

Ruff Notes

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Monterey Bay
Dog Training Club, Inc.



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March 2025 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The MBDTTC Board decided as our way to thank our speakers for taking the time to come present to our group, we make a \$100 donation in their name to the Morris Animal Foundation. This organization is incredible. Currently they are spotlighting Senior Dog Health. According to their 25.1 Impact Report, some experts estimate that 28% of all dogs in the US are seniors. Their Volunteer Scientific Advisory Board has nine new 2025 proposals recommended for funding affecting older dogs including cognitive decline, obesity, periodontal disease, osteoarthritis, and educating owners on senior dog care. Of course, the MAF canine cancer studies also fall into the senior dog category. Cancer disproportionately affects middle-aged and older dogs. We are proud to make these donations to further these studies.

We have another wonderful Trick Dog general meeting planned for March 15th at the Aptos Grange. Reena Walton will be presenting how to teach your dog some of the intermediate dog tricks. She has two dogs demonstrating for us this year. Reena has agreed to test our dogs for the Novice and Intermediate Trick Dog titles after the demonstration. We have 10 spots set up to test your dog so send an email to montereybaydog@gmail.com to make your reservation.

It is that time of year again for us to find a volunteer to chair the "nominating committee" for the club's board members for the term that starts July 1, 2025 Any club member is allowed to be a member of the Board. We have 9 positions ranging from President to Corresponding Secretary. The best part of the Board is that even though there is work that needs to be completed, we are a very supportive group and enjoy our time together. Our meetings are the first Monday of the month, via zoom starting at 6:30 and not lasting beyond 8:30. We always allow for time at the end of the meeting for brags. Brags are a way for us to check in on how our lives with our dogs are going and is not limited to accomplishments in the show ring. We would love to have you join us... so think about it and think about who you think would be a great addition to the Board.



Happy *St. Patrick's Day* from our bunch.

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
2555 Vista Mar Drive
Aptos, CA. 95003

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RSVP Terri Gregson at montereybaydog@gmail.com
be schedule a time to be evaluated
Cost is \$20. exact change or check to MBDTC



Thank You for your generous donations to Pasadena Humane. Monterey Bay Dog Club has matched the donation up to \$1,000. and will be sending \$3,293.50 to Pasadena Humane.

We couldn't do it without you!!!



Calling Scent Trial Volunteers

Our April 26-27 trials at the Watsonville Elks Lodge need volunteers. Unlike our prior one-day Detective trial with very limited entries and one judge, this trial will be two days, four judges, and four classes.

We need a timer and steward for each judge. Morning hospitality and lunch setup need one or two people. With Masters in the AM, Novice in the PM Saturday, and Advanced in the AM and Excellent in the PM Sunday, you are NOT expected to be there all day or both days unless you want.

Handlers entering can volunteer in the premium. (The premium will be available early March on our web site and via AKC.)

Email michael@bashista.com to volunteer and include a preference if you have one.



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Scent Work Trial

April 26 & 27th 2025

Elks Lodge
121 Martinelli Street
Watsonville, CA
Volunteers needed and appreciated
Contact Michael Bashista







MEMBER BRAGS

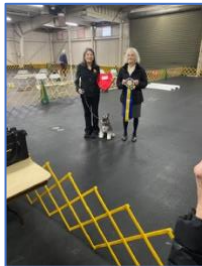


Reznor earned his Fit Dog Bronze Title at 13 yrs 7 months! (Terri and Garth Gregson)



QT finished his Novice Interior title and earned a second leg in containers, buried, and exterior. He also won Premier Jumpers and placed on Master Standard on the same weekend.

