

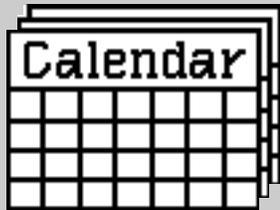


Ruff Notes

October, 2002

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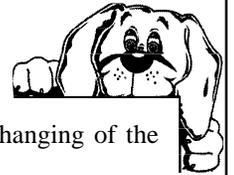


What's Happening in October?

- 1 Watsonville classes start
- 2 Pet Pals, Soquel AM classes start
- 3 Capitola PM & Salinas classes start
- 7 Board meeting, First National Bank, Watsonville, 7:00
- 8 Conformation classes start
- 22 Ruff Notes deadline
- 29 Halloween costumes, Watsonville
- 30 Halloween costumes, Soquel AM
- 31 Halloween costumes, Capitola PM & Salinas

Paws for the President

Dear Members and Friends:



Time flies and while we all wait for our Indian Summer and the changing of the seasons—they display the holiday garland all too soon!

A big thanks to each of you for coming together to work together and bring this club forward in the many training tasks it has taken on.

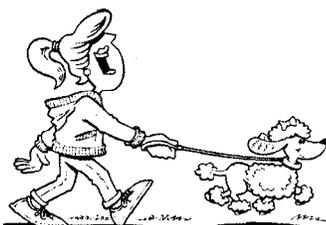
We have quite a diversity of interests amongst the members in this “training” club. It is good to see so many areas covered—obedience, agility, tracking, search and rescue, Rally-O, conformation, sledding, therapy and a wide variety of breed specific interests.

It is important to note, however, that the foundation of this club is obedience; and whether or not our training in obedience is formal with trainer assistance or read from a book and do-it-yourself, it is the cornerstone of any activity pursued with our dogs.

The fair was a wonderful demonstration of just that! Even though I was announcing and could stand back a bit and watch, I could hear remarks from the audience around expressing their amazement over what our dogs can do. Hand signals, voice commands, retrieving, brace maneuvers, rocketing in and out of tunnels, teetering and weaving—“wish my dog could do that” I heard often. Hand that person a class schedule and come on down! Thanks to all who participated! Even though it is a difficult 5-night commitment, we had a blast; and the members’ enthusiasm just doubled with each night.

By now, our September General Meeting has happened, and we had a terrific turnout—close to 30 members with the Board catering (Doggy Bags Express Meals). We were all having such a good time—I think it was a meeting with some very productive discussions posing more challenges to resolve—the positive approach must prevail!

As you each go about your doggy duties, thanks in advance to each of you and your pups for being such wonderful ambassadors for Monterey Bay Dog Training Club!



“It’s a Blonde Thing”

I loved Lynn’s quick wit when *Bradie* again went over to help *Noah* retrieve his dumbbell instead of going for her own. Without skipping a beat Friday night, Lynn quipped that “It’s a blonde thing.” I think *Bradie* would have laughed too—if she had understood it!

Demonstrating Responsible Dog Ownership

Bragg

Judy Force:

Piper was Winners Bitch and Best of Winners at Sir Francis Drake for a 3-point major (her second major). She now has 14 points.

Crissy Hastings Baugh:

Gracie earned two Excellent B Standard legs last month and five more this month, including five double Qs. She earned three Excellent B JWW legs last month and seven more this month. This represents two firsts, four seconds, three thirds, and four fourths. At SMART she took first place in Standard both days, 1st in Snooker one day, 1st with **Pam** and *Jasmine* in pairs relay one day, 2nd in pairs relay one day, and fourth in Gamblers one day. With *Logan* at our trial they were first in Brace. *Logan* earned three Excellent B Standard legs last month and eight more this month, including six double Qs. He earned four legs in Excellent B JWW last month and three more this month. This represents one first, one second, two thirds, and two fourths. He also qualified in Novice B at our trial.

