

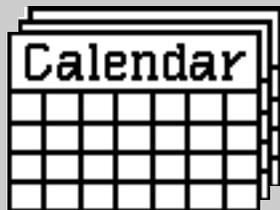


Ruff Notes

March, 2002

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What's Happening in March?

- 4 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library, Watsonville
- 5 Watsonville classes start
- 6 Pet Pals, Soquel AM classes start
- 7 Capitola PM & Salinas classes start
- 12 Conformation classes start
- 16 Judges' dinner
- 16 Run-Throughs, DTC of Salinas Vly, Spreckels
- 17 Tracking test
- 19 Ruff Notes deadline
- 24 Morris Walk-a-Thon
- 24 General Membership Meeting, morning, Capitola area
- 26 Easter bonnet activity, Watsonville
- 27 Easter bonnet activity, Soquel AM
- 28 Easter bonnet activity, Capitola & Salinas

Paws for the President

Some deserved Thank Yous



~Nice thank you in order to **Linda Lang** for organizing a Cake and Honor Table for the agility accomplishments of members and trainees at the recent Santa Clara DTC agility weekend. Lots of congratulations are in order for dogs that earned legs and/or finished titles.

~Special thanks go to **Tammy Del Conte** who took on the organization of the MBDTC's Utility Ring at the annual AOCNC Workshop the same weekend.

Nominating Committee...

Lynn Schmitt and her committee (**Christa Cordtz** and **Stacy Thompson**) will be contacting members to serve as the officers and directors of this club for the upcoming year. Our bylaws require a slate to be drafted and presented by the end of April or before.

Usually it is a discouraging affair, because most often those asked to fill posts choose to decline. If you are offered a position on the Board, it is because they believe that you are capable of the job. It would be wonderful if everyone asked was willing to serve their fellow members and the sport. Clubs need leaders. Make time for the Club's business. Please make the nominating committee's job a rewarding one.

Morris Animal Foundation Walkathon...

Morris Animal Foundation Walkathon...coming in March. Packets will be coming shortly~but in the meanwhile try to line up a friend, acquaintance, or colleague that might find supporting animal health studies a good thing. A small donation goes a long way.

Demonstrating Responsible Dog Ownership

Bragg



Marilyn Runyan:

Bradie earned an NA title at Santa Clara DTC with a score of 100 on Saturday and an NAJ title on Sunday.

Pam Hetrick:

At Rose Classic Oregon Circuit *Jasmine* qualified in Excellent B JWW for 2 MACH points and in Excellent B Standard for 9 MACH points; in Excellent B JWW she got 4 more points and a double Q #17 (fourth place). In International Standard Class she made time for the first time (4 yards per second). In Excellent B Standard and JWW she qualified both times for double Q #18 and third place in jumpers. At Evergreen Shetland Sheepdog Club *Jasmine* qualified in Excellent B Standard twice for 9 MACH points. At Santa Clara DTC she qualified in both Excellent B JWW and Standard for 11 MACH points and double Q #19. Sunday she qualified in Excellent B JWW for 3 more points. *Trevor* at Evergreen SSC took first place in Excellent B JWW on Saturday and qualified in Excellent B JWW Sunday for 3 MACH points. At Santa Clara he earned MX leg #7 on Saturday and earned his MXJ on Sunday with 6 MACH points.

Jessica Hetrick:

At Santa Clara DTC *Tess* qualified in Excellent A Standard with a score of 91 (first time in Excellent A).

Debbie Nelson:

At Santa Clara DTC *Kara* qualified in Novice A Standard for second place and an NA title.

Linda Harbertson:

At Santa Clara DTC *Belle* in Open Standard scored 100 for first place and a second leg; in Novice JWW she scored 92 for third place and a first leg. On Sunday in Open Standard she scored 92 for fourth place and an OA; in Novice JWW she scored 100 for fourth place and a second leg.

