

Ruff Notes

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February 2024 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Not many things in politics receive support from both sides of the aisle but recognizing the purebred dog did in Georgia. The following resolution was adopted by the Georgia General Assembly 48 to 1 in Favor

18 WHEREAS, all dogs should be valued whatever their ancestry, but the purpose-bred dog and
19 the predictability of its breed should be cherished and preserved;
and

20 WHEREAS, each breed is incredibly etched in the history of the culture that created it, just

21 as surely as that culture's music, art, and language, making it abundantly fitting that we

22 recognize purebred dogs.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body

24 commend the benefits and contributions of purebred dogs and recognize May 1, 2024, as

25 Purebred Dog Day in the State of Georgia.

The actual resolution is much longer and very well written. It can be read at <https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/65381>

We commend Georgia for acknowledging the benefits to mankind of the purebred dog. So many efforts throughout the US are focused on handcuffing legitimate breeders it is refreshing to see someone stand up for the good they do.

I am sorry to have missed those of you at our January General Meeting. My arm is healing, but it will be quite some time before I see you at classes. Keep up your training so at our next meeting some of your dogs will earn their Intermediate Trick Dog Title!

I purchased MBDTTC round pins to give to members at our awards luncheon and have some available for purchase. Once again, the money from the sale of these pins will go to the Morris Animal Foundation Golden Retriever Lifetime Study. If you would like to purchase one, they are \$5.00. Contact me.



Hug your dogs and cherish every minute we are privileged to train them!

Terri Gregson, President

Monterey Bay Dog Training Club, Inc. Gifts from the Heart Project from past years



2017
Club President Donna Gorman with Vet Client who had 2 older dogs and a cat that needed medications.



2018
Club President Luane Vidak, Amanda White with Jean the pup, Michelle Pressel, DVM, DACVIM, and Sarah Weagle



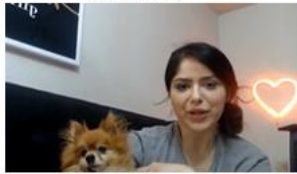
2019
Our Club collaborated with Birchbark and Dr. Judy Force to help pay for dental services.



2020
Dr. Stephen Kalff with June who had been hit by a car. The Birchbark Foundation also contributed to the surgery and medical attention June needed.



2021
Our partnership with Birchbark this year helped a small dog named Tuffy who was rushed to the Pacific and Santa Cruz Veterinary Specialist.



2022
Surgery for 10 year old Bear's broken leg and jaw was done by Pacific and Santa Cruz Veterinary Specialist. Birchbark contributed to the surgery too.



2023
Sunshine (far right) received surgery for a pyometra from Santa Cruz Veterinary Specialist

For the past 20 years in memory of Marilyn Runyan, a long time member, the Monterey Bay Dog Training Club has made a monetary donation to a local Veterinarian Clinic or Foundation on behalf of a Recipient/Pet Owner as our "Gifts from the Heart Project". In the past our donations have paid for services, lab work, surgery, and medicines. Our donation is usually presented around Valentine's Day.

We need your help in determining where our donation will go this coming new year, 2024. Do you know a Clinic or Veterinarian that can use our support? Let a board member know.

CGC Calendar Update *From Linda Lang*

The next CGC test date has been changed to February 20th. Please update your calendars. If you can volunteer to help, show up at the Watsonville Fairgrounds between 7:30 and 8:00. The test should start at 8:00.

Upcoming Tracking Events

The Palo Alto Foothills Tracking Association (PAFTA) would like to share some upcoming events. Scheduled in February is a TDX test, in March a TD test and a Sil Sanders workshop. See their website at <https://www.pafta.org/events> for additional information.

AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards From AKC

Based upon nationwide responses by AKC Member Clubs, AKC has announced the nominees for the 2023 American Kennel Club Lifetime Achievement Awards. They are:

<u>Conformation</u>	<u>Companion Events</u>	<u>Performance Events</u>
Michael Canalizo	Dianne Allen	Sharol & Sean Hathaway
James (Jim) Corbett	Curt Curtis	Laurie Soutar
Sandy Lady	Judie Howard	John (Jack) Unbehau

[Click here](#) to see the bios and photos for each of this year's nominees. If you have any recommendations for voting on these nominees, please contact Terri Gregson no later than March 1st at gregsons4@sbcglobal.net

Meet the Lancashire Heeler, AKC's Newest Breed From AKC

[Lancashire Heelers](#) may be small dogs, but they have the heart and mind of a heeler. The American Kennel Club's 201st recognized breed and newest member of the [Herding Group](#) is eligible to start competing on January 1, 2024.



