



Ruff Notes

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September Events:

- 09/12 Board Meeting
- 09/13-17 Fair Demo, 7:00
- 09/20 Ruff Notes Deadline
- 09/24 General Membership Meeting
- 09/27 Watsonville Classes Start
- 09/28 Pet Pals, Soquel Classes Start
- 09/29 Capitola & Salinas Final Classes

October Events:

- 10/03 Board Meeting
- 10/04 Conformation classes start
- 10/18 Ruff Notes Deadline

November Events:

- 11/07 Board Meeting
- 11/08 Deadline for all Awards
(Phoebus, Monterey Bay Sportsmanship)
- 11/15 Watsonville Final Classes
- 11/15 CGC Test, Watsonville
- 11/16 Pet Pals, Soquel Final Classes
- 11/17 Capitola Final Classes
- 11/19 General Membership Meeting
- 11/22 Ruff Notes Deadline

President's Waggin' Train:

What wonderful events were the Obedience Trial and our first Rally Trial. Thanks so much to Dale Root for his usual, highly competent organizational skills. Thanks also to Tammy Del Conte for serving as Chair for the trial and arranging for so much talent to fill the positions that make things run smoothly. Thanks to Luane Vidak for serving as Rally Chair for our first-ever Rally Trial.

MBDTC always has a deservedly fine reputation amongst our exhibitors for providing an outstanding event, and this trial was just another in a long line of trials which has earned that distinction.

Thanks to all who served as chairs for everything ranging from stewarding to awards to raffle to luncheon...and beyond.

The Board has been working very hard at updating job descriptions for the entire board plus reviewing the Due Dates Calendar. In addition, we will be reviewing ALL of the job descriptions for the club, including those for the Agility Trial, Obedience Trial, Rally Trial and Tracking Test. In many cases we are seeking input from those who have filled the various posts and who have the greatest amount of knowledge about them.

Completed job descriptions will be distributed to those who have stepped up to take on these jobs. Thanks to those who have already volunteered to help with this year's activities.

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Opportunity...Opportunity...Opportunity

As you know, MBDTC is a working club. Each member usually contributes to the mission of the club in several ways, taking on one or more assignments. Working together, we accomplish much as we Demonstrate Responsible Dog Ownership.

Most of the club's positions have been filled this year by members willing to step up and take on the challenges available. There are still some positions that have yet to be filled.

We would gratefully appreciate your looking over this list and letting Marilyn Runyan (mrunyan@cruzio.com or 722-1621) know that you would be willing to do one or more of the following:

Intersession Chair (we already have Registration, some setup/cleanup people, and a proposed topic of Rally--perhaps Advanced, and a couple of names of possible presenters.)

Intersession Refreshments

May Picnic Chair, Food, Games, Equipment (four separate jobs)

Obedience Workshop Chair (June) (we already have luncheon and some stewards)

Obedience Workshop Registration

By-Laws Committee member

Class Holiday Activities

Gifts from the Heart (to the needy)

AOCNC Obedience Workshop Ring Chair (February 5)

AOCNC Interclub Competition Chair (entries coordination/potluck coordination
(June 4)

Doggie Birthdays

All of you who submitted doggie birthdays will be pleased to see those doggies acknowledged the month of their birthdays. Sadly, a few people did not submit any birthdays at all. It is not too late to do so.

As we do each year, we require a submission for each dog you wish to have acknowledged. We do not do carry-overs because it is awkward and sometimes hurtful to mention a dog who has passed on. Therefore, if you wish a dog to be acknowledged, it is necessary to report the information each year.

If you have not yet sent in your form, you can still do so now. Send the following information to both Marilyn Runyan (mrunyan@cruzio.com) and Brenda Shepard (tashina1@sbcglobal.net). Or you can hand-deliver or drop notes in the mail.

Information required: Your name, dog's name (call name), breed, titles and full birth date .



Brags

On 8/6/2005 Daisy finished her Championship at the Richmond Dog Fanciers Show in Dixon, also going BOS over Specials. She did this in just 3 show weekends in the Bred By Class, finishing with 4 majors. Daisy had just turned 9 months old on August 5th.
Owned and handled by Carol Howton!

On 8/7/2005 at the Richmond Dog Fanciers Show in Dixon Scooby received his TT title.
Owned and handled by Brenda Shepard

On 8/6/2005 Bradie scored 91 in Rally Advanced B to complete her RA title. She also took 1st place in Veterans. On 8/7/2005 she scored 85 in Rally Advanced B.
Owned and handled by Marilyn Runyan

On 8/20/2005 Bradie scored 85 for her first leg in Rally Excellent at the Santa Cruz KC.
On 8/21/2005 she scored 84 for her second leg in Rally Excellent B at the Santa Cruz KC.
Owned and handled by Marilyn Runyan

At the MBDTC's Trial Noah got his 3rd Utility A leg for his title with a 1st place ribbon.
Owned and handled by Stacy Thompson.

