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MUDTC Newsletter



Welcome to our "new look" Newsletter. This Newsletter is produced to provide information about Club events and member happenings for the benefit of all members. If you have any interesting stories or photos please email them to me or provide hard copy to me at Sunday training.



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Reminder – this Sunday 17 April we share the Showground with a Horse Event



Dog Training will be held as usual on Easter Sunday



President's Message

I began my journey with Milton Ulladulla Dog Club in late 2004 / early 2005 when my elder Staffy Chelsea was just a puppy. Back then we had 4 classes plus beginners, and assessment was every month. Chelsea and I repeated that 1st class many, many months in a row! We made up for it though by spending just 2 weeks in class 2, and virtually skipping class 3, to launch headlong into the then class 4! What a journey!

It is interesting reading back though the newsletters of that time, and many of the same names are mentioned then as are active now. Several of your hardworking committee

and instructors have been hardworking for more years than most of us have been members!

I'd like to extend a big thank you to our members for my election as President this year. I look forward to the challenge and hope I can meet the expectations with honour! In addition, I would like to welcome this year's committee – Rosie Milton (Vice President), Roy Cullen (Secretary), Janet Smith (Assistant Secretary), Cheryl Ball (Treasurer), Diane Richmond (Chief Instructor), Jenny Patch (Assistant Chief Instructor), Margaret Rudd (Publicity Officer), Mark Wilden (Equipment Officer), Sarah Ball and Margaret Rudd (new members). In addition, we have a new general member committee

consisting of Tracey Collins, Nerida Robinson, Natasha Backhouse, Cheryl Brunskill, and Keira Moroney. The general member committee will help to bring the views of the members to the committee, so please utilise them!

We have a busy few months coming up, so keep your eyes on the updates in the monthly newsletter, and keep your ears peeled on Sundays. I look forward to spending a fun-filled year with you all!



President Natalie

Our Club Web Site

Did you know the Club Website has a Calendar of events on-line? For example the horse event this Sunday 17 April is noted on the Club Calendar – just visit <http://www.mudtc.org.au/calendar.htm> to view. Our Club web site is definitely worth a visit, there is lots of information including

great photos. Make sure you visit www.mudtc.org.au

There are also regular very informative articles about our Club in the local Times Newspaper.

You can view this Newsletter on our web site each month. If you would prefer not to receive your Newsletter by email, but view it on the web

site please send an email to

newsletter@mudtc.org.au and type Unsubscribe in the heading and your email address will be removed from the list. In the future only Club financial members, including Life Members, will be included on the email circulation list.

Are you available to help on the 15 May for the RSPCA Million Paws Walk?

Remember No Dog Training on 15 May

Have you paid your \$6 annual membership fee? It is now overdue. Please pay Cheryl as soon as possible.

Did you know? If you have the correct change you can now pay your \$2 to Margaret or Sarah at the New Members Table



Please drive slowly around the Showground – Dogs may run across the roadway

RSPCA Million Paws Walk

This year the RSPCA Ulladulla Branch is holding the Million Paws Walk at Milton Showground on Sunday 15 May. The RSPCA has sought help from our Club and our Demonstration Team will perform in the morning. It is also planned to set up a Rally O Course and agility "stations" for the public to participate in whilst doing the walk. The RSPCA will provide helpers on the day

and our Club members are also invited to assist. If you can help please see one of the Committee members as soon as possible. When we have an idea of numbers a roster can be worked out. The Million Paws Walk is one of the RSPCA's largest fund raising events of the year and our Club is pleased to help in this very worthwhile cause.

Our thanks to all members for your generous donation to the RSPCA Brisbane Flood Appeal. The Club is pleased to report that the member's collection of \$280.40 will be added to with an additional sum of \$500.

Club Demonstrations

Congratulations to our demonstration team members who performed for residents of Sarah Claydon on Tuesday 12 April. The team presented a polished obedience routine, followed by an exciting agility demonstration.

to all team members for the time and effort put into these presentations, which are an excellent showcase of our Club.

We have been invited by Meals on Wheels to attend three events this year. These will take place at Milton on 1 June, Burrill Lake on 15 August and Lake Conjola on 24 November. These

events are outings for Meals on Wheels clients and are not formal demonstrations but more an opportunity for Dog Club members with companion dogs, who are calm and enjoy being stroked to participate. Please see Chief Instructor Diane if you are interested in taking part.