Luane Vidak:

Jiffy earned an Excellent B Standard leg at Rogue (Oregon).

Carolyn Meyer:

Morgan earned seven Excellent B Standard legs and three Excellent B JWW legs, including two double Qs, three firsts, one second, and two fourth places.

Christa Cordtz:

Hooligan won a First Award of Merit right behind the #1 Borzoi in the US at the Sighthound Specialty (and is pictured in the September issue of the Gazette). He also won the open stake at the NCWA lure trial and then went on to win BOB over the Field Champion for another 12 points toward his ASFA field championship. He now has all his placements toward his Lure Courser of Merit title. His daughter, *Harlow*, won Winners Bitch and BOS at Santa Cruz KC. At Redwood Empire KC she won WB, BOW, and BOS over specials and won Bred-by Exhibitor Group 4.

Carol Davis:

Sugar scored 195 1/2 and third place in Utility B at Gold Country KC. *Spirit* scored 191 1/2 and a first leg in Novice B; she scored 195 the next day for second place in Novice B at Gold Country KC.



MACH Jasmine



This month's Hot Dog Awards run from August 22 through September 15.

Trial Hot Dog—This month the Trial Hot Dog Award goes to **Carol Davis** and *Sugar* for their 195 1/2 score at Gold Country KC.

Agility Trial Hot Dog—This month the Agility Trial Hot Dog Award goes to **Crissy Hastings-Baugh** and *Gracie* for their .7256 score at Sacramento DTC.

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.

Directory "Stuff"

This year's Directory was handed out at the September general membership meetings. Those not attending will be receiving their Directory in the mail.

Please take the time to check out the accuracy of your own information AND the committee listings to see what you have agreed to participate in and/or take charge of for this year.

Already a Directory "whoops". Please add **Dolores Tate** to your members listing:

203 Curtis Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Home phone: 426-4173
Work phone: 454-4287
Birthdate: October 18
Breed: Labrador Retriever



Directory Correction:

Change **Crissy Hastings-Baugh's** work phone to 688-4242.

Stop the Junk Mail & Telemarketers **Dog Terms**

via Bay Federal Credit Union's *BayWatch*

from the Internet via **Vicki Dudley**

Every day your mailbox contains another interesting offer of credit or merchandise. Shopping by mail gives you numerous choices and opportunities. However, while millions of Americans welcome these choices, others prefer not to receive such mailings.

You can choose not to receive most targeted advertising by a system called "opting-out." However, you should weigh your decision carefully. While opting-out will not eliminate all targeted advertising, it will eliminate most catalogs, preapproved bank and retail credit offers, and other invitation-only offers you may enjoy receiving. Only you can decide what works best for you.

Telemarketers No More!

If you would like to opt-out of telemarketing calls, send your complete name, address and telephone number with area code to:

Telephone Preference Service (TPS)
Direct Marketing Association
P. O. Box 9014
Farmingdale, NY 11735

Reduce Your Junk Mail

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Direct Marketing Association
P. O. Box 9008
Farmingdale, NY 11735

While opting-out through these methods won't completely end telemarketing and mail advertising, it may significantly reduce the offers you receive.

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!

- Your voice is recognized by your vet's receptionist
- Everyone at the office is eager to know if the dogs are all right because you were late for the meeting
- The whereabouts of all your important legal and personal documents escapes you, yet you know precisely where to locate the file that includes all the vet records, breed papers and registration
- Your trunk has an emergency food kit for any strays you might come across
- The majority of your charitable contributions go to animal organizations
- To win a precious \$.75 show ribbon, you think nothing of forking out hundreds of dollars to board / pet sit the other dogs, pay for entry fees, gas, accommodations and meals

Subject: DOG TERMS

SPECIALTY: Whatever your dog is good at, like bringing home dead cats or chewing the walls.

BALANCE: Ability to hold coffee, danish, leash, treats and entry form all at once.

CRABBING: What you do when the judge doesn't like way your dog moves.

