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FOR INFORMATION

UPCOMING
EVENTS AT THE
SHOWGROUND

ULLADULLA
RIDERS 19 MAY
ROTARY SWAP
MEET 26 MAY

DOG TRAINING
WILL STILL BE
HELD ON
THESE DATES

President's Message

Welcome to all our new members of which there are many. Some with very young puppies and others will older puppies.

I would like to put forward some thoughts on focus and motivation. This can apply equally to puppies and older dogs. The best and easiest and quickest way to bond with your dog is by PLAYING games on a one-to-one basis.

When I talk about playing, I am not talking about retrieving (chasing a ball or Frisbee), I am talking about an interactive game with your dog. You will see many of our members using tug toys when in the agility and flyball classes. This is because the dogs will respond and come running to their owners when they see there is a tug game on. Playing increases your dog's focus on you and when you are playing, you are the most important thing in your dog's life. Dogs love to play and if you can insert yourself into this play, your dog will look to you in the future for a great game.

I would like to see all our members bring a toy to class and learn how to play with their dog as an important part of dog training. You can use this to play while waiting for other members to finish doing exercises with their dogs.

Remember if you have a toy, that is your interactive play toy, this toy belongs to you and only comes out when you are playing with your dog. Do not leave this toy out in the house or yard for the dog to play with it by itself. It is your toy so put it away when you have finished playing and make sure you stop the game before the dog tires of it. Also make sure that you teach your dog to 'give' the toy back to you. You should not let the toy out of your hand when playing.

I would like to invite those members doing agility that we will be holding the first competition of four for the Tessa Rudd (for large dogs) and the Penny Cullen (for small dogs) trophies. This will be held on Sunday May 5th. You can walk the course from 7am and running starts at 7.30am before our normal Sunday training.

Remember that dog training should be fun for both you and your dog. Enjoy

Regards – President Rosie Milton



**NEW
MEMBERS
DAY
SUNDAY 5
MAY**

Easter Guessing Competition

Thank you to everyone who supported our guessing competition on Easter Sunday which raised \$156.00 for our Club. Congratulations to our 4 prize winners; Roy Cullen, Jenny Patch, Angie Scerri and Eleanor Hewison.

Big4 South Durras Holiday Park is now Pet Friendly

The owners of Big 4 Holiday Park at South Durras contacted the Club to advise – “they have designated a number of sites at the front of the park for those travelers wishing to holiday with their Dog/s. The sites comprise en-suite sites, Powered Sites and un-powered camp sites. The reason we have elected to be Dog Friendly is that we have one of the rare year round “ OFF LEASH BEACHES “ directly opposite the park.

Obviously some conditions apply. As children and other peoples Dogs don't really mix, we exclude the main school holidays at Christmas and Easter and some long weekends.”

Meet a Member

Have you been coming to training for a while now and know some of the dogs in your Class, and maybe even some of the owner's names? What about some of our other members – this month we meet Billy and Pippa – owner Jenny Patch



Billy

1. **What inspired your name?** My owner's father-in-law
2. **What is your favourite training treat?** I love Kangaroo and Chicken sausages
3. **Where is your favourite place to play?** Agility ring at training and Narrawallee beach, when I was younger
4. **Strangest place you have ever had a nap?** I like to take a nap in my owner's chair (when I'm allowed!)
5. **What is the weirdest thing your companion human has discovered you eating?** Pilchards when fishing (I was sick in the car on the way home!)



Pippa

1. **What inspired your name?** Pippa Middleton
2. **What is your favourite training treat?** Yummy sausages
3. **Where is your favourite place to play?** Agility ring at training, I can run for ever!
4. **Strangest place you have ever had a nap?** I fell asleep in the Vegie patch.
5. **What is the weirdest thing your companion human has discovered you eating?** Anticol cough lollies!

Want to be a Meet a Member? Please email a photo and information to newsletter@mudtc.org.au

**KEEP ALL
YOUR DOG
TRAINING
GEAR IN
YOUR CLUB
BAG AND
BRING IT
WITH YOU
EACH
SUNDAY
DON'T
FORGET
SOFT
TREATS FOR
YOUR DOG
AND YOUR
NAME
BADGE**



Agility dates

Rosie has already invited members doing agility to enter the first of our Tessa Rudd and Penny Cullen Club agility events held on Sunday 5 May. The Club's agility event is held over 4 separate Sundays during the year, and the winners are presented with a Club Trophy.

