



Hello members

It has been great to see so many members and their dogs enjoying dog training, especially those taking part in the Beginners Agility Class, which is held between 8.15 am to 8.45am before dog obedience training. A big thank you to those Instructors who come early to assist. It is very much appreciated.

At the bi-monthly committee meeting, special mention was made of the club's three new assistant instructors, Sarah Ball, Jenny Patch and Natalie Moore. All are to receive their Instructors Shirts and thanked for their services.

At the meeting the proposed Annual Club Championships Format was approved with thanks to the sub-committee of Roy Cullen, Diane Richmond and Rosie Milton. It is planned to hold these championships around August/September.

The Agility Competition to be held as well on the third Sunday of every second month will commence in June, with President Peter Hudson and Rosie Milton to organise.

The Club has decided to have a designated First Aid Officer, with Secretary, Jenny Puglisi and Natalie Moore being two qualified members, & with anyone else willing to put their name in if they have a current First Aid Certificate.

Clicker Training is held after dog training by Instructor Rosie Milton at 10.15 am, while Rosie takes Flyball tuition at 8am prior to dog training. The Club is very fortunate to have such talented people willing to share their talents.

Rosie competed at the Nowra Agility Trial on Saturday May 3 with her dog "Pac", gaining second place in Jumpers with a qualification round making three passes and a JD Jumping Dog Title. He is a pleasure to watch and if you get the chance at dog training don't miss him.

Special Thanks

To Chief Instructor Diane who has donated a second-hand microwave to the club which will be great for our social days.

Dogs Left Alone

People often describe their pets as "one of their family" or "we think of them as our children". When we go to work though we would never leave the kids at home and while full time day-care is not necessary for our pets, (although it is now available in the city) there are ways of providing a bit of extra care for them in our absence. If your dog is driving the neighbours up the wall while you work or the cat is scratching holes in all your favourite furniture, this could be a result of their boredom.

Hidden Snacks

Dogs love a good treat and have incredible noses for food. You can find great dog toys (like chew toys) that are similar to an activity puzzle ball for dogs. They are designed to store food and slowly dispense as they are "solved".

Why not try to leave the TV or radio on? Pets, just like humans can get lonely if they're just poking around the house all day. By leaving the TV or radio on, you help keep your pet entertained with the stimulus of sight and sound.

Web Site Forum

Don't forget to join the Member Forum on our Web Site at www.mudtc.org.au. The Forum is an online discussion board that all Club members are encouraged to join. It is a place where we can get to know each other, talk about our dogs, and ask questions, exchange ideas and to have a little fun when we cannot be at training. Important note about your username when creating your username, **please use your full name** as you are known to us at the Club. Aliases & handles cannot be accepted as we need to be able to identify you to grant you access. Remember to insert a space between your first & last name as the system does not require one word usernames. Be sure to use a valid email address as we will need this to contact you when your account has been activated. Your email address will always remain private and is not displayed on the forum.

Newsletter enquiries to:
Margaret Rudd (while Janet is away) ☺

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MEMBERS CORNER

New Members

Welcome to new members:

John and "Jaz"; Barry and "Riley"; Cynthia and "Tinker"; Leesa and "Mickey"; Margaret and "Ozzie"; Renate and "Rex".

Remember new members are only able to join on the first Sunday in the month as a special eight weeks program is held. Baby puppies under four months can join at any time.

Cost is \$20 which is made up as follows:

\$6 Joining Fee, \$6 annual Subscription and \$2 per dog Class Fee. You will need to bring proof of your dog's immunisation.

Please wear comfortable clothes and closed in shoes. Bring treats for your dog as rewards.

New members are asked to be at the clubhouse at the rear of the showground by 8.30am to allow officials time to process their forms prior to classes commencing at 9am.

Congratulations on Graduating -

From Beginners to Class 1

Christine and "Sherry"; Carol and Rosie"; Jasmine and "Molly".

Class 3 to Class 4

Lynne and "Jimmy"; Jenny and "Chilli".

Congratulations Natalie

Natalie Moore and her Champion Dog, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Intermediate Bitch, "Vanstaff Tainted Love" known to dog club members as "Abbey", who gained an impressive second place at the Sydney Royal Easter Championship Dog Show.



Reminders

- Yearly \$6 membership fees are now due for 2008.
- Please show your dog's updated vaccination certificate each year.
- Please drive slowly around the showground, remember some dogs are off leash having a run before training starts.
- Please don't bring your dog with you up the ramp when you pay your fees.
- Ask about our pay in advance system – it avoids queuing at the counter.
- Try to spend at least 5 minutes every day working through your training exercises with your dog.

Remember, if you wish to air anything, your President or Chief Instructor is always available for discussion (even when busy).

At no time will unsigned letters be acknowledged.

We are sure members will related to this:

What is a dog?

Dogs spend all day sprawled on the most comfortable piece of furniture in the house. They can hear a package of food opening half a block away, but don't hear you when you're in the same room. They can look dumb and lovable at the same time.

Dog Property Laws

- If I like it, it's mine.
- If it's in my mouth, it's mine.
- If I can take it from you, it's mine.
- If I had it a little while ago, it's mine.
- If it's mine, it must never appear to be yours in any way.
- If I'm chewing something up, all the pieces are mine.
- If it just looks like mine, it's mine.
- If I saw it first, it's mine.
- If you are playing with something and you put it down, it automatically becomes mine.
- If it's broken, it's yours.