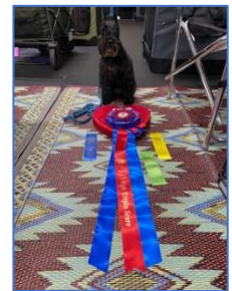
Booyah earned his first novice interior leg and I should have believed him in the other classes. He broke his Jinx and earned legs in open jumpers, excellent standard, and Master Fast. (Pamela Fugitt-Hetrick)



We went to Fresno for the Norwegian Elkhound Association of Northern California Thursday February 13 and Sun Maid Kennel Club Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, February 14, 15 & 16.

Austin was in Rally and got 2 High Combined and 3 High Triples.

Cairo got a perfect score of 200 in Open B Friday 2/14, with a High In Trial. (Imo Lawton)





MORE MEMBER BRAGS

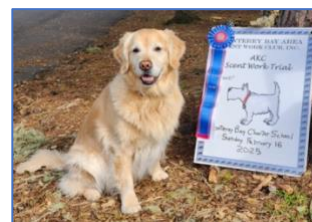


Trane finished his Scent Work Novice Container and Interior titles at MBASW's trial on February 15th with a 1st place in Container and 4th place in Interior. He also earned his second Qs in Novice Exterior and Buried (Marion and Michael Bashista)



On Feb. 15 **Eddie** was in his 1st Scent Work Trial. He qualified in all 4 elements with a 2nd Place in Interior and a 3rd Place in Containers, Maddie competed in Masters with a 2nd Place in Exterior and a Q in Containers.

On Feb. 16 **Rainy** Qualified in Detective for her first leg.



On Feb.28 back in the agility ring, **Maddie** got 1st Place in Master FAST and on March 1 got 1st Place in Open Jumpers Preferred to complete her OJP title..... (Linda Lang)



My brag is that I retired from doing paid work on 2/28/25. I will be spending my time with my animals, mostly my hobby/business of breeding hamsters, fancy rats, chinchillas, and Holland Lop rabbits. Website www.FurballCritters.com . Also 1 litter a year of AKC standard poodles! Plus training them. (Diane Kipnis)



Mark your calendars for our Club Trials in 2025



Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. Contact Michael Bashista

Agility Trial
June 13, 14, and 15th
Manzanita Park Sports Complex
Prunedale, CA.



Scent Work
April 26, 27th
Elks Lodge
Watsonville, CA.



Obedience and Rally Trial
July 26, 2025
Manzanita Park Sports Complex
Prunedale, CA.

Obedience and Rally Workshop
July 19th
Manzanita Park Sports Complex



The Monday Morning Tracking Group is still having fun with Dave Deleissegues

If you are interested in joining our group please contact Barbara Skaggs at: annbar1356@aol.com
If you just want to watch come out at 10:00AM



Chris and Eagle (9 mo), Chris and Berkeley, Irene and Lucy, Barbara and Finn, Dave with Sunny (Candice taking pics)

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February 2025 Update to Clubs

Basset Fauve de Bretagne to join the Hound Group

The AKC Board of Directors at its February 2025 meeting voted to approve the acceptance of the Basset Fauve de Bretagne into the AKC Stud Book and eligible for competition in regular breed classes and to compete in the Hound Group **effective January 1, 2026.**

Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka to join the Toy Group

The AKC Board of Directors at its February 2025 meeting voted to approve the acceptance of the Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka into the AKC Stud Book and eligible for competition in regular breed classes and to compete in the Toy Group **effective January 1, 2026.**

Dealing with Misconduct – New Discipline Guidelines Offenses & Penalties - Effective February 26, 2025

The health and wellbeing of all dogs at AKC events is paramount. After a review of the AKC Discipline Guidelines and in consultation with AKC's Chief Veterinary Officer, Dr. Jerry Klein, the AKC Board of Directors approved two new offenses and associated penalties for individuals that **knowingly** bring dogs that have been diagnosed or exposed to communicable diseases on AKC event grounds. This change is not intended to punish the individual that arrives at an event with a healthy dog that subsequently becomes ill during the events and immediately removes the dog from the grounds. This change is intended to provide Event Committees with authority and recourse should an exhibitor knowingly bring a dog onto the event grounds that has been diagnosed or exposed to a communicable disease, putting other dogs on the grounds of the AKC event at risk. The Event Committee would need to have proof (e.g., diagnosis from a veterinarian, verbal acknowledgement by the exhibitor) of the diagnosis prior to attending the event in order to uphold the charges. The AKC Discipline Guidelines on the AKC website and in the *Dealing with Misconduct at American Kennel Club Events* booklet will be updated to reflect the new offenses and penalties listed below:

