



Hello members

Well done to all our hardy instructors, committee members and handlers who have still been arriving early on some very cold Sunday mornings to train their dogs. An important reminder is that our Club Championship is to be held at 8.30am Saturday 13 September, Milton Showground (meet at the Clubhouse). Entries close on 31 August, so make sure you see one of our friendly committee members at the Club house to get a copy of the guidelines and entry form. Late entries will not be accepted.

RSPCA - SOS for Foster Carers

The following is an extract from the Branch's Winter Newsletter. *The Ulladulla Branch of the RSPCA urgently needs Foster Carers so if you, or someone you know is interested in becoming a foster carer, please contact us on 0414 749 490 and please leave a detailed message as the volunteers can't always take your call.*

People often say "I don't know how anyone can be a Foster Carer, it must be so hard to say goodbye to the animal after caring for it." And, yes, there are emotions involved but it's all about what's best for the animal. Emotions pass but these little mates rely on us to give them a new start.

If anyone would like to help, please contact the RSPCA on the number provided.

How to Deal with a Threatening Dog

This information was included in a recent HCF Newsletter.

The following pointers can help if you find yourself face to face with a threatening dog:

- Stand still
- Avoid eye contact with the dog
- Keep your hands by your sides
- Try shouting at the dog to 'sit' or 'stay'. But if the dog doesn't respond to this, don't try it again
- Very slowly back away
- Note that the dog may nudge or sniff you before it moves off.

Please ask your Instructor if you have any questions about these pointers.



Committee Members

For the benefit of many of our newer members here is a who's who of our Club Committee:

Executive:

President: – Peter Hudson – who keeps us up to date with his announcements (and jokes!) before classes. Peter is also an Agility and Obedience Instructor – he has two dogs, Ralph and Bella

Treasurer: Henry Musidlak – smiling Henry greets you each Sunday morning and is very eager to receive your training fees, and stamp your hand. He is the very proud owner of the wonderful Rex.

Secretary: Jenny Puglisi – who teams up with Henry each Sunday in the Clubhouse to help you with any paperwork, name badges, and any other questions you may have – Jenny will always help you.

Committee:

Vice President: – Roy Cullen – Roy instructs the Baby Puppies on how to become good canine citizens. His own dog Penny is a great example. Roy helps you with equipment purchases and is a fantastic handyman - just look at our Clubhouse!

Chief Instructor & Public Officer: – Diane Richmond – Diane is always (in fact I can't remember her ever missing a session) at Training early on a Sunday morning, and is available to help you with any aspects of training your dog. Diane is our Class 4 Instructor and she has a wealth of experience and is only too happy to share it with us all. Her dogs are the very busy Kelpies, Teddy and Lady.

Assistant Secretary: – Janet Smith – that's me - I put together this Newsletter and am a Beginners Instructor. I don't own a dog at the moment, but am a dog Carer for the RSPCA.

Other hard working members of our Club Committee are Margaret Rudd (Publicity Officer, New members and Pre-paid fees). Cheryl Ball (New members) Jenny Patch (Equipment Officer) and Caraline McLeod (Web Site Administrator) together with instructors; Rick, Robyn Perry, Robyn Carstens, Rosie and Liz, and Assistant Instructors, Sarah and Natalie.

Please don't hesitate to discuss any aspects of our Club with these Committee members, or your Instructor. The Committee meets every 2nd month and our next meeting is on the first Sunday in September. If you have any matters you would like to raise, then please let us know.

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New Members

A very warm welcome to our new members who joined during July and on the first Sunday in August. As new members please forward your email address to newsletter@mudtc.org.au if you would like to receive your newsletter electronically.

Graduations

Congratulations to all those handlers and their dogs who have graduated to the next class, and were announced at training on the first Sunday in August. Please remember to collect your Certificate from the Clubhouse, and also ask for the coloured star for your new class, to go on your name badge.

From our Members:

News from Rosie

I went to Brisbane for 10 days judging at two Flyball competitions and supervising a probationary judge. On the second Saturday, I was able to get in a late entry for a postponed agility competition in which Pac and I gained two 1st places with qualifying cards and a second place with one fault (a knocked jump). In this competition Pac was jumping 650mm in height.

On 9th August, I travelled to Sydney to judge another Flyball competition but my Canberra team competed. This team won their division with Pac doing some very good times. My other Border Collie, Savvy, was also asked to race in the second team as they only had four dogs, one of which was a new dog un-used to the competitive atmosphere. So Savvy raced and that team also won their Division.

**Club members might like to see a Flyball competition and they will have a chance on 6th September at Kioloa Caravan Park. There will be 27 teams competing on the Saturday with 87 races. If racing runs out of time on Saturday, it will be finished on Sunday morning. There will be teams from NSW, ACT and Victoria competing and I hope that both Pac and Savvy will be racing. There will also be a beginners competition which will be restrained recalls and other games which are pertinent to future Flyball dogs. My new puppy Izabella will be participating in this event and if you are a member of the Australian Flyball Association you can be in this event.

***Note from your Editor - Some of our members attended this event last year, and reported it is absolutely fantastic – so do try and go along.*

If a dog was the teacher you would learn stuff like. Be loyal. Never pretend to be something you're not. If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it. When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.

Guess Who? – No Prize for This One !!



Puppy Love

Here is an extract from an article in this month's Dogs NSW Magazine.

Puppies need to be socialised to people and dogs and not just the ones at home. A house dog needs to meet the vacuum cleaner, learn to go outside to toilet, hear the toaster pop up, doors slam and children squeal and yell, while predominantly outdoor dogs need to understand about the postman and lawn mowers, and learn to resist chasing bikes which whiz past. All dogs will need to be socialised to the real world, see and hear buses, trucks, feel rain, wind and get used to travelling in cars.

You must puppy proof your yard and house so that your new companion can't escape into traffic or eat something dangerous. Remember puppies were born to chew – if it moves, chew it, if it doesn't move, chew it. If it's soft, hard, pliable, brittle, dull or bright, chew it – you have been warned. When your pup chews something – it is your fault for not putting it away !

More from this interesting article will be included in next month's Newsletter.

Thanks so much to Members, Rosie, Roy, Jan and Margaret for supplying information for our Members Section.

Reminders

- 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.