



# Ruff Notes

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### March Events:

- 03/7 Board Meeting
- 03/8 Watsonville classes start
- 03/9 Pet Pals, Soquel classes start
- 03/10 Capitola/Salinas classes start
- 03/15 Conformation classes start
- 03/19 General Membership Meeting
- 03/22 Ruff Notes deadline

### April Events:

- 04/04 Board Meeting
- 04/09 VST Test Setup
- 04/10 VST Test
- 04/19 Ruff Notes deadline
- 04/26 Watsonville final classes
- 04/27 Pet Pals, Soquel final classes
- 04/28 Capitola & Salinas final classes

### May Events:

- 05/02 Board Meeting
- 05/10 Watsonville classes start
- 05/11 Pet Pals, Soquel classes start
- 05/12 Capitola & Salinas classes start
- 05/17 Conformation classes start
- 05/21 General Membership Meeting Picnic
- 05/24 Ruff Notes deadline

**Doggie Dictionary:** Just for laughs  
(Something new per issue)

**Deafness:** This is a malady, which affects dogs when their person wants them in, and they want to stay out. Symptoms include staring blankly at the person, then running in the opposite direction, or lying down.

**Thunder:** This is a signal that the world is coming to an end. Humans remain amazingly calm during thunderstorms, so it is necessary to warn them of the danger by trembling uncontrollably, panting, rolling your eyes wildly, and following at their heels.

### From the Presidential Kennel:

For those of you that missed it, and that would be most of you <VBG>, MBDTTC put on a very fine Utility ring at the annual AOCNC Workshop. Big thank-you's go out to our judge, Dale Root, and our stewards Betty Garcia and Judy McLeod. Thanks also to Luane Vidak for helping us get set up in the morning before the "official" stewards came dragging in---as the duly appointed driver, I take full credit for our fashionably late appearance. Kudos go to the AOCNC crew for devising a new strategy for dealing with show order that kept our exhibitors in line and well behaved. I didn't have to use my squirt bottle on anyone this year!

Our next AOCNC event is the Interclub competition scheduled for June 4th at Hayward. From Luane: "For Interclub we have to provide stewards, jumps, table, chairs, canopy and pot luck items, but NO judge. This year the pot luck will be a community affair with one set up where we will all be meeting. We are trying to get folks to get to know each other and not just stay only with their own club members. Luane is eagerly looking for stewards for this one, so if you'd like to volunteer, please let her know as soon as you can.

I now present you with your current list of volunteer opportunities. Remember, you have to work to earn those discounts at training class---don't let these chances pass you by:

**April 10:** VST----see Luane Vidak

**June 4:** AOCNC Interclub Competition----see Luane Vidak

**June 25:** MBDTTC Workshop---See Judy McLeod

**July 18:** Agility---See Marion & Michael Bashista

**August 7:** Obedience Trial----see Dale Root &

Tammy Del Conte

## *In Loving Memory of a Dear Friend*

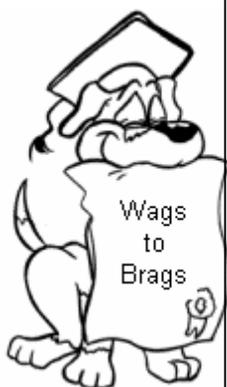
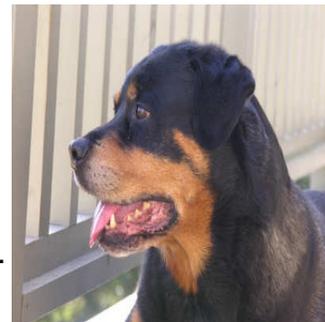
*Kiah "Zakiah von Siegerhaus" CGC, CD, CDX*

*January 7, 1996 – February 12, 2005*

We at MBDTTC send our warmest regards to Debbie and Gary Green.

Kiah has passed away this morning after a long bout with cancer. Through it all she was a great sport, persevering through every challenge she faced.

She was a devoted friend and loving companion. She was smart and an excellent obedience dog. Her favorite game to play was hide-and-seek with tennis balls. While she sat on a "sit-stay", Debbie or Gary would hide the ball. Then she would Race through the house or around the yard until she found it. She was a power house of energy yet was eager to please. She was always, always up for a good time. They called her their "Good Time Charlie". Life will be different without her. Debbie and Gary will miss her greatly.



Jade earned her CD in 3 trials at the following shows!

Santa Clara DTC with a 189 on January 23, 2005

Golden Gate Kennel Club with a 194 and 2<sup>nd</sup> place, January 29, 2005

Golden Gate Kennel Club with a 195 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, January 30, 2005

Jade is owned and handled by Denise Panzich

Terra "Mt Meadow This Just In CD" went high in trial on January 30<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Gate KC Show, with a score of 199½ from the Novice B Class. Terra is a Tyler daughter. Tyler is owned by Linda Lang

George "CH Glenavan Flamboyant ML" won WD for a 5 point major to finish his Championship, at the Sierra Dachshund Breeders Club Specialty Show on 1/28/05. Owned and handled by Mary Nie.

