

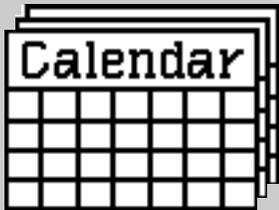


Ruff Notes

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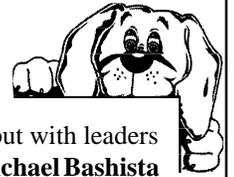
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Marilyn Runyan:

Bradie scored 194 in Novice at AOCNC and 180 in Graduate Novice at our trial for second place.

Linda Lang:

Amber had a clean run at the Malamute Agility trial to get her fifth MX leg.

Luane Vidak:

At Nor Cal Malamute trial in Open JWW *Jiffy* in Open JWW scored 100 for third place and a new OAJ. *Jiffy* at County Wide in Excellent B Standard scored 100 and in Excellent A JWW also scored 100 for fourth place and a first AXJ leg. The following day he got another Excellent A JWW leg with 100 points and fourth place. *Jiffy* is now a new VCD2.

Carolyn Meyer:

Morgan had a nice Standard Excellent B runs on at our trial. He had qualifying standard runs also at Minnesota Agility, Cream City Canines (three times), Missoula Montana Five Valley (first place). In Excellent B JWW he qualified at Cream City Canines, Missoula Montana Five Valley (first place), completing his Masters JWW title. At County Wide he also qualified in Excellent B JWW. At the Southern Wisconsin Herding Club he qualified for a leg toward his Herding Ranch Dog title.

Denise Panzich:

Jade took Best Adult in Match at the Santa Cruz KC match.

Betty Garcia:

Alex in Open A at DTC of Salinas Valley scored 1831/2 for third place and High Sheltie. At our trial he scored 1881/2 in Open A for fourth place. *Mike* in Novice B at our trial scored 177 for a first leg. *Mike* and *Alex* in Brace took second place at our trial.



Jennifer Slater:

Keeper at the Poodle Club qualified in Excellent B JWW (score 100, fourth place). *Dutchess* qualified and was first in Excellent A Standard. *Jack Flash* qualified and was first in Novice B Standard to complete an NA (score 100). At the Malamute Club trial he qualified in Novice B Standard (first) and in Novice BJWW (fourth) to complete an NAJ. At the Quicksilver NADAC/ASCA trial *Keeper* qualified twice in Elite Jumpers, once in Elite Standard (two firsts and a second) and got her second leg in ASCA Novice obedience. *Jack Flash* qualified twice in Novice B Standard (first and second), finishing his NAC, once in Novice Gamblers, and once in Novice Jumpers (two thirds). At the SMART USDAA trial *Keeper* got her second leg in Advanced Standard (fifth place) and second leg in Advanced Snooker (fourth place).

Noreen Silva:

Misty scored 1961/2 in Veterans at our trial for first place. In Utility B she scored 1911/2. At DTC of Salinas Valley she scored 1891/2 in Utility B and 1911/2 in Open B for a seventh UDX leg. She was on the front cover and centerfold pictures and article on the worth of therapy dogs in the Focus on Health for Dominican Hospital story on therapy dogs.

Amanda Nie:

With *Gerwood* at the Santa Cruz KC she took first place in Open Junior Showmanship one day and fourth place the next day.

Mary Nie:

Daisy in Open Bitches at Santa Cruz KC was Winners Bitch both days for two points.

Stacy Thompson:

Noah in Versatility at our trial scored 193 for second place. *Malachi* in Novice B scored 192 for second place and a second leg.



Jiffy OAJ
Jiffy VCD2
Jack Flash NA
Jack Flash NAJ
Jack Flash NAC

Anne Terry:

Candy at Santa Clara KC in Open A scored 178 for a second leg.



This month's Hot Dog Awards run from July 24 through August 21.

Trial Hot Dog—This month the Trial Hot Dog Award goes to **Stacy Thompson** and *Malachi* for their 192 score at our trial.

