



INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Milton Ulladulla Dog Training Club (MUDTC) we hope you have a happy and rewarding time with us. The Club was formed in 1979 by a group of volunteers with a keen interest in helping others train their dogs. The Club's principles remain the same today as all our committee and instructors are volunteers who have a lot of knowledge which they enjoy sharing with you.

You will see several members wearing red Club T-shirts or red jackets when you come to training, who are instructors and/or committee members, please introduce yourself to them as they will be happy to assist you with your questions or suggestions. Visit our [committee page](#) on our website to see your committee members.

We offer several disciplines in which to train with your dog, all classes are held at Milton Showground. It's a big help to our instructors when you wear your name badge to class. Please wear closed in shoes such as trainers, (no open shoes like sandals or thongs) bring a water bowl, a Clicker and soft food treats, poo bags and a tuggy type toy for your dog.

Training Classes:

- Obedience – Sunday mornings Puppy, Quick Start Levels 1 & 2 and Class 1 at 8.30am then Classes 2 and 3 at 9.20am. Classes run for 40 minutes.
- Agility – Saturday mornings – Agility members will be notified separately of class arrangements. If you are interested to join Agility and your dog is over 12 months and has some obedience training, then please ask for your name to be included on the Pre-Agility group list at the Clubhouse. All members wishing to join Agility training must initially attend the pre-agility course, which is run dependent on Instructor availability and member interest.
- Other disciplines like Rally, Tricks, Scent work are held subject to instructor availability and member interest.

We send Club notices by email plus post on our Facebook. **Important** – if training must be cancelled because of bad weather we will send you an email, post on our Facebook and put a notice on our website. If you don't receive a notification that training is cancelled, it means that classes are going ahead, and we leave it up to individual members to decide whether to come to training. We try to advise you as early as possible if training is cancelled as we know many of you travel long distances.

Contact Information:

Telephone: Before 4pm: 02 4455 3137 or 0432 798 103
 We are available at the Clubhouse on Sunday mornings from 8.00am to 10am
 Our preferred communication method outside of these hours is email.

Email: mudtc@outlook.com

Website: <http://www.mudtc.org.au>

Postal address: PO Box 274 Milton NSW 2538

Street address: Milton Showground 107 Croobyar Road Milton NSW 2538

When you join MUDTC

To join MUDTC you must pay a joining fee (not required for subsequent renewals) annual membership fee plus a training fee. Your training fee covers attendance at any training class with any number of dogs you wish to train for the duration of your annual membership. Annual membership is for the calendar year. When joining or renewing your membership, proof of your dog's 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.

Training your dog at MUDTC

Obedience Training sessions are held on Sundays at 8.30 - 9.10am for Puppy; Quick Start and Class 1 and at 9.20 – 10am for Classes 2 & 3 from February to November each year at the rear of Milton Showground. The first Sunday in December is usually our end of year get together event before we break over summer.

Please arrive in time to be ready to start your class. It is disruptive to Instructors, and other handlers and their dogs, when members arrive late to class.

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.
- 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.

Milton Ulladulla Dog Training Club Inc offers members the opportunity to socialise and train their dogs to become great companion animals. Our aim is to make training your dog a fun experience for both you and your dog. 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. Training takes place in a class with several other members and their dogs, and you will receive advice and assistance from your instructor, who is a Club volunteer. It is not practical for Instructors to provide extensive one to one support for an individual class member during class time and so your instructor may suggest that you seek additional professional dog training advice from outside our Club.

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 dog’s 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. 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.

Each year we hold a Club competition during the cooler months when members can enter to compete to win several Club Trophies in the various disciplines and at all levels, Beginner through to Advanced.

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.

Agility

- Agility classes are held on Saturdays at Milton Showground

The Club is affiliated to the Agility Dog Association of Australia (ADAA) and runs an agility trial each year. Agility training is offered at the Club and agility classes and courses are offered for dogs over 12 months of age. Attendance at the Club’s Pre-Agility course is required before you can commence agility instruction with your dog. Please add your name to the list at the Clubhouse if you are interested in attending the Pre-Agility course.

Demonstration Team

- Practice is held each Tuesday morning at 8am at Milton Showground. Please ask your instructor for more information.

Membership

Our memberships follow the calendar year, and all memberships are due for renewal in February. By signing the membership form you are agreeing to abide by the club rules and policies. Please read the Club rules below carefully.

Club 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). Milton Ulladulla Dog Training Club Instructors are not trained to give advice about the use of other specialised training equipment. Consequently, it will be recommended to members needing more assistance that they speak with their vet and/or a professional dog trainer.
- 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 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 dog's 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.
- MUDTC is a community-based club, focused on providing a fair, safe and inclusive environment for all members and their dogs. Communication between club members and instructors must always be respectful and courteous and must not be offensive, discriminatory, intimidating, aggressive, bullying, hateful, racist, or otherwise inappropriate. Refer Club Member Code of Conduct & Complaints Policy.
- In regard to above, if a club member wishes to raise a formal matter, that is anything which requires the specific attention of the Club Executive or consideration by the MUDTC Committee, please only make contact either by email to the Club's address mudtc@outlook.com or mail PO Box 274 Milton 2538, or by speaking with one of the Club's Committee members and asking them to raise the matter on your behalf. Do not make representations through a member's personal email or telephone. Refer Club Member Code of Conduct & Complaints Policy.

- The club reserves the right to decide that a dog must be muzzled. Please see the Club's Aggressive Dog Protocols on our website. If you do not have access to view online, please request a hard copy from the Secretary.
- The club has a Contagious Diseases Policy which is located on our website. If you do not have access to view online, please request a hard copy from the Secretary.
- The Club has an Extreme Weather Policy which is located on our website. If you do not have access to view online, please request a hard copy from the Secretary.

We encourage all new members to ask questions to find out what is available to take part in at our Club. Your instructor, any committee member or one of our member representatives on the committee, will be happy to answer questions, or to find out the information for you if you if they don't know the answer. Please just ask us.

The Club is always looking for volunteers so if you have any skills or spare time to assist, we would love to hear from you. This Club is run solely by volunteers who give of their time and expertise to help owners train their dogs to the standard they require in a social environment.