

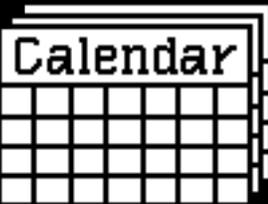


# Ruff Notes

May, 2001

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## What's Happening in May?

- 5 Obedience Workshop, DTC of Salinas Valley, Spreckels Park (contact Elisabeth Lambert for information)
- 7 Board Meeting, Santa Cruz Title Co., Watsonville, 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Watsonville classes start
- 9 Pet Pals, Soquel AM classes start
- 10 Capitola PM & Salinas classes start
- 15 Conformation classes start
- 19 General Membership Meeting, Pam's Park; rally obedience 10:00, lunch 12 noon, meeting 1:00

## Waggin' Tails

Dennis



It's that season again. The summer months, when we have shows every weekend, when we try and convince our family and friends that they really will have fun getting up early, driving long distances to sit in the hot sun all day so they can watch you and "that dog" have your three minutes of fame. Now that's gotta beat Hawaii any day, right?

Now that I've convinced you (but probably not your family and friends) that what you're doing is the most exciting, worthwhile, and fun activity since sliced bread (any of you who know that excitement or saying are showing your age) you're all energized to do something even more fun. **VOLUNTEER FOR OUR UP-COMING AGILITY TRIALS, WORKSHOP AND OBEDIENCE TRIAL!** All of those events you're driving to are run by volunteers just like you. They need you to help them like they are helping you. After all, they had to convince their family and friends, etc., etc., etc.

So if you haven't already done so, please pick up the phone or send an e-mail and get involved. It's your club and we all depend on you!

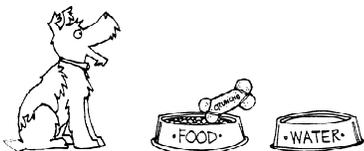
## Membership Renewal 2001 - 2002

Membership dues for 2001 - 2002 are now being accepted. In order to maintain membership, we need to receive your dues *no later than July 31*, though we would very much appreciate receiving them in June. The club year runs from July 1 through June 30.

Check the chart below to determine the amount of dues you need to remit in order to renew your membership.

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|--|------|
| One-person membership                            | \$24 |
| Two-person membership (receiving one Ruff Notes) | \$36 |
| Junior membership                                | \$12 |

In order to complete your renewal, you also need to complete the committee preference sheet(s). Please also complete the attached doggie birth date list and directory information sheet.



## Demonstrating Responsible Dog Ownership

# Bragg

## Eric Smith:

*Cuda* earned her first leg of Pre-Trial at the Old English Sheepdog League of Northern California, and *Sage* got her first leg of Herding Tested.

## Pam Fugitt-Hetrick:

*Jasmine* got her first Double Q in Excellent B at the ASSA National with a Standard score of 100 for third place and a Jumpers Excellent B score of 100. *Trevor* had four qualifying Open runs with three firsts and a second place at Nationals. *Kristine* had one qualifying Novice Jumpers leg with a score of 95 and a first Herding Tested leg on sheep at Nationals.

## Anne Terry:

*Candy* scored 189 in Novice B at Tri-County KC to complete a CD in three trials.

## Carol Davis:

*Sugar* qualified in Open B at Yosemite with a 195 score and in Utility B scored 190 for third place and a new UDX.

## Nancy Layton (trainee):

*Dodger* qualified in Novice Standard for a first leg at Bay Team NADAC and qualified for a first leg in Novice Gamblers also.

## Mary Nie:

*Simon* finished his championship at Dallas-Fort Worth DC by going Winners Dog and Best of Winners.

## Jim and Helene Brodrick:

*Robbie* completed his Senior Hunter title by receiving his fourth leg in rainy, snowy, windy Oregon—at 81½ years.

## Noreen Silva:

*Misty* will be representing the work of therapy service dogs on April 24 on Channer 46 on the morning news.

## Judy Nielsen:

*Coby* completed a Novice Jumpers title at Davis with a 95 score for a fourth place.

## Linda Lang:

*Amber* qualified in Novice Veteran Standard twice on one day at Bay Team NADAC Agility to complete a NAC-V title with first places and qualified in Novice Jumpers Veteran to complete a NAJ-V title with a first place. *Shelby* qualified in Elite Standard Veterans for second place. *Amber* qualified in Novice Standard Veterans the next day for an insurance leg and qualified in Open Jumpers Veteran for second place. *Amber* qualified in Open Standard with a 95 score and second leg at Davis DTC Agility and in Open Jumpers scored 100 for a first leg.

