. Re:- location, time, expectations, input how the training sessions are run, etc. As Tracking is more suited to the cooler months it will be next year before the Club can organize further training sessions. This is why the Club needs some input as it does take a bit of time and effort to organize these events. Diane and Roy put in this time and effort beforehand to ensure that everything runs smoothly on the day and everyone gets a fair go at learning the skills for Tracking.



Christmas Party

Our Christmas get together this year will be on our last training day of the year – Sunday 25 November 2007. The morning will commence with our usual training classes, and then our Christmas Party from

10am. We will again be holding the Fancy Dress competition for your dog – this year the theme is "anything goes" so that gives everyone lots of options to chose from!!! This year the Club will not be asking members to bring along plates of food, as we have done in previous years. The Club will provide a sausage sizzle and Christmas cake with tea and coffee or cold drink. A full program of the morning's events will be provided separately to this newsletter in coming weeks.



Summer Heat

Now the weather is starting to warm up please make sure you keep your dog cool. Heat stroke is a life-threatening emergency for your dog. Signs of heat stroke are excessive panting, very red gums or loss of co-ordination. The best way to cool down your dog is to spray water on your dog's belly or wet a towel and let the dog lie on it, and if your dog does not improve within 15 minutes then please contact your vet.

To avoid heatstroke **never** leave your dog unattended in your car. Make sure your dog has plenty of shade on hot, humid days, especially older dogs and those with flat noses (such as pug nose), because they are less efficient at getting rid of excess heat.

If you are away for long periods make sure plenty of fresh drinking water is available in shady spots for your dog, and in more than one container, in case one gets tipped over. If left outside, make sure your dog can access a shady spot to keep cool.

Training Tips

The most important thing you can teach your dog is to sit and stay on command. Any time you are having behavioural problems with your dog, begin your training by re-teaching him to sit and stay.

When a small dog is aggressive toward people, don't pick him up. This only reinforces the behaviour since he will see it as a reward.

Janet - 4455 3137 ☺

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MEMBERS CORNER

A very warm welcome to our new members; Louise, Tarnia Pamela, Belinda, Jasmine, Sue, Shona, Bronwyn, Tegan, Carol, Louise, Ruth and Janette.

Congratulations to the following members who have graduated:

Beginners to Class 1

BJ and Toby; Julie and Toby; Enid and Hamish; Gage & Rhys with Buster; Wendy and Elli, Toni and Fraggel.

Class 1 to Class 2

Rosemary and Banjo; Rebecca and Jesse; Rebecca and Ninja; Glen and Toby; Stephen and Lloyd; Maureen and Brandy; Ken and Jessie; John and Tully.

Class 2 to Class 3

George and Lucky; Stacey and Meaha; Jenny and Chillii; Kim and Tyson.

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.

Bob is back at Training

Welcome back to Instructor Bob who has returned from his journey to the Northern Territory. Great to have you back at Training on Sundays, Bob – we all missed you.

Off Leash Areas

Council has not yet made any decision about possible extra off leash areas in the Milton Ulladulla area. When any decision has been made the proposed areas will be advertised for public comment.

Member Information

New member Dean Dampney, who is training his chocolate Labrador Alby, has recently moved to Milton and advises he is a professional portrait and commercial photographer. The Club does not advertise businesses through this newsletter, but members may wish to approach Dean individually.

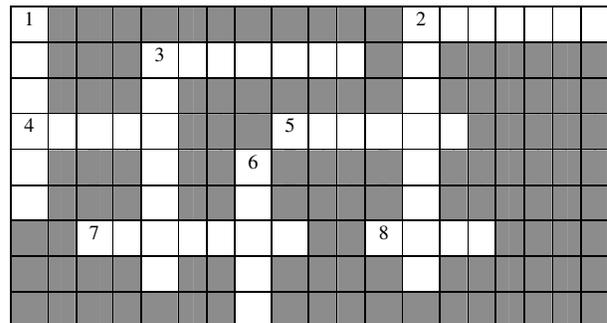
FUN CROSSWORD

ACROSS

2. Gets the attention of dogs and dolphins
3. Kelly has this in her sights
4. Her background is from the Highlands
5. Sniffing grass is poetic?
7. Small, white and train in pairs
8. A musical Labrador

DOWN

1. A true Aussie
2. The road where we meet
3. Makes a dog happy and barking mad
6. Always seen at the Teddy Bears picnic



Books and DVD

Don't forget that the Club has books and DVDs available for loan. The DVD The Dog Listener is available to loan for a \$10 refundable deposit. There are many books available to be borrowed for a maximum of 2 weeks, no deposit is charged, but you must make sure your name is recorded as having borrowed the book. Please enquire at the Clubhouse.

Bringing Your Dog up to the Clubhouse

Please remember to make arrangements so you do **not** need to bring your dog with you when you pay your training fees. A **big thank you** to those members who are already doing this.

I love a dog. He does nothing for political reasons.