

Monterey Bay
Dog Training Club, Inc.



RUFF NOTES

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Hello to our Club Members from a safe social distance.

My message is a **hopeful** one because we are hopeful for a better future even though we are still cancelling our MBDTC events.

Another hard decision was cancelling our Gifts from the Heart photo shoot fundraiser in OCTOBER. Any suggestions on an alternative method to raise money for our Valentine's Day gift would be appreciated. The need for assistance for veterinary costs never goes away.

We are working with *Sunshine Villa* on how we can provide some entertainment from our dogs while social distancing. One idea is to provide a demonstration of some sort in the patio area while the residents remain inside.

At our October Board meeting we will decide on whether we can safely and within our volunteers' comfort zone host the Winter Obedience Workshop. If you have an opinion or wish, please let us know your thoughts.

Sadly, we decided as a Board to cancel this year's *Phoebus and Sportsmanship awards*. We only had one class session and that just does not contribute enough information on which to vote. We look forward to our return to classes and these awards in the future.

Now for what we ARE doing and where we hope to see you!

November 14th and 15th Scent Work Trials in Hollister

The trial committee is:

Michael Bashista, Terri Gregson, Linda Lang, Irene Fukotome,
Candice MacLaren, Barbara Skaggs

Yes, six is one more than required by the AKC but not everyone was sure they could attend both days. Covid guidelines will be sent with confirmation of entries and spectators will be at the judges' discretion.

Michael

November 14 & 15 2020 Scent at Dog Gone Dirty Dog Sports - Hollister

December 5th Awards Luncheon

December 8th & 15th Workshop – Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds

December 11th Share Your Holiday with KSBW - Capitola December

26th and 27th Agility Trial at Thorsen Ranch in Morgan Hill 2021

Agility – Skypark – Scotts Valley

May 2nd 2021 – VST at CSUMB

2021 – Obedience – St. Francis High School – Watsonville

We think of all of you often. We hope you are staying safe and healthy. Terri

Gregson

President from a Social Distance



Trent just chillin'



EDIE LOSCH - OCTOBER 3RD

LUANE VIDAK - OCTOBER 3RD

JUDY SIMBERG - OCTOBER 21ST

TERRI GREGSON - OCTOBER 24TH

DOG'S BIRTHDAYS

10/3/2015 4 BOLT BORDER COLLIE YVETTE COOK

10/9/2016 3 CRICKET CATTLED OG JANET WOLVERTON

10/10/2004 15 ANNIE GOLDEN RET LINDA COLEMAN
10/11/2002 17 INDY CLUMBER SPANIEL DONNA STARR
10/14/2010 9 SADIE McNAB/GSP/CATTLEDOG MIX JANET WOLVERTON
10/17/2013 6 JOKER DALMATIAN JUDY SAUVE
10/18/2016 3 ELLA LABRADOR RET BARBARA GIBSON
10/20/2015 4 MOLLY MIX JAN RAGAN
10/24/2008 11 PHANTOM SCHIPPERKE CAROL DAVIS

I have often wondered what the long show names mean after a pure bred dog. So, I asked Linda Lang and this is what she said...

My first dog that I trained with MBDTTC was my husky mix Shelby, her registered name was Lang's Affordable Shelby, the story on that name was that at the time I would have loved to have had a Shelby Mustang, but could not afford one, when I thought of her name I was so proud of myself.

All my next dogs were golden retrievers, the first was Amber, her registered name was Smithaven Mile Hi Mist O'Gold, the theme for the litter was the kennel name Smithaven had to be the first word, Mile Hi had to be the next 2 words coming from the Mile Hi Kennel club in Colorado where the stud dog was from, and then the next word had to start with the letter M. Dick and I loved to go dual sport motorcycle riding in Colorado looking at old mines both silver and gold, we wanted her name to read Mist Of Gold, but at that time you were limited to 28 letters which included spaces, we were 1 letter too long, but we could use an apostrophe and no space, and that is the story on the Mist O'Gold.

My next golden was Tyler his registered name was Smithaven's Amber Brew, he was an Amber son, so again kennel name first, then all of Amber's puppies had

the word Amber in their name and because he was a mix of Amber and his sire Junior, he was a Brew of those two dogs.

Next was Rosie her registered name was Smithaven's Ambermist Rose, so I got her from the same kennel name Smithaven, and now I wanted my own kennel name which I decided would be a play on Amber's registered name, so my kennel name became Ambermist, and her name was Rosie so in came the word Rose.

Next was Robbie, his registered name is Smithaven Ambermist Home Brew, so again from the Smithaven kennel, then my kennel name, and then since he was a Tyler grandson and his sire was a Tyler son which also had the name Brew in it Robbie stayed with the same Brew theme.

Next was Piper, her registered name is Ambermist Upscaled High Flyer, she was also from Smithaven, but the breeder wanted me to start my own breeding program and allowed me to not have Smithaven in her name, so she was my first dog under the Ambermist kennel prefix. She was from the UPS litter, so some word in her registered name had to start with UPS, so I picked Upscaled and since I was doing a lot of agility at the time High Flyer seemed appropriate. I had not come up with a call name yet when I took her to my vet Judy Force for her first puppy visit, subconsciously I must have been thinking about Judy's dogs, because when I came home Piper came into my mind "Judy had a dog named Piper", and it fit perfectly with Piper's registered name for the Piper airplane and High Flyer.

Next was Rainy, her registered name is Ambermist Raindrops on Roses, before she was born I was at an agility trial, it was raining and a gal that competes in agility was there, her name is Rainee, I decided then and there that this was going to be my Rain litter, so each puppy in that litter has the name Rain in it somehow, mine was Raindrops, and since I had just lost Rosie, I incorporated her name into Rainy's registered name with the word Roses.

