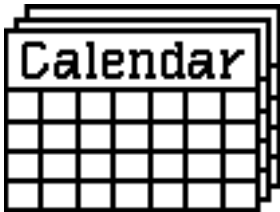




# Ruff Notes

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## What's Happening in December?

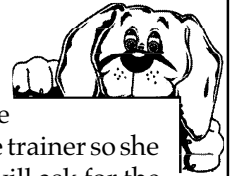
- 1 **Deadline to make reservations for the Christmas Dinner (contact BG at 722-1748)**
- 3 **Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Santa Cruz Title Co., Watsonville**
- 9 **Christmas Awards Dinner, Severino's, Aptos  
Cocktails 5:30  
Dinner 6:00**
- 18 **Ruff Notes deadline**

It's not too late to sign up for the Christmas dinner. Details elsewhere in *Ruff Notes*.

Contact **BG** (722-1748) by *December 1* to make your reservations.

## Paws for the President

When possible, please take a bit of extra time with our trainees. As members, if you are aware of a concern or a frustration that one of our students is confronting, please pass it on to the appropriate trainer so she may give a bit more attention to the situation. Not all trainees will ask for the special help that they need.



I'm currently meeting with a student in the last Capitola class who asked for me for extra consultation time because she couldn't cope with the training of her puppy. She offered to pay a consultation fee! I told her she already paid...and that we needed to get the problem solved.

I've met with her two times now...once to work on whatever the training problem was. It turned out not to be a training problem...pup is really a wonderfully tractable pup in and away from class. The problem was a logistics problem. A busy puppy and an owner who needed some quiet time.

We spent some time at a dog supply store and looked at ex-pens...and checked out other collars. I've loaned her an ex-pen to try and checked out the home situation. A few simple suggestions on use of the patio for pottie training, ways and places to set up an ex-pen, and a quick boundary training lesson at the front door was accomplished in a short visit.

She seriously had considered relinquishing the pup because of the complexities of an exuberant pup, a senior citizen, and a small townhouse. I think we have broached the problems area...and I'm hoping that this endearing little guy will have a lifelong home. It looks very promising...lovely dog...very nice lady.

Merry Christmas  
MBDTC Style



**Demonstrating Responsible Dog Ownership**

# Bragg

**Crissy Hastings-Baugh:**

*Gracie* at the AKC Agility National Championships had four qualifying runs for two more Double Q's and finished 15th overall from a class of the top 100 dogs in the U.S. and Canada. At Mission Trail Poodle Club she scored 100 in Excellent B Standard and 100 in Excellent B JWW. The next day she scored 100 in Excellent B Standard. At Del Valle she scored 100 in Excellent B Standard and in Excellent B JWW. The next day she scored 100 for third place in Excellent B Standard and qualified in Excellent B JWW. At the SSCNC herding trial she completed her PT on sheep. At the same show she qualified in Novice B for fourth place and her first CD leg. In Brace with *Logan*, she earned second place and was named the Most Versatile Working Dog. *Logan* scored 100 in Excellent Standard at the Mission Trail Poodle Club trial one day and the next day scored 100 in Excellent B Standard and 100 in Excellent B JWW to complete an MXJ title. At Del Valle he scored 100 for first place in Excellent B Standard (18 MACH points) and 100 points in Excellent B JWW for second place. The next day he earned third place in Excellent B Standard and second place in Excellent B JWW. He finished in the top 50% of the California State Team, which finished fourth overall. At the SSCNC specialty in Novice B he took third place.

**Pam Hetrick:**

*Jasmine* at the AKC Agility Nationals qualified in Intermediate JWW and Intermediate Standard for 19th in State Competition. In Excellent B Standard and Excellent B JWW she qualified 6 times. She was 11th overall of 90 dogs.

**Susan Westover:**

*Deja* at the Kachina Kennel Club trial scored 1991/2 in Novice B for first place, first leg, and High in Trial.

