

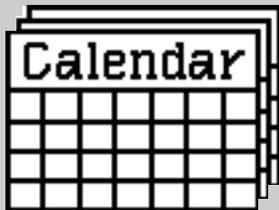


Ruff Notes

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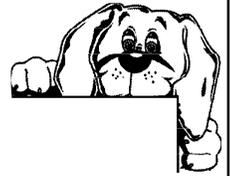


What's Happening in April?

- 1 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., First National Bank, Watsonville
- 16 Ruff Notes deadline
- 20 Run-throughs, 10:00 a.m., Spreckels Park (DTC of Salinas Valley); \$5; call Candy Perryman at 758-4137
- 23 Watsonville final classes
- 24 Pet Pals, Soquel AM final classes
- 25 Capitola PM & Salinas final classes

Paws for the President

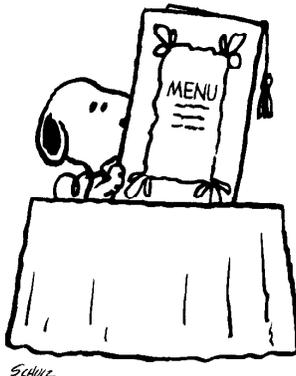
One huge, REALLY gigantic, pat on the back goes to **Lynnette Van Epps-Smith** and her crew of willing workers, who put together our 25th anniversary Tracking Test.



Jerry Dudley acted as Chief tracklayer, **Cindy Snow** flew in from Fallon to take care of driving the 4-wheel drive vehicle, **Linda Lang** brought all the equipment needed to put this kind of a show on the road, food was served up by **Judy Nielsen** and **Dennis Vierra** from his wonderfully accommodating "LunchWagon". **Eric Smith**, along with **Lynnette**, took charge of Judges' hospitality. **Luane Vidak** prepared the premium, Judges' dinner reservations and arranged for the raffle. Our ever-faithful Ham Radio Operators **Ken & Greta Justus** and **Walt & Ressie DelConte** took charge of communication the day of the event. Other helpers on hand that I'm aware of were: **Helene Brodrick, Linda Harbertson, Anne Terry, Dolores Tate, Judy McLeod, Charlie Lovett.**

Our judges were **Ralph Swingle** and **Sandra Bretto**. With **Sandra's** unfortunate slip down the side hill resulting in a broken leg, the club moved into Emergency Mode. In a matter of a very short time—no doubt seemingly an eternity—the Medical Response Team was on hand and had her helicoptered out to SJ Medical Center. She underwent surgery to make the needed repairs and was ready to fly home on Tuesday. **Cindy, Lynnette** and I checked in on her. I picked her up and delivered her to Southwest Airlines for the trip home. **Sandra** is really a trouper—and as she summed it up—"I'm used to broken bones...Where do you want to start—chronologically or anatomically!"

Oh—and by the way—**Jerry Dudley** was appointed to act as stand-in judge in place of **Sandra**—an option provided for in the Tracking Regulations. So big thanks are also on tap for Judge **Jerry** and **Ralph** who took the ball and carried it!



35th Anniversary Luncheon

Betty Garcia, Chairman

The May General Meeting will be held at **Yvette Cook's** home on the 18th. We will be celebrating our 35th anniversary, so please try to attend. We will be having a box luncheon and hopefully a few surprises. **Yvette** and guest will be demonstrating herding. So write the date on your calendar. More information will be in the May issue of Ruff Notes. Hope to see all there.

Demonstrating Responsible Dog Ownership



Brag



Marilyn Runyan:

Bradie scored 192 in Novice B at NorCal Golden Retriever Specialty and scored 191 1/2 in Novice B at Fresno DTC and scored 85 and 95 in Rally (out of 100 points) there.

Luane Vidak:

Jiffy scored 100 in Excellent A at Santa Clara DTC for first place and first leg. She scored 95 in Excellent A at Mt. Diablo for a second leg.

Susan Westover:

Deja scored 199 1/2 at SFDTC for High in Trial in Novice B. At NorCal Golden Retriever Club she scored 198 1/2 and won the runoff for High in Trial. The next day she won a 3-way runoff for High in Trial with a 199 1/2. At Kings KC it was 199 and HIT. At Fresno KC it was only 198 1/2 for HIT. The following day it was 200 for HIT. *Jessy* earned her NA and NAJ titles at Fresno KC with two firsts, one second, and one third, all with scores of 100. The next day she earned her first Open Standard leg with a first and a 100 score.