Susan Westover:

Deja got her CD at Santa Clara DTC with a 1991/2 and High in Trial and also got High in Trial at Golden Gate KC with a 197. *Jessy* at Santa Clara DTC agility got two legs in Novice Standard and two legs in Novice JWW with three scores of 100 and one of 98 with two first places, one second place, and one third.

Jennifer Slater:

At Santa Clara DTC *Dutchess* qualified twice in Open JWW with scores of 96 and 100 and a third place, finishing her OA title. *Keeper* qualified twice in Excellent A JWW with scores of 100 both days and a first place, to finish her AXJ title.

Christa Cordtz:

Hooligan is the #1 California Borzoi in AKC lure coursing for 2001 and tied for first place on the West Coast. He began his coursing career in late August at the NorCal Irish Wolfhound Lure Trial, where he won first place in Open & Best of Breed over the Field Champions both days for another 20 ASFA points.

Carolyn Meyer:

Morgan received a double Q at Santa Clara DTC with scores of 100 in both classes. At Coso Dog Fanciers AKC Herding Trial he scored 86 for third place in Started A Sheep.

Sylvia Holderman:

Spring in Bred by Exhibitor at Golden Gate KC took first place, Winners Bitch, and Best of Winners for a 4-point major. This was a supported show with a large entry.

Jane Devlin:

Riff Raff at Santa Clara DTC in Novice A Standard scored 100 for second place and a second leg.

Bradie NA
Bradie NAJ
Trevor MXJ
Kara NA
Belle OA
Deja CD
Dutchess OA
Keeper AXJ
Amber AX



This month's Hot Dog Awards run from January 23 through February 19.

Trial Hot Dog—This month the Trial Hot Dog Award goes to **Susan Westover** and *Deja* for their 1991/2 score at Santa Clara DTC.

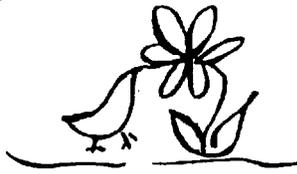
Agility Trial Hot Dog—This month the Agility Trial Hot Dog Award goes to **Jane Devlin** and *Riff Raff* for their 61.67% score at Santa Clara DTC.Z

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.

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Poking Around



With Luane

Taken from a Morris Animal Foundation publication (date lost)...

by **Karen Overall, VMD**

(University of Pennsylvania, Haver Behavioral Continuing Education Program lecturer)

Now here's a thought!

"Predatory aggression is particularly dangerous. These dogs stalk and kill small animals and children. They make no noise, give no warning facial gestures—they stalk silently. They may stalk bicyclists and joggers. Sudden movement causes them to pounce.

"Almost without exception, dogs which injure small children stalk and kill small animals—birds, squirrels, cats. Not all dogs which stalk small animals stalk babies, but all dogs which stalk babies have stalked small animals."

AOCNC/MBDTC

Tammy del Conte acted as MBDTC chair and steward in our Utility ring at the AOCNC Annual Workshop. Other stewards helping Judge **Lois Seiback** were **Judy McCloud** and her daughter, **Jennifer Foster**. **Anne Terry** stewarded for the Sacramento DTC ring which was short handed. BBBBIBGGG thank you to **Tammy** for taking on our responsibilities.

Luane Vidak filled the post of Event Secretary and Workshop Chairman. The event drew 488 entries, up from last year. Judging started at 8:30 and everything was finished and the doors closed by about 3 p.m.

The proceeds from the event will go to offset the cost of WIOC which your Association is sponsoring this year in the Stockton area. Watch for that October event.

And at Golden Gate KC, the AOCNC provided an Education table and a CGC test. **Christa Cordtz** volunteered to help out on Saturday, and **Luane Vidak** helped to man the education table on Sunday.

School Stories

from the Internet via **LeVaun Sheetz**

For weeks, a six-year old lad kept telling his first-grade teacher about the baby brother or sister that was expected at his house.