Agility Trial Hot Dog—This month the Agility Trial Hot Dog Award goes to **Jennifer Slater** and *Jack Flash* for their 73.71% score at the Malamute trial.

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 Trial 2002

Michael Bashista

This trial was my first opportunity to be the recipient of the dedicated work of many volunteers. **Linda Lang** (Grounds and Equipment), **Dale Root** (Trial Secretary) and my wife, **Marion**, (Chief Ring Steward) were invaluable. They just made sure it all happened.

From the beginning, when one hopes our equipment trailer makes it to the venue, thanks **Scott Lindberg**, to when it's finally all packed away under **Pam Strametz's** guidance and towed away by Richard Torres, there are many individuals who make an event a success.

It starts months before when **Dani Nelson** called to tell me she was handling the Special Awards, even before I asked her. **Betty Garcia** began gathering donations for the Raffle Table in March. And the ads and Memorial pages were handled by that in-town/out-of-town, local actor/former President, **Dennis Vierra**. (Apologies to those who missed his Mexican luncheon this year.)

Getting our judges to the Saturday Dinner (organized "tastefully" by **Alverta Strametz**) and handling their travel requirements was **Pam Strametz**. (I knew I had the right person for Judges Hospitality when she kept correcting job description.)

The morning refreshments and all day hospitality were handled by **Stacy Thompson**. And those potted flowers appeared, thanks to **Judy Force** and **Anne Terry**.

Our experienced ring stewards were **Jim Brodrick**, **Tammy del Conte**, **Crissy Hastings-Baugh**, **Sylvia Holderman**, **June Laman**, **Elisabeth Lambert**, **Phyl Mallek**, **Judy McLeod**, **Lynn Schmitt**, **Richard Torres**, **Lynnette Van-Epps Smith**, **Marilyn Runyan** and relief stewards **Linda Lang** and **Ray Hemphill**.

Kim Sutherland and **Ben Nelson** and family helped **BG** with the raffle. **Mike Fenoglio**, our Emergency Coordinator, didn't stand around waiting for an emergency before jumping in. He helped during setup and takedown. And throughout the day, **Dani Nelson** was helping out where ever needed.

Which exhibitor took home the right award was the responsibility of **Denise Panzich** and **LeVaun Sheetz**, who handled Tote.

And those successful exhibitors received their ribbons, medallions and awards, thanks to **Marji** and **Lydia Coe**. (If you ever need your silver polished, be sure to see. I promised not to tell.)

The Trial Committee, whom we thank for not being asked to do any committee work, included **Pam Strametz**, **Sue Westover**, **Carol Davis**, **Marilyn Runyan** and **Linda Lang**.

I met the AKC superintendent, **Roger Ayers** from Austin, TX, in the men's room and he complimented the club on a well run trial. I think this was after the Texas tornado sweep across Ring 1, knocking over the baby gates just as a group exercise was to begin.

And just before those baby gates were being swept over by the wind, **Pam Hetrick** volunteered to handle the lunch line for me. Thanks Pam.

What did I learn, besides that we have a great group of volunteers? Well, let's see. It takes 9 bags of ice to keep drinks cold for a day. We really do need storage space. **Merlin** and I need to do a lot of "off leash" practice on grass. And that **Stacy** has Oops, I promised not to tell that either.

Thanks to everyone who made the trial a success.

Are You One of the 22?

Twenty-two renewing members have not yet submitted the names (call names), titles, and birth dates of their furry friends. In order to avoid errors, it is necessary to submit this information *yearly*.

If you have not yet done so, it is not too late. Submit this information to **Marilyn Runyan** at class, via phone (722-1621), or via e-mail (mrnyan@cruzio.com).

Failure to do so will mean that your furry friend's birthday will not be acknowledged in Ruff Notes. And it's really sad to disappoint those pups!!

"Of any beast, none is more faithful found
Nor yields more pastime in house, plaine, or woods
Nor keeps his master's person, nor his goods,
With greater care, than doth the dog or hound."
—Joachin Camererius



via Golden Retriever Calendar

When your pooch attempts to lick your face, he is demonstrating his willingness to submit to your leadership.



