



VST Test '04

It was quite a weekend. . We had five dogs entered, four local to the area and one from Washington. Lots of good starts by the trackers.....but no finishes. So it looks like the 3rd time (VST '05) will have to be the charm that fetches us our first VST winner.

We had 21 people working hard to get the show on the road and they need an extra amount of credit for spending two days making sure that someone else had a good time and an opportunity at success. It is really an unselfish bunch when you stop to think that pretty much next to no one that helped was a person with a tracking dog.

So quick Kudos to the helpers: Sec/Chn: Lynn Schmitt, Coordinator: Luane Vidak , Trial Committee Chm: Lynnette VanEpps-Smith along with committee members Lynn Schmitt, Sue Adams, Linda Lang, Tammy Del-Conte, Marshal: Susan Needleman, Five track-erlayers: Linda Lang, Anne Terry, Lynnette VE-Smith, Bob Hupp, Delores Tate, Hospitality : Judy Nielsen (breakfasts), Kim Sutherland (Sat.Lunch), Anita Vidak (Sun.NoHost Luncheon), Drivers:

Lynn Schmitt, Sue Adams, Michael Bashista, Awards/Gifts: Delores Tate, Emergency Coordinator: Judy McLeod, Ham Operators: Ken & Greta Justus and Walt & Ressie DelConte, Judges: Barbara Adcock and Ralph Swingle.

Even with lots of planning, Murphy's Law came in to play. The unseasonable weather caused foxtails to foul much of the usual tracking area....so a last minute plea to the principals

of three Fort Ord area schools secured added sites for the judges to use to compensate for the ground lost at the University. That was easier to fix than the porta pottie that failed to show! But even with those distractions, we had a lovely weekend.....the



VST Judges Ralph Swingle & Barbara Adcock

weather was comfortable, the sitting/ chatting time was comfortable and the camaraderie was more than comfortable....It added up to a great

weekend..

From the Presidential Kennel

Congrats to Luane and Lynne for putting on another great VST! The weather was good, the company was great....we could have used a qualifying test, but maybe that would have been asking for too much. Foxtails were the complication for this year, but Luane and Lynne outfoxed them by spreading tracks out to two nearby schools. Great job all—gold stars to everyone.

I had a great time helping out at Del Monte KC's Agility Trial this weekend---it may have been Del Monte's Trial, but I saw an awful lot of Monterey Bay folks working away, and doing a terrific job. I don't know how anyone did Tote before Dale started SuperTrial---I've never been Agility secretary, but I've been Trial secretary, and I can really appreciate the time and effort this database is saving us!

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Upcoming Events

- June 1 — AOCNC Interclub Match
- June 7 — Board Meeting
- June 12 — Agility Trial
- June 12 — Judge's Dinner
- June 13 — Agility Trial
- June 22 — Ruff Notes Deadline
- June 26 — Obedience Workshop
- June 26 — Annual Meeting
- June 29 — Watsonville Final Classes
- June 29 — CGC Test, Watsonville
- June 30 — Pet Pals, Soquel Final Classes
- June 31 — Capitola & Salinas Final Classes

Legislative Alert

AB2513, the latest in a multi-year series of efforts to 'control pet overpopulation' by blaming breeders (blaming *someone*!) rather than doing the heavy lifting necessary to control at-large animals has passed out of the Assembly Committee on Business and Professions. It now goes to the Appropriations committee which isn't concerned with lousy law -- just financial issues. The next chance to stop it is the Assembly floor. That's going to require emails and phone calls.

Basically this bill's theory is that excessive dogs and cats happen because people intentionally breed and then sell intact animals. So make them pay for an expensive permit to do it, and the problem will be solved. The truth is otherwise: excessive cat populations are common in many places in the U.S. now, centered on dumpsters and well-intended citizens who feed but do not sterilize groups in other places; intentional breeding by cat fanciers provides an almost vanishingly small fraction of the total.