One day the mother allowed the boy to feel the movements of the unborn child. The six-year-old was obviously impressed, but made no comment. Furthermore, he stopped telling his teacher about the impending event.

The teacher finally sat the boy on her lap and said, "Tommy, whatever has become of that baby brother or sister you were expecting at home?"

Tommy burst into tears and confessed, "I think Mommy ate it!"

Membership Reinstatement

Please add the following to your membership directory:

LeVaun Sheetz
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Watsonville, CA 95076
August 6 (birthday)
724-3900
sheltiepaw@prodigy.net

Idiots Are Easy to Please

from the Internet via **LeVaun Sheetz**

I was sitting in my science class, when the teacher commented that the next day would be the shortest day of the year. My lab partner became visibly excited, cheering and clapping. I explained to her that the amount of daylight changes, not the actual amount of time. Needless to say, she was very disappointed.



Happy Birthday



July	11	Jane Devlin
	15	Carol Howton
	19	Hazel Welborn
	20	Peggy Martini
	23	Yvette Cook
	25	Mary Nie

and to all our furry friends born in March

2	Cricket Haines (Chihuahua)	age 1
3	OTCH Miss Molly Westover UDX (Cocker Spaniel)	age 13
4	Jiffy Vidak NA, NAJ, CD, JH, TD (Labrador Retriever)	age 4
7	Heather Davis UDX (German Shepherd Dog)	age 11
7	Ch Gerwood Nie (Miniature Longhaired Dachshund)	age 3
9	Lexus Nie (Miniature Longhaired Dachshund)	age 2
9	Mercedes Nie (Miniature Longhaired Dachshund)	age 2
12	Ivanhoe Coe CD, CGC (German Shepherd Dog)	age 6
13	Coca Howton (Akita)	age 12
16	Nipit Kuepfer (Shetland Sheepdog)	age 2
16	Jade Panzich (Pug)	age 1
17	Snapper Vidak CDX, JH (Labrador Retriever)	age 14
19	Ch Squeek Nie (Miniature Longhaired Dachshund)	age 15
19	Jasmine Hetrick CD, HS, MX, AXJ (Shetland Sheepdog)	age 8
19	Ace Hetrick CD, HS, AX, OAJ (Shetland Sheepdog)	age 8
24	Kensha Howton (Akita)	age 4
27	Annie Sutherland (Old English Sheepdog)	age 1
27	Tess Hetrick PT, OA, OAJ (Shetland Sheepdog)	age 5
28	Kokopelli Vente (Boxer)	age 2
30	Ch Hailey Nie (Miniature Longhaired Dachshund)	age 8
30	Ch Daria Nie (Miniature Longhaired Dachshund)	age 3

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Linda Lang:

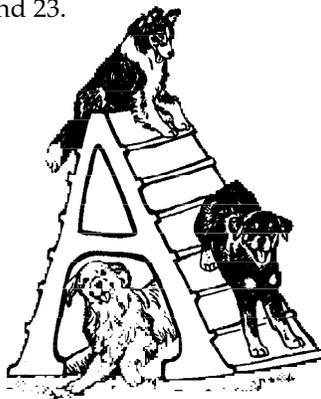
Amber at Santa Clara DTC in Standard Excellent A scored 95 for fifth place and a new AX title; in excellent A JWW she scored 100 for second place and a second leg. Tyler at the same show in Novice B Standard scored 95 both days for two second places and two legs.

Judy Nielsen:

Koby in Open JWW at Santa Clara DTC scored 94 for fourth place and a first leg.

Crissy Hastings-Baugh:

Logan at Santa Clara DTC got scores of 100 in Excellent B Standard both days (legs 50 and 51) and Excellent B JWW for leg 15. Gracie also got scores of 100 in Excellent B Standard for leg 22 and in Excellent B JWW both days for legs 22 and 23.



