

# Ruff Notes

## February 2025



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### February 2025 PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Our January meeting with guest speaker Jill Kessler Miller was very informative and just plain engaging. I am sure she could fill another meeting with her many compelling stories. She has led a very interesting life.



For those of you that were not at the meeting – Monterey Bay Dog Training Club has voted to match up to \$1,000.00 in donations to the Pasadena Humane for their relief efforts for the animals affected by the fires in Southern California last month.



We will be soliciting donations from both our members and students. Pasadena Humane was the designated evacuation center for small animals affected by the Eaton Fire. They are providing safe shelter and medical care. Please consider donating and the club will match it.

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone!

It is wonderful that we have once again contributed our Gift's from the Heart to a dog in need. This was undeniably a very sad story. Teddy was attacked by an off-leash dog and suffered serious injuries. Our donation along with Birchbark Foundation helped the owner provide the needed care. For more information a picture of Teddy, visit our Facebook page or website.



Check your calendars now for our next few events; March General Meeting with Trick Dog Demonstrations and Testing, April Scent Trial and in May our annual Morris Animal Foundation Walk.

Hug your dogs and cherish every minute we are privileged to train them!  
Terri Gregson, President



**Our March General Meeting will be full of tricks!**

**March 15, 2025**

**1:30 to 3:30 PM General meeting and Demo**

**3:30 to 4:30 PM Evaluations of Tricks**

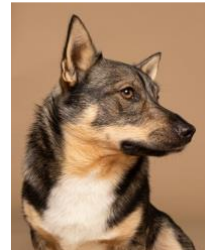
**Bring your dog and crate**

Reena Walton and her pup, Lacie and Mona Nakashima and Theo will demonstrate more novice and intermediate tricks for you to learn.

**Bring finger food to share**

Aptos Grange  
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RSVP Terri Gregson at [montereybaydog@gmail.com](mailto:montereybaydog@gmail.com)  
be schedule a time to be evaluated  
Cost is \$20. exact change or check to MBDTc

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### ***From Mt. Diablo Dog Training Club – Upcoming Trial***

Hello Obedience & Rally Enthusiasts Clubs:

Please pass along this information to your membership. I appreciate your time and hope to see you in April.

Spring will soon be here and so will the Mt. Diablo Dog Training Club's (MDDTC) AKC Trials.

**WHAT: MDDTC's AKC Obedience & Rally Trials**

**WHERE: in Martinez, CA**

**WHEN: Obedience - Saturday, April 26, 2025  
Rally - Sunday, April 27, 2025**

...Leslie Berry...  
MDDTC Trial Secretary

You can find the premium for the trials on the Club's website at <https://www.mddtc.org/>



### Our 2025 Gifts from the Heart Recipient, Teddy

Earlier this week he (while on a leashed beach walk with his family) was attacked by an off-leash dog and suffered serious injuries, including puncture wounds, bruising, and crushing of his abdomen. His guardian is a student and, although she immediately rushed Teddy to the ER, she could not afford the surgery Teddy needed to clean and repair his extensive injuries. Your support helped him receive that care!



Teddy is an incredibly special little dog. His original guardian acquired him when she was widowed and needed companionship. He helped his mom heal from the loss of her husband and remain engaged with the world. When Teddy's guardian passed away three years ago, he was adopted by her granddaughter. For her, Teddy is not only a beloved family member in his own right, but also a precious connection to her grandmother. Teddy has transitioned from being a lap-dog to a garden-helper, beach-goer, and adventuresome partner. Thanks to your help, his adventures will continue!

Teddy with his family and Teddy coming home from the vet

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Dear AKC Club Presidents, Secretaries, and Delegates,

We are writing to inform you of an upcoming change to the event service fee, which will take effect on **October 1, 2025**. The current fee of **\$3.00 per entry** will increase to **\$4.50 per entry**, while the **\$0.50 recoding fee** will remain unchanged.

This adjustment, the first since 2008, reflects the increasing cost of living (COLA). According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' CPI Inflation Calculator, the value of \$3.00 in place for 16 years is equivalent to **\$4.47** as of June 2024. We made a similar adjustment in 2023 to the Delegate expense reimbursements, which increased from \$200 to \$400.

While we have worked diligently to maintain the current fee structure, consistently rising costs have made it increasingly difficult to do so. The revenue generated from this fee is essential to supporting over **29,000 events** held annually and funding important AKC initiatives that allow us to continue serving dogs and the dog community and advancing our mission.

We trust this advance notice provides you with ample time to plan accordingly.

Thank you for your understanding as we navigate these necessary adjustments to ensure the ongoing success of our programs. If you have any questions or would like further details, please don't hesitate to contact us. We're always happy to hear from you and are happy to discuss this change further.

