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Mixed Breed Dog Club of California
www.mbdca.org



Late Spring Issue

May, 2005

President's Message

It's that time of year again . . . Spring means our Club's annual awards, General Meeting, elections for the Board of Directors, and of course the Spring Fling, all on Sunday, June 12. (See the enclosed flyer for directions and details about the Fling.)

Our nominating committee was not able to fill all the vacant spots on the ballot - we're short one candidate of having a full Board of Directors as required by our By Laws. Are you interested in volunteering for this fun group? Enthusiasm is much more important than experience. Please contact me if you'd like to know more about serving on the Board.

As always, we really need your input at the General Meeting. Please bring your creative ideas, suggestions, or questions to the Spring Fling, or contact me before hand. The more participation and involvement we have from our members, the better our Club becomes!

And most importantly, come to the Spring Fling prepared to have some fun with your dogs! It's never too early to practice "Dunking for Hot Dogs". (Smedly's always willing to give it a try, and I bet your dog will be, too.) We'll have the usual assortment of fun activities, so there should be something for everyone. See you all there!

Betsy Jones & Smedly

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Membership Person Needed Please Help!

Chris Ludwell is looking for a replacement. Chris has been our membership person since 1993. Please take a moment to see if you might be able to help your club by volunteering for this very rewarding task.

The job takes about 1.5 hours per month, most of which consists of answering emails, sending out information packets, and updating the membership database. You'll spend a few extra hours processing membership renewals during the month of October. In January, some extra time is spent creating the membership roster.

The computer database program does most of the work, it's just a matter of "cut and paste" and then bringing the original in to Kinko's for printing. The database provides you

with mailing labels. The club pays for all costs including paper, labels, postage, copies, etc.

This would be a wonderful way for you to contribute to the club. Chris will help the new person through all the tasks and will be available for at least the next 12 years to answer questions.

You may be thinking that you're too busy... During the course of her term as membership person, she has chaired some of our March Workshops, Spring Flings and Specialty shows. She also served as Show Secretary, National Awards Secretary and Membership Person, Obedience Judge, Mutt Muster Editor, California Chapter President, Treasurer and Board Member.

Please let's see if we can finally allow her to retire. Chris would like to hand off the task before she moves in July 2005. If you can find it in your heart to at least inquire about the position, please contact Chris at mbdcofca@yahoo.com or you can call her at 510-651-8404.



Editor's Message

This is my first newsletter so please bear with me! I want to thank Mary Ann and Betsy for all of their help. The hardest part for me is learning Microsoft Word and operating a PC, but I have learned a lot just doing this page! Items that need your attention and possibly a stamp or two are:

CHAPTER ELECTIONS: Time again to vote for your Board representatives. Ballot with candidate statements is enclosed in your newsletter – please return by June 8th by mail or in person at the Spring Fling

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION: Tell us about your volunteer activities (see enclosed form) so that we can give you your "props!"

Save June 12th for the SPRING FLING! A whole day of fun with dogs and friends and dog-friends! Flyer inside!

Kitty Norwood & Rex

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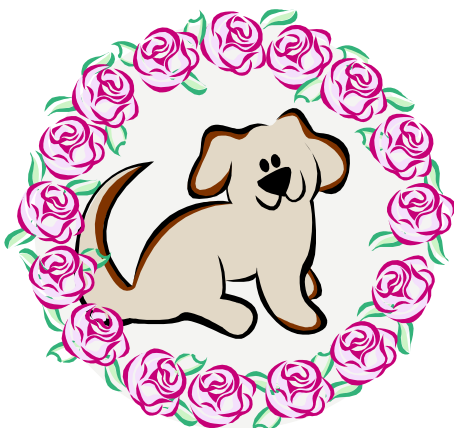
This issue was edited by Kitty Norwood

*No Minutes—no Board Meeting since
December 4, 2004*

Welcome to our



NEW MEMBERS!



