

# RUFFNOTES

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## AOCNC Winter Workshop

**From President Tammy Del Conte:**

### **AOCNC Workshop**

Thank you to Luane Vidak, our judge, and her steward crew of Lynn Schmitt, Betty Garcia, Cheryl Dalton & Teresa Locatelli for running our Utility ring at the annual AOCNC workshop. I hear that a good time was had by all.

### **From Luane Vidak, AOCNC Representative**

Feb 2nd, MBDTTC hosted a Utility ring at the annual AOCNC Winter workshop held at the Cow Palace. Lovely weather and a good entry made for a perfect start to prepare for upcoming obedience trials. Our ring was handled by the following members: Cheryl Dalton, BG Garcia, Teresa Locatelli, Lynn Schmitt and Luane Vidak.

Keep in mind that you have access to all the events and activities of the clubs comprising the AOCNC right at your finger tips.....[aocnc.org](http://aocnc.org) All clubs can take advantage of advertising all their events by contacting Sue Osborn AOCNC's webmaster at [sue@osborngraphics.com](mailto:sue@osborngraphics.com)

Any one interested in the goings on of the organization is invited to attend the quarterly meetings. Give me a call and I can give you the information about the upcoming meetings.

### **FOR SALE:**

I have a set of front window Breeze Guards (cost new \$200; willing to sell them for \$25). They are designed for a Toyota Sienna. They almost fit correctly—they are adequate; but for \$200 they should fit a little bit better. They work great allowing you to keep the window down to protect the dog from hot weather while still keeping the vehicle (and dog) safe from intruders. BG and Cathy Francini also have them.

I also have 19 tall stakes (good for weave poles and/or ring stakes). Step on the bottom edge to have them sturdily in the ground; then pull them up to remove from ground. \$8 for all 19.

Call Marilyn Runyan at 722-1621 to see them.

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# AKC News

**The pack has expanded!** The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) announced today that the Spanish Water Dog, Cirneco dell'Etna, Bergamasco, and Boerboel gained full AKC recognition. This brings AKC's roster of recognized breeds to 184.

"The AKC is thrilled to recognize these four very unique breeds," said AKC Spokesperson Gina DiNardo. "While each of these loveable dogs differs in temperament, exercise, and grooming needs, they make wonderful companions to a variety of people. We're glad to give dog lovers more breed options to fit their lifestyle."



## The Spanish Water Dog

Joining the Herding group, the Spanish Water Dog is a medium-sized dog with a distinctively curly coat. The "SWD" was originally bred as a multi-purpose farm dog and used for herding, hunting, and assisting fisherman. The breed is known to be lively, hardworking, and very intelligent. Spanish Water Dogs are high-energy and do best with an active owner. They're naturally protective of their family and very loyal. They require little grooming, only needing their coat clipped once a year. For more information on the breed, visit <http://www.swdclub.org/>.

## The Cirneco dell'Etna

The Cirneco dell'Etna hails from Italy and joins the Hound group. The Cirneco is a hunter that works by scent, sight, and hearing. The breed has an independent temperament, and is intelligent, inquisitive and affectionate with its family. They need moderate exercise and their short coat requires minimal grooming. For more information on the breed, visit <http://www.cirneco.com/Welcome.html>



## The Bergamasco

Joining the Herding group, the Bergamasco is known for its unique coat made up of long mats. The breed hails from Italy and worked as a livestock guardian. The Bergamasco is an athletic, sociable and intelligent dog that has a deep desire to please its owner. Despite its coat of long mats, Bergamascos don't require much grooming. They need very few baths per year and no brushing. For more information on the breed, visit <http://bergamascousa.com/>.

## The Boerboel

The Boerboel originated in South Africa and joins the Working group. It is a large, agile mastiff-type breed that was used as a farm dog, as well as a guardian and loyal companion. The Boerboel has strong protective instincts and loves its family. It is not the dog for first-time dog owners. They need daily exercise and their grooming needs are minimal. For more information on the breed, visit <http://>



All four breeds will be eligible to compete in AKC events beginning January 1, 2015.



## OLDEST DOG FOSSILS ARE ACTUALLY WOLVES, SCIENTISTS SAY



The ancestors of our Labrador Retrievers and Pugs apparently weren't the sidekicks of the hunters and gatherers of humankind's Paleolithic era.

Canine experts may be forced to rethink the origin and ancestry of dogs in light of new research which concludes that the remains of a supposed dog dating to nearly 32,000 years ago are actually the remains of a wolf.

The research, published in the journal *Scientific Reports*, states that domestication of dogs happened during the Neolithic era (10,200 B.C.–2,000 B.C.)—when people began to farm and form permanent settlements—rather than the Paleolithic era (2.6 million years ago to 10,200 B.C.) of hunter-gatherers.

