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**RIVERUN BUFFALO BILL CODY
“CODY”**



IMPORTANT STUFF



COVER STORY RIVERUN BUFFALO BILL CODY "CODY"

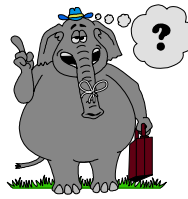
Born October 30, 2001 in our kitchen, where all our puppies have been born, was one of a litter of 5. Three boys and two girls. We were hoping that Dixie could hold off delivering one more day so we would have Halloween puppies, but she said no way!

Right from the start Cody was a very different boy. He just knew he was the prettiest thing ever! Unfortunately for us and him he never came into enough coat to continue showing, even though he has always contended that he was definitely show quality.

I started training him in agility when he was about 3. I told him his show career was over and now he needed to do something else. Well he said he would give it a try. We did pretty good in Novice. But by the time we made it into Open he was back on "I'm much to handsome for this." He would often realize while we were running a course that there was an audience on the ropes and that is where he would go and show them exactly how gorgeous he really was. Mind you for those that don't know much about agility, it is timed and every second he was preening for the audience was time lost on course and also a disqualification for that day!

I think that I finally convinced him that he wasn't a show dog and he started running the courses instead of visiting audiences. Unfortunately he decided that it was so much fun to run that that is exactly what he started doing, making up the course as he went along!

Oh well. He is my constant shadow around the house. Cody has one more peculiarity, he never gets up on the furniture. We have never said he couldn't and all the other dogs think the couches are theirs and we are allowed one little corner. Cody actually will freeze and look really uncomfortable if I put him on the couch and will jump off immediately.
Karin Parker



**DON'T FORGET!
DUES
ARE DUE
AT THE
JULY ANNUAL
MEETING
JULY 8**

JULY MEMBER OF THE MONTH

July 2009



Penny McCausland

will be our honored Member of the Month at the May General Meeting. Please bring your pictures and stories to share.

Unable to attend? Email your pictures and stories to bettyconrad@astound.net.

Betty Conrad



**PLEASE DO NOT PARK
IN FRONT OF THE ROLLING DOORS
ON MONDAY NIGHT
DURING THE TWO CONFORMATION
CLASSES
SOME OF THE PARTICIPANTS
ARE HANDICAPPED**

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UPDATE ON SB 250

Laura Finco

CDOC Communications

SB 250 has been assigned to the Assembly Business and Professions Committee. The hearing is set for TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2009, at 9:30 am in Room 447. Please try to attend. In the least, get a letter out to the Business and Professions Committee and your individual Assemblymember. To find your Assembly member go to www.leginfo.com-- the letter can be simple.

When writing the letters, please put: RE: OPPOSE SB 250 as Proposed to be Amended

Letters need to be in as soon as possible in order to be listed in the analysis. We are assuming a 48 hour turn around so setting Thursday as a deadline is not unreasonable. Even if you do not feel you can get letters faxed by the end of this week, fax them during the weekend.

WE NEED INDIVIDUALS, CLUBS, AND ORGANIZATIONS TO GET LETTERS OF OPPOSITION INTO THE COMMITTEE ANALYSIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Unfortunately, vocal opposition to SB 250 was much lower as it worked its way through the senate. And while many of those in opposition vented about the cons of this bill, few actively opposed it with letters and phone calls. Sacramento did not feel the same uproar as with AB 1634 so they **NEED TO HEAR OUR VOICES NOW!**

Contact information and talking points are included in this e-blast. Sample letters will be up on the SB 250 website (www.sb250.org) soon. The AKC website in their legislative alerts also has sample letters.

Although the bill has nothing to do with any business related circumstances and there are absolutely no professions connections, Senator Florez was able to pull for this bill to be heard in this committee rather than the Local Government committee. Since Florez changed the cost factor of this extremely expensive bill from state reimbursement to local governments having to cover all of the costs (i.e.; through higher fees and additional fees for revocation and license denials), he knew that he would a hard time passing it in the Assembly Local Government committee.

Ironically, Florez has proudly proclaimed "THIS IS NOT AB 1634" but when it served him to get SB 250 into the committee that first heard and passed AB 1634, he used it to his advantage. Another indication that he

will do anything to get this bill passed without concern for content or consequences.

Concerns about SB 250-- what you need to know:

1. Under current law, it is not illegal to own or care for an intact animal. SB 250 will make the simple ownership of an intact dog or carrying for an intact cat illegal. It will be a crime-- the only way to avoid prosecution of this new crime is to license your intact dog. If you care for intact feral cat(s) for more than 30 days, you are considered its owner and are liable.

