



Ruff Notes

September 2003

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What's Happening in September

9-8 Board Meeting at Round Table
Pizza, 7 PM.

9-9 thru 9-14 Fair Demo

9-22 General Membership Mtg. and
Potluck at the 1st National Bank,
Watsonville

9-17 Responsible Dog Ownership
Day

9-23 Ruff Notes Deadline

Upcoming Shows & Trials

9-1 The Bay Team USDAA Agility

4-5 Golden Gate Dachshund Club

6-7 Peninsula DF Agility

9-7 Terrier Play Days at Manzanita
Park 10AM-2PM Contact Sandi P.

13-14 Sr. Francis Drake MB-F &
Agility

20-21 Davis DTC Agility Trial

27-28 San Lorenzo DTC AKC Trial

GSD of Sac. Valley, Herding Trial

Fremont DTC AKC & Agility Trials

From the Presidential Kennel:

Another Obedience Trial come and gone---
Congratulations to Lynn Schmitt, Dale Root
and their army of volunteers for a job very
well done. Having spent a weekend
stewarding for another club recently, I was
really made aware of what a polished event
MBDTC puts together...we should all be
very proud.

At this point, I would love to introduce next
year's Obedience Trial Chair, but we are
still rather devoid of volunteers. We DO
have a Trial Secretary---thank you, Dale, for
volunteering! For the rest of you, if you
haven't chaired an event before, and you're
worried that you won't be up to the
challenge, I'd really like to encourage you to
give it a try. There is a core group of folks
in this club who are always willing to chip in
and work, so you don't have to worry that
you'll be stuck doing everything all by
yourself---if you ask for help, you're sure to
get it. I'm warning you guys, if I don't get a
volunteer, I'm going to start flinging myself
at people's feet in public. Spare yourself
the embarrassment----volunteer before I
start to beg.

Fair Demo

Pam Fugitt-Hetrick is looking for 2 and 4-legged participants in this years fair demonstration. It will have a game show theme and I am told that 5-day participation is not mandatory, (although greatly appreciated). It sounds like a blast. If you have a people pleasin' pooch (and who doesn't ???) give Pam a call at 722-4036 and get in on the fun!

From Dog Fancy, September 2003

National Pet Memorial Day falls on Sunday, Sept. 14. This day is designated to help owners remember and pay tribute to a pet that has passed. Take a moment and memorialize loved ones lost. The Humane Society of the United States offers a few suggestions: Hold a memorial service, pick a special place for your dog's ashes, plant a living memorial (a tree or a flower bed), make a scrap book, or write down your feelings.

--Christine Hanson

Membership

Members not renewing this year are : Bob McCampbell, Lisa Pierce, Jennifer Slater, Le Vaun Sheetz. Marji Coe has taken a leave of absence for a year. Richard Torres has rejoined the club. His info will be in the new directory.

September Birthdays

FURRY

- 9-6 Zoë Thompson CD,NA,CGC
Age 5
- 9-8 Joey Green CDX,CGC
Age 11
- 9-10 Mach Logan Hastings-Baugh,CD
Age 8
- 9-12 Suki Adams age ???
- 9-15 Spice Root- Strametz NA
Age 3
- 9-24 Sidney Devlin CD, CGC
Age10
- 9-24 Ch. Simon Nie
Age 5
- 9-24 Ch. Daisy Nie
Age4

NOT SO FURRY

- 9-2 Christa Cordtz
- 9-17 Deanna Gardiner
- 9-18 Marlene Majewski
- 9-19 Marion Bashista
- 9-20 Lynette Van Epps-Smith

August 3rd 2003

Obedience Trial

I would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to all the members who donated to the Raffle this year. We had a lot of good comments about our Raffle as to what great prizes there was to choose from and with out your donation it would not have been a big success. – B.G.

BRAGS

From Carol Davis

On 8-1, at SVDTTC, **Sugar** scored a 197 ½ giving her 4th place in Utility B. On 8-16th and 17th, she scored 194 ½ and a 195 in Utility B at SCKC for a 2nd place. At the same trial, **Spirit** scored a 193 ½ in open A for a 3rd place.

Stacy Thompson :

On 8-2 at SVDTTC, **Malachi** scored a 189 ½ for his 1st leg in Open A. On 8-3 at our trial Zoë scored a 192.5 in Open A for her 1st leg and 3rd place.

From Noreen Silva :

On 8-2, at SVDTTC, **Misty** scored a 189 ½ in Utility B for her 7th UDX leg and a 188 ½ in Open B. The next day, at our trial she had a 196 ½ in Open Band a 195 ½ in Veterans for a 3rd place. She also was the highest scoring Chessie and Highest in Veterans, Regular Classes.

From Hazel Welborn

CJ got his Open A title on Aug 16th and 17th with 2 straight legs! Hazel says there will be cake in October.