Membership Updates & Changes

*Please note these in your 2005
Membership Roster*

***OFFICIAL POINTS,
LEGS, & TITLES***



(As Recorded thru March 2005)

Dawn Bushlong's

PABLO:

Three Open Legs and **MB-CDX** Earned:

Pablo's Score:

- Leg 1, Open - 193 points, shown under Judge Lora Cox, 2/5/05
- Leg 2, Open - 195.5 points, shown under Judge Georganne Green, 3/6/05
- Leg 3, Open - 191.5 points, shown under Judge Joel Johnson, 3/12/05

First Rally Novice Leg Earned:

Pablo's Score:

- Leg 1, Rally Novice - 95 points, shown under Judge Lora Cox, 3/6/05

Margo Carpenter's
ZOE

First Open Leg Earned:

- Leg 1, Open - 184.5 points shown under Judge Katie Van deSandt on 11/6/04

Kaelin Gelbke's
BAILEY

MB-CD Earned:

- Leg 3, Novice 11/3/02 (Please update your roster)

Terry and Tyler Hawkins'
LUCKY

CPE Agility Titles Earned:

- **CL2-F:** Level 2 Fun Games on 1/8/05
- **CL2-S:** Level 2 Strategy Games on 1/9/05

Angela Silvestri's
SASHA

Rally Novice Leg Earned:

Sasha's Score:

- Leg 1, Rally Novice - 89 points, shown under Judge Cathy Dutra, 3/12/05

CPE Agility Titles Earned:

- **CL2-H:** Level 2 Handler Games on 1/9/05
- **CL3-F:** Level 3 Fun Games on 1/8/05
- **CL3-R:** Level 3 Standard on 1/8/05

Cindy Sohrensens's
BONNER:

Third Open Leg and **MB-CDX** Earned:

Bonner's Score:

- Leg 3, Open - 192.5 points, shown under Judge Lora Cox, 2/6/05

Arlene Watson's
SCULLY:

USDAA Agility Titles Earned:

- **TM-Bronze:** Tournament Champion-Bronze on 9/1/03
- **RCH-Bronze:** Relay Champion-Bronze 9/5/04
- **PK-3:** Performance Snooker 3 on 10/16/04

CPE Agility Titles Earned:

- **C-ATCH:** CPE Agility Trial Champion 11/28/04
- SPARKLE:**

CPE Agility Titles Earned:

- **CL1-R:** Level 1 Standard on 1/9/05
- **CL1-F:** Level 1 Fun Games on 1/ 9/05



SPRING Dog Birthdays ***March, April, May***

Canine Senior Citizens (10+ years old):
Special Birthday Wishes to our Canine Seniors!

- 15 years:** Carolyn Harrison's **Star**, April 30, 1990
- 11 years:** Lloyda French's **Frida**, March 1994
- 11 years:** Mardi Richmond's **Jesse**, March 1994
- 11 years:** Christina Blanco's **Little Missy**, April 1, 1994
- 11 years:** Sandi & Edwin Coit's **Freckles McGuirk Coit**, May 1, 1994
- 10 years:** Carolyn Harrison's **Roger**, April 19, 1995

MARCH Birthday Dog

- 7 years:** Angela Silvestri's **Sasha**, March 17, 1998

APRIL Birthday Dogs

- 9 years:** Jackie Phillips' **Woodacre's Rocket Fire**, April 3, 1996
- 8 years:** Helen Wirfel's **Tavish**, April 22, 1997

MAY Birthday Dogs

- 7 years:** James & Lisa Seltmann's **Seltmann's Rowdy Runner**, May 29, 1998
- 6 years:** Mary Millar's **Miss Amadeus**, May 15, 1999

Laugh for the day! Hee, hee! This is from Terry Hawkins' (Lucky's mom) son Tyler:

Q: What kind of dog likes to make Betty Crocker cakes?
A: **A Mix Breed, of course!**

Q: If not fortunate enough to be a "Mix Breed," how must the dog make their cake?
A: **From scratch!**

TIME FOR BRAGS!!!



From Dawn Bushong and Pablo:

Pablo finally earned his CDX this March! We started trying for legs last fall, but on one exercise or another, Pablo would mess up ("no, see, you're supposed to go over the high jump in *both* directions"). Our first time in the ring, trying for a leg, Pablo was doing great. Until the dreaded retrieve over the high jump. I threw the dumbbell. He waited. I sent him. He flew over the jump, picked up the dumbbell, and took a left, straight out of the ring to go see my husband. Sigh.

The other three times were similar mishaps (only two matches, but we entered two times in each of them). So we took the rest of the year off, since things weren't going so well.

