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In our 44th year

Busy Times

It was very busy during May providing catering to Shoalhaven Dog Club's Agility Trial and then holding our own ADAA Trial at Bill Andriske Oval at Mollymook. We then supported the local RSPCA Branch with their major fundraising Paws Walk event at Burrill Lake. The weather was kind for all these events. A big thank you to Jenny Marshall for organising the trial, Jan, Janet & Jenny with the triple J's catering, Bea for being a multi tasker, Liz & Tony for saving us with BBQ problem, Lori and Carolyn Heron for selling all the raffle tickets which was a great success and to Kylie White for donating

the awesome dog bowls and dog bed for the raffles and everyone else that donated.

We are planning to hold our Club Fun Trial events at the end of September / beginning of October. Details of the exercises to be judged will be available soon and your Instructor will work in class with you on the various exercises that form the competition. More information about our many Club trophies and awards can be found on our web site via this [link](#) to the Training Section of About Us.

In July Club was able to return to present our demonstrations at Sarah Claydon in Milton. This was the first time back since COVID and the bad weather of last year. Those of you who view our Facebook will have seen the photos and videos taken on the day. It was very rewarding to return and witness the enjoyment the dogs bring to everyone. Club has been invited to present future demonstrations at IRT in Culburra and also ARCARE at Mollymook in August.

Janet

Secretary - MUDTC

MUDTC Policies

Club recently adopted a Code of Conduct and Complaints Policy; Committee Roles Document and Demonstration Team Policy. These documents are available on our web site, some in the public area and some in the Member area which was established last month. If you would

like to view documents in the Member area please email us and request the password. Here is a link to our [Rules and Policies Section](#) on our website.

Under our Infectious Diseases Policy all members are asked to please notify Club as soon as possible if

their dog has contracted an infectious disease. We can then follow our policy and notify other members. Recently a member's dog was diagnosed with Kennel Cough and we are very grateful to that member for notifying us so promptly.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Club Fun Trial:

Obedience

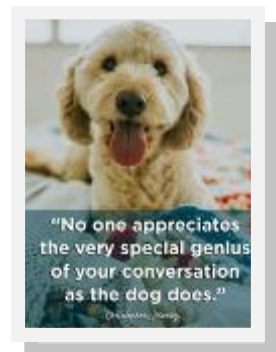
Rally

Tricks

In Late Sept/early Oct

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Special points of interest:

Member stories for this Newsletter are always very welcome. If you have a story about your dog, or training article or photos then please submit via our email at mudtc@outlook.com

Next edition will be in October.

Thanks



Jumping Up

Dogs jumping on people as a greeting can be unpleasant or even dangerous. Even small dogs jumping can startle someone or cause them to lose their balance.

What does it mean when a dog jumps on people?

A dog who jumps on people most likely does it because they get attention for it. Even pushing the dog away or shouting at them can seem like part of the game to the dog. It is attention, after all.

Of course, some people actually enjoy and encourage the jumping by laughing and playing with the dog when they do it. It's important to ask these people not to encourage the dog to jump up, as hard as it might be for them. Everyone has to play a part in teaching the dog good manners.

How to get a dog to stop jumping on people. The best way to teach a dog to stop jumping up on people is to teach and practice proper greetings. Dogs can easily learn to sit every time they greet a person, even when they are very happy to see that person. When they are trained to associate meeting a person with a sit cue and a treat, soon they will sit and wait for a treat without a cue.

Here are the dog training steps to follow:

First, prevent the dog from practicing the jumping behaviour, so they don't get a chance to receive any kind of attention for it. Whenever you have guests coming to your home, keep the dog in a separate room, behind a gate, or in an exercise pen when the guests enter.

Next, teach your dog the sit cue. Hold a treat in front of the dog's nose, just out of the dog's reach. Raise the treat toward the top of the dog's head. When their head follows the treat up, their rear end will go down. When the dog's rear hits the floor, use a marker (click a clicker or say a word like "yes"), give the dog the treat, and

praise them. If the dog jumps up rather than sits, you are holding the treat too high. If the dog backs up, try teaching the cue with a wall behind the dog.

When your dog is consistently sitting for a treat, start practicing with yourself as the visitor. Place a mat or dog bed inside the entryway of your house on the spot where the dog will be situated when the door opens. (Because many entryways are tile or wood, a dog will be more willing to sit or lie on something more comfortable and less slippery.) Place a treat jar outside your door.

Go outside, pick up a treat, and as you enter the house ask the dog to sit. Use your body to position the dog on the mat as you walk in. Do not give the treat or praise until the dog sits. Be patient and avoid using an angry tone if your dog doesn't do what you want. Just say "sit" once and wait. If necessary, lure the dog into a sit with the treat. If your dog doesn't sit, practice some more without exiting and entering, and use more enticing treats. When the dog is consistently sitting for a treat, try the exit-and-entry routine again.

When your dog is greeting you with a good sit as you open the door, you can start adding a knock or ring of the doorbell. When the dog is doing well with that, practice with friends. Have friends come to the door, knock, and ask for a sit as they enter. Leave the treat jar outside the door so that everyone who enters can be prepared to reward your dog for a polite greeting.

Maintaining good dog greetings. While your dog is learning, it's important to reward them with food for polite greetings every time. After lots of practice and success, you can start using only praise sometimes, but continue to use food frequently enough to maintain the polite greetings.

Your dog might be so excited or habituated to jumping up on people that learning to automatically sit might be tough. If they jump on you, turn to the side and stop giving them attention. Once they stop, ask for a sit and then reward with a treat. Refrain from giving lots of praise and getting them excited, as this might cause them to jump up again. If they continue to jump, you can remove yourself from the room or area.

