

# MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB INC

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Hello members

There is lots of information in this month's Newsletter about changes to the Club's training structure and future events, plus some great contributions from members.

### Training Classes

The first Sunday in June saw the official start of the Club's new training class structure. The Club now runs the following Obedience classes:

- Baby Puppy (dogs 16 weeks and under) puppies can join on any Sunday – Instructor Roy
- Quick Start (4 weeks) dogs 16 weeks and over dogs can join the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month – Instructors Janet and Robyn Carstens
- Beginners Class – Robyn Perry; Natalie and Sarah
- Intermediate Class – Bob, Liz and Jenny
- Advanced Class – Peter and Rick

Chief Instructor Diane will be taking specialist classes for exercises such as Tracking, and will be reviewing handlers and their dogs with their Instructor, to ensure they are ready for promotion to the next Class.

Baby Puppies will move to the Beginners Class when ready, and do not have to complete the 4 week Quick Start, unless appropriate.

Agility and Flyball classes continue as previously.

### Aggressive Dog Protocol

The Club has been working for some considerable time on the drafting of an Aggressive Dog Protocol. This document is now available to view on the Club's website at <http://www.mudtc.org.au/documents/aggressive-dog.pdf> members are encouraged to view the document and provide comment as soon as possible, so that the document can be finalised. Members can either email their comment to [info@mudtc.org.au](mailto:info@mudtc.org.au) or hand comments in at the Clubhouse. If anyone would like a hard copy of the document please ask your Instructor so that arrangements can be made for a copy to be provided to you. This Protocol is important for our Club, and all members are encouraged to provide input.

### Conference info

The Association of Pet Dog Trainers Annual Conference is to be held in Bankstown during October 2009. The Club has resolved to sponsor Assistant Chief Instructor Jenny Patch, to attend. Other members who may be interested in the details of the program, or even attending themselves, at their own expense, can find further information at <http://www.onqconferences.com.au/events/apdtregistration.php>

### Dog Breed Groups-Working Group breeds

This month details the Working Group, which as the name implies are the dogs bred to do many different tasks. Some of the breeds included in the Working Group are listed here, and are well represented in our Club. Border Collie; Corgi; Shetland Sheepdog; Australian Kelpie; Australian Cattle Dog; Australian Shepherd; German Shepherd Dog; Old English Sheepdog; Maremma Sheepdog; Komondor; Bouvier Des Flandres. In general, kennel clubs assign larger breeds that are engaged in some sort of physically active work to their *Working Group*. In areas of the world where livestock production is economically important, such as Australia, pastoral dogs are placed in the *Working Group*.



Border Collie at work



Blue Heeler



Kelpie



Australian Shepherds

### Horse Events

The next Horse Event will be held at the Showground on Sunday 19 July. The horses will be using the main oval on this day and Dog Club members are asked to enter only via the western gate, near the Croquet Club. Thank you to all Dog Club members who successfully shared the Showground with the Dressage horses on Sunday 14 June. The Dressage Meeting is usually held only once a year.

### Club Competition

This year's Club Competitions will be held on Saturday 15 August, commencing at 8am. The 4 judges will be Peter, Bob, Roy and Janet. The Open Competition is for the Club's Lynne Brookes Award Champion Companion Dog, currently held by Rosie Milton and Pac, and the Marion Mann Trophy Champion Companion Dog held by Rosie Milton and Toshi.

This year's competition will consist of the following:-

### OPEN SECTION

#### Compulsory

Obedience – off lead and including Stand for Inspection and Recall (150 points)

#### Optional 3 of 4

1. Jumping – full circuit to the level of novice as per Canine Council Regulations (50 points)

2. Retrieve two dummies – thrown by judge who indicates which dummy to be picked up first (50 points)
3. Change of position (distance handling – 8 paces); sit, drop and stand again from original stand position (50 points)
4. Trix – anything that the owner can dream up; points awarded for difficulty, novelty, length of performance, choreography etc may include more complicated maneuvers such as 'dancing with dog' type skills (50 points)

