

MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB INC

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Hello again

Important – **NO DOG TRAINING** Sunday 4 October 2009 because of a major horse event and the Lions Club Living Craft Expo at the Milton Showground.

What's Been Happening



Following training on Sunday 6 September the Club celebrated its 30th Birthday and naming of our new Clubhouse. It was a happy occasion with a very interesting history recounted by Margaret, and another memorable Doggerel from our resident poet Ralph, ably read by President Peter. The full details of Margaret and Peters' speeches and Ralph's Doggerel are available to read on our website.



Peter thanked Margaret for the fantastic 2 page spread she had arranged to promote both our Club and the morning's events in the local Ulladulla Times. Also a big thank you to Henry who organised the yummy birthday cake, which fed us all!



Another important event of the morning was the naming of the Roy Cullen Clubhouse (see photo left). The naming recognises Roy, the builder and Fiona Smith

and family for their generous assistance. In true "opening" tradition Roy and Fiona removed the curtain to reveal the sign. Peter congratulated Roy on his dedication, expertise and perfectionism in building the clubhouse and awning, a building of which we are all very proud. Peter also thanked Fiona and family accompanied by Patron dog Jimmy (photo right), for their very generous assistance. In his response, Roy expressed his appreciation of the naming and thanked all club members, past and present, who assisted him to complete the work. Members will by now have seen the impressive sign created by Peter King from Manyana.



As important, but not such a happy event, was the farewell to Instructor Bob (seen here with his dog Tasha). Bob's contribution to our Club has been outstanding and in appreciation a collection was organised by Sarah (pictured



right) and Bob was presented with a voucher

to use at a local hardware store. Bob took over the agility ring from Peter several years ago and he has assisted many of our members to teach their dogs the joys of agility training. Bob was also an obedience instructor and always gave one hundred percent. He spent many hours outside of normal training times to help members with their dogs. Of course as well as instructing, Bob has regularly mowed the training areas and built and repaired equipment for us all to use. We will miss you very much Bob, and wish you and Thelma happy times ahead in your holidays and visits to the Northern Territory.

Margaret Rudd Agility Club Competition

Sunday 20 September saw the dedicated agility entrants go through their paces again in event 3 of the Club's Agility Trophy. The dogs were surrounded by horses, it was very hot and humid and they were presented with an excellent, but challenging course by Liz. Congratulations to George and Lucky (first - pictured); Liz and Rose (second) and Diane and Lady (third). The final event is on Sunday 15 November.



Coming Events

- ☺ There is probably another horse event at the showground this Sunday 27th September and one scheduled for 18 October.
- ☺ Elvie Meade will return to the Club on Sunday 11 October to continue heelwork to music. Elvie will join the advanced class at 9.30am (*Intermediate class members can take part – please discuss with your Instructor*) and will then conduct another session at 10.30am. The 10.30 session is for those members who previously worked with Elvie, please could those members advise Diane if they are able to attend on the 11th. Heelwork to music requires some off lead work, and so is limited to the more advanced classes, however any member is most welcome to stay and watch the 10.30 session.



Christmas Party on 6 December 2009. The catering will be discussed at our next Committee meeting. We are always looking for new ideas, and invite members to make suggestions for the catering, including organising it on the day. Please see me at training or send your suggestions to newsletter@mudtc.org.au for consideration.

Arthritis in Dogs

Last month's Newsletter gave some information on dogs suffering with arthritis. Member Rick has kindly provided the following extra information for the benefit of members. "For arthritis (and other joint problems)

several members (myself, Bob, Peter to name just 3), have successfully used 'Sasha's Blend' and/or 'Pernease' to improve mobility in their dogs. These products are a powder made from natural ingredients (green-lipped mussel, abalone powder, shark cartilage and trace elements) and are added in small quantities to a dog's meal once a day. The effects can be quite noticeable in a very short time. These products do not need prescription or vet approval and can be purchased at pet shops and vets. Budget Produce sells Pernease. They are expensive but last several months so end up being quite economical and good for the dog's well-being".

MEMBERS CORNER

New Members

A very warm welcome to our new members, please forward your email address to 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 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.

Cynthia and Mickey and Bertie

A special mention goes to handler Cynthia who graduated to advanced class with Maltese terriers Mickey and Bertie, a great achievement after many years of patience, dedication and hard work – well done.

Kim and Brock

Kim & Border Collie Brock are trying an event called Dock Diving, in which there is a large pool and you throw a dummy in and then measure how far the dog can jump to retrieve it. Brock has jumped 15ft so far and will attend more training soon. A flyball dog made the longest leap of 19ft. For more information see <http://worlddoggames.com.au/main/>

Diane and Lady



Congratulations to Diane and Kelpie Miss Lady, Lady gained her Flyball title at the Kioloa Surf and Turf competition held by Australian Flyball Association earlier this month.

Russell and Ebony

Welcome back to Russell and Ebony, it was so good to see you both at training last Sunday. Ebony was certainly excited to be back with all her doggy friends.

Thank you so much to everyone who has sent me photos and information for our Newsletters – this particular photo entitled *Rosco and friend* was submitted by several members, and is a lot of fun.



Please keep submitting items to me as they are saved for use in future Newsletters.

Sad news from Georgina

Member Georgina Rees contacted me at the end of August, and as announced by Peter at training, sadly her beautiful dog Mattie was taken by a tick on 24 August. "We checked her every day but one got past us she was only 13 months old - we miss her ". A note was sent to Georgina from all Club members.

Brodie – 17 years old

As a result of our birthday messages last month member Ann Wilson contacted me to advise that her dog Brodie is now 17 years old and came to dog training with Ann's mother. She is going to send me a photo of Brodie for our Newsletter.

Ticks

As Peter announced at Training on Sunday, ticks are very prevalent at the moment. They can be found year-round in this area but are particularly common during August to February. Paralysis ticks inject a toxin as they feed. If you find a tick keep your pet calm and in a cool place. Remove the tick as soon as possible or if you are not confident to remove it yourself visit a local vet.

Act quickly if you notice any of the following signs:

Early Signs:

- Bark becomes softer and changes pitch
- Weakness in the hind limbs
- Walking normally, then suddenly sitting
- Vomiting, especially several times in a day

Intermediate Signs:

- Wobbly hind limbs
- Excessive salivation
- Panting, progressing to loud breathing and grunting
- Serious Signs
- Inability to stand
- Breathing difficulties
- Blue tinge to gums

No product can claim 100 per cent efficacy against paralysis tick. Search your pet every day during tick season especially after visiting bush areas.

Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.