

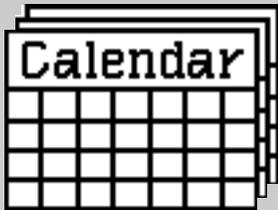


Ruff Notes

April 2003

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What's Happening in April?

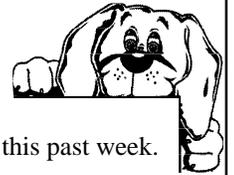
- 7 Board meeting, First National Bank, Watsonville, 7:00
- 15 Ruff Notes deadline
- 15 Easter Bonnets, Watsonville
- 16 Easter Bonnets, Soquel AM
- 17 Easter Bonnets, Capitola & Salinas
- 22 Watsonville final classes
- 23 Pet Pals, Soquel AM final classes
- 24 Capitola PM & Salinas final classes

To enjoy life to the fullest run, romp, and play daily like a dog does.

Golden Retriever Calendar

Paws for the President

Dear Members and Friends:



Thank you for the great turn out at our General Membership meeting this past week. A crowd makes it fun and productive!!

I continue to be overwhelmed with what your dogs will do for you—or for the love of you. One of the most comforting feelings to have is friendship so dear as the friendship we have with our dogs—never take it for granted!

Even more importantly, it is good to see fellow members exhibiting these relationships and the training accomplishments brought forth with perseverance, consistency and love that go with it for the public to see, question and, hopefully, cause them to become involved with their own animals.

Just think, over 35 years of consistency for our club alone—just starting with the basics of obedience and now we have: conformation, tracking, search and rescue, herding, agility, hunting, flyball, sledding, drug searching, military, skijoring, drafting, water rescue, lure coursing, frisbee, seizure, seeing-eye dogs, hearing and assistance. I'm sure I left something out—like couch-potatoes—but I imagine many of you are or have been or will be involved in these activities—all born out of the relationship with a furry four-legged creature.

We have so many opportunities before us to be involved—starting with the club. Big events ahead of us—call and volunteer—love to have you involved!!

Let's Not Overwork Our President

Marilyn Runyan

Lynn is still listed as *temporary* Obedience Trial Chairperson. As much work as she has taken on, it does not seem fair to her that some member of the club has not stepped up to the plate to take over this responsibility. It is easy to look the other way, but someone needs to accept this responsibility.

Dale is handling all the paperwork and contacts with AKC. The Chairperson handles getting members to take on the various chairmanships, such as trial dinner, raffle, ring hospitality, etc. Some of these are already filled. Won't you *please* let **Lynn** know you will take over for her!

Demonstrating Responsible Dog Ownership

Bragg

Carol Davis:

Sugar scored 198 in Utility B for first place and 198 in Open B for second place and High Combined at DVGSDC.

Crissy Hastings:

Logan qualified in Excellent B Standard four times with one second place and in Excellent B Jumpers four times. *Gracie* qualified in Excellent B Standard three times for one third place and in Excellent B Jumpers four times with one fourth place.

Linda Lang:

Amber at Mt. Diablo DTC in Excellent B Standard scored 100 to complete an MX title. The next day she got a double Q in Excellent B Standard and Excellent B Jumpers.

Denise Panzich:

Jade in Open Bitches at Kings Kennel Club took first place and was Winners Bitch and Best of Winners for her first point.



Amber MX



This month's Hot Dog Awards run from February 19 through March 18.

Trial Hot Dog—This month the Trial Hot Dog Award goes to **Carol Davis** and *Sugar* for their 198 score at DVGSDC.

Agility Trial Hot Dog—This month no Agility Hot Dog Award was recorded as no brag information was complete.

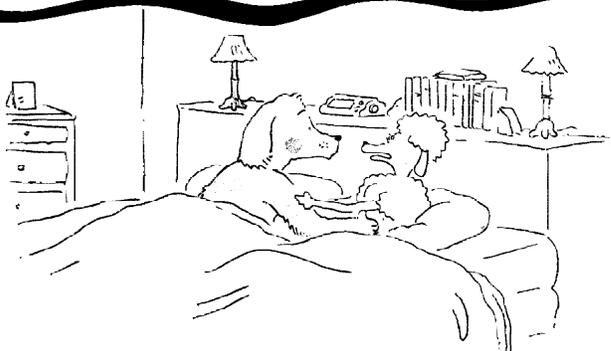
Note: Agility Hot Dog Awards are based on the score earned. In case of a tie, the dog who completed the course in the fastest time relative to the time allowed will be selected. When reporting agility scores, please include the time allotted for the course and the time in which your dog completed the course.

