

Ruff Notes

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Dog Training Club, Inc.



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May 2024 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is that time of year again where we walk to raise funds and awareness for the Morris Animal Foundation. This is a wonderful opportunity to socialize your dog and support a very significant study at the same time. Originally the plan for the study was to end once 500 dogs passed away from one of the 4 primary cancers. There have been so many requests for the data that has been collected via this study and the results are coming in now that they have decided to extend the study for the lives of all 3044 dogs. This means additional fundraising is needed. Our goal this year is to raise \$1,500.00 for the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study.

Right now donations to Our fundraiser are matched by Petco Love and Blue Buffalo so now is the perfect time to donate and double your impact for the animals you love.

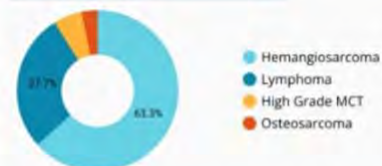
Hug your dogs and cherish every minute we are privileged to train them!

Terri Gregson, President



PRIMARY CANCER DIAGNOSES

Primary Endpoint Filter -



Primary Endpoint	Diagnoses	Deceased
Osteosarcoma	21	12
Lymphoma	180	120
High Grade MCT	37	11
Hemangiosarcoma	411	374

TOP SECONDARY CANCERS

Secondary Endpoint Condition	Diagnoses
1. Mast cell tumor - cutaneous	121
2. Soft tissue sarcoma - other/not specified	48
3. Histiocytic sarcoma	47
4. Unknown neoplasia	46
5. Mast cell tumor - subcutaneous	25

CAUSE OF DEATH BREAKDOWN

Tracked Endpoint Diagnosis	Deaths
1. Hemangiosarcoma - splenic	138
2. Hemangiosarcoma - cardiac	118
3. Lymphoma - multicentric	79
4. Hemangiosarcoma - visceral	71
5. Unknown	60

Mark your Calendar

Annual Morris Animal Foundation
Walk

May 11, 2024

Monterey Bay
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Morris Animal
FOUNDATION

58 years of service to
our Community



1996

2023

10:00 AM Walk around the Capitola Mall.
Meet in the Mall Parking lot, close to main
entrance on 41st Street.

12:00 PM Lunch with our pups at **Dharma's
Restaurant**. 4250 Capitola Rd, Capitola
CA 95010 (close to the DMV)
General Meeting at Noon.



Bring your donations issued
to the Morris Animal
Foundation, Golden
Retriever Lifetime Study.

Obedience Stewards Needed

We are still in need of stewards for our Obedience/Rally Workshop on June 15 and our Obedience/Rally Trial on July 27, please call or email Linda Lang at 831-724-2776, 831-239-6934, LSLang@sbcglobal.net.



Mark your calendars for our Club Trials in 2024





Agility Trial
June 14, 15, 16, 2024
Manzanita Park Sports Complex
Prunedale, CA.



Volunteers are always
needed and appreciated.
Contact Michael Bashista





**Obedience and Rally
Trial**
July 27, 2024
Manzanita Park
Sports Complex
Prunedale, CA.



April 28, 2024
Scent Work
Trial, Detective
AM and Master
Interior PM

Scent Trial April 28th

Concluded the trial at SockSmith in Santa Cruz, offering the Detective and Master Interior classes. Again, everyone was happy to have such a large search area for the classes. Quite a few qualifiers, especially for the Master Interior.

Entries fill for these classes because it is difficult to locate locations that meet the AKC regulations.

The Director of Matches and Trials is investigating a possible new location for our Nov. Scent Trial. Do not want to wear out our welcome at SockSmith.



MEMBER BRAGS



Zsuzsi Q, who just turned four, and her grandmother Zsophie, who will be 12 years old on Thursday, completed fit dog requirements today at the Vizsla Club of Northern California fun field day at Hastings Island Hunting Preserve near Rio Vista. (Diana Galvan)

Our High-in-Trial Ribbon from 3/30/24 scent work Trial! (Reena Walton)



We went to Lodi April 11th - 14th for the Northern California Terrier Association Terrier Specialty (Thursday and Friday) and the Sacramento Kennel Club dog shows.