Happy Birthday



To My
Special
Friend

September	2	Christa Cordtz
	17	Deanna Gardiner
	18	Marlene Majewska
	19	Marion Bashista
	20	Lynnette Smith
	25	Jennifer Slater
	30	Dale Root

and to all our furry friends born in September

6	Zoe Thompson CD, NA, CGC (Australian Shepherd)	age 4
10	Chance Mitchell CD (Dalmatian)	age 11
12	Suki Adams (Siberian Husky)	age 4
15	Spice Strametz NA (Shetland Sheepdog)	age 2
24	Sidney Devlin CD, CGC (Siberian Husky)	age 9
24	Ch Simon Nie (Miniature Longhaired Dachshund)	age 3
24	Daisy Nie (Miniature Longhaired Dachshund)	age 3
30	Doogie Sheetz UD, OA, NAJ (Shetland Sheepdog)	age 12

Rites of Passage

a story by **Robin Downing**, D.V.M.
contributed by **Gail Clark** - owlcaller@hotmail.com
from the Internet via **Cindy Snow**

Some of the most poignant moments I spend as a veterinarian are those spent with my clients assisting the transition of my animal patients from this world to the next. When living becomes a burden, whether from pain or loss of normal functions, I can help a family by ensuring that their beloved pet has an easy passing. Making this final decision is painful, and I have often felt powerless to comfort the grieving owners.

That was before I met Shane.

I had been called to examine a ten-year-old blue heeler named Belker who had developed a serious health problem. The dog's owners; Ron, his wife, Lisa, and their little boy, Shane, were all very attached to Belker and they were hoping for a miracle. I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family there were no miracles left for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home. As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for the four-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt Shane could learn something from the experience. The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away. The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion.

We sat together for a while after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives. Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why." Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me—I'd never heard a more comforting explanation.



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Dear Parent:

from the Associated Press:

The parent of a Houston high school pupil received a message from the principal about a special meeting on a proposed educational program.

It read:

"Our school's cross-graded, multi-ethnic individualized learning program is designed to enhance the concept of an open-ended learning program with emphasis on a continuum of multi-ethnic, academically enriched learning using the identified intellectually gifted child as the agent or director of his own learning.

"Major emphasis is on cross-graded, multi-ethnic learning with the main objective being to learn respect for the uniqueness of a person."

The parent wrote the principal:

"I have a college degree, speak two foreign languages and four Indian dialects, have been to a number of county fairs and three goat ropings, but I haven't the faintest idea as to what the hell you are talking about. Do you?"



He said, "Everybody is born so that they can learn how to live a good life—like loving everybody and being nice, right?" The four-year-old continued, "Well, animals already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long."



Dog Poem

from the Internet via LeVaun Sheetz

Why own a dog? There's a danger you know,
You can't own just one, for the craving will grow.
There's no doubt they're addictive, wherein lies the danger,
While living with lots, you'll grow poorer and stranger.

One dog is no trouble and two are so funny
The third one is easy, the fourth one's a honey.
The fifth one is delightful, the sixth one's a breeze,
You find you can live with a household with ease.

So how 'bout another? Would you really dare?
They're really quite easy but oh Lord the hair!
With dogs on the sofa and dogs on the bed,
And crates in the kitchen, it's no bother you said.

They're really no trouble, their manners are great,
What's one more dog and just one more crate?
The sofa is hairy, the windows are crusty,
The floor is all footprints, the furniture all dusty.

The housekeeper suffers, but what do you care?
Who minds a few nose prints and a little more hair.
So let's keep a puppy, you can always find room,
And a little more time for the dust cloth and broom.

There's hardly a limit to the dogs you can add,
The thought of a cutback sure makes you sad.
Each one is so special, so useful, so funny,
The vet and the food bill grows larger, you owe money.

Your folks never visit, few friends come to stay,
Except other dog folks, who live all the same way.
Your lawn has now died, and your shrubs are dead too,
But your weekends are busy, your off with your crew.

