Ruff Notes
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Monterey Bay Dog Training Club, Inc.

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Celebrating 60 years
MONTEREY BAY DOG TRAINING CLUB
1996-2026

November 2026 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you everyone that came to the meet and greet dog demonstration at **Sunshine Villa** this past month. The residents truly enjoy our visit. Thank you to all that also brought costumes for their dogs. They love seeing the dogs in costume. It is wonderful being able to show off how well behaved our dogs are.





Thank you to Candice McLaren for coming up with additional back drops for our **Gifts From the Heart** fundraiser after our photographer was unable to participate this year. We appreciate all the volunteers that helped pull this off including Janet Wolverton, Denise Weatherwax, Luane Vidak, Linda Lang and Linda Coleman.

MBDTC Blast From the Past
On 9/11/2010 MBDTC donated two protective vests to Santa Cruz County Police dogs. We raised the funds from donations from our club members and students. The vests were specially fit to the dog's measurements. Dorro, the Watsonville dog assisted in more than 100 arrests during his 6 years on patrol. He retired in 2014 living with his family until he passed in 2017.







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

Terri Gregson, President


MONTEREY BAY DOG TRAINING CLUB
NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING
Dorothy Mash, Dog Trainer with our Club will be our guest speaker
DATE AND TIME
November 7, 2026
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
LOCATION
Aptos Grange
2555 Mar Vista Dr, Aptos, CA 95003
Bring your favorite
Hors d 'oeuvres!



Annual Awards Reminder



It's not too late to apply for the MBDTC annual awards. But do it soon!

If your dog earns a new AKC title beginning November 1, 2025 through November 1, 2026, you are eligible to receive a personalized Christmas ornament with your dog's photo and any titles earned listed on the back. (Example on the left.)

Fill out the online awards form now that the date to qualify has passed. Contact Awards Chair Denise Weatherwatx at dweatherwax@gmail.com if you need help.



BRAGS and CONGRATULATIONS!



The girls and I headed to Colorado to play at the Golden Retriever National. One week of playing all the games. Agility, scent work and obedience. We had a blast and the girls came home with some bling.

Soleil played in scent work and obedience. She qualified in 3 out of 4 of her element searches (I see that I missed one of her Q ribbons) and came very close in detective, missing 1 hide. She also did an amazing job in preferred utility (where she only has to jump 10 inches) and would have qualified if I had asked her to jump the correct jump. I am still very mad at myself about that. We also celebrated Soleil and all that she has accomplished over her lifetime by walking in the parade of title holders. The ribbon on the far left is very special, all of her titles to date are listed there. They said that they had to make them longer this year due to the number of titles some of the dogs had. I like to think Soleil is partly responsible for that.



Rhyme played in agility, scent work and obedience. She had amazing runs all weekend in agility but only qualified once. The footing was not great and by the end of day 3, she opted out of anything that was in the jumpers ring. It is very disappointing to have footing be the reason your dog struggles. She qualified in 2 out of 4 master element searches, placing in both, and doing a lovely job even if she didn't qualify in the other 2. We also tried Open A again and we are still not ready. But she did her retrieves well and didn't walk the broad jump so I am going to consider that a win.



Soleil and I headed to the Santa Cruz fairgrounds on Oct 18th to compete in the NACSW level 2 vehicle trial and earned her title. Soleil found 7 Q-Tip's in 4 searches on vehicles that included vintage tractors, golf carts and one standard modern car.





OMG. This Q has been over a year in the making. Soleil earned her 9th Master interior Q and even placed. She had fun but thought it was dumb that Rhyme got to run detective instead of her.
Rhyme did a lovely job in detective but we missed one hide. We've been working hard on a fringing problem she was developing and she nailed source on all the hides she found today. She also earned a master buried and exterior pass today. We missed 1 hide in containers…..*(Michelle Pressel)*

More BRAGS and CONGRATULATIONS!

