



Ruff Notes

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February Events:

- 2/05 AOCNC Workshop
- 2/06 Board Meeting, Appoint Nom. Comm.
- 2/14 Ruff Notes Deadline
- 2/21 Watsonville Final Classes
- 2/21 CGC Test, Watsonville
- 2/22 Pet Pals, Soquel Final Classes
- 2/23 Capitola Final Classes

March Events:

- 3/06 Board Meeting
- 3/07 Watsonville Classes Start
- 3/08 Pet Pals, Soquel Classes Start
- 3/09 Capitola Classes Start
- 3/14 Conformation Classes Start
- 3/18 General Membership Meeting
- 3/21 Ruff Notes Deadline
- 3/25 VST Setup, Fort Ord
- 3/26 VST, Fort Ord

April Events:

- 4/03 Board Meeting
- 4/18 Ruff Notes Deadline
- 4/25 Watsonville Final Classes
- 4/26 Pet Pals, Soquel Final Classes
- 4/27 Capitola Final Classes

President's Waggin' Tale:

Whoops! I forgot last month to acknowledge the terrific job done by BG in organizing our Christmas dinner. She has handled this for several years and always does a bang-up job.

I am looking forward to the AOCNC workshop on February 5. Well, actually I won't be there but Bradie will. She is going to be shown by Pam as Bradie will NOT let me be out of sight and her big hope of getting a CDX is Pam, whom she respects far more than she does me. Dale will be our judge for AOCNC, and BG, Judy McLeod, and Tammy will be stewarding. I hope you will be planning to be there and showing your dog.

Coming up very soon will be our VST test, ably stewarded by Luane Vidak and Lynn Schmitt. If you can help out, please contact one of them.

I hope you were among those attending our January general membership meeting. We were informed and impressed with a group called Pet Assisted Therapy Services, a group which is well established in the San Jose area and is becoming more established in Santa Cruz County. They have smaller groups which spend an hour a month visiting various facilities, such as nursing facilities, children's hospitals, and other living facilities for elderly, disabled, or emotionally challenged young people. Expect to see them at classes soliciting trainees (members and non members) to participate. Furry Friends utilizes all sorts of animals, not just dogs. This appears to be a worthy organization for your participation. Please consider it.

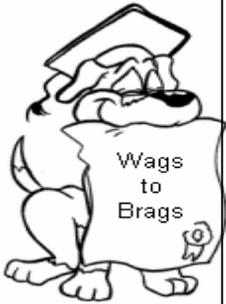
Oh, and if you were not at Golden Rickshaw for our meeting then you missed the exciting event of seeing a pair of raccoons scrambling up the large tree fronting on Freedom Boulevard!!

If you are at all interested in live theater, I can heartily recommend the currently running Lion King by the American Music Theater of San Jose. It is an outstanding production with the performances, the music, and especially the costuming (including the animals). The theater was packed Thursday night so tickets are at a premium. Performances are at the Center for the Performing Arts on Almaden in downtown San Jose.

Hot Dog Award

This months Hot Dog Award in obedience goes to Stacy Thompson and Zoë for a score of 196 and completing their CDX.

This months Agility Hot Dog Award goes to Gayl and Sprite.
On 1/02 Sprite earned her Title in ExB JWW.



Marion Bashista and Kelli (Campbellcroft's Singin' in the Rain) finished their Rally Advanced title at the Santa Clara DTC Obedience trial, Jan. 22.

At the same trial, after a 3 year hiatus, Marion exhibited Merlin (Marstad's Intrepid Wizard) in OPEN A where they earned a second leg with a score of 180.5.

Zoë finished her AKC CDX today at Santa Clara DTC with a 196/first place!! And hey, she even won \$20 to help me pay for the parking.
Owned and handled by Stacy Thompson

At Palm Springs KC 1/7/06 Calvin was 1st in the 6-9 month class and WD for his 3rd 4 point major! I sure have fun showing him. Actually he shows himself. I just hang on and try not to get in his way!
Owned and handled by Mary Nie.

We did our first sleddog race last weekend at Chemult, Oregon, and won the 4-dog sprint Novice class!
Owned and driven by Jane Devlin

Bela scored a perfect 100 in her Novice B Rally class at the Santa Clara Valley KC show on Sunday, and won high scoring Sporting group in that class as well (over 40 dogs) I am very happy - she beat some nice dogs handled by pros.
Owned and handled by PJ Bay (one of our newest members)!

