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# MUDTC Newsletter



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TRAINING  
CLASSES  
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SUNDAY  
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OCTOBER  
2012**

Please wear  
your name  
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If you have  
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New Member  
Table

Hi my name is



## President's Message

Hello members

Many of you may not know that I involve myself in adventure sports, charity events and distance races. I frequently drag my weary, battered body out the door when all I feel like doing is lying in bed. I drag myself up hills, through mud and through bushland in all ranges of weather conditions, often for hours on end. I will never win a race – in fact, you can usually find me at the “back of the pack”. Why bother training when you always come last you may ask? It's not just for fitness nor fun, not just for the joy of experiencing the end of the pain; it's to teach the body and to build up muscle memory so that when you are tired and fatigued, your body will remember what to do, even when you don't. It's not enough to dream of competing; you have to allow your body to experience the real sensation of running the gauntlet.



What do these mad ramblings have to do with dog training you may ask? Think about what you are

trying to achieve with your dog. Perhaps you dream of having him sitting quietly in his bed while you prepare dinner, or to trot nicely beside you as you walk the kids to school. Perhaps you are after trophies and accolades. Whatever your reason for being at dog club, it is not enough to just imagine being the best you can be. It is not enough to think about where you want to be, it takes practice! And, it takes practice in a whole range of conditions. If you want the perfect “sit” you don't just practice it at home - take it to the streets, the beach, when the neighbours drop in, outside a busy street. Practice it so it becomes automatic and neither you nor the dog has to think about it. Practice it so that when you really need it, it happens then and there. Take the same philosophy with you when you practice your recalls. Do it short and long, in the back yard, the beach, when there are distractions. Recall and release, recall and release. Build enthusiasm; build it so it's automatic. Take small steps and build on them. Don't just dream about perfection, go out there and train for it!

Until next time, Happy Training!



*President Natalie*

*The Club's Newsletter provides information about Club events and member happenings. If you have any interesting stories or photos for inclusion, please email them to me or provide hard copy to me at Sunday training.*  
 Regards  
**Editor Janet**  
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## Welcome Back



President Natalie presenting Annie with a cheque from Club member's personal donations.

Everyone was very pleased to see Annie and Axel back at training this month. Annie expressed her sincere appreciation to everyone for their support and generosity following Axel's very unfortunate accident at the Showground in August.

## Annual Conference

The Association of Pet Dog Training Australia Annual Conference will be held in Sydney 26 – 28 October, and further details are available via this link  
<http://www.ongconferences.com.au/events/APDT2012.php>

## Club Agility Competition

The third round of the Tessa Rudd and Penny Cullen Agility Competition was held on Sunday 16 September. Perhaps the morning was best summed up by member Kaye's comment on our Facebook page – "had a great day today...lots of laughs in the dog agility class... so much to remember". Thanks go to Danielle for setting out the course. Everyone is now looking forward to the final round in November.

## Tick Warning

This week's Ulladulla Times has an article reminding pet owners about the dangers of Ticks. Some vets have already started seeing cats and dogs with tick paralysis. Experts say the mild weather has resulted in perfect breeding conditions for ticks.

Symptoms:

- Early warning signs of tick paralysis include a visible weakness when standing and walking, and vomiting
- As symptoms progress, dogs will overheat, pant rapidly and collapse on their hind legs
- Symptoms tend to progress at a faster rate in hot weather.
- If symptoms develop, pet owners should contact their vet as soon as possible
- Animals can die within hours if left untreated. Early treatment provides the best chance of survival.

## Wet Nose Day – NSW Guide Dogs

Ever wondered what it takes to turn a playful puppy into a responsible working Guide Dog? Come and find out at this year's Wet Nose Day.

The free event will showcase the entire puppy to Guide Dog journey as part of a fun-filled day for the whole family that also offers great entertainment, kids' activities and tasty food options.

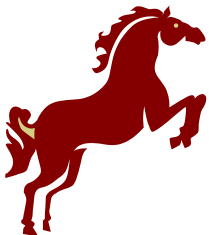
Held at Parramatta Park on Sunday 7th October, the event promises you the complete Guide Dog experience:

- Come and meet some adorable Guide Dog puppies before they head off to training school.
- Learn how a Guide Dog is trained with demonstrations from some experts.
- Meet a Guide Dog user and be inspired by their amazing story.

<http://www.guidedogs.com.au/news-and-events/events/07-10-2012/wet-nose-day>

FOR  
 INFORMATION

THE NEXT  
 ULLADULLA  
 RIDERS EVENT  
 AT THE  
 SHOWGROUND  
 WILL BE HELD  
 ON SUNDAY 4  
 NOVEMBER



## Clubhouse Sign

A big thank you to Roy for originally making, then renovating and erecting our MUDTC Clubhouse sign – it looks fantastic.