Denise Panzich:

Monique earned her third Standard Novice leg with second place and a 95 score at Santa Clara DTC. She earned her first leg in Novice JWW with a score of 95 at the same trial.

Jennifer Slater:

Keeper qualified twice in Elite standard at NADAC with two first places, finishing her EAC title. She also qualified in elite jumpers with a first place, earning 10 points toward her NATCH. *Dutchess* qualified twice in Novice B Standard with two second places. In the new NADAC tunnelers class *Keeper* qualified three times in Novice with three second places to complete a TN-N title. *Bess* was able to run again after a 15-month layoff and qualified in tunnelers.

Amanda Nie:

Amanda with *Gerwood* at Sierra Dach. Breeders Club took Best Jr. Showmanship. *Gerwood* in Bred by Exhibitor was Reserve to a 5-point major. *Tigger* at Kings KC in Bred by Exhibitor was first place, Winners Bitch, and BOS for a 3-point major (their first show together).

Linda Lang:

Amber at the NorCal Golden Specialty shown by **Dale Root** in Veterans took first place and went on to get one of only two Awards of Merit offered. *Amber* at Mt. Diablo in Excellent A JWW scored 100 for fourth place to complete an AXJ. *Tyler* at Mt. Diablo in Novice B standard scored 95 for third place to complete an NA. In Novice B JWW he scored 100 for a second leg. *Tyler* in Open Standard scored 95 for a first leg.

Christa Cordtz:

Deva at Santa Clara in Bred by was first place and Reserve Winners Bitch to a major. The next day *Deva* in Bred by was first place and Winners Bitch for 2 points.

Jane Devlin :

Riff Raff at Mt. Diablo in Novice Standard scored 100 for first place to complete an NA and in Novice JWW also scored 100 to complete an NAJ.

Bruce Kennedy:

Hula at Mt. Diablo in Novice Standard got second place to complete an NA and got a leg in Novice JWW also.

Betty Garcia:

Alex at the Sheltie Specialty in Open A scored 189 for first place and a first leg. *Alex* and *Mike* at the Sheltie Specialty in Brace scored 188 1/2 for second place. *Alex* in Open A at Fresno DTC scored 189 1/2 for second place and a second leg.

Jessy NA
Jessy NAJ
Monique NA
Keeper EAC
Keeper TN-N
Hula NA
Riff Raff NA
Riff Raff NAJ
Belle NAJ
Amber AXJ
Tyler NA



This month's Hot Dog Awards run from February 20 through March 19.

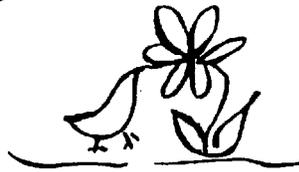
Trial Hot Dog—This month the Trial Hot Dog Award goes to **Susan Westover** and *Deja* for their 200 score at Fresno KC.

Agility Trial Hot Dog—This month the Agility Trial Hot Dog Award goes to **Jane Devlin** and *Riff Raff* for their 60.35% score at Mt. Diablo.

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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Proteins...are not all equal

Dog World, Sept 2001,
by **Susan Thorpe-Vargus, PHD**
and **John Cargill, MA, MBA, MS**



Biologic value is a measure of protein quality, usually related to the supply of essential amino acids in the food relative to the animal's requirements. A high biologic value protein source has a high ratio of essential amino acids to non-essential. Less protein needs to be included in the daily ration and less nitrogen waste is excreted with a high biologic value protein.

Ingredient	Biologic Value
Whole egg	100
Egg albumin	100
Casein	100
Fish meal	92
Liver meal	79

Beef	78
Soy meal	67
Meat Scrap	50
Whole wheat	48
Whole Corn	45

Walk-A-Thon & General Meeting

Luane Vidak

The Board voted to hold the Walkathon/Demo and General Meeting in conjunction with C-Dogs Easter Parade in Capitola on March 24.

Any proceeds collected by those getting pledge cards on the 19th of March can be given to **Anita Vidak** by Tuesday, April 9. Because of the late arrival of the materials from Morris, most members have not received pledge cards. Any member who wishes to support the research into the cures of dog illnesses may simply send any amount to us to be forwarded.