5 Easy Steps to Better Behavior

Rose Boccio
via *Dog Fancy*

These retraining tips will help if your dog has picked up some bad habits:

- **Discourage bad behavior and reward desirable behavior.** When your dog jumps on you, tell it to sit. Do not pet the dog until it obeys. Praise it for sitting. If the dog becomes destructive and chews up a magazine, for example, remove the magazine and say "No" in a firm voice without yelling.
- **Catch your dog being good.** Praise your dog if it sits, lies down or plays pleasantly with a toy.
- **Do not yell, swat or push the dog.** Even negative attention can reinforce the unacceptable behavior.
- **Coordinate your efforts.** Everyone in the household must follow the same rules.
- **Be consistent.** Don't let your dog jump on you one day and then forbid the behavior the next day. Inconsistency confuses dogs, and attention-seeking behavior will persist.



"I'm sorry. You have slipper breath."

Modern Maturity

Agility Hot Dog Method Resolved

At the March General Membership Meeting the members voted to retain the present method of determining the monthly Agility Hot Dog.

Divide the number of seconds taken by the standard course time to get a percentage (e.g., 83.61%). The lower the percentage, the better the score.



Variable Surface Tracking Test- May 4, 2002

Luane Vidak

MBDTC's VST Test is scheduled for May 4, 2003 at CalStateUniversityMontereyBay in Seaside.

Plotting the tracks will be done the morning of May 3. As host club members, all members are invited to come either or both days to see how VST works. On Sunday, interested spectators may follow the tracking dog and handler at a reasonable distance.

The following people are supporting the Club's efforts by taking on the following duties. Big thank you for those willing to serve.

Sec/Chm: **Lynn Schmitt**

Coordinator: **Luane Vidak**

Trial Committee:

Lynnette VanEpps-Smith (chm),

Tammy DelConte, Linda Lang, Sue Adams, Lynn Schmitt

Drivers: **Lynn Schmitt, Sue Adams**

Breakfast (Sat/Sun): **Judy Nielsen**

Lunch (Sat): **Kim Sutherland**

No Host luncheon at Embassy Suites (Sun): **Anita Vidak**

CB: **Greta and Ken Justus** and hopefully **Walt and Ressie DelConte**

Emergency Coordinator: **Judy McLeod**

Awards/gifts: **Dolores Tate**

Tracklayers' Coordinator: **Susan Needleman**

Track Layers: **Marion Bashista, Jerry Dudley, Linda Lang, Lynnette VanEpps-Smith**

Judges: **Dr. Dan Lawer, Mrs. Kaye Hall**

Dedication Honoree: **Mrs. Barbara Adcock**

Because the plotting is finished relatively early in the day, no Saturday night activity is planned. Instead, it's been decided to plan a no-host luncheon Sunday after the event. We have reservations at the Embassy Suites in Seaside. All those wishing to enjoy lunch with our judges and special guest **Barbara Adcock** may contact **Anita Vidak** (724-6657 or luanemv@cs.com)

The event is being dedicated to **Barbara** for her very long and energetic support of the sport of Tracking and most specifically for all the mentoring she offered to us to make certain that MBDTC could offer a first-rate VST test.

Again, remember that you are welcome and encouraged to attend this club sponsored function. If it is an aspect of dog training that you've not delved into, it is very thrilling to watch a dog follow the ever-drifting mysterious scent trail. You can't help but come away with a whole new appreciation of what a dog can do...that humans can't.

Briefly Noted:

from the Internet via **Luane Vidak**

Sharon Coleman: MONTEREY COUNTY, CALIFORNIA is now requiring veterinarians to report to the County rabies vaccinations for all dogs vaccinated.