FORCE FETCH: Dog drops the toy under furniture, scratches at the carpet until you're forced to "fetch" it.

BLIND RETRIEVE: When you can't see the toy under the furniture.

DOUBLE BLIND: Finding two toys under the furniture.

PEDIGREE: Dog food with lots of great coupons.

MULTI-GENERATIONAL PEDIGREE: Something you should have read first.

CGC: Canine Gastrointestinal Catastrophe (aka GAS)

DISTEMPER: Shown by those hot-headed competitors.

TYPE: What your dog has...if you turn down the lights and squint a little.

UTILITY: The kind of vehicle you need to haul around your dogs.

FLY BALL: Neutering.

QUALIFYING SCORE: Justifying the 170.5 you got in obedience today.

HEEL: What you feel like when your dog won't heel during the exercise.

RIBBONS: What you want to cut the other exhibitors into, after their "pet" wins.

BITCH: To complain heartily.

DOG: To chase a judge from show to show in an effort to attain more breed wins.

GUARD HAIR: An activity in which one watches intently as the dog's hair falls out, in clumps, just after entries are mailed.

OVERSHOT: Running so fast as to pass the 1st place ring marker and plow into the judge and the stewards.



Happy Birthday



To My
Special
Friend

October	3	Luane Vidak
	9	Helene Brodrick
	15	Sue Mitchell
	18	Dolores Tate
	30	Maxine Gomez

and to all our furry friends born in October

1	Fleur Harbertson CDX, JC (Borzoi)	age 6
1	Tugiy Meyer JC, CGC (Borzoi)	age 6
3	Jig Pierce (Papillon)	age 3
4	Ch Hobbes Nelson (Newfoundland)	age 5
4	Kara Nelson CD, NA, WRD, DD (Newfoundland)	age 5
5	Ebony Gidding CGC (Labrador Retriever)	age 13
10	Reason Meyer (Border Collie)	age 1
12	Ch Rosebud Nie (Miniature Longhaired Dachshund)	age 12
16	Ch Christopher Vidak AX, NAJ (Miniature Schnauzer)	age 14
20	Deva Cordtz (Borzoi)	age 2
20	Harlow Cordtz (Borzoi)	age 2
21	Ch Frosty Adams (Siberian Husky)	age 14
27	Denny McLeod (Border Collie)	age 2

California Breeding Bill Dies

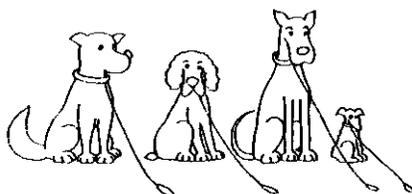
September 4, 2002

from the Internet via Luane Vidak

SB1373, which would have placed new requirements on breeders and pet dealers in California, died when the legislature adjourned on August 31. The bill had been granted reconsideration when it narrowly failed to pass the Senate in June, but thanks to persistent grassroots lobbying by California fanciers, Sen. Jack O'Connell could not garner the votes needed for passage of his legislation before the session ended.

SB1373 would have required breeders and pet dealers to register with a local animal control agency and pay a fee, as well as list their "registration fee receipt number" in any advertisement associated with the sale of an animal. Breeders and pet dealers would also have been responsible for microchipping dogs and cats, and ensuring that the new owner's identification was registered in a local or national database.

This victory would not have been possible without the countless purebred dog owners who contacted their Senators and expressed their opposition to SB1373 not once, but on several occasions. Your strong grassroots campaign convinced legislators that SB1373 would only have placed expensive, intrusive burdens on hobby breeders while doing little to benefit California pet purchasers. Congratulations!



We lost our *Grace* on
Monday, August 19,
4 1/2 months shy
of being 17 yrs. old.
She will be greatly missed.