California has some dog overpopulation as well, largely in lower income population centers that follow the old practices of either allowing loosely owned dogs to roam at large at all times or turning out a family pet during the work day. Since these animals are rarely sterilized, lots of breeding is the result.

The answer is colony management for the cats and determined leash law enforcement for dogs but that's expensive

and unpopular so year-by-year the state sees one 'tooth fairy' answer tried after another. But while the tooth fairy isn't going to deliver any \$5 bills on this one, she is going to do something nasty to the state's careful breeders:



Your Legislature at work to limit your rights as a dog owner

AB2513 Highlights -- mostly stolen from the work of others.

- Class 1 seller - all or part of three or more litters or 20 or more individual dogs/cats sold in a 12 month period that have not been neutered or spayed. The fee is \$1000 for a "sale permit".
- Class 2 seller - sells less than all or part of three litters or fewer than 20 cats/dogs. The fee is \$250 for a "sale permit". (Every child or adult in the state would need a permit if they rescued and sold one puppy or kitten too young to alter.)
- No Class 1 or Class 2 seller may acquire unaltered dogs or cats from a seller who does not possess a sale permit

mit (What about out of state sellers of breeding dogs or cats??)

- It is a CRIME to sell an unaltered dog or cat on public property or at a "public sales event" which is a "gathering of sellers of merchandise". That would cover dog shows with vendors ...
- Fines for violations will be up to three times the permit fee(\$3,000) - whewwww!
- Holders of a sale permit must submit to animal control the names, addresses, telephone numbers of buyers (invasion of privacy) Yes, in California AC authorities can and do harass both breeders and owners of intact animals, regardless of an real violation -- would *you* buy a puppy from you, knowing that AC would be told?
- All sellers must make receipts available for animal control inspection during "normal business hours". And your 'normal business hours' are ... ?
- Required "immunization" will be specified by the Veterinary Medical Board and immunization history with a signed statement regarding the animal's health must be provided. (Modern vaccination protocols vary according to each animal's exposure risk. Currently rabies vaccination is not required of cats in California.)

- Any local ordinance must be at least as restrictive and a city may impose and

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General Membership Meeting

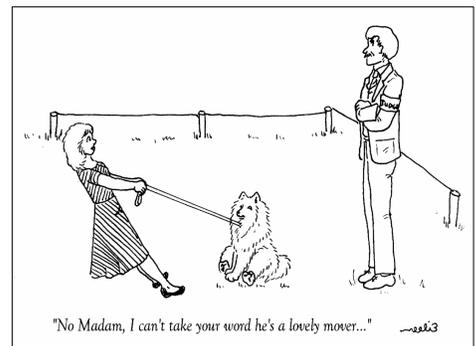
The next General Membership Meeting will be June 26 after the Obedience Workshop (at the Fairgrounds). At that time we will deal with any club business necessary and will also be electing officers for next year. We hope to see you there.



Membership News

Please change Sue Adams' email address in your membership rosters to aslanlar8@sbcglobal.net.

The Little Dog Laughed



"No Madam, I can't take your word he's a lovely mover..."

Happy Barkday to You....

Best wishes to all our members and their furry friends with birthdays in June:

June 2 Stacy Thompson
 6 Linda Harbertson
 8 Nancy Lewis
 17 June Laman
 18 Lynn Schmitt
 18 Kim Sutherland
 24 Michael Bashista
 27 Carolyn Meyer
 30 Denise Panzich



