

Ruff Notes

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Monterey Bay
Dog Training Club, Inc.



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June 2026 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are at that time of year when we must vote in the MBDTC Board of Directors. We will be doing it at the July 13th general meeting via Zoom. Watch for details on how to attend.

At the meeting we will have a presentation on **LEGACY PLANNING for your pets**. What do you want to happen with your dogs if you were to suddenly pass away or were incapacitated and unable to care for them? Have you prepared an emergency packet for your pets? Were you a member of the club in 2013 when we prepared the MBDTC Emergency Pet Information Booklet? If so, have you kept it up to date? Have you put into writing who is allowed to take your dogs so they don't go to the shelter? Did you notarize it? If you live alone, do you have a daily check-in system?



The July Blast from the Past of MBDTC Happy July 4th

Here are two pictures from our entrances in the Aptos Shortest Parade. 2013 and 2018. We were always award winners! We will have to do this



again, it was tons of fun!

60 Words MBDTC Memories

From **Linda Lang**: I started with my husky mix Shelby, I called the club number "which was Marilyn Runyan", she told me that this was the last week of the session and to come on out and check them out, I was so very impressed at what I saw that I started right away, Shelby blossomed with the training and became my first competition dog getting her UD, CGC and multiple agility titles

From **Terri Gregson**: Linda Lang's Golden Retriever, Rosie, had a litter of puppies, and she entrusted us with Malcolm. Through him, Linda introduced us to competitive dog sports, the joys and responsibilities of loving a Golden Retriever, and MBDTC. Most of all, she stood beside us when we said goodbye to Malcolm at nearly 14. Because of Linda, we have added 3 more goldens and our lives have been forever enriched.

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

Terri Gregson, President





Monterey Bay Dog Training Club Obedience & Rally Workshop

Pre-Entries Only-Closes July 11, 2026

Saturday, July 18, 2026

Rally 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Obedience 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Manzanita Park Sports Complex

17100 Castroville, Prunedale, CA. 93907



Monterey Bay Dog Training Club, Inc. Donations for the Raffle at the Obedience and Rally Trial Needed by:



July 18, 2026



Please make a donation to our upcoming Raffle.

Toys, dog treats, gift baskets from local businesses, used but good equipment, Gift cards from local businesses, leashes and collars, spa treatments for people and dogs.

Please contact Audrey Lanas at LuLu2Lanas@aol.com or text her at 419 5639.



Did you know that money received from the raffle helps pay for ribbons?

		<p>Now is the time to donate for the Awards for our All-Breed Obedience & Rally Trials coming up in July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send your donation to Carol Davis at • 111 Wheelock Road, Watsonville, CA. 95076
		

Remembering our County Fair Demos

Submitted by Michael Bashista

Our county fair demo goes back to 1969. (See picture)

My involvement was probably the mid to late 90s.

Then the demos were held in Patty Smith Park before small trees were planted. Fifteen to twenty members participated. Lynn Schmitt was the emcee. I was responsible for the agility trailer and equipment. Sounds familiar.

We had group and individual obedience demos and team agility races over three jumps, into a tunnel, then return to the finish. This replaced the "Scent hurdle" races where dogs raced over jumps, picked up their dumb bell, then returned over the hurdles. Our races were competing for attention with pig racing.

After the approximate 30-minute demo, our dogs mingled with the audience. I do not recall the same post race interactions with the pigs.

Without lights, the demo and pack up was completed by dark. Then we headed to the food court. Cinnamon buns. French fries.

We did this every evening except Sunday. The demos were in exchange for free rent for the annual Dec. workshop in the Crosetti building. Fair trade. Good memories.





Onward and Upward - 60 Years

Showing Ourselves to the Public

Submitted by Luane Vidak

If our goal of getting dog owners to train their dogs to be well trained canine good citizens, we couldn't hide in the dark. For us to be successful salesmen of our Monterey Bay DTC Training Classes we first had to be able to show our wares to the public. As a young club with few members and fewer students, we figured that out fast!

Members realized that each of us had a role in getting that done. (Still true sixty years later.) So with that ongoing understanding, we continued working hard to find, make, volunteer, dig up places where we could take our dogs and show our Wares.

We found opportunities in a lot of places sometimes as a group, sometimes just a couple of members and a couple of dogs, and sometimes just a single individual and one dog. It was one of those challenging fun things that was rewarding on many fronts.

So where did we find an audience?

Sometimes it is just walking down the street with our dog. People notice a heeling dog that is behaving. Conversations start up.....and information is passed.