A **separate Novice competition** is held on the same day, for less experienced handlers and their dogs, and the details are as follows:

### NOVICE SECTION

#### Compulsory

Obedience on lead and including; Stand/stay – handler at leads length from dog (150 points)

#### Optional 3 of 4

1. Jumping – clockwise left handed course with, say, 6- 8 obstacles maximum (50 points)
2. Recall on the flat (50 points)
3. Change of position (distance handling) – 3 paces from dog ; sit then drop from a stand (50 points)
4. Trix – anything that the owner can dream up; points awarded for difficulty, novelty, length of performance, choreography etc (50 points)

Full details and entry forms will be available at the Clubhouse. Members are encouraged to take part, so please discuss with your instructor, or any Committee member. Members with inexperienced dogs can enter single events to gain experience. You are encouraged to come along to support those taking part, and to see some excellent work by handlers and their dogs from our Club.

#### Margaret Rudd Agility Trophy

The next (second) of four agility trials to find this year's winner of the Margaret Rudd Agility Trophy will be held on Sunday 19 July 2009 at the Milton Showground, commencing at 7.30am. This competition is only open to members of the Milton Ulladulla Dog Training Club. [More details are available on the entry form](#) on our website, or at the Clubhouse.

Congratulations to Rick with Kelly who won the first round of the competition with only 5 penalties. Rosie is running second with Toshi on 6 penalties and Liz with Rose is third with 10 penalties.

Thanks go to Bob who set an excellent course, and his team of assistants who helped before, and on the day. Well done to everyone who took part.

## MEMBERS CORNER

If you have any stories or information for this section of the newsletter please give them to me on Sundays or email to [newsletter@mudtc.org.au](mailto:newsletter@mudtc.org.au) Thank you this month to Roy, Diane, Russell, Margaret and Mandy.

### New Members

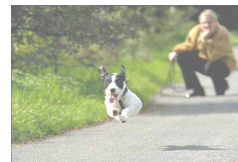
A very warm welcome to our new members, As new members please forward your email address to [newsletter@mudtc.org.au](mailto:newsletter@mudtc.org.au) if you would like to receive your newsletter notification electronically. Also current members, please email if you wish to be included on the electronic listing. Don't forget to visit our website at [www.mudtc.org.au](http://www.mudtc.org.au) it is full of great information about our Club. You can also join our web Forum, please see Caraline or Ken, our sound tech, at training for details.

### Sad News

Member Phil's dog Guinness has been accidentally hit and killed on the road. Phil has described Guinness as "a rogue of a pup with a free spirit. He loved his toys and everyone else's as well and therefore everyone should play the game his way". Sadly missed. The Club has sent a card to Phil and his family.

### The Obesity Epidemic!

You've no doubt heard about the human obesity epidemic, but did you know that pets have practically caught up with us? Check out this startling statistic: up to 40% of dogs in the United States are overweight or obese. And as a result, there is a government-approved "fat drug" for our four-legged friends. But before asking about a prescription for your portly pooch, get your dog on a diet and exercise plan. Not only will this help your dog with its weight loss, but it could help you trim down, too!



If your dog is fat,  
you aren't getting enough  
exercise

### Congratulations

Well done to Ruth Hall and Diesel who have gained their Strategic Pairs Title. Also on the weekend of 13 and 14 June, members, Diane, Rosie, Kim and Ruth attended an agility and jumping event held at Kioloa. Ruth & Diesel got a Qualify in Combined Starters, and Gamblers, Kim with Zippa got a Qualify in Combined Starters, and also a qualify with Brock in combined Starters. Diane and Lady gained first place in the Jumping and Ruth and Diesel 2<sup>nd</sup>, they all had a really great day with their dogs.

### From our Members

Thank you to Russell and Mandy for these fun videos of dogs. [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mLyMRPV8kg&feature=channel\\_page](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mLyMRPV8kg&feature=channel_page)



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*"A dog naps so long because it loves so much"*