Dog Show Humor...

via Recall Bulletin, Deep Peninsula DTC

Satan entered a large building where a dog show was being held. Everyone, upon seeing the devil, ran screaming from the building. The only person left inside was a gray-headed gentleman seated down by the obedience ring. The evil incarnate spoke to the man saying, "Do you know who I am?"

"Sure do," was the old man's reply.

Hearing that there was no fear in his voice, the devil asked, "Do you know I could destroy you with one word?"

"Possible," stated the Old Timer.

Becoming quite perturbed at the total lack of terror, the devil screamed, "I COULD BANISH YOU TO HELL FOR ETERNITY, OLD MAN; WHY DO YOU NOT FEAR ME?????"

Unshaken, the man replied, "I've shown dogs for forty years; I've gotten obedience titles on no less than a dozen dogs. I'm pretty sure that at least three of them were your children."

Very Short Jokes

Credited to Comedian Steven Wright

from the Internet via Marji Coe

Why don't they just make mouse-flavored cat food?

I just got skylights put in my place. The people who live above me are furious.

Whose cruel idea was it for the word "lisp" to have an "s" in it?

If it's zero degrees outside today and it's supposed to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold is it going to be?

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.





Unbrags

(aka Bradie's Corner)

This column is your opportunity to share those things your dog has done which are more appropriately called "unbrags" rather than brags.

While Bradie's antics will undoubtedly appear here from time to time, this column is available for *all* members' contributions. Please feel free to share.

Marilyn Runyan

Bradie strikes again! Marilyn arranged for her housesitter to come by to feed Bradie and put her up before it got really cold while she was at the Cow Palace. Marilyn placed a \$10 bill on the counter the night before to pay the housesitter. The next morning the money was gone. The only one who could have gotten it (other than Marilyn) was Bradie. But Bradie's mouth is closed—most likely right around the \$10 bill!!!

Subject: can't risk it!

The grapefruit diet!!!!

from the Internet
via Ray Ussery

Couldn't risk not passing it along.

This is a specially formulated diet designed to help women cope with the stress that builds during the day.

BREAKFAST

- 1 grapefruit
- 1 slice whole-wheat toast
- 1 cup skim milk

LUNCH

- 1 small portion lean, steamed chicken with a cup of spinach
- 1 cup herbal tea
- 1 Hershey's Kiss

AFTERNOON TEA

- The rest of the Hershey Kisses in the bag
- 1 tub of Haagen-Daz ice cream with chocolate-chip topping

DINNER

- 4 glasses of wine (red or white)
- 2 loaves garlic bread
- 1 family-size Supreme pizza
- 3 Snickers bars

LATE NIGHT SNACK

- 1 whole Sarah Lee cheesecake (eaten directly from the freezer)

REMEMBER: "Stressed" spelled backward is "desserts"

Send this to four women and you will lose two pounds.

Send this to all the women you know (or ever knew), and you will lose 10 pounds.

If you delete this message, you will gain 10 pounds immediately. (That's why I had to pass this on—I didn't want to risk it!)

"A good man will take care of his horses and dogs, not only while they are young, but also when they are old and past service."
—Plutarch

This is a true story which happened on 9-11-01...

via Denise Panzich

James Crane worked on the 101st of Tower 1 of the World Trade Center. He is blind so he has a golden retriever named Daisy. After the plane hit 20 stories below, James knew that he was doomed, so he let Daisy go out of an act of love. With tears in her eyes she darted away into the darkened hallway. Choking on the fumes of the jet fuel and the smoke, he was just waiting to die...About 30 minutes later, Daisy comes back along with James' boss, who Daisy just happened to pick up on floor 112.