On 1/2/2006 Sprite (Elfinsilk's Honky-Tonk Girl) qualified in her excellent B Jumpers With weaves Agility class. This leg completed her Masters Excellent Jumpers Agility Title.
Owned and handled by Gayl Dalmau

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A Day With Our Pooches in the Park

The club will be participating in "Pooches in the Park" at the Polo Grounds County Park in Aptos, March 5, from 10:00 until 3:00 PM. Santa Cruz County Parks and Rec is coordinating this event. We have been invited to participate along with some other dog organizations such as the Newfoundland Help and Rescue, Guide Dogs for the Blind, the SPCA and the Sheriff's K-9s.

Karleen Quick and Michael Bashista are organizing our participation. They are looking for members to demonstrate obedience, rally obedience and agility. We will probably pattern the day similar to the county fair, with demos throughout the day. Maybe we can get our square dancers in synch again?

This is a great opportunity to let the community know about our training. To date there is only one other dog trainer doing demos.

Karleen is responsible for the obedience and rally and Michael is handling the agility and logistics. No one will be asked to spend the entire day at the park, but with all of the events planned, you might want to.

AOCNC Report.....Luane Vidak

In October, AOCNC's special event was the Presidents' Appreciation Luncheon. This year we were happy to have MBDTC's president, Marilyn Runyan attend. AOCNC tries to focus on the hard work and dedication that all of the Clubs' Presidents provide often without much of a thank you for keeping the clubs afloat.

The January Quarterly meeting was hosted by Vallejo DTC. Plans for the upcoming year and attention to getting our AOCNC.org website looking good took much of our time. It's up and running in a very simple format. Changes are coming which we intend to help draw attention not just to the events offered by AOCNC but of all our clubs' activities.

Education Table at Golden Gate KC back to back shows was reviewed and member-representatives signed up to work the two days. (AOCNC reimburses costs for those working....a couple of slots may still be available. If you would like to volunteer contact Wendy Freier (Deep Peninsula DTC)
wendy@hamilton.com

The Annual Workshop is scheduled for Feb 5 at the lower bays of the Cow Palace. Monterey Bay is hosting an Open ring. We were short one host club, so I with the help of various class students will be conducting a "pick-up" Utility ring. Host clubs need to provide jumps, card table, and chairs for the ring. Everything else is provided including AM and lunch refreshments.

The June 5th Interclub Obedience and Rally **Competition** will include a **CGC test**, **Pre-Novice** ring, **Giant Pot Luck** Lunch in the Covered luncheon area, and running thruout the day a separate **Workshop** ring which will be open to those who have entered the competition. Group exercises for Novice and Open classes will be held at the **BEGINNING** of the Competition and will have staggered starting times to minimize conflicts for handlers with dogs in multiple levels. The event will be held at Hayward.

Now let me say that one of the very best things that AOCNC has provided was the **Aggressive Dog Seminar** that was conducted by **Dave Deleiessegues**. The seminar offered 4 slots per club with no charge to The participants (except food/beverage). Stand bys made up the remainder of the participants. From Monterey Bay the following attended: Linda Lang, Stacy Thompson, Luane Vidak and Dee Hutton. You can tell when information is well presented and appreciated by the audience. We all but had to shake out the rug to get folks to go home!

Special recognition awards were presented to Vallejo DTC in honor of having completed it's 50th Obedience trial and to San Mateo DTC which just completed number 40. That's a lot of years of work.

AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards 2006

The AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards were created to honor those individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the sport of purebred dogs on a national level. The recipients were selected by votes cast by AKC member clubs for nominees in each of the following categories: Conformation, Companion Events and Performance. One of our local people was selected to receive this special award.

Companion Events: Rosalie Alvarez

Mrs. Alvarez of Los Altos Hills, California, has been involved in Obedience since 1957. Ten of her Dobermans have earned Utility and Tracking degrees and she trained the first Doberman in the United States to obtain the UDT SchH 3 degree. She has numerous High in Trials to her credit, including two at the Doberman Pinscher Club of America's National Specialty. In addition to Obedience, she has competed in tracking, flyball, agility events, and trained dogs for protection and scent work for bomb and narcotics detection. The Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department recognized her with a citation for developing and training their canine unit. Mrs. Alvarez founded the Doberman Drill Team, which toured the United States and Canada for nearly 30 years giving demonstrations at hospitals and public events. She is an AKC Obedience judge and an active member of the Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club and the Northern California AKC Obedience Association. She is the training director of Town and Country and Deep Peninsula Dog Training Clubs. Mrs. Alvarez has helped to organize and present four AKC Obedience seminars and judged the AKC Obedience Invitational in 2001.