2. If you do not license your intact dog or are found in violation of ANY law or ordinance related to animals, the penalty is loss of your intact licenses and **FORCED STERILIZATION OF YOUR INTACT PETS.** If you give someone a dog (your sister, father, anyone--even a donation to a service dog agency) without the appropriate paperwork, licensure, and notification you are violating SB 250. If you don't pay or make a mistake paying sales tax on a dog, this is in violation of a law relative to the sale of dogs. If you are out training and your licensed dog is not wearing its tags or a collar, you are in violation. And the penalty for any of these infractions and many more, is mandatory spay/neuter.

3. From what we can gather, the promised amendments might include a possibly broader exemption for working dogs (and maybe something more for hunting dogs) and possibly a "freebie" on the first at-large infraction. Hence, mandatory sterilization would not happen until the second time a dog is caught roaming. However, the language about violations regarding the care and concern of animals is still **ONE STRIKE AND YOU ARE OUT FOREVER** penalty.

CDOC and others are opposed to the use of mandatory spay/neuter as policy or penalty. In every jurisdiction that has enacted mandatory spay/neuter policy or used it as penalty, there has been significant increases in operational costs and expenses, increases in impounds and surrenders, and unfortunately, increases in the euthanasia rate. Although Santa Cruz, the model used for SB 250 did experience an eventual decline, it was noticeably below the euthanasia rates of neighboring cities and counties that did not have MSN (www.sb250.org)

Talking Points:

1. The use of mandatory spay/neuter as policy or penalty does not work. There is no example where MSN has been a positive solution resulting in a more rapid rate of



FROM THE EDITOR



"Sago Palm" or "Cycad"

Poisoning Alert- It has come to our attention that many home improvement stores are selling a houseplant that can cause serious poisoning in pets and children. The plant is called the "Sago Palm" or "Cycad". It is also referred to as "The Oldest Known Plant". It is used in outdoor landscaping in Southern States, but can only survive as a houseplant in the North. All of this plant, including the seeds and root ball are toxic. Signs of illness first appear about 12 hours after ingestion and include gastrointestinal signs such as vomiting, diarrhea and lethargy. The toxins in the plant lead to severe liver failure with progressive weakness, jaundice, bruising and bleeding and other signs of liver failure that lead to death. It is estimated that 75-80% of animals ingesting this plant will die in spite of aggressive medical treatment. If you have one of these plants in your home you will want to be sure to keep it away from pets and children, preferably by disposing of it safely in a covered trash can or "rehome" it with someone who does not have pets or young children in the household

Burnt Hills Veterinary Hospital
Burnt Hills, NY 12027



I found these words of Martina Navratilova at the 2009 French Open during the women's semi finals at Roland Garros in Paris, discussing attitude and perseverance., very applicable to our own sport..

Navratilova is one of just three women to have accomplished a career Grand Slam in singles, women's doubles, and mixed doubles (called the Grand Slam "boxed set"). She holds the [open era](#) record for most singles titles (167) and doubles titles (177). She recorded the longest winning streak in tennis history (74 consecutive matches) and three of the six longest winning streaks in women's tennis history.

To quote her:

"You must be willing to lose in order to win. No one can make you a loser. It's up to you."

Yea, Martina!!!!

JOKE DE JOUR!

PETA wishes Obama hadn't swatted that fly Edited from CNBC, Wed Jun 17, 11:43 PM EDT

A recent video on Comcast released by CNBC, shows President Barack Obama smashing a pesky fly....

During an interview for CNBC at the White House on Tuesday, a fly intruded on Obama's conversation with correspondent John Harwood.

"Get out of here," the president told the pesky insect. When it didn't, he waited for the fly to settle, put his hand up and then smacked it dead.

"Now, where were we?" Obama asked Harwood. Then he added: "That was pretty impressive, wasn't it? I got the sucker."

The group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals wants the flyswatter in chief to try taking a more humane attitude the next time he's bedeviled by a fly in the White House.

PETA is sending President Barack Obama a Katcha Bug Humane Bug Catcher, a device that allows users to trap a house fly and then release it outside.

"We support compassion even for the most curious, smallest and least sympathetic animals," PETA spokesman Bruce Friedrich said Wednesday. "We believe that people, where they can be compassionate, should be, for all animals."

Friedrich said that PETA was pleased with Obama's voting record in the Senate on behalf of animal rights and noted that he has been outspoken against animal abuses.

Still, "swatting a fly on TV indicates he's not perfect," Friedrich said, "and we're happy to say that we wish he hadn't."

Deputy press secretary Josh Earnest said the White House has no comment on the matter.

No doubt PETA feels also that we need to be more humane to the Tsetse fly and the malarial mosquito too.

