

Ruff Notes

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Dog Training Club, Inc.



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May 2026 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To date we have raised \$525.00 of \$1,500.00 toward the Morris Animal Foundation Golden Retriever Lifetime Study. I hope you will help. The plan was to study 3,000 dogs until 500 diagnosed with cancer. That happened quite some time ago. They have decided to follow all 3000 throughout their lives to learn as much as possible from those that didn't get cancer and those that unfortunately did. This means the study need to continue to raise funds. Please pass on our fundraising efforts to those in your lives that love their pets and want to support this fight against cancer. You can also get to our fundraiser donation page:

<https://fundraise.morrisanimalfoundation.org/golden-retriever-lifetime-study/MBDTC2026?tab=Dashboard>



By the way - You still have time to enter the drawing for a surprise at the MAF Walk on May 16th. Send an email to montereybaydog@gmail.com with the location of the MBDTC Volunteer Opportunities on our website and I will include you in the drawing. The odds of winning are high, right now only 4 people have entered the contest.

The May Blast from the Past of MBDTC

MBDTC has participated in the Morris Animal Foundation walks for more years than I have been a member.



The picture on the left is from October 2011 when we walked in Vasona Park. The center picture is Reznor, Trent and Malcolm in the MAF walk in San Jose in April 2016. Once MAF stopped sponsoring the huge walks, MBDTC took on our own club walks. The last picture was in May 2018. The two dogs, Jack and Reznor, were participants in the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study. We continue to support this study for the many dogs our members have lost to cancer, including Jack and now sadly, Finn.

Hug your dogs and cherish every minute you are privileged to have them with you!

Terri Gregson, President





Morris Animal
FOUNDATION

Morris Animal Foundation Walk

May 16, 2026 10:00 AM



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2025

We will meet in the Capitola Mall Parking Lot
in front of Kohl's
closest to 41st Avenue

12:00 Picnic and General Meeting
Jose Avenue County Park, Live Oak
From the Mall, take Capitola Road toward
Santa Cruz,
turn Left onto Jose Avenue.
Park is at the end of the street.



Tony Cozzolino
with Bed and
Biscuits will
talk about his
CPR Class for
dogs

Scan the QR code
for our MAF donation page

Bring a lunch, chair or blanket

Annual Club Trial "Season" at Manzanita Park, Prunedale

Agility Trial June 12-13-14

Once again MBDTC host 2 ½ days of trials contracted with ABBA DOGS. We will have two new tunnels, a new wagon, more secure strapping for the tunnels, and tunnel movers. The tunnels could not be repaired and the wagons, over 20 years old, are broken. Yes, these are new expenses. Fortunately, we rent our equipment five times a year to other clubs. Those rentals cover such costs.

We always need club volunteers. (Contact michael@bashista.com.)

Obedience Workshop July 18 and Trials July 25

Club members make the workshop and trials possible along with a superb trial secretary, Karey Krauter. Each year Linda Lang recruits a couple dozen stewards. (Contact lsiang@sbcglobal.net)

Okay, so now you some volunteer opportunities for a few summer weekends.
Hope to see you at the park.

Michael Bashista
Dir. of Matches and Trials



Onward and Upward - 60 Years

It's not all fun and games.....

We do some important philanthropic work

Submitted by Luane Vidak

MBDTC looked beyond just serving the Fancy with training and trials. We knew that supporting other avenues benefiting dogs and dog people was also required if we were to do meaningful community service.

Here's how we do it.

We had offered **Educational Scholarships** to students in **animal science** at UC Davis veterinary and Hartnell College. We eventually consolidated our offering and now each year we offer a scholarship to a student in UC Davis's Veterinary program in the amount of \$1,000. Our recipients come from our tri-county area: Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Monterey Counties. In 2021 we were happy that our donation was awarded to Austin Yungmeyer, son of club member Loreen Yungmeyer. It was quite special to be able to make that award.



Annual **Financial Donations** are directed to organizations that provide trained Guide or Assistance dogs free of charge to the handicapped. Two we support are: Guide Dogs for the Blind (San Rafael, CA) and Canine Companions for Independence (Headquarters Santa Rosa CA)

Scientific Research into ways to improve animal health has been foremost in our mind. For decades we have supported **Morris Animal Foundation (MAF)**. In the years after it was instituted, our focus centered on the Golden Retriever Cancer Research Project. With well managed research grants, veterinary scientists seek benefits for our dogs and other animals aimed at protecting them from the devastation of Cancer.



To increase public awareness each year we strut our dogs on our annual May Morris Animal Foundation walk. We originally started on Freedom Blvd Watsonville but now we walk the Mall on 41st Avenue in Capitola as it's one of the busiest streets in Santa Cruz County. In recent years Terri Gregson has been the spark that keeps us walking and supporting this vital work. Terri & Garth additionally have enrolled their Golden, Reznor, as one of the 3000+ dogs tracked by the program. Important information meticulously gathered for each dog by the owner and Vet is compiled by MAF and is available to researchers.

Gifts from the Heart Medical assistance funds are collected in the fall with a photo shoot fund raiser usually organized by Candice McLaren and Linda Lang. A dog that needs help with medical costs is aided around Valentine's Day. This program has also offered aid to groups: Pacific Veterinary Specialists, Birchbark Foundation, Peace of Mind Dog Rescue, and Dentistry for Animals.