Harlow won High in Trial with 197 out of Novice B and received the only Award of Merit given to a bitch in BOB competition in a ring of 25+ specials at the Borzoi Club of CA Specialty (Western Sighthound combined specialties). This was her second time in BOB competition since finishing her Championship at the BCNC Specialty.
Owned and handled by Christa Cordtz.

On 8/6/2005 Tyler and Rosie both got qualified for their first leg in Rally, Tyler with an 86 and Rosie with a 98 and 3rd place at the SVDTC.
On 8/7/2005 Tyler and Rosie got their second Rally legs, Tyler with a score of 96 and Rosie with a 100 and 3rd place.
Owned and handled by Linda Lang

Gracie earned 12 Double Q's and got her MACH5 on 7/16/2005 at the Border Terrier Trial. She is currently ranked number 3 for DQ's in Shelties by the AKC. These brags are for July and August!
Owned and handled by Crissy Hastings

On 8/21/2002 Summer finished her Championship at the Santa Cruz KC Show with a 4 point Major. She's now rightfully know as Ch. Meadowoods Indian Summer. Next on the agenda is to earn some titles for the other end of her name to give her a well rounded personality. Summer was the tiny puppy out of a litter of 11 puppies, she was so tiny that we called her The Mouse, a name that she's still affectionately known by today. She was the puppy no one wanted because she was "too small!" Not bad for a too small puppy that turned into a full size Chesapeake despite her tiny beginnings.
Owned and handled by Sylvia Holderman

On 8/6/2005 at the SVDTC in UB Spirit got a score of 193.5 and 3rd place. In OB she got a score of 195.5. She received her 8th UDX leg and in Rally Novice B she got a score of 197 and her 3rd leg.

On 8/7/2005 at the MBDTC spirit received her 9th UDX leg with a score of 195 and 4th place in UB. In OB she got a score of 191.5. In Rally Novice B she got a score of 196 and was handled by Charlene Stormberg, Charlene only had Spirit for 10 minutes of practice!

On 8/20/2005 at Santa Cruz KC she got a score of 192 in OB. On 8/21/2005 at Santa Cruz KC She got a score of 194.5 and 3rd place in UB.
Owned and handled by Carol Davis

Special Thanks To:

The following persons assisted at the Rally Trial 05 and we would like to send out a thank you!

Phil Trautman
Steward Gibson
Gayl Dalmau
Nikol deForest
PJ Bay
Luane Vidak

Legislative Alert:

SB861 is a major threat to many of us!

This bill was originally introduced into Congress On Feb. 22, 2005 as an act to amend Section 14105.7 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

This is no longer the focus on the original Bill. It is now to Set Local Spay, Neuter and Breeding Ordinances.

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From the Desk of Betty “BG” Garcia

Vice President

August Trial Raffle:

I like to give a big **thank you** to all the Members that help make this one of our greatest Raffle yet. With out your help and support we couldn't have done it. We took in \$ 905.00.

I would also like to give a **great big thank you** to Cheryl Dalton, Karleen Quick, Noreen Silva and Tiffany for helping setup and taking down of the Raffle table, and also for selling tickets. Carol Davis for helping out when Cheryl and Karleen were drawing tickets.

Without your help I wouldn't have been able to do the Raffle and show my Boys. This was the last time that I would be showing my Boys in Brace at an AKC Show.



General Membership Meeting September 24, 2005

The general membership meeting will be held at Karleen Quick home in Santa Cruz, 2193 Mattison Lane off of 17th Ave. (Ocean side of the highway.)

The potluck, meeting will be held at 4:30 pm and we will have speaker **Rebecca** talking about **Healing Touch** at 6 pm.

It will be a pot-luck affair, hamburgers \$1.00. Please bring a dish to share and something to drink. Plates and fine plastic utensils will be provided. If you remember, bring your chair. Phone committee will be calling with info on what food to bring.

Directions to Karleen's house: 17th Avenue runs between East Cliff Drive and the frontage road. You can enter Mattison from 17th Avenue only. Mattison Lane is between Capitola Road and Rodriquez Street. It's pretty easy to find. Parking is limited, you can park at the church across 17th Avenue at the entrance of Mattison. Call Karleen @ 831-476-4854 if you need more specific directions.

