



MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB

**STOP PRESS:
PARTY TIME
25 NOVEMBER**

Hello members

This is our last Newsletter for 2007, as we will break from training classes during December and January. Training recommences next year on Sunday 3 February 2008. We have had another very successful year with our membership ever increasing and many rewarding achievements made by our wonderful dogs. Some highlights during the year include:

- 🐾 Continued large roll up each Sunday morning of handlers and their dogs.
- 🐾 Excellent demonstrations at the RSPCA Million Paws Walk; Petstop; Petplan (school education programs) and Meals on Wheels
- 🐾 Purchase of new agility jumps and Club sound system and maintenance to existing equipment.
- 🐾 A very well attended and keenly competed Club Championship in August.
- 🐾 Tracking days at the property at Little Forest.
- 🐾 Boosting our funds on fixed deposit to \$5000.

Obviously there is a lot of work involved in running your Club. President Joe, who is also involved in running the State Gundog Trials, and taking part in Trials himself, has given as much time as possible to the Club, and we thank him very much. He has been greatly assisted by Vice President Peter, who has "filled in" very admirably whenever needed. Chief Instructor and Treasurer Diane gives many dedicated hours into work for our Club, which is greatly appreciated. Diane is a member of the Milton Show Society Committee and keeps the Dog Club informed on Show matters. Diane also organises the Championship Dog Show held each year on the Saturday of the Milton Show. Roy, as our Secretary has done a great job for the Club, especially in organising a submission to Council for extra off leash areas, taking minutes, preparing meeting agendas and keeping everything running smoothly – a big thank you Roy.

The committee meets each month to organise equipment supplies, events, class training schedules and any jobs that need to be done, including mowing of the dog rings. Peter represents the Dog Club on the Showground Management Committee and attends meetings each 3 month, or as necessary. Our Publicity Officer, Margaret

regularly submits great news articles to the local press to keep our Club in the spotlight.

Margaret, Cheryl and Liz welcome our new members and assist Diane in taking membership fees – thank you all very much.

Then to our Instructors: Chief Instructor Diane and Instructors: Christel, Robyn, Janet, Natalie, Roy, Robyn, Liz, Bob, Rosie, Kim, Rick and Peter, a huge thank you for giving so generously of your time, patience and support to Dog Club Members.

As this year comes to a close we must start to think towards 2008 and the continued successful development of our Club. The Annual General Meeting will be held late February/early March next year, so please give some thought to whether you can give some of your valuable time to assist in the running of our Club. Nominations for all positions will be called in the weeks prior to the AGM, nominees and their proposers must be financial members of the Dog Club.

Membership Fees

Membership fee of \$6 falls due again in February 2008. Existing members are asked to commence membership renewal payments from the second Sunday in February, as the 1st Sunday will be very busy with new members.

Christmas Party

Christmas Party arrangements are in full swing for 25 November and many members have taken tickets to sell in our fund raising Guessing Competition. Please return any ticket butts by the 25 November. An information sheet about the party is available at the Clubhouse and has also been circulated via e-mail. Cost is \$3 and \$6 for a family of four. Normal training will be held at 9am (\$2 fee) and then morning tea and award presentations will commence. Don't forget the dog fancy dress – sure to be lots of fun, so hope to see you there.

Australia Day Demonstration

Our Club has been asked by Ulladulla Milton Lions Club to give a demonstration at Australia Day celebrations in 2008. The Team will meet at 9am on 2 December to discuss arrangements for practices during the break. Enquiries to Diane, Rick or Robyn Perry.

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MEMBERS CORNER

New Members

A warm welcome to new members: Wayne with Squeek; David with Boots; John with Charlie; Heather with Matilde and Paige with Kimba.

Graduations:

Congratulations to the following members who have graduated to the next Class:

Beginners to Class 1

Ruth and Deisel; Pam and Bella; Dean and Alby; Lauren and Keira

Class 2 to Class 3

Lyn and Jimmy; Cynthia with Bertie and Micky; Julie and Chia; Joe and Chippie

Off Leash Areas for Dogs

Council has now resolved to advertise Collers Beach and the beach area to the north of Ulladulla Harbour as off leash dog areas. Advertisements will appear in the local press seeking comment on the off leash area proposals. Council will make its final decision based on comments it receives during the exhibition period. Details on how to make a submission will be included in the advertisement.



Thank you to Mandy for providing this great photo – very aptly titled “**Obedience School Winner**”.

Interesting Web Site

Thanks to Sylvia for letting me know about a very good Web Site www.abc.net.au/waggingschool. It has a lot of very good information about training your dog, and is very well presented. (Note: The Instructor recommends the use of check chains, whereas in most cases our Club prefers the use of the DCC collar, being fabric and chain.)

Annual Vaccination

Don't forget the Club must view your updated dog vaccination certificates each year – please present them at the Clubhouse to be noted on your membership card.

Fun Crossword

Here are the answers to last month's crossword:

Across

2. Clicker; 3. Frisbee; 4. Penny; 5. Hudson; 7. Maltese; 8. Jazz

Down

1. Kelpie; 2. Croobyar; 3. Flyball; 6. Toshi

Now for this month it's - Christmas Trivia -

1. Name the three reindeer whose names begin with a "D"?
2. What was the first gift my true love sent on the sixth day of Christmas?
3. In Frosty the Snowman, who brought Frosty back to life?
4. What country started the tradition of exchanging gifts?

Norway.....UK.....Holland.....Italy

5. Who wrote A Christmas Carol?
6. When did 25 December become the traditional day to celebrate Christmas?

1st Century; 14th Century; 8th Century; 4th Century

Member News

Congratulations to Matt and Toni Williams on the birth of their first child, a son Lane Austen – born at Milton Hospital on 12 October. There was a lovely photo of them all in this week's Times.

Great to see Margaret and Peter back at Training after recent hip operations. Both of them are very pleased with the outcome, but still taking things steady.



**Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year**