

# Ruff Notes

## December 2025



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### December 2025 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In 2026 we will celebrate 60 years since we incorporated. We are very fortunate as a club to have long standing, talented members. At our November meeting, we were graced with one such member, Lynn Schmitt. She shared with us her interesting life with dogs. Our community is fortunate to have Lynn's expertise from CGC testing to work with therapy dogs.



We hope during this coming year to learn more about our other fabulous founders and longtime members. Who drew the first Ruff? Who owned Phoebus? Who was

Luane's mother? So many things to learn – stay tuned!

You could imagine if you lived in the same house for 60 years you would have collected tons of stuff you don't need anymore. Well, our club container hasn't been around for 60 years, but we must clear out things that are just taking up space that aren't needed anymore.

**We are going to have a cleanup on Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the container behind the Crosetti Building at the fairgrounds and we could use some assistance!**

1. If you are interested in any of the items we are rehoming, please let us know and we can load into your vehicle that day.
2. If you know of an organization that could use an of these items, please let us know and come take them for your donation.



Some items identified so far are pvc pipe, grooming table, old style canopies, 30 cup coffee pots, mats for training and fake poinsettias. We won't know what else is there to go until we get things out.



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

Terri Gregson, President



# Annual Awards Luncheon

## Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

### 12 to 3:00 PM



**Location:**  
 Watsonville Elks Lodge  
 121 Martinelli Street  
 Watsonville, CA 95076

Lunch Catered by D'la Colmema  
 \$ 25.00 Payable at the event.  
 Don't miss our famous Silent Auction!






## January 24<sup>th</sup> General Meeting

Via Zoom  
 Details will be out in December



Old Dogs, New Tricks: Loving and Living with Senior Dogs

Presented by Dr. Brenda Mills, DVM

Integrative Veterinary Care, Livermore, CA.

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## ***BRAGS and CONGRATULATIONS!***



**Kiara** completed her Scent Work Master Interior Elite title at MBDTC's trial on November 16<sup>th</sup>. That's 10 qualifying scores in this individual element. .... (Marion & Michael Bashista)

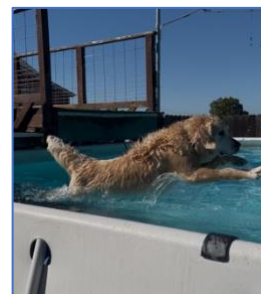
At our own MBDTC Scent Work Trial **Rainy** got another Detective leg #3 and **Maddie** got a Master Interior leg!!!..... (Linda Lang)



**Eddie** is resting after the DTCSV Scent Work Trial on Nov. 29, where he got his first legs in an Adv. Exterior and Adv. Buried..... (Linda Lang)



**Trent** and **Dawson** earned their Fit Dog Gold (FITG) titles the end of October..... (Terri & Garth Gregson)



On November 2, Holly competed in the MBASWC Scent Work trial at Santa Catalina School. She qualified in Advanced Container and Buried, earning her 10th Q in Advanced Container and her Elite title (SCAE). She also qualified in Excellent Container and Buried. Thanks to MBASWC for another well-run trial at a lovely venue.

On November 29, we competed in Advanced level at the DTCSV Scent Work trial in Salinas and earned 4 Qs and her Advanced Buried Elite title (SBAE). DTCSV ran a fun and efficient trial, and everyone was happy to get home early. I'm so proud of my sniffy girl!..... (Denise Weatherwax)



# ***Congratulations New CGCs!***

*from Lynn Schmitt, CGC Test Chair*

Congratulations to these dogs and handlers who earned their CGC titles. Well done all!



*Zoe*



*Truman*



*Indy*



*Sunny and Stormy*



*Frannie*



*Oscar*



*Rio*



*Izabella*



*Norbert*



*Amigo*



*Shadow*



## Happy Birthday Wishes



|            |    |        |                  |                       |
|------------|----|--------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 12/1/2015  | 10 | Trent  | Golden Retriever | Garth & Terri Gregson |
| 12/1/2015  | 10 | Rainy  | Golden Retriever | Linda Lang            |
| 12/1/2018  | 7  | Finn   | Golden Retriever | Barbara Skaggs        |
| 12/1/2019  | 6  | Poppy  | Mix              | Lynn Steele           |
| 12/8/2021  | 4  | Booyah | Border Collie    | Pam Fugitt-Hetrick    |
| 12/14/2017 | 8  | Dottie | Standard Poodle  | Diane & Phil Kipnis   |
| 12/16/2021 | 4  | Sunny  | Standard Poodle  | Diane & Phil Kipnis   |
| 12/25/2022 | 3  | Molly  | Mix              | Rich Torres           |

*Apologies from the editor for missing her birthday to Cathy Vanderbilt's Sophie who turned 16 last month on November 15th.*

\*\* 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!

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| 12/1  | Carol Davis        |
| 12/14 | Pam Fugitt-Hetrick |
| 12/15 | Elizabeth Manning  |



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### ***April Scent Trial – April 25-26, 2026***

We are returning to the Watsonville Elks Lodge. Our four judges are under contract. Three are returning from last year. We will need stewards so if you are interested, mark your calendar now. Michael B. will be looking for volunteers in March or let him know sooner.

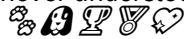
## From the Editor

Members,

I recently received this email from Reena Walton. It's not anything new as she's noted in her message. But it is always a good read especially this time of year as we gather to recognize the various achievements of our dogs. It is written with an Obedience focus, but I think it applies to anything we attempt with our canine partners. And no matter how many successes or learning experiences we may have it's always a good reminder to remember that at the end of it all we always go home with the best dog ever.

Enjoy,  
Marion

*It's been a while since I've seen/read this, thought I would share for those who may never have seen it or never understood why we train our dogs and put performance and/or working titles on them:*



*What is an Obedience Title Anyway?*

*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 that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain, in record and in memory, for as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard. And although the dog itself doesn't know or care that its 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 please you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.*

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

*A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship so few have, 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.*



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