Checks should be made directly to Morris Animal Foundation and mailed to: 1016 Green Valley Rd, Watsonville, CA 95076-0614.

The meeting was scheduled to be held at Tony & Alba's on 41st Ave., Capitola.

You Know You've Gone to the Dogs When...

This list was the result of many people's submissions to rec.pets.dogs...with lots of new additions from visitors to the Dogpatch! Thanks for all the very creative ideas, and feel free to send me more!

- You decide to downsize from a huge house in the city to an average country cottage with lots of land in order to build the kennel of your dreams
- You spend more time looking through mail order catalogues for dog supplies than for Victoria's Secret nighties or Miles Kimball gadgets
- All your social activities revolve around other dog people

Upcoming Events

June 15-16:

Jennifer Slater, event secretary, will be calling upon the membership to put on the Agility events. Volunteers will be welcomed.

July 6:

Obedience workshop (Monte Vista Christian School) will be coordinated by **Linda Lang** and **Carol Davis**. Agility Workshop is cancelled.

The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Directors for year 2002-2003 will take place at the conclusion of the event.

August 4:

Dani Nelson is seeking pledges for Awards and will be happy to hear from you.



Happy Birthday



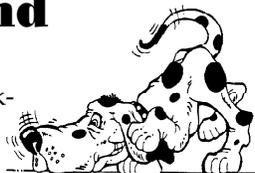
April 11 Anita Vidak
14 Debra Nelson

and to all our furry friends born in April

1	Bostwick Haines CGC, TDI (Dalmatian)	age 4
3	Sage Smith HCT, CGC (Shetland Sheepdog)	age 3
4	Ch Curry Holderman (Chesapeake Bay Retriever)	age 4
4	Spring Holderman (Chesapeake Bay Retriever)	age 4
4	Ch Willie Laman CD, CGC (Chesapeake Bay Retriever)	age 4
10	Socky Pierce CD, TT, CGC (Akita)	age 10
10	Deja Westover CD (Golden Retriever)	age 3
12	Precious Morgan (Pomeranian)	age 1
13	Chase Griffith CGC (Pembroke Welsh Corgi)	age 5
15	Hana Howton (Akita)	age 1

Nose to the Ground Hound

Wind Whistling!!!...temp hovering on "cold"!!!...Robins making their move!!!... Carol Howton motoring to Arizona with 4 Akitas in tow!!!...Mary Nie pre-planning for her judging assignment in Japan!!!...Luane & Anita Vidak prepping for a trip to Holland!!!... Deanna & Don Gardiner returning from a Caribbean cruise!!!... Sue Adams and Lynn Schmitt returning from NY and AKC!!!...Pam Fugitt-Hetrick zipping back to Virginia for a week's Agility camp!!!...Jane Devlin keeping dogs in trim with her Dog Walking Service!!!... Luane Vidak trying to get Morris off the ground!!!...Amanda Nie and Jessica Hetrick working hard for Watsonville Animal Shelter!!!...Anne Terry winning over the bug!!!...Sue Westover still glowing from that 200 perfect performance!!!...until next month....Luane



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Stacy Thompson:

Noah at Mt. Diablo in Excellent Standard and Jumpers got double Qs both days for legs #8 toward his Masters.

Crissy Hastings-Baugh:

Logan at the Sheltie Specialty in Novice B obedience was third; Logan and Gracie were first in Brace; Gracie in Novice B earned her second obedience leg. In Agility Logan qualified at Mt. Diablo in Excellent B JWW and Excellent B Standard; at Fresno



he got Double Q #13 in Excellent B (2nd place in JWW); and Double Q #14 in Excellent B Standard and JWW the next day. Gracie at Mt. Diablo in Excellent B JWW took first place; at Fresno she took third place in Excellent B JWW.

Linda Harbertson:

Belle at Mt. Diablo in Novice JWW scored 100 to complete an NAJ.



Losing Ones We Care About

Luane Vidak

We offer condolences to the family of Joe Martini who passed away this month. Peggy, David, John and Denise are in our thoughts.

Marilyn Runyan has lost her bouncy Shetland Sheepdog, Cody, (Hy-Verta's Wise Guy UDX, OA, NAJ).