## Christa Cordtz:

*Hooligan* qualified for a first leg in Junior Courser at Borzoi Club of CA one day and qualified a second time the next day to complete a Junior Courser title, receiving standing ovations for his runs.

via Wichita DTC The Recall  
via Quincy KC The Tattle-Tail

A man walked by a table in a hotel and noticed three men and a dog playing cards. The dog was playing with extraordinary performance.

"This is a very smart dog," the man commented.

"Not so smart," said one of the players. "Every time he gets a good hand, he wags his tail."



## New Titles

**Robbie SH**  
**Ch Simon**  
**Candy CD**  
**Hooligan JH**  
**Amber NAC-V**  
**Amber NAJ-V**  
**Sugar UDX**  
**Coby NAJ**



## Hot Dog Awards

This month's Hot Dog Awards run from March 21 through April 17.

*Trial Hot Dog*—This month the Trial Hot Dog Award goes to **Carol Davis** and *Sugar* for their 195 score at Yosemite KC.

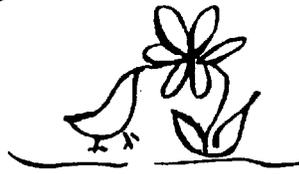
*Match Hot Dog*—This month no match scores were reported.

*Agility Trial Hot Dog*—This month the Agility Trial Hot Dog Award goes to **Pam Fugitt-Hetrick** and *Jasmine* for their scores at the ASSA National.

*Note:* Agility Hot Dog Awards are based on the score earned. In case of a tie, the dog who completed the course in the fastest time relative to the time allowed will be selected.

When reporting agility scores, please *include the time allotted for the course and the time in which your dog completed the course.*

## Poking Around



With Luane

There has been lots of interest in the control of dog behavior since the SF tragedy. Sophia Yin, DMV writes frequently for the SF Chronicle. Her March 21, 2001 article had some telling information and advice.

It is estimated that there are 52 million pet dogs in the US—and an average of 16 deaths from dog bite attacks per year. So it's unlikely, Dr. Yin suggests, that your dog will be involved in a fatal biting incident. However, the estimated 750,000 bites leading to emergency room visits alone is a cry to all owners to wake up. Us too.

Owners who fail to perceive the warning signs are inadvertently training Fido to bite.

Dr. Yin offers an insight into the Inadvertent Training of Fido to Bite. According to her source, Lee Patrick\* "most household canines that bite have had plenty of practice leading to the full-on event."

Here are some scenarios to consider:

*Chasing*—the dog's successful at it—and the owner doesn't take action. The dog is building up an aggressive repertoire. He's increasing his prey drive. The prey drive can extend to chasing

cars, bikes, joggers, skateboarders and squealing kids. What starts as a game can end in serious problems.

*Territorialism*—The dog's territorial and protective nature, coupled with owner encouragement can also place the dog in a fix. Patrick suggests, "The owner may think it's good for the dog to be protective around the house, so they praise it when the dog is young; but as it matures, it gets more territorial and thinks it has the right to make the decisions." Letting the dog bark uncontrollably at the postal worker, the UPS driver, strangers at the door builds big problems. If the dog gets out, then what? Due to poor leadership, behavior decisions are no longer up to the owner.

*The Dog That Would Be King*, the dominant Alpha, given free reign, will quickly stake claim to anything he desires—couch, food bowl, other prized possessions. The family backs off when the dog growls or raises a lip—because he's such a lovable dog most of the time. The owners often ignore the blatant danger signs. And so on the day some unsuspecting person is not behaving up to the dog's expectations, the behavior erupts into a bite instead of the usual snarl.

*No critical puppy socialization.* Doomed to a life of fear, registering threats at all

things unfamiliar, the dog breaks out in a battery of barks. "It's OK," miscues the dog.

What to do?

Start with the right dog—a puppy matched to the owners. No pony-sized puppy for a person too frail or too busy to train it. No shy, flighty puppy for a household full of hyperactive kids. Be the leader. Begin with puppy socialization class, plenty of home practice, classes through adulthood until the dog responds to your cues even in the toughest situations.

Provide opportunity and proper guidance for play involving prey drive

Get One-on-One help for the dog already showing signs of aggression. University of Davis veterinary behavior service 530-752-1393 may be of help finding a qualified support person.

Even if signs are subtle, don't ignore them. Before you know it, it'll be too late.

