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FOR INFORMATION

UPCOMING
EVENTS AT THE
SHOWGROUND

**NO DOG
TRAINING
SUNDAY 6
OCTOBER**

HORSE EVENTS
3RD AND 10TH
NOVEMBER
TRAINING
CLASSES AS
USUAL

President's Message

Our Club recently held its first Australian Dog Association Agility Trial (ADAA) at Frogs Holla Milton. In my report last month I mentioned many of the members, individuals and businesses who supported us in the running of this very successful event.

We have now been advised by ADAA that as it was our first ever competition we do not have to pay the usual fees or equipment costs. This is very generous support from the Association and means we will have a substantial profit to go towards the costs of maintenance works and new equipment for our Club.

Whilst such support from the Association is very much appreciated, it is the volunteering work of our members which has kept our Club going for 34 years. The amount of work and giving of time which goes on behind the scenes, as well as at Sunday training classes, is enormous. I am continually grateful to everyone who puts in so much effort for our Club.

During the year we put on various events, and always call for volunteers to either help beforehand, or on the day. We'd love you to come forward and put your hand up to help out.

Our Flyball event on 19 October is a great chance to give it a go. Help is needed to set up in the Dressage Area at the Showground on Friday

18 October and then on the day as a Steward, or one of the many other jobs that need to be done. I'll be asking for volunteers at my announcements at Sunday training, so don't miss out on a fantastic opportunity to help out and learn more about some of the wonderful sports our dogs can do, like Flyball.

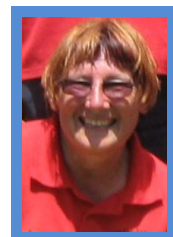
Our Patron Dog Jimmy

Life Member, Fiona Smith's dog Jimmy, our Patron Dog, celebrates his 13th birthday on 3 October. Labrador Jimmy was 4 months old when he first attended dog training with his owner, and our Club Patron, the late Peter Smith. Peter and Jimmy really enjoyed themselves, and it was a very special moment for Peter, when Jimmy received an engraved Patron badge to wear on his collar from the Club.



Happy Birthday Jimmy

Regards – President Rosie Milton



Some Dog Training Tips:

Be Positive – Positive reinforcement, rewarding your dog if he performs something correctly is very important. Mark the correct behaviour with a Click and then follow with a tasty food reward, or fun game.

Firm and Friendly -- When you give commands such as heel and come, you want to use a happy, friendly voice. On the other hand, you will want a lower, firmer voice for sit, down, and stay.

Start Young...but not too early - The ideal time to start training begins at six to eight weeks, maybe even earlier depending on the puppy. But remember, it's never too late to teach a dog a new trick.

Be Patient - Patience is the key when you work with your dog or puppy. If you feel like you're at the end of your leash before you've even started, don't attempt to train your dog. Your dog is incredibly smart and will pick up on your emotions. Remember, this is fun!

No Distractions - Try to pick a quiet spot free of distractions when training your dog to do tricks or commands. A secluded back yard or an inside room works best. If there are other pets in the family, separate them so they won't interfere with training.

And Remember, This is Fun! - Dog training, of course, ought to be a pleasant time for you and Fido. The time can be used to bond closely with your dog and learn each other's personalities. When you do this, you will not only have a well-trained dog or puppy, but a long time, loyal companion and friend.



To bring your Club bag each Sunday containing:

- Your Name Badge
- Soft food treats for your dog*
- Poo bags
- Clicker
- Toy

*Half size sandwich bag full of soft tasty treats for your dog, cut into small pieces i.e. 4 pieces would make up a 5 cent piece. Suggestions – cabanossi, cooked sausage, kangaroo sausage, cheese (only a small amount), chicken, roast meat leftovers.

If you still have one of the green “New Member” badges, please return it to Margaret or Tracey at the New Member table – thank you.

When you graduate from one Class to the next your Instructor will give you a coloured sticker to add to your Name Badge.

- Baby Puppy to Quick Start **Orange**
- Quick Start to Beginners **Green**
- Beginners to Basic **Blue**
- Basic to Intermediate **Pink**
- Intermediate to Advanced **Yellow**

Please ask your Instructor for your sticker if you haven't received one.

Equipment Sales

Sincere thanks to Equipment Officer Mark, together with Jenny and Rosie for organising a great display of all the equipment for sale through the Club. It is all on display at the top of the ramp, as you go to the Clubhouse.

