

# Ruff Notes

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### **March 2024 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

We have another wonderful general meeting planned for March. We hope you can fit it into your schedule because it should be FUN. Once again, our member, Reena Walton, has agreed to test. Our December Awards Banquet should see the most dogs earning awards in years as any dog, any age can learn tricks. Look for more information here in Ruff Notes and emails from the club.

It is that time of year again for us to find a volunteer to chair the "nominating committee" for the club board members for the term that starts July 1, 2024. I chaired it last year but did not do very well as I didn't find any new volunteers to take over any of the Board positions.

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 your 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



Join us for March Madness!

**Monterey Bay**  
Dog Training Club, Inc.



## March 16-General Meeting & Intermediate Trick Dog Test

### General Meeting Schedule

2:00 - 4:00 PM Intermediate Trick Dog test (by appointment)  
2:00 - 3:00 PM Social Hour/Stuff swag bags for new students  
3:00 - 4:00 PM General Meeting



Reena's dogs Lacie  
doing a paws up

Dog obedience instructor, **Reena Walton**, will conduct the **Intermediate Trick Dog Test**.

Contact Lynda Rogers at [lro95018@gmail.com](mailto:lro95018@gmail.com) for an Intermediate Trick Dog testing appointment and to register for the general meeting.

**Aptos Grange**  
2555 Mar Vista Drive  
Aptos, CA. 95003

## Our 2024 Gifts from the Heart Project Recipient, Amari



For over 20 years our Club has raised donations for our Gifts from the Heart Project. This Project started in memory of Marilyn Runyan, a long-time Member of our Club and is usually given out around Valentine's Day.

As we have done in previous years, we gave our donation to the Birchbark Foundation and helped with the treatment for a 5 month French Bulldog named Amiri. He fell off a bed while playing with his young human "brother" and suffered a left proximal tibial fracture. His broken leg was repaired at the Pacific and Santa Cruz Veterinary Hospital. Birchbark is happy to report that Amiri is on the mend.



## MEMBER BRAGS



Kiara earned Detective leg #2 at MBASWC trial with a fourth place. She also finished her Excellent Interior Elite title.... (Marion and Michael Bashista)

QT and Booyah QT English Cocker Spaniel Agility had one spectacular day with 4 Master Qualifying rounds in one day. Booyah got his first and only Novice Jumpers leg (mom is too slow to keep up with him), and an Open FAST leg. .... (Pam Fugitt-Hetrick)



Lacie and I competed at MBASWC trial Sunday 2/18/24.

We finished our Advanced Handler Discrimination title with a 2nd place.

We got Qualifying scores in the 4 other elements. We need one more Q in the four elements to complete the overall Advanced title.

And surprise!!

We got Advanced High Combined. (Reena Walton)

Soleil always brings her A game to all that she does. And she did it again at the MBASWC trial. But all she wants is the COOKIE!!!!

She earned another Masters exterior and container pass, both with placements. And her 2nd detective leg, earning 1st place. She found all the hides (10) in 4 min 44 seconds. (Michelle Pressel)





## MORE MEMBER BRAGS



Rhyme earned her Scent work Advanced Interior title at the MBASWC trial.

Rhyme had a super star day at the Gold Country scent work trial. She qualified in 4/4 Advanced elements, earned 4 titles and earned Advanced HIT. Not bad for a baby dog that started training nosework on Mar 9th last year and has qualified every time but twice. Today, Rhyme earned her Advanced Exterior, Buried and Container titles, her overall Advanced title and placed 1st in one. *(Michelle Pressel)*



Holly competed in the Scent Work Trial hosted by Monterey Bay Area Scent Work Club on Saturday, Feb. 24. Despite challenging weather conditions, she Q'd in Novice Containers and Interior, earning a third place in Containers with a time of 13.87 secs. She's a good girl.

Holly competed in the Gold Country KC Scent Trial on February 24th and 25th -- our 1st two-day trial. She was very focused on her job, qualified in all four elements on both days earning all element titles, and finished her Novice Scent Work (SWN). I committed a handler error when I dropped a treat in the Exterior search area but we qualified anyway. It was a productive weekend, and the campground at the Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds was pretty decent, with a lot of grass

and trees.

