

Monterey Bay
Dog Training Club, Inc.



RUFF NOTES

MARCH 2021

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March 2021 Message from the President

We are coming up on the anniversary of the start of the COVID-19 Lockdown. It has been an adventure we never expected or experienced before. It has brought about a significant change to how we operate as a club.



Today we are at a crossroads and need to decide what our future will be like. I know that you have had to travel this path in your own lives. How does the Monterey Bay Dog Training Club piece fit into your puzzle?

Malcolm wants us all to keep the energy of MBDTC alive. He recently found his name tagged on a bridge (Ambermist Rose Live Wire). While he does not approve of graffiti, he wanted you to see this LIVE WIRE to

encourage the human members of the club to re-engage and keep your power turned on. As more of us get our vaccines and adjust to the new masked lives we live, we can once again enrich your life and the lives of your dogs.

I hope MBDTC is an integral part of your future. Although we have not had the opportunity to see everyone and their dogs in nearly a year, we look forward to a club picnic later this summer or fall.

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

Terri Gregson

President

In February we awarded our Gifts From the Heart \$500.00 donation to the Birchbark Foundation. This partnership allowed our donation to be matched and help a pet in need. We still have MBDTC patches available. Please consider making a donation of at least \$10.00 and we will send you an MBDTC patch. Your donation will go to an important cause, helping a local dog that may otherwise not receive the treatment it needs. We are selling these remaining patches for next year's Gifts From the Heart.



Mail your donation to: MBDTC, P.O. Box 1022, Watsonville, CA 95077

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

3/3- TRISH NEILSEN

3/10- YVETTE COOK



DOG'S BIRTHDAY:

3/1/2011- 9 CHAMP CHI MIX AUDREY LANAS

3/5/2017- 3 AUSTIN MINIATURE SCHNAUZER IMO LAWTON

3/10/2014- 6 KIARA LABRADOR RETRIEVER MICHAEL & MARION BASHISTA

Attached are the business cards from our instructors.



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WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!

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PCD CD BN



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Luane Vidak and Lynn Schmitt sent in the following article



February 22, 2021

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/california-bill-seeks-regulate-dog-breeders/>

Please forward to those who breed dogs in California:

Last week, a bill was introduced in the California Assembly to regulate all who breed a dog in the state.

[Assembly Bill 702](#) can be scheduled for a committee hearing beginning March 19. No hearing is currently scheduled; however, this is an opportunity for all who breed dogs in the state to join the AKC in respectfully reaching out to the sponsor and your own Member of the Assembly to express your concerns and educate to educate them on the negative impact this could have on responsible breeders in the state. *Scroll down for contact information.*

Bill Summary:

As introduced, Assembly Bill 702 creates an unfunded mandate requiring local jurisdictions in California to issue a breeder permit to anyone who owns an intact dog "for the purposes of breeding". See key points of the bill below. Everyone who owns intact dogs or breeds dogs in California is encouraged to [read the short bill in its entirety](#) to understand how it would impact your breeding program.

Who would be required to obtain a permit? A permit would be required for any person who owns, possesses, or harbors an unaltered dog or cat for the purpose of breeding. It is assumed this would include stud dogs and dogs being kept temporarily for breeding. *How much will it cost?*

The cost will be determined by individual jurisdictions. The bill states the cost may not exceed “reasonable costs of administering” the program. The state does not provide funding to localities for implementing or enforcing the measure, but allows them to raise funds through fees, etc. to do so.

What is required to get a permit?

When applying for a breeder permit, an applicant must provide extensive information, including:

“A complete description of the nature and extent of the breeding to be conducted”, although it is unclear what this would entail.

- A statement that the applicant owns the dogs and that there are no other owners. If the applicant is not the owner, they must have written statements from the owners providing authorization to breed the dog. It is assumed this would also apply to co-ownership situations.
- Evidence that the dam to be bred is between two and seven years of age. AKC opposes this arbitrary provision, as the appropriate age for breeding can vary widely between breeds and individual dogs.
- Any other information required by the jurisdiction issuing the permit. This provides for more onerous and unnecessary regulations on breeders that could vary in each jurisdiction.