The Tessa Rudd and Penny Cullen Agility Trophies were kindly donated by Margaret Rudd and Roy Cullen. Life Member Margaret is our Publicity Officer, and was a member of our Club in its first year in 1979 and is always at training on Sunday mornings to welcome new members. Life Member Roy Cullen is our Baby Puppy Instructor, past President and our current Club Vice President. The trophies are named in memory of their dogs, Tessa and Penny. Current holders of the Trophies are Danielle Butson and Rosie Milton.

ADAA Competition at Milton Showground

Our Club recently became an affiliate member of the Agility Dog Association of Australia or ADAA. ADAA was formed in 1994 to promote international standard Agility to all dog owners and to encourage the public to involve their pets more in 'fun' activities and is run by volunteers. ADAA also formulates rules and guidelines for the conduct of Agility competitions. Agility tests are designed for the enjoyment of the handler, the dog, and for spectator appeal, within the constraints of safety.

As an affiliate member we are able to organize an Agility Competition open to entrants from outside our Club and to be held at the Milton Showground on 31 August and 1 September. As a first for our Club we want to make sure it is a

successful event. If you are able to offer assistance prior to the event, or on the day of the event, please email newsletter@mudtc.org.au to register your interest, don't miss out!



Club Champion Agility Dog Rose with handler Liz

For more information about ADAA visit their site at <http://www.adaa.com.au/>

Relay for Life – Demo Team

This year the demo team performed during the morning on Saturday of the Relay for Life at Milton Showground. This was the last time the team would perform this particular obedience routine and, despite lots of distractions for our dogs, the team worked really well together. Congratulations to members Rick, Rosie, Jenny, Rosemary, Liz, Lee and Mark and all their dogs for their hard work, and fun as part of our Demo Team.

The Team has started work on its brand new routine and welcomes new members Cassie with Nighthro-Man and Rachel with Stanley. It is terrific to have 8 members and it shows the new routine works really well, with a wonderful variety of dogs on show.

MEMBERS CORNER

A very warm welcome to recent new members; Trevor Joyce and Jackson; Liz Hudson and Merlot; Robyn Bussa and Boo; Donna Garten and Max; Leigh Maloney and Jack; Robert Perrin and Axl; Liz Craig and Tilly and Susan Gallagher and Baxter.

• Graduations

Congratulations to all members who graduated during April 2013 – well done.

• Annual Fees & Immunisation

A reminder that fees for 2013 are due for payment by 30 April. Annual membership is only \$6.00. Current members are also asked to bring proof of their dog's immunisation when it has been updated.

• New arrivals



Tazzi

Tazzi is my second Papillon and is now 9 weeks old. He was born in Tenterfield, NSW and was a single pup litter, however he grew up with other puppies who were 2 and half weeks older. I think this is why he is so confident and so well socialised and a bit older for his age. During the 8 days he has been living with me he has fitted in with my other Papillon and also my

three Border Collies. The BC's don't really play with him but they get on well. My other Papillon, Miki, plays with Tazzi on his terms. Tazzi now tugs with me with whatever toy I decide to play with – he comes and sits in front – he balances on the halfball disc – he goes to his crate – is fairly well toilet trained – and is very cute and fluffy. Rosie Milton

Sophie and Rex



Mark Wilden has an addition to the family by the name of Sophie, an exceptional dog. She and Rex have a wonderful time chasing a ball down at the Showground. However, you will notice in this picture that Rex is giving a look that seems to say "You said she is only here for a visit!" "But she's been here 5 days now!"

• News

Diane is back home and doing really well after surgery to repair both her knees. Diane thanks everyone for their good wishes and the beautiful flowers sent to her in hospital from all of us.

Rick's wife, Beth, is in hospital in Canberra for treatment and we all send her our very best wishes.

Unfortunately past President Natalie had a fall recently and has broken her ankle, we all wish you a very speedy recovery Nat.



Congratulations and best wishes to Natalie's daughter, and past member, Danielle who has just announced her engagement to Blake McKenzie.

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.



RESULTS PAGES – MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB
Club Graduations:

Quick Start to Beginners:

Eleanor Hewison and Dougal
Tara King and Ned
Danielle Butson and Kahlua
Cassandra Kellwy and Nighthro-man
Nivello Cleverley and Archie
Stacey Dubois and Inka
Danie Dubois and Jaspa

Beginners to Basic

Ian Craig and Tilley,
Lionel Meyers and Bella
Sarah Benton and Baxter
James Sands and Zoro
Heather Sands and Sally
Shondelle Vassallo and Rusty
Dan and Cath Fulginiti and Murray
Chris Hole and Danny
Hilary Coulton and Mia
Danie Dubois and Jaspa



Past and present Demo Team Dogs working well together