Luane and Anita Vidak euthanized Labrador Retriever Snapper, Winroc Whipper-snapper CDX, JH whose infirmities finally caught up with her.

Becky Hardenburgh is missing her charming Schipperke, Argus, who she started along his AKC career while she was a member of MBDTC.

Bake Sale/White Elephant Collection

Luane Vidak

The Juniors, Jessica Hetrick and Amanda Nie, were on hand to support the Watsonville Animal Shelter (WAS) the evening of Tuesday the 19th with home-baked doggy cookies to sell. Many thanks to those members and trainees who purchased cookies or brought White Elephants again,....everything will go to a good cause. A final total of \$49 will be forwarded to WAS. (Unfortunately, we had to give back an additional \$10 purchase when the cookies, left on a table to be picked up at the end of class...walked away.)

"Dogs need to sniff the ground; it's how they keep abreast of current events. The ground is a giant dog newspaper, containing all kinds of late-breaking dog news items, which, if they are especially urgent, are often continued in the next yard."

—Dave Barry



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

Sean Madden:

Former trainee and Marine Major **Sean Madden** has been posted to Oman, where he has been joined by wife **Kim**. *Otter* is staying in Boston with her parents, where he is showing himself to be a rather clever, if a bit devious, Labrador Retriever.

When Kim's parents are away, *Otter* is sequestered behind a barrier to keep him out of the living room. It is apparent from the state of disrepair that *Otter* (an agility dog) has jumped the barrier and made himself at home in the living room. Upon their return Kim's parents find *Otter* behind the barrier, apparently the perfect little houseguest. *Otter* has also found the stash of pig's ears and has placed them about the house. So far, they have been found under a sofa cushion (in the living room!), under a bed pillow, and behind the toilet.

It is hard to pretend to be innocent when such evidence is left behind. Oh, if we could just teach these critters to clean up and straighten up after themselves. They might get away with a bit more!!



Top 15 Thinnest Books

from the Internet via Marji Coe

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| 15. My Plan to Find the Real Killers—by O. J. Simpson | 6. George Forman's Big Book of Baby Names |
| 14. Things I Would Not Do for Money—by Dennis Rodman | 5. To All the Men I've Loved Before—by Ellen DeGeneres |
| 13. The Wild Years—by Al Gore | 4. Mike Tyson's Guide to Dating Etiquette |
| 12. Amelia Earhart's Guide to the Pacific Ocean | 3. Spotted Owl Recipes—by the EPA |
| 11. America's Most Popular Lawyers | 2. The Amish Phone Directory |
| 10. Detroit—A Travel Guide | And the World's Number One Shortest book... |
| 9. Dr. Kevorkian's Collection of Motivational Speeches | 1. The Book of Virtues—by Bill Clinton |
| 8. Everything Men Know About Women | |
| 7. Everything Women Know About Men | |

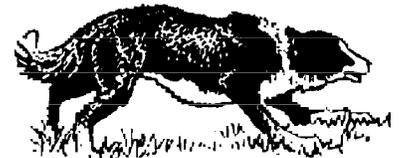


Breed Specific:

Border Collie

Still the most popular working sheepdog in Great Britain and Ireland, the Border can make an affectionate but difficult pet, especially in cities. Border Collies from working lines have a strong predatory instinct, which is channeled through breeding and training into a superb herding ability. Without constant stimulation, this need to work will vent itself in destructive behavior, such as herding other dogs or people, or snappiness.

Breed History: Although shepherds in the hilly Scottish Borders used collies for many years, this breed was not given its present name until 1915.



BREED Facts:

- Country of Origin: Great Britain
- Date of Origin: 1700s
- First Use: Sheep/cattle herding
- Use Today: Companion, sheep herding, sheepdog trials
- Life Expectancy: 12 - 14 years
- Weight Range: 30 - 49 pounds
- Height Range: 18 - 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.



Tracking Test Report

Notes from the **Lynnette Van Epps-Smith**, Tracking Test Secretary

I am not sure if it was a case of Beginner's Luck or the Luck of the Irish, but this year's Tracking Test was exciting to say the least. We had a total of 3 TDX's entered, and all failed. Our first dog passed the first leg, found one article, but got distracted by the cross track, and then the dog just got tired. The other two dogs unfortunately went off track right off the bat. It was interesting that the last dog, even though he went off the track fairly soon, did however go over to the site where **Sandra** had her accident and did a lot of sniffing. This owner was happy to see that her dog did have the potential for search and rescue, even though the dog failed the test.