Date	Dog	Loved by	Breed	Age
1	Dustin	Crissy Hastings	Shetland Sheepdog	18
1	Paco CDX NAC CGC	Elisabeth Lambert	Mixed Breed	5
1	Chance	Mike Fenoglio	Mixed Breed	8
1	Rosita CD NAJ CGC	Elisabeth Lambert	Chihuahua	5
2	Dusty	Sue Mitchell	Rough Collie	2
2	Holy Toledo CGC	Jane Devlin	Siberian Husky	5
5	Merlot	Bob Hupp	Samoyed	1
7	Abby	Kim Sutherland	Old English Sheepdog	6
1	George	Mary/Amanda Nie	Mini Long-Haired Dachshund	2
11	Buddy CDX OA OAJ	Dale Root/Pam Strametz	Shetland Sheepdog	8
15	Titan	Anne Terry	Long-Haired Chihuahua	7
20	Danser	Fred Jones	Standard Poodle	3
22	Ch. Shalla	Sue Adams	Siberian Husky	11
24	Candy CD	Anne Terry	Labrador Retriever	6
30	Razz CD HT NA NAJ	Pam Strametz/Dale Root	Shetland Sheepdog	4
30	Fargo HT	Pam Strametz/Dale Root	Shetland Sheepdog	4

Wags & Brags

From Linda Harbertson

Straight Racing: 4/ 11 Borzoi Club of Northern California
Chalice (Borzoi) 4th place out of 16 1 point towards her GRC title 2 huge rosettes and 1 trophy for First Time Entered.



Lure Coursing :4/ 25 Northern Calif. Rhodensian Ridgeback Club

Eclair (Borzoi) 1st Senior Courser Leg

Conformation: Chief Solano Kennel Club Vallejo 4/17

Chalice (Borzoi) went WB/BOW/BOB for 1 point over a Bitch Special



Agility: 5/15 Del Monte Kennel Club Agility *Chalice* (Borzoi) 1st Place Novice B Standard, 1st leg, Score 100 Course time 75 seconds, *Chalice* time 65.30 distance 141 yards

5/16 Del Monte Kennel Club Agility *Chalice* (Borzoi) 1st Place Novice B Standard, 2nd leg, Score 100 and 1st Novice B Jumpers, 1st leg, Score 96

From Chrissy Hastings-Baugh

Logan (Shetland Sheepdog) earned 2 Double Q's this month (Davis DTC and NoCal Golden Retrievers) he now has 79 Double Q's, 151 MX legs and 92 MXJ legs.



Gracie (Shetland Sheepdog) earned 3 Double Q's (2 at Davis, and 1 at No Cal Retrievers) she has 75 DQ's, 94 MX legs and 123 MXJ legs. Her lowest percentage was 71% from 4/11 at the Golden trial.

At Power Paws camp *Gracie* competed in the Incredible Weave Pole Challenge. She finished all 60 weave poles (Covering over 33 yards) in 19.23 seconds!!!

Hot Dog Award



Linda Harbertson's Borzoi *Chalice* is this month's Agility Hot Dog Award Winner.

No one submitted scores for the obedience Hot Dog award so there is no Obedience Hot Dog Award This month.

FDA Approves First Insulin Drug for Diabetic Dogs

FDA has approved a porcine insulin zinc suspension product as the first drug for treating diabetic dogs. Prior to the development of this product, the only treatment veterinarians could use on diabetic dogs was human insulin, which is less compatible with a dog's metabolic system.

Estimates are that one in every 200 dogs will develop diabetes. The onset usually occurs in dogs aged 7-9 years, and seems to be twice as prevalent in females as in males.

"This is a very positive development for millions of American dog owners and their pets," said Acting FDA Commissioner Dr. Lester M. Crawford. "It promises to improve the health and quality of life of dogs who



suffer from this debilitating disease."

The product will be marketed under the trade name "Vetsulin" by its developer Intervet, Inc. of Millsboro, Del., and will be available under a veterinarian's prescription.

The treatment will be used to improve the clinical signs of diabetes in dogs such as excessive thirst, excessive urination, excessive appetite, and weight loss despite good appetite.

Veterinarians will determine the initial treatment dose based on the dog's weight, and then will use various tests to adjust the dosage to the

optimum level.

Maintenance administration of the insulin may be done in the home. Dog owners will be provided instructions on how to treat their dogs at home with the insulin. An information sheet that outlines the benefits and risks of the treatment will also be provided.

Among the risks dog owners may face is hypoglycemia (dangerously low blood sugar) if they accidentally inject themselves with the insulin. The product contains warning statements on the label about this risk as well as others such as the need to prevent eye exposure to the insulin.