Sheryl Bradbury, President of the United States [Lancashire Heeler Club](#) (USLHC), has helped shepherd the breed to recognition since its entry in the [AKC Foundation Stock Service](#) (FSS). In 2017, the club began the process to have it join the [Miscellaneous Class](#), and in April 2023, it was announced that the breed would be eligible to compete in the Herding Group in 2024.

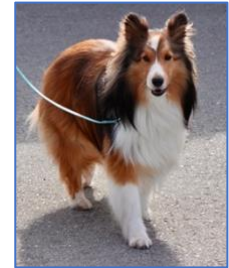


MEMBER BRAGS



THIS boy!!! We've both had our share of challenges in the past 3 years, what with the addition and subtraction of our various body parts 🤪! But for our very first time in a trial ring, THIS boy pulls a nice 188 for a red! Then day 2, outdoes that with a very nice 191 for the blue! One more Q (PDFC in March?) and the next day we can move up to do the fun stuff in the Open A ring. I couldn't be prouder or more in love with my little black dog 🥰! Huge thanks to Donna and Jamie (Diamond Hill Aussies) Marj (my BFF who gifted!! me with him 🥰) Noel and Josette who were with us from the (rocky!) start, and my awesome support team of training partners!! We wouldn't be here without ALL of you!!... (Stacy Thompson)

Holly tried the January 20 NACSW Odor Recognition Test (ORT) put on by the Cal Coastal Dog Owners Group. We successfully identified Birch and Anise, but missed the third odor, Clove. I should have been more patient and given her more time to search, instead of calling it so quickly. I'm still proud of her efforts. She loves to play the sniff game..... (Denise Weatherwax)



February Birthdays



2/10/2016	8	Zana	Vizsla	Diana Galvan
2/11/2012	12	Radar	Dalmatian	Judy Force
2/14/2019	5	Leo the Lion	Mini Poodle	Lynda Rogers

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

2/1	Candice McLaren
2/4	Linda Lang
2/9	Karen Schwindt
2/11	Rich Torres
2/14	Cathy Vanderbilt





Obedience and Rally Workshop

Saturday and Sunday, March 2 & 3, 2024

In conjunction with the Bay Area Rhodesian Ridgeback
Club All-Breed Agility Trial

Dogs may be shown in any class regardless of titles. Mixed and rare breeds welcome! Pre-Entries judged in pre-entry order. Please be ready ringside. Reasonable corrections allowed. No severe disciplining allowed in the ring or on the grounds. Exercises may be repeated at judge's discretion. Reasonable training aids allowed at judge's discretion. This is a workshop only, no awards.

Please submit one entry form per dog entered.

Owner Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

EMAIL: _____

NOTE: Confirmations will be sent via Email

Dog Call Name: _____

Breed: _____ Sex: _____

Pre-Entries close – Monday, February, 26, 2024

Total Entry Fee: _____ **Make Checks Payable to:** BARRC

Sat, March 2	Sun, March 3
<input type="checkbox"/> _____ Utility <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Open	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ Novice <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Beg Novice <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Rally Rally Level(s): _____

BARRC Obedience Workshop: I agree to hold the Bay Area Rhodesian Ridgeback Club, its members, officers, and helpers, and Thorsen's Arena harmless from loss or injury to any person or things caused by any act at this function. I assume full responsibility and liability of the dog(s) I enter and certify that they are current on all vaccination shots. \$10 service fee for returned checks.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Thorsen's Arena
2005 Hayes Lane
GPS: Watsonville Court
San Martin, CA

Saturday and Sunday
March 2 & 3, 2024
Under cover – on dirt

Judging starts at 9 am

Pre-Entries
\$20 per entry / per dog
Pre-Entries close – Mon, Feb, 26, 2024

Day of Match Entries
Limited to Space Available
\$25 per entry / per dog

Directions:
From US 101 take the Tennant Ave exit.
Turn west.
Turn left onto Butterfield Blvd. Butterfield becomes Watsonville Rd.
Travel approximately 3 miles.
Turn left onto Watsonville Ct.
Entrance to arena is on Watsonville Ct.

Mail entries to:
BARRC – Workshop
Sue McNeill
5555 Montgomery Drive #29
Santa Rosa, CA 95409
smcneill@mcn.org



San Lorenzo Dog Training Club, Inc.

Sunday, April 7, 2024

All-Breed Obedience "OC" & Rally "RC" Matches

LOCATION: CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY EAST BAY, Music-Business Peristyle Lawn - 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd, Hayward. From Hwy 880 in Hayward, take the Jackson Street exit eastbound. Turn right at first stop light onto Santa Clara which becomes Harder Rd. Follow to Cal State campus. Left on Old Hilary Road, park in Lot K (Theatre) at the rear of the campus. **PARKING** is free on weekends. **NO DRIVING ONTO THE GROUNDS ALLOWED AT ANY TIME.** Be prepared to haul your equipment between the parking lot and the workshop site. Match will be held rain or shine. Shade is limited – please bring your own if possible.