Austin was in Rally Master, Excellent and Advanced. He scored as follows:

- 4-11 RM-100 1st place & 1st Terrier; RE- 100 1st place & 1st Terrier; RA-99 Terrier 1st only; Terrier High Combined & High Triple
- 4-12 RM-99 3rd place & Terrier 1st; RE-90 Terrier 1st only; RA-99 4th place & Terrier 1st; Terrier High Combined & High Triple
- 4-13 RM-79 qualifying Master leg only
- 4-14 RM-99 2nd place; RE-100 1st place; RA-100 2nd place; High Combined & High Triple

Cairo earned his CD as follows:

- 4-11 Novice B - 197 2nd place 1st Terrier, High In Trial Terrier
- 4-12 Novice B - 197 1/2 1st place, 1st Terrier, HIT Terrier
- 4-13 Novice B - 194 1/2 2nd place
- 4-14 Novice B - 197 1/2 1st place

Great weekend for us! (Imo Lawton)



MORE MEMBER BRAGS



Have to brag for my girls; I started running them in agility a couple months ago, even though Rainy finished her novice titles I left her there to build confidence in both her and myself. In 3 agility trials Rainy had 5 novice fast legs, 3 open fast legs and 9 novice jumpers legs, finishing her NJP, NFP and OFP, Maddie finished her NJP and NFP.

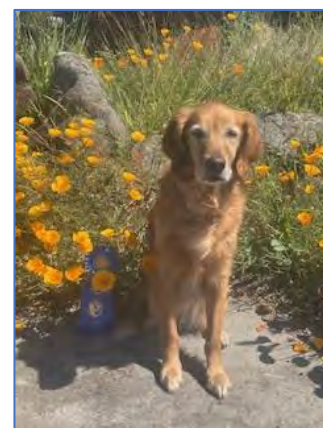
Then at our MBDTDC Scent Work Trial Rainy got her 1st Master Interior leg. Just so happy with these two!!(Linda Lang)



Soleil was entered in our club's Detective/Master Interior trial on April 28. And she was amazing. She nailed the detective search and had the 2nd fastest time. And if that wasn't enough, she also qualified and won the Master interior search.



These 2 classes, to my mind, are the hardest of all that we do in AKC scentwork. And I love that our club offers this trial. It a fantastic site with fun searches that even if you don't qualify, you still have fun. And the people that come, love it too, I am not alone in loving this trial. So, thank you Michael, Marion, Teresa and all of the team for making this trial happen. I hope we can continue with it. I know the goal is to find a bigger site for a more traditional trial. But this trial is still the best and I hope we continue to have it twice a year.(Michelle Pressel)



Kiara added another Scent Work Q in Master Interior at our Club's trial on April 28th While I had no intention of accumulating Qs toward an Elite title, I was pleasantly surprised to find this was our 5th Q out of the required 10 toward achieving that title. We also entered Detective at the trial. We did not Q, but she did an awesome job finding 9 out of the 10 hides in a humongous interior warehouse space. Great job, Ki!.....(Marion & Michael Bashista)

Congratulations! New CGCs

from Lynn Schmitt, CGC Test Chair

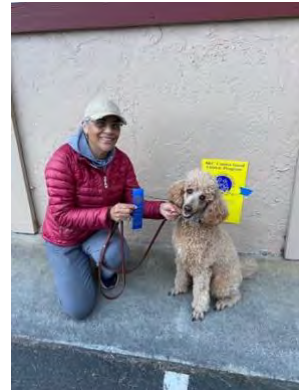
Congratulations to these dogs and handlers who earned their CGC titles. Well done all!



Marilyn and George



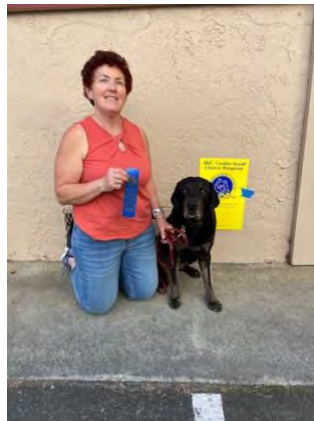
Cynthia and Sooni



Penny and Lincoln



Michael and Loki



Tammy and Lapis



Diane and Sunny



May Birthdays



5/3/2015	9	Q.T.	Border Collie	Pam Fugitt-Hetrick
5/15/2019	5	Zing!	Whippet	Dale Noble
5/27/2022	2	Rhyme	Golden Retriever	Michelle Pressel

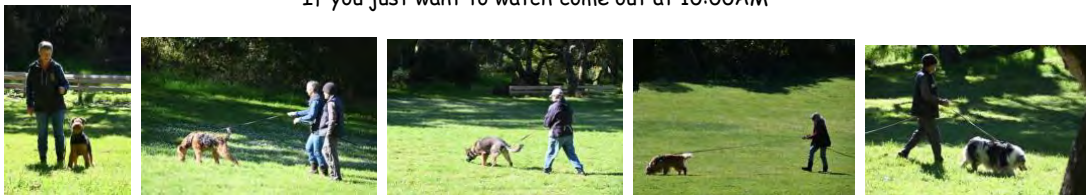
** If we've missed someone or your information needs to be updated, please contact Marion Bashista at marionb@bashista.com with your changes. Thanks!

