

MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB INC

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Flyball Mania at Burrill Lake - Photos – courtesy of Kim Porter

A message from your President

Welcome to the Club's May Newsletter. Your 2010 committee held its first management committee meeting last Sunday and has agreed that meetings will be held bi-monthly. Dates were agreed for the Club Championship which will be held on Saturday 21 August 2010 and the Margaret Rudd Agility Trophy which will be held on Sundays 6 June, 8 August, 12 September and 14 November. More details of these events will be provided at future training days and in the Newsletter.

As a project for 2010 the Club will arrange for experts in various dog training disciplines to attend our Club and share their knowledge with members and instructors.

Your committee will be working hard to ensure another successful year for Milton Ulladulla Dog Training Club.

President's Tip ☺

To encourage your dog to "wee" when you want them to, for example when you take them outside just before bedtime, run the hose, or pour some water beside your dog – seems to work every time!

Regards John Rixon

Mudd on the Paws Flyball Competition

Mudd on the Paws team first flyball competition was held on Sunday 2 May at Lions Park Burrill Lake. It was a fantastic event and there were lots of very interested onlookers throughout the day. Chief Instructor Diane gave us a good description of the day last Sunday before training and thanked everyone involved individually. Again thank you very much to all those members who worked so hard to ensure the success of the day, and to those who entered their dogs in the event. Thanks also to sponsors Budget Produce and Dolphin Point Tourist Park who gave 10% discount on accommodation. Our teams did very well achieving times of 19.596 and 22.948. The Australian Flyball Association lists the Australian record at 17.138, so we are getting closer!

Kim Porter took magnificent photos of the dogs (see above). Thank you very much Kim for taking the photos and providing the club with a copy on disc.

Arrangements for Horse Events

The Ulladulla & District Riders Club has provided a listing of their events at the Milton Showground during 2010 and these are available on our website at <http://www.mudtc.org.au/documents/ulladulla-riders.pdf> On these horse event days **only** the entry gate next to

the croquet lawn will be open. Inside the Showground signs will be in place directing horse event entrants to turn left along the roadway below the stadiums and dog trainers to drive straight on to our Clubhouse. The gate alongside the dog agility area will also be closed.



Toxic

Warning!

Please note that this product is highly toxic to dogs and cats. It is known as Cocoa Mulch and can be purchased at Target and garden supply centres. Cocoa Mulch contains a lethal ingredient called 'Theobromine'. It is lethal to dogs and cats. It smells like chocolate and it really attracts dogs.



Extract from Pet care Section - Seniors Newsletter:

Continued from last month's Newsletter.

- Make sure your puppy is used to being groomed on a daily basis as this will help to make him relaxed with these activities when he is older. When the puppy is tired, gently handle his paws and ears and open his mouth. Run your hands or a brush over his body – he will love the affection and reassurance this provides and it will make visits to the vet easier when he is an adult dog.
- Expose your puppy to a range of different experiences, always making sure that you are helping to make it positive and rewarding. Other animals, unexpected objects on the ground, prams or pushers, rides in the car and loud noises such as skateboards are all new, and potentially scary, experiences to a puppy. They should be associated with rewards such as a food treat or praise from you so that the puppy learns not to be frightened of them.
- Feeding is an important opportunity to reassure your puppy. Praise your puppy when you place his bowl on the floor and, every so often, place an extra treat in his bowl as he is eating as this will help him to learn not to be defensive around food. Once he has learnt to sit, always ask your puppy to sit before feeding him.
- Puppies get tired or overwhelmed easily so break socialisation activities into short periods and keep an eye on him to make sure he is not overwhelmed by the situation.

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.

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



Photo Time

Thanks to member Mandy for sharing this moment with us all!



"Thank goodness my husband Joe got home before I did and had this lot all cleaned up or I would have had a nervous breakdown! I have no idea what possessed him!"

This is what a well trained dog can achieve if he REALLY puts his mind to it! (Yes, he was walked that morning and again that afternoon), so NO excuse there! Unbelievable! "

Rex is a pretty smart dog as he managed to send me this message during the week. (I must say I am very impressed with the silver tea pot and best china!)

"As you can see it is my birthday today and I am spending my birthday with my best friend Jack - again. Jack is pretty old and his nick name is "The



Pensioner" because he is eleven years of age. Sometimes a bit grumpy particularly when I want to play all the time. I cannot wait to see my mates at school and I have a little bag of treats for each of them. One each for Darcy, Flynn, Billy, Koda, Mickey and Bertie, Bear and Lucky. I may have forgotten a couple of names but I am only 2 years. Rex. "

Well Done at Recent Trials

Club members have again performed very well at local Trials. On Saturday 1 May several members competed at the Shoalhaven Dog Training Club Trial. Rosie with Pac gained 1st Place in Novice Jumping with a time of 14.6 seconds, the time allowed for the course was 29 seconds! Wizz came 2nd in 15.3 seconds and Diane with

Lady came 3rd in 16.5 seconds – a clean sweep by the MUDTC – very well done.

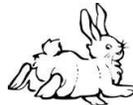
In Novice Agility Lady gained 4th place in a time of 46.41sec. In Jumping Dog Open member Jackie with her dog Gemma came 9th with a qualifying time of 32.94secs. Congratulations.

Member Natalie also attended with her dogs TJ, Chelsea and Chilli. This meant Natalie had lots of running to do! She was very proud of Chelsea and Chilli and said she learnt so much herself. Lovely TJ just enjoyed himself!

IMPORTANT Dates for your Diary:

1. Rotary is holding a car boot/swap meeting at the Milton Showground on Sunday 23 May. Dog Training will still take place, but Rotary members will be collecting entry fees at the Showground entrances. Unless you intend to go to the sale after training, and pay the \$4 entry fee, just advise the Rotary member that you are attending for Dog Training only.
2. Shoalhaven Dog Training Club Inc will hold an Obedience Trial on Saturday 31 July 2010 at the Nowra Showground. This is a good opportunity to see an obedience trial, without having to travel too far.
3. There will be **no** dog training classes on Sunday 26 September as there is a Stock Horse Event at the Milton Showground.

A Little Story



One of our oldest doggie friends Aussie recently went for his daily walk with his best friend Tessa. Aussie was thoroughly enjoying himself sniffing in the long grass near Ulladulla headland, when suddenly he disturbed a rabbit. This sent Tessa off in a mad chase. The story goes that the rabbit made it to safety, Tessa got her day's exercise in 2 minutes flat, and Aussie just wondered what all the fuss was about!

Milton Show Demonstration

To everyone involved in the demo at Milton Show, the Club received an email during the week from a member of the public wanting to buy a small poodle, like the one involved in the Dog Club demo at Milton Show.



The person made the very nice comment that they were "enthralled by the exhibition our Club put on". It is nice to receive such positive feedback from the public. *The picture shows poodle Koda owned by member Tracey. (The email was forwarded directly to Tracey for her to answer as the Club does not divulge member's email addresses.)*

I will be away after the 21 May until the middle of August. Thank you very much to Margaret who has kindly volunteered to produce the Newsletter for us.

*Happy training everyone and see you in 3 months.
Regards Janet*

"Dogs love company. They place it first in their short list of needs." J.R. Ackerley