

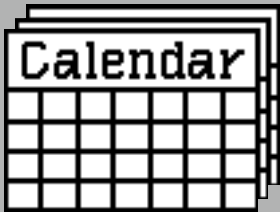


Ruff Notes

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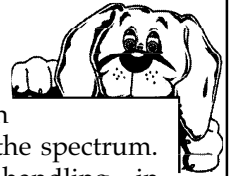


What's Happening in February?

- 4 Board Meeting, 7:00, First National Bank, Watsonville
- 4 Appoint Nominating Committee
- 10 AOCNC Workshop
- 19 Ruff Notes deadline
- 26 Watsonville final classes
- 26 CGC test, Watsonville
- 20 Pet Pals, Soquel AM final classes
- 21 Capitola PM & Salinas final classes



Paws for the President



We were very privileged to have **Pluis Davern** as our guest speaker this past meeting. As many of you know, **Pluis** has been interested in the various aspects of dog training which span the spectrum. Hunting dogs have been her passion in breeding, training, and handling...in conformation, obedience, hunting tests, hunting in the field, and search and rescue. Her attention currently is on the training of Rescue Dogs for Search and Rescue.

The topic of her talk was a Foundation—the National Search and Rescue Dog Foundation for which she acts as trainer. The goal of the Foundation is to train S&R dogs and place them with firemen for use in disaster situations. The dogs go through much training to pass the certification levels that FEMA requires.

Many of the dogs that have gone to firemen are living in areas of California—a comforting thought when one considers our penchant for severe earthquakes.

Her dogs were at Ground Zero and performed notably. She and other training groups were recently honored in Florida for their work in providing dogs used in New York.

The foundation looks for dogs from a variety of sources that are about 6 months old. Dogs with high drive and high prey instinct are the dogs of choice. The Foundation looks for dogs from pounds, guide dog and service dog groups, as well as individual dogs brought to their attention.

The dogs are screened for suitability, and the ones chosen begin a six-month initial training period with **Pluis**. Once the fireman is matched with a dog, the training with **Pluis** continues on a regular schedule.

An ambitious plan is in progress to design a CDROM which will be available for those with dogs in the program which reside too far away for monthly training sessions.

The cost of preparing a dog from start to finish is over \$8,000. Monterey Bay DTC will be forwarding a sizable contribution to the Foundation to aid in the training of dogs in the program...unfortunately not enough to totally sponsor one dog. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could!

Demonstrating Responsible Dog Ownership

Bragg

Christa Cordtz:

Fay finished her championship at Skyline Dog Fanciers with Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, and Best of Breed. All three of *Dreamer's* kids are now breed champions. *Hooligan* took breed the next day and also got another point toward his AKC field championship at the Basenji Club of NorCal and two more points at the Borzoi Club of California lure trial. At the Santa Clara DTC show he was High Scoring Dog from the Hound Group and High Scoring dog with a Coursing Title with a 192 score from Novice B.

Elisabeth Lambert:

Rosita got her CD on three successive days at the Rose City Classic Dog Show in Portland with scores of 183, 175 1/2, and 184 1/2.

Jennifer Slater:

Julia qualified three times out of four standard novice runs at the Haute Daws NADAC agility trial with one second place to complete her NAC title. *Dutchess* qualified twice in standard novice with a first place to complete her Superior Performance Novice title. *Keeper* had a beautiful open gamblers run, taking second place; she got her money's worth in her standard runs by taking about 50% more obstacles than the judge thought necessary!

Mike Bashista:

Merlin scored 187 in Novice A at the Skyline Dog Fanciers show and earned the award for High Scoring Labrador Retriever for a second leg. Then at the Santa Clara DTC show in Novice A *Merlin* scored 192 1/2 to complete a CD in his first three trials.