Are there other requirements?

In addition to the application, a breeder must provide “sufficient proof” (as defined by each jurisdiction) of such items as:

- A local business license and federal and state tax number. This is inappropriate for hobbyists raising animals in their private home, particularly those who breed only an occasional litter.
- Proof of an adequate shelter, including access to an enclosed yard or other open outdoor space. It is unclear how this would be enforced in urban areas.
- Proof that no offspring have been sold until they are 8 weeks old and have been vaccinated against "common diseases". It is unclear if this would include vaccines which are not given at 8 weeks of age.

Talking Points:

According to messaging put out by supporters, this bill is intended to prevent irresponsible breeding in the state and help with shelter population concerns. AKC agrees that no dog should be kept in conditions where they are not safe and basic needs are not met.

However, this bill will not address those issues and provides unnecessary and burdensome requirements on responsible breeders - and local jurisdictions.

In fact, animal [shelter populations in California have been steadily decreasing over the last decade](#), and many California shelters are importing dogs into the state for California consumers.

For example, in Los Angeles County alone, shelter populations declined by more than 10,000 from 2014 to 2019, according to the NAIA Shelter Statistics project (Visit <https://shelterproject.naiaonline.org/> for

more information). Moreover, new state laws effective last year required pet shops to source pets only from shelters and rescues. This has further increased placement demand for shelter populations.

The breeding of dogs by small hobby breeders has traditionally been considered a residential enterprise. Many hobby breeders live in residential areas where business licenses are unavailable or operating a business as defined in this bill would force them out of compliance with HOA or other local requirements.

Even as demand is rising for pets, this proposal would reduce sources of responsibly-bred pets for Californians, disproportionately harming those who do not have the resources to travel out of state to obtain a quality puppy.

When contacting the author and your Assemblyperson, consider the following:

- What steps do you take when breeding a litter to ensure the health of the mother and the puppies?
- What do you do when selling a puppy (do you offer a contract, etc.? What do you do to make sure dogs do not end up in shelters?
- Review AKC resources on the value of responsible breeders and breeder licensing at www.akcgr.org/breederregs
- Current law that provides consumer protection provisions for all those who sell all or part of 3 or more litters should be considered and examined before expanding law to breeder permits. View AKC's key issue page at www.akcgr.org/consumerprotection for more information and model legislation.
- The proposed measure, as introduced, will be extremely difficult for communities to enforce and it will divert scarce resources oversight from enforcement of serious animal issues such as true animal cruelty. Responsible, law-abiding hobby breeders will be harmed by the measure, while irresponsible individuals already in violation of the laws are unlikely to comply with the law.

What You Can Do:

As stated above, this is an opportunity to educate lawmakers on this issue and the negative impact it could have on responsible breeders in the state.

Those who wish are encouraged to respectfully do the following:

Contact Assemblyman Miguel Santiago, author of AB 702. Let him know you are a responsible breeder in California and respectfully ask that he not allow this bill to move forward. If you [live in his district in Los Angeles](#), be sure to mention that when contacting his office:

Sacramento Office Phone: (916) 319-2053

Los Angeles District Office Phone: (213) 620-4646

assemblymember.santiago@assembly.ca.gov

Contact your Assembly Member. Let them know you are a constituent and express your concerns with this bill. Visit AKC's Legislative Action Center at www.akcgr.org and type your address in the "Find Your Elected Officials" box to find the name and contact information for your State Assemblyperson. AKC continues to closely monitor this bill and communicate with California lawmakers. More information will be provided as it is available. For questions, contact AKC Government Relations at www.akcgr.org

BRAGS



2/20/21 Monterey Bay Area Scent Work Club's trial Maddie finished her Scent Work Novice Interior, Container and Exterior titles. And then on 2/21/21 Rainy finished her Scent Work Advanced Interior, Container, Exterior and Buried titles, with a 1st Place in buried!!! So far both of these girls have qualified every time they've played the game!! Linda Lang



MADDIE

RAINY

YAY, MADDIE AND RAINY! GOOD JOB! And Linda!

