

# MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB INC

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### Hello Members

Unfortunately April showers, which lasted for about an hour at Milton, meant that training was cancelled at the last minute on Easter Sunday. After that it cleared up to a beautiful autumn day! I hope you all enjoyed a very happy Easter with family and friends.

Remember that Dog Training is **cancelled on Sunday 25 April** as it is Anzac Day. There will also be some disruption to classes on Sunday 2 May because several Instructors are either on holiday or involved in the Mudd on the Paws Flyball competition. However, arrangements have been made for past instructors to return for the day, so agility and obedience training will still definitely be on (weather permitting) at Milton Showground.

Thank you to those members who have volunteered to help as Stewards for the Flyball competition at Burrill Lake on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Last Sunday Rosie and Kylie gave us all a lesson in what we need to do as Stewards. Basically the Stewards assist the judge by raising a flag if they see an error by the dog or handler. Errors include the dog missing jumps, dropping the ball before the finish line, handler assistance at the flyball box or dogs veering across the centre line between the two teams. The Competition runs from 8.30am – to approximately 3.30pm, with a break for lunch.

Club members are encouraged to go along on the day to support our team and watch the flyball competition in action. These races are great fun and very exciting to watch.

Mudd on the Paws Flyball Team can now compete in Division 1 which is a great achievement for a team that has only been competing for 6 months, well done to everyone involved. Several members of the team are shown in the photo below. Other members are Trent with Possum, Caroline and Michael with Sophie, Louise with Darcy and Tracey with Koda, not forgetting a very important member - Kylie the team's box loader.



Some members of the Flyball Team Mudd on the Paws – L to R  
Jenny & Billy; Rosie & Wizz; Diane & Lady;  
Patrick & Pac; Kylie & Jackie

### Instructor Training

The Club has commenced a program for Handlers from the Advanced Class to join Instructors in classes such as Quick Start, Basic and Intermediate so that they can learn the skills needed to become future instructors. This is a very important program for our Club. The continued growth of our Instructor Team is vital as our Club continues to expand. Our thanks are extended to Natasha, Tracy and George who have all taken part in the program over the past few weeks.

### Pre-Pay System

Did you know you can pay in advance for your training class? This system has been operating for several years, but many new members may not be aware of how it works.

- When you go to pay your weekly training fee you can pre-pay Cheryl our Treasurer an amount of your choice, for example \$10, and let her know you are pre-paying your training fees.
- Then see Margaret or Sarah at the New Members table and ask them to add your name to the pre-paid book.
- Then each time you attend for training let Margaret or Sarah know and they will mark off your \$2 and stamp your hand.
- Margaret or Sarah will let you know when you have used up your advance monies. You can then pre-pay again or revert back to weekly payment.
- You only use up any pre-paid amount if you actually attend for training.

This method saves time on training days as you don't have to queue up to pay your weekly fee and means there are less people and dogs at the counter area of the Clubhouse (**although we all know that our dogs should not be taken up the ramp!**)

### Annual Membership Renewal

A reminder that \$6 annual membership renewal for 2010 is now due. Please pay Cheryl and she will issue you with a receipt for your payment.

### Committee Meeting

The next Instructor/Management Committee meeting will be held on Sunday 9 May. Important agenda items are the Clubs Obedience and Agility Championships for 2010 and the Working Bee mentioned by President John at training on Sunday. The working bee will involve laying rubber flooring under the Clubhouse veranda, installing a sail shade cloth, cleaning up inside and around the Clubhouse and working out storage for some of our equipment. As soon as a date has been finalised it will be announced at Sunday training. Anyone who is able to assist will be most welcome.

## MEMBERS CORNER

### 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.

Congratulations to all members who have graduated and were presented with their certificates during the past month. Well done.



### Teaching Your Dog Tricks

[http://www.dogs4sale.com.au/Trick\\_Training.htm](http://www.dogs4sale.com.au/Trick_Training.htm)



This web address has several links to sites which show you how to teach your dog to do different tricks. Tricks are not only fun to watch or teach, but they also create something special between you and your dog.

### The Evils of Alcohol

Thanks so much to Jenny who sent me a series of very funny dog and cat photos on the "Evils of Alcohol" – this one is entitled - 7 Rum and Cokes !!!



### Holiday Retreat for Dogs

Thank you to Jean, trainer of Tess and Jack for the following details of the Best Friend Holiday Retreat which is in Yarram South East Gippsland Vic. "It is excellent for the dogs as all the cabins are dog friendly as are the fenced in caravan sites and fenced in tent sites. There are kennels where you can leave your dog for a fee, if you need to go somewhere that dogs are not allowed. There are six off leash areas, all fenced including a doggie playground with agility equipment. There is also a rock pool across the road from the park for a doggie swim, also they have a hydro bath for dogs which is free to use. They also have bins of toys for the dogs at all the off leash areas. It is located on the edge of the Tarra Bulga national park and is very pretty countryside."

Jean said they enjoyed their stay there and her dogs Tess and Jack had a ball. There is a web site if anyone is interested, it is [www.bestfriend.net.au](http://www.bestfriend.net.au) If anyone would like more information about the facilities, please talk to Jean at training, as she will be happy to give you more details.



Photos – Best Friend Holiday Retreat  
L to R – Fenced off leash area; Agility area; fenced caravan; kennels; Cabins

### More Successful Results by Club Members

Our congratulations on their outstanding results go to Kim and Ruth who travelled down south to the Far South East Kennel Club at Bemboka on the 27 & 28th March.

Ruth & Shandi, gained a 1st Place in Novice Jumping and a Qualifying Score, their first Qualification.

Kim & Bella, gained a 1st place in Open Jumping, a 1st place in Masters Agility and 1st place in Masters Jumping, and a Qualifying Score which gave her the Title of Jumping Dog Master.

On the Sunday Kim & Bella gained a 5th place in Strategic Pairs, & 2nd place in Masters Jumping. Kim's dog Brock had bad luck in hurting his foot, so he was an onlooker for the weekend.

### Extract from Pet care Section - Seniors Newsletter:

- Animal behaviour experts agree that one of the most important aspects of responsible pet ownership is socialising your dog from an early age.
- Puppies need to complete their vaccination program before they can interact fully with other dogs or be walked in areas where other dogs toilet. However, once the vaccination program has started, it is possible to introduce your puppy to others of a similar age that have also commenced a vaccination program. Older vaccinated dogs, especially ones with a quiet temperament, can also be introduced to your puppy under supervision.
- Your puppy should meet a range of people from a young age. This should include children although it is important that the child is old enough to understand what sort of behaviour is appropriate. Interaction between a puppy and children should be supervised by an adult at all times – *more to follow in next month's Newsletter.*

A dog likes to sit under the dining table. Just in Case.  
Pam Brown – from the book Utterly Wonderful Dogs