COVID-19 SAFETY PROCEDURES will be followed as specified by CDC, state, local and facility requirements in effect at the time. Specific procedures may be included in the judging schedule if necessary.

OBEDIENCE CLASSES: ● Beginner Novice (1 ring) ● Novice (2 rings) ● Open (2 rings) ● Utility (2 rings)

RALLY CLASSES: ● Rally Novice ● Intermediate ● Advanced ● Excellent ● Master
Rally Novice and Intermediate will be in one ring. Advanced, Excellent, and Master will be run in separate ring.

OBEDIENCE & RALLY RULES: Mixed and rare breeds welcome. Entries may be limited if necessary. Judges: To be announced. Toys and food are permitted. Collars should comply with AKC regulations. No prong or electric collars allowed. Corrections limited to verbal corrections or gently guiding the dog. Exercises may be repeated at Judge's discretion.

ENTRY FEES: Fees for entries received by **THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024** are **\$18.00** for first entry of a dog and **\$12.00** for each additional entry for same dog. **NO REFUNDS** will be made after March 28.

Raffle!

Lots of great prizes
will be available on our
raffle table.

LATE AND DAY-OF-MATCH ENTRY: Entries received after March 28 are \$20.00 first entry and \$15.00 each additional class same dog. Limited day-of-match entries will be allowed only if SPACE IS AVAILABLE. Sign up between 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM. Day-of-match entries to run after pre-entries.

MAIL ENTRIES TO: Steve Stern, SLDTC Match Secretary, PO Box 3522, San Leandro, CA 94578-0522. Make checks payable to "SLDTC." For more information, contact Steve at (510) 483-4546 (leave a message) or email steve_stern@hotmail.com.

JUDGING SCHEDULES with armband number will be emailed approximately April 3rd to all entrants specifying an email address on their entry form. You may log onto www.sanlorenzodogtraining.org to download the schedule, however, entry lists will NOT be published online for protection of your privacy. You may also request a printed copy to be mailed to you by including a #10 SSAE (Stamped, Self-Addressed Envelope) and checking the box on bottom of the entry form. Obedience and Rally rings will begin at 9:00 AM.

STEWARDS: Half-day stewards will receive one free entry. Full-day stewards will receive two free entries. All stewards will be given time to work their dogs. If you are interested in stewarding, please contact Steve Stern via email steve_stern@hotmail.com. Deadline is March 1, 2024 for steward volunteers to receive free entry.



PRE-ENTRIES should be received by **Thursday, March 28, 2024**. Please mail to Steve Stern, PO Box 3522, San Leandro, CA 94578-0522. Make checks payable to SLDTC. Entries received after March 28, 2024 should include day-of-match fees.

Owner's Name			Phone ()		
Address			E-Mail		
City		Zip	Please specify jump heights for Open & Utility obedience classes.		
Dog	Breed of Dog	Sex	Dog's Call Name	List Obedience Class(es) & Jump Height	Circle RALLY Class(es) and Rally Jump Height
#1					Rally Nov Int Adv Exc Master 4' 8" 12" 16"
#2					Rally Nov Int Adv Exc Master 4' 8" 12" 16"
#3					Rally Nov Int Adv Exc Master 4' 8" 12" 16"

SAN LORENZO DOG TRAINING CLUB, INC. - OBEDIENCE & RALLY WORKSHOP - SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024. I agree to hold the San Lorenzo Dog Training Club, its members, officers, match secretary and helpers, and Cal State University East Bay, blameless from loss or injury to any person or things caused by any act at this function. I assume full responsibility and liability of the dog(s) I enter and certify that they are current on all vaccination shots.

● Signature _____ Date _____ Amt Enclosed \$ _____

G MAILED JUDGING SCHEDULE – Check here and include a #10 size Stamped, Self-Addressed Envelope to receive a judging schedule in the mail.

For Club use only: Received Date: _____ Check # _____ Armband # _____



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January 2024 Update to Clubs

Displaceable High Jump for Obedience and Rally

The Obedience and Rally Regulations will be modified to change the design and construction of the high jump to allow panels that are displaceable. This change was made for the safety and welfare of the dogs and exhibitors and is consistent with the two other jumps, bar and broad, used in Obedience and Rally. Displaceable high jumps will be required at all Obedience and Rally trials held on or after July 1, 2025. Clubs may transition to the use of a displaceable high jump any time before July 1, 2025.