Hot Dog Award

There is not Agility Award this month!

This months Obedience Award goes to Spirit! August 6, 2005 at SVDTTC,
In Open B with a score of 195 ½.
Owned and handled by Carol Davis



From the Desk of Michael Bashista

2006 Trial Leadership in Place

For the first time in a few years, all of the secretary and chair positions for our 2006 trials are filled. Lynn Schmitt returns as our VST Secretary and Chair with coordination by Luane Vidak. Marion and Michael Bashista repeat as Agility Trial Secretary and Chair. The new volunteers are Tammy Del Conte as Obedience Secretary and Karleen Quick as the Chair.

Of course, there is still the opportunity to step forward for our Workshop Chair and Rally Obedience chair. If you're a bit hesitant, just recall the success we have had in the past. Every has receives compliments in person and via e-mails. Thanks to all the support volunteers who come forward each year. Our Secretaries and Chairs really appreciate you.

Sept. Guest Speaker

Rebecca Hiatt of *Healing Touch* in Campbell will talk about small animal rehabilitation.

Through aquatherapy, massage, acupuncture, ultrasound, electrical stimulation and assisted exercise, the objective is to ease pain, promote natural healing, restore normal function and improve the quality of our pets' lives.

The growth of agility trials has increased handlers' attention on the biomechanics of their canines. At least three dogs attending our club's agility classes are visiting *Healing Touch*. The focus is on preventative as much as corrective therapy. Just as humans who are physically fit and pain free can perform better, so can our canine companions.

Join us for an informative presentation followed with a Q & A session.

SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Senator Christine Kehoe, Chair

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LOCAL SPAY, NEUTER, AND BREEDING ORDINANCES

Background and Existing Law

Local officials can formally identify "potentially dangerous dogs" and "vicious dogs." A potentially dangerous dog must be kept indoors or restrained by a substantial leash. A dog that has been determined to be vicious may be destroyed if its release would create a significant threat to the public health, safety, and welfare.

Cities and counties can adopt more restrictive programs to control potentially dangerous dogs or vicious dogs. However, those local programs cannot "regulate these dogs in a manner that is specific as to breed" (SB 428, Torres, 1989).

After a dog killed a boy earlier this summer, San Francisco's mayor appointed a Canine Response Working Group to gather data, review the best practices for controlling dogs, and recommend reforms. The Working Group recommended that the Legislature should amend the state law to allow cities and counties to adopt breed-specific regulations, provided that they did not ban specific breeds.

The Working Group also recommended that San Francisco officials should:

- Require spaying and neutering pit bulls and pit bull mixes.
- Restrict the practice of dog breeding to licensed persons.
- Increase local fines for unregistered dogs. Charge fees to the owners of vicious and dangerous dogs.
- Require vicious and dangerous dogs' owners to have liability insurance.

Proposed Law

Senate Bill 861 allows cities and counties to enact breed-specific ordinances only for mandatory spay or neuter programs and breeding requirements, provided that the local ordinances do not declare specific dog breeds or mixed dog breeds to be potentially dangerous or vicious. If a city or county adopts such an ordinance, SB 861 requires local officials to measure the programs' effects on dog bites. Local statistical information must include the bite's severity, the dog's breed, whether the dog was altered, and whether the breed was subject to the local ordinance. Local officials must submit their statistics quarterly to the State Public Health Veterinarian. The bill makes legislative findings and declarations in support of its provisions.

Comments

1. Framing the debate . The public regulation of pets provokes strong emotional reactions. Painful or fatal dog attack trigger calls for new rules and stricter enforcement of existing laws. Some dog owners oppose more public regulations. These strong emotions can cloud legislators' policy choices. In 1989, legislators adopted a statewide statute regulating potentially dangerous and vicious dogs, allowing stronger local controls that weren't breed-specific. SB 861 allows breed-specific local regulations on spaying, neutering, and breeding specific breeds, provided that they don't ban those breeds. The policy question posed by the bill is whether legislators should give cities and counties a limited increase in their authority to adopt local dog control programs. Legislators will have to see beyond the obvious emotions to sort out the policy debate.
2. State or local control ? Legislators continually struggle with how to balance state control and local control. State laws that preempt local control promote uniformity. Local controls allow local officials to adapt controls to fit their communities' circumstances. Statewide statutes are important when individuals' rights are at stake --- voter qualifications, equal justice, fair

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access to public accommodations, uniform tax rules. Local controls are important when individual rights aren't at risk and when there is general agreement that local elected officials should respect community differences. Some industries and interest groups favor statewide laws because they don't have to deal with 58 counties and 478 cities. Other groups prefer local regulations because

they can advance their policies and economic goals one community at a time. SB 861 forces legislators to think about how they balance state control and local control for dogs. Current law preempts local breed-specific ordinances in the name of uniform treatment of dogs and their owners. The bill departs from that approach by allowing locally written, breed-specific dog control ordinances, provided they don't ban specific breeds.