From Sandi Pensinger :

Capi (Capitola of River-Joy) was awarded the California Cup for his open mini-dog division at the Bay Team NADAC Agility Trial on Mare Island held 7/19 & 20, 2003. Only three out of the 250 dogs competing at the trial that had all six clean qualifying regular and jumpers runs. The California Cup is awarded annually by the Bay Team (www.bayteam.org). On Aug 3, **Capi** earned his Elite Agility title on Sandi's birthday. **Capi** has also recently qualified for the NADAC North American Championships to be held in Calgary in September.

From Linda Harbertson :

At SCKC on 8-16th **Belle** went Winners Bitch for 2 points. On the 17th **Cholley** took Winners Bitch and Best Op. over a special at her 1st try in Open, for 2 points! **Belle** also received her CDX and VCD2 this month. Way to go Belle!

From Crissy Hastings-Baugh :

Gracie earned her Mach 2 title at County Wide, less than 1 year after earning her Mach. She's the 1st dog at MBDTTC to earn a Mach 2. She had to get 20 double Q's and have 750 points. Each point equals 1 second under standard course time. *And* she's only 4 years old! Crissy would like to thank Michael and Marion giving her the opportunity to train with Rob Michalski, Pam and Jessica for being such great training buddies and Lynn Schmitt for all of her support. **Gracie**, the under-achiever, with her pal **Logan** took 1st place in Brace at our August Trial.

New Titles

Bree Nelson **Water Dog**
Gracie Hastings-**Baugh Mach 2**
C.J. Welborn **CDX**
Glenavan Allure ML "Daisy"
Champion
Glenaven Reminiscent ML "Tigger"
Champion

Hot Dog Awards

This month's awards run from Aug 20th to Sept 23rd.

This month's **Obedience Hot Dog Award** goes to Carol Davis and Sugar for their score of 197 ½ at SVDTC.

This month's **Agility Hot Dog Award** goes to Chrissy and Gracie for their 74% score at the Alaskan Malamute Agility Trial.

One More Brag

Denise Panzich reports that on Aug 16th, at the SCKC show that **Jade** took Reserve. She went on the next day to take Winner's Bitch and Best Op.

General Meeting

Our next General Membership Meeting will be **September 22** (a Monday). We will be having a potluck, so bring whatever you would like to share--we risk having all salads or all desserts--but, oh well The meeting will be held at the First National Bank in Watsonville (next to Saint Patrick's Church) beginning with FOOD at 7:00. Speaker to be announced. Please plan to come to this first General Membership Meeting of the 2003-04 Club year.

Editor's Note : **No quorum, no dessert!**

Please be Careful

Just a reminder that any training device can be dangerous. Judy McLeod sent in an article about a dog that may have suffered spinal damage from using a head halter. If you use a Gentle Leader or Halti, remember **Never** yank on the dog. Injury and death can result from improper use of slip collars, halters or many other training devices. Dogs should not wear a slip collar as their everyday collar. Always monitor your equipment and promptly remove it after your training session or walk. Keep your best friend safe. If you have questions about the proper way to use a piece of equipment ask one of the trainers.

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More Brags

From Luane Vidak

Jiffy, on 8-9/10 at County Wide DTC Agility Trials had 4 clean runs, 3 qualifying scores and a double Q on Sunday

From Cindy Snow

At Truckee Meadows DTC trial, my Kees Brace got second place with a 182 - missed first place by 2 1/2 points! I told **Frisco** that was his "no-sit" but he replied that **Shantye** was lagging...so no one's owning up to the mistake that cost us a first place. I swear it wasn't handler error!

From Amanda and Mary Nie

Mary Nie showing:

August 2, 2003 Mt Palomar KC **GLENAVAN ALLURE ML** "Daisy" was WB,BOS for a major to finish her **CHAMPIONSHIP!** (this is the 6th champion I have finished this year for my stud dog CH GLENAVAN ANTICIPATION ML)

August 8, 2003 Dachhund Club of America-Region IV **CH GLENAVAN ACCLAIM ML** "Simon"

Best of Variety

August 10, 2003 Louisville Dachshund Club **CH GLENAVAN ACCLAIM ML Best of Variety**

Amanda Nie Showing:

August 16, 2003 Santa Cruz KC **GLENAVAN REMINISCENT ML** "Tigger" WB,BOS to finish her

CHAMPIONSHIP (Anticipation's 7th Champion this year and 11th total)(Amanda's 2nd Champion!)

August 17, 2003 Santa Cruz KC **GLENAVAN FLAMBOYANT ML** "George" WD,BW for his 4th point,

CH GLENAVAN REMINISCENT ML - BOS

CH GLENAVAN ABSOLUTELY ML "Gerwood" **First Place in Open Junior Showmanship &**

BEST JUNIOR SHOWMAN IN SHOW!!!!

This was Amanda's final qualifying win for the AKC Invitational this December in Long Beach and her first AllBreed Best Junior Showman Award!