Mercedes "Glenavan Gaiety ML" (George's mom) won WB, BW, BOS over the CH's for a 5 point major at the Sierra Dachshund Breeders Club Specialty Show on 1/28/05. She now has 13 points. Owned by Mary Nie.

Crystal "Glenavan Fairy Dust ML" (Mercedes daughter) won WB for a 5 point major at the Orange Empire KC Show on 1/30/05. Owned and handled by Mary Nie.

# Brags

### **AKC Follows up to the episode of CSI-NY**

Numerous members of the AKC inundated them with letters and emails of their disappointment on the episode of "CSI-NY". For those who watched the "CSI-NY" episode that aired a few weeks back regarding the inaccurate portrayal of exhibitors, dog shows and the sport of the purebred dogs, AKC has answered!

January 27, 2005

Mr. Leslie Moonves  
President and Chief Executive Office  
CBS Television Network  
524 West 57th Street  
New York, NY 10019

Dear Mr. Moonves,

I am writing to express my disappointment at the sensational manner in which your network depicted the sport of purebred dogs on the January 12, 2005 episode of "CSI: NY." The American Kennel Club (AKC) sanctions 16,000 events and registers one million dogs annually and is the voice for all purebred dog owners. We can assure you that the people who love these dogs and participate in our events represent a diverse population, many of whom have not found your negative characterization of all dog fanciers accurate or humorous.

Comments such as "each dog here has at least nine or 10 medications in them" and depictions of "animal people" using sex to get results in the show ring and gambling on the outcome of a dog show are patently untrue. They also do a disservice to the millions of people who participate in or enjoy this family sport. To characterize them as the norm, or even common occurrences, is a total misrepresentation of the sport. If these acts have occurred, they are exceedingly rare.

I know that your network would never stereotype a group of people based on their sex, race, weight, etc., so I question why you feel it's appropriate to negatively characterize people who show their dogs. To say dog shows are "not the paradise you think" and portray exhibitors as people who engage in immature and unethical tactics to achieve a winning result is totally inaccurate, insulting to our sport, and damaging to our image.

In reality, the people who participate in AKC events are often members of dog clubs which seek to educate and enhance the community, breeders who strive to produce accurate and healthy representatives of their breeds, enthusiastic volunteers who donate time and money to support canine causes such as our own AKC Canine Health Foundation and AKC Companion Animal Recovery program, and hobbyists who enjoy the thrill of competition and bonding with man's best friend.

Your highly inflammatory and inaccurate portrayal of the dog fancy showed a deep and irresponsible misunderstanding of dog events and was insulting to the many owners, exhibitors, handlers and breeders who have spent a lifetime enjoying, improving and loving purebred dogs. I send this letter on their behalf.

Sincerely,  
Ron Menaker  
AKC Chairman of the Board

CC: "CSI" Executive Producers:  
Mr. Jerry Bruckheimer,  
Ms. Carol Mendelsohn,  
Ms. Ann Donahue,  
Mr. Danny Cannon,  
Mr. Andrew Lipstiz  
Mr. Anthony E. Zuiker  
CBS Television Studios  
4024 Radford Avenue  
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Studio City, CA 91604

## Legislative Alerts



In December, before AKC was aware, the City of Watsonville adopted an ordinance that requires dogs and cats over the age of six months to be spayed or neutered. Exemptions are provided for service dogs and those used in law enforcement, as breeding stock or livestock guardians. Animals with health concerns due to illness or age may also be excluded from the requirement with a veterinarian's approval. Owners provided exemptions must obtain an unaltered animal certificate. Under the new law owners of unaltered animals are limited to one litter per year and must display their unaltered animal certificate number in any puppy or kitten sale advertisements!

[http://www.akc.org/enewsletter/taking\\_command/2005/january/nation.cfm](http://www.akc.org/enewsletter/taking_command/2005/january/nation.cfm)

### AOCNC Report

From the desk of Luane Vidak

The annual workshop was held at the Cow Palace again this year on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February. It was very well supported By exhibitors. Judging started promptly at 8:30AM and was finished up and the building empty of rings by a bit after 3PM. There were 4 rings in each of the three levels and 2 group rings.

A new check in system was introduced and worked Exceedingly well. The stewards liked it a lot and so did the exhibitors.

Fifteen of the 18 member clubs participated by hosting a ring committee. MBDTC hosted one of the 4 Utility rings. This year our ring was judged by Dale Root, with Tammy Del Conte, Betty Garcia and Judy McLeod doing the stewarding. Their efforts in behalf of MBDTC helped us fulfill our obligation to the association.

The next quarterly meeting will be held in April. Any club members wishing to attend are invited. AOCNC meetings are open to all members of our clubs.