Sweetener xylitol can be toxic to dogs

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' Animal Poison Control Center is warning veterinarians, their staff, and pet owners that the xylitol—a sweetener found in some sugar free chewing gums, candies, and other products can cause serious—possibly life-threatening problems for dogs.

Dogs ingesting large amounts of products sweetened with xylitol may have a sudden drop in blood sugar, resulting depression, loss of coordination, and seizures, according to Dr. Eric K. Dunayer, a consulting veterinarian in clinical toxicology for the poison control center. The center is most concerned about products in which xylitol is the primary ingredient.

"These signs can develop quite rapidly, at times less than 30 minutes after ingestion of the product," Dr. Dunayer said in a statement. "Therefore, it is important that pet owners seek veterinary treatment immediately."

Some data suggest a link between xylitol ingestion and liver failure in dogs, he said, though those data are insufficient to draw firm conclusions.

Dr. Dunayer published a case study on xylitol toxicosis in the April 2004 issue of the journal *Veterinary and Human Toxicology*.

This is an informative article

http://www.aspc.org/site/DocServer/Foss-Tox_Brief-Nov_VT_04.pdf?

It is with great sadness that I report that my beloved little All American, Speedie, MB-CD, NAJ, died on January 9, 2006 following a couple of serious strokes. Speedie was 16 years old, and had been in failing health for a couple of years. Speedie began training with MBDTTC when she was five years old. and despite a shy and retiring nature, learned to enjoy obedience and agility and the company of many dogs and people. Her greatest joys, though, were hikes with her family. chow-time, and her best friend Paco. She was much loved and will be missed by us all.
Elisabeth Lambert



On 12/26/05 Bev Cobb went peacefully in her sleep and left her impact on a lot of us. She was a upstanding member in the dog show community and will be greatly missed.

WHAT IS AN OBEDIENCE TITLE REALLY???

“From the desk of Denise Panzich”

Not just a brag...not just a stepping stone to a higher title...not just an adjunct to competitive scores...a title is a tribute to the dog who bears it. A way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain on record and in memory for about as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better.

And though the dog doesn't know or care that his/her achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A title says your dog was intelligent and adaptable and good-natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that pleased you...however crazy they may have seemed.

And a title says that you loved your dog...that you loved to spend time with him/her because he/she was a good dog...that you believed in him/her enough to give him/her yet another chance when he/she failed and that, in the end, your faith was justified.

A title proves your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few; that in a world of disposable creatures, **THIS DOG** with a title was greatly loved and loved greatly in return.

And when that dear, short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of praise in one small set of initials after the name.

An obedience title is nothing less than love and respect, given and received and permanently recorded.

Recognizing a Stroke

“Linda Lang”

Not so furry related, but very interesting!

Thank goodness for the sense to remember the "3" steps. Read and Learn! Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

1. *Ask the individual to SMILE.
2. *Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.
3. *Ask the person to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE

(Coherently) (i.e. . . It is sunny out today)
If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

Happy Not So Furry Birthdays to:

Michael Fenoglio	2/1/00
Linda Lang	2/4/00
Marilyn Runayn	2/9/00
Rich Torres	2/11/00
Dani Nelson	2/17/00

Birthday Wags to:

Linda Lang	Golden Retriever	CH. Amber CDX, MX, MXJ, OAP, NJP, CGC	2/15/94	12
Dennis Vierra	Dalmatian	Kye	2/14/98	8
Pam Fugitt-Hetrick	Shetland Sheepdog	Molly HS, MX, MXJ, MACH	2/14/98	8
Jane Devlin	Siberian Husky	Riff Raff AX, AXJ, CGC	2/14/98	8
Carolyn Meyer	Borzoi	Sonnet JC	2/20/99	7
Donnelle/Del Richards	Pug	Cutter	2/1/00	6
Carol Davis	German Shepherd	Spirit UD, RN, CD, CDX	2/5/00	6
Michael Bashista	Labrador	Merlin CD, OAP, OJP	2/7/00	6
Carol Davis	German Shepherd	T.J.	2/20/04	2



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