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MUDTC Newsletter



Ulladulla Riders
Next day is planned
for Sunday May 11,
which means the
Dog Club does
Not use the Actual
showground ring

FOR INFORMATION

UPCOMING
EVENTS AT THE
SHOWGROUND



REMINDER!

ROTARY SWAP
MEETING AT
THE
SHOWGROUND
SUNDAY 25
MAY.

THERE WILL NO
DOG TRAINING
HELD AT THE
SHOWGROUND
AS THE CLUB
WILL BE TAKING
PART IN THE
DOG'S DAY OUT
TO BE HELD AT
THE LIONS CLUB
PARK AT BURRILL
LAKE

ORGANISED BY
THE LOCAL RSPCA
IT IS HOPED TO
SEE ALL DOG
CLUB MEMBERS
ATTEND

President's Message

Rosie with Wizz and Kylie with Ash have taken out the National Championships in Flyball for the third year in a row. Congratulations. We also have a number of dogs ready to compete – Jenny with Pippa, Rosie with Tazzi, and Danielle with Lua. Over the next few competitions these dogs will be going into the ring to get used to the sounds and doing some recalls and runs passing each other. They will also have to get used to another team of dogs running down the other lane.

Janet will be away for the next month and Rosie and Diane will be taking this class. Have a great time Janet. We will miss you

Training recalls should continue every day of your dogs life if you want to be sure that he will come back immediately you call. Continue calling your dog at least 6 times a day and have a treat ready if he comes straight away. For new dogs only call when you have a good chance that he will come on the first command. Every time you call your dog and he doesn't come degrades the exercise. So try and plan for every recall to be successful.

Also remember your sits and drops – click and treat when your dogs backside hits the ground and then treat. Only put the word 'sit' in when you are sure that he can do the exercise at least 90% of the time. If not, then just keep using the hand signal and click and treat. When you are able to put the word in and as his backside touches the ground click and

just start to delay the treat by a second or two. This will start to teach the stay. He will have to keep sitting in order to gain the treat. Winter is coming and the ground is usually a bit damp in the early mornings so try and dress accordingly. Enjoy your dog and enjoy your training. If you have any training issues please ask your Instructor or seek out Diane or myself to ask questions.



Regards – President Rosie Milton



XXX Getting a puppy is a big investment. The costs go far beyond the initial cost from the shelter or breeder. Puppies also need supplies that usually require a shopping trip before you bring your new family member home. Not sure what supplies you'll need? Here's a good starter puppy shopping list to get you ready.

1. First - start with food. Seems like an obvious one, doesn't it? But the real issue when getting puppy food is picking the right kind of food. There are entire aisles filled with different brands, including special formulas just for puppies. Which is best for your puppy? To help you decide, there are two people you should ask about your puppy's food: the previous owner (which might be a shelter or breeder), and your vet. It might be that their original food is just fine, or you might choose to switch. It's very important to check with your vet before switching to a new food; every dog's nutritional needs are different based on his size, age, health condition, and other factors. Go with the food that your vet feels is the best choice for your puppy's healthy growth.

2. Bowls - Your puppy's food and water bowls should be easy to clean, tip and spill proof, durable, and safe for your puppy. Keep all these things in mind when you're choosing your pup's bowls.

3. Collar - Your puppy's collar should be made of a durable material such as nylon or leather and able to grow with him, so choose one that has an adjustable size. A collar that is too loose can easily slip off but one which is too tight or too wide can restrict breathing. Here's a good guideline: you should be able to easily slip two fingers under your

puppy's collar, but no more. Buckle collars are safer than ones with adjustable slides.

4. Leash - A leash should be strong and durable! You don't want it snapping if your puppy decides to suddenly start running. Many people get a leash with an adjustable length (sometimes called "retracting leashes"), but for a young puppy just learning to walk on a leash, a shorter one might be a better idea - at least until he learns to take walks properly.

5. Crate - Although many owners are reluctant to use this method, crate-training your puppy from a young age has many benefits as he grows up. Not only can it reduce anxiety, but it greatly eases potty-training troubles. Choose a crate that gives your puppy good visibility. Your puppy should be able to turn around, sit, stand, and lie down easily in the crate.