Tips from Miss Canine Manners

via *Front and Finish* by **Mary Sorensen**

Etiquette isn't reserved for high-society soirées; in fact, it's alive and well at the nation's growing number of dog parks. If it's your first time visiting a dog park with your dog, or you've been a few times and keep getting nasty glares, you needn't feel like a clod. We've gathered the following etiquette tips from dog park founders and enthusiasts to help make parks more enjoyable—and ensure they'll remain open to our canine friends well into the future.

- Clean up after your dog. Many parks provide bags at no cost just for this reason.
- Leave aggressive dogs at home, or keep them leashed.
- Pay attention. Even a friendly dog may intimidate a more passive pooch with its overtures. Be ready to call your dog off if it becomes too pushy.
- Never leave your pet unattended.
- Only bring healthy dogs that are current on their vaccinations.
- Don't take young puppies to a dog park.
- If your female dog is in heat, leave her at home.
- Limit the number of dogs to those you can adequately supervise. Three or four dogs is tops.
- Keep your dog on leash until you get to the designated off-leash area.
- Observe park hours.
- Don't bring food into the park.
- Leave children at the playground unless you are able to supervise them closely.



Happy Birthday



To My
Special
Friend

April 11 Anita Vidak
14 Debbie Nelson

and to all our furry friends born in April

1	Bostwick Haines CGC, TDI (Dalmatian)	age 4
3	Sage Smith HT, CGC (Shetland Sheepdog)	age 4
4	Ch Curry Holderman NA, NAJ (Chesapeake Bay Retriever)	age 5
4	Ch Spring Holderman (Chesapeake Bay Retriever)	age 5
4	Ch Willie CDX, NA (Chesapeake Bay Retriever)	age 5
10	Socky Pierce CD (Akita)	age 13
13	Chase Griffith CGC (Corgi)	age 5
15	Hana Howton (Akita)	age 1

The Images of Mother

from the Internet via Denise Panzich

- 4 years of age ~ My Mommy can do anything!
- 8 years of age ~ My Mom knows a lot! A whole lot!
- 12 years of age ~ My Mother doesn't really know quite everything.
- 14 years of age ~ Naturally, Mother doesn't know that, either.
- 16 years of age ~ Mother? She's hopelessly old-fashioned.
- 18 years of age ~ That old woman? She's way out of date!
- 25 years of age ~ Well, she might know a little bit about it.
- 35 years of age ~ Before we decide, let's get Mom's opinion.
- 45 years of age ~ Wonder what Mom would have thought about it?
- 65 years of age ~ Wish I could talk it over with Mom.

"A dog can express more with his tail in minutes than his owner can express with his tongue in hours."

—Anonymous

In Japanese culture, some hold the traditional belief that a deep, robust bark is a sign of good health and karma.

—Golden Retriever Calendar

"Most dog owners are at length able to teach themselves to obey their dog."

—Robert Morley



from the Internet via Denise Panzich

An English professor wrote the words, "Woman without her man is nothing," on the blackboard and directed the students to punctuate it correctly.

The men wrote: "Woman, without her man, is nothing."

The women wrote: "Woman! Without her, man is nothing."

Idiots at Work

from the Internet via Marji Coe

Know anyone like these people?

When my husband and I arrived at an automobile dealership to pick up our car, we were told that the keys had been accidentally locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As I watched from the passenger's side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered it was open. "Hey," I announced to the technician, "It's open!" "I know," answered the young man "I already got that side."

I worked with an Individual who plugged her power strip back into itself and for the life of her could not understand why her system would not turn on.

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate, when the airport employee asked, "Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?" I said, "If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?" He smiled and nodded knowingly, "That's why we ask."

My daughter went to a local Taco Bell and ordered a taco. She asked the individual behind the counter for "minimal lettuce." He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg.

Advice to Women

from the Internet via **Sandi Pensinger**

If you want someone who will bring you the paper without first tearing it apart to remove the sports section, buy a dog.

If you want someone willing to make a fool of himself simply over the joy of seeing you, buy a dog.

If you want someone who will eat whatever you put in front of him and never say it's not quite as good as his mother made it, buy a dog.

If you want someone always willing to go out, at any hour, for as long and wherever you want, buy a dog.

If you want someone to scare away burglars, without a lethal weapon which terrifies you and endangers the lives of your family and all the neighbors, buy a dog.

