

Welcome to Milton Ulladulla Dog Training Club Inc

Welcome to Dog Training, we hope you enjoy a long and happy association with our Club. The Club meets for obedience and agility classes every Sunday morning from February to November at the Milton Showground. The final get together each year is our Christmas Party held first Sunday in December.

Contact details are: The Secretary PO Box 274 Milton NSW 2538: Web site www.mudtc.org.au
Email address info@mudtc.org.au or join us on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/321084847955746/> The Club is incorporated and follows the standard Rules of Incorporated Bodies. The Club has a set of Club Ground Rules for all members.

Ground Rules:

- Members must wear suitable footwear, such as trainers – scuffs and thongs are not permitted
- Dogs must be kept on the leash at all times, unless they are in a training class with the direct supervision of an instructor, or under control in the off leash area at the rear of the Showground.
- The only acceptable training collars are flat collars, DCCs, haltis and training harnesses (not car harnesses).
- When joining the Club, proof of immune status must be provided. This is either a vaccination certificate (C3, C4, or C5) or titre test certificate issued by your veterinarian. Puppies will need to have had their first vaccination and can be enrolled in the Club's Baby Puppy School from 8 weeks of age at their owner's discretion.
- Children may train their dog at the discretion of the Chief Instructor, and provided they are supervised by their parent, carer or guardian.
- Any use of the club equipment for dogs must be done in conjunction with the class instructor
- Members are responsible for cleaning up if their dog fouls the ground
- Members must not use harsh actions or verbals with their dogs. This includes hitting your dog or strong misuse of the dogs lead.
- Bitches in season are not permitted on the training ground
- Members must bring a water bowl for their own dog to use. Do not share water bowls with other dogs.
- The club reserves the right to decide that a dog must be muzzled. Please see the Club's Aggressive Dog Protocols at <http://www.mudtc.org.au/documents/aggressive-dog.pdf> If you do not have access to view on line, please request a hard copy from the Secretary.
- The club has a Contagious Diseases Policy which is located at <http://www.mudtc.org.au/documents/Contagious%20Disease%20Policy.pdf> If you do not have access to view on line, please request a hard copy from the Secretary.

■ The Club has an Extreme Weather Policy which is located at <http://www.mudtc.org.au/documents/Extreme%20Weather.pdf> If you do not have access to view on line, please request a hard copy from the Secretary.

You should arrive at the rear of the Showground at least 10 minutes before the start of agility (from 7.30am) or obedience classes. Obedience classes start at 9am – so leave yourself enough time for a chat and to pay your training fee of \$2.00 before the whistle goes at 8.50am. It is disruptive to Instructors, and other handlers and their dogs, when members arrive late to class. If training is cancelled because of bad weather it will be posted on Facebook and our Web Page and an email sent to members. Check the Club Calendar on the website for any changes to Class timetables.

Please **do not** take your dog with you up the ramp to the Clubhouse to pay your \$2, as it can become a very congested area. Alternatively you can pay your \$2 training fee to one of our New Member Team. We also have an advance payment system – please ask one of the New Member Team for details. Equipment such as leads, collars, food treats, dumbbells etc, is available for purchase from the Club.

Agility courses and classes are held at the Club for dogs 12 months of age and over. Please see the separate handout for details of Agility training.

<http://www.mudtc.org.au/documents/Sunday%20Agility%20at%20MUDTC%20amended%202016%20pdf.pdf> *Note: Agility class times and days are subject to change due to instructor availability – please check with your instructor.*

Newsletter

Each month the Club's Newsletter is emailed to members and posted on the website and Facebook page. Please email newsletter@mudtc.org.au with the word unsubscribe in the heading if you do not wish to receive emails from the Club. From time to time photos and/or information regarding you and your dog may appear in the Club Newsletter, local Newspaper articles, or other media. If you do not wish information to be published please let us know, and your membership record will be noted as private.

Training your Dog at Milton Ulladulla Dog Training Club

Milton Ulladulla Dog Training Club Inc offers members the opportunity to socialise and train their dogs to become great companion animals. The Club promotes responsible dog ownership and is led by a volunteer team of committee members and instructors who enjoy giving their time and knowledge to help you train your dog. We offer training in obedience, agility and fun events such as flyball, zipball and flag races. All dogs are welcome, large, small, mixed breed, pure bred, and they all have a great time on Sunday mornings at training classes.