Irene



LET'S TALK TRAINING

Taking the **F** out of **FUTILITY**

Irene Quesnoy

If you ever get discouraged by your dog's performance in Novice or Open, take a break and sit by the Utility A ring. Bring your lunch and a cold drink because you need to tough it out for at least several hours. What you see will soften your gloom, as you watch dog after dog go down to NQ defeat. Why, you ask yourself, are they showing those dogs when it is obvious they are not ready for the ring? Can't they see the dog is slower than a snail at executing the exercises? Aren't they aware that the dog is too stressed to perform?

Now leave those questions unanswered and move to the Utility B ring. Sip that cold drink and watch the dogs perform. Some sail right through but others NQ on just a single exercise. What, you ask yourself, makes for such a difference in performance between this ring and the last one?

I will attempt to answer this question in this article. The most obvious answer is experience of both the dogs and the handler in the Utility B ring. Most of the handlers in Utility B have been training dogs for quite a while or at least this is not their first Utility dog. Some are working on the UDX or the OTCH. When the dogs in this ring blow an exercise, the handlers know enough about their dog's training to go home and fix it for the next show.

The Utility A ring is another story. For some handlers this is their first Utility dog. For others who have trained a few dogs, this ring seems the least competitive for hopes of earning a ribbon. What I would like to do in this article is explain why Utility is such a difficult degree to earn for the relatively inexperienced handler and what he/she can do about it.

First of all I believe most handlers show too soon in Utility. Many assume because the dog is performing relatively well in class it is time to get out and show. They are not aware that the dog needs to perform reliably in other areas than the usual training room. These handlers **must take the dogs to work shops, show and gos, matches, and other training facilities. While the handler may adjust to the new venue, the dog will need to experience a number of them before he is reliable.** I cringe when handlers say they want to "see what the dog can do" and show him when the dog is not proofed. Instead what they see is **what the dog cannot do** and they are unable to make a correction or indicate to the dog that what he did was not what the handler wanted. You would think that one experience like this would convince the handler that the dog needs more time out of the ring and in practice matches. However many treat this like they would a slot machine and try again hoping for the jackpot

to appear. What happens is a series of attempts that make the dog more ring wise and the handler more frustrated. **Trying to show a dog that is not ready is not progression but regression.** In training for the Utility ring, slower is actually faster.

What most inexperienced handlers are not aware of is that the time line from Open to Utility is not like the one from Novice to Open. It can take years for a relatively inexperienced handler to train a reliable dog for Utility. In going from Novice to Open, the barriers to surmount are the retrieve and jumps. But there is only **one DB** which the dog sees thrown, **one** high and **one** broad jump, and **one** drop on recall. Training in Open is just conditioning the dog to perform these exercises correctly many times in all sorts of areas until he is proofed. The only unknowns here are the group exercises with strange dogs.

Now think of the exercises in Utility:

There are **five** signals at a distance of 40 feet with a judge standing with the dog while you leave him.

There are **eight** articles in with yours in the pile with the judge standing by the pile and you across the width of the ring from them. He must do this **twice**.

There are **three** gloves which he does not see thrown and to which he must turn accurately or his rate of success lessens, and he must look at the correct glove only when the handler indicates it with a signal.

The moving stand requires the dog to stop while the handler leaves him and allow a stranger to examine him. Then instead of fronting to his handler, he must go immediately to heel position.

Now we come to the moment of truth. There are **two** jumps, one big and white which the dog remembers from Open and a skinny bar one that the dog may not even see. He must go away from the handler between those two jumps **twice** and sit at least 10 feet from the jumps more or less in the middle of the other side of the ring, taking first one and then the other.

Just think about it! Utility is focus, discrimination, and self confidence. It's like taking a Calculus test in the middle of Union Square! If the dog is nervous, distracted, unsure of the exercise or the need to do it despite distractions, the NQ is a given.

In next month's TALES I will discuss a number of solutions to the problem of surviving Utility.

Irene Quesnoy



LET'S RALLY

Loretta Delinger

The 2009 Interclub Competition was as usual a very pleasant experience. A good entry of about 250 dogs, food galore and the weatherman cooperated.

3. Handler halts and dog sits. Handler commands dog to stay, turns right and takes one step. Handler call dog to heel, dog gets up, goes over to sniff sign, then moves to heel position and sits.

Have fun,
Loretta

The final breakdown is not available as yet, but when it is I will post it at the building. The trophies and ribbons were spread out among many clubs.

Mt. Diablo did bring home two awards. Top two Rally dogs from a club was won by Trish Kohrt and her GSD, Molly with a score of 97 and Bill Faisst with CJ, an Aussie with a score of 99.

Mt. Diablo also took top honors with the 6 highest scoring Rally dogs. This award was won by Bill Faisst and CJ, Trish Korht and Molly, Wendy Waggoner and Dizzy, Mary Millar and Mattie, Dena Zachariah and Bailey, Loretta Delinger and Chipper.