On her first run of the building, she leads James, James' boss and about 300 more people out of the doomed building. But she wasn't through yet, she knew there were others who were trapped. So, highly against James' wishes she ran back into the building. On her second run, she saved 392 lives. Again she went back in. During this run, the building collapses. James hears about this and falls on his knees into tears. Against all known odds, Daisy makes it out alive, but this time she is carried by a firefighter. "She lead us right to the people, before she got injured" the fireman explained. Her final run saved another 273 lives. She suffered acute smoke inhalation, severe burns on all four paws, and a broken leg, but she saved 967 lives.

The next week, Mayor Giuliani rewards Daisy with the Canine medal of Honor of New York. Daisy is the first civilian canine to win such an honor. {copied from

Philip F. Simon, NEW YORK TIMES
9-19-01...



Nancy Gyes Seminar Report

Pam Hetrick, Event Chairperson

On January 26 and 27 the club sponsored its first major agility educational event. Wow!!! We were given more information and training drills than many of us could absorb. Thank-you's come first and I would like to especially thank **Crissy Hastings, Sandi Pensinger** and **Lynn Schmidt** for their assistance in housing, moving, and setting up the equipment prior to the event. **Linda Lang** and **Luane**, thanks for coming down Friday night and helping us with the setup. **Michael Bashista, Judy Nielsen**, and **Stacy Thompson** helped with check in and lunch deliveries respectively. My biggest thanks is to the crew who helped with clean up and moving all that equipment back to its new home (**Crissy, Jessica, Sandi, Lynn, Luane, Susan Westover**, and non member **Dee Hutton**). The worst part of any event is always the pack job to go home in my opinion.

Nancy is the undisputed queen of agility training here on the West Coast. Her personal U.S. and World event titles prove her mastery of the sport. The number of World Team and US Champions that have trained with her prove her abilities as an instructor. (Someone has to die or get injured before you can get anything but a private lesson with her.) People fortunate enough to get into her group lessons just never leave! A few of **Nancy's** students even attended our seminar because she has so much information to share that you she just can't get it all into her regular classes. The people who had puppies and novice dogs at the clinic provided us all with drills and training procedures we could all use. I am personally taking *Jasmine* back to basics on a few obstacles just to improve her overall performance at the Masters level.

Sunday gave all the participants a barrage of great drills to enhance their handling skills. Turns, behind, front crosses, rear crosses, reverse pivots, send, recall, out, clicker training, target training, around the clock and other terms will forever be normal vocabulary for us. Each person had plenty of opportunity to ask questions about issues they had with their own performances. The answers to most would benefit the entire group. (Never say you don't have a specific problem; it will happen to you someday if you don't know to train it away!)

The response for this event was very positive, and the 60 participants were grateful for the chance to learn from such a noteworthy instructor. Hopefully, **Nancy** will be proud of our improvements as trials begin this Spring. The club was able to make a nice profit in spite of the huge last-minute charge imposed by the Fairgrounds, which was unanticipated. MBDTc can be proud that they were able to sponsor such a beneficial event. Hopefully, we will be able to attract other top-level talents in to hold workshops in the near future.

Duh!

from the Internet via **David Moore**

I recently ran into our secretary at the local shopping mall. She said she saw a fellow worker's car beside hers and thought it would be fun to leave her a note saying hi. Then she thought it would be cuter to put the note in a balloon she had and place it under the windshield wiper. Unfortunately, she said she couldn't get the note into the balloon after she had blown it up without the air escaping.



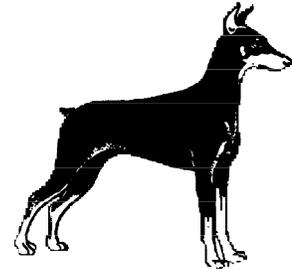
The same secretary recently had her office painted blue and asked the painters if they could paint her carpeting the same color to match.

Breed Specific:

Doberman

The elegant, often affectionate Doberman is a classic example of the industriously successful dog-breeding programs that took place in Germany just over 100 years ago. Today, this obedient, alert, and resourceful breed is a companion and service dog all over the world. Due to unscrupulous breeding, nervousness and fear biting can occur in some individuals. Good breeders, however, ensure that their dogs are neither shy nor vicious, and that they are well socialized before going to a new home. Heart disease is, unfortunately, becoming an increasingly serious problem for the breed.