Things started to change when we started practicing again for the Mini Mutt Match in February. It was then that I discovered we were (ironically) practicing too much. After several days without practicing, I took Pablo to a park and set up the jumps. He did great, even with all the kids playing basketball nearby. The next day we went out again, and I could tell he just wasn't quite as interested. The third practice day in a row clinched it. He was just totally off his game. So if I took him and the jumps out just two or three times a week, he did great and was a very happy worker!

The Thursday before the Mini Mutt Match, we went to the San Lorenzo DTC to practice in their Open class. Pablo had previously never managed to do the

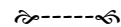
retrieve over the high jump at this location (he would go out over the jump, but then run around it coming back - I thought it was the rubber matting), so I wanted to see what our outlook for getting a leg would be. To my utter amazement, he did the high jump perfectly, on the first try! I couldn't believe it! This whole practicing less thing was really paying off.

And then that Saturday, we did it! We finally got a leg in Open, and with a 193 to boot! It felt unreal, like I was in a daze. Pablo got a well-deserved cheeseburger. The next match was a month later -- outdoors this time. It was a warm day (not Pablo's favorite) but I was feeling optimistic. We had done it once; we could do it again. And we did, with a score of 195.5! It was great! We got our first Rally Novice leg at that match too! Another cheeseburger for Pablo!

We were entered in another match the very next weekend. I was really nervous this time. Our third and final leg in the quest for the elusive CDX. We went into the Rally ring first, and I blew it at one of the stations, earning an NQ for the team. That did not bode well! We waited outside our Open ring doing some nervous warm-up heeling. Our turn finally came and we went in. Pablo was a bit of a space cadet when we started heeling, but he did everything else just great, ending up with a 191.5! That was the only time I was nervous about the sits and downs, but as usual, Pablo was a rock. I was so happy! And of course, Pablo got his victory cheeseburger.

Pablo is now Pablo Angus Bushong MB-CDX CGC. YAY!

On to Utility! (Now what is that they say about Utility being called "Futility"....?)



From Betsy Jones and Smedly:

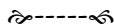
Smedly & I will brag that we got our third leg to finish our MB-CD on April 3 at the SLDTTC workshop with a 183! On the long down a dog can scoot the length of their body and still qualify with a loss of points. Good thing Smed has a very long body!

At the Bay Team CPE trial Easter weekend Smed Q'd half his classes, finished his Level 1 standard title, placed 2nd in Level 3 Full House, and 4th in Level 2 Snooker. Our best performance was in Level 2 Jack Pot. I'd planned an opening that had only jumps,

tunnels, and weaves, no contact obstacles, so it was a really fast and fun for Smedly. His eyes got bigger, his smile grew wider, and he picked up even more speed as we proceeded thru the opening. At the whistle he sailed thru the Gamble easily, finishing with 62 points, good for 1st Place. The best part was that Smed had so much fun, and so did I!

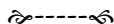
Betsy and Smedly, MB-CD, (plus a few agility titles!)

P.S. We won't be bragging about the USDAA trial last weekend! Suffice it to say that we had fun and had ample opportunity to learn from all our mistakes!



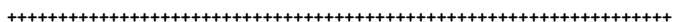
From the Bay Team email list (from the April 16/17 USDAA trial in Dixon):

Arlene Watson and SCULLY: took 2nd overall in the Leap-n-Chase and also earned their PJ3 this weekend. Congratulations!



From Kitty Norwood and Rex:

At the Mini Mutt Match on February 5th at San Lorenzo DTC, Rex won his first conformation points by going Points Dog. He went on to get Best of Points and Best Mixed Breed. (Instead of his usual reward of Chicken McNuggets, he got quail for dinner!)



**Dog Lovers are in for a Treat:
Top Dogs Exhibition Opening at the
Charles M. Schulz Museum**

Percentage of Proceeds to Benefit the Humane Society of the United States

Illustration Note: this cartoon panel below was drawn by Charles Schulz for Patrick McDonnell, creator of the comic strip, Mutts. It represents both cartoonists comic strip dogs Earl from Mutts and Snoopy from Peanuts having a private discussion. It will be featured in the Top Dogs: Comic Canines Before and After Snoopy exhibition.