The AOCNC has offered a \$500 scholarship as a memorial to Judges Charlie Cobb and Jim TenEyck which will be awarded to a Junior Obedience exhibitor. Sun Maid KC (Fresno area) has initiated the concept of the scholarships and is identifying the criteria that leads to the award.



### Legislative Alerts Continued

**CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 418**, introduced on February 15 by Assembly Member Paul Koretz, (D-42) of West Hollywood would prohibit performing, procuring or arranging for an ear cropping procedure on any dog within the state of California unless performed by a Licensed veterinarian for a therapeutic purpose, as defined. The bill creates a new Penal Code Section 597.7 which only imposes a maximum civil penalty up to \$10,000 but (as drafted) no jail term. There is no other regulation or prohibition on owning or handling a dog with cropped ears.

**CA AB 418 TEXT AS INTRODUCED** follows. As noted, this bill has been drafted narrowly to eliminate some opposition arguments that were made in 2004 and adds specific provisions to motivate and expand Local enforcement. More specific analysis will be forthcoming as needed:

See page 5 for continuation of bill

## CA AB 418 TEXT AS INTRODUCED (Continuation)

SECTION 1. Section 597.7 is added to the Penal Code , to read:

597.7. (a) Any person who performs, or otherwise procures or arranges for the performance of, an ear cropping procedure on any dog within this state is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(b) (1) This section does not apply to a procedure performed by a licensed veterinarian solely for a therapeutic purpose.

(2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any of the following:

(A) Showing a dog with cropped ears in a dog show or competition.

(B) Owning or harboring a dog with cropped ears.

(C) Selling, buying, or adopting a dog with cropped ears.

(c) A peace officer, officer of a humane society as qualified under Section 14502 or 14503 of the Corporations Code, or officer of an animal control or animal regulation department of a public agency, as qualified under Section 830.9 of the Penal Code, may enforce this chapter.

(d) (1) Any person who violates this section is subject to a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for each violation.

(2) The civil penalty shall be payable to the local agency initiating the proceedings to enforce this section to offset the costs to the agency related to court proceedings.

(e) A person or entity that violates this section may be prosecuted by the district attorney of the county in which the violation occurred, or by the city attorney of the city in which the violation occurred.

(f) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) "Ear cropping" means the surgical alteration, manipulation, or removal of any part of a dog's ear so that the ear then heals in a pointed, erect, or severed state.

(2) "Therapeutic purpose" means a medically necessary procedure to address a disease or injury of the dog's ear or to address a

condition that jeopardizes the dog's health. "Therapeutic purpose" does not include the prevention of an ear infection.

SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of

Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of

the California Constitution.

AB418 will not be referred to committee for approximately one more month. AKC will post an update on this issue

at that time. Until then, concerned fanciers should contact their own state representatives and urge them to oppose the measure. To find out who represents you in the California legislature, go to the following link <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html>. Your voice is especially important if one of your representatives sits on either the Assembly Committee on Public Safety or the Assembly Committee on Agriculture, as AB418 will likely

be referred to one or both. Committee membership is listed below.

### Assembly Committee on Public Safety

Asm. Mark Leno (D) [Chair]

Asm. Jay La Suer (R) [Vice Chair]

Asm. Rebecca Cohn (D)

Asm. Mervyn Dymally (D)

Asm. Jackie Goldberg (D)

Asm. Ira Ruskin (D)

Asm. Tod Spitzer (R)

### Assembly Committee on Agriculture

Asm. Barbara Matthews (D) [Chair]

Asm. Bill Maze (R) [Vice Chair]

**Happy March Birthdays to:**

Jane Devlin	3/11/00
Carol Howton	3/15/00
Hazel Welborn	3/19/00
Peggy Martini	3/20/00
Yvette Cook	3/23/00
Mary Nie	3/25/00

**Birthday Wags to:**

Mary/Amanda Nie	Mini Long Haired Dachshund	CH. Squeak	3/19/87	18
Mary/Amanda Nie	Mini Long Haired Dachshund	CH. Hailey	3/30/94	11
Mary/Amanda Nie	Mini Long Haired Dachshund	CH. Barney	3/30/94	11
Margaret Gnehm	Australian Shepherd	Dusty	3/10/95	10
Anita/Luane Vidak	Labrador Retriever	Jiffy VCD2, JH, AX, AXJ, TDX	3/4/98	7
Christa Cordtz	Borzoi	Blondie CD	3/16/98	7
Mary/Amanda Nie	Mini Long Haired Dachshund	CH. Gerwood	3/7/99	6
Elisabeth Lambert	Papillon	Ariel CD	3/6/00	5
Mary/Amanda Nie	Mini Long Haired Dachshund	Mercedes	3/9/00	5
Kathie Haines/Anderson	Chihuahua	Mr. Cricket TDI, CGC	3/2/01	4



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