Breed History: Beginning in the 1870s, a German tax collector, Louis Doberman, used the Rottweiler, German Pinscher, Weimaraner, English Greyhound, and Manchester Terrier to develop this breed.



BREED Facts:

Country of Origin: Germany
Date of Origin: 1800s
First Use: Guarding
Use Today: Companion, security
Life Expectancy: 12 years
Other Name: Doberman Pinscher
Weight Range: 66 - 88 pounds
Height Range: 25 1/2 - 27 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.

The Doctor Is In

Bad News About Bones

Judy Force, DVM

I have a bone to pick with bones! Dogs love to chew, and there is nothing more wonderful than a bone, right? WRONG! They taste good, and you may get away with bones for years with no problems. However, as a veterinarian, I have seen countless problems with bones. And I mean bones of all types: raw bones, cooked bones, knuckle bones, beef, chicken, turkey, lamb, pork and deer bones.

Bones can and do break teeth! Broken teeth build up tartar faster. If the pulp is exposed, bacteria can enter and cause abscesses or even tetanus! Broken teeth are painful. Our dogs do not always show us chronic pain, but it is there. You can tell when you fix the tooth by root canal, pulp capping or extraction they act happier, more energetic and may even play with toys they had refused to play with since breaking the tooth. Nylon bones can also break teeth.

I have seen bones wedged across the roof of the mouth so tight, they required general anesthesia to remove. I have a particularly vivid memory of a turkey vertebrae stuck in the back of a dog's throat on Christmas day. We had to use injectable anesthesia because the bone blocked where we would have put an endotracheal tube for gas anesthesia. The back of the throat was lacerated from this bone.

I've seen bones perforate the esophagus, stomach and intestines on many, many occasions; and this requires surgery. I've seen small bits of chewed-up bones band together in the small or large intestine to cause obstructions, and in many cases this requires surgery also.

So you may tell me you've never had a problem, and you've been feeding your dogs bones for 40 years. All I can say is, you have been LUCKY and the odds are against you!!!!

So what should your dog chew on? Compressed rawhide bones are safe for most dogs. The smaller rawhides are okay if not chewed up too fast. Avoid letting your dog swallow the knots whole on the non-compressed rawhide. The strips of dental chews are fine (unless your dog eats the whole box at once) and Kong toys are good as well. Avoid letting your dog chew on tennis balls. Aside from the fact that it acts like sandpaper and will wear your dog's teeth down to nothing (literally!); if they swallow them, they can cause obstructions and another expensive surgery!

Your dogs needs to chew; just be careful what you allow them to chew on.



Ways to Kill a Dog Club

*via At the End of the Leash,
Truckee Meadows DTC*

- Never read your newsletters, you might find out what is going on.
- Do not attend meetings, but arrive late if you do.
- Be sure to leave before the meeting is over.
- Get all your club will give, but give nothing in return.
- Demand co-operation, but never co-operate.
- Vote to do everything, then do nothing.
- Never say anything at meetings, wait until you get outside.
- Refuse to accept a club assignment, or office; that will leave you free to criticize.
- If you do accept a club assignment, leave it all to the chairman.

Our club has always been an active organization. As a club, we either sponsor or support a wide variety of activities. Participation in these activities keeps our club running and gives our members an opportunity to meet each other.

In this past year, as everyone's life becomes more involved, it has been difficult to find people willing to help the club. If you have not participated to support a club function or activity in the past year, please consider volunteering or saying yes to a request for help. If everyone will share the work, no one person will become over-burdened with more club work than they can handle.

