



# Ruff Notes

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## What's Happening in October

10-1 Pet Pals, Soquel, Classes start  
10-2 Capitola and Salinas Classes start  
10-6 Board Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Nat'l. Bank  
10-7 Conformation Classes start  
10-21 Ruff Notes Deadline  
10- 28,29,30 Halloween costumes at class

## Upcoming Shows & Trials

10-4&5 Sacramento DTC- Agility  
Truckee Meadows DTC- Agility  
Donner Trail KC Orniforio  
San Luis Obispo KC- Bradshaw (5<sup>th</sup>)  
Mission Trail Poodle Club- Agility  
10-11&12 Santa Clara DTC-  
Obedience Function  
10-18&19 Poodle Club of Central  
Ca. (MB-F) S.S.  
Doberman Pinscher C. of Nor Ca.  
(MB-F) S.S.  
Del Valle DC (MB-F) and Agility

## From the Presidential Kennel:

It's been a busy month! Kudos to all of those who showed up for the Fair demos—I hear that you did a great job, as always. I'm also pleased to report that we managed to have a quorum for our first General Meeting of the year. Thanks go out to Pam for arranging to have our own Dr. Judy Force give us a presentation on canine dental hygiene. For those of you who missed it, Greenies and special "dental" treats are nice, but they don't do the same job that brushing does.....brush, brush, brush. We also had a presentation from Dennis Vierra on the current status of our contract with the Fairgrounds.....Dennis has been putting in a lot of work on this, and deserves our commendations. If you weren't at either the Board meeting or the General meeting and would like to see what the current draft looks like, please give Dennis a call, or drop him an e-mail for an electronic copy.  
Help Wanted: MBDTTC will once again be hosting an obedience ring at AOCNC's annual workshop in February at the Cow Palace. If you are interested in stewarding please let Luane know....

## More October Shows

10-25&26 Sacramento Valley DF-  
(MB-F)  
10-25 Del Monte KC- B-OB Match

## Kennel Continued

In case any of you may have been thinking of volunteering to Chair our 2004 Obedience Trial, but are assuming that the position has been filled, it has not. Despite my pleas, we have had no volunteers. Nobody has even asked for a job description. Of course, this could just mean that no one bothers to read this column. At this rate, I may have to give up on the idea of soliciting for volunteers in Ruff Notes and move on to targeting individual victims...There is still time to volunteer and save your fellow members from being hounded by me ;)

I understand that Denise still has club calendars for sale, so look her up if you haven't purchased one already. If you haven't seen them, they turned out great....it is a "fun" fundraiser---thanks for thinking of it, Denise! On the subject of calendars, chase down Carol Davis to order your very own 2004 Marin Dog Training Club calendar.

Next month we should have more information of Intercession, and on the Christmas Dinner. Happy training 'til then.....and keep brushing those doggy teeth ;)

## October Birthdays

### FURRY

10-01 **Fleur** Harbertson CDX,JC  
Borzoi, age 7  
10-02 **Molly** Gnehm, Aussie, age 2  
10-05 **Boomer** Gnehm, Mixed Breed,  
age9  
**Ebony** Gidding CGC, Lab, age14  
10-06 Ch. **Frosty** Adams, Siberian  
Husky, age 11  
10-11 Mach **Gracie** Hastings PT,  
Sheltie, age 5  
10-12 Ch. **Rosebud** Nie, Mini Long-  
Haired Dachsund, age 13  
10-16 Ch. **Christopher** Vidak CD, AX,  
NAJ, Mini Schnauzer, age 15  
10-20 **Harlow** Cordtz JC, Borzoi, and  
**Deva** Cordtz JC, age 3  
10-24 **Rosie** Lang, Golden Retriever,  
age 1  
10-28 **Rupert** Tate, Lab, age 4  
10-30 **Denny** McLeod, Border Collie,  
age 3

### NOT SO FURRY

10-03 **Luane** Vidak  
10-09 **Helene** Brodrick  
10-15 **Sue** Mitchell  
10-18 **Delores** Tate  
10-30 **Maxine** Gomez

### Directory Note #1

Directories have been distributed and/or mailed. Please make sure you have received yours. If not, please contact Betty Garcia, Director of Membership.

# BRAGS

## From Luane Vidak :

Rogue Agility Club, Labor Day Weekend  
Jiffy earned 2 MXJ legs and 1 MX leg

## From Judy Force :

**Piper** got the final point she needed for her championship this last Saturday at Lost Coast Kennel Club in Eureka. Hurray! !Hurray!!!! And her daughter, **Dixie**, got her first point on Sunday!