Vetsulin has already been approved in 20 countries, including the United Kingdom, and should be available in the United States in late summer 2004.

Raisins Can Be Toxic to Your Dog

This week I had the first case in history of raisin toxicity ever seen at MedVet. My patient was a 56 pound, 5 yr old male neutered lab mix who ate half a canister of raisins sometime between 7:30 AM and 4 :30 PM on Tuesday. He started with vomiting, diarrhea and shaking about 1 AM on Wednesday but the owner didn't call my emergency service until 7 AM. I had heard somewhere about raisins AND grapes causing acute renal failure but hadn't seen any formal paper on the subject. We had her bring the dog in immediately. In the meantime, I called the ER service at MedVet, and the doctor there was like me---had heard something about it, but....Anyway, we contacted the ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center and they said to give I V fluids at 1 1/2 times maintenance and watch the kidney values for the next 48-72 hours. The dog's BUN (blood urea nitrogen level) was already at 32 (normal less than

27) and creatinine over 5 (1.9 is the high end of normal). Both are monitors of kidney function in the bloodstream. We placed an I V catheter and started the fluids. Rechecked the renal values at 5 PM and the BUN was over 40 and creatinine over 7 with no urine production after a liter of fluids. At the point I felt the dog was in acute renal failure and sent him on to MedVet for a urinary catheter to monitor urine output overnight as well as overnight care. He started vomiting again overnight at MedVet and his renal values have continued to increase daily. He produced urine when given lasix as a diuretic. He was on 3 different anti-vomiting medications and they still couldn't control his vomiting. Today his urine output decreased again, his BUN was over 120, his creatinine was at 10,

his phosphorus was very elevated and his blood pressure, which had been staying around 150, skyrocketed to 220. He continued to vomit and the owners elected to euthanise. This is a very sad case--great dog, great owners who had no idea raisins could be a toxin. Please alert everyone you know who

has a dog of this very serious risk. Poison control said as few as 7 raisins could be toxic. Many people I know give their dogs grapes or raisins as treats.

Any exposure should give rise to immediate concern. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Laurinda Morris, DVM
Danville Veterinary Clinic
Danville, Ohio

... "as few as 7 raisins could be toxic.."

Minutes of the May 2004 MBDTTC Board Meeting

ATTENDANCE:

Betty Garcia, Margaret Gnehm, Denise Panzich, Tammy Del Conte, Carol Davis, Dani Nelson, Michael Bashista and Marion Bashista.

Meeting was called to order at 7:11 on May 3, 2004, at the First National Bank in Watsonville.

The April Board minutes were amended to read "Cheryl Dalton has 2 more nights of classes to complete her requirements for membership." Board meeting minutes were approved. (F/S/P) Betty/Michael.

Tammy Del Conte, President: The VST had beautiful weather but no one passed. Everyone had a good time. Tammy is actively trying to fill next years' hard positions, such as Intercession. Anyone willing to step-up please let her know.

Marilyn Runyan, V. President: No report sent

Denise Panzich, Recording Secty: No report

Marion Bashista, Treasurer: The insurance is paid for the year, all the other bills as well as the Trainers are paid.

Margaret Gnehm, Corr. Secty: Distributed mail to the appropriate people. She received a letter to start up the calendars again if we are interested. It's not too early.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Carol Davis, Publicity: The ads are

placed in the papers for the classes starting next week. Lynn gave someone the disk with the information brochure but can't remember who has it. Donna James emailed from the Santa Cruz Sentinel to confirm information about the VST tracking test. Michael hope Qs to have her attention for the Agility Trial.

Betty Garcia, Membership: Tracy Hunter needs one more requirement to be recommended for membership. Cheryl Dalton has finished her requirements for membership.

Training: Classes start on 5/11/04.

Michael Bashista, Matches & Trials: Agility has about 100 entries so far. Michael is trying to get the Metro center to allow people to stay with their campers during the Agility Trial. They have an area for trailers. Obedience Trial, Linda Lang has agreed to be Chief Ring Steward. Judy is working hard on the Workshop, she is still looking for judges.

