

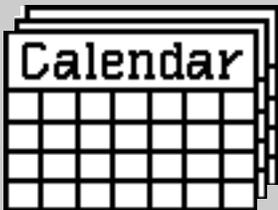


Ruff Notes

May, 2002

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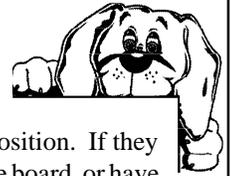


What's Happening in May?

- 6 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.,
First National Bank,
Watsonville
- 7 Watsonville classes start
- 8 Pet Pals, Soquel AM
classes start
- 9 Capitola PM & Salinas
classes start
- 14 Conformation classes start
- 18 General Membership
meeting, Yvette Cook's
home; 11:00 herding
demo; 12:00 lunch; 1:30
meeting
- 21 Ruff Notes deadline
- 21 Doggy Cookie Bake Sale
& White Elephant Hunt

We need you. Please plan to attend the May 18 General Membership Meeting. It takes 16 members to make a quorum. No quorum—no meeting!

Paws for the President



Nominating Committee of **Lynn Schmitt** (chm), **Stacy Thompson**, and **Christa Cordtz** are making every attempt to located members with interest in the club's future who are willing to take on a board position. If they have not contacted you yet, and you are interested in filling a seat on the board, or have a suggestion of a person you believe would be interested in serving, please contact **Lynn**. Members who have been inactive for a period of time and now have more time to share with the club are welcome to become pro-active by indicating their interest in the workings of the club.

Nice to see that three of our former members have petitioned for Reinstatement this past year: **LeVaun Sheetz**, **Uli Morgan**, and **Richard Soria**. All three were active members who supported MBDTTC with enthusiasm and hard work.

The Raffle items intended to support the tracking test will be raffled off at the July Obedience Workshop. Take a peek at the basket...it's filled with some perfect items for your kitchen.

The last Doggy Cookie Bake Sale & White Elephant Hunt scheduled by the Juniors for this club year will be held the 3rd night of class in the upcoming session. May 21! Your support has been very generous...and they and the Watsonville Animal Shelter are grateful for your interest.

A Joint Committee of Bylaws and Membership will be meeting to consider solutions for the flagging attendance at general meetings. They will be considering an additional type of membership and alternatives for meeting dates. If you have suggestions contact either **Lynnette VE-Smith** or **Linda Harbertson**.

An Awards committee of interested members will be assembled by **Pam Strametz** to help in streamlining the awards offered by the club at its Christmas event. The committee was requested because AKC's interest in vastly expanding the number of titles offered will make our awards offerings increasingly more unwieldy and at the current price per handmade unit very expensive. Contact **Pam Strametz** with your input.

The veterinary community's general consensus that DLHPP shots need not be given on a yearly schedule led the board to revamp its class policy. Shot records will be required for all dogs on the premises; but for dogs over one year of age, a three-year span between boosters will be acceptable. Currently dogs were permitted into classes with a vet note indicating that shots were not administered to a dog based upon the vet's advice. Puppy owners, however, must continue to show proof of completed puppy vaccinations. Rabies vaccination requirements have not been changed.

Demonstrating Responsible Dog Ownership

Bragg

Luane Vidak:

Jiffy earned his TDX at Oakland DTC's test in Livermore.

Linda Lang:

Amber took first place at Bay Team NADAC in Elite Veteran Jumpers for her first leg; *Tyler* took fourth in Novice Gamblers for his first leg; *Amber* got her first Novice Tunnelers leg; *Tyler* got his first Novice Tunnelers leg; and *Tyler* took second in Novice Standard for his first leg. The next day *Tyler* took third in Novice Gamblers for his second leg and his NGC title; *Tyler* took second in Novice Standard for a second leg; and *Shelby* took first in Novice Veteran Gamblers for her first leg. At Redwood Belgian Tervuren *Amber* double Q'd for her second MX and first MXJ legs, and *Tyler* took third in Novice Jumpers for his third leg and NAJ. The next day *Amber* double Q'd for her third MX and second MXJ legs with a third place in Standard.

Amanda Nie:

Amanda with *Gerwood* in Open Junior Handlers at Oakland KC was first in 10-14 age group and first runner-up in winner's class for all juniors.

