

# Ruff Notes

## September 2025



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### September 2025 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I always forget to thank Candice McLaren each year for the wonderful seed packages she makes and gives to all the attendees at our annual awards luncheon. This is a picture of some of my flowers. I love the addition of color into my life and appreciate Candice's extra effort.



September 20<sup>th</sup> is our annual dog friendly picnic. Bring yourself, your dog, a picnic lunch and be ready to have some fun! I will be bringing the equipment for an obstacle course for our owner/dog teams to run through. I am looking for a volunteer that can run the games this year. Dale Noble is bringing her tunnels again. We will have the usual dog tic tac toe (sit team and down team). We have treats and a prize for the dogs and snacks for the handlers. The best part of the picnic is you choose your level of participation. If something looks like your dog will enjoy the game come and join in, if not, feel free to just spectate.

At our picnic in September, we will be voting in some new club members! We hope they will be able to attend so everyone can meet our new additions and their dogs.

October has historically been a time for our annual visit to Sunshine Villa, assisted living facility in Santa Cruz. The residents enjoy our visit and those that are able to are encouraged to bring their well-behaved dogs to the residents of Memory Care

As always, we encourage you to attend our monthly Board meetings the first Monday of the month via Zoom at 6:30 pm. It is a great way to have a say in where we put our efforts and how we spend our money. We want to know your opinions. We don't know without your input.



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

Terri Gregson, President

# Monterey Bay Dog Training Club

## Saturday, September 20th

### Picnic with our dogs at Scott Park, Watsonville

Would your dog dive for a hot dog in a bowl?



3101 Freedom Blvd,  
Watsonville, CA.

Bring your own lunch and join us at the covered picnic area.

Bar b ques are available, bring charcoal if you want to heat something up.

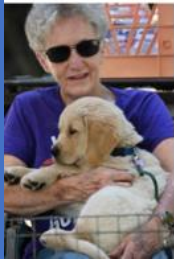
Club will provide water and desserts.

Dog games and lots of fun. **Did we mention dog prizes too?!**

12:00 PM to 3:00 PM



Have you ever played  
Potato relay?



## Yikes! Is it that time already?? Mark your calendar for our Holiday Photos.

Tuesday, October 28, 2025  
5:30 PM to 8 PM

Santa Cruz Fairgrounds, Crocetti Building



Photographer Cat Cervantes returns with her backdrops, lights, and props. Our Annual Holiday Photo Night is a fundraiser for Gifts from the Heart. The money raised goes to a local veterinary office to support a pet who might otherwise not receive treatment. The donation is presented around Valentine's Day.

\$15. Donation. Sign up night of Event

Volunteers are needed to organize people and their pets.

2 Shifts 5:30 - 7:00 & 7:00 - 8:30

To volunteer

Contact Candice

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# BRAGS and CONGRATULATIONS!



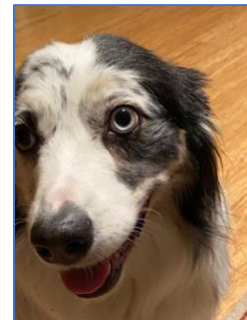
**Dawson** was in the ring 9 times between the MBDTC trials and the DTCSV trials and earned 9 Qs and 3 titles. Beginner Novice, Rally Novice and her Companion Dog..... (Garth and Terri Gregson)

**Billy** finished his Novice title at Salinas Valley DTC. His first leg was the previous weekend at MBDTC trial with a third place and a score of 190. His second and third legs consecutively at Salinas were: 2nd leg score of 186, third leg, third place with a score of 193. Now we will begin Open work..... (June Laman)



**Tula** completed the 3 qualifying trials to earn her CD title. She came in first place with a score of 189.5 We are happy and enjoyed every minute of the time spent getting ready. This is a great club with excellent trainers or we would never have made it..... (Carol Canaris)

**Skye** earned her Novice Trick Dog in April. She also earned her CD at our show on 7/26..... (Shirley Madan)





# MORE BRAGS

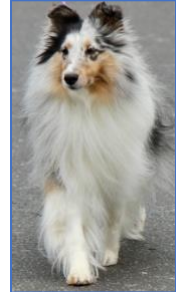


**Lacie** and I showed in Advanced B Rally at both Del Monte KC and Dog Training Club of Salinas Valley trials. We qualified in both trials with a perfect score of 100 points!