## Open Garden

Past President and Life Member Peter Hudson's garden will be open over the long weekend as part of the Open Gardens scheme. There will also be an art exhibition. It is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy this gorgeous five acre garden with its breathtaking views to Conjola National Park and Wreck Bay.

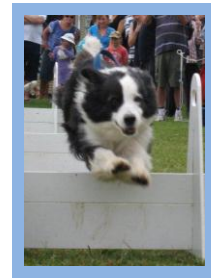


## Dates for your diary

### • Beginners Agility

The Club's next Beginners Agility course starts on Sunday 7 October and is held in the Agility enclosure from 9am. Please talk to your Instructor, Rosie or Jenny if you would like more details.

### • Flyball Competition



The Club's Flyball team, Mudd on the Paws, will hold a Flyball Competition at Milton Showground on Saturday 10 November in the Dressage Area. This will be the first time the competition has been held at the Showground, as in previous years the event has been held at Lions Park, Burrill Lake. It is a very exciting event to watch so please come along and cheer on our awesome Mudd on the Paws Team. If you can help out on the day it will be very much appreciated. More details will be provided at Sunday announcements.

### • Tessa Rudd & Penny Cullen Agility Competition

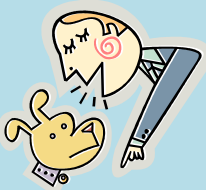
The final round of competition will be held on Sunday 18 November at 7.30am.



### • Christmas Party

Yes, that's right! Training classes finish on the last Sunday in November for our Summer break. Our end of year Award Presentations and Party will be held on Sunday 2 December from 9am at the Milton Showground. We are planning lots of fun events for you and your dog, Class and Club award presentations, and as always, a very tasty BBQ "brunch". This is a free event and all members are welcome. More details to follow in later Newsletters.

Tell your Friends



New Baby Puppies can join our Club on any Sunday if they are 4 months of age or under.

Dogs over 4 months can join the Club's Quick Start Course on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month

Membership Forms can be downloaded from the Club website

[www.mudtc.org.au](http://www.mudtc.org.au)

## Member's Corner

### • Welcome

A very warm welcome to new members in September; Stephen Carroll and Cherry Pie; John Dale and Jethro; Tristan Gibbs and Chewbarker; Adam Hunt and Remi; Matika Maloney and Gizmo; Patricia McGuire and Taggart and Kate Orchard and Cooper.

### • Graduations

Congratulations to all members who have graduated during September – well done.

### • Competition Results

Congratulations to our members who have competed during September and once again achieved great results.

8 September in Canberra Katrina & Tequila gained their Title of Rally O Novice – RN. At the Southern Border Collie Trial on 15 September they gained qualifying scores in Novice Obedience. The next day Ruth and Detroit were 2<sup>nd</sup> in Jumping Dog Excellent and 3<sup>rd</sup> with a qualifying score in Gamblers, which gives Detroit his Gamblers Title. Diane Richmond's Miss Lady, the only Australian Kelpie at the Trial outshone the Border Collis to win Best Performance of Tricks!

Cheryl-Ann Brunskill's dog Jana has now qualified for her Senior Australian Agility Dog (S.A.A.D) title, which she achieved in just 2 trials. Jana is now working towards her Master Australian Agility Dog (M.A.A.D) title.

Cheryl says she is very proud of Jana as she was a rescued pregnant waif at 12 months of age from a country pound. She has come a long way and loves her agility!

Alison Nagle's Belgian Shepherd, Holly, was Judged Excellent in Breed, and came 2nd in Intermediate class at the Belgian Club Specialty Show Castle Hill on 15 September.

At the recent Berry Show, member Belinda Smithers Jack Russell, Kelly, came 1<sup>st</sup> in Baby Puppy bitch class and Alison Nagle with her Belgian Shepherd (Groenendael) Holly came 1st in Intermediate bitch class and on Sunday went on to be awarded Runner up Best of Breed.

Several Club members will be travelling to Tamworth over the long weekend to compete, and we send them all our best wishes.

If you are interested in finding out more about competing in agility disciplines with your dog, please follow this link [http://www.paws4fun.org.au/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=7&Itemid=8](http://www.paws4fun.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7&Itemid=8) which gives lots of information.

### • Updates

Happy to report Cynthia is still improving after her recent bout of the flu following hip surgery, and Mark's knee continues to get better, definitely as a result of lots of hard work on his part.

### • Birthdays



Happy birthdays to Lady (8) on 20<sup>th</sup> and Flynn (6) 23<sup>rd</sup> September and in October Bindy (2) on the 1<sup>st</sup> and Kelly (11) on the 11<sup>th</sup>.



Party Time for Billy; Kelly; Rosie; Lady; Flynn and Miki

Please don't take your dog with you when you pay at the Clubhouse counter as it can get very congested.



If you have the correct change, or want to pre-pay for lessons, you can pay Margaret or Tracey at the New Beginners Table.

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*"We would accomplish many more things if we did not think of them as impossible"*

C. Malesherbes