June Laman:

Poppy got a 3-point major and was Winners Bitch, Best Opposite, and Best of Winners from 6-9 Puppy Bitches.

Stacy Thompson:

Noah finished his MX and MXJ titles at the Redwood Belgian Tervuren trial.

Carol Howton:

Ice got a 5-point major from Open Dogs in Arizona.

Jessica Hetrick:

Tess took fourth place in Excellent A Standard at Briones.

Pam Hetrick:

Jasmine in Excellent B Jumpers and Standard at Briones scored 100 for a double Q and second places and also got a double Q with scores of 100 the next day. At Fresno she also got double Qs both days with scores of 100. At Dixon DTC she had scores of 100 both days in JWW and one day in Standard.

Crissy Hasgings-Baugh:

Gracie had scores of 100 in Excellent B Standard and JWW at Davis DTC (first place and second place—double Q) and JWW the next day (fourth place). At Redwood Belgian Tervuren Club she scored 100 in Excellent B JWW both days. *Logan* had scores of 100 two days at Davis DTC in Excellent B Standard and one day in JWW. At Redwood Belgian Tervuren Club he had scores of 100 two days in Excellent B JWW and one day in Standard.



New Titles

- Jiffy TDX
- Tyler NGC
- Tyler NAJ
- Noah MX
- Noah MXJ



Hot Dog Awards

This month's Hot Dog Awards run from March 19 through April 16.

Trial Hot Dog—This month no obedience scores were reported.

Agility Trial Hot Dog—This month the Agility Trial Hot Dog Award goes to **Crissy Hastings-Baugh** and *Gracie* for their 76.47% score at Davis.

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.

Obedience Workshop

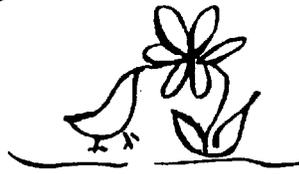
DTC of Salinas Valley is putting on an obedience workshop on May 4 at Spreckels Park. Pre-entries close April 25 (\$8 each dog; additional class \$6). Mail to **Margaret Pare**, 1 Miramonte Road, Carmel Valley, CA 93924; 831 659-7867. Day of workshop entries taken from 8 - 10 a.m. (\$10/ \$8).

Classes offered: Novice A & B (**Marilyn Runyan**); Open A & B (**Sue Westover**); Utility A & B (**Carol Davis**). Pre-Novice and Grad-Novice to be announced.



Shade available; bring your own lunch. Coffee, drinks, and snacks available.





Home Insurers Frown on Many Dogs

The New York Times

Joseph B. Treaster, Travis Bell

March 30, 2002

The big Rottweiler was an awesome sight: glistening black fur, 135 pounds of muscle and nearly 6 feet tall when it rose up on its hind legs. Strangers scattered when they saw it coming. But **Carleton Giles** and his wife, **Christina**, always kept the dog, *Cézanne*, on a leash, and neighbors on their quiet street in Columbia, S.C., say their pet was invariably gentle and even cuddly.

But Nationwide (insurance co.), which for seven years has sold the Gileses insurance on their home and two cars, was taking no chances. It considers Rottweilers, Dobermans, pit bulls, Presa Canarios, Chows and wolf hybrids dangerous, and simply refuses to insure homes where they are kept. Some other insurers also have blacklists of breeds, including Akitas and Huskies, which they compile on the basis of both reputation and dog-attack statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Without the insurance, it is almost impossible to get or keep a mortgage.

The danger of big, powerful and often aggressive dogs has been underscored by the fatal mauling of a San Francisco woman in the doorway of her apartment by a neighboring couple's 120-pound Presa Canario. Just last week, one of the dog's owners was convicted of murder, the other of involuntary manslaughter. The day before, a Wisconsin couple were charged with homicide because their six Rottweilers had killed a 10-year-old girl who was playing in their home with their daughter.

But insurers began focusing on the problem of dangerous dogs long ago. Since the mid-1990's, with the growing popularity of aggressive breeds as a result of

security concerns, dog attacks have become the biggest single cause of home policy claims, with costs running to more than \$300 million a year, said **Robert P. Hartwig**, chief economist of the Insurance Information Institute, a trade group.

State Farm, Allstate and many other insurers do not have blacklists. Instead, their agents make a judgment call on each dog, regardless of breed, as Nationwide and some other insurers do in cases of breeds that are not on their lists.