From Dani Nelson

On Saturday July 12th **CH Karableu's Seacrest**

Breeze CD, NA, DD "**Bree**" got her WD (Water Dog) Title.

On July 19th "**Seamus**" took best of Winners and on July 20th took male winners.

Vaccination Protocols

Pam Strametz sent in the following. Interesting stuff.

The following is taken from the April/May Newsletter of the Senior Dogs Project:

QUOTE:

Vaccinations: All Veterinary Schools in North America Changing Vaccination Protocols. Recent editions of the Senior Dogs Project's newsletter have reported on the ever-broadening trend of eliminating vaccinations for adult dogs, except for rabies, where required by state law. We have now had a report that all 27 veterinary schools in North America are in the process of changing their protocols for vaccinating dogs and cats. Here, in a nutshell, are the new guidelines under consideration:

"Dogs and cats immune systems mature fully at 6 months. If a modified live virus (MLV) vaccine is given after 6 months of age, it produces immunity, which is good for the life of the pet (i.e., canine distemper, parvo, and feline distemper). If another MLV vaccine is given a year later, the antibodies from the first vaccine neutralize the antigens of the second vaccine and there is little or no effect. The titer is not 'boosted' nor are more memory cells induced.

"Not only are annual boosters for parvo and distemper unnecessary, they subject the pet to potential risks of allergic reactions and immune-mediated hemolytic anemia. There is no scientific documentation to back up label claims for annual administration of MLV vaccines. Puppies receive antibodies through their mothers milk. This natural protection can last 8-14 weeks. Puppies and kittens should NOT be vaccinated at LESS than 8 weeks. Maternal immunity will neutralize the vaccine and little protection (0-38%) will be produced. Vaccination at 6 weeks will, however, delay the timing of the first highly effective vaccine. Vaccinations given 2 weeks apart suppress rather than stimulate the immune system. A series of vaccinations is given starting at 8 weeks and given 3-4 weeks apart up to 16 weeks of age. Another vaccination given sometime after 6 months of age (usually at 1 year 4 months) will provide lifetime immunity."

END QUOTE

What are the functions of the tail?

By Virginia Wells

You can tell a lot about what dogs are feeling by watching their tails. Dogs use their tails for communicating; they express happiness, aggression, stress and all of the emotions in between. By looking at the position and movement of the tail, you can usually tell what they are saying. When he wags his tail high and wags it back and forth, he's usually feeling pretty good; when he is interested in something, his tail is horizontal to the ground; a tucked tail indicates the dog is frightened or submissive; when the tail goes from horizontal to upright and rigid, he is feeling threatened or challenged; and a tail that is low and wagging just slightly means your dog is feeling worried or insecure.

The tail has another vital role in communicating. Every time your dog moves his tail, it acts like a fan and spreads his natural scent around him. One of his most important odors comes from the anal glands, two sacs under the tail that contain a smelly liquid that is as unique among dogs as fingerprints are to us. Every time the dog wags his tail, the muscles around the anus contract and press on the glands, causing a release of the scent. A dominant dog that carries his tail high will release much more scent than a dog that holds his tail lower. Likewise, a frightened dog holds his tail between his legs to keep others from sniffing him, so he does not draw attention to himself.

The tail is important as a means of counterbalance when the dog is carrying out complicated movements such as leaping, walking along narrow structures, or climbing. Dogs that run at great speeds usually have long thin tails in proportion to the rest of the body, and they use their tails as counterbalance when making turns. Their tails give them both agility and ability to turn quickly to keep up with their prey. Tail muscles are also important in stabilizing the vertebral column and supporting the action of the extensor muscles of the back as well as those of the croup and buttocks.

Some dogs also use their tails as rudders when swimming. Swimming dogs have tails that are thick, strong and very flexible, which helps them to move easily through the water and make quick turns.

Some dogs use their tails for insulation. Nordic breeds have brushy or plumed tails with long dense fur. When lying down they pull their tails over their faces to keep out the cold. They also use their tails as rudders when pulling a sled across the ice.

Ask Abby and Annie

Dear Abby and Annie,

Here's a tip from Crissy : When using topical flea products (Frontline/Advantage) apply it at bedtime so you don't accidentally pet your dog and wipe it off (It's NOT toxic to humans) and be sure to remove their collar so the product doesn't wick into the collar, decreasing the amount of the dog.

Dear Abby and Annie

Mom keeps telling us she going to be with us and take us places, but every time she comes home she tell us we can't go and she be right back and comes back real late than she tells us it time to go to bed. How do we get her to spend more time with us? She telling us she going to take us out of town this weekend but we don't believe her any more. Do you have any idea's we can use?

Lonesome Boys Alex and Mike

Dear Lonesome Boys Alex and Mike,

There are a few things that you can try. First, I know that you are herding dogs, so, herd her onto the couch and pin her down! Abby some times acts like she's sick so Mom will stay home. You can hide her car keys, or even play keep away with them.

Good luck,

A&A



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