\* (Owner of Patrick Canine Training, GSD Schutzhund World Team member in '89 and '90, and obedience trainer and exhibitor with 30 years experience)

## Agility Help Needed

Dani Nelson

We still need some bodies to help with Agility. If you are interested in helping. Please let Dani Nelson know by either calling her at 768-7166 or by e-mail: danielle@moosedesigns.com.



## Video Camera Request

Deanna Gardiner

Do you have a video camera (regular VHS size) that you could loan us for the Agility Trials? If so, please contact me or Dani Nelson.



# Happy Birthday



To My  
Special  
Friend

|     |    |                   |
|-----|----|-------------------|
| May | 7  | Bette Kuepfer     |
|     | 17 | Tammy Del Conte   |
|     | 17 | Bob Mangels       |
|     | 23 | Mary Bettencourt  |
|     | 24 | Donnelle Richards |
|     | 28 | Betty Gidding     |

and to all our furry friends born in May

|    |   |        |
|----|---|--------|
| 2  | Gemini Bettencourt, CGC (Pug)               | age 8  |
| 5  | Cinco Vierra CD, CGC (Dalmatian)            | age 6  |
| 6  | Twig Holderman (Chesapeake Bay Retriever)   | age 1  |
| 8  | Basil Gidding CGC (Labrador Retriever)      | age 12 |
| 10 | Uno Mangels (Bloodhound)                    | age 3  |
| 10 | Tracy Vidak UD, AX, AXJ (Shetland Sheepdog) | age 15 |
| 13 | Noah Thompson CDX (Australian Shepherd)     | age 4  |
| 16 | Merlin Harbertson UD (Borzoi)               | age 11 |
| 20 | Sophie Nie (Miniature Longhaired Dachshund) | age 5  |
| 23 | Kelli Bashista CD, CGC (Labrador Retriever) | age 6  |
| 23 | Penny Davis UDX (German Shepherd Dog)       | age 11 |
| 24 | Cassie Brodrick CDX, JH (Golden Retriever)  | age 10 |
| 28 | Katelyn Nelson CGC (Newfoundland)           | age 6  |
| 30 | Rumor Del Conte (Doberman Pinscher)         | age 6  |

# Top Ten Reasons Dogs are Smarter than People

Found by Margaret Gnehm

10. Lying on the sofa all day IS their job.
9. Have simplified all communication to tail wagging.
8. Don't have to worry about what to fix for dinner.
7. Can scratch whatever itches with no social repercussions.
6. Never late for anything.
5. Don't get yelled at for licking faces.
4. Think everything can be cured by a good squeaky toy.
3. Can chew whatever they want without gaining weight.
2. See the beauty in a spit-soaked tennis ball.
1. They only have a birthday every 7 years!

## Nose to the Ground Hound

Easter Bunny wearing mittens!!!...Easter eggs in hiding!!!...Kids searching high and low!!!...**Deanna Gardiner** continuing European trek!!!...**Adrienne Harrold** returning from South Africa!!!...**Carolyn Meyer** hopscotching between here and Chicago...her new base of operation!!!...**Mary Nie** offing to Japan to judge Doxies!!!...**Cindy Snow** considering a Las Vegas move...hope she hits the jackpot!!!...**Richard Soria** engaging passers-by at SF Flower show's Bonfanti Gardens' booth!!!...**Judy Nielsen** enjoying grandchildren's Spring visit!!!...**Kim Sutherland** providing all classes with Easter treats for our annual Easter Parade!!!...**Lynn Schmitt** and grandgirls planting zucchinis...(get the recipes out!!!)...**Mike Fenoglio** spending too much time behind bars...thanks to short staffing!!!...**Jane Mangels** hitting the commute traffic with a game plan!!!...**Peggy Martini** and **Tris, Elisabeth Lambert** and **Rosita** tracking along...others coming on board!!!...**Luane Vidak** scheduling time for a VST Seminar!!!...so...I'll be tracking you down again next month!!!...meanwhile hope you had a very Happy Easter!.....**Luane**



## Help the Puppies!

from the Internet via **Dennis Vierra**

Did you hear about the "Puppy Mill" that was busted near Hollister? They confiscated hundreds of puppies in very poor condition.

The shelters of Hollister, Gilroy, Monterey and Santa Clara need your help. They need blankets, towels, toys, puppy food and treats and cash. We will use our collection box at class to distribute your generous gifts for these poor puppies.

*Please help as much as you can.*



"If you are a dog and your owner suggests that you wear a sweater...suggest he wear a tail."