Crissy Hastings-Baugh:

Gracie at High Desert Agility got a double Q with scores of 100 from Excellent B Standard and Jumpers. The next day she got another double Q with scores of 100 from Excellent B Standard and Jumpers. The following day she scored 100 from Excellent B Standard and Jumpers. At Tualatin KC she got a double Q with scores of 100 in Excellent B Standard (with fourth place) and Jumpers. At Greater Clark County she scored 100 in Excellent B Standard. At Greater Oregon she scored 100 in Excellent B Standard. *Logan* got a double Q at High Desert Agility with scores of 100 in both Excellent B Standard and Jumpers. He also scored 100 in both classes for a double Q the next day and scored 100 in Excellent B Standard the following day. At Greater Clark County he also scored 100 in Standard and got a double Q at Greater Oregon Agility with a 100 score in Standard.

Linda Lang:

Tyler went Best of Winners and Best Opposite Sex over specials for 2 points at KC of Palm Springs.

Denise Panzich:

Monique scored 182 in Utility A for first place and first leg at Skyline Dog Fanciers of San Mateo.

Susan Westover:

Deja scored 199 1/2 in Novice B at Skyline Dog Fanciers for first place, second leg, and High in Trial.

Noreen Silva:

Wind received the American Chesapeake Club's national obedience challenge award for her open work—out of a possible 600 points she earned a total of 587. She was also fourth in the Delaney System for Chessies and fourth in First & Foremost for Chessies.



Merlin CD
Rosita CD
Ch Fay

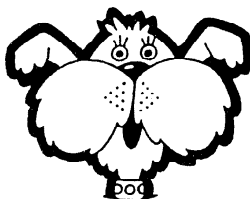


This month's Hot Dog Awards run from December 19 through January 22.

Trial Hot Dog—This month the Trial Hot Dog Award goes to **Susan Westover** and *Deja* for their 1991/2 score at Skyline Dog Fanciers.

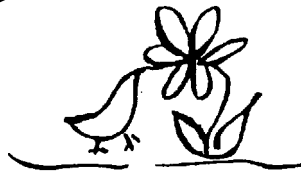
Agility Trial Hot Dog—This month the Agility Trial Hot Dog Award goes to **Crissy Hastings-Baugh** and *Gracie* with their 81.25% score at High Desert Agility.

Note: Agility Hot Dog Awards are based on the score earned. In case of a tie, the dog who completed the course in the fastest time relative to the time allowed will be selected. When reporting agility scores, please include the time allotted for the course and the time in which your dog completed the course.



"If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around."

—Cowboy Wisdom



**Bill would Legalize Pet Trusts
Dog World 9/01...Marisa Klein**

Only five states (including California) have tax laws recognizing trusts that are established to benefit pets. The Charitable Trust Bill introduced to Congress by Oregon Representative Earl Blumenauer would add a new section to the Internal Revenue Code. It would allow pet owners in the US to set up charitable trusts for the care of their pets.

If passed into law, pet owners would upon their death or disability direct a

fixed sum of money to be paid to a trustee to be used only for the animal's care. At the termination of the trust (not longer than 20 years) or the animal's death, the remainder of the trust would pass to a charity of the pet owner's choice.

Currently many pet bequests are not legally protected, and those caring for the pet are not legally required to use the money left to them for the care of the animal. The legislation would also include provisions to prevent fraud, as-

sureing the giver that the money would only be used to ensure the welfare of the pet.

To express your support for this legislation you can call the Capitol switchboard at 202-225-3121 to reach your local representative or you can go on the web...www.house.gov/writerep to send an email.

An Internet Joke Too Good Not to Pass Along!

via Oakland DTC *The Ups and Downs*

Dog - Monkey - Leopard

A wealthy man decides to take a hunting safari in Africa and takes his faithful dog with him, so he doesn't feel so lonely out in the middle of the bush.

The first day out on the expedition, the dog starts chasing butterflies absent mindedly, and before long discovers that he has become separated from the safari group. He starts wandering around in the wilderness, lost, when he suddenly notices a leopard a little way off, heading rapidly in his direction, with the obvious intention of making a meal out of him.

