



Ruff Notes

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February Events:

- 02/6 AOCNC Workshop
- 02/7 Board Meeting Nom. Comm
- 02/15 Ruff Notes deadline
- 02/22 Watsonville final Classes
- 02/22 CGC Test, Watsonville
- 02/23 Pet Pals, Soquel final classes
- 02/24 Capitola/Salinas final classes

March Events:

- 03/7 Board Meeting
- 03/8 Watsonville classes start
- 03/9 Pet Pals, Soquel classes start
- 03/10 Capitola/Salinas classes start
- 03/15 Conformation classes start
- 03/21 General Membership Meeting
- 03/22 Ruff Notes deadline

April Events:

- 04/04 Board Meeting
- 04/09 VST Test Setup
- 04/10 VST Test
- 04/19 Ruff Notes deadline
- 04/26 Watsonville final classes
- 04/27 Pet Pals, Soquel final classes
- 04/28 Capitola & Salinas final classes

Doggie Dictionary: Just for laughs
(Something new per issue)

Dog Bed: Any soft, clean surface such as the white bedspread in the guest room or the newly upholstered couch in the living Room.

Bicycles: Two wheeled exercise machines, invented for dogs to control body fat. To get Maximum aerobic benefit, you must hide Behind a bush and dash out, bark loudly and run alongside for a few yards; the person then swerves and falls into the bushes, and You prance away.

From the Presidential Kennel:

It was good to see many of you at our first general meeting of the year, and especially good to see Mary Bettencourt out and about again. Our speaker was a local representative from Nordic Naturals, a supplier of omega oils for pets and humans. You can visit them on the web at <http://www.nordicnaturals.com>, but you won't get to watch faces during the Cod Liver Oil Taste Test---you had to have been there!

April is coming and Luane is looking for volunteers for our Variable Surface Tracking Test at CSUMB. If you know nothing about tracking, take a look at AKC's web site for a basic overview at <http://www.akc.org/events/tracking/index.cfm>. If you have more questions, give Luane a call or drop her an email.

Here's the usual list if upcoming volunteer opportunities:

April 10: VST----see Luane Vidak

June 4: AOCNC Interclub Competition----see Luane Vidak

June 25: MBDTC Workshop---See Judy McLeod

July 18: Agility---See Marion & Michael Bashista

August 7: Obedience Trial----see Dale Root & Tammy Del Conte

In addition, we're looking for someone willing to take charge of the public education table at training classes. Dolores Diego took care of the table last year, but isn't able to continue on. If you are interested or have questions, give her a call and let her know.

Happy training until next month!



Where is AOCNC's **International Class Seminar.....FIND IT!**

Associated Obedience Clubs of Northern California Presents....

Bobbie Anderson
March 5 and 6, 2005
Napa Valley DTC Facility, Napa ,CA

For Information contact:
Katie van de Sandt katmcm@iscweb.com or phone: 707-773-1123

Fees includes lunches and refreshments:

\$185 working slot for One Dog and Handler, two days.(Not available for one day)

\$100 audit only (no floor work) two days

\$ 65 audit only (no floor work) one day

Bobbie and her dog traveled to Crufts as part of the 1st American delegation to take part in the 1st International Class Competition.

Bobbie's dogs have achieved 7 OTCHs, over 100 High in Trials

Bobbie is referred to as a Master of Motivation.

She is the author of the book titled: *Building Blocks of Performance*

So if you have been curious about the International Competition with sights on that prestigious competition for one of your dogs....or you would just like to take advantage of learning the techniques that produce dogs that can sustain competition at peak performance.....here's your chance to learn about both. Come and Join us.



DOG PROPERTY LAWS

1. If I like it, it's mine.
2. If it's in my mouth, it's mine.
3. If I can take it from you, it's mine.
4. If I had it a little while ago, it's mine.
5. If it's mine, it must never appear to be yours in any way.
6. If I'm chewing something up, all the pieces are mine.
7. If it just looks like mine, it's mine.
8. If I saw it first, it's mine.
9. If you are playing with something and you put it down, it automatically becomes mine.
10. If it's broken, it's yours.

Doggie Trivia

Is the 7 to 1 as accurate as we thought

This table is to give you an idea of the relationship between a dog's age and a human's age. Note that the weight of the dog is related to his age in human years.

A Dog's Age in Human Years				
Age	Up to 20 Lbs.	21-50 Lbs.	51-90 Lbs.	Over 90 Lbs.
5	36	37	40	42
6	40	42	45	49
7	44	47	50	56
8	48	51	55	64
9	52	56	61	71
10	56	60	66	78
11	60	65	72	86
12	64	69	77	93
13	68	74	82	101
14	72	78	88	108
15	76	86	93	115
16	80	87	99	123
17	84	92	104	Red numbers = Senior Blue Numbers = geriatric
18	88	96	109	
19	92	101	115	
20	96	105	120	

Chart developed by Dr. Fred L. Metzger, DVM, State College, PA. Courtesy of Pfizer Animal Health.

Update your directory

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Editors Note:

I recently took my dogs in for their routine vaccinations and to my surprise our Mini Dachshund Bella is allergic to the DHLPP. As a result in this, we had to give her Benadryl for the 3 days following. The reactions that she had were quite surprising, much like the human. She broke out in hives all over her body and her face swelled up to be the size of a much larger dog. She did recover just fine, but it made me think are all these actually necessary for them to have every year.