"If the dog is growling or aggressive, that's pretty much a tip-off that you could have a problem dog," said **Dan Hattaway**, a specialist on home insurance at State Farm. Mr. Hattaway said State Farm did not think blacklisting of breeds was an effective way to screen for danger. "Simply by naming a breed," he said, "people are screening out a fair percentage of good dogs. Just because someone is a Rottweiler fancier doesn't mean they have a dangerous or aggressive dog."

When Nationwide discovered the Gileses' Rottweiler, during a visit to check possible damage to their roof, it issued an ultimatum: get rid of the dog or give up coverage on the three-bedroom ranch-style home. For the Gileses, the choice was heartbreaking.

For Nationwide, it was a straightforward business decision. "We believe these breeds are capable of inflicting damage or causing a loss that is far outside the norm," said **Scott Mallasee**, a specialist in home insurance at Nationwide.

J. Robert Hunter, director of insurance for the Consumer Federation of America, said it made sense for insurance companies to deny coverage because of a dangerous dog. "If you had a dynamite factory in your basement, it would be

silly for an insurance company to sell you coverage," Mr. Hunter said. "Likewise if you have a dog that is biting everybody or exhibiting menacing behavior."

But he and others said they objected to denial of coverage on the basis of breed alone. "Dogs, like people," Mr. Hunter said, "have a wide range of behavioral patterns and personalities."

Sometimes, veterinarians say, the most troublesome dogs are those that might be least suspected. "The most vicious dogs I see are Chihuahuas," said **Dr. Kevin Blaes**, chief of staff at Banfield, the Pet Hospital of Columbia. "They don't do a lot of damage, but some of them just keep gnawing and biting. And Dalmatians are becoming very aggressive. You don't expect that."

Unlikely though it may seem, tiny dogs sometimes kill. A little over a year ago, for example, a Pomeranian, one of the smallest breeds, jumped onto a bed and killed an infant in a home near Los Angeles.

At Nationwide, Mr. Mallasee defended his company's policy of discriminating by breed. "We just don't have the luxury of getting to know the dog to the point where we would believe that this dog does not pose the risk that the breed would indicate," he said. Nationwide and some other companies also refuse to sell or renew coverage when a dog has attacked someone.

But State Farm, the largest insurer of homes, and Allstate, the second-largest, say they will consider selling or continuing coverage even after a dog bite. "We have to look at the situation," said **Michael Trevino**, a spokesman for Allstate. "Is the dog

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Happy Birthday



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 CG C (Pug)	age 9
5	Cinco Vierra CD, CGC (Dalmatian)	age 7
6	Twig Holderman (Chesapeake Bay Retriever)	age 2
10	Uno Mangels (Bloodhound)	age 4
10	Tracy Vidak UD, AX, AXJ (Shetland Sheepdog)	age 16
13	Noah Thompson CDX, AX, AXJ, CGC (Aust. Sheepdog)	age 5
14	Dorie Brodrick (Golden Retriever)	age 3
14	Ch Capi Pensinger JRT NNC, NHC, CGC (Jack Russell)	age 3
16	Merlin Harbertson UD (Borzoi)	age 12
20	Jack Flash Slater (Australian Shepherd)	age 2
20	Sophie Nie (Miniature Longhaired Dachshund)	age 6
23	Penny Davis UDX (German Shepherd Dog)	age 12
23	Kelli Bashista CDX, CGC (Labrador Retriever)	age 7
24	Cassie Brodrick CDX, JH (Golden Retriever)	age 11
28	Katelyn Nelson CD, CGC (Newfoundland)	age 7
30	Rumor Del Conte (Doberman Pinscher)	age 7
31	Dog McLeod (Border Collie)	age 3

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really vicious? Is he going to bite again? Or was it just an accident?"

Even at companies that do not blacklist, though, individual agents are often wary. Mr. Giles, a graphics designer, said he had tried to change insurance companies. But because of his big dog, he said, he could not find an agent who would sell him coverage. One who offered coverage, he said, wanted to triple his premium.

Finally he gave *Cézanne* to **Sarah Elkin**, a local dog groomer. She agreed that if the Gileses could ever find coverage that would include *Cézanne*, she would give him back. She lives out in the country in a home without a mortgage. She has no insurance on the house. So the views of the insurance companies are of no concern to her.