Here is Holly in her crate with all of her qualifying ribbons and new element title ribbons. Needless to say, I'm very proud of this girl.—*(Denise Weatherwax)*



We went to Fresno last weekend to show. Austin was in Rally Excellent (RE) and Rally Advanced (RA). Cairo was in Preferred Novice (PN).

Sun maid Kennel Club Friday February 16th:

- Austin RE-100, 2nd & RA 100, 1st Won High Combined
- Cairo-NQ

Sun maid Kennel Club Saturday February 17th:

- Cairo PN-196, 1<sup>st</sup>
- Austin RE-100, 1st & RA-99 1st Won High Combined
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Sun maid Kennel Club Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup>

- Cairo PN-198, 1<sup>st</sup>
- Austin RE-99, 3rd & RA-100, 1<sup>st</sup>

Fresno Dog Training Club Monday February 19th:

- Cairo PN-198 1/2, 1<sup>st</sup>
- Austin RE-100, 2nd & RA-100, 2<sup>nd</sup>

Overall, a wonderful weekend! *(Imo Lawton)*



# Congratulations! New CGCs

from Lynn Schmitt, CGC Test Chair

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



Ed and Izzy



Stuart



## March Birthdays



3/5/2017	7	Austin	Miniature Schnauzer	Imo Lawton
3/10/2014	10	Kiara	Labrador Retriever	Michael & Marion Bashista
3/14/2020	4	Connor	Dalmatian	Judy Force
3/15/2023	1	Bella	Goldendoodle	Cathy Vanderbilt

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

3/4	Tammy Philbin
3/23	Yvette Cook





*San Lorenzo Dog Training Club, Inc.*  
*Sunday, April 7, 2024*  
**All-Breed Obedience "OC" & Rally "RC" Matches**

**LOCATION:** CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY EAST BAY, Music-Business Peristyle Lawn - 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd, Hayward. From Hwy 880 in Hayward, take the Jackson Street exit eastbound. Turn right at first stop light onto Santa Clara which becomes Harder Rd. Follow to Cal State campus. Left on Old Hilary Road, park in Lot K (Theatre) at the rear of the campus. **PARKING** is free on weekends. **NO DRIVING ONTO THE GROUNDS ALLOWED AT ANY TIME.** Be prepared to haul your equipment between the parking lot and the workshop site. Match will be held rain or shine. Shade is limited – please bring your own if possible.

**COVID-19 SAFETY PROCEDURES** will be followed as specified by CDC, state, local and facility requirements in effect at the time. Specific procedures may be included in the judging schedule if necessary.

**OBEDIENCE CLASSES:** ● Beginner Novice (1 ring) ● Novice (2 rings) ● Open (2 rings) ● Utility (2 rings)

**RALLY CLASSES:** ● Rally Novice ● Intermediate ● Advanced ● Excellent ● Master  
 Rally Novice and Intermediate will be in one ring. Advanced, Excellent, and Master will be run in separate ring.

**OBEDIENCE & RALLY RULES:** Mixed and rare breeds welcome. Entries may be limited if necessary. Judges: To be announced. Toys and food are permitted. Collars should comply with AKC regulations. No prong or electric collars allowed. Corrections limited to verbal corrections or gently guiding the dog. Exercises may be repeated at Judge's discretion.

**ENTRY FEES:** Fees for entries received by **THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024** are **\$18.00** for first entry of a dog and **\$12.00** for each additional entry for same dog. **NO REFUNDS** will be made after March 28.

**Raffle!**

Lots of great prizes  
will be available on our  
raffle table.

**LATE AND DAY-OF-MATCH ENTRY:** Entries received after March 28 are \$20.00 first entry and \$15.00 each additional class same dog. Limited day-of-match entries will be allowed only if SPACE IS AVAILABLE. Sign up between 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM. Day-of-match entries to run after pre-entries.