After talking with some people, come to find out this is common in quite a few dogs. Please take a look at the following website For some interesting info on vaccinations. <http://www.canismajor.com/dog/vacci01.html>

The Exhibitors Prayer



Dear Protector of Dogs and Fools:

When that intelligent, hardworking, honest judge finally sees what I see in this dog I've worked so hard and long with, help me to accept my win with grace and dignity. And, when that blind, clueless idiot --I mean, judge--somehow fails to see what a fine job we've done, (well, at least better than the so-and-so he placed ahead of us!), help me to accept my defeat with some of that same grace and dignity.

Lord, you alone know how I've sweated blood over this dog, the hours I've spent getting her ready
(and,

Lord, are any of them ever ready?). You (and probably only you!) understand why I've spent good money on this animal--money I could have spent on lots of other things -- things that just might have afforded me a little more pleasure and a lot less frustration.

Lord, tolerate my disappointment when I lose, and help me keep it all in perspective. Help me remember that when some dog show judge gives me the gate, it's not as if St. Peter just gave me those pearly ones.

Lord, clear my eyes and help me see, *before* I open my big mouth, that the so-and-so with the cow-Hocked, pony-gaited dink walking out of the ring ahead of me is actually a fellow exhibitor who has worked hard, maybe even sweated blood over *his* dog too, and probably deserves to enjoy this moment to its fullest while it lasts.

Lord, you know there are some times -- but not nearly as often as I tend to suppose-- when I lose -- such ugly things as Politics, Prejudice, and Unethical Practices, which may cause my dog to get beaten unfairly -- some times. Help me, then, to remember that several wrongs won't ever make a right, and that none of the wrongs gives me an excuse to act like an idiot.

You know I'm a competitor, Lord; I make no bones about that. I love to win and I hate to get beat. There are few things more abhorrent to me, Lord, than placing sixth out of six. If I didn't love to compete, I'd stay home and knit afghans. But then, there are probably afghan shows, and people who hire professional knitters with high-tech knitting machines, and most likely there are afghan show Judges who raise sheep whose wool goes into some of the winningest afghans, and there I'd be -- still frustrated, still getting beat, and without a dog to share half the blame.

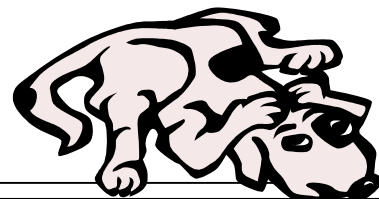
This year, Lord, help me to have a little more faith in my fellow dog folks, and for Heaven's sake, help Me win, or lose, with a little class.

AMEN!

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It is up to us to recognize when our dog is not his usual perky self. The following list will alert you to signs of possible problems that could need veterinary attention.

- ❖ If your dog exhibits a change in appetite that lasts more than a few days. Both loss of appetite and increased appetite are motives for concern. Puppies should not go for more than 24 hours without eating.
- ❖ If your dog becomes withdrawn, less active or depressed for more than a day or two.
- ❖ If your dog urinates more or less than normal or drinks more water than normal. (When the weather is warm, expect increased water intake.)
- ❖ If your dog is vomits or has diarrhea for more than a day or two. Vomiting and diarrhea deplete the body of water and electrolytes and can cause dehydration, which needs immediate veterinary attention.
- ❖ If your dog scratches or licks at a certain area continually.
- ❖ If your dog is sneezing, coughing or has inflamed eyes.
- ❖ If your dog's fur appears dull, matted or ungroomed.
- ❖ If your dog exhibits signs of pain.
- ❖ If your dog appears disorientated or nervous.
- ❖ If your dog pants uncontrollably.



AKC Ace Award

The American Kennel Club is accepting nominations for its **2005 Awards of Canine (ACE)**. To qualify, the Purebred dog must be AKC registered or registerable, and have performed some exemplary act, whether large or seemingly small that has significantly benefited a community or individual. One award will be given in each of the following five categories: Law Enforcement Dog, Search and Rescue Dog, Therapy Dog, Service Dog, and Companion Dog. When appropriate, dogs earning honorable mention will be cited.

Anyone can nominate a dog. The owner of the dog is permitted to submit the nomination for his/her own dog. All submissions for The American Kennel Club Awards for Canine Excellence for the year 2005 must include the following:

A non-returnable, original photograph of the dog. Hi-resolution electronic photos (300dpi and at least 5x7 inches or,

72dpi at least 20x30 inches) are permissible but not scans.

- A 500-word-or-less description of how the dog has demonstrated excellence.
- Dog's call name, registered name if applicable, breed, age and sex.
- Owner's/Nominator's name(s), address and phone number. E-mail address if available.

Deadline for applications is June 15, 2005

For More into please see the following link: http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=2379

MBDTC - DEMONSTRATING RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

Happy December Birthdays to:

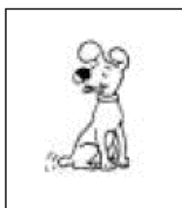
Michael Fenoglio	2/1/00
Linda Lang	2/4/00
Marilyn Runyan	2/9/00
Rich Torres	2/11/00
Dani Nelson	2/17/00

Happy Belated Karleen Quick **1/28/00**

Birthday Wags to:

Maxine Gomez	Pembroke Welsh Corgi	Sage	2/19/92	13
Noreen Silva	Chesapeake Bay Retriever	Misty UD, NA, TDI, CGC	2/25/93	12
Betty Garcia	Shetland Sheepdog	Alex CDX, CGC	2/23/94	11
Dennis Vierra	Dalmatian	Kye CGC	2/14/98	7
Carolyn Meyer	Borzoi	Sonnet JC	2/20/98	7
Lynette VanEpps-Smith	Shetland Sheepdog	Cuda CGC, JHD, OAJ, NA	2/27/98	7
Michael/Marion Bashista	Labrador Retriever	Merlin	2/7/00	5

CD, CGC, NAJ-P, NA-P, NPS, OJP



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