6. Bed - When choosing a bed, one of the most important things is to find one with a removable, washable cover. You want the bed to be warm and comfortable, and generally a place where your puppy will enjoy sleeping or lazing about. Make sure there is nothing on the bed that can be chewed off or swallowed, such as decorative trim.

7. Toys - There are so many toys you can get for your puppy! As a general rule, avoid toys that are easy to tear apart, or have small parts like buttons. Get toys from specialty pet stores, since these are made with dog-safe materials and dyes.



**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**

BUSY PROGRAM FOR DOG CLUB

Milton-Ulladulla Dog Training Club has a busy program ahead.

The major one is the fence fund-raising project for the proposed planned playground to be built at the rear south-west area of Milton Showground.

Sponsored by Purina/Nestle which Shoalhaven City Council has received funding but does not include fencing of the non-competition agility equipment which is provided by Paws4Play. A public appeal is being organised by the Club if anyone who would like to donate towards the cost of this fencing. Donations of \$100 will have a sign advertising the donor on the fence, so it is a wonderful opportunity for local Business Houses to show their support. Smaller donations are welcome and will be included in the Dog Club's donation. Anyone who would like to donate time to help build this fence would also be welcome. Chief Club Instructor Diane Richmond and Club Secretary Belinda Smithers are in charge of the fund-raising for the fencing project. Please see them at training or email info@mudtc.org.au. If you have ideas or would like more information. This small dog park is for all dog owners being an off-leash area at the rear of the Showground.

Thank you to member Alison Nagle who has kindly donated the special dog treats for members to purchase for \$3 a packet. With this money to be set aside towards the cost of the fencing. A very worthy effort and much appreciated.

NEW MEMBERS TAGS

New Members are given a New Member Tag for their first day at class but are asked to return these tags need to be returned at the end of class to their Instructor.

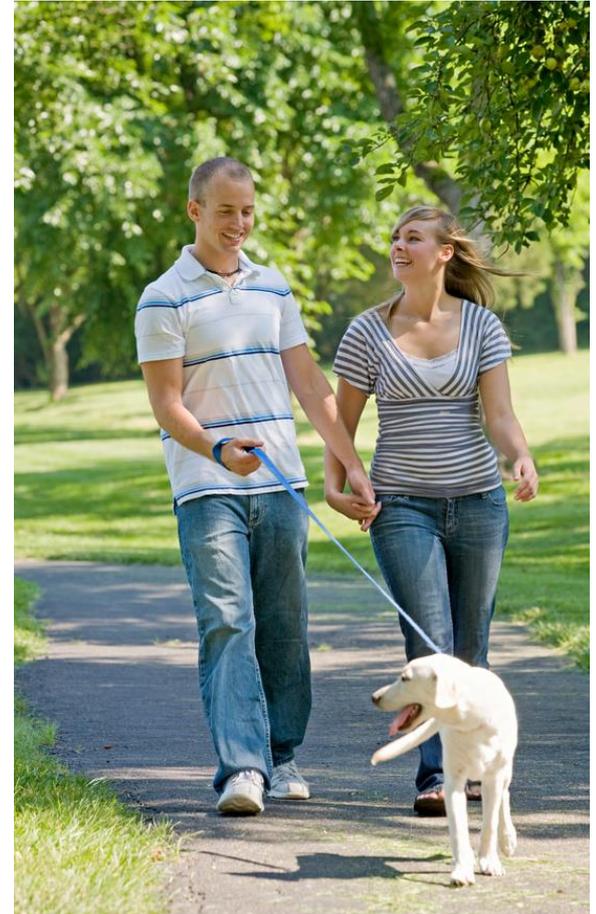
Please don't take your dog with you when you pay at the Clubhouse counter as it can get very congested.

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

All Dog Club Correspondence should be addressed to:
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Wet weather has caused some cancellations for dog training recently which has been unavoidable and apologies for any inconvenience caused to members. Every endeavour is made to make a decision early on dog **training** days but sometimes the rain comes just about the time that training is due to commence and as the Showground has not yet recovered from the bad weather we have had recently it is not conducive to training. Gumboots are recommended during the wet weather.