At Del Monte KC we placed 5th or 6th place. There were 6 100 scores!!!

At DTCSV we got a third place to complete our RA title.

This is the first time in my 40 years of trialing dogs that I have gotten perfect scores. I have gotten close multiple times ( 198s) but never 200, or 100 for Rally. I am very pleased with Lacie's progress the last year or so, it helps to have great instructors in Dorothy Mash and Carol Davis!!..... (Reena Walton)



The kids and I threw ourselves into our annual Obedience & Rally Trials for 2 weekends. At the MBDTC Trial Eddie got 2 legs on his Beg. Novice title with two 3rd Place ribbons and toys. He also got his first 2 legs on his Rally Novice title with two 2nd Place ribbons and more toys. The girls were in Rally Advanced, where Rainy got her 1st leg and Maddie got her first 2 legs with a 4th Place ribbon and a toy. Then the next weekend off to the DTCSV Trials where Eddie finished his Beg. Novice title with a 1st Place, another toy and water bottle, and finished his Rally Novice with a 4th Place and another toy.



Rainy picked up her 2nd Rally Advanced leg on Sat and her 3rd leg on Sunday to finish her RA. Maddie finished her RA on Saturday and rested at home on Sunday. I decided to move Eddie up to Rally Intermediate on Sunday and he got his 1st leg with a score of 100 and 1st Place, and you guessed it---- ANOTHER TOY and WATER BOTTLE. On Sunday Eddie went over to the toy box to pick out his toy. He picked up the hotdog. Really. There are lots of other

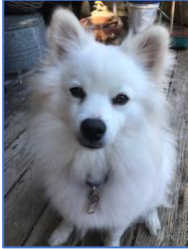


nice toys. I took it from him and asked him to find something else. He'd go over, start to pick something else up and go back to the hotdog. We did this 4 times. On the 4th time I let him have what HE wanted. So here he is with his coveted hotdog. For those of us that have been around many years, you all know that

Eddie wanted that Hotdog Award 🍔 The score in the end on TOYS was Eddie 7 🎉🎉🎉🎉🎉🎉 and

The Girls 1 🎉. From the picture, Rainy and Maddie could care less 😊..... (Linda Lang)

# **The BRAGS Continue!**



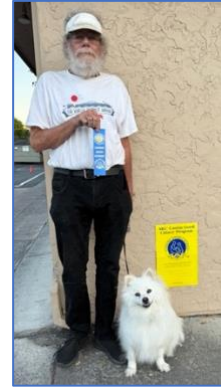
**Kettu** earned his CGC Canine Good Citizen Certification Tuesday night.

From the Santa Cruz County Pound 13 months ago. Reported age 2yrs. Behavior and the fact he grew another 15% implies younger. Nothing un-chewed. He was picked up as stray. No tags. No chip. No nothing. Not the kind of dog that should end up in a pound. Very feral. The first 3 days home he chewed through 3 leashes. The first week

saw him catch three preys.

Now A Documented Good Dog. A very bright dog. We need to pick which direction is next. The breed has a circus background. Appreciate the whole club together.

From Kettu and his Boy Stew.  
Have Fun. Stay In Trouble. Be Safe and Well. .... (Stewart Gibson)



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## **2025-2026 Membership Directory**

The latest membership directory will be arriving in your mailbox in the next few days. Please take some time to review your information for accuracy. If anything needs a correction, please contact Marion Bashista via email ([marionb@bashista.com](mailto:marionb@bashista.com)) or text (831-359-3203).



# Happy Birthday Wishes



9/5/2016	9	China	Labrador Retriever	Tammy Philbin
9/9/2022	3	Billy	Chesapeake Bay Retriever	June Laman
9/18/2020	5	Holly	Shetland Sheepdog	Denise Weatherwax
9/25/2023	2	Trane	Labrador Retriever	Michael & Marion Bashista
9/30/2015	10	Sky	Longhair Dachshund	Wendy Hess

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

9/1	Reena Walton
9/16	Audrey Lanas
9/17	Carol Canaris
9/18	Marlene Majewska
9/19	Marion Bashista



# **Congratulations! New CGCs**

*from Lynn Schmitt, CGC Test Chair*

Congratulations to these dogs and handlers who earned their CGC titles. Well done!



*Sebastian*



*Kettu*



*Sarah*



*Gemma*



*Troy*



WANT A GOOD DOG?  
WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!

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