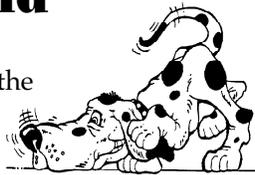
Now let me continue with this thought to go along with the NY Times article.

The Low Aggression Diet
Dog Fancy
Arnold Plotnick, DVM
 February 2002

A change in diet could curb inappropriate aggression according to the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association. To sum up the article, the study found that low protein diets do reduce aggression in dogs known to be aggressive. It also stated that Tryptophan supplements can reduce dominance, aggression, and territorial aggression in dogs which protect their home and yard. Lowering the protein increases the ratio of the amino-acid tryptophan to other large neutral amino acids. Tryptophan is a precursor of the neurotransmitter serotonin to the brain. Elevated serotonin levels correlate with decreased aggression in response to stimuli. (Food for tho't?...LV)

Nose to the Ground Hound

Daylight saving springing forth!!!...Dog trainers using the extra daylight hours!!!...Puppy dogs savoring the extra attention!!!...**Sue Adams** working with contractors!!!...**Michael Bashista** soon cutting short some teaching hours!!!...**Carol Davis** and **Linda Lang** co-chairing the Obedience Workshop in July!!!...**Jane Devlin** and **Stacy Thompson** offering much support to the recent C-Dog operation!!!...**Betty Garcia** finalizing MBDC's Thirty-sixth Anniversary bash!!!...**Yvette & Bill Cook** offering their lovely gardens for the event...and providing a Sheep herding demo!!!... **Marlene Majewska's** Labrador, *Tyke*, doing fine at ripe young age of 16 years ... Good boy, Tyker!!!...**Peggy Martini** seeing daughter **Denise** and pup *Chucky* off to their new home in Idaho!!!...**Sandi Pensinger** and Jack Russells showing how it's done at recent agility trials!!!...**Liza Pierce** grooming up a storm at the Santa Cruz Pet Resort on Chanticleer in SC!!!...**Dale Root** working as Del Monte Agility Trial Secretary!!!... **Cindy Snow** visiting friends in SJ over Easter!!!...**Kim Sutherland** baking wonderful treats for sale at MoonDoggies in Capitola!!!...**Anita Vidak** celebrating number 85 in April!!!...**Dennis Vierra** performing center stage in SC!!!...**Uli Morgan** squiring her new little Pom through Tuesday night classes!!!...and on a sad note.....**Pam Strametz** reporting the loss of the sweet, little pup she was raising...so sorry.....Closing off til next month....**Luane**



"We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made."

—M. Facklam

Seeking Male Companionship

from the Internet via **Marion Bashista**

Mike got this from a friend of ours. I could just see *Kelli* placing this advertisement...

SINGLE BLACK FEMALE... Seeks male companionship, ethnicity unimportant. I'm a svelte good looking girl who LOVES to play. I love long walks in the woods, riding in your pickup truck, hunting, camping, and fishing trips, cozy winter nights lying by the fire. Candlelight dinners will have me eating out of your hand. Rub me the right way and watch me respond. I'll be at the front door when you get home from work, wearing only what nature gave me. Kiss me and I'm yours. Call xxx-xxxx and ask for *Daisy*."

Callers found themselves talking to the local Humane Society about an eight-week-old black Lab!

A Funny Thing Happened...

from **Denise Panzich**



On my way to Merced, going through a built-up Hollister area, I was looking for my street to turn down. I was driving safely but not watching the speedometer. When I realized I had a cop with lights on, I pulled over. The problem, so did she. I was clocked at 20 miles over the speed limit.

Mind you, I have my car packed with luggage and two crates and two Pugs that love to bark when someone approaches the car. After crawling over *Jade's* crate to open the door, she asked for my licenses, registration and insurance.

She looked at the car and asked where I was going. I told her in tears and shook like a leaf. When she asked about the dogs, to my surprise, she was thrilled because she had been looking for a Pug. After exchanging e-mail addresses and breeder names, to my surprise, I was let off with a warning.

My lesson learned: This will never happen again, so slow down, stupid!