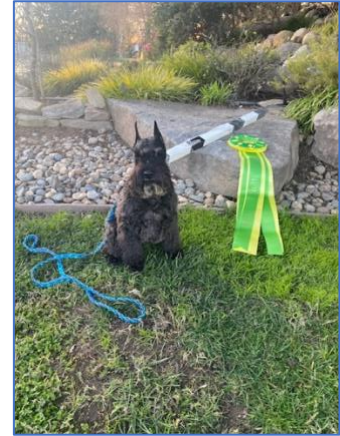


# MEMBER BRAGS



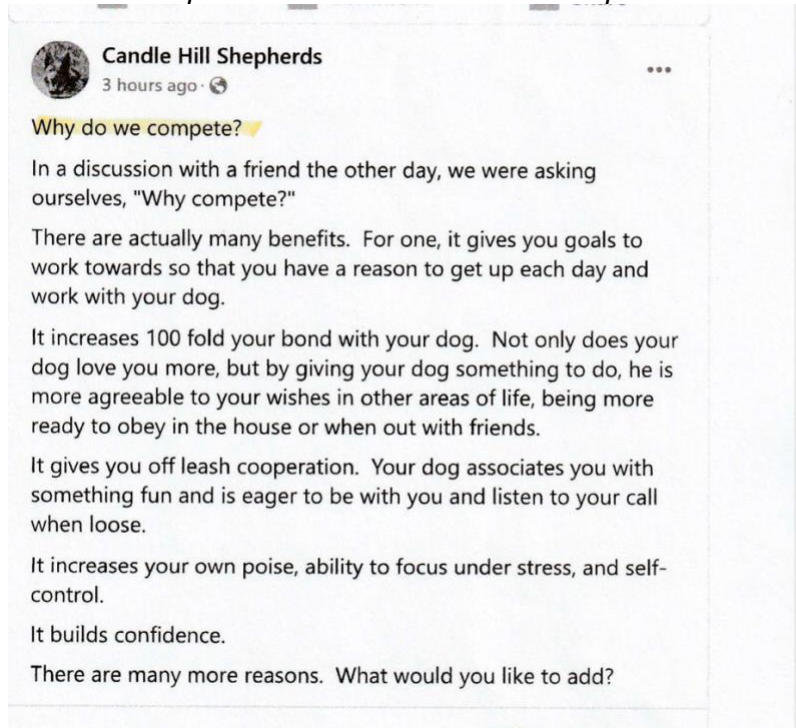
**Tula** qualified in all four elements in the advanced scent work trial on January 1. .... (Carol Canaris)

**Austin** got his RACH at the Sacramento Kennel Club trial in Lodi on January 10th. He needed 2 more triple qualifiers and 15 Master points. And it was 2 consecutive trials in one day, 6 runs in one day was exhausting but he did it! .... (Imo Lawton)



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## Shared by Carol Canaris from Facebook with permission from Candle Hill Shepherds



## **Shared by Reena Walton from Facebook**

*Dear Customer:*

*Congratulations on acquiring your Shetland Sheep Dog. Please find the instructions for your particular model listed below:*

*Although your Sheltie comes fully assembled, due to particular issues during production, we do occasionally have issues with components such as screws. They invariably are either loose or missing altogether.*

*Mode 1: Sleep mode. Activated for the majority of the day as the Sheltie ages. This is normal and you should not worry about it, just accept the peace and quiet while you can.*

*Mode 2: Anarchy. Although we have tried to ease the effect of anarchy mode, it's not always possible. There are inherent issues with the timer settings of anarchy mode in regards to there being none. Should your Sheltie suddenly go from comatose to running around the walls, we cannot stop this feature.*

*Sunlight: Do not allow your Sheltie to stay in the sun too long. They can burn if left unattended but they also recharge. Too much of a charge and mode 2 can be activated without warning.*

*Energy consumption: This has been an ongoing issue as their energy consumption is too direct. We have tried to put baffles, non return valves and diversions in place but none to seem to work adequately. Safe to say what goes in comes out, in both solids and gas. The gas, although noxious, can inhibit breathing of the owner for up to ten minutes. No need to worry about the solids - they will inevitably be found just underfoot.*

*Naming: Your Sheltie comes untitled as we feel owners should use names of their own. If you are unsure, we have listed below a few names our owners like to use:*

*Yo, Barky McBarkface*

*You're kidding me*

*Is that yours?*

*Don't you dare*

*Put that down*

*Why?*

*Get that out of your mouth!*

*ComeBackHere!*

*Really ??*

*NoNoNoNoNoNoNo*

*The zipper: We ask you not to try to open the Sheltie's zipper on their belly as this will invalidate your one hour warranty. Rumours that they are merely toddlers in a dog suit is highly contested.*

*Software: Your Sheltie is pre-installed with the highest software and hardware. This includes the loyalty chip, the love every one chip, fun chip and, of course, the highly popular mayhem chip. They are all running on the What-the-hell operating system 12.2. Although this has been in circulation for many years, we have found it simply cannot be improved upon.*

*Should you have any queries you can reach us on 1800-what-did-I-do*

*Thank you.*

*We hope you have many years of enjoyment with your Sheltie. Please be aware that by the time you have read this, your warranty will have run out. Unfortunately, we do not renew warranties and we do not offer refunds or returns...ever. It's your problem now.*



# December Birthdays



2/5/2022	3	Jaxon	Aussie Mix	Janet Wolverton
2/10/2016	9	Zana	Vizsla	Diana Galvan
2/11/2012	13	Radar	Dalmatian	Judy Force
2/14/2019	6	Leo the Lion	Mini Poodle	Lynda Rogers

\*\* 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!

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



## AKC NEWS

### The American Kennel Club Welcomes the Danish-Swedish Farmdog to the Pack



The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world's largest purebred dog registry and leading advocate for dogs, is excited to announce that the Danish-Swedish Farmdog has received full recognition and is the AKC's 202nd breed.


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