

MUDTC Newsletter

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SUNDAY 10 MAY



Do You Have Something for the Newsletter including any competition results? - We'd love to hear from you at newsletter@mudtc.org.au or leave hard copy at the New Member Table

President's Message

Hello Members - hope you all had a Happy Easter holiday time with family and friends.

This month we have 3 training Sundays; 10th which is New Member Day, 24th when we share with Rotary Swap Meet and 31st. There is no training on 3 May because there is major music event at the Showground. On 17 May there is no training, so members can support the RSPCA Dogs Day Out at Lions Park Burrill Lake, where our demonstration team will perform at 9.30am.

As in previous years Dog Training is still held on the Swap Meet day, 24 May. Club members should let the Rotary fee entry collectors know you are attending for Dog Training so you will not be charged. If you plan to visit the Swap meeting after training, please pay the entry fee as all proceeds are donated to local charities.

I am pleased that so many Club members are interested in taking part in Agility. Agility is a fun sport and several Club members have achieved outstanding results with their dogs at various trials held throughout NSW. Agility is a team

sport where you are in charge of the strategy and your dog is responsible for the athleticism. There are many components to achieving success with your dog in the sport of agility and so our Club has introduced a Pre-Agility Class which will run over 4 Sundays for 1/2 hour at 10.15am, four times a year (March / May / July /Sept). The first class is on Sunday 10 May. Dogs must be 12 months of age and you must register your name and contact details on the list held at the Clubhouse. An Agility information handout sheet is available at the Clubhouse.

Another new option for members is a Fun Agility Course available from 7.30am on any New Member day*. Beginner Agility classes are held from 9am - 9.45am and Advanced Agility from 9.45am on Sundays, subject to instructor availability. A Calendar will soon be added to our web site, and Agility handlers should always check to confirm classes are being held, either with their Instructor or from the Calendar. Happy Training ☺

Regards



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Special points of interest

- **No Training** on 3rd and 17th May
- New Members Day moved to 10 May 2015. **Club agility comp rescheduled to 10th so NO fun agility course***
- We share the grounds with Riders 10 May (Tentative)
- We share grounds with Rotary Swap Meet 24 May

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MUDTC News and Information

Focus and Motivation

By Rosie Milton

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 fly ball 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.



Playing Tuggy with my Agility and Flyball dog Wizz

Be Organised

When you joined the Club you were given a Club Bag. Use your Club bag to hold your dog's treats, treat bag, clicker, toy, poo bags, and your name tag, plus any other equipment you are using in class. Then you will be ready and organised to start class at 9am. Remember soft food treats are best, cut about small fingernail size, and don't feed your dog too much before training.



New Member Billie listening carefully on the first day of April Quick Start - Handler Robyn Jones



Happy Birthday to another Billy - 11 years young on 1 April - Handler Assistant Chief Instructor Jenny Patch



From the Archives - Demo Team at RSPCA Paws Walk Burrill Lake 2006

Club News and Information

Demonstration Team

As most of you are aware, the Club has a Demonstration Team that performs at different functions throughout the year, as well as visiting Sarah Claydon on regular occasions for 'Meet and Greet' sessions with residents. The group meets on Tuesday mornings from around 7.30am until around 9.00am at the Club grounds, the first half hour for dog socialisation and the rest of the time for the practice of routines.

Demonstration routines consist of basic exercises learnt during normal dog classes on Sundays, with extra exercises that are designed to extend the skills of both handlers and dogs, all put to music. We also showcase Agility and other activities like Flag races, Hurdle relays and Weaving demonstrations in our routines.

As well as being a lot of fun, the group is a public face of the Dog Club, representing the club at Australia Day celebrations, the Milton Show, Relay for Life, Dogs Day Out and other community events, as well as performing for Sarah Claydon and Coastal Waters Retirement Villages; and we take this role quite seriously.

We are always looking for new members to participate in our group and are very pleased to welcome Lyn and Sheba, Jan and Rico and Jean and Ice into our team this year.

We are all very busy learning our new routine for the Dogs Day Out function at the Lions Park

at Burrill Lake on May 17th, starting at 9.30am.. Club members are invited to come along on that day and support our club.

If you are interested in joining our team, or helping out with equipment and support at events (and we do require help at many of our shows for packing, unpacking equipment, setting up bunting or equipment, sound management, etc.) please see Rick, Janet, Rosie, Diane or Liz on any

Sunday. The team at present is Rosie and Mikki, Taz and Wizz, Liz and Rose/Shelby, Jenny and Billy/Pippa, Rosemary and Flynn (yes, even though Flynn is blind he still performs beautifully in our team), Diane with Lady and Rusty, Lyn with Sheba, Jan and Rico, Jean and Ice and Rick with Bindy.

Photo is a snapshot of demo teams over past few years



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The Yellow Dog Project

THE YELLOW DOG PROJECT.com

If you see a dog with a **YELLOW RIBBON** or something yellow on the leash, **this is a dog who needs some space**. Please do not approach this dog with your dog. Please maintain distance or give this dog and his/her person time to move out of your way.

There are many reasons why a dog may need space:

- HEALTH ISSUES
- IN TRAINING
- BEING REHABILITATED
- SCARED OR REACTIVE AROUND OTHER DOGS

THANK YOU!
Those of us who own these dogs appreciate your help and respect!

