

# MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB INC

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### Club Championship



On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August the Club's annual obedience championship was held. The weather was perfect and the day started early at 8am. Peter, Jenny and Sarah had put together a program of exercises for the 3 competitions – the Lynne Brookes; Marion Mann and President's Trophies. Judges on the day were Peter, Bob, Roy and Janet who were very ably assisted by stewards Robyn, Cheryl, Natalie, Sylvia, George and Jocelyn. The Club is very grateful to you for the excellent assistance you gave to the judges. There were over 25 competitors who did some great work in the various exercises. The trix section was especially interesting to watch and lots of entrants had worked out very entertaining and fun routines with their dogs.

Congratulations to our winners – Lynne Brookes Trophy; 1<sup>st</sup> Liz and Rose 2<sup>nd</sup> Rosie and Pac 3<sup>rd</sup> Jenny and Billy. Marion Mann Trophy; 1<sup>st</sup> Rosie and Toshi 2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah and Sam 3<sup>rd</sup> Rosemary and Flynn. President's Trophy; 1<sup>st</sup> Sylvia and Bear 2<sup>nd</sup> Jane and Rosa 3<sup>rd</sup> Nerida and Trin. Our grateful thanks again go to Mark and Cathy from Budget Produce who kindly donated prizes for our winners and place getters, their continued support of our Club is sincerely appreciated by all members.

Thanks also go to our wonderful catering team of Ken and Henry who were assisted by Cheryl, Natalie and Jenny. Morning tea and lunch were well received, especially the sausage and onion rolls, which were very tasty. In fact they could have gone into business, as they were approached by members of the public visiting the showground asking to purchase lunch!

### Margaret Rudd Agility Trophy

The third of the four agility events for this competition will be held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Robyn Perry will be setting the course and judge is Peter Hudson. Best wishes to all competitors.

### Arthritis in Dogs

Just like humans, our four-legged friends can feel the pinch of arthritis, too.

Arthritis Australia describes arthritis as a painful condition that causes degeneration and inflammation of the joints.

Dogs are also susceptible to arthritis. However, it is the medium to large breeds such as Labradors, Golden Retrievers, Rottweilers and German Shepherds that have a greater risk, simply because they weigh more. Being overweight does not help, either, as there is more pressure exerted on joints.

Signs that your dog is suffering from arthritis include:

- walking slower than usual
- struggling to get up off the floor or bed, or when walking up or down stairs
- limping often.

Canine arthritis can be treated, so check with your vet to ensure your pooch is properly diagnosed and a suitable treatment is devised.

Ways to care for your arthritic pet include:

- keeping exercise gentle, such as controlled leash walking or swimming
- changing your dog's diet to a high-quality food
- keeping your dog warm and cosy on cold, damp days
- raising your dog's food and water dish so it is easier to reach
- giving your dog a massage as it can increase flexibility and circulation
- providing a soft bed to make your pet more comfortable.

### Heelwork to Music

In July's Newsletter I gave notice that Elvie and her daughter Pam plan to return to the Club. I am pleased to let you know that the date is now confirmed as the weekend of 10 and 11 October. Further details on the final arrangements will be announced at training and through our September Newsletter.

### Warning

Dianne has advised that her neighbour just lost her dog from eating a Toad Fish.



When walking your dog on the waters edge, please make sure that they don't pick up anything to eat, as it could be a Toad fish. There is no anti venin and the poison affects the dog's nervous system, leading to death.

## 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)

### New Members

A very warm welcome to our 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 our Web Administrator or Ken, our sound tech, at training for details.



Congratulations to all those members who graduated this month with their dogs and received their certificates at Sunday training

### Coming Events

All past and present members are invited to morning tea on Sunday 6 September at Milton Showground when we will be celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> birthday and official dedication of our new Clubhouse. Unfortunately, we will also be holding a farewell for Instructor Bob. Morning tea will start at 10am, straight after training classes, everyone very welcome.

### Horse Events at the Showground

Members are advised that there will be horse events at the Showground on 30 August; 20 and 27 September and 18 October. *(It may be necessary to cancel Dog Training on the 27 September as it is a large horse event, but this is not yet confirmed)*. Please enter via the westernmost gate on horse event days to avoid congestion with horses and vehicles.

### Member News

Mandy sent me a series of wonderful photos of the 'boys' in their new jackets – I think their faces in this photo say it all!



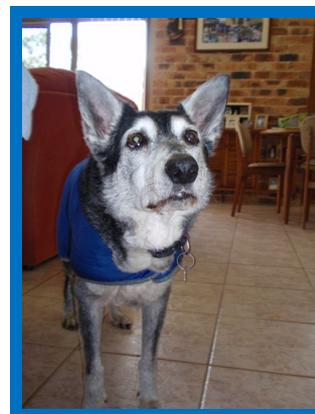
### Birthdays



Some very special birthdays for our dog pals this month – Ruth's Border Collie Shandi was 1 year old, Roy's West Highland White Terrier, Penny celebrated her 12<sup>th</sup> birthday and Margaret's Aussie was 15 years young.



Happy 12<sup>th</sup> birthday to Penny who has attended Dog Club since she was a "wee" puppy. Penny is a past winner of the Marion Mann Trophy and still loves her agility work and helping Roy with the baby puppy class.



"Margaret Rudd's dog Aussie, the club's oldest dog, celebrated his 15th birthday on August 20th with Margaret's five year old grand-daughter Tara and friends Diane, Teddy and Lady. A fun time was held with Tara organising everyone to sing Happy Birthday to Aussie."

### DOGTOBER

The following information has recently been received from Assistance Dogs Australia - "DOGTOBER" is a nationally run fundraising and awareness event. All raised funds will go directly to Assistance Dogs Australia and will be used to train dogs to help people with a disability. A small amount of money can really make a big difference. More information is available at [www.dogtober.org.au](http://www.dogtober.org.au)

### Reminders

- Please **don't** bring your dog with you up the ramp when you pay your fees.
- Please show your dog's current vaccination certificate to our Secretary Jenny. She will mark this on your membership card.
- **Please drive slowly** at the Showground
- **Ensure** that you **always** carry a plastic bag and clean up after your dog