"Now I'm in deep trouble!" thinks the dog and starts wracking his brains to figure a way out of his dire situation. He notices some bones nearby, and an idea hits him: He settles down comfortably to chew on the bones, with his back to the leopard. Just as the leopard is

about to pounce, the dog exclaims loudly: "Man, that was one delicious leopard I just ate! I wonder if there's any more around here?" Hearing this, the leopard halts his attack in mid stride, a look of terror on his face, and quietly slinks off into the bush again, thinking: "Whew! That was close! That son-of-a-demon dog almost got me!"

Meanwhile, a monkey that had been watching the whole scene from the top of a nearby tree, figures he can put this information to good use and trade it with the leopard for protection. So off he scuttles, but the dog sees him heading after the leopard at great speed and figures something is going on. The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, cuts a deal, and tells him the whole story. The leopard, furious at being fooled so easily, exclaims: "I'm gonna get him for that! So the stupid dog

thinks he can make a fool of me, lord of the Wilderness, does he? We'll show him who eats whom around here! Come on, monkey: jump on my back, and we'll go get him!"

The monkey jumps on, and the two of them head off in search of the dog. The dog sees the leopard coming from a long way off, this time with the monkey on his back. "What a sneaky little monkey!", thinks the dog to himself. "Now what am I going to do?" But instead of running, the dog sits down on the ground, his back to the attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet and waits for them to get close enough to hear him. "Where's that monkey?" exclaims the dog loudly. "Never can trust him! I sent him off half an hour ago to bring me another leopard, and he's still not back!!!"



Happy Birthday



February	1	Michael Fenoglio
	4	Linda Lang
	9	Marilyn Runyan
	14	Marji Coe
	16	Bob McCampbell
	17	Dani Nelson
	23	Rosi Gong
	27	Jessica Hetrick

and to all our furry friends born in February

3	Ch Tora Howton (Akita)	age 6
4	Phoebe Brodrick JH (Golden Retriever)	age 6
5	Spirit Davis (German Shepherd Dog)	age 2
5	Ch Hobo Vente CD (Boxer)	age 14
6	Reba Mitchell CD (German Shepherd Dog)	age 5
7	Merlin Bashista CD, CGC (Labrador Retriever)	age 2
9	Cuda Smith CGC, JHD (Shetland Sheepdog)	age 4
14	Riff Raff Devlin CGC (Siberian Husky)	age 4
14	Kye Vierra CGC (Dalmatian)	age 4
15	Ch Amber Lang CDX, OA, OAJ, CGC (Golden Retriever)	age 8
18	Tetsu Howton (Akita)	age 7
19	Sage Gomez (Pembroke Welsh Corgi)	age 10
20	Ch Keeper Slater UD, OA, OAJ (Border Collie)	age 7
20	Sonnet Meyer JC (Borzoi)	age 3
23	Alex Garcia CD, CGC (Shetland Sheepdog)	age 8
24	Priceless Mangels (Bloodhound)	age 2
25	Ch Misty UD, NA, TDI, CGC (Chesapeake Bay Retriever)	age 9
28	Astro Haines TDI, CGC (Great Dane)	age 4
28	Poindexter Haines TDI, CGC (Great Dane)	age 4

