

Ruff Notes

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Dog Training Club, Inc.



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January 2026 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have a full year ahead of us at MBDTC celebrating our 60th year. We start with a zoom general meeting with Dr Mills talking about Loving and Living with Senior Dogs. The meeting is zoom so let your friends that have dogs know, they are welcome to join in to help their dogs' future.



Thank you to everyone that came to clean out the container at our Watsonville classes. We found new homes for quite a bit of stuff. What it allowed us to see is that there is still more to rehome. If you have a use

for flyball items let us know. We will set another clean out date in the future.

Our club is more than what happens in the competition ring. As an example, here is our first look back at some of our history. This is a snip from our Ruff Notes from July August 2020. Donna Gorman was Ruff Notes Editor and she included an article about Janet Wolverton and her dogs Sadie and Cricket. It was during COVID and the Oakland A's placed cardboard cut outs of fans in the bleachers to fill the stands for the games. Janet sent in pictures of her dogs with A's scarves on. Cricket was in Row 2/Seat e and Sadie was in Row 5/Seat 1. Whatever you have going with your dogs, let us know!



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

Terri Gregson, President



January 24th 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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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 Presse, DVM, DACVIM, and Sarah Weagle



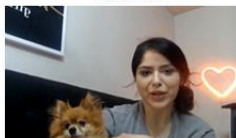
2019
Our Club collaborated with Birchbark and Dr. Judy Force to help pay for dental services.



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 with Birchbark this year helped a small dog named Tuffy who was rushed to the Pacific and Santa Cruz Veterinary Specialist.



2022
Surgery for 10 year old Bear's broken leg and jaw was done by Pacific and Santa Cruz Veterinary Specialist. Birchbark contributed to the surgery too.



2023
Sunshine (far right) received surgery for a pyometra from Santa Cruz Veterinary Specialist



2024 Armiri a 5-month French Bulldog had his broken leg repaired at the Pacific and Santa Cruz Veterinary Hospital.



2025 Teddy a was attacked on a beach and needed emergency treatment.

We need your help in determining where our donation will go this coming new year, 2026.
Do you know a Clinic or Veterinarian that can use our support? Let a board member know.

For the past 21 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.**



BRAGS and CONGRATULATIONS!



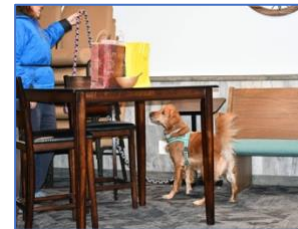
The Golden girls and I headed to Marysville for the Staffie trial where we humans froze. A fur coat would have been useful. But fun times were had by all otherwise.



Rhyme earned her first Master level title in Exteriors and picked up a Master Buried Q and Excellent Interiors Q. With several placements.



Soleil earned an Excellent Container and Buried Qs, both with placements..... (Michelle Pressel)



Dawson earned her first leg in an agility trial. It was the SMART Agility trial December 27th. She earned a 1st place in Starters P1 Snooker..... (Terri & Garth Gregson)

AKC Welcomes Three New Breeds to the Registry

The American Kennel Club is thrilled to welcome the Basset Fauve de Bretagne, Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka, and the Teddy Roosevelt Terrier to the registry, bringing the number of recognized breeds up to 205.

These breeds aren't "new." They have existed for a long time in different parts of the world. Full AKC recognition means there's now a large enough population in the United States — with active ownership — to meet the requirements for full recognition.

More information on these breeds can be found [here](#) on AKC's website.



Happy Birthday Wishes



1/1/2011	15	Snoopy	Havanese	Marlene Majewska
1/4/2022	4	Kitt	Schipperke	Carol Davis
1/9/2021	5	Miko	Schipperke	Carol Davis
1/21/2021	5	Sebastian	Australian Mtn Doodle	Bunny Jamal

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

1/6	Kathy Fujita
1/12	Denise Weatherwax



In Memoriam Donna Gorman



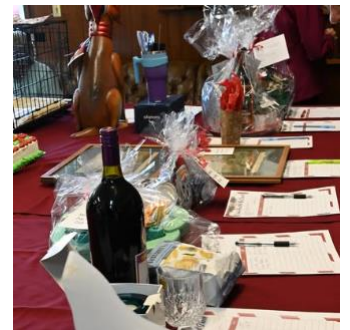
Photos from the Annual Holiday Awards Luncheon



Congratulations to all those receiving awards and all those new achievements for the past year.



Looking forward to seeing what the next year brings us!



Best of all to everyone for the new year.



2025 MBDTC Annual Award Winners

2025 Club Awards

President's Award	Barbara Skaggs
Board Appreciation Award	Janet Wolverton
Sportsmanship Award	Luane Vidak
"Phoebus" Award	Janet Wolverton & Cricket

2025 Recipients of Perpetual Award Plaques

UDX	Cairo - Imo Lawton
AKC 200	Cairo - Imo Lawton
2 Degrees in 12 Consecutive Months	Cairo - Imo Lawton
High Combined - Open & Utility	Cairo - Imo Lawton - 397.5
Degree in 1st Three Trials - Highest Aggregate Score	Dawson - Garth Gregson-539
Handler with Most Trial Placements	Imo Lawton - 62 pts.
OTCH	not awarded this year
Highest Scoring Junior Handler	not awarded this year