Reprinted from
Sacramento DTC *The Barker*

My hounds are bred out of the spartan kind; so
flew'd, so sanded; their heads are hung with ears
that sweep away the morning dewæ
A Midsummer Night's Dream
—William Shakespeare



Rally Obedience!

Looking for fun sport & new tests of skills for you & your dog? — Here it is!

Rally is a brand-new canine sport, for you and your dog. Combining elements of agility, obedience and a sports car rally; you and your dog perform a course.

The emphasis of Rally is fun focusing on attitude & enthusiasm, allowing you to show off your versatility & teamwork with your dog.

“Rally-0” is more relaxed than precision competitive obedience. The sport uses obedience exercises; agility-style course walk-throughs, judge’s meetings, a variety of course set-ups, independent progress from start to finish, vocal commands, encouragement to the dog, and the principles of sports car rallies in which drivers follow directions at designated stations. Rally courses consist of 12 to 22 stations, going by number and performed on-lead or off. Also like agility, handlers get to walk the course and familiarize themselves with the pattern without their dog before doing the course. During their run, the dog and handler move through the course in heel position, performing each exercise in turn. The judge says nothing during the performance. Scoring is based on how well the dog executes each command and remains in heel position. Praise and verbal encouragement is allowed. Rally is not only fun, it is interesting to watch as each team performs in its own style. Many of the stations involve activities you are probably already familiar with, such as

- Slow/Normal/Fast Pace Heel,
- Halt,
- Left/Right About Turn, and
- Finish Right/Left

Level 1 Class is performed with the dog on lead; Level 2 and 3 Classes are performed with the dog off-lead. Minor-type errors that would be scored as 1/2-point assessments in traditional Obedience are not scored in Rally Obedience.

Association of Pet Dog Trainers is currently providing titles for all dogs, pure and mixed breed, as of late 2001. In early 2002, American Kennel Club will be offering titling for pure-bred dogs to complement its traditional Obedience titles. Watch for Rally-0! classes and demonstrations in 2002!

Sources – apdt.com or akc.org websites & “Rally-0!” by Bud Kramer



Monterey Bay Dog Training Club

www.montereybaydog.org

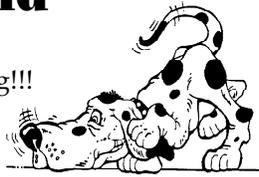
Santa Cruz 423-7693
Watsonville 724-6657
Salinas 758-8051

Course schedules available online & at local pet stores, groomers & veterinarians



Nose to the Ground Hound

Clouds gathering!!!...Rain falling!!!...Robins frolicking!!! Spring in PV!!!...**Sue Adams**, our former professional handler, subbing in at MBDTC's conformation classes!!!...**Marion Bashista** squiring *Merlin* to class while **Mike** is preoccupied with other matters!!!...**Carol Davis** helping out drop-ins from as far away as SJ!!!...**Tammy del Conte** doing her share chairing our share of AOCNC workshop responsibilities!!!...**Judy Force** instructing those interested in the proper care of doggy teeth!!!...**Margaret Gnehm** teaching new Aussie pup the ropes!!!...**Debbie Green** and **Elisabeth Lambert** visiting at Portland's Rose City Classic KC show!!!...**Jessica Hetrick** already setting up the Easter Parade invitations for the March classes' Easter Bonnet Extravaganza....(Don't forget to start making your pup's chapeau!)!!!...**Pam Strametz** babysitting a litter of Sheltie roustabouts!!!...**Linda Lang** looking good with Dal spots in the conformation class!!!... **Amanda Nie** getting to do fun stuff during Presidents' four-day holiday with mom, **Mary** and family!!!...**Carolyn Meyer** popping in for a West Coast visit!!!...**Denise Panzich** getting closer to a *Monique* UD with every effort!!!...**Sandi Pensinger** toting the best collection of JackRussellTerrier photos you'd ever hope to see!!!...**Dale Root** looking well after the last bout with the flubug!!!...**Anne Terry** hosting our CGC test Feb 26!!!... **Margaret Gnehm** losing her dear Aussie friend *RoseAnn* recently...and **Peggy Martini** and **Deanna Gardiner** doing good work as illness continues to plague **Joe** and **Don**...Keep the good thoughts, you four.....until next month.....**Luane**



Demo and Walk Around

A 2 p.m. visit was scheduled at Sunbridge Residential Care East this past February 20. All members were contacted through e-mail announcement with a request to share the information with non-emailers. Sorry that so few were able to attend and offer these residents some entertainment and puppy love.

