

# Ruff Notes

## April 2026



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### April 2026 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If you were at our March general meeting you heard about an opportunity to earn a prize. Well, I decided to let everyone participate. The key is you have to find the Monterey Bay Dog Training Club Volunteer Opportunities 2026 document on our website. Send an email to [montereybaydog@gmail.com](mailto:montereybaydog@gmail.com) with the location and I will include you in the drawing. The odds of winning are pretty high, right now only 4 people have entered the contest. The winner will be drawn at our May 16<sup>th</sup> general meeting after our Morris Animal Foundation walk. The winner does NOT need to be present to win. However, we hope we gather a big crowd this year walking and raising funds and awareness for this wonderful organization.

#### The April Blast from the Past of MBDTC



Over the years, MBDTC participated in the annual Santa Cruz County Fair. We put on demonstrations of what we taught in our classes and had relay races and a square dance. It was great fun for the participants and those that came to watch. The picture with just the dogs was taken in 2012.



These pictures were taken in 2018 when Candice McLaren brought the backdrop and our students could take pictures of their dogs.



Happy Easter from Reznor, Trent and Dawson



Hug your dogs and cherish every minute you are privileged to have them with you!

Terri Gregson, President





**Morris Animal  
FOUNDATION**

# Morris Animal Foundation Walk

## May 16, 2026

### 10:00 AM



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2025

**We will meet in the Capitola Mall Parking Lot  
in front of Kohl's  
closest to 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue**

**12:00 Picnic and General Meeting  
Jose Avenue County Park, Live Oak**  
From the Mall, take Capitola Road toward  
Santa Cruz,  
turn Left onto Jose Avenue.  
Park is at the end of the street.



**Tony Cozzolino  
with Bed and  
Biscuits will  
talk about his  
CPR Class for  
dogs**

Scan the QR code  
for our MAF donation page

**Bring a lunch, chair or blanket**

## ***DIY Dog First Aid Kit***

Following the speaker topic for the May general meeting, here's a great article to get you thinking and on the way to putting together a canine first aid kit.

I personally have a kit in my car that covers both human and dog first aid needs with attention to some individual needs of my own dogs.

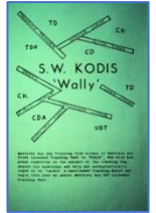
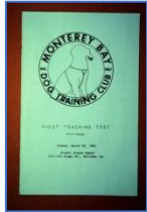
Thanks to Reena Walton for forwarding this article from "The Whole Dog Journal" to get you started. You can find the article at <https://www.whole-dog-journal.com/care/12-items-to-include-in-your-diy-dog-first-aid-kit>.



# Onward and Upward - 60 years MBDTC The Tracking Years

Submitted by Luane Vidak

Dog clubs are not just for the benefit of their members! With membership in MBDTC, we each come with a responsibility to advance proper Dog Ownership and Dog Activities to the public. Through our classes and AKC events we meet the needs of our local communities and the Dog Fancy at Large. Our first Public Service endeavor was the establishment of Dog Training Classes (Watsonville, then Salinas, Soquel, Capitola.). It was soon evident that we needed to support other aspects of dog training. Long before Agility and Scent Work came to be, there was TRACKING. We started out with Field Tracking in the foothills around the Pajaro Valley, to the foothills of Salinas and Aromas, and into the foothills in San Benito County. TRACKING is a big deal, a lot of manhours and requiring a big bunch of undeveloped land, mostly private in our case, to meet AKC's expectations. We needed to know the rules, follow them meticulously, and offer the personnel required for the undertaking. Our landowners were generous with the use of their land....and we were always very good guests.



Out-lay of equipment was minimal...tall poles with colored flags designating the particular track. For TD tracks (Tracking, level 1) only one tracklayer was required, but when we were able to advance to TDX (tracking excellent, level 2) it meant 3 people per track and more track marking poles and longer aging of tracks. Pretty soon we had a pile of poles to maintain/store as we offered more tracks, more complicated tracks required more flags for the tracklayer to use to replicate his track the day after it was first laid. For each of those involved, Tracking Set up and Execution was a two-day commitment. The support team was made up of administrators, food preparers (breakfast and sit-down lunch), equipment coordinators, transportation, and clean up committee when all was said and done. And then there was accommodation set up for our two AKC approved tracking judges and concerns for their comfort.



Years later when VST (Variable surface tracking) was offered to the Fancy we moved from Field Tracking to this new type of tracking. Space was harder to find by a long shot, because at the site, buildings were required, multiple walking surfaces were required, e.g. asphalt, gravel, cement, dirt, vegetation...etc. etc. and space.

Relying on the expertise of Tracking Trainer/Judge Barbara Adcock, she and I toured facilities in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties to find proper accommodations for a VST test. The only site that was suitable and allowed dogs on site, was Cal State U Monterey Bay in Seaside. An appointment was made, but before asking for permission for MB to use the land, I set up a track with Jiffy (eventual an AKC CH tracker) and invited Leeann, in charge of CSUMB Events, to see what VST tracking was and how little "damage" a tracking dog presented to the landscape. She cleared us immediately, and we had a lovely relationship with the University the entire duration of our VST tests on campus.