If you want someone who will never touch the remote, doesn't give a damn about football, and can sit next to you as you watch romantic movies, buy a dog.

If you want someone who is content to get up on your bed just to warm your feet and whom you can push off if he snores, buy a dog.

If you want someone who never criticizes what you do, doesn't care if you are pretty or ugly, fat or thin, young or old, who acts as if every word you say is especially worth listening to, and loves you unconditionally, perpetually, buy a dog.

But on the other hand, if you want someone who will never come when you call, ignores you totally when you come home, leaves hair all over the place, walks all over you, runs around all night, only comes home to eat and sleep, and acts as if your entire existence is solely to ensure his happiness, Then my friend.....

Buy a cat!

(Any resemblance to a man is purely coincidental)

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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

Things We Can Learn From a Dog

from the Internet via **LeVaun Sheetz**
Author Unknown

- 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 loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- 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.
- Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. Stop when you've 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.
- 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 wag your entire body.
- No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt trip and pout...run right back and make friends.



Hunting with Dogs Restriction??

from the Internet via Luane Vidak and Tammy DelConte

AKC and California dog owners are outraged by legislation that prohibits hunting with dogs or training for that purpose. This bill (AB342) was intended to restrict the hunting of furbearing animals with dogs but is extremely poorly worded. As written, AB342 makes it illegal for any dog to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill any mammal, or to train a dog for such purposes.

If this legislation passes, earthdog, tracking, coonhound, herding lure coursing, and field trial events could be prohibited. Additionally, any dog that instinctually takes a wild or feral mammal not as an organized hunting or performance event would likewise violate AB342. In effect, any dog chasing a rabbit in his backyard would be prohibited.

AB342 was referred to the Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife. A hearing is scheduled for March 25, 2003. The committee wants to hear from dog owners that will be impacted by this bill. California dog owners should act now.

What You Should Do:

Write to the committee and ask them to vote NO on AB342.

Clearly mark your correspondence "OPPOSITION TO AB342".

The Honorable Joe Canciamilla, Chairman
CA Assembly Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife
1020 N Street, Room 160
Sacramento, CA 95814

Email your letter of opposition to the committee consultant working on this issue.

E-Mail: jeff.volber@asm.ca.gov

Be sure to include your name and mailing address in your email.

For more info, contact:
AKC Canine Legislation Dept.
919-816-3720<
doglaw@akc.org

CA Federation of Dog Clubs
1-800-498-3746, ext. 106
shojudge@aol.com



"Dogs know that it's better to stretch after sleeping than to save those seconds for anything else."

—Marc-Christophe



Bet You Can't Own Just One!

Author unknown
from the Internet via **Sandi Pensinger**
and **Dani Nelson**

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's delightful, the sixth one's a breeze. You find you can live with a houseful 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've said.

They're really no trouble, their manners are great. What's just one more dog and just one more crate?

The sofa is hairy, the windows are crusty, The floor is all footprints, the furniture dusty.

The housekeeping suffers, but what do you care? Who minds a few noseprints 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.

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A Message from Max

from the Internet via Pam Strametz

My name is Max, and I have a little something I'd like to whisper in your ear. I know that you humans lead busy lives. Some have to work, some have children to raise.

It always seems like you are running here and there, often much too fast, often never noticing the truly grand things in life.

Look down at me now, while you sit there at your computer. See the way my dark brown eyes look at yours? They are slightly cloudy now, that comes with age. The grey hairs are beginning to ring my soft muzzle. You smile at me; I see love in your eyes. What do you see in mine?

Do you see a spirit, a soul inside who loves you as no other could in the world? A spirit that would forgive all trespasses of prior wrong doing for just a simple moment of your time?

That is all I ask. To slow down if even for a few minutes to be with me.

So many times you have been saddened by the words you read on that screen, of others of my kind, passing. Sometimes we die young and oh so quickly, sometimes so suddenly it wrenches your heart out of your throat.

Sometimes we age so slowly before your eyes that you do not even seem to know, until the very end, when we look at you with grizzled muzzles and cataract clouded eyes. Still the love is always there, even when we take that long sleep, to run free in distant lands.