5/7	Lynn Steele
5/18	Lynda Rogers



The Monday Morning Tracking Group Celebrates 5 years with Dave Deleissegues!!!

If you are interested in joining our group please contact Barbara Skaggs at: annbar1356@aol.com
If you just want to watch come out at 10:00AM



Chris and Eagle, Chris and Berkeley, Irene and Lucy, Barbara and Finn, Dave with Sunny (Candice taking pics)

UPCOMING AKC REGULATION CHANGES

The AKC Board of Directors recently approved several changes to regulations for obedience/rally, scent work, and agility. Here's an overview of the approved changes. For details and more information, please refer to the updated official AKC regulations on AKC's website.

Obedience and Rally

- Modify the Obedience & Rally Regulations to allow a design and construction change of the high jump to panels that will be displaceable.
- To not cause an undue burden on event giving clubs, this transition must be completed by July 1, 2025.
- Clubs may use a high jump with displaceable panels before then if they should choose to do so.

Scent Work

- Allow a fix and go-on option for teams in the Detective Class that receive an NQ.
- There are three main search divisions in Scent Work – Odor Search, Handler Discrimination and Detective Class. Detective Class is the most challenging of the three and most closely simulates real detection work. Detective Class is reserved for the most accomplished Scent Work dog and is where handlers do not know how many hides need to be found. This Class can have the highest number of hides ranging from 5-10, the most time per entry ranging from 7-15 minutes per dog, the most complex hide placement, and the largest square footage of search area ranging from 2,000- 5,000 square feet.
- In Detective Class, if a handler gives an incorrect alert or finish call at any time, they receive an NQ. This has proven to be discouraging for handlers who may have traveled far to an event only to receive an NQ within minutes and go home. On several occasions, the Performance Events Department has heard the suggestion to make a fix-and-go-on option available to handlers.
- Clarify that when a cotton ball is used as the scented article in Handler Discrimination for Advanced, Excellent, and Master levels, it must not exceed 1.5" in diameter.
- These changes to *Regulations for AKC Scent Work* will be effective May 1, 2024.

Agility

The Board VOTED to approve several recommended changes to the *Agility Regulations* that are meant to expand opportunities for exhibitors, make an event run more efficiently, and update technical equipment requirements for safety and to reflect current course designs.

These changes will become effective on July 1, 2024.

- Chapter 1, Section 21 – Allow For Exhibition Only (FEO) in all classes.
- Chapter 4, Section 7 – Reduce wheeling of Open courses to one time.
- Chapter 6, Section 4 & 5 – Increase the course yardage allowed for 8- & 12-inch heights (and corresponding Preferred heights) for the Excellent and Master levels.
- Chapter 6, Equipment Chart –
 - A. No longer require the Pause Table in the Excellent and Master Standard classes.
 - B. No longer require a "Bar" jump in any courses. This jump type has 2 bars on it.
 - C. Only allow one time use of the tire. Tires must have a straight approach to them and then on departure.
 - D. Allow the use of a Wall Jump in Excellent and Master classes to add obstacle variety.
- Chapter 7, Sections 4 & 5 – Increase the course yardage allowed in Jumpers With Weaves at the Excellent and Master levels for all heights (and corresponding Preferred heights).
- Chapter 7, Equipment Chart - Notes the same changes as shown in Item 4 – for the "Bar" Jump, Tire and Wall Jump.



BIRCHBARK

Saving pets, supporting families



We all know that drinking water is critical for our health, and many of us are diligent about getting our 8 glasses a day. But what if your pet just can't seem to quench his thirst? What if he drinks, and drinks, and drinks . . . ?

Excessive drinking, often accompanied by frequent urination, is a symptom of a wide variety of medical issues requiring treatment. It can also be a side-effect of medications, or can even have psychological causes! Ferreting out the cause of excessive drinking is both complicated and important.

Dr. Merriane Burtch, DVM, DACVIM, President and Founder of BirchBark, will share with us what some of the causes of excessive pet thirst are, as well as the steps she takes to investigate the reasons your pet might be drinking too much.



[Join us at 6:30 pm Pacific on May 7 to learn more about this important topic!](#)

[Register now!](#)

Registration is free, as we believe this is an important topic for all pet owners to learn about. A recording of the webinar will be sent to registrants!



2024-2025 MEMBERSHIP

Send your dues along with this form by **June 30, 2024** to
Marion Bashista, 115 Cleveland Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95060
\$24 for first member; \$12 for additional members, same household.



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