—Fran Lebowitz



## Board Nominations

The Nominating Committee has come up with the following slate of officers for 2001-2002. Elections will be held at the July annual meeting.

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| President                      | Luane Vidak      |
| Vice President                 | Lynette Smith    |
| Recording Secretary            | Jennifer Slater  |
| Corresponding Secretary        | Kim Sutherland   |
| Treasurer                      | Marion Bashista  |
| Director of Training           | Linda Lang       |
| Director of Membership         | Linda Harbertson |
| Director of Publicity          | Lynn Schmitt     |
| Director of Matches and Trials | Eric Smith       |

## Why Flea Control Fails...

by Dr. Bob Rogers, D.V.M.

via Belle City K.C.'s The Belle Ringer  
via Quincy K.C.'s Tattle Tail



- 1. Failure to Treat Everywhere!**  
Yard, house, pet, car, under the wood deck, throw rugs or even on top of the refrigerator or closet shelves if your cat likes to nap there.
- 2. Pupal Window Effect**  
Pupae live in the carpet and yards. Since they hatch in their own time, it may be necessary to re-treat to kill any new adults.
- 3. Bimodal Emergence**  
Large outbreaks of fleas occur twice per year. All of us are aware of the spring flea infestations, but most of us forget that the spring pupae usually hatch in the early fall. Scheduled year-round treatments are most effective.
- 4. The Neighbor's Yard**  
If our neighbors have fleas, this can contribute to our problem. Do not, however, spray your neighbor's yard. Your next scheduled treatment of your yard will control any new fleas in your area; but if your neighbor has a severe infestation, you might want to make more frequent applications.
- 5. Using the Wrong Products**  
While there are a great number of products available for flea control, many of them are designed to be very easy to use, but not necessarily effective. Flea collars, for example, are inexpensive and easy to use but do very little to control fleas.

## Agility Dinner, June 16

Betty Garcia 722-1748

Look in the next issue of *Ruff Notes* for more info on what we are going to have. We hope to have a good turnout at the dinner, so be sure to mark your calendar.

## Breed Specific:

### Norwegian Elkhound

Robust, vigorous, athletic, and with a strong voice, which it willingly uses when it sees its prey, this is the most popular of the three Scandinavian elkhounds. It is the most classic of the spitz breeds, and Stone Age fossils from Norway confirm its antiquity. When working as a gundog, it does not chase but follows its prey in a houndlike manner. An extremely versatile breed, it has been used to hunt lynx and wolves, as well as elk, and is a successful retriever of small game such as rabbits and foxes. Norwegian farmers also use it to herd farmyard chickens and ducks.

**Breed History:** The national dog of Norway, this breed has existed in Scandinavia for at least 5,000 years. Current standards were developed in the late 1800s.



#### BREED Facts:

Country of Origin: Norway  
Date of Origin: Antiquity / 1800s  
First Use: Elk hunting  
Use Today: Companion, gundog  
Life Expectancy: 12 - 13 years  
Other Names: Norsk Elhund  
(Gra), Elkhound, Grahund,  
Swedish Gray Dog  
Weight Range: 44 - 50 pounds  
Height Range: 19 - 21 inches

*Data gathered from:  
DOGS (Portraits of over 400 Pedigrees)  
Bruce Fogle, DVM  
A Darling Kindersley Book  
First American Edition, 2000*

*Editor's Note: Breed Specific is a column in which I will highlight a different breed in each issue. Some will be club breeds, some not.*



# Not Obedience Related

## but one darn eye opening post!

via Deep Peninsula DTC's *Recall Bulletin*

Those of you on the Internet may have already seen this posting on various dog-related mailing list and news groups. Though not obedience related, I thought everyone, not only those in the breed ring, but all of us involved in canine events would appreciate the thought. This is an account according to Terry Russo, of what transpired at a Club meeting, when a letter written by Terri to her breed club was read to its members. (Permission to copy and distribute is granted by the author.)

I see that the "Smiths" have entered their dog in the Veterans Class. Apparently there is no one in this Club who knows that it is customary to offer a round of applause for those that are entered. Six months ago, at this same show, I entered my Veteran Dog in this same class..

Not one person applauded.

Not one person came up and said anything.

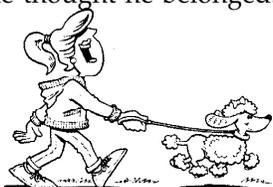
Not one person came over to give him a kind word or a pat.

Not one person made him feel he belonged again.

