

MUDTC Newsletter



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President's Message

Congratulations to all our members who took part in the Club's Agility and Obedience competitions held in July. It was a busy time for everyone, and a special thanks to our judges and helpers 'behind the scenes' who got everything together to make the events possible.

It was great to see some of our Beginners take part in the President's Trophy this year, and especially rewarding to see them score highly in the stay exercises, well done!

This year's judges were very impressed with the standard of competition and commented on the improvement in the heeling exercise from previous competitions. The mixed exercises introduced into the President's Trophy for the first time were a hit and we will definitely include another set of them in future competitions.

Of course some of our dogs didn't perform perfectly in every event, but we all had some success. The weather was kind, the morning tea with cakes and slices provided by several members, and BBQ lunch organized by Jenny, absolutely wonderful, as always.

At a recent committee meeting a request was made to consider holding classes for members who wish to compete in formal obedience trials. As members will appreciate, our instructors are all

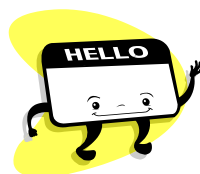
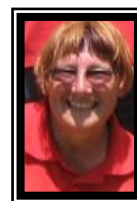
volunteers and only have a certain amount of time available. However, we will consider holding some classes provided 6 or more members express an interest, are prepared to attend regularly, and to practice at home. Please email info@mudtc.org.au to register your interest, or talk to Chief Instructor Diane at training.

It was also brought up that there are some agility people who want to train and trial and who would like to have some time for them. If they could contact me, I will try and see what sort of training times we can sort out.

Have fun with your dog and play with him lots.

Regards

Rosie Milton
President



REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS

Please wear your name badge to training. Your Instructors like to know your name, and especially your dog's name, also other members can get to know you.

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Special points of interest:

- Club to hold ADAA Agility Competition 23 & 24 August.
No training classes on 24th
- Relay for Life event at the Showground 5 & 6 September.
Dog training will still be held.
- Timber Festival to be held at Showground October long weekend -Dog Training cancelled

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Training Classes at MUDTC

Milton Ulladulla Dog Training Club has six obedience training classes.

New members can start with their puppy in our **Baby Puppy Class**, on any Sunday of the month. The class caters for the very young puppies up to 16 weeks of age. The puppies train in a secure enclosure and enjoy lots of socialization and handlers are taught basic clicker training techniques.

Members with dogs over 16 weeks of age can join the Club's 4 week **Quick Start** course on the first Sunday of the month. During the course the basics of how to train a dog using positive reinforcement, and using a Clicker, are explained and practiced. Handlers are asked to spend at least 5 minutes each day working with their dog and given a homework sheet and information sheet on the Clicker. They are encouraged to seek out more information on Clicker training via the Internet.

The course emphasises the importance of interaction between handler and dog, through working on the dog's focus, and through lots of play between handler and dog. All handlers are asked to buy a toy and bring it to the second lesson. Exercises include; watch, sit, touch, drop, restrained recall, walking in the zone, sit on a mat. On the final week handlers and their dogs are informally assessed by the Instructor and given a Certificate that they have successfully completed the course.

The following week Quick Start members join **Beginner Class**, and start on their progress through the Club's Obedience class structure.

In Beginners Class we continue with the exercises taught in Quick start, with plenty of watching and rewarding during heeling. The difference between when to use the wait and the stay, using the correct hand and leg movement is explained. The importance of not rushing the stay exercise is explained, and that wait is used when you will call your dog to you, stay for when you return to your dog.

The importance of playing a game with your dog using a toy or tuggy to reinforce interaction and focus. The basics of take, hold, give are explained so that you can progress to teaching your dog to retrieve an article.

We also show going around the cone, going through a tunnel, going to a mat, shake hands. and over a jump, or any fun thing you and your dog like to do. Handlers are asked to teach their dog a new trick each week.

Also dog association, so that your can walk down the street, stop and talk to a friend, and your dog will sit nicely by your side, and not worry about anyone but you.

We teach how to stand your dog, preparing for stand for examination in later classes. In Beginners Class, you will be assessed by your Class Instructor, usually on the last Sunday of the month and when ready, you will be promoted to the next obedience class called **Basic**.

Information about Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Classes to follow in next month's Newsletter.

Pet Owners face action

Shoalhaven City Council will soon be issuing notices to local pet owners in possession of a dog or cat that is older than 6 months of age and not lifetime registered.

The NSW Companion Animals Act requires all dogs and cats over six months of age to be registered.

Mayor Joanna Gash said it was also a requirement that all dogs and cats were identified with a microchip from 12 weeks of age or prior

to the animal being sold or given away, whichever occurred first.

"It is a legal requirement and of vital importance that all cats and dogs living within the Shoalhaven are micro chipped and lifetime registered". Said Cr Gash.

"Lifetime registration within NSW is a one-off payment and can be completed at council's Nowra and Ulladulla Administration offices.

"Pet owners should be aware that their cat or dog needs to be micro chipped by 12 weeks of age and then also registered within six months. A penalty notice may be issued for failing to register your animal or for failing to notify council if your details have changed. Cr Gash said. This includes updating details if the animal changes address, ownership, goes missing or dies.