Nose to the Ground Hound



Roof tops icing!!!...Puddles freezing!!!...Chimneys puffing...**Lynnette VanEpps Smith** providing for a worthwhile social-meeting get-together!!!...**Lynn Schmitt** flitting about the country!!!...**Marion Bashista** and **Kelly** hosting a cake-in....very nice!!!...**Mary Bettencourt** catching up with us all at the last meeting!!!...**Carol Davis** baking up a very tasty cake for the general meeting!!!...**Mike Fenoglio** driving new wheels!!!...**Margaret Gnehm** taking new puppy to classes!!!...**Crissy Hastings-Baugh** and **Pam Fugitt-Hetrick** doing the Oregon Agility go round!!!...**Jessica Hetrick** and **Amanda Nie** kicking off their Community Service project with a doggy cookie bake sale and White Elephant collection box....to benefit the Watsonville Animal Shelter!!!...**June Laman**, **Dani Nelson**, **Sylvia Holderman** and **Noreen Silva** hanging on to a passel of Chessies at class recently!!!...**Michael Bashista** and **Merlin** gathering up CD, 3 for 3...Congratulations!!!**Denise Panzich** filling in for traveling Recording Secretary!!!...Traveling Recording Secretary **Jennifer Slater** tripping off to England!!!...**Sandi Pensinger** taking on a BIG public education project in Capitola!!!...MBDTC co-sponsoring the event with her Capitola Dog Owners' Group!!!...**Cindy Snow** seemingly well named....after seeing pictures of Fallon in winter!!!... **Judy Force** slowing mending following a close encounter with the ground!!!...**Judy Nielsen** pampering her achy knee!!!...and **Pam Strametz** ouching from a tender back!!!....Here's hoping all are better when we meet next month~~~~~**Luane**



Rally-O

At a recent seminar, **Pat Krause** indicated that she felt Rally-O will be elevated to a title class within the coming year. Rally-O was intended to offer Obedience in a more informal approach, which might give it appeal to the critics of the formality of ring obedience.

Sandi Pensinger and **Jane Devlin** have volunteered to set up the course and take responsibility for the ring. Currently, the proposal is to set up two nights of preview, giving handlers with experienced dogs the opportunity to try out the courses. Later it could be added to the nightly (6) agenda at class.

This would put MBDC in its usual position of offering to the Fancy an ever-broadening opportunity of participation. Connect with **Sandi** on this one.



CGC

Anne Terry will be organizing the 2nd CGC test of the club year. Interested persons will need to present proof of license and shots. A \$1 fee is collected for each dog entered in the test and forwarded to the Canine Defense Fund, which helps pay for legal fees of selected dog owners. A \$5 fee is charged by the AKC for processing a CGC certificate for those passing the tests.

Approved evaluators are listed with the AKC and are drawn from people experienced with dogs. A Pass /Fail score is given by the evaluator based upon a standard for each test as defined in the Rules booklet.

The CGC certificate may be helpful in securing housing and other services as it certifies that the dog is under control and not a nuisance to the public, aka a canine good citizen.



The Doctor Is In

Judy Force, D.V.M.

February is National Pet Dental Health Month

Bring a smile to your dog's face! **Dr. Judy Force** (and helpers) will be giving free dog tooth-brushing demonstrations during class time at the Monterey County Fairgrounds on Jan. 29, Feb. 5 and Feb. 19. Bring your own toothbrush if you would like to see how to brush your own dog's teeth. Otherwise, **Judy** will demonstrate on *Piper* or *Finnegan*. There will be samples of teethcleaning products and food, but nothing for sale. There will also be dental educational materials.



Dental tips:

1. Daily brushing will slow or stop the buildup of plaque and tarter in our pets, just like it does in our own mouths.
2. Plaque and tarter, along with gingivitis, along with more severe periodontal disease, shower the body's system with bacteria. Studies have shown this causes increased occurrence of diseases of the heart, kidneys, liver, and even the brain.
3. Periodic cleaning of teeth under anesthesia is necessary in order to clean under the gum line and prevent periodontal disease. Cleaning off the visible tarter on the teeth while your dog is awake is mostly cosmetic.
4. Broken baby teeth can lead to severe infections, including tetanus, and should be pulled by your veterinarian immediately.
5. Baby teeth that are crowding other teeth or remain in the mouth after the corresponding adult tooth appears should also be pulled to prevent the adult teeth from coming in crooked and causing more serious problems.