**Jane Devlin:**

*Sidney*, *Riff Raff*, and *Toledo* appeared in the Suberian Huskies Rule calendar. Cover girl was *Sidney*.

**Linda Lang:**

*Amber* at the Fresno DTC trial in Excellent A JWW scored 100 for first place and a first leg. At the Bay Team NADAC trial she had four clean runs in Elite Standard Veteran with one first and three third places to start and finish her EAC-V title.

**Sandi Pensinger:**

*Tempe Wick* at the Jack Russell Terrier show was best in 4-6 month puppy class.

**Carolyn Meyer:**

*Morgan* at Timber Ridge Agility Club (WI) won first place in Standard Excellent B with a score of 100.

**Luane Vidak:**

*Jiffy* at the Santa Barbara Agility Club trial took first place in Standard Open to complete an OA with a score of 100.

**Jennifer Slater:**

*Keeper* at the Fresno DTC trial got a second leg in Excellent A Standard, taking second place with a score of 100. At the Bay Team NADAC trial *Keeper* qualified 5 times in 8 runs, with two seconds and two thirds, and finished her Open Agility title and Novice Gamblers title.

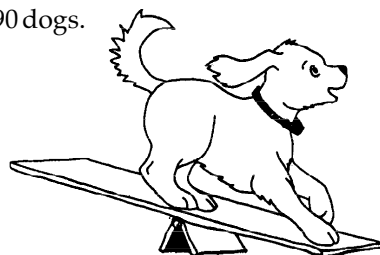


This month's Hot Dog Awards run from January 19 through February 15.

*Trial Hot Dog*—This month the Trial Hot Dog Award goes to **Susan Westover** and *Deja* for their 1991/2 score at Kachina Kennel Club.

*Agility Trial Hot Dog*—This month the Agility Trial Hot Dog Award goes to **Luane Vidak** and *Jiffy* for their Santa Barbara score of 77.37%.

*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.



# Happy Birthday



To My  
Special  
Friend

December	1	Carol Davis
	14	Pam Fugitt-Hetrick
	16	Sue Adams
	26	Debbie Green
	26	Judy Nielsen

and to all our furry friends born in December

1	Sadie Westover (Labrador mix)	age 11
1	Tristan Martini CDX, TDI (Labrador Retriever)	age 8
1	Julia Slater CGC (Mixed Breed)	age 6
1	Jessy Westover CDX (Cocker Spaniel)	age 4
9	Tucker McCampbell, CGC (Norwegian Elkhound)	age 9
10	Kopper Torres CD, CGC (Basenji)	age 12
11	Michael Garcia CGC (Shetland Sheepdog)	age 7
14	Chloe Jo Majewska (Shih Tzu)	age 11
16	Red Church (Australian Cattle Dog)	age 4
24	Belle Harbertson CD, JC, NA (Borzoi)	age 4
24	Eclair Harbertson CD, NA, JC, NAJ (Borzoi)	age 4
25	Hunter Torres (Basenji)	age 2
30	Wasabi Howton (Akita)	age 1
31	Harley Strametz CDX (Shetland Sheepdog)	age 13
31	Cody Runyan UDX, OA, NAJ, CGC (Shetland Sheepdog)	age 13

## The Litter Box

Dani Nelson proudly announces the adoption of *Jack*, a Chesapeake Bay Retriever, bred by **Sylvia Holderman**. *Jack* was whelped August 31.

**Sylvia Holderman** proudly announces the birth of *Summer*, a Chesapeake Bay Retriever, littermate to *Jack*.

**Noreen Silva** proudly announces the adoption of *Thunder*, a Chesapeake Bay Retriever, littermate to *Jack* and *Summer*.



**June Laman** proudly announces the adoption of *Poppy*, a Chesapeake Bay Retriever, littermate to *Jack*, *Summer*, and *Thunder*.

