

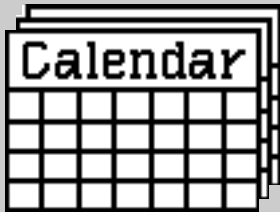


Ruff Notes

March 2003

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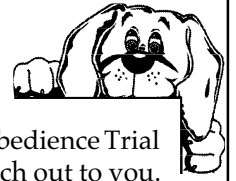
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What's Happening in March?

- 1 Board Meeting, First National Bank, Watsonville, 7:00
- 4 Watsonville classes start
- 5 Pet Pals, Soquel AM classes start
- 6 Capitola PM & Salinas classes start
- 11 Conformation classes start
- 17 General Membership meeting, 382 Brooktree Ranch Road, 7:00
- 18 Ruff Notes deadline

Paws for the President



Dear Members and Friends—

Is anyone out there with initials other than "LWS" who will be Obedience Trial Chair? The Palm Reader was booked solid, so I continue to reach out to you. Can't hurt to keep trying!!!

Moving right along— thanks to **Luane** for co-coordinating the AOCNC Workshop ring and to her helpers **Lynnette, Anita, Dolores**—we appreciate your representation of MBDTCC!

Coming up— our March General Meeting— the 17th— green is not essential but an appetite is! Just bring yourselves and enjoy. Please refresh your memories regarding our vote on the Hot Dog Award Calculations published in the January and February Ruff Notes— secret ballot will be held to determine which method will be used in the future.

Other than that— things are rolling along quite nicely for our VST Tracking Test on May 4; Agility in June; Obedience Workshop for June 28— which reminds me..

You will also be asked to vote at our March meeting to move our Annual Meeting, which this year would have been July 5, to correspond with our Obedience Workshop which was moved to June 28.

Our Obedience Trial is set for "Back-To-Back" with the Dog Training Club of Salinas Valley— they August 2 and we August 3. Some discussion will be held regarding some housekeeping details related to that event.

Thanks to all for all you do!!

"Most dog owners are at length able to teach themselves to obey their dog."

—Robert Morley

Class Fees Discussion Upcoming

We'll do a comparison of class fees with other reputable trainers in the county—it might be time to seriously consider increasing our class fees. Think about it and be ready to discuss it at the March meeting—just discuss it—no action to be taken!

Demonstrating Responsible Dog Ownership

Bragg

Marilyn Runyan:

Bradie scored 194 1/2 from Novice B at the NorCal Golden Retriever Specialty and earned fourth place.

Crissy Hastings-Baugh:

Logan scored 100 twice in Excellent B Standard and once in Excellent B Jumpers at Santa Clara DTC. *Gracie* scored 100 in Excellent B Standard and Excellent B Jumpers at Santa Clara DTC.

Noreen Silva:

Breeze at Santa Clara KC from Open Bitches was Best of Winners and Best Opposite Sex for a major.

Carol Howton:

Ice at the GGAC Specialty was Best of Breed and was given two Awards of Merit.

Michael Bashista:

Merlin scored 185 1/2 in Open A at Skyline KC for a first leg. At Santa Clara KC *Merlin* took first place from Open Yellow Dogs and was Reserve Dog.

Carol Davis:

Sugar at GSDC of SJ scored 198 in Utility B for first place and 194 in Open B for second place one day plus High Combined and High in Trial. The next day she scored 197 for first place in Utility B and 191 1/2 for first place in Open B.

Pam Hetrick:

Molly at SCDTC in Open Jumpers scored 100 for first place and an OAJ. The next day in Open Standard they scored 100 for first place and an OA.

Jessica Hetrick:

At the Sheltie Specialty *Jessica* with *Molly* was Best Junior Handler.

Jane Devlin:

Riff Raff at SCDTC in Open Jumpers scored 100 for first place and a second leg. The next day in Open Jumpers they scored 100 for fourth place and an OAJ.

Debbie Nelson:

Seamus at Golden Gate Kennel Club in 6-9 Puppy Dogs took first place and was Reserve Dog; *Hattie* at the same show in 6-9 Puppy Bitches took first place.

Karen Hargrove (trainee):

Aragorn in Novice A earned two legs with a first and second place at Oregon Pacific Rim and Linn County.

Betty Garcia:

Alex took first place in Veterans at the Sheltie Specialty; *Alex* and *Michael* took first place in Brace at the Sheltie Specialty.

Linda Harbertson:

Belle completed a TD at PAFTA and is the first Borzoi VCD1.



