

# MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB INC

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Hello members

Welcome to our last Newsletter for 2008. Once again it has been a busy and successful year for our Club. Innovations include the commencement of Clicker Training for beginners; beginners Agility sessions on Sunday mornings and the Club Agility Competition. Below is a "snapshot" of our year, more detailed information on the year's events can be found in earlier Newsletters.

### January

Clicker training courses held at the Showground Demonstration at Mollymook Beach Australia Day

### February

Demonstration at Milton Show

Agility and Flyball competitions at Milton Show

Members assisted with the Championship Dog Show

### February/March

Our new web site came on line

### April

Introduction of Agility Beginners Classes

### June

Visit by North West Club Flyball Racing Team

### July

Club Agility Competition

New Beginner Clicker Training Courses commence

### August

RSPCA Cup Cake fund raising

Purchase of new agility equipment

### September

Club Championship

Approval to commence work on Clubhouse awning

### October

Club Agility Competition

### November

Club Agility Competition

### Special Mention

A very important aspect of this year has been the successful mentoring of three new Assistant Instructors, Jenny, Natalie and Sarah. It goes without saying that without instructors there would be no dog club, and we are all very grateful for the time and effort these three new Instructors have given to our Club.

Congratulations go to Roy, previously one of our assistant instructors, who now takes Baby Puppy classes. The Baby Puppy Instructor role is very important, and thanks go to Roy for his excellent instruction – not forgetting his very able assistant, the "wee" Penny.

Thanks to our fantastic web site administrator Caraline, who set up our site and keeps it regularly updated. We are all very grateful to Caraline for creating such a professional web site to promote our Club.

Promotion of our Club also takes place each month in the Milton Ulladulla Times Newspaper. This is all the work of our excellent publicity officer, Margaret, who writes the monthly articles, supplies the photos and submits the package to the Times – our sincere thanks.

*Woof! Woof!* – I am sure all our dogs are truly amazed and grateful for the time and effort that has been put into 2008 by all the team at Milton Ulladulla Dog Training Club.

### Christmas Party

The last training session for the Club will be on Sunday 7 December, as part of our Christmas Party. This is your opportunity to meet, and talk to all the members of our Club. This year we have a new format for our Party –

8am - 9am	 BBQ Breakfast (sausage, egg, bacon, tomato & hash brown)
9am	Club Award Presentations
10am	Training Session with a Christmas theme
10.35am	Morning Tea and Fancy Dress Competition – theme A Sporting Event
11.30am	Close

The morning's events are free to all Members and their immediate family – please bring your own chair and cold drinks. Tea and coffee will be available.

Numbers for catering are essential so PLEASE make sure you give details of who will be attending for breakfast and/or morning tea to either Jenny or Henry at the Clubhouse no later than Sunday 30 November.

Training commences again on the first Sunday in February 2009, which will also be the first new members day for 2009. For those interested in continuing training over the break, Diane and Rosie will be holding training sessions during December / January. Please see them at Training if you are interested in taking part.



### Australia Day 2009

Our Club has again been asked by the Ulladulla Milton Lions Club to give a demonstration at the Mollymook Beach Australia Day Celebrations. This is a great opportunity for promotion for our Club and its members. The Dog Club has suggested a performance time of 9am for 35 minutes. If you are in Class 2 or above and are interested in being a member of the demo team please discuss requirements with Diane or your instructor as soon as possible. Practice sessions will be held over the Christmas break and regular attendance is very important.

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## MEMBERS CORNER

### New Members

A very warm welcome to our new members, who joined during October and on the first Sunday in November. As new members please forward your email address to [newsletter@mudtc.org.au](mailto: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 November. 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.

### Donation:

Thank you to Fay Ball for the donation of a fridge for the clubhouse to store dog treats (*that's our story and we're sticking to it!*). Your generous donation is much appreciated.

### Member News:

Mandy's Boxer Wallace has had an altercation with a bee, and although all is well now, he had a very swollen jaw for a while as can be seen from the before and after photos below -



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Very sad news is that Matt's Blue Heeler puppy died from tick poisoning last week. A card has been sent from the Club to Matt and his parents, who originally brought Chimera to training. Ticks are very prevalent this year and I have included some information later in this newsletter.

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Thank you to the members who email me Doggie sayings and pictures for the Newsletter, this is much appreciated. I keep them saved in my Outlook Newsletter folder for future use: This month's comes from Roy -

*Dear God: Why are there cars named after the jaguar, the cougar, the mustang, the colt, the stingray, and the rabbit, but not ONE named for a Dog? How often do you see a cougar riding around? We do love a nice ride! Would it be so hard to rename the 'Chrysler Eagle' the 'Chrysler Beagle'?*

### A Safe Summer – at a Glance

*extract from Dogs NSW Magazine November 2008*

#### Heatstroke

Never leave a dog in the car  
Always have cool water available  
Always have shade available  
Walk in the evening, when it is cooler  
Don't clip your dog's hair unless your vet recommends it

#### Sunburn

Provide a shady resting space  
Put sunscreen on a pink nose

#### Drowning

Supervise dogs around water  
Fence your pool and close the gate  
Teach your dog to swim  
Learn CPR

#### Storms and fireworks

Secure your yard  
Keep your dog indoors in times of obvious danger  
Update microchip records  
Fit a secure collar and tag

#### Holidays

Find pet-friendly accommodation  
Find out about local flora and fauna in the area  
Update vaccinations  
Upon your return, check regularly for ticks

#### Ticks and Pests

See your vet about preventative measures  
Check your dog for ticks regularly (early signs might be the appearance that your dog has something stuck in its throat, vomiting or heavy loud breathing, watch out for paralysis or weakness in the hind legs)  
Learn to recognise the symptoms of snakebite (signs include vomiting, diarrhoea, lethargy and weakness in the back legs)  
Keep your dog away from snake prone areas  
Keep your vet's phone number handy.



**To All Members and their Families**

### Did you know?

- ☺ Electric lights for trees were first used in 1895.
- ☺ The first Christmas cards were vintage and invented in 1843, the Victorian Era.
- ☺ "Jingle Bells" was first written for Thanksgiving and then became one of the most popular Christmas songs.
- ☺ More diamonds are sold around Christmas than any other time of the year
- ☺ The original Santa Claus, St. Nicholas, was born in Turkey in the 4th century.

Don't forget to visit our web site at [www.mudtc.org.au](http://www.mudtc.org.au) where you will find more details about the arrangements for the 7 December.

"It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air." - W. T. Ellis