**Jennifer Church** and **Danny Griffith** proudly announce the birth of their son, **Conor Andrew Griffith**, born October 28. He was 21 1/2 inches long and weighed 9 lbs. 9.8 oz. Congratulations!

"Say something idiotic and nobody but a dog politely wags his tail."  
—Virginia Graham

## Request from Phone Committee

Please return calls left by the Phone Committee regarding meetings. These members spend a lot of time on the phone trying to make each of us welcome to club events. A quick call back to them means a lot. The Committee calls everyone regardless of their attendance record at meetings so that no one feels left out, unwelcome, or uninformed. For some it is the only live connection to the club.

The need to know who's coming to a meeting or event helps us to know if there is going to be a quorum so a meeting can be held (or canceled), and tells us how much food and space is needed. A nice RSVP is really appreciated.

Coming unannounced may put pressure on the host regarding food or reservations. Canceling out at the last minute without adequate notice may break a quorum, overbook space, and cause people to travel needlessly. Your thoughtfulness will be appreciated.

## Pictures with Santa

Santa Paws...is coming to  
Central Coast Feed and Pet Supply  
225-D Salinas Rd, Pajaro  
Saturday December 8  
from 10a.m. - 4 p.m.

- 1 5 by 7 \$10
- 2 5 by 7's \$15
- 3 5 by 7's \$20



All proceeds benefit  
*Canine Companions for Independence*

"Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job."  
—Franklin P. Jones



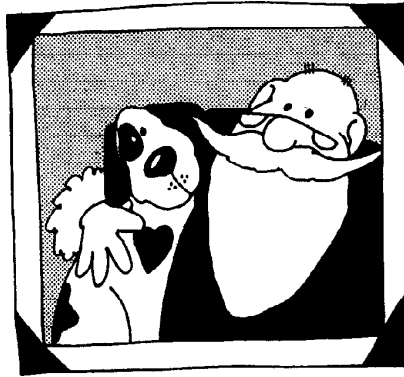
## CGC Results

Anne Terry

Six dogs took the CGC test on the last night of the Watsonville classes. Three of the dogs passed the test: *Tempe Wick of River-Joy* with **Sandi Pensinger**, *Bear* with trainee **Joan Dufour**, and *Remy* with trainee **Joyce Emerson**.

*via Golden Retriever  
Calendar*

*Lassie*, a collie that became a television and movie star, was purchased through a classified ad—for five dollars. *Lassie's* owner ultimately earned millions.

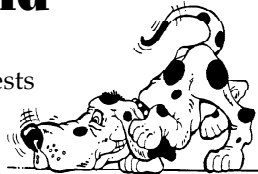


"The gift which I am sending you is called a dog, and is in fact the most precious and valuable possession of mankind."

—Theodorus Gaza

## Nose to the Ground Hound

Leaves turning red!!!...Turkeys running for cover!!!... Guests filling our homes!!!...**Sue Adams** hopscotching the US doing doggy meetings!!!...**Marion** and **Mike Bashista** administering to allergy-prone *Merlin*...not a fun job!!!...