New Titles

Belle TD
Belle VCD1
Molly OA
Molly OAJ
Riff Raff OAJ



Hot Dog Awards

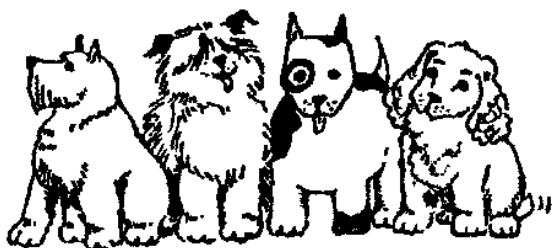
This month's Hot Dog Awards run from January 19 through February 18.

Trial Hot Dog—This month the Trial Hot Dog Award goes to **Carol Davis** and *Sugar* for their 198 score at GSDC of SJ.

Agility Trial Hot Dog—This month the Agility Trial Hot Dog Award goes to **Crissy Hastings-Baugh** and *Gracie* for their .7961 score at Santa Clara DTC.

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.

Majesty Saur, the dog-king of Norway, reigned for three years in the early 11th century.
—Golden Retriever Calendar



Happy Birthday



To My
Special
Friend

March	11	Jane Devlin
	15	Carol Howton
	19	Hazel Welborn
	20	Peggy Martini
	23	Yvette Cook
	25	Mary Nie

and to all our furry friends born in March

2	Cricket Haines (Chihuahua)	age 1
4	Jiffy Vidak OA, CDX, JH, TDFX, VCD1 (Labrador Retr.)	age 5
7	Heather Davis UDX (German Shepherd Dog)	age 11
7	Gerwood Nie (Miniature Longhaired Dachshund)	age 4
9	Lexus Nie (Miniature Longhaired Dachshund)	age 3
9	Mercedes Nie (Miniature Longhaired Dachshund)	age 3
12	Ivanhoe Coe CD, CGC (German Shepherd Dog)	age 6
13	Coca Howton (Akita)	age 12
16	Jade Panzich (Pug)	age 2
18	Blondie Cordtz CD (Borzo)	age 5
19	Ch Squeak Nie (Miniature Longhaired Dachshund)	age 16
19	Jasmine Fugitt-Hetrick CD, HS, MACH (Shetland Sheep.)	age 9
24	Kensha Howton (Akita)	age 4
27	Annie Sutherland (Old English Sheepdog)	age 2
27	Tess Hetrick PT, OA, OAJ (Shetland Sheepdog)	age 6
30	Ch Hailey Nie (Miniature Longhaired Dachshund)	age 9

Canine Courage: The Heroism of Dogs

by Tiffin Shewmake

A Book Review by Marilyn Runyan

Why do dogs help people? This is a question many ask when they hear tales of dogs who have performed heroic acts, sometimes at the risk of their own lives. This book attempts to explain some of the factors which have created the relationships which have arisen between dogs and people.

There are numerous tales of specific acts of heroism performed by dogs. The one which most caught my attention was that of *Reona*, the Rottweiler owned by **Jim** and **Betty Patton**. Those of you who were club members at the time of the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake remember *Reona's* story. She saved the life of a 7-year-old girl who lived near the Pattons. As a result, I nominated her for the Kennel Ration Dog Hero of the Year award—which she won!!!!

There are many stories of other dogs who have saved lives, provided needed services, and generally have performed remarkable acts.

In addition to tales of heroism, **Shewmake** provides background information and theories which make interesting and informative reading. Our own **Pam Strametz** is also quoted relative to the devotion of different breeds of dogs.

(Canine Courage continued on page 9)

Question?

When dogs sniff the ground where other dogs have been, they are looking for messages about other dogs' sex, health, etc. Do you know what that is called?

Fee-mail: **ANSWER:**

Subject: Border Crossing

The Canadian Border is now asking for the Dogs Registration papers, and are matching them up to the Rabies Certificate. They are also stating to the US exhibitors that they must have the same number of dogs returning with them to the US upon their return. Please forward this information to as many US exhibitors coming up for the show as possible.

Cheers,
Sylvia Lawton



Nominations Coming

The Nominating Committee for next year's Board members is composed of **Kim Sutherland, Pam Strametz, and Stacy Thompson**.

Their task is to come up with a slate of Board members who will work well together in advancing the Club's activities and philosophy.

If you are asked to accept a nomination, please give it serious consideration and say "Yes".



Famous Folks and Their Canine Therapists

via *Front and Finish*, November 2000

Throughout time, some history-makers have shared a common link: Their most loyal listeners were their dogs.