## From Carol Howton :

**Rosie** won Winners Bitch for 2 points at Simi Valley Aug.30.  
**Rosie** also won Winners Bitch for a 3 point MAJOR on Aug. 31 !!! She now has 11 points !!!

## From Sandi Pensinger :

At the California Gold Jack Russell Terrier Trial - **Tempe** won Best Bitch and Reserve Champion Open Terrier, Reserve Champion Go-to-Ground and Reserve Champion Racing.

## From Linda Harbertson :

Saturday September 20. Danville KC, Virginia. **Caerlin's Fallen Angel**  
- bred and co-owned by Linda Harbertson  
owned by Leigh Littleton 1 point WB/BOS to finish - New Champion.

Did you ever notice this when going to a dog show and you're already late?

The shortest distance between two points is always under construction.  
---Noelie Alite

## New Titles

**Piper Force** – Champion

**Caerlins Fallen Angel** - Champion

## Hot Dog Awards

Nobody sent in scores this month.

A nursery school teacher was delivering a station wagon full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties.

"They use him to keep crowds back," said one youngster.

"No," said another. "He's just for good luck."

A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrant."

Via Luane Vidak

Please change Deanna Gardiner's name to Deanna Gardiner-Garcia. Her new e-mail address is [deanna@cherden.net](mailto:deanna@cherden.net). Her phone number is the same.

## In Memoriam

**Joey von Siegerhaus, CGC, CDX**  
**September 8, 1992 -- September 3, 2003**

**Joey** died in Debbie's arms this morning after a tough bout with aggressive cancer. She was a faithful companion, and we loved her dearly. She will be greatly missed.

We're very grateful to many of you for your part in helping to make her the great dog that she was.

Debbie and Gary Green

### Directory Note #2

Please check your Directory to make sure the information listed for YOU is correct. If there are any errors, please contact Marilyn Runyan.

All corrections and additions will be published in Ruff Notes. If you make notations of these as they are published, you will have an up-to-date Directory.

### Directory Note

Please add Jennifer Church to the committee listings under Phone Committee: Salinas.

Monterey Bay Dog Training Club – Demonstrating Responsible Dog Ownership  
Contact us at [www.montereybaydog.org](http://www.montereybaydog.org)

## ~AOCNC Report.....**Luane Vidak**

Presidents' Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled on Oct.25 to honor the Presidents of the AOCNC for their dedication to their clubs and their efforts in keeping the sport of obedience alive. They will be guests of AOCNC at this annual luncheon.

Jan 31-Feb1: CGC and Education Table at GGKC. Support is needed for the Education Table. Approximately 2.5-hour shifts through out the show are scheduled. For those offering to help (that are not entered in the event) the cost of entry and parking is paid by AOCNC. The rest of the day is for browsing, shopping, and munching and viewing your favorite breeds.

Feb 8: The annual All Breed Obedience workshop is set for the Cow Palace. MBDTTC is responsible for one ring (3 stewards, judge, table/chairs). Workers may show their own dogs. Lunch and all supplies are provided by AOCNC. Fourteen rings are offered, so members with dogs that could benefit from a workshop might keep the date in mind. Entries will be available in RNotes shortly.

June 5: The Interclub Competition is scheduled. Here's a chance to test your dog's understanding of the exercises in a trial setting. All scores can qualify for the Club Rankings. The Competition is an opportunity for the clubs to vie for the title of best club in No California.... This concept goes back well over 50 years ago when Mt. Diablo and SFDTC (the only 2 clubs in NoCal!) vied off to see who could be tops for the day! (Currently enrolled trainees are encouraged to enter under our banner.)

## ~TRACKING ASSN. OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

A meeting has been set for November 16 at the Mt. Diablo Training Center in Walnut Creek to develop proposals for the upcoming AKC TRACKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE which will convene in January of 04. Any interested persons are invited to attend on the 16th. (Note: This year Barbara Adcock (the person honored at our first VST test) will be seated on the AKC's Tr Adv Committee.)

# Chocolate Toxicity

I've heard many people say that their dogs eat chocolate and don't have any problems. They've been lucky. A lot depends on the type and quantity of chocolate consumed.

The toxic ingredients in chocolate are theobromine and caffeine. They are both in the same family of compounds (methylxanthines). Different types of chocolate contain wildly different amounts of methylxanthines. In general, doses of 20-40mg methylxanthine/kg body weight may cause mild signs such as vomiting, restlessness and polydipsia (increased water consumption). Doses between 40 and 50mg/kg may result in severe signs of hyperactivity, tachypnea, anxiety, polyuria, and extreme tachycardia (rapid breathing and heart rate and increased urination). Doses of 60mg/kg or above may cause arrhythmias and seizures, and should be promptly treated to minimize absorption and reduce the severity of clinical signs.