**MAIL ENTRIES TO:** Steve Stern, SLDTTC Match Secretary, PO Box 3522, San Leandro, CA 94578-0522. Make checks payable to "SLDTTC." For more information, contact Steve at (510) 483-4546 (leave a message) or email [steve\\_stern@hotmail.com](mailto:steve_stern@hotmail.com).

**JUDGING SCHEDULES** with armband number will be emailed approximately April 3<sup>rd</sup> to all entrants specifying an email address on their entry form. You may log onto [www.sanlorenzodogtraining.org](http://www.sanlorenzodogtraining.org) to download the schedule, however, entry lists will NOT be published online for protection of your privacy. You may also request a printed copy to be mailed to you by including a #10 SSAE (Stamped, Self-Addressed Envelope) and checking the box on bottom of the entry form. Obedience and Rally rings will begin at 9:00 AM.

**STEWARDS:** Half-day stewards will receive one free entry. Full-day stewards will receive two free entries. All stewards will be given time to work their dogs. If you are interested in stewarding, please contact Steve Stern via email [steve\\_stern@hotmail.com](mailto:steve_stern@hotmail.com). Deadline is March 1, 2024 for steward volunteers to receive free entry.



**PRE-ENTRIES** should be received by **Thursday, March 28, 2024**. Please mail to Steve Stern, PO Box 3522, San Leandro, CA 94578-0522. Make checks payable to SLDTTC. Entries received after March 28, 2024 should include day-of-match fees.

Owner's Name			Phone (       )		
Address			E-Mail		
City		Zip	Please specify jump heights for Open & Utility obedience classes.		
Dog	Breed of Dog	Sex	Dog's Call Name	List Obedience Class(es) & Jump Height	Circle RALLY Class(es) and Rally Jump Height
#1					Rally Nov Int Adv Exc Master 4' 8" 12" 16"
#2					Rally Nov Int Adv Exc Master 4' 8" 12" 16"
#3					Rally Nov Int Adv Exc Master 4' 8" 12" 16"

**SAN LORENZO DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC. - OBEDIENCE & RALLY WORKSHOP - SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024.** I agree to hold the San Lorenzo Dog Training Club, its members, officers, match secretary and helpers, and Cal State University East Bay, blameless from loss or injury to any person or things caused by any act at this function. I assume full responsibility and liability of the dog(s) I enter and certify that they are current on all vaccination shots.

● Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amt Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**G MAILED JUDGING SCHEDULE** – Check here and include a #10 size Stamped, Self-Addressed Envelope to receive a judging schedule in the mail.

For Club use only: Received Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Armband # \_\_\_\_\_

FROM the UC Davis Cardiomyopathy Study Team...thank you to Linda Coleman for sending it into Ruff Notes

# Heart Health in Dogs

## Investigation of the risk factors for nutritionally-mediated DCM in healthy dogs

### What is the purpose?

Increasing numbers of dogs are being diagnosed with dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) and it has been suggested that grain-free diets may be contributing to the increased frequency of this disease process.

This study aims to evaluate the incidence of DCM in small and large breed dogs who are being fed commercial grain-free and grain inclusive diets and to assess for other echocardiographic or biochemical differences associated with dogs eating different diet types.

### What are you looking for?

- Dogs less than 15kg (33lb) or larger than 30kg (66lb)
- Dogs who have been eating a single commercial diet consistently for at least 6 months.
  - *Both grain-free and grain-inclusive diets are being investigated however home prepared diets are not eligible for the study.*

### What would I need to do?

- Complete a diet questionnaire prior to the visit including a photograph of the ingredient list of the diet currently fed to your dog.
- Provide a fresh fecal sample from your dog on the day of evaluation.

### What will happen in the trial?

A single visit is required where a physical examination will be performed, a blood sample will be obtained, and an echocardiogram will be performed.

### Why should my dog participate?

- The study covers costs associated with the examination, echocardiogram and diagnostic testing.
- By inclusion in this study you will help us to better understand the role that certain diets play in the development of heart disease in dogs and hopefully in turn allow veterinarians to make better recommendations for prevention and treatment of this condition.



INTERESTED?  
Contact us!

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Dr. Elise Lenske  
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WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!**

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