Next was Maddie, her registered name is Ambermist Midnight Harvest Madness, this was my Harvest litter, so every puppy has the word Harvest in their name. I knew I wanted her call name to be Maddie and always wanted to have a dog with Mad About You in their name, but I didn't like Ambermist Harvest Mad About You, so instead I used the word Madness for Maddie, and she can live up to her name at times, at times there is just a little Madness in Maddie:-)

“And, now, we know the rest of the story!” Thank you Linda Lang!

BRAGS

**Stacy Thompson has a new little partner named CALEB!
Caleb is 22 months old in this photo.
Welcome Caleb and Congratulations Mama Stacy! So
cute!**



This article was sent in by Linda Coleman and Terri Gregson

The Nose Needed for This Coronavirus Test Isn't Yours. It's a Dog's.
Several animals now working on a trial at Helsinki's airport have been trained to detect the virus by scent on arriving passengers.

Travelers arriving at Helsinki's airport are being offered a voluntary coronavirus test that takes 10 seconds with no uncomfortable nasal swab needed. And the test is done by a dog.

A couple of coronavirus-sniffing canines began work at the Finnish airport on Wednesday as part of a pilot program that aims to detect infections using the sweat collected on wipes from arriving passengers.

Over the past months, international airports have brought in various methods to detect the virus in travelers, including saliva screenings, temperature checks and nasal swabs. But researchers in Finland say that using dogs could prove cheaper, faster and more effective.

After passengers arriving from abroad have collected their luggage, they are invited to wipe their necks to collect sweat samples and leave the wipes in a box. Behind a wall, a dog trainer puts the box beside cans containing different scents, and a dog gets to work.

The dogs can detect a coronavirus-infected patient in 10 seconds, and the entire process takes a minute to complete, researchers say. If the dog signals a positive result, the passenger is directed to the airport's health center for a free virus test.

Why dogs?

Dogs have a particularly sharp sense of smell and have long been used in airports to sniff out bombs, drugs and other contraband in luggage.

They have also been able to detect illnesses such as cancer and malaria. So in the middle of a pandemic, training dogs to detect Covid-19 became an obvious choice, said Anna Hielm-Bjorkman, a researcher at the University of Helsinki who is monitoring the trial.

And they seem to be doing the job, she said. In the first stage of the trial, the dogs could sniff out the virus in a person who is asymptomatic, or before the symptoms appear. They detected it at an earlier stage than a PCR test, the most widely used diagnostic tool for the new coronavirus.

In July, researchers at the University of Veterinary Medicine Hannover in Germany also found that with a week of training, dogs were able to distinguish saliva samples of people infected with the coronavirus from noninfected samples with a [94 percent success rate](#).

Dogs seem to not be easily infected with the coronavirus, although they appear to have been in a few instances. Other animals like cats appear to be much more susceptible. There is no evidence that dogs develop any symptoms or that they can pass the virus on to people or other animals.

How do they do it?

The sniffer dogs, who are trained to recognize the virus's scent, detect it by [smelling urine or sweat samples](#), according to the University of Helsinki's veterinary faculty.

Ms. Hielm-Bjorkman said she and her team had trained the dogs by making a specific sound as soon as the dogs indicate a positive sample — “and yes, a treat, too,” she said. When the dogs smell a negative sample, nothing happens, and they move on to the next.

Wise Nose, a Finnish organization that specializes in scent detection, partnered with the faculty to train 16 dogs, four of which are starting work at the airport this week. Six are still in training, and the others were unable to work in a noisy environment.

"All dogs can be trained to smell the coronavirus, but they are individuals and not all of them can work in an airport," said Virpi Perala, a representative of Evidensia, a network of hospitals and veterinary clinics that funded the trial's first stage.

Does this mean the coronavirus has a scent?

This is what researchers believe. But what exactly the dogs detect when they sniff out the virus is the million-dollar question, Ms. Hielm-Bjorkman said.

"We know how dogs detect it — by smell — but we have no clue what they detect yet," she said. "If we find this out, we can train thousands of dogs across the world."

Scientists [in the United States](#) are investigating whether an infected person secretes a chemical that dogs can smell. And a [French study](#) published in June found "very high evidence" that the odor of an infected person's sweat was different in a way that dogs could sense.

Could this become a thing?

The pilot program in Finland is the first to be used at an airport. Susanna Paavilainen, the managing director of Wise Nose, said she aimed to have 10 dogs working at the airport by the end of November, and Ms. Hielm-Bjorkman of the University of Helsinki said she would collect data until the end of the year.

More such programs could also be on the way. In recent months, trials conducted in Britain, France, Germany and the United States have assessed how dogs could detect the coronavirus.

In Finland, researchers say that if the pilot programs prove effective, dogs could be used in retirement homes to screen residents or in hospitals to avoid unnecessary quarantines for health care professionals.

But scaling up such programs could be tricky: Dogs need to be trained and then assisted by their trainers once they can work outside laboratories.

At the Helsinki airport, two dogs worked simultaneously on Wednesday while two others rested.

Ms. Hielm-Bjorkman acknowledged that the resources were modest — at least for now. The program will try to assess how long dogs can work in a day and whether the same animals can be used to detect substances like drugs.

Ms. Perala, of the Evidensia network, said that Finland would need 700 to 1,000 coronavirus-sniffing dogs to cover schools, malls and retirement homes, but that more trained animals — and trainers — would be required for even broader coverage.

“We could keep our country open if we had enough dogs,” she said.



There seems to be a need for a refresher course!!