We had great tracking weather for dogs but not so good for humans as it started a steady drizzle at actually 6:01 a.m. as we stood at Cannon Gate to start our day that Sunday. We had no cow encounters, only one poor bedraggled skunk on our last track!

We finished fairly soon, keeping an eye on the heavily puddling ruts on our roads. I hurried up and got breakfast to everyone; and we headed out, slipping and a sliding to the paved road!

I had the best of the best out to help me! **Dennis**, thanks for the use of the Blarney Mobile; **Linda Lang**, equipment manager supremo, thanks for all your support (I've already told her she owns me for the Obedience Workshop)! **Jerry Dudley**, the man! Not only was he the head steward but he got a chance to co-judge along with **Ralph Swingle** after **Sandra Bretto's** accident.

Cindy Snow wouldn't have missed this for the world! To think she flew in special for our event! I can never thank her enough! **Eric** took excellent care of **Sandra's** significant other **Jim**, driving back and forth from the hospital in San Jose to our motel rooms in San Juan after dutifully laying his cross tracks! (**Eric's** that is.) It was a complicated plot of logistics to say the least!

Club members: **Linda Harbertson**, who was actually with **Sandra** when the accident occurred, **Judy Nielsen**, and **Anne Terry** thanks for coming out on such a wet day. Only your friendship and dedication to the club could've drug you out on that miserable day! **Helene**, thanks for all your help (rain gear) and expertise, this tracking stuff is very interesting! Thanks to **Marion** for being at her computer when I needed an AKC dog number; thanks, **Luane**, for being my crying towel, (that goes for **Eric** as well!)

We had the help of non-members **Walt** and **Ressie DelConte**, our ham operators, **Ken Justus** and his lovely wife, also ham operators and chief liaison for Graniterock. **Charlie Lovett**, and the **DelConte's** other daughter, **Judy McLeod**, graciously provided her 4-wheel vehicle and driving expertise.

I can honestly say this has been an experience for me! I was very humbled by everyone's support for me, and the overall assessment, which was hard for me to overcome, that this was a very successful trial. I thank you all, and know that somehow this experience has changed me in a degree that I do not quite understand at this moment, but I think it has been an incredible learning experience! What we won't do for the love of dogs!



I just want to say the one thing. I totally lucked out on the judges I did pick. **Ralph** and **Sandra** have known each other for a very long time; in fact **Sandra** has been into tracking for over 30 years now. She actually taught **Ralph** how to track. This long-term connection really

helped the tone of the accident as **Ralph** is one of



her best friends. He is a rock of a gentleman, and had to go to another tracking test after ours! I really felt for the guy. **Sandra** felt really bad that "she ruined" our event, and said over and over again, how much she has enjoyed coming up to our trial because "We are such nice people". And on this note, I will conclude this narrative.....

"I wonder what goes through his mind when he sees us peeing in his water bowl."

—Penny Ward Moser

**Subject: Re:
True Stories ~ ~
A DUH ~ !**

Picture these as you read ... Think we all know someone who we feel would do this .. careful .. it may be one of YOUR own ~!!! :o)

Several years ago, we had an intern who was none too swift. One day he was typing and turned to a secretary and said, "I'm almost out of typing paper. What do I do?"

"Just use copier machine paper," the secretary told him. With that, the intern took his last remaining blank piece of paper, put it on the photocopier and proceeded to make five "blank" copies.

Tracking Test Judge's Accident

Cindy Snow

I wasn't going to write anything about the accident involving **Sandra Bretto**, one of our tracking judges, on Saturday; but I guess it is going to get quite a bit of "attention," from various quarters, so I will offer my take on what happened. **Lynette** was back at the base camp when this all started, and she then stepped in to help coordinate getting the ambulance and fire fighters in. I was out in the SUV following the tracklaying group around when it happened.