This makes it very awkward for members who travel some distance to training both north and south and hopefully this doesn't happen too often.

NEXT NEW MEMBERS DAY IS SUNDAY JUNE 1ST

Please be at the Clubhouse at the rear of the Showground by 8.30am to register your dog as announcements are made at 8.45am so classes can start promptly at 9am

MEMBERS CORNER

Welcome

The Club has enjoyed a big roll up of new members recently and trust they enjoy their time with the Club.

Here are some photos of some of these gorgeous new dogs.

WANTED

Members to join the Club's demo team.

Quiet dogs for meet and greet at Sarah Claydon,

and Dogs for event demonstrations

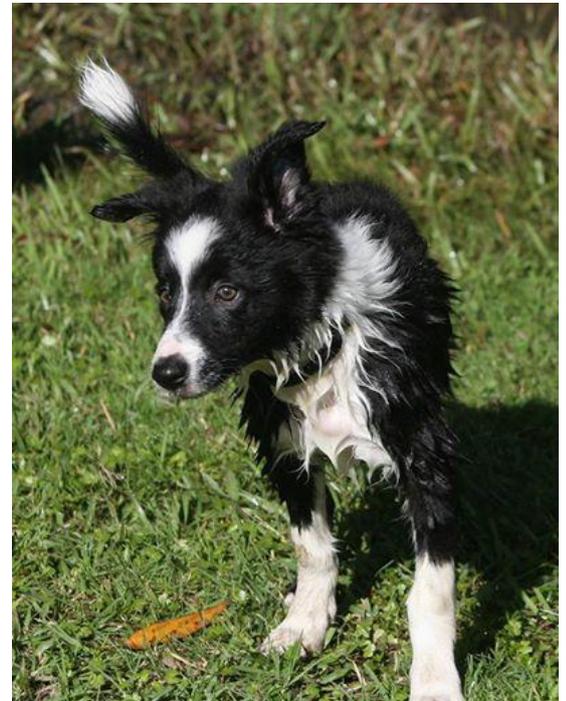
Practice held at 8am on Tuesday mornings at the Showground



Mandy Eaton's new pup Reuben with Wallace

President Rosie and Chief Instructor Diane show a great example of how much they enjoy their dogs and how their dogs enjoy their training not only at dog club but at home

Diane's Lady has accepted new Puppy Rusty to their home.



Rosie's new Pup Dan The Man is showing great potential and is growing so fast.

ANNUAL AGILITY COMPETITION TO START

The Club's Annual Agility Competition for the Penny Cullen and Tessa Rudd Trophies is held over four rounds with the winners top score the best three out of four rounds. All dogs that work off lead in Agility are welcome First Round is on Sunday May 18, commencing at 7.30am before Dog Obedience Training

Congratulations!

RESULTS PAGE – MILTON ULLADULLA DOG TRAINING CLUB

Graduation from Quick Start to Beginners

Lori Muir with Archie and Ruby

John Marthick and Marlee

Debbie and Casey

Chermene McKenzie and Charlies

Lorraine Wildman and Nell

Graham Roberts and Rusty

Luke Roberts and Sammy

Alison Nagle and Georgie

To Advanced Class

Penny and Sam



Congratulations to member Helen Voyce and her dog Swiper who did so well recently at the ACTDC Agility Trial recently. Swiper got two passes one in JD and one in SD with a 4th and a 5th place. He had three other good runs and only one zoomie.



CLUB'S ANNUAL COMPETITION ENTRY FORMS NOW AVAILABLE

Club members are advised that the entry form for the Club's Annual Competition are now available at the Clubhouse or at the New Members Table next to the Agility Ring. All Club members are invited to enter, To be held on July 20 there are three sections. The President's Cup for Novice Dogs, the Marion Mann Trophy for small dogs and the Lynne Brookes Trophy. The Competition disciplines are also available and Instructors have been making most of them part of their weekly club lesson. There will not be normal Obedience classes held that day. Commencing at 8.30am, Barbeque Lunch will be served for all competitors and officials and Presentation of Trophies at the conclusion.