“Previous research has claimed that dogs emerged in the Paleolithic but this claim is based on inaccurate analyses,” lead author Abby Grace Drake told [Discovery News](#). “We reanalyzed some of the fossil canids from the Paleolithic and show that they are, in fact, wolves.”

The research did confirm that two Neolithic specimens, Shamanka II (around 7,372 years old) and Ust'-Belaia (about 6,817 years old), are dogs. Therefore domestication took place by this time period or earlier, said Drake, an assistant professor of biology at Skidmore College.

Drake and her colleagues used 3-D computer imaging to study a 31,680-year-old fossil thought to be the remains of a dog found at Goyet Cave in Belgium, as well as a 13,905-year-old fossil unearthed at a site called Eliseevichi in Russia.

The researchers then compared these fossils, which were previously identified via caliper measurements as early dogs, to other ancient and modern dogs and wolves. Features such as the muzzle and eye sockets were determined to be more wolf than dog.

The findings as a whole indicate that dogs did not gradually evolve from a wolf-like ancestor over a long period of time. Instead, Drake and her team believe that domestication of dogs likely happened “quite quickly,” and did not involve direct domestication of wolves.

“Wolves are far too dangerous to have around without adequate means of controlling them,” Drake said. “It is more likely that the initial stages of domestication involved at least several generations of wolves breeding in proximity to humans, lured by the dumps that were present near the first permanent human settlements.”

# NEW TITLES

Grace	Denise Weatherwax	CD
Delilah	Sabrina	RN

## Imo Lawton --- Beau

Australian Terrier Club 01 Jan U-B 194 1/2 3rd & O-B 194 2nd High Combined 1st UDX leg

Kennel Club of Palm Springs 03 Jan O-B 193 1/2

San Francisco DTC 17 Jan U-B 192 & O-B 192 - 2nd UDX leg

San Mateo DTC 17 Jan U-B 196 4th & O-B 197 2nd - 3rd UDX leg

Santa Clara DTC 18 Jan U-B 192 1/2

## Denise Weatherwax—Grace

Grace earned her CD title at the Mission Bell Cluster Trials in San Jose on on Jan 17.

SFDTC - 1/17/15 - score 187 and 2nd place

SMDTC - 1/17/15 - score 178-1/2

She also earned two legs in Beginner Novice with scores of 193.5 and 193, with 2 second place ribbons



Sabrina - Delilah the Great Dane earned her Rally Novice title at the Mission Bell Cluster Trials in San Jose. She went three for three. She received a 98 with San Francisco DTC and placed 3RD January 17

93 with San Mateo DTC                      January 17  
95 with Santa Clara DTC                     January 18

## Carol Davis—Misty and Phantom

Sat 17 Jan SMDTC Misty OB 198 2nd

Sat SFDTC PM Phantom rally exc and adv 100/100 HC

Sun SCDTC Phantom Rally ex/adv 99/99 HC

# BRAGS

### Obedience Hot Dog:

Misty

### Agility Hot Dog:

### Rally Hot Dog:

Phantom



### Agility Preferred Hot Dog:

Tammy Del Conte—Amoure and D.J.  
Mission Bell Circuit:

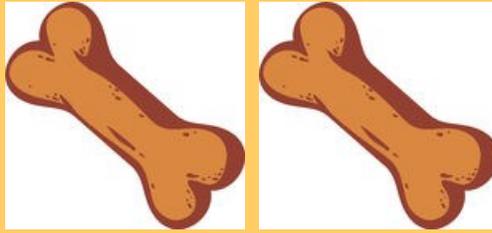
DJ - 2 legs in Beginner Novice

Sun Maid KC

Amoure - first 2 times out as a special, first 2 points towards her Grand Championship.



# Dog Lessons For People



Enjoy the simple pleasures of a walk.

Follow your instincts.

Never underestimate the value of a belly rub.

Be loyal and faithful.

Be quick to forgive.

Always drink plenty of water.

Sometimes it is best to just sit close and listen.

Avoid biting when a growl will do.

Keep digging until you find what you want.

Run and play daily.

When your loved one comes home,

always run to greet them with enthusiasm and love.

Accept all of life's treats with gratitude.

Life is short, pet often.

Love unconditionally.

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# February Birthdays

2/4/2006	9	Channing	OES	Karen Roth
2/18/2011	4	Piper	Golden Retriever	Linda Lang
2/20/2004	11	TJ	GSD	Carol Davis
2/7/2000	15	Merlin	Labrador Retriever	Michael & Marion Bashista



2/3	Borkowski	Christy
2/4	Lang	Linda
2/9	Runyan	Marilyn
2/9	Schwindt	Karen
2/11	Torres	Rich