"No man can be condemned for owning a dog. As long as he has a dog, he has a friend; and the poorer he gets, the better friend he has."

—Will Rogers

Dog Letters to God

from the Internet via **Marion Bashista**

Dear God, How come people love to smell flowers, but seldom, if ever, smell one another? Where are their priorities?

Dear God, When we get to Heaven, can we sit on your couch? Or is it the same old story?

Dear God, Excuse me, but why are there cars named after the jaguar, the cougar, the mustang, the colt, the stingray, and the rabbit, but not one named for a dog? How often do you see a cougar riding around? We dogs love a nice ride! I know every breed cannot have its own model, but it would be easy to rename the Chrysler Eagle the Chrysler Beagle!

Dear God, If a dog barks his head off in the forest and no human hears him, is he still a bad dog?

Dear God, When my foster mom's friend comes over to our house, he smells like musk! What's he been rolling around in?

Dear God, Is it true that in Heaven, dining room tables have on-ramps?

Dear God, If we come back as humans, is that good or bad?

Dear God, More meatballs, less spaghetti, please.

Dear God, When we get to the Pearly Gates, do we have to shake hands to get in?

Dear God, We dogs can understand human verbal instructions, hand signals, whistles, horns, clickers, beepers, scent IDs, electromagnetic energy fields, and Frisbee flight paths. What do humans understand?

Dear God, Are there dogs on other planets, or are we alone? I have been howling at the moon and stars for a long time, but all I ever hear back is the beagle across the street.

Dear God, Are there mailmen in Heaven? If there are, will I have to apologize?

Dear God, Is it true that dogs are not allowed in restaurants because we can't make up our minds what NOT to order? Or is it the carpets again?

Dear God, When my family eats dinner they always bless their food. But they never bless mine. So, I've been wagging my tail extra fast when they fill my bowl. Have you noticed my own blessing?

Dear God, I've always lived at the shelter and I have everything I need. But many of the cats here have names and I don't. Could you give me a name please? It would be good for my self-esteem.

Dear God, The new terrier I live with just peed on the Oriental rug and I have a feeling my family might blame me 'cuz they think I'm jealous of this stupid dog. Since they have no sense of smell, how can I convince them I'm innocent? Does PetsMart sell lie detectors?



Obedience Run-Throughs

DTC of Salinas Valley is resuming its monthly run-throughs for obedience beginning March 16 at Spreckels Park in Spreckels. Cost is \$5. Run-throughs begin at 10:00 a.m.

For information, contact **Candy Perryman** at 758-4137.

Around the Bend...Tracking Test Time

Lynette could really use a helping hand getting this test off the ground. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated person filling this spot that we must support her. If tracking isn't your thing, so what? It's good for the Sport. It's good for the dogs, and getting out and supporting the club is good for you...and the club. It's a Win, Win situation when each of us pitches in to do a small part.

"Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day."

Mary Ann - age 4



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Membership Meeting

Lynette Van Epps/Smith

General Meeting—March 24—will incorporate the events of the Capitola Dog Day, downtown Capitola; and we will meet after our Morris Dog-A-Thon walk around Capitola.

A meeting place is being sought in case of inclement weather, and the phone tree will give you details as we get nearer to the event. I am hoping for a nice sunny day so we can meet in the park next to the river after our walk. Stay tuned for more details.