3. Spay, neuter, breed . San Francisco's Working Group recommended a local ordinance that would require spaying or neutering pit bulls and pit bull mixes. Further, the Working Group recommended a local ordinance restricting dog breeding to licensed persons. SB 861 allows those kinds of local, breed-specific ordinances. The Working Group also recommended a local ordinance that would require the owners of vicious and dangerous dogs "to obtain a minimum threshold of liability insurance." San Francisco could adopt that ordinance under current law, if it was not breed-specific. However, neither current law nor SB 861 allows local officials to adopt a breed-specific ordinance that requires liability coverage. A mandatory insurance ordinance is acceptable only if it applies to individual dogs that have been determined to be potentially dangerous or vicious. In other words, a mandatory insurance ordinance is allowed only if it's not breed-specific. SB 861 is not an insurance bill.
4. Committee's choices . When it passed the Senate in June, SB 861 required the Medi-Cal program to update drug prices. The Assembly amendments removed those provisions and instead inserted the language relating to local spay, neuter, and breeding ordinances. Under Senate Rule 29.10, the Senate Rules Committee has referred the amended bill to the Senate Local Government Committee for a hearing on the Assembly's amendments. At its August 29 hearing, the Committee has four choices:
 1. Send the bill back to the Senate Floor, recommending concurrences.
 2. Send the bill back to the Senate Floor, recommending nonoccurrence
 3. Send the bill back to the Senate Floor, without recommendation
 4. Hold the bill

Assembly Actions

Not relevant to the August 15, 2005 version of the bill

Support and Opposition (8/25/05)

Support : City and County of San Francisco, Counties of Los Angeles, Napa, Tehama; Cities of Apple Valley, Concord,

Fremont, San Jose, Santa Rosa, West Hollywood; Ace of Hearts Dog Rescue, Action for Animals, Animal Defense League, Animal Issues Movement, Animal Legislation Action Network, Animal Place, Animal Switchboard, Association

of Veterinarians for Animal Rights, California Animal Control Directors Association, California Association of Nurse Anesthetists, California Lobby for Animal Welfare, Contra Costa Humane Society, Doris Day Animal League, Friends of

Long Beach Animals, League of California Cities, Peninsula Humane Society, PETA, United Activists for Animal Rights, United Animal Nations; two individuals.

Opposition : American Dog Breeders Association, American Kennel Club, American Rottweiler Club Legislation Committee, Association for Responsible Pet Ownership, California Veterinary Medical Association, Chako Rescue Association, Doberman Pinscher Club of America, German Shepherd Club of San Jose Inc., German Shepherd Dog Fanciers, Linda Blair's WorldHeart Foundation, My Dog Votes, National Pet Alliance, Responsible Dog Owners of the Western States, San Francisco Dog Training Club Inc., spca LA, The Animal Council, West Los Angeles Responsible Dog Owners; 38 individuals.

This is the bill in it's entirety from the US Leg. Website

"http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_0851-0900/sb_861_cfa_20050825_145047_sen_comm.html"

The Senate Local Government Committee is scheduled to hear SB 861 on Monday, August 29th upon adjournment of floor session in room 3191. As California is approaching the end of their legislative session, things are expected to move very quickly. It is **critical** that you contact your state senator immediately. Your voice is especially important if your Senator is a member of the Local Government Committee.

Some people and breeders this bill will not effect right away while others it will. However, one day this bill can affect everyone.

Birthday Wags to:

Stacy Thompson	Aussie	Zoe CD, NA, CGC	9/6/98	7
Mary Nie	Mini Long Haired Dachshund	Ch. Simon	9/24/99	6
Carol Howton	Parson Russell Terrier	Ch. Rosie CGC	9/13/02	3
Mary Nie	Mini Long Haired Dachshund	Samantha	9/17/02	3
Mary Nie	Mini Long Haired Dachshund	Maizie	9/9/04	1
Brenda Shepard	German Shepherd	Diamond	9/23/04	1

Happy Not So Furry Birthday's

Christa Cordtz	9/2/00
Deanna Garcia-Gardiner	9/17/00
Marlene Majewska	9/18/00
Marion Bashista	9/19/00
Lynette Van Epps-Smith	9/20/00
Dale Root	9/30/00



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