But first, to give you some background, when we had our "wrap up" meeting dinner after last year's tracking test, we'd talked about the need to have a 4-wheel drive vehicle on Saturday, and the need for the tracklayers to be able to communicate back to the base or with the driver while they were out re-tracing their tracks. **Helene** made the point that when the tracklayer is out there all by themselves, if there were an incident, like a sprained ankle, or they were going to be gone longer than expected, there needed to be some way to "stay in touch." So we talked about making it a point to have everyone's cell phone numbers known to everyone else, and we also discussed using the two-way radios like last year's judge, **Dan Lawer**, used (like the Motorola "talkabouts"). Because, down in the Fox Hollow / TDX area, those had worked really well. So, this year, **Lynette** made sure I was bringing/driving something with 4WD. I had bought two of the radios for myself and brought them, **Linda Lang** had two, and one of the judges had four. This gave us pretty good communications although we had noticed some "line of sight" restrictions. We had no idea how much we'd need those!

Sandra Bretto fell very shortly after starting to lay the third TDX track. She was walking along a side hill lie just below the top of the ridge line at the north end of Fox Hollow—the end of the hollow closest to Cougar Flat/base camp. I remembered it as being tricky footing from laying a TDX along exactly the same route about two years before. I was down below them in the SUV. I could see that the "tracking party" was down and I heard someone shout at me, so I turned on my radio and heard **Ralph Swingle**, the other judge, say Sandra's leg was broken.

I drove ??? had stayed out on the dirt road, so his radio reached the base camp and into Fox Hollow. We couldn't talk directly to the base from where **Sandra** fell. Pretty much by radio and cell phone, we called for medical help, got people sent down to the gate from Canon Road and to the turn off from the quarry's paved road into Cougar Flat (the base camp/staging area) so we could direct whoever came, and got water and a blanket for **Sandra**. I asked **Sandra** if she wanted her leg splinted and she very clearly did not—she wanted to wait for the EMT's. Because **Sandra** was laying on a sidehill lie on the far side of the ridge line, **Linda Harbertson** stayed at the top of the hill so she could see anyone coming in and wave them over, if need be. The other interesting problem we encountered was that **Sandra, Ralph Swingle**, and **Jim** were starting to slide downhill. Any movement was absolutely excruciating for **Sandra**, ran the risk of further injury, and was dangerous for **Jim** and **Mr. Swingle**. **Linda** and I looked around for rocks or logs to brace them for about a millisecond before we remembered **Linda's** tracking stakes. You know, it really isn't as hard as I thought to get those things really "planted." Adrenalin is a marvelous thing—anyway, we put those in almost half their overall length downhill from **Jim** and **Ralph's** feet, and that enabled them to brace themselves.

All of this happened in about 15-20 minutes—and suddenly there was the ambulance. Wow that was fast. The EMT's tried to drive into the area, got sort of stuck; but they got close enough to be able to haul their medical equipment up the hill. Within a few minutes the firemen arrived, and also a couple of gentlemen from Granite Rock company. The firemen didn't even consider driving in—they just got their stretcher and hitched a ride in a vehicle we knew could get them in. The EMT's opted to have **Sandra** airlifted out—she was in a lot of pain, the senior EMT

suspected it was a bad break (he would be proven to be very right), and moving her on the stretcher would be hard and painful. So they called in a helicopter for a medevac to the regional trauma center at San Jose Medical Center. I have to say it sure felt strange to be there on the ground watching the helicopter lift off with our judge. I found myself thinking back over my years of working on the tracking event, because something weird always seemed to happen, some *crisis*—and thinking boy, this tops it all. This has been a really long story I know—what I hope the club members get from it was the realization that we had a fairly complex problem, a potentially dangerous circumstance, that got handled just about as well as I think it could have been done. The people who were there at the scene did everything right, and they did it really, really fast. Bottom line is that **Sandra** was taken care of without further injury or without anyone else getting hurt. The process of getting medical help, supporting **Sandra** and the people with her, and keeping everyone informed about what was happening went just about like clockwork. I don't know if the AKC actually envisioned a circumstance like this when they established their requirement for an emergency action plan; but we sure justified the requirement, didn't we? Actually, MBDTC had drafted our own *emergency plan* for the tracking site a year before AKC made it a formal requirement—the first year we were at the quarry site. And **Helene** gets my vote for genius of the year by bringing up the need to make sure everyone could stay in contact with each other. And while I know the membership and officers of the club will be very concerned over the accident, I hope they also feel some sense of pride and accomplishment for how well it was handled. I've been involved in emergency situations before, including medical emergencies, and I don't remember ever seeing a group of people, including military personnel, respond as well or as efficiently as the folks at the tracking site. A very, very sincere *well done* to everyone.