"Dogs have served as confidants and escape valves for very significant people for centuries," says **Stanley Coren, Ph.D.**, dog expert and psychology professor at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver.

Coren spent months researching the therapeutic benefits of dogs paired with the famous and infamous. He shares his findings in his latest book, *The Pawprints of History: Dogs and the Course of Human Events* (Free Press, 2002, \$26). A sampling:

When **Mary Queen of Scots** was imprisoned in the Castle of Fotheringhay in England, she was denied human contact except for a priest and a servant woman. But she was allowed to interact with her terrier, Geddon. As she approached the gallows to be beheaded, she walked in a measured, stately manner. "What wasn't well-known is that she had hidden her dog under her long skirt when marched to her death because she wanted that dog to be with her the moment she was to die," Coren writes.

During World War II, **Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower** wrote to his wife, **Mamie**, about his North Africa tour, often commenting on how much he appreciated having his Scottish Terrier, *Caicca*, by his side. "He told his wife that his dog was the only companion he could really talk to and the only one who would not turn the conversation back to the topic of war."

To boost **President Bill Clinton's** family image when his daughter **Chelsea** left Washington to attend Stanford University, advisers recommended that he adopt a dog. They instructed Clinton to get a "popular breed like a Labrador Retriever and to make sure it was a chocolate Lab, not a black Lab that doesn't photograph so well," Coren writes. "When the presidential helicopter would land at the White House, *Buddy*, his faithful Lab, was always there to greet Clinton."

A Stump for a Tail

via Peggy Martini

You can't buy loyalty, they say
I bought it, though, the other day;
You can't buy friendship, tried and true,
Well, just the same, I bought that too.
I made my bid, and on the spot
Bought love and faith and a whole job lot
Of happiness, so all in all,
The purchase price was pretty small.
I bought a single trusting heart,

That gave devotion from the start.

If you think these things are not for sale,

Buy a brown-eyed puppy with a stump for a tail.



10 Warning Signs of Cancer

via *Dog Fancy*

Successful treatment hinges on catching cancer early. If you spot any of these symptoms in your dog, schedule an exam with your veterinarian.

- Abnormal lumps or bumps that persist or continue to grow
- Sores that do not heal
- Unexplained weight loss
- Loss of appetite
- Bleeding or discharge from any body cavity
- Bad odor, especially from the mouth
- Difficulty swallowing or eating
- Reluctance to play or constant fatigue
- Persistent stiffness or lameness
- Difficulty urinating, defecating or breathing

Source: Veterinary Cancer Society, Schaumburg, Ill.

Most Common Fatal Diseases in Dogs

Dog Fancy, June 2000

Disease	Percentage
1. Cancer	47
2. Heart/cardiac	12
3. Kidney disease	7
4. Epilepsy	4
5. Liver disease	4
6. Bloat	3
7. Diabetes	3
8. Stroke	2
9. Cushing's Disease	2
10. Immune diseases	2

Source: Morris Animal Foundation, Animal Health Survey (March 1998).

Agility Hot Dog Awards: One More Thought

Marilyn Runyan

While compiling and calculating this month's Agility Hot Dog Awards, something occurred to me that gives one pause for thought as to the proposed change in the manner in which the Hot Dog is determined.

At the present time, score is considered first (100 is full score), then the comparison of the time elapsed with the time allowed is converted into a percentage. The lower the score, the better the score.

It is proposed that this be changed to highest yards per second (after considering the score).

What I noticed was what happened when comparing Standard speeds with Jumpers speeds. One dog had a speed score of about 80% in Standard and about 87% in Jumpers. This should mean that the 80% score in Standard was the best. However, when you consider yards per second, the 80% run was 3.17 yards per second; the 87% was 4.07 yards per second.

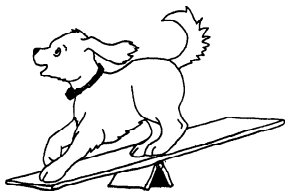
How could this be? Something must have been calculated incorrectly! But NO. The calculations were correct. Well, I took a look at the agility regulations and realized that the speed requirement to qualify in every class is such that the Standard course requires fewer yards per second. Why? Well, there is the 5" pause at the pause table. Also, the contact obstacles generally require slower speeds than the jumps require.

Under the proposed change to yards per second, the Jumpers will **always** have an advantage. In the example above, the scores shown give opposing results. The dog that did the best using the actual time used compared with the time allowed by AKC regulations indicates that the 80% score is better than the 87% score. Using the proposed change to yards per second, the Standard dog's 3.17 yps loses out to the Jumpers dog's 4.07 yps.