Earl and Snoopy



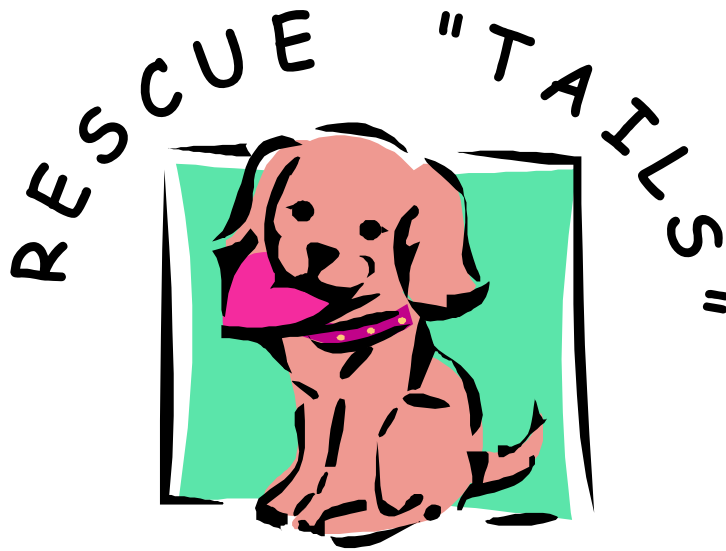
Top Dogs: Comic Canines Before and After Snoopy will open at the Charles M. Schulz Museum on Saturday, April 23 through Monday, September 25, 2005. Anyone who loves dogs will be delighted by this show and its celebration of the history of dogs in cartooning. One dollar from each admission ticket sold during the first five weeks of the exhibition will be donated to the Humane Society of the United States.

The exhibition will feature approximately 50 cartoons including classics Krazy Kat, Buster Brown, The Yellow Kid, Tippie, Blondie, Napoleon, Little Orphan Annie, Pogo and current features Mutts, Pickles, Luann, The Far Side, Dilbert, Red & Rover, Mother Goose & Grimm, Duncan, For Better or For Worse, Rhymes with Orange, and Marmaduke.

Remembering Charles M. Schulz's special love for his dog, Andy, Patrick wanted to document the bond between dogs and humans. "Sparky's (Charles Schulz) deep love of dogs is alive in the spirit of Snoopy," said McDonnell. He added, "Dogs are living cartoons. They are fun, adventurous, and innocent. They always see the world and its routines as new and exciting. They are filled with love and they have big noses. It's no wonder that cartoonists are drawn to them."

Hours of Operation: Weekdays except Tue.
12 noon to 5PM
Saturday and Sunday: 10AM to 5PM

Location: 2301 Hardies Lane
Santa Rosa, CA 95403



...where members share the de-tails of their special rescue dogs!



Rexinator the Aviator

I thought I would tell you about Rex, since, if we didn't have him, I probably would not be your newsletter editor!

We have always had two dogs but usually of varying ages. When we lost our 6 ½ year old Rough Collie unexpectedly (liver and kidney failure), I became angry at purebred dogs. Lots of friends had mixed breeds that were living to old, old age—some of them terribly obese. I decided we would invest in hybrid vigor. Usually when we lost a dog we would have a new one in three days—I just have to have another wagging tail to put that love into. But out of deep respect for our Collie, Master, I waited two weeks. (However, I was browsing on Pet Finders.)

My husband was “next in line” to pick a dog and I knew that had to be a Lab. When we saw Rex's picture and his lineage we decided to go visit him—in Sacramento. He had been rescued by Magic Blue Moon Rescue as he had not been adopted from the Sacramento City shelter and was to be put down. (This was as a 6 month old puppy!)



Rex-2 years old at Pulgas Ridge

Rex spent the next four months at a vet's kennel waiting to be adopted. (Of course, we liked him because he was supposedly a Lab/Smooth Collie mix—a Chocolate Smoothie). We took Rex for a little walk in the ½ acre that was next to the vet hospital—it was fenced but there was no gate. My husband started jogging with him but when Rex crossed in front of him, my husband tripped and let go of the leash. Freedom, luscious freedom! Rex ran around like a cyclone and I pictured him running into the street, etc. After five minutes of frantically chasing this brown bullet I yelled “down” and boy did he drop (like he had been mistreated in a previous life).

Okay, he had this great spiky tail that wagged like crazy. I thought his legs looked pretty good. My husband said he had four of them so that should be okay. Other people were coming up saying nice things about him—yes, *we* are taking him. Blue Moon was glad he was going because she had many more to try and place including a Bloodhound/St. Bernard mix puppy—all I could see was slobber (I had a rescue Bloodhound long ago and he decorated my ceilings)! We loaded Rex in the crate and headed home.