Pam Strametz

Bette Kuepfer Passes Away

Luane Vidak

Bette was among the first five members who joined the club after we had completed incorporation. She was a busy supporter of all of MB's activities until cancer curtailed her activities. Even then she managed to come to events when she was feeling up to it. She was a true blue Sheltie lady. She trained, showed, and loved them. Her resolve was an inspiration and her friendship was real.

We and her family are missing a wonderful woman.

Our First MACH

Luane Vidak

WOOWEE!!!! MACH!!!! **Pam Fugett-Hetrick** and *Jasmine*, her Sheltie, completed the last of the requirements to earn AKC's Master Agility Championship at the Roque Agility event in Medford, Oregon this past Monday.

HUGE congratulations for a job well done that took LOTS of practice and determination. Besides a victory run around the course, **Pam** and *Jasmine* have a traditional keepsake from the sponsoring club, a pole from the course jump.....signed with many notes of congratulations from friends.

Special note: This is the first member from MB DTC to accomplish such a prestigious title. Very nicely done.

Genetic Disease Center Moves Office to NH

from the Internet via **Michael Bashista**

New Phone: 603-456-2286

Closing the office in Davis, CA

With all reports to be in the mail to owners by August 12, **Marie**, the GDC office manager, is in the final stages of closing the Davis, CA office. Davis has been home to GDC since its creation more than a decade ago.

Computers and other office equipment will be shipped to the new office in Warner, NH, and we should be up and running by August 25. **Marie** will continue to be available during the transition to ensure continuity and handle special situations that may come up.

Marie will be resigning from GDC in August, and GDC now will be run by an all-volunteer staff and board of trustees. **Marie** has been the daily energy behind GDC for the past two years, running and administering the office, processing the thousands of applications and working each day with GDC customers from the U.S., Canada, Japan, Europe and even Australia and New Zealand. We will miss her great sense of humor, her skills and her can-do attitude, and wish her the best in her new work.

George Packard will manage the NH office which will be open half-days five days per week. The new office will handle the Eye registry indefinitely, and the Tumor registry until OFA develops their more comprehensive version. **George** will be devoting a large portion of his energy to working with the GDC board, OFA and other individuals and organizations to produce educational and informational material for breeders on genetic disease and open registry issues. GDC will also continue on a limited basis to work with breed clubs to set up special open registries and data archives in areas that are not currently served by OFA.

The temporary new GDC phone number in NH is 603-456-2286. If you call between Aug. 14-25, please leave a message on the answering machine and we will respond within a day. We apologize for the inconvenience, but the office will be back to normal on Monday, August 26. We will announce permanent phone and P.O. Box at that time.

Email georgepackard@conknet.com for more information.

GDC Continues KinReports, Eye and Tumor Registries after OFA Merge

KinReports using the online order form on the GDC searchable registry will continue to be available on all dogs registered in GDC through the end of July, 2002. KinReports provide you with evaluation information on the dog in question and any other closely related dog in the database.

You can use KinReports to help put together a picture of which dogs are affected and which dogs may be carriers in a family. Go to www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/gdc/gdc.htm to reach the searchable registry and order KinReports.

We have now closed all registries except the Eye Disease and Tumor registries. Because OFA does not operate an open eye disease registry using the data from CERF exams, the GDC Board of Trustees voted to keep the GDC eye registry active indefinitely.

OFA will be creating a tumor registry based on the GDC data, but needs six to nine months to develop a system that will be flexible enough to accommodate the needs of many breeds and researchers. GDC will continue to operate the GDC tumor registry until the OFA registry is up and running.

SA Registry Reminder

OFA is now running the SA registry. Please call OFA at (573) 442-0418 to obtain the new SA registry forms.