Dear Club Members,

On behalf of the BirchBark Team and all of the animal loving families we support, I send many thanks for your donation from your Gifts from the Heart Project! We are not only honored that you selected us as the steward of these funds, but are thrilled to enter into a new chapter of partnership with you. Together, I know that we will be able to continue touching many lives.

I so enjoyed my Zoom with Candice - learning more, and discovering ways that we can ensure stability within our community through sharing of resources and information. As requested, I am providing a sharable (and editable for press) write up about how meaningful your gift is, the precious life it helped to save, and the family and veterinary partner provided with choice and hope.

Meet Sweet Tuffy

This tiny girl has been through a great deal in the last weeks. At the end of January, she had emergency spay surgery for a pyometra infection. All seemed to be going well, but a few weeks later, it was clear something was not right, and severe vomiting would not stop. Her Mom rushed her to Pacific and Santa Cruz Veterinary Specialists, but as a single Mom with loss of income due to COVID, she was terrified about not being able to handle the costs to help her Tuffy.

BirchBark is committed to emergency situations when there may not be a clear-cut diagnosis available, but stabilization and exploration is critical. By providing \$500 stipends to each of our 30 Veterinary Partners (quarterly for general practices and monthly to emergency hospitals), families and veterinarians are assured a quick, life-saving option exists. We are then able to move forward into a larger, medical grant award if needed.

In Tuffy's case, she was provided with stabilizing liquids, medications, and diagnostics to determine that she had a dangerous post-op infection and likely would have lost her life had it not been addressed. With the stipend dollars made possible by Monterey Bay Dog Training Club, Tuffy is a happy, healthy girl and providing the stability and love to her family that would have been devastating if lost simply due to cost.



TUFFY

Little Tuffy at Home Safe and Healthy



Tuffy and her brother -

BirchBark ensures stability and love for animals' families - and the critical impact that has on children - is protected

BirchBark Foundation protects and honors the human-animal bond. Working with its 30 veterinary partners in Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Monterey Counties, we provide financial grants to vulnerable families faced with fixable, but unaffordable pet emergencies or life compromising situations. In addition, BirchBark honors the critical bond through its no-cost Pet Loss and Grief Support Program and Education Series to empower all pet families on the Central Coast to be the best parents and advocates for their companions.

BirchBark recognizes that collaboration is the most powerful vehicle for change and building a solid safety net in our community. Working with its Corporate Partners and other organizations, such as Monterey Bay Dog Training Club, ensures that ongoing resources and awareness are available and our pet loving region is embraced by ongoing, healing love.

2020's Pandemic and Fires brought upon a nearly-doubled increase in need for vulnerable pet families as well as those who were never in the financial situation they were faced with. In addition, all

fundraising efforts needed to pivot to meet the increased need and ensure sustainability. Operating only on donations, BirchBark is immensely grateful to its donors and partners who have helped us to thrive and grow.

To learn more, or get involved in saving pets' lives and supporting their families, please visit www.birchbarkfoundation.org

New for 2021: Consider joining one of our working committees!

I again send ongoing appreciation to all Club Members for choosing BirchBark to partner with!

I know that we have very exciting opportunities ahead to bring love and each other's resources to our community.

Wishing each of you health and happiness,

Michelle Frampton, Executive Director

Thought I should pass this information on!

Popular flea collar linked to almost 1,700 pet deaths. The EPA has issued no warning.

Since Seresto pet collars were introduced, the EPA has received more than 75,000 reports related to the collars, including 907 involving human harm.

Read in USA TODAY: https://apple.news/A78_uo4GjQWq_FP9GTVxg9w