Advisory Committees: No report

Membership: No report

Matches and Trials: No report

Training: No report

Standing Committees:

Ruff Notes will close on May 18. Bob Hupp will take over the Ruff Notes assignment for the time being. Please mail everything to whitedog@charter.net.

Bylaws: Nothing to report

AOCNC: No report

Nominating committee: BG reported that the committee has completed their slate:

President:	Tammy DelConte
V. Pres:	Judy McLeod
Rec Secty:	Cheryl Dalton
Corr Secty:	Margaret Gnehm
Treasurer:	Marion Bashista
Membership:	Betty Garcia
Training:	Rich Torres
Publicity:	Bob Hupp
Match/Trials:	Michael Bashista

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion about dedicating our trial to Jim TenEyck.

Braggs: Dani bragged that Bree took 1st place in Jumpers and Standard at their Nationals. Marion bragged that Kelly got both a Standard leg and Jumpers leg. Mike bragged that Merlin got 3-2nd and 1-3rd getting 2 standard legs and 2 Jumpers legs.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 (F/S/P) Dani/BG

Respectively submitted:

Denise Panzich
Recording Secretary

From the Presidential Kennel

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I was really impressed by both the exhibitors and the dogs doing Agility: on a whole, this was a very congenial, if somewhat exuberant group. Perfect performances got a big hand, but so did the, ummm, creative performances. Handlers were supportive of each other, and pitched in to help around the ring when necessary, and everyone enjoyed the sheer enthusiasm of the dogs.

If you missed Del Monte's Trial, and

you're wondering what I'm talking about, give Michael and Marion Bashista a call and volunteer for MBDTTC's Agility Trial, June 12th and 13th at Sky Park. I guarantee that it will be more fun than staying home and cleaning the house!

I'll end this column with a plea for help: when you fill out your membership renewals, PLEASE be sure to volunteer for some of the jobs on the preference



Tammy Del Conte's Rumor

sheets. Take a chance and step up to the challenge---this club has a great group of folks who always pitch in to get things done, so you never have to worry about being left high and dry. Actually being left high and dry is my worry, so PLEASE volunteer and save me from developing a nervous twitch. Well, make that ANOTHER nervous twitch.....

See you at the Agility Trial!
Tammy

Legislative Alert

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collect license fees for the costs of enforcement, administration and spay/neuter services for low-income individuals.

(Are these license fees in addition to the "sale permit"??)

Sure you could probably live with that deal, or most of it. And most people might get away with forgetting the whole thing, most of the time, right? That is, until the ACs target you ... Does that ever happen in California? Could someone licensing a pet puppy you sold be asked "And what is the name and address of the breeder?"

California is AR-heaven; what are the chances that the screws won't be tightened in the future? They WILL be ... so fight it now!

Fanciers who want to keep breeding need to let their assemblymen know ASAP that this is a *very bad* idea. You can get into the details if you want, but short POLITE "Bad idea and will make the problem worse" emails and phone calls are equally or more effective: If a legislator gets 100 'NO' emails and three 'YES' ones, the reasons don't matter. Basically they count the votes first.

If you don't have the email and/or phone for your assemblyman, go to:

<http://www.assembly.ca.gov/acs/acsframeset2text.htm>

and click 'find my district,' third from the top on the left. Follow the directions.

There could be only a few days in which to get out the word. By email I suggest something like this -

- but USE YOUR OWN WORDS.

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SUBJECT: OPPOSE AB 2513

Dear Assemblyman XXX

My wife and I are careful breeders of Flat Island Zorcher Dogs both as pets and for show. We live in your district.

Like nearly all good breeders we lose money doing it. AB 2513 establishes expensive sales permits that would put us one step closer to the day when we can't afford our hobby. And since the cause of the problem in our state is breeding by at-large animals, this will do no good.

Please vote NO on this bill.

Sincerely ...



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