The Litter Box

Dani Nelson proudly announces the birth of niece **Samantha Taylor** on April 13 at Dominican Hospital. To see her picture and more birth information go to <http://www.newbabynews.net/redir.php?hid=16> and click on her name.



"A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself."

—**Josh Billings**

"Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea."

—**Robert A. Heinlein**

New CGC Dogs

Anne Terry

Nine dogs attempted the CGC test on February 26, with six of them passing. These were:

<i>Tahoe</i>	Lee Wyker
<i>Katie</i>	Linda Coleman
<i>Ike</i>	John Gautieri
<i>Scout</i>	Elizabeth Hagan
<i>Belle</i>	Pamela S. Rubio
<i>Precious</i>	Iona Marsaa

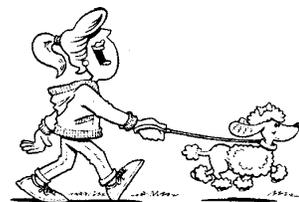
I would like to thank all my helpers that night: **Lynnette Van Epps-Smith, Stacy Thompson, Kim Sutherland, Jim Brodrick, Dale Root, Linda Lang, Sandi Pensinger, Sylvia Holderman, June Laman, and Uli Morgan.**

Morris Animal Foundation Walkathon

Luane Vidak

Great big thank you to the following members who helped us collect the \$850 that we forward on to do good work through Morris's health research grants.

**Carol Davis
Jane Devlin
Betty Gidding
Linda Lang
Debbie Nelson
Judy Nielson
Marilyn Runyan
Lynn Schmitt
Eric Smith
Cindy Snow
Anita Vidak
Luane Vidak
Dennis Vierra**



This Person Is Dangerous.

This e-mail was sent to me (Denise Panzich) by the Pug Club.

Please cross post everywhere and spread the word...

There is a man named John from Mt Vernon NY (<A HREF="mailto:puppyn1@aol.com"puppyn1@aol.com) that is trying to get every dog, pup and any other animal he can find on petfinder!!! He is either a puppy mill or he is reselling them to others and labs...I purposely contacted him with several different e-mail addys telling him I had several different breeds of dogs and he wanted them all!!!!...he wants pups and adults...anything he can get his hands on...my friends contacted him and he also contacted them wanting to take their dogs they had pretended to have!!!!...I have pups for adoption and he just contacted me that he wants all of them!!! He is up to something!!!! Please warn everyone and post this everywhere!!! E-mail him that we are on to him!!! He has an ad under pets wanted now and wants pit bulls...last week he wanted huskies and rotties and birds...he told me he was a rescue and he is not...I am going to contact the SPCA in his area and have them check out what he is up to!!! Please do not place any animal with this man!!!!"

Amy Gillian-Fanning Homes for Huskies, Inc. Siberian Husky Rescue of Oklahoma

Marge and Chablis (mini Poodle) & Amigo (IG)

“Vital Stats”

Luane Vidak

copied from *Health* magazine
4/02 issue

Sixty eight million dogs are owned in US.

Forty-four percent of dog owners buy souvenirs for their dogs when on vacation.

Nine and 8/10ths million dog owners throw a birthday celebration for their dogs.

At the Three Dog Bakery in Kansas City, Missouri, \$19.95 is the cost of a dog's birthday cake (as compared to a \$5.00 cake for humans elsewhere).

The charge for a bath and nail clip for the average dog at NYC's Le Chien Pet Salon in Trump Tower is a mere \$85.

(Don't ask...I don't know how they know all this!!)



BREED Facts:

Country of Origin: Great Britain
Date of Origin: Middle Ages
First Use: Fox hunting, ratting
Use Today: Companion
Life Expectancy: 14 years
Weight Range: 13 - 16 pounds
Height Range: 10 - 12 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.

“If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that certain dogs I have known will go to heaven, and very, very few persons.”

— James Thurber



Help Wanted: AOCNC

Carol Davis

Please set aside July 28 for AOCNC's annual interclub match to be held at Cal State Hayward. In addition to the fun of competing for the club, you may also use this match as a way to see how your dog is doing at whatever level is appropriate for you.

MBDTC is responsible for a ring at this match, and we need three stewards. If you can volunteer to steward, please call **Carol Davis** at 722-0267.

Whether or not you can steward, we hope to see you there—show your dog, steward, and/or join us in the potluck.