"All of the good things that have come to me have come through my dog."
—A dog owner overheard in New York's Central Park



To Bathe Your Cat...

from the Internet via Denise Panzich

Following are instructions on the best way to bathe your cat:

1. Thoroughly clean the toilet.
2. Add the required amount of shampoo to the toilet water and have both lids lifted.
3. Obtain the cat and soothe him while you carry him towards the bathroom.
4. In one smooth movement, put the cat in the toilet and close both lids (you may need to stand on the lid so that he cannot escape). CAUTION: Don't get any part of your body too close to the edge, as his paws will be reaching out to grab anything they can find. The cat will self-agitate and make ample suds. Never mind the noises that come from your toilet; the cat is actually enjoying this.
5. Flush the toilet 3 or 4 times. This provides a "powerwash and rinse," which I have found to be quite effective.
6. Have someone open the door to the outside and ensure that there are no people between the toilet and the outside door.
7. Stand behind the toilet as far as you can, and quickly lift both lids.
8. The now-clean cat will rocket out of the toilet and run outside where he will dry himself.

Sincerely,

The DOG
Idiot Story



All the Days of Creation

via Peggy Martini

- On the first day of Creation,
God created the Dog
- On the second day of Creation,
God created Man to serve the Dog
- On the third day of Creation,
God created all the animals of the earth (especially the horse) to serve as potential food for the Dog
- On the fourth day of Creation,
God created honest toil so that Man could labor for the good of the Dog
- On the fifth day of Creation,
God created the tennis ball so that the dog might or might not retrieve it
- On the sixth day of Creation,
God created veterinary science to keep the dog healthy and the Man broke
- On the seventh day of Creation,
God tried to rest, but He had to walk the Dog

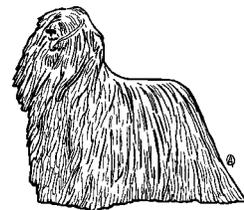


Breed Specific:

Komondor

The Komondor's corded coat historically provided protection from both the elements and from wolves, as the breed guarded sheep and cattle in Hungary over the centuries. Its strong guarding ability is used today to protect sheep in North America from coyote predation. The dog is raised from puppyhood with its flock of sheep, and is shorn when the sheep are shorn. It makes an amenable companion, although its coat requires constant attention to prevent the cords from becoming matted.

Breed History: It is thought that this, the largest of the Hungarian herdsmen's dogs, accompanied the Magyar tribe from the east when it settled in Hungary over 1,000 years ago. Although first mentioned by name in 1544, it was not until around 1910 that the Komondor was firmly established as a modern breed.



BREED Facts:

Country of Origin: Hungary
Date of Origin: Antiquity
First Use: Sheep guarding
Use Today: Livestock guarding, companion
Other Name: Hungarian Sheepdog
Life Expectancy: 12 years
Weight Range: 80-135 pounds
Height Range: 26 1/2-35 1/2 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.

Dialing #77

from the Internet via Olive Watson

Pass it along to other women: wife, daughters and sisters. It is good to know that you can dial this #77 from your cell phone...men should be aware as well with all the nonsense going on with police...take care

It was the Saturday before New Year's and it was about 1 PM in the afternoon. Lauren was driving from Winchester, VA to visit a friend in Warrenton, VA. For those of you who are familiar with the area, she was taking Rt. 50 East towards Middleburg and then was going to cut over to I-66 via Rt. 17. Those of you who aren't familiar with this area, Rt. 50 East is a main road (55 mph and two lanes each side with a big median separating East/West lanes), but is somewhat secluded, known for its big horse farms and beautiful country estates.

Lauren was actually following behind a state police car shortly after she left Winchester and was going just over 65 mph since she was following behind him. An UNMARKED police car pulled up behind her and put his lights on.

My friend and her husband have 4 children (high school and college age) and have always told them never to pull over for an unmarked car on the side of the road, but rather wait until they get to a gas station, etc.

So Lauren actually listened to her parents' advice, and promptly called #77 on her cell phone to tell the dispatcher that she would not pull over right away. She proceeded to tell the dispatcher that there were 2 police cars, one unmarked behind her and one marked in front of her.

