

MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB INC

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A message from your President

I would like to thank all long term members for turning up nearly every Sunday; their dogs really enjoy mixing with all the other dogs as socialisation is a very important part of their life. I would also like to welcome new members and hope you all enjoy the Sunday get together and become long term members.

My thanks to Peter, Bob and Liz for filling in as instructors while Janet and Ken were overseas and while Natalie recovers from her leg injury. Also my sincere thanks go to members Margaret, Tracey and Caraline who did a great job in producing the monthly newsletter while Janet was away, and kept us up to date with all the latest information on our club website at www.mudtc.org.au.

Another thank you goes to all those who took part in the club championship and congratulations to all the winners. Best wishes to all entrants in the Margaret Rudd Agility competition with the final round to be held on 14 November.

A reminder that our demonstration team will be entertaining the residents of the Coastal Waters Retirement Village at the Showground during the morning of Tuesday 19th of October and it would be nice to see many members come along and see how well trained the team is.

Regards, John Rixon

Championship Day

The Club's Annual Championships were held on Saturday 21 August. It was a most enjoyable day which ran very smoothly, thanks to all the hard work by the organising team of Diane, Rosie and Jenny. Grateful thanks go to Stewards Ollie, Harry, Leanne, Mark and Cheryl and our judges Diane, Rosie, Jenny and Janet. The catering crew of Cheryl, who bought all the supplies (and cut up the onions!), and chefs Bev and Julie, did a great job and everyone enjoyed a very tasty bbq brunch.

Thank you to Margaret for taking these great photos of the winners on the day.

Lynne Brooke's Trophy



3rd Louise & Darcy 1st Rosie & Pac 2nd Ruth & Shandi

Marion Mann Trophy



3rd Rosemary & Flynn 1st Tracey & Koda 2nd Sarah & Sam

President's Trophy - Novice



2nd Rosie & Wizz 1st Danielle & Tia 3rd Russell & Ebony



Chefs on the day Julie & Bev



The rest of us enjoying brunch in the sun

RSPCA providing de-sexing assistance in September

Nicole from the RSPCA has notified the Club that funding has been allocated to help our local community to de-sex their pets. The program is designed for pet owners in genuine financial need, and with priority given to Pensioners. All applications are assessed on a case by case basis, and the program will continue until the end of September or until the funding allocation runs out, whichever comes first.

The RSPCA will pay 60% of the veterinary cost of de-sexing an animal – the owner is required to pay the 40% balance to the Vet up front. The de-sexing vouchers are valid for 6 months.

Applications forms must be completed, and are available at both Milton Village Vet and Ulladulla Veterinary Hospital, or by calling the RSPCA on 0414 749 490.

Useful info

The following web site has a lot of good ideas about training your dog, and is well worth a visit. <http://www.dog-obedience-training-review.com/>

The Animal Welfare League offers the following advice when choosing the best home away from home for your pet. **Visit the shelter first.** Any reputable shelter should be happy for you to turn up unannounced during business hours, take a look around and talk to the staff.

What you should expect – The premises should be clean, hygienic, and the sleeping areas should be undercover. It should also be secure. **Don't be shy about asking questions** – Consider checking the qualifications and experience of the staff and checking the evacuation procedures in the event of an emergency. Is it staffed 24 hours a day? **How to prepare your pet** – All vaccinations should be up to date and if your pet takes medication, check with your vet about the quantity required. Let the shelter know of any behaviour issues your pet may have. **In case of emergency** – Discuss with the shelter what its procedures are if your pet requires veterinary attention. Check that it has access to a 24 hour vet service whether it is onsite or on call. Ensure you leave the details of your vet so that the medical history of your pet can be checked if necessary. Also advise the shelter of the best contact for you while you are away.

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.

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



Great Results for Club Members

Well done to everyone who took part in the Club's Margaret Rudd Agility Competition event held last Sunday 12 September. Congratulations to - 1st Place Louise Hamilton and her Border Collie Darcy; 2nd Rosie Milton and her Border Collie Pac and 3rd Diane Richmond and her Australian Kelpie Lady.

Diane, Ruth and Jackie recently attended the Sutherland Shire Agility & Jumping competition. Diane & Lady received a Qualifying Score coming 4th in Agility Dog Excellent in a time of 49.66, course time 80sec. Ruth & Shandi entered Novice Agility and received a Qualifying Score gaining 1st Place with a time of 36.34sec the course time was 72sec, an outstanding result. Ruth and Mr Paddy had only 1 fault in both Agility and Jumping and Shandi had only 1 fault in the Jumping. Jackie and Gemma gained a clear round in the Regional Qualifying Heat. Well done to all.

The Club congratulates our Flyball Team, Mudd on the Paws, for the award of the Springer Trophy from the Australian Flyball Association for the Best Novice Club of the year 2009/10. Don't forget you can start to teach your dog the joys of flyball on Sunday mornings, Rosie and Diane give instruction in this fun sport from 10am in the wood chop area at the Showground.

The Club's flyball team Mudd on the Paws has organised a second flyball competition to be held at Lions Park, Burrill Lake on Saturday 16 October, following the great success of the competition held earlier this year. Helpers will be needed for set up on the day prior, and on the day, so if you can help, please let Rosie or Diane know, or your class instructor, thank you.

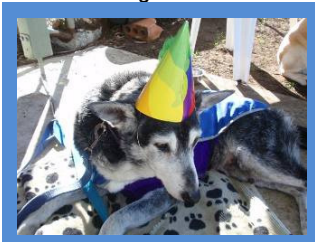
Starting time for Dog Training Classes

Sunday training classes commence at 9am, following announcements. Please be at the Showground in enough time to be ready to start at 9am. Don't forget you can arrange to pre-pay.

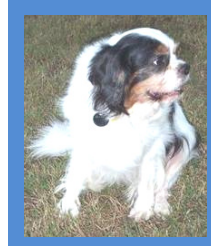


Birthday Celebrations

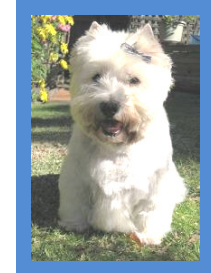
Congratulations to three of our mature doggy friends, Margaret's Aussie, turned 16 on 20 August, Rosie's Nachi was 16 on 1 April and Roy's Miss Penny turned 13 on 13 August.



Aussie – Cross Border Collie 16 years



Nachi - Cavalier King Charles 16yrs 5 mths



Penny – West Highland Terrier – 13 years

Sarah's Travels

Our best wishes go with Instructor and New Member Officer, Sarah who will shortly travel to Papua New Guinea to walk the Kodoka Trail. Sarah tells me she has been building up her fitness levels with hikes to The Castle and Pigeon House Mountain and that she is looking forward to the challenge of walking Kodoka. Travelling with Sarah is Jenny Moore, (Natalie's daughter) who used to train her dog Chilli and a Sophie Collins of Ulladulla. We all wish you a safe journey. We will miss you and be thinking of you while you are away.