Any member who has a desire to compete and Trial with their dog will be given all possible assistance by Club Instructors, although competition trialling is not a main focus of the Club.

As a new member you will attend puppy class if your dog is 4 months of age or less, or the Quick Start course if your dog is older than 4 months. As you and your dog improve you will progress to the Club's other classes.

Handlers must always clean up after their dogs – make sure you always carry a plastic bag at the Showground and when taking your dog for a walk.

What you need to bring on training days

- Your dog's training collar and lead and your name badge
- Poo Bags, and a water bowl for your dog. Do not share water bowls.
- 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, cheese (only a small amount), chicken, roast meat leftovers.
- Clicker
- Other training gear such as dumbbell, toys, tuggy etc

It is a great idea to have all your training gear in the bag supplied so it's always ready to pick up and bring along to training.

Agility

Put your name on the list at the Clubhouse if you are interested.

Rally O Obedience

Practice for Rally O is held on the 4th Sunday of each month at 7.30am. Please see Chief Instructor Diane if you would like more information about Rally O.

Fly ball

Fly ball is a relay race between two teams of dogs (four dogs in each team). The dogs go through start gates - which are usually drag racing lights - and jump over four hurdles to a spring loaded box which holds a tennis ball, grab the tennis ball and return over the four hurdles and through the finish line. If a team is really good the two dogs will meet nose-to-nose at the start line to minimise the time taken to complete the course and come out with a really fast time. Flyball is trained Australia-wide and many competitions are held during the year.

Instruction in this exciting sport is held at the Club. Please discuss with your Class Instructor for more details.

Demonstration Teams

Club demonstrations are performed at events such as Australia Day, RSPCA Dogs Day Out and Milton Show. Demonstrations are a wonderful way to promote our Club to the wider community. Your dog must work consistently off lead to be part of the team. Practices are held at 8am on Tuesday mornings at the Showground. For further information please discuss with the Chief Instructor or your Class Instructor.

Club Competitions

Competitions, judged by Club Instructors, are held each year, usually during the cooler months. These are:

1. Lyn Brooks Award Champion Companion Dog Trophy (Open competition for all dogs)
2. Marion Mann Trophy (Competition for small dogs)
3. President's Trophy – Club Novice (Competition for beginner dogs)

4. Tessa Rudd Trophy for Club Agility, Penny Cullen Memorial Bowl for Club Agility and Kelly Venning Memorial Trophy Encouragement Agility Award
5. Club Rally O Competition event held over 3 or 4 Saturdays during the year.

The first three Trophy events listed are held on the same day in Winter. Trophy number four, the Agility competitions, runs over 4 separate Sundays during the year. Detailed guidelines of the competitions are prepared each year and are available to any members who wish to participate.

Our aim is to make training your dog a fun experience for both you and your dog. Many handlers tell us that it is not long before their dog “knows” Sunday is training day and can’t wait to get to the Showground. Your dog will be spending focused time with their favourite person – you. You will learn about dogs, their behaviour and what makes them do what they do. Your dog wins by spending time with you at training. Please respect signage on some dog collars and leads stating ‘no food’ ‘no dogs’ ‘training’ etc. The Club has a supply of Yellow Ribbons, available at the Clubhouse, which members can use to tie on their dogs lead to alert other members their dog needs space.

At our Club, while we focus on positive reinforcement and rewards during training sessions, we encourage an overall balanced approach to dog training (such as verbally correcting your dog’s unwanted behaviour and making use of suitable aides such as head halters, slip leads, etc.) Please speak to one of the instructors if you require assistance with improving control of your dog. We help you to have fun with your dog and help make them a great companion to have around your home.

Each instructor will explain the methods of dog training used at our Club.

Please note that professional help is recommended before attempting any type of behavior modification with an aggressive dog. Please seek your own vet advice if any health/diet issues are of concern to you. We recommend that you provide necessary preventative care for your dog, for example appropriate vaccination, worming and tick control. Your dog must be registered with your Local Council and microchipped.

All our instructors and committee members are here to help and assist you in any way they can with training your dog,

Please don’t hesitate to ask questions if you have any queries.



SPEED LIMITS ARE 15KPH AND 10KPH IN THE SHOWGROUND



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