

Ruff Notes

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May felt like a new beginning. We had a wonderful group walk together to raise funds for the Morris Animal Foundation and we restarted our obedience classes. I can't put into words how wonderful that feels. We aren't the same as we were before the pandemic started, but we have survived.



Now the work begins to find our new normal. Our classes are filled with new faces and new dogs. This is the opening to finding the new members we need for the future of the club.

We are looking for a volunteer to join the Board as the Corresponding Secretary. Long term Board member, Joyce Finch has asked for us to find her a replacement. Is this a role you would be able to help out with? It is a great way to get to know the workings of the club without any pressure.

We have a busy next couple months with our agility and obedience trials and a club picnic. Hope to see you there!

As always, I leave you with a reminder to hug your dog! Stay Safe and Healthy.

Terri Gregson
President

Scent Work Trials - Lots of Odors Found

from Michael Bashista, Matches & Trials Director



ALERT

A very successful weekend for dogs, handlers, and the club. There were more dogs qualifying than not finding the hidden odors. Probably close to an 80% success rate even including the 8 unsuccessful teams in the difficult Detective Class.

Host Doggone Dirty Dog Sports in Hollister, Secretary Laurie Isaacson, Judges Elizabeth Scattini, Amanda Hutchinson, and Steve Belcher, and club volunteers contributed to making many happy dogs and handlers.

As chair, I was fortunate to have members Dale Noble, Irene Fukutome, Marion Bashista, Linda Lang, Terri Gregson, Candice McClaren, Michelle Pressel, and non – member Chris Hyde volunteer. Running two trials at the same time due to Covid is not something we plan to do again. Our members more than earned their training class discount. And, a nice profit will be deposited into the Matches & Trials account.

Let's not forget to acknowledge the success of Linda Lang's Maddie and Rainy, Marion's Kiara, and Michelle's Soleil and Safari. Dale learned a lot to apply when she begins entering trials in the near future.

New Member Announcement

from Marion Bashista, Membership Director

Lynda Rogers has completed all the requirements for publication and vote. She is currently enrolled in training classes in Capitola and in Conformation and Rally classes in Watsonville. Attendance at De Un Amor assisted living facility, this year's MAF walk, and May's general meeting complete her requirements

She will be presented for membership vote at the next general meeting scheduled for July 2021.



New Ruff Notes Editor

Starting with this month's Ruff Notes, Marion Bashista is the new editor. The Board would like to thank Donna Gorman for getting the newsletter back on track and for all her hard work to get the news out to the membership. Well done, Donna!

As a reminder, the due date for articles remains the 25th of each month. You can forward brags and dog related news items to Marion at marionb@bashista.com.

MBDTC on KSCO Radio

from Candice McLaren, Publicity Director

Michael Bashista was a guest on Pet Radio May 16th and spoke about upcoming Club Trials. He can be heard on the podcast listed on their web site. If one pulls up the podcast, he can be heard starting at 82.01. He will be speaking again on July 18th just before the Obedience and Rally Trial.

From the Santa Cruz Sentinel May 26, 2021

OUTBREAK

Distemper continues spread through County

Animal shelter encourages vaccinations for pets

By Ryan Stuart

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SANTA CRUZ » Distemper has continued to spread through Santa Cruz since its outbreak earlier this year.

The Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter identified an outbreak of distemper on the westside of Santa Cruz in February. The outbreak has now spread to a Seabright neighborhood, according to Program Development Manager Ericka Smart.

"There's definitely a concern. Right now, we're unsure of how far exactly it will go," she said. "With it spreading from the westside to Seabright in just a few months, it's obviously impacting the community."

Despite the spread of the disease primarily through coyotes and racoons, residents should not be concerned if they spot a coyote or racoon. If one of those animals is spotted, observe its behavior.

A wild animal is worth reporting to animal control of it is act-

ing intoxicated, according to Smart. It will move slowly and may stare at a person but not act as if it sees the person. Animals afflicted by distemper will exhibit caked up eyes and will appear disoriented.

"If it's acting abnormally, they can report it," Smart said. "If they see a racoon strolling through their yard late at night, they don't need to report that."

Distemper can spread to a large number of animals and has no known cure. However, the spread is no cause to panic. There are methods for preventing the spread of the disease to house-

hold pets.