In determining the standard course time for the various classes (Standard and Jumpers), AKC allows for the contact obstacles and the pause table (wherein the dogs must sit or down for 5"). Comparing yps for Standard and for Jumpers is not realistic. Comparing the time actually taken to run the course to the standard course time is fair to all dogs in the classes.

There has also been a complaint that using the Preferred class scores for the Hot Dog Award is unfair to the regular Standard and regular Jumpers dogs since the Preferred dogs jump 4" less and have a slower speed requirement. There is validity in this position since the regular Standard and regular Jumpers dogs are also eligible for the Preferred classes.

My recommendation is that the method of determining the monthly Hot Dog winners **NOT** be changed but that the Preferred classes be excluded from consideration.



I Only Wanted You

Author Unknown
via *Front and Finish*

A million times I needed you,
a million times I cried.
If love alone could have saved you
you never would have died.

In life I loved you dearly,
In death I love you still.
In my heart you hold a place
no one could ever fill.

If tears could build a stairway
and heartache make a lane,
I'd walk the path to heaven
and bring you back again.

Our family chain is broken,
and nothing seems the same.
But as God calls us one by one,
the chain will link again.



"I've seen a look in dogs' eyes,
a quickly vanishing look of
amazed contempt, and I am
convinced that basically dogs
think humans are nuts."

—John Steinbeck



Brain Teaser

via *Front and Finish* by Johnny

On days like these we need something to stimulate our little grey cells, and I have just the brain game to brighten such gloomy skies.

Adages are collections of words that allegorically paint a picture. We've heard them all of our lives and some of them have fallen into the realm of clichés. This game, or translation exercise, tests how well you can "translate" pedantic vocabulary into the everyday adages that you know so well. For example, freedom from guile or fraud constitutes the most excellent principle of procedure. Translation: Honesty is the best policy. Kind of neat, isn't it?

The following nineteen adages are relatively common. See if you can "translate" them into everyday English. Answers are found at the end of the article. No cheating!!

1. Similar sire, similar scion.
2. Precipitancy creates prodigality.
3. Mendicants are prevented from determining preferable alternatives.
4. Tenants of vitreous abodes ought to hurl no lithoidal fragments.
5. Compute not your immature gallinaceans prior to their being produced.
6. It is fruitless to become lachrymose because of scattered lacteal fluid.
7. Cleave gramineous matter for fodder during the period that the orb of the day is refulgent.

8. Pulchritude does not extend below the surface of the derma.
9. Failure to be present causes the vital organ to become more enamored.
10. Every object which coruscates is not fashioned from aureate metal.
11. Each canine passes through his period of pre-eminence.
12. Consolidated you and I maintain ourselves erect; separated we defer to the law of gravity.
13. You cannot estimate the value of the contents of a bound, printed narrative or record from its exterior vesture.
14. Folks deficient in ordinary judgment scurryingly enter areas on which celestial beings dread to set foot.
15. Liquid relish for the female anserine fowl is the individual condiment for the male.
16. A feathered creature clasped firmly in the manual members is equal in value to a brace in the bosky growth.
17. The individual of the Class aves arriving before appointed time, seizes the invertebrate animal of the group vermes.
18. Socially oriented feathered vertebrates of similar plumage tend to congregate in gregariously homogenous groupings.
19. One may address a member of the Equidae family toward aqueous libation, but one is incapable of compelling him to quaff.

Answers to Brain Teasers

1. Like father, like son.
2. Haste makes waste.
3. Beggars can't be choosers.
4. People in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.
5. Don't count your chickens before they're hatched.
6. Don't cry over spilled milk.
7. Make haste while the sun shines.
8. Beauty is only skin deep.
9. Absence makes the heart grow fonder.
10. All that glitters isn't gold.
11. Every dog has his day.
12. United we stand; divided we fall.
13. You can't judge a book by its cover.
14. Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.
15. What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.
16. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.
17. The early bird catches the worm.
18. Birds of a feather flock together.
19. You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink.

via *Golden Retriever Calendar*

When your pooch attempts to lick your face, he is demonstrating his willingness to submit to your leadership.



10 Very Common Mistakes—and how to avoid them

(summarized)

by **Ardeen Moore**
via *Dog Fancy*, April 2002

Dogs don't come with owners' manuals, but all it takes is time, patience, and a little advice to avoid the pitfalls of "parenting" that can cause poor behavior.