On the way home doubts crept in. What had I done? I saw purebred dogs in passing cars—there was a mutt in mine.

At our Advanced I obedience class (John Sudler and Freddy were there, too), Chris Blanco told me about the club. She encouraged me to join. I am so glad I did.

Rex is rather hard-headed. Similar to the Beagles I've trained, only worse. He's smart as a whip; when he pays attention he works beautifully. But he is also a reactive dog (is it any wonder?). As my first reactive dog, he has been a real challenge. And I thought I knew how to train dogs!!!

If it weren't for the club would I still try so hard with Rex or would I take the easy way out and train the rescue Collie who pays attention and really tries to please? Luckily, we are in the club and starting to show in obedience, agility and conformation. We still have a lot of work ahead but there are good signs along with the bad.

Rex always gives me a little something to keep me going. At a match in April, I made the mistake of being a steward and trying to show, too. Rex was confined all except 10-15 minutes. Not enough to acclimate. We were doing the off leash heeling in Novice when the judge said “halt.” I looked down—no Rex. He had stopped about 10 feet into the heel pattern to stare at a Golden Retriever. His head was under the rope but he had *not* left the ring. When I called in a too-loud voice, he came over.

As a team we are a work-in-progress—ever evolving and trying new angles. We'll get there with a lot of hard work. But we *can* show in conformation—we are attached by a thin leash and baked liver. And Rex loves to show off. The next time you see us in the conformation ring, start clapping—and watch Rex strut his stuff.

Those doubts I had about having a mutt? They're gone. I love my Chocolate Smoothie to pieces.



Rex with his ribbons and trophies from the Mini Mutt Match on February 5, 2005—he won Best Mixed Breed.

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CHAPTER ELECTION TIME - GLORIA McCLAIN, Election Proctor

Please review the following Candidate Statements and complete the enclosed Ballot to vote for your 2005-2006 Board Representatives. Gloria McClain has once again agreed to be our proctor. Ballots may be submitted to Gloria by either:

- US Mail: Postmarked no later than Wednesday, JUNE 8th, 2005.
 - In Person: by 11:00am at the Spring Fling, Sunday, JUNE 12th, 2005.
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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS: ELECTION for 2005 - 2006 CHAPTER OFFICERS and BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

For President, BETSY JONES: As a long-time member of MBDC of CA I'm deeply committed to our Club's purpose which is, in part: "furthering the welfare of Mixed Breed Dogs". I look forward to another year serving as the Club's president and working with the Board to build an even better Club. In the next year or so my BC/Aussie, Smedly, and I have our sights set on working towards his CDX and advanced Agility titles, as well as starting out in Rally, while, most importantly, having a ton of fun along the way. I also hope to get to know a lot more of you and your dogs in the process. Among the greatest joys of being a Board member/officer of MBDC of CA for me has been meeting and working with the wonderful people and dogs of our Club. I hope we'll all continue to work together to make our Club the best it can be.

For Vice President, TERRY BEARDSLEY: [No statement available.](#)

For Secretary, MARY ANN SORICH: I would be honored to continue to serve as your Secretary for the Board of MBDC of CA. I'm the one with the quiet-but-always-willing-to-help hubby, Mark, and the leggy, "Q means Quaalude" black lab mix with the white chest and throatlatch, Kirby. If elected, I will continue to serve the Club and its members as best as I can. Oh, and I think I've got all your names and faces and associated wet noses all matched up now! Thank you.

For Treasurer, RITA JENSEN: I've been a member of the Mixed Breed Club for about 4 years and have served on the Board and as treasurer of the club for the last two years. I am actively involved in our activities including obedience. I'm willing to serve the club and help in any way I can.

For Board Members-at-Large:

CHRIS BLANCO: Hello, my name is Christina Blanco. I am currently a board member, and I wish to continue as a board member for 2005. I have been involved with the Club since 1996, and I believe in the Club's values and philosophies. I hope you'll accept me once again as a board member. Thank you very much!

DAWN BUSHONG: I've been a member of the MBDC of CA for just about one year. My dog, Pablo (Pablo Angus Bushong MB-CDX CGC), is a lab/shepherd/who-knows-what mix and was adopted from the Oakland SPCA when he was about one and a half years old. Pablo is currently in training for Utility, and is working on those Rally titles. In the future, we'd also like to try our hand (paw?) at Agility. I'd like to get more involved with the Club by serving on the board. I'd also like to see the Club do more events and reach more prospective members.