New Options for Application Requirements for New Conformation Judges

The Board at its January 2024 meeting approved modifications to the application requirements for new conformation and junior showmanship judges. The completion of two ringside observations on judging procedures with an Executive Field Representative was added to the list of the pre-requisite requirements for new conformation applicants, and the pre-requisite judging assignment requirement at sanctioned non-titling events was reduced six to three. The completion of the ringside observations on judging procedures is optional through 12/31/2024. In addition, the completion of two ringside observations on junior showmanship judging procedures has been added as an optional experience toward qualifying to apply. Any questions should be directed to judgingops@akc.org.

Opportunities for Majors at Specialties (Starting July 3, 2024)

A modification to Chapter 16, Section 1 of the [AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows](#) was approved by the Delegate body at their December meeting. The modification provides all specialty clubs the option for the Reserve Winners Dog and Reserve Winners Bitch to earn a three-point major provided that the number of dogs competing in the regular classes of the Reserve Winner's sex totals at least twice the number required for a five-point major, in the region in which the event is held. All existing specialty events held on or after July 3, 2024 will be modified to provide the option. If a club does not want to make the option available at their show, please contact eventplans@akc.org.

Modification to Recording and Service Fees for Agility, Conformation, Obedience, and Rally

In October 2023, the recording and service fee structure was modified for Agility, Conformation, Obedience, and Rally events on or after January 1, 2024. The fees for the first entry for each dog are unchanged. The fees for each additional entry for a dog increased by fifty cents. This change makes the fees for Agility, Conformation, Obedience, and Rally events match the fees that are currently required for performance events.

Sport	Current	As of 1/1/2024
Agility & Rally	\$3.50 for the first entry of each dog and \$3.00 for each additional entry of the same dog	\$3.50 for each entry
Conformation & Obedience	\$.50 recording for the first entry of each dog \$3.00 service fee for the first entry of each dog and a \$3.00 service fee for each additional entry of the dog	\$.50 recording for the first entry of each dog \$3.00 service fee for the first entry of each dog and a \$3.50 service fee for each additional entry of the dog

Clubs are being provided the updated reporting forms in their event kits and the updated forms are available on our website.

[Report of Agility Trial](#)

[Report of Dog Show or Obedience Trial](#)

[Report of Rally Trial](#)

Clubs must submit the proper forms and fees as part of their post-event responsibilities.

AKC Event Operations Blog

The AKC Event Operations team maintains a blog that contains these, as well as other, updates to clubs. The blog is a useful resource of information and can be found at <https://akceventoperations.wordpress.com/>.

Please contact the Event Operations department at eventnews@akc.org with any questions.



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/u-s-dot-seeks-collect-information-incidents-involving-animals-air-transport/>

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Today, the [United States Department of Transportation \(DOT\)](#) published a notice seeking to reinstate a previously approved information collection request under its enforcement of the Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA). Interested parties are invited to provide comment to DOT through Monday, March 25, 2024.

BACKGROUND

Since 2005, federal regulations have required air carriers to file reports with DOT's Aviation Consumer Protection Division on the loss, injury, or death of animals during air transport.

Originally, the rule required only the largest U.S. air carriers (i.e., those that accounted for at least 1 percent of domestic scheduled passenger revenue) to report. However, in 2014, the rule was expanded to apply to U.S. air carriers that operate scheduled service with at least one aircraft with a design capacity of more than 60 seats. Additionally, the 2014 change (1) expanded the definition of "animal" to include all cats and dogs transported by covered carriers, regardless of whether the animal was shipped as a pet or as part of a commercial shipment; (2) required covered carriers to file a year-end report each December, which must include both (3) the total number of animals that were lost, injured, or died during air transport in the calendar year, and (4) the total number of animals transported in a calendar year.

Should the information collection request be formally renewed, DOT projects the approximately 30 covered carriers will spend 15 hours per year completing required year-end reports, and up to 360 hours per year completing monthly reporting requirements.

The information collection request that DOT is seeking to renew had been renewed in 2015 and 2018.

AKC & TRAVELING WITH DOGS

For many years, the American Kennel Club (AKC) has championed safe air travel for dogs. Resources include [expert advice columns](#), [materials to support the use of service dogs](#), [systems to streamline the travel process](#) for service dog users and air carriers, and [legislative and regulatory advocacy to ensure safe air travel for all](#).

ABOUT PUBLIC COMMENTS TO DOT

DOT is seeking comments from the public on any aspect of this information collection, including:

- Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for DOT's performance,
- Whether the estimated reporting burden on covered carriers is accurate,
- Ways for DOT to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collection, and

- Ways the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information.

Interested parties may file comments identified by docket number DOT-OST-2010-0211 by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, D.C. 20590.
- Hand Delivery: U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Room W12-140, Washington, D.C. 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal Holidays.
- Fax: 202-493-2251.

NOTE: You must include the agency name and docket number DOT-OST-2010- 0211 at the beginning of your comment. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT...

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WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!

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