Mistake: Failing to enroll in puppy kindergarten or obedience training

Dogs must learn manners and social skills. "Dogs are visual learners," **Kerry Muhovich**, DVM says. "They learn by watching appropriate behaviors being rewarded in other dogs. Doggie see, doggie want to do."

Mistake: Lacking proper instruction and not rewarding good behavior

Physical punishment or stern tones resolve none of the underlying causes of misbehavior. In fact, they can lead to an aggressive or fearful dog, **Terry Long**, professional dog trainer says.

Mistake: Having little information about breed tendencies and needs

Looks and size alone don't make a dog the right one for you. In domesticating dogs, people have bred certain personality and temperament traits into each breed.

Mistake: Thinking that dogs can live alone outdoors

Dogs are social animals that thrive in packs. Even if you have a well-equipped, fenced backyard, your dog needs human interaction. Isolated dogs tend to escape, bark, dig, and greet visitors too excitedly.

Mistake: Providing insufficient exercise

Dogs need an outlet for their energy. Inadequate regular exercise creates

a chubby, bored, mischief-making dog. Non-stop barking, chewing, or digging often results.

Mistake: Not providing an indoor den

Dogs need bedding in quiet places they can call their own. Anxiety and nervousness can arise in a dog that cannot escape to a safe haven free of rambunctious children and other household activity.

Mistake: Letting your dog think it leads the pack

At first, you might not mind if your dog commandeers your favorite recliner or steals your pillow at bedtime. But this could lead your dog to view itself as the leader of the household and growl, snap, or even bite when you try to oust it from the recliner or wrestle back your pillow.

Mistake: Offering long, guilt-ridden goodbyes

When you make a big deal of your exit (showing your dog with hugs, sweet talk, and apologies), it sets the stage for separation anxiety, often displayed by house-soiling, destructiveness, constant barking, or panic-filled pacing.

Mistake: Feeding table scraps

If you feed table scraps, your dog will recognize that when people gather around the dining room table, lip-smacking goodies come next.

Mistake: Having unrealistic expectations

Dogs, like people, need to learn acceptable behavior.

How Dogs Are Better Than Men:

from the Internet via **Vicki Dudley**

1. Dogs do not have problems expressing affection in public.
2. Dogs miss you when you're gone.
3. Dogs feel guilty when they've done something wrong.
4. Dogs admit when they're jealous.
5. Dogs are very direct about wanting to go out.
6. Dogs do not play games with you -- except fetch (and they never laugh at how you throw).
7. You can train a dog.
8. Dogs are easy to buy for.
9. The worst social disease you can get from dogs is fleas.
10. Dogs understand what "no" means.
11. Dogs mean it when they kiss you.

(**Canine Courage** continued from page 3)

I chuckled, I laughed out loud, I marvelled, and I shed a few tears reading this book. I can recommend the book to those of you who would enjoy hearing about the heroism of dogs and/or those who would like to learn about the devotion of dogs, cooperation between dogs and other animals, and ESP in dogs.

The book is available from Ingram Distribution, Baker & Taylor, Inc. and all major on-line bookstores for \$15.

For more information visit www.doghero.com or write to tsheymake@doghero.com.



It's Meeting Time Again!!!

Well, **Lynn** may be crazy, but she has graciously offered to host our March General Meeting on Monday, March 17 at 7 p.m. Last time was a big success, so we're trying it again.

The theme will be St.Patrick's Day. **Lynn** and **Kim** will provide the main course (veggie and non). Please bring a dish to share, if you'd like. And as before, **NO QUORUM - NO DESSERT!**

Directions follow :

From Santa Cruz / From Watsonville
382 Brooktree Ranch Road 688-1414

Take Freedom Boulevard Exit
Go over freeway past Highway Patrol
At 1.4 miles (just past Unitarian Church on right)
Get in left hand turn lane and turn LEFT on MCDONALD
At end of McDonald, turn RIGHT on DAY VALLEY ROAD
About 600 feet and just over little white bridge
Turn LEFT on COX ROAD
About .7 miles (you will pass Ranchitos Del Sol on right,
Chapparal on right) turn RIGHT on BROOKTREE RANCH ROAD
About half way up on right hand side is 382 sign with two other addresses.
Just across is vineyard covered with green netting.
688-1414



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Trophy Time

Betty "BG" Garcia and Dani Nelson

Would you like to sponsor a breed trophy for the August 3 Obedience Trial? We are especially interested in those breeds which have not been sponsored recently.

If you would like to do so, please contact **Dani Nelson** or **BG** (Awards Chairperson) by phone, by e-mail, or at class.

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Dani 761-5545
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We need to know by the end of March.
Thanks for your support.