MBDTC Junior Members' Public Service Project

Junior Members **Amanda Nie** and **Jessica Hetrick** offered homemade doggy cookies for sale at class. Many members and trainees purchased the cookies, resulting in over \$80 of donations. (Thank you! Thank you!) The money will go to the Watsonville Animal Shelter for purchase of needed items for the animals housed there.

Several members brought some lovely White Elephant items which will be taken to the Thrift Store for sale. Many thanks to **Debbie Nelson, Noreen Silva, Stacy Thompson, Kim Sutherland, Vicki Dudley, Luane Vidak, Anita Vidak.**

"Just give me a comfortable couch, a dog, a good book, and a woman. Then if you can get the dog to go somewhere and read the book, I might have a little fun."

—Groucho Marx

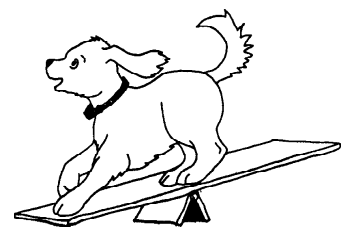
Agility Equipment Report

Pam Fugitt-Hetrick

The club is now the proud owner of some real top-of-the-line agility equipment! A big thank-you to **Lynn Schmidt** for providing a wonderful home for this special delivery. **Lynn** has donated the use of her storage shed, which even has lights and electrical power. The agility equipment displaces stored items which have now moved to her garage, which I am sure was an inconvenience for her. Thanks, **Lynn**, for making the purchase of this equipment possible! Thanks also to **Lynn's** friend (hopefully not ex-friend) who came over and helped us unload and unpack over 1400 pounds of equipment!

On January 26 and 27 we will get our first opportunity to use our new toys! The club is sponsoring an agility workshop with World and National agility champion **Nancy Gyes**. Not many club members are taking advantage of this training opportunity, but that is their loss. Over 50 non-club members are thankful for the opportunity to learn from her. The profit from this event will replace income lost with the cancellation of the agility intersession. Anyone interested in attending the training with **Nancy** should contact **Pam Hetrick** at bojestss@cs.com. If you like talking to recorders, you can phone at 722-4036 and let me know to reserve a spot for you.

Start looking for parks or arenas where we can host some show and go's, training workshops, etc.! Let's put this equipment to good use!



Doggy Funny Bones

via Mount Diablo DTC Tales

Top Ten Reasons Why Dogs Are Better Pets Than Cats:

1. Dogs will tilt their heads and try to understand every word you say. Cats will ignore you and take a nap.
2. Cats look silly on a leash.
3. When you come home from work, your dog will be happy and lick your face. Cats will still be mad at you for leaving in the first place.
4. Dogs will give you unconditional love until the day they die. Cats will make you pay for every mistake you've ever made since the day you were born.
5. A dog knows when you're sad. And he'll try to comfort you. Cats don't care how you feel, as long as you remember where the can opener is.
6. Dogs will bring you your slippers. Cats will drop a dead mouse in your slippers.
7. When you take them for a ride, dogs will sit on the seat next to you. Cats have to have their own private basket, or they won't go at all.
8. Dogs will come when you call them. And they'll be happy. Cats will have someone take a message and get back to you.
9. Dogs will play fetch with you all day long. The only thing cats will play with all day long are small rodents or bugs, preferably ones that look like they're in pain.
10. Dogs will wake you up if the house is on fire. Cats will quietly sneak out the back door.

Raising St. Bernard Dogs to EAT?

from the Internet via Luane Vidak

People in different countries dine on delicacies that might shock some of us in the United States. For instance, in addition to turtles and snakes, the Chinese eat dogs, a 2000-year-old tradition. CBS News correspondent **Barry Petersen** did some investigation and found that China is enhancing its dog meat market by breeding St. Bernards. A big dog has big pups and that means more meat—and a greater profit. Five years ago, the Shenyang New Century Animal Husbandry Applied Research Institute imported its first St. Bernards from Switzerland. "This giant animal is famous in the world for its size and also for its gentle disposition," says Institute director **Dong Li**. "Compared with pork, beef, and mutton, dog meat is more nutritious."