2025 Ornament Title Awards

Marion Bashista	Kiara	SBM, SWM
Marion Bashista	Trane	SCN, SIN, SEN, SBN,SWN
Christina Binns	Inja	SIN, SEN
Carol Canaris	Tula	CD, SEA, SCA, SBA, RN
Linda Coleman	Kilo	CGC, TKN
Tito & Heidi Contreras-Chaidez	Scar	CGC, TKN
Carol Davis	Crystal	RM7, RACH3
Carol Davis	Kiri	CH
Carol Davis	Miko	BN, CD, RA, RE, PCD, RAE, RM
Judy Force	Connor	CD, RA, RE (2024)
Pam Fugitt-Hetrick	QT	MX, MXS, MXJ, MXJS, PJD, MXFS2, T2B4, SIN, SEN, SBN
Pam Fugitt-Hetrick	Booyah	AX, OAJ, MXF, SEN, SIN, SBN, TKN
Diana Galvan	Strider	CGC, BN
Diana Galvan	Zsuzsi Q	CDX

2025 MBDTC Annual Award Winners

2025 Ornament Title Awards

Terri & Garth Gregson	Reznor	FITB, FITS
Terri & Garth Gregson	Dawson	BN, CD, RN, FITG
Terri & Garth Gregson	Trent	FITG
Stewart Gibson	Kettu	CGC
June Laman	Billy	BN, CD
Linda Lang	Eddie	SCN, SIN, SEN, SBN, SWN, RN, BN, RI
Linda Lang	Maddie	OAP, OJP, AXP, AJP, SEM, RA
Linda Lang	Rainy	RA, SIM, SWM
Imo Lawton	Austin	RM2, RACH
Imo Lawton	Cairo	OM1, OM2, UDX, TKI
Edie Losch	Gemma	CGC
Shirley Madan	Skye	CD, TDN
Gail Mahood	Sylvie	TKN, SWN, SBA, SCA
Mona Nakashima	Fara	TKN, TKI, CGC, SWN
Mona Nakashima	Theo	SHDM, SBE, SCM, SBM, SEM, TKA
Dale Noble	Archer	FCAT
Dale Noble	Wren	CGCA, SWM, SHDA
Michelle Pressel	Rhyme	Agility - NA, NF, OAJ
Michelle Pressel	Soleil	MXP; SWD, SBME
Karen Schwindt	Oliver	Rally Excellent
Craig Simberg	Jerry	CD, RE, DJX, DSX2, ASA, HDSA
Barbara Skaggs	Finn	UD
Stacy Thompson	Caleb	CDX
Reena Walton	Lacie	SCE ,SEE, SBE, RA B
Marilyn Warter	George	RN, SWN, SHDN
Denise Weatherwax	Holly	SHDA, SBE, SCE
Janet Wolverton	Cricket	TDN
Laureen Yungmeyer	Jewel	SWE, SCM, SIM

What's Ahead for Matches and Trials in '26

Our June 12-13-14 Agility Trials will have judge Ken Boyd. Known for his putting the dogs' safety first, he makes sure his paper course maps translate safely on the field. This may be his last judge assignment before retiring.

Related to agility, we need to replace the roof of the trailer. Our first rental is the end of February so it may need to wait. Linda Lang and Craig Simberg are researching repair locations.



Also, a new 10 ft tunnel which recently became popular with judges and 5 wing jumps have been purchased. We have run out of wing jumps if two classes run concurrently. Over the years a couple have been broken.

Everything is ready for our April Scent trials at the Watsonville Elks. Likewise, our Workshop and Obed-Rally trials are set, waiting only for field confirmation from Manzanita. What remains wide open is recruiting Obedience-Rally judges for 2027. Multiple judges have declined for various reasons. We do have one judge, Hazel Olbrich.

What is new for our Obedience - Rally trials this year is a fourth judge for Rally. We will have two rings run simultaneously. Each ring will host 3 classes. Thanks to Craig and Judy Simberg for being available. They bring a wealth of experience.

Now, having reported that all our trials are in place, there is one IMPORTANT element that is unidentified. All our trials need volunteers. Our Workshop and Obedience - Rally trials need the most stewards. So, I hope you included in your New Year Resolutions to volunteer for at least one club event. And if you didn't, it's not too late to add one.

May you and your dogs have a fun year, even if it just lying around and having an occasional squirrel moment. (That includes you too.)

Michael Bashista
Dir. of Matches and Trials
(and usually the Event Chair. by default.)

Agility Trial Volunteers

When ABBA DOGS rents the club's agility equipment, three volunteers get comp entries. There are more potential volunteers than comps and Michael Bashista, who must be there from Thursday to Sunday, qualifies for one of the comps.

You do not need to be there all three days, but the comp is for the entire trial. Sunday closing is the most beneficial for getting home asap. Lunch is included.

Michael needs to know if you want to volunteer and for which trials so he can equally assign the positions. What is of immediate importance is the upcoming trial at Thorson Ranch Feb 27-28- Mar 1. Entries open Jan 5 but the important date is closing, Feb 19th. Michael forwards the names to Abba Dogs before closing. Volunteers complete the entries after ABBA DOGS is notified.

Here are the trial dates and locations.

- Feb 27-28 Mar 1 Rhodesian Ridgebacks at Thorson Ranch
- Apr 17 - 19 Bearded Collies at Manzanita (This is a new trial.
- June 12-13-14 MBDTC at Manzanita
- June 26 -28 Belgian Tervs at Manzanita
- July 3-4-5 Shelties at Manzanita
- Aug 7-8-9 PWD at Manzanita

Contact michael@bashista.com to let him know you would like to volunteer for the Thorson Ranch trials.



**WANT A GOOD DOG?
WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!**

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