Help Wanted: Obedience Workshop

Carol Davis and Linda Lang

Please set aside Saturday, July 6 for our Obedience Workshop to be held at the Santa Cruz Fairgrounds in Watsonville. This is an important fundraiser for the club, and we can use all the help we can get. We are especially in need of people willing to help steward. You can still show your dog if you do plan to steward. Call either **Carol Davis** (722-0267) or **Linda Lang** (724-2776).

Thanks for Your Support

Dear MBDTC Members:

I and my family thank you so much for your message of sympathy. This means so much.

To those who sent cards with such beautiful messages, so special, we thank you.



God Bless.

Peg (Martini) and Family, including *Tristan*



"Please feel free to join in anytime you like."

Just for Smiles

Dog Haiku

Author Unknown

via *The Barker News, County Wide DT C*

I love my master;
Thus I perfume myself with
This long-rotten squirrel.

I lie belly-up
In the sunshine, happier than
You will ever be.

Today I sniffed many
Dog butts—I celebrate
By kissing your face.

I lift my leg and
Annoint each bus. Hello, Spot—
Sniff this and weep.

How do I love thee?
The ways are numberless as
My hairs on the rug.

I sound the alarm!!!
Paperboy—come to kill us all—
Look! Look! Look! Look!

Former Member Reinstated

Please add the following information to
your Directory:

Richard Soria
300 Lucerne Avenue
Watsonville, CA 95076
722-4991
July 14
Golden Retriever

"No animal should ever jump
up on the dining-room furni-
ture unless absolutely certain
that he can hold his own in the
conversation."

— Fran Lebowitz



Doggy Prayers

contributed by Barbara Wright
via *Recall Bulletin, Deep PeninsulaDTC*

Dear God: How come people love to smell flowers but seldom 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: Is it true that in Heaven, dining room tables have on-ramps?

Der 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 mailmen in Heaven? If there are, will I have to apologize?

Dear God: May I have my testicles back?

Ask the Vet: What is Panosteitis?

Justine Swaney, DVM—Clarion, PA (from Cindy Bonner—Clarion Canine Obedience Club via *The Printed Paw*)
via Obediently Yours
via Quincy Kennel Club *The Tattle Tail*

Panosteitis, sometimes generically referred to as “growing pains,” is an orthopedic disease which usually affects young, medium to large breed dogs. German Shepherd and Shepherd mixes are somewhat over represented, suggesting a possible genetic basis for the disease; however, an actual etiology or cause is unknown at this time. The typical age range of affected dogs is 5-18 months of age, although dogs as young as 2 months and as old as 9 years have been recognized.

Panosteitis is characterized by varying degrees of pain and lameness, which may affect one leg only or shift from leg to leg. Overall, front legs are more frequently affected. A typical finding upon physical examination of a dog with panosteitis is a pain response upon palpation of the long bone(s) in the affected leg(s). This is a distinguishing feature of panosteitis in that it does not affect joints, but rather the shaft of the bone itself.

While a diagnosis of panosteitis may be suspected by considering the dog's age, breed, and clinical signs, confirmation is via radiographs. Panosteitis typically demonstrates fluffy, white densities within the shaft of long bones. In some cases, pain may precede detectable changes on radiographs, perhaps requiring follow-up films in a few weeks.

No treatment or therapy will “cure” panosteitis; however, the good news is that this is a self-limiting disease with an excellent prognosis. Once a dog recovers from panosteitis, there are no lasting physical deformities or lameness. A typical recovery period is several weeks, although in some animals signs may recur up to 2 years of age. Supportive therapy for this disease often involves some form of anti-inflammatory medication coupled with exercise restriction.

A final point regarding panosteitis: a diagnosis of this condition does not eliminate the possibility of concurrent or future orthopedic diseases, such as hip or elbow dysplasia, or defects in cartilage development. Unfortunately, these other diseases tend to affect the same type of dogs that panosteitis does (i.e., young, large breed dogs) and thus must also be considered when “growing pains” set in.

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 carpet thing, again?

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 Chihuahua across the street!

Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do . . . write to these men? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mailmen could look for them while they delivered the mail?

How much deeper would oceans be if sponges didn't live there?



Membership Renewal Coming Up

Membership renewal information and forms will appear in next month's *Ruff Notes*. When they arrive, please respond quickly.