He was no threat to anyone. He wasn't going to beat anyone, take any points, or win anything. He was just an old dog who thought he was special again—back in the ring for the first time in many years. Maybe he even recalled his "Glory Days".

He would have loved to have met anyone there. He would have welcomed you like an old friend. You didn't have to say anything nice about him if you didn't want to. But just in case you can't think of anything to say about a Veteran Dog, here are some suggestions: "It was nice to see him out there". Or go up to him and tell him he's a "Good Boy". Or tell his owner that you are glad that they brought him. Those aren't exactly compliments, but they will please his owner and make him glad that they brought him. I don't think that's asking too much.

One day, all too soon, all your beautiful young dogs will be old dogs too. Maybe one day you'll enter them in a Veterans Class. And I hope that you do. Or, like many of us, you remember that old friend, now gone, and wish you still had the chance. They deserve it. It may be their final time in the sun—their last time out in front of people. Their last time to ever be in the ring. My old dog is a Fool. He thought he was wonderful that day. He thought he belonged. Instead, he was ignored.



I have thought about this for 6 months now, and wasn't going to say anything. But on his behalf, and that of any other Veteran, I hope that something like this never occurs again. As a Club of (Breed) Fanciers, you should feel ashamed. Even if you dislike the dog or his owner, at least show Good Sportsmanship and do the Right Thing. Show others that you have respect for your breed. Make that Veteran Dog feel wanted and special again. Let him know that you are glad to see him. It will make His day. You may never get the chance again. Thank you."

As Lynda began reading it, the hush that fell over the room was incredible. Bless her heart, my friend Lynda broke into tears as she struggled through reading this. EVERYONE in the room lowered their heads, and many of them began to cry also, including the President (who is a man). I tried my best to hold my head up and refrain from tears, again.

The President strode over to where I was sitting and in a broken voice said, "Terry...I am SO sorry. He is such a wonderful dog. There is no excuse for what happened to you. And to him." As I started to say that I "wasn't going to say anything" again, the room nearly burst with everyone trying to talk at once. The discussion that followed was both eye opening and given to sharing my deepest feelings easily. This had been an incredibly difficult thing for me to do, but in honor of my Veteran and all the others out there, I felt it must be done.

Was it worth it?

When "Mr. Smith" took his lovely 12 1/2 year old dog (neutered due to testicular cancer) into the ring, our entire membership remained—and applauded and whooped and "hollered" him with every move. The Judge moved to the center of the ring on his final go round and applauded, as did her ring stewards. Others nearby, watching other breeds, came over and remarked on how wonderful it was to see a Veteran being treated like that. Many (including me) asked to take his picture. Everyone complimented him and his owners.

If only my old dog had enjoyed such a day. Was it worth it? You tell me...

Sorry for the length of this, but so many in other breeds who heard about what happened have already asked me for a copy of my written paper that I thought perhaps it was something that needed to be shared. Amazing how quickly word spreads amongst us dog people. It's often said, "You can't teach an old dog new tricks". But I know one old dog who taught something of great value. (Complete permission to crosspost.)

"He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion."

—Anonymous



# Potluck Meeting Won't You Reconsider?

Betty Garcia

Luane Vidak

When: Saturday, May 19  
Where: Pam's Park  
Time: 10:00 a.m. - ?  
Lunch: 12:00 noon  
Meeting: 1:00 p.m.

Lunch will be barbecued hamburgers at \$1 each. What to bring: Potluck dish, place setting, drink, and a chair.

**Marilyn** will be setting up a rally obedience ring for us to try out. So come and have some fun learning the new event that's beginning to appear at AKC shows.

The phone committee will be calling to find out how many are coming.



With good frequency I receive valuable information related to what is happening in the California State Legislature as it proposes laws that affect our opportunities to buy, keep and breed purebred dogs. I would like to be able to share that information with you. Some time ago I asked you to let me know (luanemv@cs.com) if I could continue to forward these announcements to you. Only two members of MB indicated an interest in having that information forwarded at that time.

Won't you reconsider and let me e-mail what I receive? You don't have to read every line. I don't...but knowing the sheer volume of other folks' interest in controlling dog activity is truly mind-boggling.

The reason legislation passes which limits our control of dog ownership is because of lack of information and/or apathy on the part of those of us who eventually will be impacted the most...the poor old pet lover who gets hooked on a wonderful hobby.

Being informed only takes a few minutes...and even less if you choose to read only the topic sentences. For those items that interest you, a quick e-mail message to the right party may help us preserve some of the dog owning rights we still have.



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