Here is a table copied from Standards of Care Emergency and Critical Care Medicine, July 2002:

Amounts of Various Chocolate Products Required to Reach a dose of 50mg/kg in a 50 lb Dog

Chocolate variety:	50lb dog to reach 50mg/kg
Milk Chocolate	17.9oz (1.1 lb)
Dark, sweet chocolate	7.7oz (0.5 lb)
Semisweet chocolate	7.2oz (0.45 lb)
Baking or unsweetened chocolate	2.6oz (0.16 lb)
Dry cocoa powder	1.4oz (0.09 lb)
Cocoa beans	1.92oz (0.12 lb) or less
Coffee beans	1.92oz (0.12 lb) or less
Cocoa bean hulls (in lots of garden mul)	4.5oz (0.28 lb) or less

Note: It would take 65 lb of white chocolate to reach a dose of 50mg/kg. A dog would suffer from gastroenteritis and pancreatitis long before reaching a toxic amount of methylxanthines from this variety of chocolate

Methylxanthines are rapidly absorbed from the gut, but lots of fat (like butter) slows absorption. Enterohepatic recirculation accounts for the long half-life of theobromine in the dog. The half-life is 17.5 hours.

Methylxanthines enhance the release of epinephrine and norepinephrine, they also cause increased entry of calcium into the cells, which increases muscular contractility. So you see neurologic and cardiac stimulation.

Judy Force, DVM

## A Cool Website

Pam Strametz forwarded me a very informative website recently. It made me think that Ruff Notes is a good way to pass along those really good doggie websites. If you know of one feel free to forward it to me and I will publish the URL. Pam's cool site is :

<http://www.geocities.com/~olelo/shelties/emergencydoglinks.html#top>

## Fairly Wonderful Dennis

Dennis Vierra has been working hard with the Fairgrounds to shore up a new lease for us. He has put in many, many hours and he's closing in on a final agreement. To learn what he (and helpers Luane Vidak and Lynn Schmitt) have come up with, e-mail Dennis for a copy of his report, or any questions you have. Good work you three!

## Bradie's Latest Un-Brag

**by: Marilyn Runyan**

I came in from the garage this afternoon to discover Bradie waiting for me. She had something in her mouth, which appeared to be a ball, and she wanted to play. She usually likes to retrieve, but tug-of-war often precedes that activity--and follows it as well. Whatever she had was completely inside her mouth. I tried to remove it, but she didn't want to let go. I grasped the item, noting that it was indeed something round--again, apparently a ball she had located somewhere. After a bit of tugging, she dropped the item. It made kind of a thud on the floor--a most unusual sound for a ball. As I looked down at this red, round object, I was greatly surprised to discover that this "ball" was a nice red tomato!!! Oh, well, that's Bradie for you!

## Something New For Ruff Notes ?

I am proposing that we use one page of Ruff Notes to list Doggie Classified Ads. I'm thinking maybe 12 ads a month selling for \$2.00 for members and \$5.00 for non-members. The editor would use her discretion regarding content. We might also think about selling copies to trainees for \$1.00 an issue. MBDTTC would in no way endorse or guarantee any goods or services offered by any advertiser. Jot down your thoughts and we'll vote on it at the next general meeting in November. Or e-mail me. What do you think?

### Directory Note #3

Please check your Directory to check the 2003-2004 Committee Listings to see what you have signed up for. There are still some committee listings, which have not yet been filled. If you see something you would like to do, please contact Tammy Del Conte.

A girl was visiting her blonde friend who had acquired two new dogs and asked her what their names were.

The blonde responded by saying that one was named Rolex and one was named Timex.

Her friend said, "Whoever heard of someone naming dogs like that?"

"HeLOOOOO," answered the blonde. "They're watch dogs!"

MBDTC is selling calendars to the public for \$15.00 each. They would make great Christmas presents, birthday presents or even "I'm thinking of you" gifts. They are 16-month calendars with pictures of our trainers and the dogs we love. All profits will be donated to helping animals in the Watsonville/Salinas area and Gifts from the heart. Please support the club and buy a calendar today. They will be at classes starting next week or contact Michael.

## Ho Ho Holiday !

It's getting to be that time of year again, time for MBDTC's annual holiday gala extrodinaire! Lynn Schmitt wants everyone to save Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> on your calendars. She assures me that this year's program and auction will be fabulous. Menu and details, to follow next month.