Illustrated by Li Chin www.doggedrawings.net

The Yellow Dog Project was started by Tara Palardy; a dog trainer in the city of Red Deer, Alberta, Canada.

The Yellow Dog Project is a global movement for owners of dogs that need space. It hopes to educate the public and dog owners to identify dogs needing space, promote appropriate contact of dogs and assist dog parents to identify their dog as needing space.

Yellow Dogs are dogs who need space - they are not necessarily aggressive dogs but more often are dogs who have issues of fear; pain from recent surgery; are a rescue or shelter dog who has not yet had sufficient training or mastered obedience; are in training for work or service; are in service; or other reasons specific to the dog. The Yellow Dog Project seeks to educate appropriate ways to approach or make contact with a dog with permission of a dog owner only, whether or not a dog is a "yellow dog". They also seek to promote the use of yellow ribbons to identify yellow dogs needing extra

space. More information is available at: http://theyellowdogproject.com/The_Yellow_Dog_Project/Australia1.html

We will introduce the Yellow Ribbons at dog club, and will have ribbons available at the Clubhouse from Sunday 10th, or you can provide your own. If members see a dog with a yellow ribbon on its lead please give it some space, and have a chat with the handler to find out the reason, so we can all help each other. Handlers who use a Yellow Ribbon should still continue with training advice they have received to help the particular issue with their dog. Please see Chief Instructor Diane, or your Class instructor if you have any questions about the Yellow Dog Project.



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.



to these members who recently graduated from Beginners to Basic Class: Chris Hole and Temmy; Rob Gilford and Ruby; Kirsty McGill and Pepsi; Sam McGill and Agro; Jean Patterson and Ice; John Hayes and Emma; Michelle Grubb and Bella.

Welcoming Friends

Our Publicity Officer Margaret Rudd had a pleasant surprise recently when her elderly neighbour who lives in the same cul-de-sac as her told her that after she lost her Labrador it was wonderful to have Margaret's two dogs Aussie and Tessa come down to welcome her when she came home in the car. Living in a cul-de-sac Margaret's husband Bruce had taught the dogs not to run on the road and they use to go down the grass footpath when this neighbour came home, who said it was just like having your own dog to welcome you home after being out. What a thrill to hear this after probably twenty years ago.



Aussie and Tessa 1 were well known members of the Dog Club in the 1980's.



The Ulladulla & South Coast Branch of the RSPCA will hold Dogs Day Out on Sunday 17 May at Lions Park Burrill Lake from 9am. Entry is free and there will be lots of fun events for you and your dog. Our Club demonstration team will be on at 9.30am.

We usually set up at Burrill Lake in the afternoon on the Saturday (16th) If anyone is available to help, please see Rick or Liz at Training on the 10th - thanks.

Please note: As Dog Training is cancelled for the Dogs Day Out, our Dog Club Meeting on the 17th will be rescheduled.

Our Young Handlers

We welcome and encourage young handlers and their dogs at the Club. One of our Club rules is that children must always be accompanied by a responsible adult whilst at Dog Training. Did you know that we have an annual award - The Sammy Ball Young Achiever Award donated by past young handler Sarah Ball who trained at the Club with her dog Sammy? The award is presented at our annual presentation day in December. The winner is chosen by our team of Club Instructors.

Dog Behaviour

Club Instructor Natalie Moore, who has extensive knowledge about dog behaviour will be available Sunday 31 May to help members with any behaviour issues. Natalie is available before, during or after training. Please register your interest by email to info@mudtc.org.au with your name, dog's name and brief message about the particular issue.

Results Page

Congratulations!



Some of the winning ribbons



Congratulations to these members for some recent fantastic results with their dogs.

At the Shetland Sheepdog and Collie Club Trial in Wollongong, Diane Richmond's young dog Rusty gained a qualifying score of 88/100 and coming 2nd to member Michelle Robinson's Sylvie in Community Companion Dog, and gained a qualifying score of 96/100 in Rally O Novice coming 1st.

At the same trial Diane's Lady gained her Title in Rally O Excellent with a score of 92/100 coming 1st.

Michelle Robinson with her dog Sylvie gained her CCD Title coming first in the ring.

At the Metropolitan Midweek Dog Club Trial on 15 April Donna Gartent with Oscar competed in Rally Novice and Oscar passed in first place.

If you would like your results included in the Newsletter please send details to newsletter@mudtc.org.au or let Diane know at training.



Check for New Member joining date (usually 1st Sunday in month) and Committee and Instructor Meeting dates as these often change. Event dates and agility classes are subject to change so always check with your Instructor to confirm

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3	TRAINING CANCELLED - MAJOR EVENT AT SHOWGROUND
10	TENTATIVE WE SHARE WITH RIDERS. 7.15am Club Agility Comp: 9 - 9.45am Beginner Agility: 9.00am Obedience Classes: 9.45am - 10.15am Advanced Agility: 10.15am Pre-Agility (Ctee meeting to be rescheduled)
17	TRAINING CANCELLED. RSPCA DOGS DAY OUT AT BURRILL LAKE
24	Rotary Swap Meet at Showground: 7.30am Advanced Agility Course: 9 - 9.45am Beginner Agility: 9.00am Obedience Classes: 9.45am - 10.15am Advanced Agility: 10.15am Pre-Agility
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