Harvest Moon Del Valle Agility Trials.
Booyah had 8 qualifying runs which is a real record for him. He earned his first Premier Jumpers and Premier Standard legs. He also qualified in Fast, Time 2 Beat, Master Jumpers and Master Standard. Most important is that we had a 100% catch rate at the end of the run. Trust me, that is a big deal as he hates it when his turn is over.
Q.T. Won Master Jumpers and Fast on day 1 of the cluster and had an epic good time being naughty the rest of the weekend. ☺……(*Pam Fugitt-Hetrick)*



Lobukhali earned her NADD Dock Master title on October 4 at Gold Country Pet Resort in Ione.
Three days later, she headed to Vacaville for a herding evaluation and enjoyed meeting the goats.

It's been wonderful watching her confidence grow as she takes on new challenges, tries new things, and discovers just how much fun she can have!…..*(Christina Binns)*



"Frannie" (Glenavan Curtain Call ML, CGCA) finished her championship title with a **4-pt. Major in Conformation, an Award of Merit and Owner Handled Best of Variety** all in the same morning show under judge Kathleen Faeth on 10/23/26 at the East Bay Dachshund Club specialty in Dixon, CA.

Presenting:
CH Glenavan Curtain Call ML, CGCA

Yay!!!!!…..*(Wendy Hess)*

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2026 Scholarship Recipient



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Dean's Honor List

Pathology Club Member

Surgery Club Member

Monterey Bay Dog Training Club Scholarship

Dear Monterey Bay Dog Training Club,

Thank you for your generosity in supporting my veterinary education. Receiving this scholarship means more to me than I can fully put into words. As a first-generation veterinary student coming from a low-income background, this support feels even more meaningful.

Growing up, financial hardship was always a part of life for my family. There were many times when basic necessities weren't guaranteed, and I had to learn early on how to seek out resources, advocate for myself, and make the most of every opportunity that came my way. These experiences shaped my resilience and determination, but also taught me an important lesson in compassion and how valuable community support is. I wish to carry these beliefs with me in my veterinary career.

I am currently pursuing my veterinary degree with a strong interest in small animal medicine, with an emphasis in emergency and critical care. My goal is to remain committed to serving underserved communities and supporting those who experience barriers to care. I hope to provide compassionate, culturally aware services and help build more trust and access within the field. Utilizing my Spanish-speaking skills, I want to help families who need veterinary care. Looking ahead, I aspire to become both a skilled clinician and someone who can mentor students who come from a similar background. I want to contribute to a profession that is more inclusive and reflective of the diverse communities it serves. Representation matters deeply to me, and I hope to encourage others to pursue their goals, even when the path feels difficult. Alongside my clinical work, I plan to remain involved in community outreach and initiatives that help close gaps in access to veterinary care.

This scholarship will allow me to focus more fully on my education and bring me one step closer to achieving my goals. Thank you for believing in me and for helping make this journey possible.

Sincerely,

Val Mercado

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Announcing The 6th Annual



AKC FIT DOG

Turkey Trot

Your favorite Thanksgiving tradition is back — the AKC FIT DOG Turkey Trot has begun! Preorder your medal to get started.

Proceeds will benefit the AKC Humane Fund, whose efforts help support the next generation of dog lovers through the AKC Juniors program.

Preorder Your Medal

Happy Birthday Wishes

11/2/2024	2	Gemma	Australian Shepherd	Edie Losch
11/3/2022	4	George	All-American	Marilyn Warter
11/8/2021	5	Markley	Golden Retriever	Kathy Fujita
11/8/2021	5	Dawson	Golden Retriever	Garth & Terri Gregson
11/8/2021	5	Eddie	Golden Retriever	Linda Lang
11/9/2025	1	Lobukhali	Border Collie	Christina Binns
11/20/2017	9	Maddie	Golden Retriever	Linda Lang
11/20/2020	6	Lacie	Shetland Sheepdog	Reena Walton
11/25/2019	7	Archer	Whippet	Dale Noble
11/28/2020	6	Jewel	German Shepherd	Laureen Yungmeyer

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

11/19	Janet Wolverton
11/20	Diana Galvan
11/22	Michelle Pressel
11/24	Laureen Yungmeyer





Remembering Joyce Finch

Long-time member Joyce Finch passed away earlier this year. She will be remembered for her ever-present joy, love of dogs, and sharing her beautiful garden with the Club for events. Joyce also served on the Club's Board as Corresponding Secretary for several years.


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WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!
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