NEW
MEMBERS
DAY

SUNDAY 13
OCTOBER



IF TRAINING IS
CANCELLED
DUE TO WET
WEATHER

IT WILL BE
ANNOUNCED
ON 2ST &
POWER FM
THERE WILL
BE A NOTICE
ON OUR WEB
SITE
FACEBOOK
PAGE AND
MEMBERS
WILL RECEIVE
AN EMAIL

Tick Warning

This week's Ulladulla Times has an article reminding pet owners about the dangers of Ticks. Please regularly check your pets for Ticks. Sadly, over the past few years, several Club members' pets have died as a result of tick poisoning.

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.

Flyball Competition



The Club is holding a Flyball Competition at Milton Showground on Saturday 19 October in the Dressage Area. It is a very exciting event to watch so come along and cheer on our Team. If you can help out on the day, or help out with setting up on Friday 18 October, it will be very much appreciated. More details will be provided at Sunday announcements.

Tessa Rudd and Penny Cullen Club Agility Competition

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. He has been a Club member for over 15 years. The trophies are named in memory of their dogs, Tessa and Penny.

The last of the 4 events held in these Club Competitions is on Sunday 3 November, starting at 7.30am, before usual training classes. You do not have to compete in all 4 events to be eligible for the Trophy. Members are encouraged to enter their dogs, as long they have a reasonable level of agility skills. We'd love to see lots of you having a go on the day.

Dates to Remember



**NO TRAINING
SUNDAY 6
OCTOBER**

Training Sundays until the end of the year:

13 / 20 / 27 October

3 / 10/ 17/ 25 November

1 December –Christmas Party and start of summer break

Events:

19 October – Flyball Competition at Milton Showground

3 November – Tessa Rudd and Penny Cullen Club Agility Competition

MEMBERS CORNER

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.

A very warm welcome to recent new members; Sonya and Mo; Terry and Elly; Jo and Kiro; Robin and Mandy; Darren and Missy; Catherine and Pugsley; Avis sand Jedda; Elise and Carol with Saffy.

• **A WestieCairn called Flynn**

Baby Puppy Assistant Instructor, Rosemary, has a new look dog after Flynn's recent grooming visit. As Rosemary describes it, she now has a WestieCairn, with a beautiful shaped skirt around his body, as if he was a West Highland White Terrier - A very fetching new look!



• **Facebook**

Our Club Facebook page now has 50 members. To join us just follow this link

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/321084847955746/>

and on the top right hand side of the page you will see a JOIN button, click this and Janet will accept you, provided you are a current financial member.

• **Throwing Sticks**

Please **Don't** throw sticks for your dog to retrieve. Unfortunately there have been many injuries to dogs when catching sticks, including one several years ago when a Club member's dog was tragically fatally injured. Have games with a Frisbee or favourite toy instead.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

If I'm a good dog I won't have to wear a hat to the party, will I?



Kelly



Lady, Flynn, Tazzi, Mikki and Pippa



Nightro-Man



Bindy

Happy September Birthdays to Lady, Flynn and Nightro-Man
 Happy October birthdays to Kelly and Bindy
 Just having a good time at the party Pippa, Tazzi and Mikki



RESULTS PAGE – MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB

Club Graduations:

Congratulations to members who recently graduated, including;

From Quick Start to Beginners:

- Robyn and Gidget
- Don and Basil
- Jo and Kiro
- Elsie and Staffy
- Kyleanne and Sasha
- Sonya and Mo
- Avis and Jedda
- Sue and Lola
- Jane and Mandy
- Brenda and Lara with Zara



- Cassie and Nighthro-Man to Intermediate Class

- Alex and Vonnie
- Jean and Jack
- Alison and Holly
- Kerry and Lacey all to Advanced Class

Trial Results

- Beverley Bell and her GSD Riley gained their CCD Obedience Title and a 1st pass in Rally O Excellent.

NSW Southern Border Collie Club Event – 15 September 2013

- Louise Meagher and Wispa obtained qualifying scores in Masters Jumping and Open Jumping
- Jackie Koppman and Woody obtained a qualifying score in Excellent Jumping

Wollondilly All Breeds Kennel Club Rally O Trial 28 September 2013

Morning Trial

- Danielle Butson and Kalua gained a pass in Rally O Novice
- Danielle Butson and Tiamaria gained a pass in Rally O Advanced
- Diane and Lady gained a pass in Rally O Advanced

Afternoon Trial

- Diane & Lady gained a pass in Rally O Advanced
- (Danielle had to leave before the afternoon trial because of work commitments)