**Vicki Dudley** slowly recovering from hand surgery and very painful chronic arthritis. Keep chugging, Lady!!!... **Pam Fugitt-Hetrick** and **Crissy Hastings-Baugh** getting us on target with agility equipment purchase...thanks for all that research time!!!...**Rosi Gong** selling up Entertainment books...good job!!!...**Linda Harbertson** matching three Borzois in obedience, working in tracking, and doing agility...these dogs can certainly do more than pose for fashion ads!!!...**June Laman** liking her new Chessie pup...a lot!!!...**Elisabeth Lambert** getting historical books to Club over the Holidays...thanks for being persistent!!!...**Linda Lang**, **Jennifer Slater**, and **Linda Harbertson** becoming members of new agility club...Smart Dogs!!!...**Peggy** and **Joe Martini** still not feeling up to par...hang in there!!!...**Dani Nelson's** new Chessie pup, *Jack*, studying up on Newfoundland 101!!!...**Judy Nielsen** expecting grandkids for the Christmas holiday!!!...**Sandi Pensinger** doing yeoman's work to get the Capitola parks open to dogs on leash...big accomplishment and she still had time to train up her 5-month-old pup to a CGC plus other nice wins!!!...**Lynn Schmitt** purchasing 30 Marin Calendars for sale to members...check in for yours!!!...**Marilyn Runyan** still savoring the various means for transportation she experienced on her trip DownUnder!!!...**Eric** and **Lynnette Smith** opening their home to us for our November meeting...many thanks!!!...**Anne Terry** organizing our CGC test with the help of her friends...applause for all!!!... **Luane Vidak** with *Jiffy* slushing through deep mud at the semi-arid Santa Barbara Agility Club trial...having earned our Mudders Title!!!...**Anita Vidak** sitting in the car that day...seeming to be the only smart one!!!...**Dennis Vierra** doing a great job of Thespian-ing in the Cabrillo College presentation of *Everyman*...it's a must see!!!... In closing, offering condolences to

**Vicki** and **Jerry Dudley**, having lost 15-year-old Miniature Poodle *Caesar*, UD. He was truly a great little guy...full of frolic and enthusiasm.....Until next month.....**Luane**

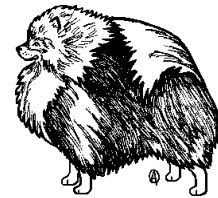


## Breed Specific:

Pomeranian

Queen Victoria popularized the Pomeranian when she added some to her kennels. In the early days, the Pomeranian was both larger and whiter than it is now. White was usually associated with a large-sized dog of up to 30 lb. (13 kg) in weight; and breeders, selecting for a smaller size, also brought out the now prevalent sable and orange colors. The Pomeranian, being a naturally large breed that has been recently reduced in size, still acts like a "bit dog". It will bark unchecked, making it a superb watchdog that will also challenge larger dogs. The breed also makes an excellent companion.

**Breed History:** Today's small dog was developed in Pomerania, Germany, by breeding from small varieties of the German Spitz. Its classic spitz shape and dense coat illustrate its Arctic origins.



### BREED Facts:

Country of Origin: Germany  
Date of Origin: Middle Ages/1800s  
First Use: Companion  
Use Today: Companion  
Other Names: Dwarf Spitz, Loulou  
Life Expectancy: 15 years  
Weight Range: 4 - 5 1/2 pounds  
Height Range: 8 1/2 - 11 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.*



## Dinner

Dinner Reservations Deadline—December 1

Seacliff Inn (Severino's), Aptos

Sunday, December 9—  
Cocktails at 5:30; dinner at 6:00

Dinner will be a sumptuous buffet featuring prime rib and honey-baked ham topped with pineapple. Included will be seasonal mixed greens, fresh spinach salad with mandarin orange segments and walnuts with a poppy-seed dressing, bow-tie pasta salad, fresh carrots, green beans, broccoli florettes in garlic butter, harvest blend pilaf, rosemary herb potatoes, assorted rolls with butter, and Santa Cruz Roasting Company coffees and herbal teas.

\$33 includes tax and tip

Reservations need to be accompanied by payment. **Betty Garcia** is handling all reservations (722-1748).

## Doggie Gifts



Bring a gift to exchange with another doggie. You may bring as many gifts as you have dogs—and you will take home as many gifts as you bring. Each gift should have a value of about \$7.

At the request of members:  
Please, no rawhide.



## Silent Auction

**Dani Nelson** and **Marion Bashista** are going to be putting on the Silent Auction at this year's Christmas Dinner, December 9. So if you have anything to donate please contact **Dani** ([danielle@moosedesigns.com](mailto:danielle@moosedesigns.com)) or **Marion** ([marionb@bashista.com](mailto:marionb@bashista.com)).

No donation is too small or too big. It can be dog related or not.