Mind you, the Chinese aren't eating these St. Bernards. Each dog costs \$3,000 or more—too expensive for dinner meat. What they are doing is breeding the St. Bernards with local dogs. The resulting mixed-breed pups are as much as 35 to 50 percent bigger—which is 35 to 50 percent more dog meat to sell. Dog meat is so popular in China that it sells at twice the price of other meats. There are now 50 St. Bernard breeding institutes in the country with about 10,000 St. Bernards used for breeding. "St. Bernards' meat is not tasty because it is fatty," veterinarian **Ming Tian Zuo** told CBS' **Petersen**. "But the meat from the offspring mating with a local mongrel dog is tasty and nutritious. And eating dog helps people build up the ability to cope with cold."



Breed Specific:

Newfoundland

One of the friendliest of all breeds, the Newfoundland was originally used in cod fisheries to pull nets ashore and to pull boats. Today, teams of Newfoundlands are used in France to assist the emergency services in sea rescue. Land-based tests include draft work and negotiating an obstacle course. If this benign, happy breed has a behavioral drawback, it is its inclination to rescue anyone from the water, regardless of their desire or need to be rescued. Although a little prone to drooling saliva, it is a benevolent giant and a loyal friend.

Breed History: Descended from the now-extinct Greater St. John's Dog, this large, water-loving breed has been bred to its present standard for over 100 years. Native North American, Viking, and Iberian breeds may be included in the dog's background.



BREED Facts:

Country of Origin: Canada
Date of Origin: 1700s
First Use: Helping fishermen
Use Today: Companion, rescue
Life Expectancy: 11 years
Weight Range: 110 - 150 pounds
Height Range: 26 - 28 inches

Data gathered from:
DOGS (Portraits of over 400 Pedigrees)
Bruce Fogle, DVM
A Darling Kindersley Book
First American Edition, 2000

Editor's Note: Breed Specific is a column in which I will highlight a different breed in each issue. Some will be club breeds, some not.

Reduced Training Fee Policy

The following is reprinted at the request of **Luane Vidak** and **Linda Harbertson**:

It is the philosophy of MBDTTC that this organization is and shall remain composed of working members. As such, there are certain minimum responsibilities that each member should expect to fulfill. The minimum responsibilities include attendance at general membership meetings, participation on club committees and in club activities, and the dissemination of information to members and the public. Members are encouraged to take active leadership roles since without members providing leadership the club will cease to function.

Eligibility for reduced training fees is described below.

The following are considered to be *long-term leadership roles*. Members fulfilling these roles shall be eligible for reduced training fees during their tenure: Board members; Secretaries of Tracking Test and Obedience Trial, Licensed Agility Trial; Chairpersons of Class Registration, Conformation, Leashes and Collars, Class Refreshments, Ways and Means, and Scent Hurdle Tournament; Editor of Ruff Notes, Photographer, Video Yearbook Photographer, AKC Delegate.

The following are considered to be *short-term leadership roles*. Members fulfilling these roles shall be eligible for reduced training fees for the training session immediately following the conclusion of the activity: Chairpersons of Intersession, Fair Demonstration, and Educational Seminar; Secretary of Sanctioned Match, Secretary of Sanctioned Agility Trial, Canine Good Citizen Test Chairperson.

The following are considered to be *short-term participatory roles*. Members working on the following activities shall be eligible for reduced training fees for the training session immediately following the conclusion of the activity: Fair Demonstration, Tracking Test, Trial, Sanctioned Match, Intersession, Educational Seminar, Christmas Party, Class Regis-

tration, Picnic, Canine Good Citizen test, Raffle Coordinators, AOCNC Delegates, AOCNC Stewards, production staff of Ruff Notes, people participating in demos, and the person who holds a club meeting in his/her home.