Article Ulladulla Times 23 July 2014

Club Photos



President's Cup Winners

L to R 3rd place Bob and Axl, 2nd place Lyn and Sheba, 1st place Sara and Razor



Peter and his dog Carlo a competitor in the President's Cup



President Cup entrants Hilary with Cavalier Monty and Michelle with Sylvie



Club Photos



Lynne Brookes Championship L to R 1st Diane and Lady 2nd Liz and Rose
3rd Penny and Sam



Presidents Cup - Enda & Bonny



Presidents Cup - Rosie and Dan



Presidents Cup - one of our Judges - Mark



Presidents Cup - Lorraine and Nell



Judge - Natalie

PRODUCT SAFETY RECALL

**WOOLWORTHS SELECT
DOG BONES WHOLEGRAIN 1KG**

Best Before Date: 26/11/15



Woolworths takes product safety very seriously and wishes to advise customers of a product recall on the following product:

This product has been sold in Woolworths & Safeway stores nationally from 13th June 2014 to 18th July 2014.

Problem: The product is being recalled because it may contain pieces of string or twine.

Food safety hazard: If the string is consumed it may pose a food safety risk, with the potential to cause harm to animals including intestinal irritation or intestinal obstruction.

What to do: As a precaution consumers should not allow their dogs to eat this product and should return it to their nearest Woolworths or Safeway store for a full refund.

Woolworths apologises to its customers for any inconvenience caused by this recall and if further information is required about the recall they are invited to call our

Toll-free Customer Service number: 1800 103 515
www.woolworths.com.au

See www.recalls.gov.au for
Australian Product Recall Information

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PRODUCT RECALL

Thanks to member Sara Taylor for alerting us to a recall of Woolworth Select Dog Bones.

WARNING

A warning to all dog owners that there has been a report in the areas north of Milton of unknown people checking people's back yards to see if they own a dog and some dogs have been taken at night, without the owners being aware.

ADAA AGILITY COMPETITION

Our Club is hosting an ADAA Agility Competition on 23 and 24 August at Milton Showground. Members are welcome to come along to see handlers and their dogs in action in the various agility disciplines. Thank you to members Jenny Marshall and Diane Richmond for organising this event. Grateful thanks to prize sponsors Clear Dog Treats; Sassy Treats, Loyalty Pet Treats and Love'em Treats.



Intermediate Class enjoying a game of noughts and crosses last Sunday
at the Showground

Members Corner

A warm welcome to all our recent new members. **We hope you have a happy and rewarding time training your dog at the Club.**

Birthday Girl



Congratulations to long time member Sarah Ball who recently celebrated her 21st Birthday. I hope you don't mind this early picture of you and Sam at Dog Training, Sarah! Best wishes from all of us.



Guessing Competition

To continue our fund raising for the Dog Park we are running a Guessing Competition. Tickets cost \$1 each and the draw will be held at Training on 31 August. Tickets can be purchased from Margaret or Tracey at the New Member Table on Sunday mornings. Members can take away booklets of 10 tickets to sell to family and friends. There are 5 fantastic prizes - \$50 IGA Milton voucher; Patchwork Cushion; Baby Gift Basket; Beauty Pack Gift Basket, Bath & Shower Gift Set. Good Luck everyone.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A "DOG PERSON" TO TRULY APPRECIATE THIS STORY

Stay

I pulled into the crowded parking lot at the local shopping center and rolled down the car windows to make sure my Labrador Retriever Pup had fresh air. She was stretched full-out on the back seat and I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there.



I walked to the curb backward, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically,

"Now you stay. Do you hear me?"

"Stay! Stay!"

The driver of a nearby car, a pretty young blonde, gave me a strange look and said: (this is going to hurt read on.....)

"Why don't you just put it in 'Park'?"

Results - Congratulations to Club Members

Penny Cullen Agility 6 July 2014

Helen Voyce and Swiper 1st
Sue Swaney and Turbo 2nd
Belinda Smithers and Kelly 3rd

Tessa Rudd Agility 6 July 2014

Danielle Butson and Tia 1st
Di Richmond and Lady 2nd
Danielle Butson and Lua 3rd

President's Trophy 20 July 2014

Sarah Taylor and Razor 1st
Lyn Campbell and Sheba 2nd
Bob Perrin and Axl 3rd

Lyn Brookes Championship 20 July 2014

Diane Richmond and Lady 1st
Liz Karasconyi and Rose 2nd
Penny Dale and Sam 3rd

Graduation from Quick Start to Beginners:

John and Tami; Helga and Milo; Betty and Asher; Tina and Bruno; Jane and Tiger; Amanda and Jet; Jane and Skye; Tanya and Lacey; Darren and Missy

Graduation from Beginner to Basic:

Judy and Tilly

Graduation from Basic to Intermediate:

Pat and Buddy; Lorraine and Nell; Judy and Tilly

Any members competing in Agility, Flyball or Obedience Trials please let us know your results to include on this page.

Training classes are held at 9am on Sundays at the rear of Milton Showground. Training fee is \$2 for each dog. **Please drive slowly within the Showground**

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