There's dog food and vitamins, training and shots,
And entries and travel and motel which cost lots.
Is it worth it, you wonder? Are you caught in a trap?
Then that favorite dog comes and climbs in your lap.

His look says you're special and you know that you will,
Keep all of the critters in spite of the bill.
But winter's a hassle, the dogs hate it too,
But they must have their walks though they're numb and you're blue.

Late evening is awful, you scream and you shout
At the dogs on the sofa that refuse to go out.
The dogs and the dog show, the travel, the thrills,
The work and the worry, the pressure, the bills.

The whole thing seems worth it, the dogs are our life
They're charming and funny and offset the strife.
Your lifestyle has changed—things won't be the same.
Yes, those dogs are addictive and so is the game!

-Author Unknown-



Breed Specific:

Belgian Tervuren

The Belgian Tervuren's trainability and ability to concentrate have made it a favorite for agility trials, police and security service work, and assistance work with blind or disabled people. One of the success stories of the last ten years has been the use of the breed as a scent detector—it finds drugs as they are mugged across national borders. The Tervuren's long, double-pigmented coat, in which each light-colored hair has a black tip, adds to its appeal, and is partly responsible for its growing popularity. Like all the Belgian shepherds, this breed thrives when it is controlled by a firm and understanding hand.

Breed History: In temperament and looks closest to the Groenendael (Groenendael matings occasionally produce Tervuren puppies), this breed descends from the stock that created the Groenendael. Near extinction by the end of World War II, in the last decade it has surged in popularity, especially as a drug-detecting dog.



BREED Facts:

Country of Origin: Belgium
Date of Origin: Middle Ages/1800s
First Use: Livestock herding
Use Today: Companion, security, assistance
Life Expectancy: 12-14 years
Weight Range: 61-63 pounds
Height Range: 22-26 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.



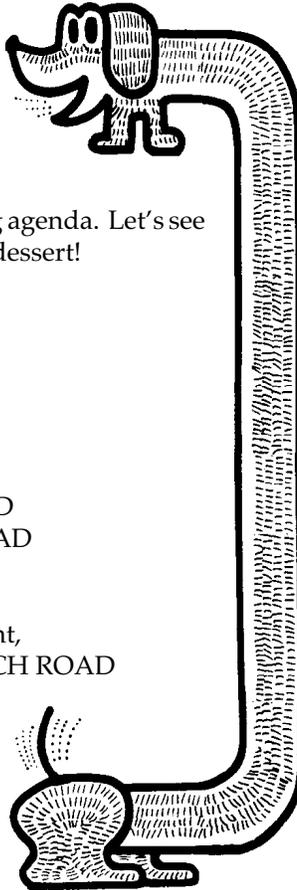
Come One, Come All!

It's time for the September general meeting and we need **YOU!** Please plan on attending **Tuesday, September 17, 7 p.m.** at **Lynn Schmitt's** home. The meeting will be hosted by your incoming board members.

We will be serving a scrumptious dinner and tantalizing agenda. Let's see how an evening meeting works out. No quorum—no dessert!

From Santa Cruz/From Watsonville
382 Brooktree Ranch Road 688-1414

Take Freedom Boulevard Exit
Go over freeway past Highway Patrol
At 1.4 miles (just past Unitarian Church on right)
Get in left hand turn lane and turn **left** on McDONALD
At end of McDonald, turn **right** on DAY VALLEY ROAD
About 600 feet and just over little white bridge
Turn **left** on COX ROAD
About .7 miles (you will pass Ranchitos Del Sol on right,
Chapparal on right) turn **right** on BROOKTREE RANCH ROAD
About half way up on right hand side is 382 sign with
two other addresses.
Just across is vineyard covered with green netting.
688-1414 **Come Hungry**—rare, medium or well done
with eggplants!



"Dogs love their friends and bite their enemies, quite unlike people, who are incapable of pure love and always have to mix love and hate."

— Sigmund Freud

"The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue."

—Anonymous

"Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful."

—Ann Landers

"There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face."

—Ben Williams



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