

# RUFFNOTES

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Dog Training Club, Inc.



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**Christmas** is coming and we  
need your support for our  
**Annual Christmas Silent  
Auction!**



Please drop off your new or gently used contributions for the silent auction on Tuesday nights at the front desk with Kathy Fujita or email Kathy at [shelbi1959@yahoo.com](mailto:shelbi1959@yahoo.com) to make other arrangements. Auction items can also be brought the night of the dinner.

**Thanks for your support!**



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# M.B.D.T.C. Annual Christmas Dinner December 7, 2014

## Severino's

7500 Old Dominion Court Aptos, California 95003 phone: 831-688-7300  
Cocktails at 5:30 Dinner at 6:00  
Cost is \$35.00 per person, tax and tip included. Make Checks out to: M.B.D.T.C.

Angus Hand Carved Prime Rib of Beef and Salmon Dijon Baked fillet in a light herb crust,  
topped with lemon chive beurre blanc

Seasonal Fresh Vegetable Medley, Fettuccine Alfredo, Scalloped Potatoes  
and Assorted Fresh Gourmet Rolls and Butter

Seasonal Mixed Caesar Salad, Spinach Salad with Mandarin Oranges, Dried Cranberries and  
Candied Walnuts

### Silent Auction

MBDTC's Famous silent auction will once again be at this years Awards Dinner, so don't forget to bring your wallet because you know you'll want to buy something! You can bring your items to class or night of the Dinner. Remember the money collected helps pay to awards earned. So, bid high and bid often.

### Doggy Photo Contest

Best Pose, Best Action Shot, Most Unusual, Best Buddies, Pet Owner Look Alike, Funniest, Cutest, Best Dressed. **PLEASE** bring one Photo per category to classes on Tuesday or to the Dinner. The attendees will vote for the "Best". Prizes will be awarded

### Doggy Gift Exchange

Bring a doggy gift to exchange with others. 3 Dogs? Bring three gifts and take three gifts home with you after Dinner. The cost of the gift should be around \$10.00 to \$15.00. **PLEASE NO RAWHIDES**

Reservations needed by November 30th

(After which no reservation can be accepted)

Please call **Betty Garcia, 722-1748** or contact me at class on Tuesday nights.

Please let me know how many are coming and the names of each person.

Mail checks to **Betty Garcia, 635 Bridge St., Watsonville CA 95076**



**Marian Bashista—Ella**

"Ella" has qualified for the 2015 AKC Agility National Championships to be held in Reno, Nevada in March 2015

**Karen Roth—Spirit**

Old English Sheepdog Nationals held in Albany Oregon  
Spirit...Rally Novice B, 2nd place with an 88...her 1st leg

October 24th Old English Sheepdog Regional Specialty also held in Albany Oregon  
Spirit...Rally Novice B, 1st place with an 83...her 2nd leg



**Terri Gregson—Malcolm**

Malcolm completed his CGCA

**Garth Gregson—Reznor**

Reznor completed his CD title.

Once he figured out the rules of sits and downs he completed 3 legs with 3 straight 1st placements.

Two legs in November

Nov 22 Golden Valley Kennel Club Novice A 2nd leg 192.5 1st place

Nov 23 San Joaquin Kennel Club Novice A 3rd leg 195 1st place



**Imo Lawton - Beau's UD**

4 Oct UA 183 1/2 1st

19 Oct UA 188 1st

26 Oct UA 195 1st

# NEW TITLES

Reznor	Garth Gregson	CD
Beau	Imo Lawton	UD

**Obedience Hot Dog:  
Reznor**

**Rally Hot Dog:  
Spirit**

# BRAGS



**Agility Hot Dog:**

**Agility Preferred Hot Dog:**

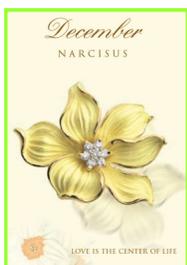
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# December Birthdays

12/1/2008	6	Murphy	Cocker/Golden Mix	Donna Gorman/Lynn Steele
12/10/2006	8	Misty	Schipperke	Carol Davis
12/25/2002	12	Cody Boy	Cocker Spaniel	Karleen Quick
12/25/2012	2	Bailey	Sheltie	Betty Garcia
12/28/2009	5	Truman	Cocker Spaniel	Donna Gorman/Lynn Steele
12/29/2012	2	Fiona	Irish Setter	Maureen Feehan



12/1	Carol Davis
12/14	Pam Fugitt-Hetrick
12/15	Liz Manning
12/16	Sue Adams
12/25	Karen Roth
12/26	Debbie Green



## Misuse of Service Dog Privileges Hurts the Disabled and Responsible Dog Owners

*By Sarah Sprouse, Legislative Analyst, AKC Government Relations*

Would you lie to get a handicapped parking placard? Would you fake an injury that required the use of a wheelchair to obtain special services? Would you feign a life threatening illness to qualify for a *Make-A-Wish* trip?

Most people would never do these things because they harm those who are truly disabled and need special assistance. However, it appears that many people do not feel the same way when it comes to service dogs. Sales of fake service dog vests, patches and backpacks have skyrocketed in recent years, allowing owners who outfit their pet with this gear to enter restaurants or ride as a service animal in an airplane cabin, or claim other special accommodations intended for people with disabilities. This behavior is just as dishonest and damaging as the examples above.

The American Kennel Club has always been a strong supporter of service dogs and [strongly condemns the misuse of privileges intended for service dogs](#). AKC club members initiated the use of dogs in wartime that led to the development of dogs to assist the disabled. AKC supports the Americans with Disabilities Act and other laws that assure special accommodations for individuals with service animals. Dog enthusiasts take pride in the accomplishments of these amazing animals and applaud their contributions to society that help disabled individuals live more independently. This makes the abuse of these laws all the more distressing.

Bringing untrained dogs into situations for which they are ill-equipped puts everyone at risk. Recently, the California legislature held a [select Committee hearing](#) on the problems created by fake service dogs. Testimony at this hearing provided several examples of how these dogs create dangers both for those with legitimate service dogs and for the public at-large. Canine Companions for Independence, a leader in the service dog arena, has started a [petition](#) to restrict the sale of these vests and identification because of the problems they are creating.

Service dogs are trained to behave submissively when they encounter another dog. They are socialized to know to lie out of the way under a table in a restaurant or stay at their owner's side. They are trained to not react to noises and disturbances that upset other dogs. Untrained animals fraudulently presented as service dogs in public places have been known to start fights, get up on restaurant furniture, relieve themselves in stores, and damage property.

Perhaps the most disturbing effect of this trend is that it is those with legitimate service dogs are being denied access to public places where they have the right to go because of the poor behavior of pets and their owners who fraudulently attempt to pass them off as service dogs. It's easy to understand how business owners who have had bad experiences with ill-disciplined "service dogs" can become wary of all dogs and resist allowing legitimate service dogs into their place of business.

Due to the broadness of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act it is very difficult to address this problem legally and few of us would want to see additional impediments for those with service dogs. Therefore it's up to dog owners to behave with integrity and honesty. AKC looks to those who compete in AKC events and belong to our clubs to be leaders on all issues related to responsible dog ownership and this is no exception. Please think about the benefit that service animals bring to those with disabilities and the potential problems that misrepresentation of a dog as a service animal can create. Let's be the first to honor specially trained service dogs by respecting the laws that enable them to do their jobs