The animal shelter continues to urge pet owners to get their pets vaccinated. Distemper and Parvo inoculations are \$20 through the animal shelter. The shelter also provides the rabies vaccine for both cats and dogs. The vaccine is \$10 for cats and \$10 for dogs with a license renewal.

License renewals for dogs are \$29 if they are spayed or neutered and \$100 if they are unaltered. The rabies vaccine is free for first-time licensed dogs, according to a press release from the county. The animal shelter is also offering to microchip cats and dogs for \$15.

"We don't see domestic animals getting (distemper). But the only way to protect against it is by getting your pets vaccinated," Smart said. "It's in the best interest of people's pets to have them vaccinated, especially with this type of outbreak going on."

While vaccination is the best way to protect pets from the disease, there are other efforts that lower an animal's chance of exposure. The shelter suggests pet owners refresh and wash outdoor water bowls to prevent communal spread. Affected coyotes and racoons can leave the disease behind when using these bowls.

SAVE THE DATES

June 19-20 – Agility Trial, Thorson Ranch, Morgan Hill

July 17 – MBDTTC Annual Meeting, Location TBD

July 31 – Obedience and Rally Trials, St. Francis High School, Watsonville

September TBD – General Meeting

October TBD – Holiday Photos

November 20-21 – Scent Trial, Doggone Dirty Dog Sports, Hollister

December TBD – Obedience Workshop

December TBD – Awards Luncheon



BRAGS and CONGRATULATIONS



QT got one of his (very illusive) double qualifiers towards his Master Agility Championship at the recent Hangtown Agility trial. He now has 4 of the 20 that he needs for that title. *(Pam Fugitt-Hetrick)*

A few weeks ago, **Safari** and I went to our first ever Nosework trial where she not only earned her NW1 title but she did so with 2 placements out of 4 runs which also earned her the overall 1st place dog with the best time of all dogs entered. *(Michelle Pressel)*



Tom and Jerry recently competed at Doggone Dirty Dog Sports in dock diving of course. Tom and Jerry made it to the finals competing in the same division. Jerry took 1st and Tom took 2nd! *(Craig & Judy Simberg)*

A few weeks ago we went to an AKC scent work trial where **Soleil** earned 3 legs in Excellent, all with 1st place finishes. She really loves this game. *(Michelle Pressel)*



Photos from....

Morris Animal Foundation Walk Golden Retriever Lifetime Study.



On May 22, MBDTc held our annual Morris Foundation Walk. Here's a look at some of the wonderful 'walkers' both human and canine.



The walk raised close to \$1800 in donations. The donations are targeted to MAF's Golden Retriever Lifetime Study. The study targets canine cancer research.

Missed the Walk and want to contribute? Go to [MAF](https://fundraise.morrisanimalfoundation.org/golden-retriever-lifetime-study/MBDTcMAFWALK) directly at <https://fundraise.morrisanimalfoundation.org/golden-retriever-lifetime-study/MBDTcMAFWALK>



June Birthdays



6/1/2004	17	Sheba	Chesapeake Bay Retriever	Sylvia Holderman
6/4/2016	5	Gimel	Lhasa Apso	Meg McRoberts
6/8/2006	15	Quest	Border Collie	Pam Fugitt-Hetrick
6/9/2009	12	Grace	Shetland Sheepdog	Denise Weatherwax
6/9/2016	5	Rudy	Labrador Retriever	Bruce Kennedy
6/16/2015	6	Trooper	Clumber Spaniel	Donna Starr
6/18/2013	8	Thor	Bulldog	Mimi Woolem
6/18/2013	8	Angel	Bulldog	Mimi Woolem
6/18/2013	8	Rose	Bulldog	Mimi Woolem
6/20/2008	13	Danica	Miniature Wire-haired Dachshund	Karen Schwindt
6/26/2011	10	Reznor	Golden Retriever	Garth & Terri Gregson

6/1	Barbara Skaggs
6/2	Stacy Thompson
6/8	Nancy J. Lewis
6/10	Irene Fukutome
6/12	Stewart Gibson
6/17	Donna Gorman
6/17	June Laman
6/18	Lynn Schmitt
6/24	Michael Bashista
6/30	Denise Panzich





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