KITTY NORWOOD: I've been a member of MBDC of CA for one year. My dog, Rex, is a chocolate lab/collie mix and was adopted from Magic Blue Moon Rescue in Sacramento... Rex has his CGC and is working on obedience, rally, agility and conformation. He loves playing rough with our rescue rough collie. I

will enjoy working on club events because I have appreciated all the hard work the board has done to put on fun events for our members.

CINDY SOHRENSSEN: I would like to stay and serve the MBDC board again this year. I hope you would like me back. It's an amazing learning process. I've made so many friends and acquaintances. It would be a shame if I couldn't come back and share all that I have learned and yet to learn. Respectfully, Cindy Sohrenszen, MBCD of CA Board Member

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Quickie CALENDAR OF DOG AGILITY EVENTS – (Last updated 4/18/05)

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See Karey's complete Agility Calendar on the Bay Team web site Internal Calendar page at
<http://www.bayteam.org/docs/KareysCalendar.html>

May 14/15 Camarillo CPAC USDAA/DAM
May 21/22 ElkGrove CPE, Napa VallejoDTC AKC, CarsonCity USDAA, Atascadero NADAC
May 28/29 (mem) Dixon TRACS 4-day AKC, Elkgrove NADAC, Moorpark Happydog USDAA/Adv/St

Jun 4/ 5 Salinas DelMonteKC AKC, Irwindale DART USDAA, Bend USDAA
Jun 11/12 Sunnyvale TervClub AKC, SanDiego USDAA, CarsonCity NADAC
Jun 18/19 ScottsValley MBDT AKC, elkgrove NADAC, Reno AKC
Jun 25/26 Elkgrove NADAC, Livermore CorgiClub AKC

Jul 2/ 3 (4th) Dixon Sheltie AKC, Elkgrove Hatedawgs CPE, Fillmore HappyDog USDAA/DAM/Mas
Jul 9/10 PaloAlto PoodleClub AKC, ElkGrove NADAC
Jul 16/17 Portland CAT USDAA/GP+, ScottsValley BTCR AKC, Turlock VAST NADAC
Jul 23/24 Sunnyvale Bayteam CPE
Jul 30/31 CarsonCity NADAC, Livermore Malamute AKC

Aug 6/ 7 elkgrove CPE, Ventura CPAC USDAA, Prunedale PASA NADAC, ?Portland WAG USDAA
Aug 13/14 Petaluma CountyWide AKC, Ventura WVDS USDAA
Aug 20/21 NapaDTC AKC, CarsonCity CPE, Moorpark Happydog USDAA/St/Adv
Aug 27/28 Salinas SMART USDAA, Elkgrove SDTC AKC

Sep 3/ 4 (labor) Sunnyvale Bayteam USDAA, CarsonCity NADAC
Sep 10/11 Moorpark Happydog USDAA/Mas, Turlock CPE, CarsonCity NADAC
Sep 17/18 Turlock VAST USDAA, SanRaphael SirFrancisDrakeKC AKC, elkgrove funmatch
Sep 24/25 Woodland TRACS USDAA, Dixon DDTC AKC, FCI World Cup?

Oct 1/ 2 elkgrove CPE
Oct 8/ 9 Livermore PoodleClub AKC, Dixon Hatedawgs USDAA, Elkgrove CPE
Oct 15/16 Madera CAT USDAA/GP, Elkgrove AKC/sa, CarsonCity NADAC, StLouis NADAC Natls
Oct 22/23 Pleasanton DelValle AKC, Turlock VAST CPE, Moorpark Happydog USDAA/Mas
Oct 29/30 Placerville HangtownKC AKC, elkgrove funmatch, Camarillo BVDTC USDAA

Nov 5/ 6 Turlock VAST NADAC
Nov 12/13 ?Scottsdale USDAA Nat'ls, ElkGrove NADAC, SanMartin SCDTC AKC
Nov 19/20 Industry DART USDAA, elkgrove funmatch/sa
Nov 26/27 (turk) AKC Nat'ls (tu/we/th), elkgrove CPE

Dec 3/ 4 Elkgrove NADAC
Dec 10/11
Dec 17/18
Dec 24/25 (xmas)
Dec 31/ 1 (newyrs) Sacto TRACS 4-day AKC

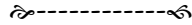
DOG EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

**A SPECIAL WORKSHOP FOR THERAPY DOGS & HANDLERS
WITH Judy Gamet and Dogs Can Dance**

Saturday, May 21, 2005 – Napa Valley Dog Training Club, Napa, CA

Register online: www.dogscandance.com click on “Workshops and Classes” – “Therapy Dogs Workshop”

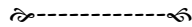
Space is limited!