Inappropriate Treatment of Animals

Knowingly bringing a dog on event grounds within 30 days of displaying the first clinical signs of communicable disease.

Mitigated: 3mo/\$300

Standard: 6 mo/\$500

Aggravated: Up to life/up to \$10,000

Knowingly bringing a dog on event grounds within 14 days of it being in contact with another dog displaying signs of communicable disease.

Mitigated: 1 mo/\$100

Standard: 3mo/\$300

Aggravated: Up to life/up to \$10,000

Agility Regulation Change – Transferring of Points

The AKC Board of Directors at its February 2025 meeting approved allowing individuals to transfer points and QQs acquired towards their dog's MACH title to the earning of a PACH title through a one-time application process **effective July 2, 2025**.

Agility Regulation Change – Tire Jump

To provide an additional level of safety for the dog in the performance of the tire jump, the AKC Board of Directors at its February 2025 meeting approved the inclusion of the wording that the connecting strap in the tire jump must be displaceable from the tire frame when force is applied **effective July 1, 2025**.

Agility International Sweepstakes Class Update

The AKC Board of Directors at its February 2025 meeting approved a one year trial period allowing bitches in season to compete in International Sweepstakes Class trials only at the club's discretion **effective May 1, 2025**. In addition, a number of changes were made to the ISC Regulations for clarification and to keep them consistent with changes in international agility standards.

AKC Event Operations Blog

The AKC Event Operations team maintains a blog that contains these, as well as other, updates to clubs. The blog is a useful resource of information and can be [found here](#).

Please contact the Event Operations department at eventnews@akc.org with

*A 'thank you' from BirchBark Foundation
acknowledging MBDTTC's Gifts from the Heart contribution.*



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February 12, 2025

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Dear C,

Thank you so much for your recent gift of \$615 on January 19, 2025 to BirchBark! It is because of your support that Teddy, a handsome little white cloud of a pup, is home and healing after a terrifying incident.

While on a leashed walk with his family, Teddy was attacked by an off-leash dog and suffered serious injuries. His guardian, a student, rushed him to the ER but couldn't afford the urgent surgery he needed. Thanks to you, Teddy received the life-saving care he needed.

Teddy isn't just a dog. He's family. He helped his first guardian heal after the loss of her husband. And when his first guardian passed away and he was adopted by her granddaughter, he became a cherished connection between generations. Now, thanks to you, Teddy can continue his adventures as a garden-helper, beach-goer, and loving companion.

Your donation made all of this possible, and we are deeply grateful for your kindness. On behalf of Teddy and the many pets and families you help, thank you for your generosity.



Teddy and his mom

Dr. Merianne Burtch, DVM DACVIM
Founder and President

No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution.

BirchBark protects and honors the human-animal bond by providing financial assistance to vulnerable families faced with unaffordable medical expenses and by supporting *all* families through education and pet loss and grief counseling programs.



Happy Birthday Wishes



3/5/2017	8	Austin	Miniature Schnauzer	Imo Lawton
3/10/2014	11	Kiara	Labrador Retriever	Michael & Marion Bashista
3/10/2021	4	Hannah	Doberman Pinscher	Elizabeth Manning
3/14/2020	5	Connor	Dalmatian	Judy Force

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

3/4	Tammy Philbin
3/23	Yvette Cook



Congratulations! New CGCs

from Lynn Schmitt, CGC Test Chair

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



Poppy



Archie




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