Disaster Relief is help offered in the most devastating situations. Years: **2017** to Best Friends Animal Sanctuary for rescue work in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. **2024** to Brother Wolf Animal Rescue in North Carolina after they lost their entire rescue facility in Hurricane Helene. **2025** Pasadena Humane for their rescue work after the Pacific Palisades/Altadena fires.

Special thanks to Treasurer Barbara Skaggs for compiling the information so I could pass our Good Deeds along to you.

Be proud. We members do good works.



BRAGS and CONGRATULATIONS!



Dawson finished her Novice Standard Preferred (NAP) title with First place 4.18.26 at the Northern Ca Bearded Collie trial..... (Terri & Garth Gregson)

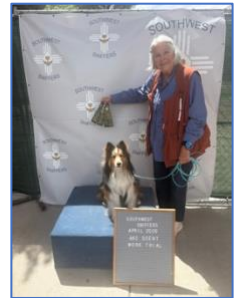
For something different, I decided to incorporate a couple of scent work trials into my long RV vacation.

On March 20-21, we competed in crazy 104-degree weather in Tucson at a lovely venue. Sonoran Desert Scent Work Club, the organizers, managed well despite the weather being 30 degrees above normal - most searches were held indoors, and exterior searches were all in the shade. There were misters and pools to cool your dogs down, and queuing areas were set up in the shade. I carried cold water and a spray bottle to make sure she stayed comfortable.

On the 1st day, **Holly** qualified in Advanced Interior and Exterior with a first place in Exterior, earning Elite element titles in both and finishing her Advanced Elite title (SWAE), which requires 10 qualifying scores in each of the four elements.

On the 2nd Day, Holly nailed the third Excellent Interior leg by getting the SIE element title and earning her SWE overall Excellent title.

Finishing those two titles was my goal when I entered, so I was really happy and very proud of Holly who was focused and worked hard at her job.



On April 10-12, we were in Albuquerque at the Expo New Mexico fairgrounds, a really fun and attractive venue, at a trial hosted by Southwest Sniffers. I moved us up to Master level (because, why not?), and it was a challenge. Master's is a big leap up -- unknown number of hides definitely tripped me up a few times.

Friday Holly seemed a little off her game and we failed to Q in anything.

Saturday we went 2 for 4 with Qs in Master Exterior and Buried. Despite an NQ in Master Interior, I felt it was our best interior search ever -- we nearly got it all but missed a hide under a covered floor outlet. If I had given her a little more time, I think she would have found it.

Sunday, also 2 for 4 with qualifying scores in Master Container and Buried. As usual, NQs were primarily handler-caused.

Everyone I met was welcoming and friendly; judging was tough but fair; and Holly was complemented by some of the judges. I was thrilled with her focus and nose work. Love my little Sheltie girl..... (Denise Weatherwax)



MORE BRAGS and CONGRATULATIONS!



Shadow CGCA & CGCU

Isabella CGCU

Haley CGCU

My kids had a good day!!!

Lodi show(Karen Azevedo)

On April 18--19 at the Agility Trial in Prunedale **Eddie** picked up his 1st Novice FAST leg, a Novice Std. insurance leg, and finished his Novice JWW title and then added an insurance leg the next day.

Maddie picked up 3 Master Std. legs, and a Master JWW leg to get her 1st QQ.....(Linda Lang)



Meeka's puppies were born on 4/29/26, 6 males and 2 females. Mom and puppies, all AKC Standard Poodles, are doing fine. Diane and Phil are exhausted.(Diane & Phil Kipnis and Meeka)



MBDTC Celebrating 60 Years of Memories

The Board has been working on how best to celebrate our 60th year as a dog training club.

I have been including come blasts from the past in my President's Message each month.

Luane Vidak is writing articles about our history for Ruff Notes.

We decided to include all our members. We would love for YOU to write a short bit, about 60 words, about a special memory you have from your membership.

It could be from training or a special meeting or an event you attended.

It could be about the dog that brought you to join.

It could be any memory that brings a smile to your face.

We hope to put together the collection for everyone's enjoyment.

To start off, I have included Garth's memory below to show it isn't hard to write 60 words. You can just put it in an email to us at montereybaydog@gmail.com.

My introduction to MBDTC began with a Golden Retriever owned by my tennis coach, named Floyd.

Members Gary Green and Linda Lang introduced me to the world of dog training.

Linda helped me find Reznor, my first agility and obedience partner.

I no longer had time for tennis.

In my time as a member, I have served as Ruff Notes Editor and club treasurer.

-Garth Gregson

Terri Gregson
President



Happy Birthday Wishes



5/3/2015	11	Q.T.	Border Collie	Pam Fugitt-Hetrick
5/25/2018	8	Cutter	Border Collie	Yvette Cook
5/27/2022	4	Rhyme	Golden Retriever	Michelle Pressel
5/29/2023	3	Meeka	Standard Poodle	Diane & Phil Kipnis

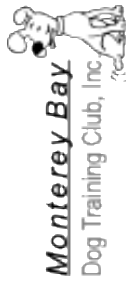
** If we've missed someone or your information needs to be updated, please contact Marion Bashista at marionb@bashista.com with your changes. Thanks!

5/7	Lynn Steele
5/15	Shirley Madan
5/18	Lynda Rogers



2026-2027 MEMBERSHIP

Send your dues along with this form by **June 30, 2026** to
 Marion Bashista, 115 Cleveland Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95060



\$24 for first member; \$12 for additional members, same household.

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