The dispatcher checked to confirm that there were 2 police cars where she was. There weren't; she was connected to the policeman in front of her. He told her to keep driving, remain calm and that he had back-up already on the way. Ten minutes later, 4 police cars surrounded her and the unmarked car behind her. One policeman went to her side and the others surrounded the car behind.

They pulled the guy from the car and tackled him to the ground ...the man was a convicted rapist and wanted for other crimes. Thank God Lauren listened to her parents! She was shaken up, but fine.

I never knew that bit of advice about the #77, but especially for a woman alone in a car, you should NEVER pull over for an unmarked car in a secluded area. In fact, even a marked car after dark should follow you to a populated area. Apparently police (this is the good part!!!!) have to respect your right to keep going to a "safe" place. You obviously need to give some signals that you acknowledge them (i.e. put on your hazard lights) or call #77 like Lauren did.

So be safe and pass this on to your friends. Awareness is everything!

"When I carefully consider the curious habits of dogs
I am compelled to conclude
That man is the superior animal.
When I consider the curious habits of man
I confess, my friend, I am puzzled."
—Ezra Pound

Top 10 Reasons Dogs Are Our Favorite Animals

—Natasha Raffaelli, age 13
Dog Fancy, August 2002

10. They chase pesky rodents or other unwanted animals off your property.
9. They are such a pleasure to look at, laugh at, and hold that little bunch of soft fur in your arms.
8. They make you feel safe and protected.
7. They cuddle with you on the couch when a blanket isn't available.
6. They are there to play, hunt, or work for you—or just to be part of the family.
5. You can always find one that is best for you and your particular lifestyle.
4. They will be funny by acting totally ridiculous just to get us out of the dumps.
3. They are there for us when we're lonely and we need a friend.
2. Even though we don't say anything, they know what we are feeling and can always make us feel better.
1. They are always there when we need them most, ready to protect us from any harm that comes our way.



AOCNC Report

Luane Vidak

The 4th quarterly meeting was held on the 14th of September. The date was set aside to honor the commitment and hard work done by Presidents of clubs comprising the AOCNC. Seven presidents were honored guests at the luncheon including our own president, **Lynn Schmitt**.

Business conducted at the meeting included two noteworthy decisions.. The membership of AOCNC voted to resign membership in the WIOC organization. Several changes regarding Interclub were agreed upon:

1. The membership decided that the Interclub competition would be held on Sunday, June 1, 2003 in hopes of eliminating direct competition with agility trials.
2. In addition to the regular obedience competition, an Agility component will be added. The class will be a JWW class. Each club may enter one team of 8 agility exhibitors (with best six scores to be counted.) A special board meeting scheduled for October 6 will define the scoring rules related to this addition and how the rankings will be determined.
3. A Pre-novice class will be added. It will have a 30 dog limit (with a draw if entries exceed 30). The class will follow AKC regulations. Groups will be judged as spelled out in the Regulation. This class will not count toward any of the Interclub awards. Participation ribbons will be given in lieu of 1-4 place. The purpose of the class is to encourage beginners that the clubs are training and is intended to be an introduction to exhibiting. Dogs may not have a CD and may be shown in the regular novice competition class at Interclub.



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Fair Thanks

Marilyn Runyan

Many thanks to all those who participated in the Fair Demo this year.

Lynn Schmitt did a wonderful job as the announcer. Helping out setting up, cleaning up, holding dogs, etc. were **Kim Sutherland, Linda Lang, Sue Adams, and Harry**. I hope I haven't left anyone out.

Participating in the demo itself were: **Betty Garcia, Judy Nielsen, Michael Bashista, Marion Bashista, Jane Devlin, Pam Fugitt-Hetrick, Jessica Hetrick, Stacy Thompson, Crissy Hastings-Baugh, and Linda Harbertson**.

It is so important for our club to present a demonstration of those things that our dogs can do and to inspire them to train their dogs also. This is one of the very important ways we can encourage the public to take our obedience classes.