I may not be here tomorrow; I may not be here next week. Someday you will shed the waters from your eyes, that humans have when deep grief fills their souls, and you will be angry at yourself that you did not have just "One more day" with me.

Because I love you so, your sorrow touches my spirit and grieves me. We have now, together, so come, sit down here next to me on the floor. And look deep into my eyes. What do you see? If you look hard and deep enough we will talk, you and I, heart to heart. Come to me not as "alpha" or as a "trainer" or even a "Mom or Dad"; come to me as a living soul and stroke my fur and let us look deep into one another's eyes, and talk. I may tell you something about the fun of chasing a tennis ball, or I may tell you something profound about myself, or even life in general. You decided to have me in your life (I hope) because you wanted a soul to share just such things with.

Someone very different from you, and here I am. I am a dog, but I am alive. I feel emotion, I feel physical senses, and I can revel in the differences of our spirits and souls. I do not think of you as a "Dog on two feet"—I know what you are. You are human, in all your quirkiness; and I love you still.

Now, come sit with me, on the floor. Enter my world, and let time slow down if even for only 15 minutes. Look deep in my eyes, and whisper to my ears.

Speak with your heart, with your joy; and I will know your true self.

We may not have tomorrow, and life is oh so very short.

Love,

Max (on behalf of all canines everywhere)



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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, the food bill grows larger, you owe money.

Your folks never visit, few friends come to stay. Except other dog folks, who all live the same way.

Your lawn has now died, and your shrubs are dead too. But your weekends are busy, you're off with your crew.

There's dog food and vitamins, training and shots. And entries and travel and motels 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.

Some just for showing and some just to breed. And some just for loving, they all fill a need.

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 who refuse to go out.

The dogs and the dog shows, the travel, the thrills, the work and the worry, the pressure, the bills.

The whole thing seems worth it, the dogs are your life. They're charming and funny and offset the strife.

Your life-style has changed. Things won't be the same. Yes, those dogs are addictive and so is the dog game!!



A Funny Thing Happened...

Cindy Snow



Most of you know that I've occasionally paired *Shantye* and *Frisco* up to show them in Brace obedience. When we first tried this a couple of years ago, it was immediately and somewhat painfully (for me) obvious that *Frisco* likes to do a "flip" or "swing" finish, where, starting from sitting in front facing me, he sort of pops up and swings around to my left and "backs" into heel position. *Einstein* liked this style too. *Shantye* has always preferred to go around me, although she certainly knows both styles (thank the Lord) and, when working with *Frisco* on a coupler, they both do a swing finish, sort of...whatever, they both wind up sitting at heel on my left.

However, when we're practicing and I don't use a coupler (I practice both ways), they will still get creative with their finishes, to the undying entertainment of my classmates and current instructor, **Thora Thibaux**.

Well, Saturday we were at a workshop, something "just for fun" and for practice, and darned if my brace hadn't put in a really good routine up to the recall exercise (in fact, their final score was 1891/2). So we're setting up for this, and **Thora** is judging in the next ring. She glances over and sees *Shantye* and *Frisco* are still wearing their coupler chain and I hear her say "Aw c'mon, **Cindy**...I wanna see them do it the fun way..."

No one can say my trainer doesn't have a sense of humor. Besides, we'd had a small crowd gather because no one had seen Brace Obedience before and I gotta admit my two guys are insufferably cute. So I reach down, unsnap the chain, stick it in my pocket and walk to the opposite end of the ring. Now, in "real" competition I couldn't do that, mind you. But the gal judging at the workshop had never seen brace and this didn't count anyway.

So I call them to "front" and they trot briskly over and sit smartly in front of me, *Shantye* centered on my left leg, *Frisco* on my right. I dutifully give them the command "heel" when the judge tells me to, and proceed to watch *Shantye* actually cut in front of *Frisco* and get between him and my leg without touching either, cuz *Frisco* is now semi-airborne starting his "flip." I'm thinking there is no way he's gonna land this in the correct position and there's a strong possibility he's gonna land on *Shantye*...or me.

But darned if he didn't manage to get wide enough to leave enough room for *Shantye* to get to her spot, right next to my left leg, and he even wound up sitting straight and even with her, to the obvious delight of our audience.

No one would believe they do this on their own...how the heck could you teach that move anyway????



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