Membership is \$24; \$12 for junior members; \$12 for second family members.

Also coming will be Committee Preference Sheets and Doggie Birthday Lists. Directory update information will also be requested.

35th Anniversary Lunch Meeting

Betty Garcia

May 18, 2002

Come and join us in the fun as we celebrate our 35th anniversary as a club. I must know by May 14 if you are coming, so don't delay—get your reservation in now. We would love to have you.

Location: 96 Wheelock Road, Watsonville—**Yvette Cook's** home

11:00 a.m.—Herding Demo 12:00 p.m.—Lunch 1:30—Meeting

Cost per person: \$10.50

Lunch, which will be catered by Erik's Deli, consists of sandwich, salad, drink and cookie. All sandwiches include red onions, tomatoes and sprouts.

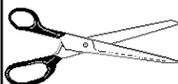
Pilgrim's Progress: Turkey Breast/Fresh Avocado on 9 grain wheat bread.

R.E.O. Speedwagon: Smoked Ham, Turkey Breast, Monterey Jack on sourdough.

Roast Beef: On a sweet french roll.

John Muir: Avocado, red bell pepper, mushrooms, carrots, lettuce, sunflower seeds on wheat bread.

Please *detach* this section and return to Betty Garcia by **May 14**. You can either mail this to me, (**Betty Garcia**), at 653 Bronte Ave., Watsonville, CA 95076, or give it to me at class.



(Mark your choice of sandwich, salad and drink.)

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More Dog Humor

via **Becky Gertz**
At the End of the Leash
Truckee Meadows DTC

If a Dog Were Your Teacher...

You would learn things like: When loved ones come home, always run to greet them. Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride. Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy. When it's in your best interest, practice obedience. Let others know when they've invaded your territory. Take naps and stretch before rising. Run, romp, and play daily. Thrive on attention and let people touch you. Avoid biting, when a simple growl will do. On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass. On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree. When you're happy, dance around and wiggle your entire body. No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout—run right back and make friends. Delight in the simple joy of a long walk. Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. Stop when you have had enough. Be loyal. Never pretend to be something you're not. If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it. When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently.

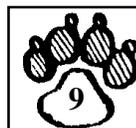
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"What strained and anxious lives dogs must lead, so emotionally involved in the world of men, whose affections they strive endlessly to secure, whose authority they are expected unquestioningly to obey, and whose minds they can never do more than imperfectly reach and comprehend."

—Joseph Randolph Ackerley

Name: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

(I will need a completed form for each person planning to attend.)



Board Nominations Announced

Lynn Schmitt and her committee (Christa Cordtz and Stacy Thompson) present the following nominees for the 2002-2003 Board members.

President	Lynn Schmitt
Vice President	Kim Sutherland
Recording Secretary	Jennifer Slater
Corresponding Secretary	Lynnette Van Epps-Smith
Treasurer	Marion Bashista
Director of Matches & Trials	Pam Fugitt-Hetrick
Director of Membership	Danielle Nelson
Director of Publicity	Sandi Pensinger
Director of Training	To be announced

Voting will take place at the July 6 meeting (planned to follow the Obedience Workshop).

Entertainment Books

Entertainment Books for 2002 are on sale for \$15. Support the club and buy one today. Only a few are left. Many fast food coupons, nice restaurants and hotels that take dogs for you traveling show people. The hotels can be used across the US. Contact Mike Bashista or Denise Panzich.



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No Quorum, No Meeting—Again

Marilyn Runyan

The March General Membership Meeting did not take place after all due to a lack of quorum. By-laws specify that we need 20% of the membership to attend in order for a General Membership Meeting to be held. At the last scheduled meeting we needed 16 members to be present. Only 14 showed up—out of a total of almost 80 members.

This is a problem for the club as it is not possible to conduct club business without being able to hold a meeting.

Discussion is ongoing about ways to resolve this problem, but the most obvious way (for now) is for more members to attend. **MBDTC needs you!!!**



Prospective Member

Delores Tate has been recommended for membership by the Board. She has a Labrador Retriever and is currently in the Novice class. She has attended several classes with us and has attended a meeting. She participated in the demo at the Capitola Senior Center.

She will be voted on at the May 18 meeting—provided we have a quorum!!!