Most of the time it's a planned and practiced and well-coordinated encounter. Our annual demonstrations at the SC County always assured us of an appreciative audience who recognized that their dog could behave as well as ours if they trained it. We held their attention because we had a couple of showstoppers. Laddy, a German Shepherd owned by Marian McCandles, awed the fair goers by jumping thru a flaming frame of fire each night, and Eon, a stately Borzoi owned by Donnelle and Del Richard, would sail over two sets of **fully** extended broad jumps from a standing start. One year there was no place to set up our ring and so we joined the Tractor Parade that wended thru the fairgroundsTractors rumbling and rattling.....and our dogs just heeling along like this was something usual in their daily lives.

Schools are another great place for our demo. Kids love the dogs and vise a versa. The students would carry home information about the special activity that was arranged for their class. For years Lynn Schmitt and I took our dogs to a Santa Cruz elementary kindergarten class exposing the youngsters to how to safely meet and greet a new dog. "May I pet your dog?" was the standard phrase before approaching. Instilling gentleness and kindness toward the dogs was goal two.

Sometimes we marched. The *World's Shortest Parade* held in Aptos on the 4th of July was the perfect spot....scads of on-lookers, generously applauding every little thing our dogs did. With dogs in heel position, blue scarves adorning their necks, handlers in "club uniform" following the Stars and Stripes and our big MBDTCC banner, we were hard to miss. And we won first place ribbons in our class many times after passing the judges' reviewing stand. (Way back when.... our very first time in a parade was not as grand. We entered a decorated car, decorated with dogs, in the Watsonville 4th of July parade.....Years later, marching was much more fun and impressive!)

The MONTEREY BAY DOG TRAINING CLUB SHETLAND SHEEPDOG DRILL TEAM. (Long name, but we were proud of it.) We were crowd pleasers. Who can resist a Sheltie? The one-time MBDTCCSDDT marched on a street in conjunction with Scottish Games held in Monterey County. Most fun of all, they paired us with a Scottish Bagpipe Band. We, in Royal Steward kilts, black velvet gilets and white ruffled blouses and our Shelties with tails and skirts swishing, glided down the street in step with the drum and bagpipes music. Moving to bagpipes is unique.

An easy outing, doing both good deeds for research and showing our dogs, is the annual Morris Animal Foundation walk. First done in Watsonville on Freedom Blvd, we later walked around the Capitola Mall

starting on 41st Ave. Drivers go by and some honk and wave their acknowledgement. Candice McLaren photographs our walk and is always ahead of us waiting at a perfect spot to record our efforts.

Senior Centers have hosted us giving us another opportunity to entertain and educate that dog training is important. We performed on Mid County Senior Center stage. It's amazing how much we can do in hardly any space at all! At Sunshine Villa in Santa Cruz, we have a nice amount of space and residents and their families love engaging with our dogs.

So, members, that's how we work at coming to the attention of the people we want to serve.

It's not hard. It's great fun. Join us when the opportunity arises.
IT'S ONE GREAT WAY TO SUPPORT OUR CLUB AND GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS.



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**Monterey Bay Dog Training Club
All-Breed Obedience & Rally
Trials Same Day
Saturday, July 25, 2026
7:00AM-5:00 PM**

**Manzanita Park Sports Complex
17100 Castroville, Prunedale, CA. 93907**

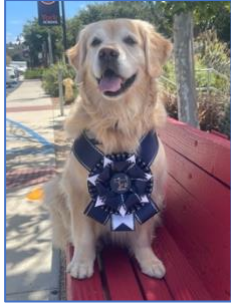




BRAGS and CONGRATULATIONS!



At the MBDTTC Agility Trial **Eddie** finished his Novice FAST Title and his first time in Open he got 2 Open Std. and 2 Open JWW legs.



We have some brags from the Monterey Bay Area Scent Work Club:

On June 20, **Rainy** got her 10th leg in Detective to finish her overall Scent Work Detective title and Maddie got a leg in Master Interior!!!

On June 21 **Maddie** almost got her 1st leg in Detective and **Eddie** got his first legs in Excellent in Interior and Containers.



On 6/27/26 **Eddie** finished his Open Jumpers and Standard titles at the Redwood Terv Agility Trial. (Linda Lang)



At our trial **Booyah** earned his 3rd Excellent jumpers leg to finish his AXJ title. He also earned legs in Master Standard, Master FAST, and Time 2Beat.

Q.T. moved down to the preferred 16" jump height (age 11). Not having to work as hard as the 20" class...let's just say he had a raving good time. He did manage to do the judge's course correctly a few times with legs in Master Jumpers, Premier Jumpers, FAST and Time 2 Beat..... (Pam Fugitt-Hetrick)

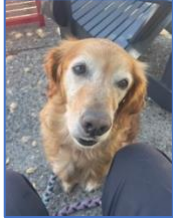
June 20th at the MBASWC scent work trial at York School, **Holly** qualified in 3 of 4 searches entered -- Master's Container and Buried, and Excellent Handler Discrimination. She also earned her first Master-level element title in Buried (SBM). Thanks to Tom Craig for the photo.. (Denise Weatherwax)



My future utility dog. Her name is **Lizzie Lu** and we both can hardly wait to start training!.....(Karen Schwindt)



MORE BRAGS and CONGRATULATIONS!