Then come prepared to bid.



# A Puppy's 12 Days of Christmas

from the Internet via LeVaun Sheetz

- On the first day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
The Santa topper from the Christmas tree.
- On the second day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Two leaking bubble lights, And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.
- On the third day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Three punctured ornaments, Two leaking bubble lights, And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.
- On the fourth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Four broken window candles, Three punctured ornaments, Two leaking bubble lights, And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.
- On the fifth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Five chewed-up stockings, Four broken window candles, Three punctured ornaments, Two leaking bubble lights, And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.
- On the sixth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Six yards of soggy ribbon, Five chewed-up stockings, Four broken window candles, Three punctured ornaments, Two leaking bubble lights, And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.
- On the seventh day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Seven scraps of wrapping paper, Six yards of soggy ribbon, Five chewed-up stockings, Four broken window candles, Three punctured ornaments, Two leaking bubble lights, And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.
- On the eighth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Eight tiny reindeer fragments, Seven scraps of wrapping paper, Six yards of soggy ribbon, Five chewed-up stockings, Four broken window candles, Three punctured orna-

ments, Two leaking bubble lights, And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

- On the ninth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
My wreath in nine pieces, Eight tiny reindeer fragments, Seven scraps of wrapping paper, Six yards of soggy ribbon, Five chewed-up stockings, Four broken window candles, Three punctured ornaments, Two leaking bubble lights, And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.
- On the tenth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Ten Christmas cards I should have mailed, My wreath in nine pieces, Eight tiny reindeer fragments, Seven scraps of wrapping paper, Six yards of soggy ribbon, Five chewed-up stockings, Four broken window candles, Three punctured ornaments, Two leaking bubble lights, And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.
- On the eleventh day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Eleven unwrapped presents, Ten Christmas cards I should have mailed, My wreath in nine pieces, Eight tiny reindeer fragments, Seven scraps of wrapping paper, Six yards of soggy ribbon, Five chewed-up stockings, Four broken window candles, Three punctured ornaments, Two leaking bubble lights, And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.
- On the twelfth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
A dozen puppy kisses And I forgot all about the other eleven days.

Author Unknown



# Twelve Days of Christmas (for dogs)

by Maynard

<http://www.twodogpress.com>  
via San Lorenzo DTC *Wag Wag Rag*

On the twelfth day of Christmas my owner gave to me

Twelve months of loving  
Eleven trees for peeing  
Ten hounds a'baying  
Nine holes worth digging  
Eight bones for chewing  
Seven sticks for fetching  
Six hours of swimming  
Five home-made treats  
Four pig's ears  
Three belly rubs  
Two tennis balls and  
A red squirrel in a fir tree.

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## Reindeer Sex

from the Internet via Vicki Dudley

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year (the only members of the deer family, Cervidae, to have females do so), male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid December. Female reindeer retain their antlers till after they give birth in the spring. Therefore, according to every historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, every single one of them, from Rudolph to Blitzen.....had to be a female.

We should've known this when they were able to find their way.

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## E-Mail Change

Please note that Cindy Snow's e-mail address has changed to:  
[crasnow@hotmail.com](mailto:crasnow@hotmail.com)

# Inner Strength

from the Internet via Pam Strametz

- If you can start the day without caffeine or pep pills,
- If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
- If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
- If you can eat the same food everyday and be grateful for it,
- If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time,
- If you can overlook when people take things out on you when,through no fault of yours, something goes wrong,
- If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
- If you can face the world without lies and deceit,
- If you can conquer tension without medical help,
- If you can relax without liquor,
- If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

THEN YOU ARE

PROBABLY THE FAMILY DOG.....



**Monterey Bay Dog Training Club**  
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# Christmas Re- minder

Please check page 5 of *Ruff Notes* for details of the Christmas Dinner.

## **Dinner Reservations Silent Auction Doggie Gift Exchange**

It won't be the same without you, so please plan to come.