## 2003 Fair Demo

As the fair demo chairperson, I extend a HUGE Thank-You to all the participants and unsung heroes. The fair is our best opportunity to reach a large number of dog owners in one shot.

Rich Torres, thanks for the valiant attempt to get the equipment trailer out to the fairgrounds the weekend before the fair started. It didn't work out...but we appreciate the effort. Lynn Schmitt, thanks for the last minute trailer pull to the fairgrounds at the end of your vacation. As usual, you are always good for the "Big Save".

Michael and Marion...now known as M&M Bashista got to the fair early every night and had the ring, equipment, and PA system up and running before I got there each night. B.G....you were always out there early each night helping too and we really appreciated the help.

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# Fair Demo Continued

This year my goal was to shorten up the program and really emphasize all the cool stuff you could do with your dog, if you took the time to train them. We had a wide range of dog breeds, dog ages, handler ages, and combinations of activities to showcase.

We started each night with a parade of dog and handler teams. Then we had a couple of trick dogs, a few which wore funny costumes, and a puppy socialization demo by Judy Force and her 9-month-old pup. After that we introduced children in the crowd to the proper way to greet a dog, And, of course, most of the adults in the crowd wanted a "doggie fix" by petting all the dogs as well.

During this meet and greet time, I talked about therapy dog work and some of the other social jobs at which canines excel. Following that we showcased each team during a rally O style course.

The big finish for this drill was the group recall where we had everything from the sub novice on leash recall to signal work. For the advanced obedience skills, Belle did her high jump retrieves, then Kelli, Belle, Coby, Noah, and Finnagin joined her in the ring for signal exercises.

BG, of course, always had "the boys" in brace. Judy Force came with a triple leash team of Dalmatians. Linda Harbertson came each night with Belle, Charlice, and Éclair. Belle did a great job in the tricks category with her Kleenex retrieve. The crowd never got tired of that or seeing her take the monster-sized high jump.

Amanda Nie and Jessica Hetrick were our youngest handlers. It's not nice to talk about the oldest handlers is it???? I think the crowds got a kick out of seeing the age span of handlers in our agility relay, which crossed 5 decades! For the dogs, we had Judy Force with her Dalmatian puppy and dogs up to 9 years old in the agility race. And that agility relay race was the finale and big crowd pleaser!

Thanks Dennis for showing up to announce the agility races so I could play! We tried small dogs against big dogs one night, but the deck was stacked on the small dog side. Each night we made up new teams as we went along. The comedy of errors was actually the crowd favorite. Kelli and Merlin were neck and neck before Kelli chased Merlin back into his tunnel one night.

Then there were Linda's Goldens who would only run out with Dad and back with Linda. Noah got ants in his pants and had three obstacles done and was closing the gap on the dog in front of him before I recalled him to the start. Belle's ability to work 4 weave poles at the same time impressed the crowd as well.

I had a lot of positive responses from the crowd each night, many of them even asking for more. The handlers seemed to have a great time and I think that showed in our demonstrations. Hopefully, thanks to the following participants, the club should see a lot of new faces at next session's registration....

Thanks to Linda Harbertson, Michael and Marion Bashista, BG Garcia, Crissy Hastings, Judy Force, Judy Nielson, Amanda Nie, Dennis Vierra, Linda and Dick Lange, Stacy Thompson, Jane Grady from agility, Sue Adams, Alexis Landsman, Jessica Hetrick, and Jane Devlin.

Thanks to all the dogs and handlers who made chairing this event a lot of fun for me. Now it's back to agility class to work off the after show fried delights and wine tasting!

Pamela Fugitt-Hetrick  
2003 Fair Demo Chair and announcer

## Ask Abby and Annie

Dear Abby and Annie,

Noah and Zoë and Malachi were very perplexed by the last "Ask Abby and Annie" column. They took turns reading it and were worried about not having tails after learning how helpful one could be. Zoë can blame her breeder for docking her tail when she was several days old, but Noah and Malachi were both born without a tail. They wondered about Annie and Abby too. If tails are such a great thing, why don't ALL dogs have one? Inquiring Aussies want to know!!

Stacy and her gang

Dear Stacy and Friends,

Obviously, the really talented and cool dogs don't require a tail. We wiggle with our whole bodies, balance by our natural gracefulness and swim just fine without a big wet caboose trailing on behind us. No one ever steps on our tails or catches them in a door. We don't clear off coffee tables just because we're excited. If we get cold we snuggle with our mom, we don't have to use our nubs to keep warm. And besides, in olden days only dogs **without** tails were tax exempt! Bubblebutts unite!

Abby and Annie



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