Today (6/20), **Soleil** ran her first Detective search in 6 months. She qualified, finding 7 hides in 4:16 minutes. Which was good enough for 2nd place. So proud of her

My dogs did me proud again at the Monterey Bay SWC trial at York school. **Soleil** ran 3 Excellent classes and Q'd and placed in all of them, taking 1st in Containers and Buried and 2nd in Exterior. And then **Rhyme** rounded it out with a 1st place in Excellent Interiors. Rhyme also tried her nose at Detective and did a nice job but the shiny slick floors in the second room were more than she could handle and she could not think about odor. Something to work on.



WOW. **Rhyme** did so very well at the RBTF AKC agility trial. She earned a few Qs (Open Standard and T2B) but almost all the rest of her runs were amazing as well. The future continues to look bright.. (Michelle Pressel)

At MBASWC's trial on 21st, **Trane** earned his Scent Work Advanced element titles in Buried and Interior. He also earned his second legs in Advanced Containers and Exterior(Marion & Michael Bashista)



Kilo gave the Fast CAT test a try at the Club's agility trial. At 18.49 MPH, he wasn't the fastest but he seemed to have a good time. By the time he figured out the game, it was already over!(Linda Coleman)



Dawson completed her Preferred Novice Jumpers with Weaves and Preferred Open Agility Titles at the MBDTTC trial. She earned two legs in both the Jumpers and Standard courses.

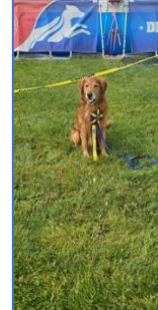
Now for her to pass on some of her skill/luck to Trent so he can finish Open Jumpers because they will be running the courses at the same time now..... (Terri & Garth Gregson)



MORE BRAGS and CONGRATULATIONS!



Jerry's latest adventures took us to Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Colorado, and Arizona. He earned new titles for dock diving in distance jumps and air retrieve. He completed multiple tricks to earn his trick dog advance title. He recently debuted in flyball, to earn two new titles. (Judy and Craig Simberg)



Rowdy got his BN, DCAT, and CGC..... (Karen Azevedo)



The **puppies** are 8 weeks old and are leaving home. They were a lot of work but very enjoyable to watch grow up. Three are still not claimed. 1 male and 1 female AKC poodles on the small side of standard, and 1 male miniature. (Diane & Phil Kipnis)



Congratulations New CGCs!

from Lynn Schmitt, CGC Test Chair

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



Rowdy



Rootbeer



Rocket



Mochi



Helen



Hamish



Freddie



Happy Birthday Wishes



7/4/2015	11	Soleil	Golden Retriever	Michelle Pressel
7/9/2021	5	Bethlehem's Zak	Labrador Retriever	Luane Vidak
7/10/2024	2	Kilo	Golden Retriever	Linda Coleman
7/17/2015	11	Wren	Whippet	Dale Noble
7/23/2023	3	Fara	Swedish Vallhund	Mona Nakashima

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

7/3	Judy Sauve
7/4	Donna Starr
7/9	Wendy Hess



You will learn the following...

<p>Importance of Pet First Aid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pet CPR (3 Styles) Rescue Breathing Choking Management Bleeding Management How to Help Your Pet in a Medical Emergency Snout-To-Tail™ Wellness Assessment Snout-To-Tail™ Injury Assessment Assessing Your Pet's Vitals 	<p>10 Situations That Require Immediate Veterinary Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to Put Together Your Own Pet First Aid Kit Restraining Your Pet Heat and Cold Injuries Poisoning Insect Bites and Stings Snake Bite Dental Care For Your Pets (PetSaver exclusive) Senior Petzen Care (PetSaver exclusive)
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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS EMERGING ISSUE

New World Screwworm – Impacts on Health, Interstate Travel with Dogs

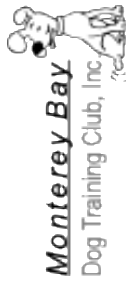


Since the beginning of June 2026, cases of New World Screwworm (NWS, hereinafter screwworm) have been detected in southwest Texas and New Mexico. These are the first cases of NWS in the United States in 60 years. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and state departments of agriculture and health officials are working together to address the issue.

[CONTINUE READING](#)

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**

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My Dogs – Don't forget new dogs and puppies!			
Dog's Name	Breed	Birthday (with year)	

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WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!

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