**DIABLO VALLEY GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB
ALL BREED OUTDOOR RALLY AND INDOOR OBEDIENCE FUN MATCH
Sunday, May 29, 2005 – Tony LaRussa’s Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF), Walnut Creek, CA**

Info: Debbie Hankins email: dhankins@JPS.net or 925-335-9610

Possible Day of Match Entries

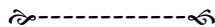


**GAVILAN KENNEL CLUB ALL BREED OBEDIENCE & RALLY WORKSHOP
MIXED BREEDS WELCOME**

Sunday, June 5, 2005 – Christmas Hill Park, Gilroy, CA

Check the website: www.gavilankc.org or call 408-578-8378

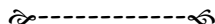
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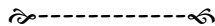
**GOLDEN GATE LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB
ALL BREED OBEDIENCE SHOW AND GO
CONFORMATION HANDLING CLINIC AND CANINE GOOD CITIZEN
Sunday, June 5, 2005 – Robertson Community Park, Livermore, CA**

Show & Go Questions contact Chris Hempel: email: rifraf8@sbcglobal.net

ENTRIES CLOSE Wednesday June 1, 2005.



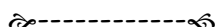
**PENINSULA AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD ASSOCIATION
FLAG DAY SPECIAL-2 ALL BREED OBEDIENCE TRIALS
Saturday & Sunday, June 11-12, 2005 – San Luis RV Park, Santa Nella, CA**
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ENTRIES CLOSE Monday, June 6, 2005.



**NOR-CAL KEESHOND CLUB ALL BREED WORKSHOP
CONFORMATION & OBEDIENCE – MIXED BREEDS WELCOME IN BOTH
Saturday, July 9, 2005 – Bodnar Athletic Field -- Vallejo, CA**

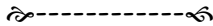
website: www.geocities.com/norcalkeesprezClasses:

. ENTRIES CLOSE Thursday, June 30, 2005.



**PENINSULA AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD ASSOCIATION
PASA STOCKDOG TRIAL**

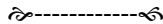
Saturday & Sunday, July 30-31, 2005 – Herding4Ewe Training Center, Vacaville, CA
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**MIXED BREED DOG CLUB OF AMERICA NATIONAL SPECIALTY
HOSTED BY OREGON AND WASHINGTON CLUBS**

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, October 28-30, 2005, Hillsboro, OR

Friday-Tracking, Saturday-Obedience, Rally and Conformation, Sunday-Obedience, Conformation and Rally (?)
More info in the next issue and the National Newsletter—Sounds like fun—Save the Date!



IF I Didn't Have Dogs....

1. I could walk around the yard barefoot in safety.
2. My house could be carpeted instead of tiled and laminated.
3. All flat surfaces, clothing, furniture, and cars would be free of Dog hair.
4. When the doorbell rings, it wouldn't sound like the NCDL kennels.
5. When the doorbell rings, I could get to the door without wading through dog bodies that beat me there.
6. I could sit on the couch the way I wanted, without taking into consideration how much space several fur bodies would need to get comfortable.
7. I would not have strange presents under my Christmas tree- like dog bones, stuffed animals or have to answer to people why I wrap them.
8. I would not be on a first name basis with three vets
- 9.. The most used words in my vocabulary would not be: "out", "sit", "down", "come", "no", "stay", and "leave him/her/it ALONE".
10. My house would not be cordoned off into zones with baby gates or barriers.
11. My pockets would not contain things like poo bags, dog treats and an extra leash.
12. I would no longer have to spell the words B-A-L-L or F-R-I-S-B-E-E or W-A-L-K.
13. I would not have as many leaves INSIDE my house as outside.
14. I would not look strangely at people who think having their ONE dog ties them down too much.
- 15 . I'd look forward to Spring and the melting of the snow instead of dreading "mud season".
- 16 . I would not have to answer the question "Why do you have so many dogs?" from people who will never have the joy in their life of knowing they are loved unconditionally by something as close to angel as they will ever get.
- 17 . How empty my life would be..