Team Members – Rick, Danielle, Rosemary, Cynthia, Tracey, Jim, Mark, Natasha and Jenny – photos courtesy Margaret Rudd



Introducing Rex, Flynn and Koda to residents at Sarah Claydon



How to compete in Agility Competitions

As part of Club announcements last Sunday, President Natalie briefly outlined for us the process involved in taking part in formal Agility Competitions. The following link is to the Castle Hill Dog Club Web site http://www.paws4fun.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=13&Itemid=17

and provides further detailed information on what is required to be eligible to enter these competitions. Several of our Dog Club members already compete and can give you more information if you are interested. The members include Chief Instructor, Diane, Instructor Rosie, and

members Ruth Hall, Danielle Butson and Louise Hamilton.

Several Club members will compete at the Shoalhaven Dog Training Club Agility, Jumping Trial at the Nowra showground on Saturday 30 April 2011. Judging commences at 8.30am and will continue for several hours. For any member interested in finding out more about Trials it is a great opportunity to attend one in the local area, find out more about what is involved and support competing Club members.

If you are interested in competing in Obedience Trials you must be a member of Dogs NSW. The

beginner's title is Community Companion Dog (CCD). A dog is required to complete the following - Heel on Lead; Stand for examination on lead; Recall 1 min Sit Stay; 2 min Down Stay. The dog must score 75 out of a possible 100 points and obtain three passes under two different judges to qualify for a CCD Title.

Our Club also runs Annual Obedience and Agility Competitions and details of dates and competition content will be available soon.



Member's Corner

A warm welcome to all new members and congratulations to members who have graduated during the past month. Well Done.

Hello to member Russell Aitken who is not attending training with Ebony at present because of her painful hip, especially during the cooler months. We look forward to your return in the Spring.

Thank you to member Aileen and her dog Maggie for providing the following "rules"!

- *Maggie is not allowed in the house. A dogs place is outside.*
- *Okay, Maggie is allowed in the house but only in certain rooms, sometimes*
- *Maggie is allowed in all rooms, under supervision, but must stay off the furniture. Maggie can get on the old furniture only.*
- *Sometimes Maggie is allowed on all the furniture but is not allowed on the bed where Aileen sleeps.*
- *Okay Maggie is allowed on the bed, but only by invitation, but must not sleep there.*
- *Maggie can sleep at the bottom of the bed, but must not disturb Aileen.*
- *Maggie can sleep on the bed but not under the blankets.*
- *Aileen may sleep in the bed provided she does not disturb Maggie.*

Sound familiar?



Congratulations to Ruth Hall and her Border Collie Crashcay Shandi.

Shandi turned pink for Shave for a Cure and raised the incredible amount of \$760.



Happy Birthday to Diane's dog Teddy 11 years on 28 March

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Any Ideas for a Caption for this photo? Taken at Milton Show by Gill Rolfe



Our Mudd on the Paws Flyball Team and several individual members have again had excellent results at competitions during the past month. We are very proud of them all.

Mudd on the Paws came third in 1st Division at the Sunset Claws Twilight Competition in Canberra. Rosie's dog Pac obtained two x 000 starts showing

excellent timing and team work. Our first team then won 2nd Division at the Castle Hill, Hound on the Hill flyball competition – a fantastic result.

At the ADAA Agility and Jumping Trail at Kanahooka Louise and Darcy gained their qualifying pass with firsts in Elementary Jumping and Starters Jumping. At

her first official competition Daniela with Tia gained a qualifying pass and came 3rd in Starters Jumping, a wonderful beginning for Tia in Agility and Jumping competition.

A positive attitude is like any other habit: the longer you have it, the stronger it becomes.

Sad Goodbyes

Rosie Milton's much loved and oldest dog Nachi was recently put to sleep at the grand age of 16 years.



Margaret Rudd's sad loss on 16 March of her beloved Tessa, age 7 years.



Bob Puttock 's German Shepherd Tasha was also recently put to sleep at the very great age of 16 years. Tasha loved everyone.



Tips from March HCF Newsletter – **Caring for the skin your pet's in.**

When pets suffer from skin conditions, it can be very unpleasant for them. Here's what to look for in dogs and cats.

Is your dog or cat scratching or grooming excessively? Or maybe giving off unusual smells? Perhaps somewhere under that fur coat, your pet's skin isn't 100 per cent.

Among the causes of skin irritations are reactions to food or chemicals, injury, parasites and allergies. Signs to look for include:

Dry flaky skin; red, inflamed skin; loss of hair; lumps or nodules under the skin; scabs, sores or spots with pus; little black flecks in the fur.

If you see any of these, it's time for a trip to the vet. Without attention the

problem can get much worse. Treatments include special shampoos and topical lotions. With a bit of help, your furry one will be shiny, soft and happy again.



I wish you all a very Happy Easter Regards – Editor.