In addition, when you start practicing with new people, use a gate or exercise pen as necessary to prevent the jumping behaviour. Reward the dog for sitting behind the barrier. After the dog is sitting consistently, you can stop using the barrier. But if your dog ever shows any lapses in politeness, back up in your training.

The last step is to take it on the road, getting your dog to greet other people politely when leashed and on walks, when visiting other people's homes, and otherwise out in the world. If someone wants to meet your dog, ask the person not to approach unless the dog is in a sit. If necessary, lure your dog into a sit with a treat.

Finally, remember to reward the sit with a treat every time while the dog is learning. You want to make it as easy as possible for your dog to succeed.

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Editor's Note: There are other methods to help deter your dog from jumping up. This is just one article on this particular subject. Please talk with your instructor if you have any questions or are seeking more information on how to stop jumping up.



Club Caps

Big thank you to Carolyn Heron who researched to find these caps. If any member would like to purchase a Club Cap we will be placing an order soon. Caps cost \$20 each, are adjustable, red in colour with our Club Logo on the front. Payment is required up front and preferred method is via bank transfer, cash or card at the Clubhouse. You will receive an email soon giving more details.



Well Done

To these Club members who have recently passed their **Assessments:**

- Allison & Gretel 2 to 3
- Tina & Bert 2 to 3
- Susan & Jessy 1 to 2
- Janice & Tilly 1 to 2
- Heidi & Solly 2 to 3
- Lee & Jedda 2 to 3
- Rhondda & Lacey 1 to 2
- Aisling & Zest 1 to 2
- Tanya & Ozzy 1 to 2
- Rick & Bunji 1 to 2
- Jenifer & Bindi 1 to 2
- Guy & Raff 1 to 2

- Val & Pepper 1 to 2
 - Chris & Lotti 2 to 3
 - Peter & Rasta 2 to 3
 - Colin & Cola 1 to 2
 - Colin & Pickles 1 to 2
 - Katrina & Trek 1 to 2
 - Natalie Moore & Tully 1 to 2
- Graduated from Quick Start to Class 1:** Carolyn & Millie, Heather and Spencer with Freya & Harry, Colin & Roadie, Linda & Judy, Belinda & Buddy, Danielle & Mojito, Stephen & Shadow, Julie & Atticus, Hannah & Albie, Nicci & Shadow

Congratulations to our Trialling Members



**Photo Key Trialling Members:*

Top row: Janis Price & Lexy; Lotti (Chris Ruelle); Bailey (Danielle Butson); Natasha Kostic & Ares; 2nd Row: Hope & Moet (Kylie White); Merrill Allen & Aria; Carolyn Campbell & Catch; Miss Tilly (Carol Moeser); 3rd Row: Luna (Kylie White); Oscar & Aria (Merrill Allen); Gai Speirs & Shenko & Adele Porter & Beau; Bottom Left Dexter (Natalie Moore) Bottom Right Chris Ruelle & Jensen;

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where you need to successfully answer 1 question to be accepted into the private Group.

Committee meetings held bi-monthly at 10.30am at the Showground members are welcome to attend Next Meeting is on 13th August

Articles appearing in this newsletter are considered to be of interest to members, but do not necessarily express the opinions of the Committee or of the Editor

Committee Members:

President Jan Lyall

Vice President Liz Karacsonyi

Secretary Janet Smith; Assistant Secretary Jenny Patch

Treasurer Bea Mies

New Member Officer Colleen Ringe

Catering Officer Jenny Patch

General members Janis Price and Lori Muir

Team Leaders:

Obedience: Liz Karacsonyi

Rally; Carolyn Campbell, Chris Ruelle, Adele Porter

Agility; Jenny Marshall, Rosie Milton

Tricks; Rosie Milton



Happy Birthday to Club Life Member Margaret Rudd. Thank you to Margaret for recently giving the Club a selection of wonderful historical Club records, including photos and newspaper articles

President's Report

After what seems like an eternity, it seems that we may soon be moving back to our home on the western side of the Showground. According to the latest information from Council the move should occur towards the end of August. This means that we will be able to hold our Club Fun Trial events at the end of September/beginning of October on familiar territory.

As most members know, the long-term Showground plan is for the Croquet Club to move to its new area in the Sporting Complex at Western Ulladulla and for us to move into improved, larger facilities on the site vacated by the Croquet Club. Initially, there was no funding in 23/24 Shoalhaven City Council budget to assist in the conversion of the Croquet area to that suitable for our Dog Club. However, we are now assured \$60,000 for our project owing to the success of our recent compelling submission to

Council. Having assurance of \$60,000 will assist with any future grant application for the remaining funds.

The success of that submission is a result of the statements contributed by members who wrote with great passion of the importance of the Dog Club in their lives and to Janet Smith's work in putting together a convincing argument. I thank all involved most sincerely. Members can read a copy of our submission in the member area on our web site.

While on the topic of funds, Club was relieved to be informed that our fee for hiring the Showground for the coming year had remained at \$1144 – the same as last year.

Congratulations to several of our members who have achieved notable success competing in Trials in many disciplines including, Obedience, Rally, Agility, Showing, Tricks, Lure Coursing and

Flyball. A montage of photos appears on page 3*. These members have put an enormous amount of time and dedication into training their dogs to reach a level where they can compete against dogs from many other Clubs, several of which would have a much greater focus on Trialling than at MUDTC.

Welcome Carolyn Heron to our Instructor Team. Carolyn provides excellent training for our Quick Start members after they have completed their initial 4 week course. Club believes that spending extra time to prepare for graduation to Class 1 is extremely beneficial for all our handlers and their dogs. Carolyn trains her own gorgeous Dalmatian, Tazzie at Club and is a member of Club's Demonstration Team.

Regards *Jan Lyall* - President