The Board at its discretion may recognize additional areas of leadership and participation.

Reduced training fees go to the person who is storing the trailer for as long as they are storing it.

Reduced training fees will be offered to new members for the first session after they have accepted membership.

Family members who have fulfilled all requirements except for the training requirement (to become members) will receive no training discount until they complete two training classes at full price.

The Director of Training may train free of charge.

Family member training a dog—the voting member must provide the participation in order to secure the discount for the family.

Regularly contracted trainers may train household dogs free of charge.

Service dogs, if documented, will be given reduced fees equal to the amount paid to trainers for non-member dogs.

Those members who participate in both the trial and the fair demo in the same year shall be able to receive reduced fees in both the October/November and the January/February sessions.

Note: Current fees for those eligible for reduced training fees are \$30.

Hot off the press!

The 2000-2001 Darwin Awards Are Here!!

from the Internet via **Cindy Snow**

The Darwin Awards, for those not familiar, are for those individuals who contribute to the survival of the fittest by eliminating themselves from the gene pool before they have a chance to breed.

A young Canadian man, searching for a way of getting drunk cheaply, because he had no money with which to buy alcohol, mixed gasoline with milk. Not surprisingly, this concoction made him ill, and he vomited into the fireplace in his house. This resulting explosion and fire burned his house down, killing both him and his sister.

A 27-year-old French woman lost control of her car on a highway near Marseilles and crashed into a tree, seriously injuring her passenger and killing herself. As a commonplace road accident, this would not have qualified for a Darwin nomination, were it not for the fact that the driver's attention had been distracted by her Tamagotchi key ring, which had started urgently beeping for food as she drove along. In an attempt to press the correct buttons to save the Tamagotchi's life, the woman lost her own.

A man in Alabama died from rattlesnake bites. It seems that he and a friend were playing a game of catch, using the rattlesnake as a ball. The friend—no doubt, a future Darwin Awards candidate—was hospitalized.

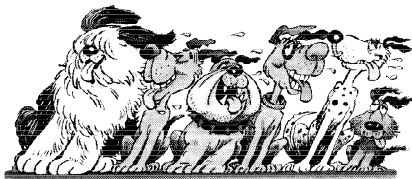


Morris Animal Foundation Walkathon and Demo

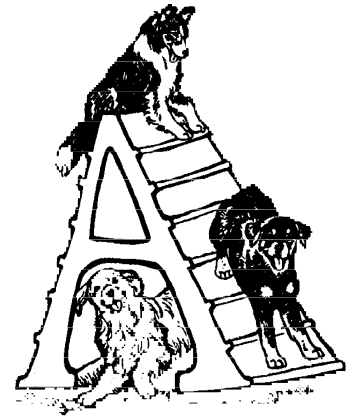
After several false starts, it has been decided at the recent General Membership meeting to schedule our walk and demo on the 24th of March. This would be in conjunction with our co-sponsorship of Capitola Dog Owners' Group Easter Parade and Bark in the Park event. I will be requesting materials shortly and delivering them to you.

We Need You Now...

Helene Brodrick will be unable to chair the Obedience Workshop in July due to travel commitments. If you would volunteer to step into that position, she will share her knowledge of the job with you. A job description is available. Contact **Luane** so we can continue to offer this service to the Fancy and raise needed capital for our club activities. The event will be held in conjunction with an Agility Fun Run, which will be chaired by **Pam Fugitt-Hetrick**.



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Agility Fun Run

Pam Fugitt-Hetrick has volunteered to chair a FunRun to be held at the same time as the obedience workshop. The fun run will be a major fund raiser for club operations as is the obedience workshop. We have some interested non-members who are offering their time and effort to give us a hand. Big Thank You to those folks!