

# Ruff Notes

## February 2022

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### **February 2022 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

#### February 2022 Message from the President

The new year is working hard to remind us all that we need to stay vigilant with our health and the health of those around us.

We have had notice of exposure to COVID at our training classes. Thankfully as of today we have not had a case arise from any class exposure. In order to keep this true, we have asked our class participants to arrive as close to their class start time and leave promptly after the end to minimize contact. We are fortunate in Watsonville to have a large building that enables us to spread out. In Capitola we will continue to limit the class size and try to have the doors open when it is appropriate and safe for the dogs.



Unfortunately, we have had some illnesses both in our members and their dogs this month. We encourage everyone to remember that we are all under stress of some sort. Too much stress can suppress your immune system and increase your chances of getting sick. Fortunately, we all have one of the best stress relievers known, our dogs. Take a walk with your dog. Take one on one time with your dog. We know your dog will love the attention and that alone will make you feel good.

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

Terri Gregson  
President

## Monterey Bay Dog Training Club, Inc. Gifts from the Heart Project from past years



**2017**  
Club President Donna Gorman with Vet Client who had 2 older dogs and a cat that needed medications.



**2018**  
Club President Luane Vidak, Amanda White with Jean the pup, Michelle Pressel, DVM, DACVIM, and Sarah Weagle



**2019**  
Our Club collaborated with Birchbark and Dr. Judy Force to help pay for dental services.



**2020**  
Dr. Stephen Kalff with June who had been hit by a car. The Birchbark Foundation also contributed to the surgery and medical attention June needed.



**2021**  
Our partnership this year helped a small dog named Tuffy who was rushed to the Pacific and Santa Cruz Veterinary Specialist.

For the past 18 years in memory of Marilyn Runyan, a long time member, the Monterey Bay Dog Training Club has made a monetary donation to a local Veterinarian Clinic or Foundation on behalf of a Recipient/Pet Owner as our "Gifts from the Heart Project". In the past our donations have paid for services, lab work, surgery, and medicines. Our donation is usually presented around Valentine's Day.

We need your help in determining where our donation will go this coming new year, 2022. Do you know a Clinic or Veterinarian that can use our support? Email Candice at [cmclaren1010@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cmclaren1010@sbcglobal.net)

### ***Input on Obedience/Rally Judges*** *from Michael Bashista, Director Matches & Trials*

As Director of Matches and Trial I have found it harder and harder to secure 3 judges for our Obedience and Rally trials. Fortunately, our three judges this July are from our canceled 2020 trials. It is not too early to locate judges for 2023. I had one decline because she is already committed to another trial. Obviously, some judges are more popular than others. Not so obvious are the expenses incurred which is why I try to balance local with a not so local judge. Any suggestions are gratefully accepted. Email them to [michael@bashista.com](mailto:michael@bashista.com)



# MEMBER BRAGS



**Black Pearl Leo the Lion** won the following at the Palm Springs Kennel Club All-Breed Dog Show in Indio, California, January 7-9:

- 1st Place - Obedience Novice Beginner A (Qualified)
- Rally Novice A - Qualified
- 1st Place - American Bred Miniature Poodle - San Bernardino Poodle Club Specialty & Sweepstakes Event
- 2nd Place - Open on Jan 8
- 2nd Place - Open on Jan 9

We're most proud of Leo's performance in Obedience Novice Beginner A. Leo competed in his first competitive event against two dozen dogs. We credit our trainer, Luane Vidak, for preparing us. She's simply amazing.

I'm planning on taking Leo to at least one show per month this year. We hope to earn his titles in Obedience Novice Beginner A and Rally Novice A. We also hope to see whether we can be competitive in Conformation events. It's all new to us, but we're having fun learning new skills. ....(Lynda Rogers)



**Grace** At MBASWC New Year's scent work trial on 12/31, Grace Q'd in Novice Container, Interior, and Exterior, and took 3rd place in Exterior with time of 15.81 seconds. She also earned element titles in Novice Interior and Novice Container. She needs one leg each in Buried and Exterior to earn her Scent Work Novice (SWN) title. I am so proud of my little Sheltie girl. At 12 1/2 she still loves her jobs. ❤️.....(Denise Weatherwax)

**Safari** earned her NW2 on Jan 15. And she did it by finding 8 hides in 5 elements with 3 "Pronounced" searches and a 2nd place on vehicles. On to NW3 now. ....(Michelle Pressel)





## More MEMBER BRAGS



**Tom** ROCKED in Rally at the Indio and Phoenix trials. He won 5 High Triple Q's and 3 High Combined!! Tom's getting closer to that RACH2 Title !!

12 trials in 4 days for Tom at age 10 was a lot!! He was pooped and so was I. ....(Craig & Judy Simberg)



**Kiara** and I celebrated New Year's Eve at MBASWCs scent trial. She earned her first Masters Qs in Container (with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place) and Interior. The Interior search presented some new challenges for her as one of the search areas was in the men's bathroom!

We then branched out to another nose work organization, NACSW, where she earned her NW1 title with a Pronounced in her Exterior search. ....(Marion Bashista)



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## BirchBark Education Series



We are excited to kick off our 2022 Educational Series, *[For Pets and the People Who Love Them](#)*, with a webinar led by Dr. Danielle Hettler, DVM! Join us on February 15 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm (Pacific) to hear Dr. Hettler speak about the role of dental health in our pets' overall well-being, and to provide guidance on how we can help prevent dental disease in our furry friends. Register now to reserve your spot!

*For more information and to register for the webinar, see BirchBark's 2022 Education Series webpage at <https://www.birchbarkfoundation.org/education>.*



# February Birthdays



2/1/2009	13	GoGo	Bulldog	Mimi Woolem
2/10/2016	6	Zana	Vizsla	Diana Galvan
2/11/2012	10	Radar	Dalmatian	Judy Force
2/14/2019	3	Leo the Lion	Mini Poodle	Lynda Rogers

2/1	Candice McLaren
2/4	Linda Lang
2/9	Karen Schwindt
2/11	Rich Torres
2/14	Cathy Vanderbilt



## **Ch Agapes Hook Echo of Fog Ranch Spears** **“Echo”**

*May 22, 2019 – November 15, 2021*  
*from Mimi Woolem*



Echo died unexpectedly while on our way to the Bulldog Nationals. He is greatly missed by his family.



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## AKC welcomes two new breeds: the Mudi and the Russian Toy

Two breeds with two very different histories and personalities gained full AKC recognition on January 1.



The Mudi is a medium-sized herding dog with a wash-and-wear coat. Like other herding breeds, the Mudi is smart, dependable, and driven — and needs to be kept occupied to prevent bad habits such as nuisance barking.



The Russian Toy is a petite dog with a big personality. The breed has two coat varieties — long-haired and short-haired — and requires minimal grooming. RTs are intelligent, humorous, and full of energy.

*More information about both breeds is available at AKC's website.*



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