The most important person in any Tracking test is the Tracklayer. We trained our own members to be tracklayers....and we developed the best tracklayers....who laid the best tracks for the dogs to follow.

Wally Kodis trained us for our field tests tracks....we had to drop a penny and find it again later...to prove we could retrace our steps! For VST, training was simpler, there were many more distinct land markers in an urban environment so when it came my turn to train tracklayers....no penny search. You may have surmised I couldn't find my penny back in field tracklaying training!

We no longer offer Tracking Test, our loss.....and a loss to the Fancy. But we served well over the decades during which we offered the activity.

PS...with VST, the tall poles were exchanged for 22-inch wire flags. Progress marches on.

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***The Vetrospective* Podcast: Exploring the Science Behind Companion Animal Health**

Looking for trusted science behind the animal health headlines? Introducing *The Vetrospective*<sup>™</sup>, a new science-driven podcast from the UC Davis Weill School of Veterinary Medicine. The series breaks down today's most important veterinary research and explores the discoveries shaping companion animal care.

Hosted by Dr. Michael Kent, *The Vetrospective* features in-depth conversations with leading experts on topics that affect dogs, cats, and the people who care for them.

"Pet owners are inundated with information — and trending misinformation — about animal health," said Kent. "With *The Vetrospective*, we wanted to create a trusted space where people can hear directly from veterinary specialists about the real science behind the headlines and the care their animals receive."



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# BRAGS and CONGRATULATIONS!



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**Shadow** received his Beginning Novice Title..... (Karen Azevedo)

At the Ridgeback Agility Trial March 1 **Eddie** stepped into the Novice Agility Ring and got his 1st leg in both Std. and JWW. The next weekend at the Canine Agility Club of Fresno in Madera **Eddie** got 3 legs in Novice Std to finish his NAP title and got a 2nd leg in JWW.



**Rainy** was on a roll and got her 8th Detective Leg at the Stockton Beagle Club's Scent Work Trial on Feb.27 with a 4th Place..... (Linda Lang)



**Dawson** was given a promotion at work. She started in the mailroom delivering mail.

Then she was given the job of official greeter.

Today she moved officially to the front desk. She is taking calls and logging them in the computer. ..(Terri & Garth Gregson)



Announcing The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual



## AKC FIT DOG Spring Scurry

Your favorite Spring activity is back —  
the AKC FIT DOG Spring Scurry has begun!  
Preorder your medal to get started.

[Preorder Your Medal](#)



# Happy Birthday Wishes



4/1/2021	5	Lily Belle	Mixed Breed	June Laman
4/7/2020	6	Zsuzsi	Vizsla	Diana Galvan
4/7/2022	4	Maxx	Rottweiler/German Shepherd	Marlene Majewska
4/7/2018	8	Annie	Anatolian Shepherd	Edie Losch
4/8/2013	13	Duchess	Beagle	Lynn Schmitt
4/20/2021	5	Cairo	Miniature Schnauzer	Imo Lawton
4/22/2020	6	Caleb	Australian Shepherd	Stacy Thompson
4/24/2013	13	Sunny Skies	Australian Shepherd	Candice McLaren
4/24/2016	10	Tula	German Shepherd	Carol Canaris
4/25/2012	14	Zsophie	Vizsla	Diana Galvan
4/27/2020	6	Jerry	Golden Retriever	Judy & Craig Simberg
4/27/2025	1	Shadow	Miniature Schnauzer	Karen Azevedo

\*\* If we've missed someone or your information needs to be updated, please contact Marion Bashista at [marionb@bashista.com](mailto:marionb@bashista.com) with your changes. Thanks!

4/6	Dale Noble
4/23	Linda Coleman
4/26	Barbara Gibson




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## Je T'aime Once Again! French Bulldog Remains America's Most Popular



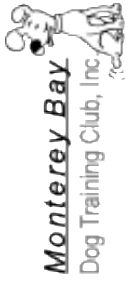
The French Bulldog continues to warm hearts in the United States! The AKC announced that the beloved French Bulldog is America's most popular breed for the fourth year in a row, according to AKC registration statistics. See what other dog breeds were in the top 10!

[MEET THE TOP 10](#)

## 2026-2027 MEMBERSHIP

Send your dues along with this form by **June 30, 2026** to  
 Marion Bashista, 115 Cleveland Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**\$24 for first member; \$12 for additional members, same household.**



**Directory Info – Please check one:  My info is CORRECT  Please UPDATE the Following**

Last Name:		First Name:	
Address		Street:	
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Phones	Home:	Cell:	
e-mail:			
Birthday - month and day only:			
Spouse/Partner/SO	Last:	First:	
Ruff Notes Delivery - check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Email me <input type="checkbox"/> Send me a printed copy via USPS			
<b>My Dogs – Don't forget new dogs and puppies!</b>			
Dog's Name	Breed	Birthday (with year)	

Office use only:  Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Check # \_\_\_\_\_ date rec'd \_\_\_\_\_



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