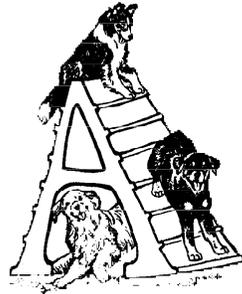
Agility Chuckle

from the Internet via **Cindy Snow**

Jane was an agility competitor. As the years progressed, she became more and more of a fanatic. One day it occurred to her that Heaven might not have agility trials. She soon became obsessed with this disturbing possibility. It began to interfere with her everyday life.

As a last resort, she went to a fortune teller. The fortune teller asked her, "Why have you come?" Jane blurted out, "Ohh, I just have to know, are there agility trials in Heaven?" The fortune teller sighed and began to peer into her crystal ball.

Finally she said, "I have good news and bad news." Jane could hardly contain herself. She said, "Oh please tell me, are there agility trials in Heaven?" The fortune teller nodded and said, "Yes, there are". Jane clapped her hands and began to cry with relief. Then she stopped short and said, "You said there was bad news too. What is it?" The fortune teller shrugged and said, "You are entered this Saturday."



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My Forgetter

from the Internet via **Olive Watson**

My forgetter's getting better
But my rememberer is broke
To you that may seem funny
But, to me, that is no joke
For when I'm "here" I'm wondering
If I really should be "there"
And, when I try to think it through,
I haven't got a prayer!
Oft times I walk into a room,
Say "what am I here for?"
I wrack my brain, but all in vain
A zero, is my score.
At times I put something away
Where it is safe, but, Gee!
The person it is safest from
Is, generally, me!
When shopping I may see someone,
Say "Hi" and have a chat,
Then, when the person walks away
I ask myself, "who was that?"
Yes, my forgetter's getting better
While my rememberer is broke,
And it's driving me plumb crazy
And that isn't any joke.



Training Your Dog from Puppy through Utility

ANDREA VAUGHAN



Location: Fiesta Hall, Santa Clara County
Fairgrounds, San Jose, California

Dates: October 12 & 13, 2002

COST: BEFORE JUNE 1: \$145 AFTER JUNE 1: \$175

ANDREA WILL:

- Demonstrate her easy step-by-step methods that keep the dog happy and attentive while working toward perfection
- Help participants to work through problems with their dogs



Seminars are tailored to each audience. The atmosphere is informal.

Questions will be answered in a friendly and constructive manner.

Participants are encouraged to come forward if volunteers are needed.



YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FROM ONE OF THE BEST!

Andrea has trained dogs for twenty-five years and has been teaching for twelve years. Rocky, her first dog had fourteen perfect scores and won Gaines four times. Rambo, her second dog had nineteen perfect scores and won Gaines six times. With Rocky and Rambo, she retired the Jack Godsil Trophy three times. Tango is currently working in Agility with the MX and MXJ titles and is half-way to the MACH titles

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Dear Marian,

We are pleased and humbled to be the recipient of your \$500.00 gift. What a wonderful outpouring of support we've received from all over our country. We are honored to welcome you as a new member.

As a direct result of your donation, we have been able to send 12 canine candidates into training instead of the two that had been planned! These search dog/handler teams, like Rob and Harley below, play a vital role in our nation's preparedness for disaster. Finding live victims is the goal in any urban tragedy, be it earthquake or bombing.

The National Disaster Search Dog Foundation is all about training the search dogs and firefighter handlers who do just that, and training them in the shortest, most cost effective way.

The September 11 attacks changed America forever. Yet, while we've mourned the tremendous loss of life and assault on our sense of safety, we've also felt the power of the enduring American spirit.

Thank you for having been part of the search.

With warm regards,

Wilma Melville 

Wilma Melville
Founder, Executive Director

No gifts or services were received for your donation.

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Prospective Members

Richard Soria has requested reinstatement to membership. If no negatives are received by the Corresponding Secretary within 30 days, he will be reinstated. If any negatives are received, there will be a vote at the next General Membership Meeting.