Thanks to all who participated and a special thanks to all the club members who jumped in to steward, and or judge between showing their dogs. Also the members of Napa DTC who helped with the Rally rings. A special thanks to Rasjidah Franklin who asked her friend Carole Swain to help out. She stewarded all day in the rally ring. Carole does not own a dog, knows nothing about Rally but did the table work all day without a mishap.

Something to think about. We are told that many of the errors the dog makes in rally are scored the same as in obedience. A poor sit, if it is one point in obedience is one point in rally. Footwork on the other hand in rally is scored on a different scale. The following is just 3 of 12 scenarios on exercise #35 we find happening in rally. If you know what penalty, if any, should be taken, you will work harder to in order to avoid that penalty. Exercise #35. Look up the description after you answer the questions.

1. Handler halts and dog sits. Handler turns right, but the one step part of the exercise seems to be about 3 to 6 inches from the original position. Dog waits in the original position until the handler call him to heel and sit which he does.

2. Handler halts and dog stands. Dog sits promptly when handler commands dog to sit. Handler commands dog to wait, turns and takes one step, call dog to heel. Dog goes to heel and stands again. Dog sits promptly when handler commands to sit.

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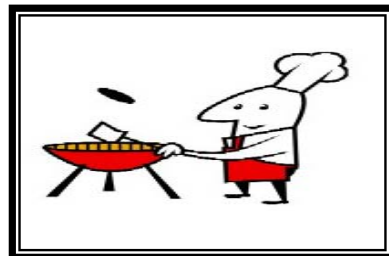
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- 2. PROVIDE A SIDE FOOD
DISH**



AGILITY FROM KARIN

AGILITY-A NEW GENERATION

AKC has decided, finally to allow mixed breeds to compete in performance events, obedience, rally and agility.

I have a student that is very anti AKC because they have never allowed mixed-breeds to participate in any events. We have gone round and round on this subject for approximately the last 10 years and I discovered that it's not going to stop. Because the mixed-breeds will not directly be competing against the pure breeds but have their own class, some still are not happy with the way this will be set up.

I was reading an article in Clean Run (an agility magazine) and if no one minds I am going to quote a few of the things that were said there. It was written by Lisa Selthofer owner of Premier K9 Club in Seattle. She is a competitor and judge in agility.

"It's not fair to label mixed-breeds as inferior mongrels and it's also not fair to label all breeders and participants in AKC events as snobs, especially those who focus mainly on performance events. I say this because performance events weren't introduced 125 years ago, but are current creations. For example, agility has been included in AKC dog sports for about 15 years and rally for a mere 3-4 years. For the most part, performance handlers have joined the ranks of AKC exhibitors with a much more modern, inclusive belief system. Some mixed-breed handlers are resentful that they have to join the AKC family at the kids table. I can understand that. Still, we've all been inducted the same way. We all started with paper plates and plastic utensils; and as we "grow up" we're handed the china and silverware at the big table.

If you handle a mixed-breed dog, I hope you will consider the valuable lessons learned from previous performance event participants before you decide not to join in the new program

Even long lost family members need time to get to know one another. The AKC has extended an invitation to dinner and now mixed-breed handlers have an opportunity to either graciously accept or decline the offer. Its as simple as that.

Every relationship has to start somewhere. We've all heard stories of happily married couple who met under not-so-perfect circumstances, and years later they laugh together about that initial awkward moment. This could be one on those times.

It is the performance event participants who are welcoming the mixed-breeds. We're the ones who have opened the door, greeted mixed breeds with a smile and

invited the mixed-breeds to come and play. We're part of the modern, hip, new way of thinking, do don't shun us because our AKC parents have some older beliefs that you don't agree with. Just like an older brother or sister, performance event participants have helped pave the way for this new and exciting change. Come out and get to know us."

I really do hope that the mixed-breed world will accept what AKC is offering and we can all work toward actually competing as one class instead of two. I am not sure I will ever be able to convince my student that it is a good thing but I guess I will keep trying. You know Swedes are really stubborn when they think they are right.....that's me.

My young dog is actually doing a pretty good job of living up to his name Apache Thunder. He has run out of the ring and left me standing there with egg on my face, there was a bright patch of green grass that he just had to go water immediately. Never mind that I had walked him for about 20 minutes and he had watered every blade of grass from our set-up to the ring. That grass had to be watered.

He really is a wild Indian. He pretty much stays with me in the ring now and has actually decided to do some weave poles.....not many but some. If there are 12 poles, I should be content with 10. Aaagh! He has started doing the teeter in competition, YEAH! We have managed to collect a couple of titles along the way, when he was staying in the ring, Novice Jumpers and Novice Fast. We also have 2 legs on our Novice Standard.

I will explain quickly for those folks that have never watched agility the different courses we run. Jumpers is just that, only jumps and weave poles and sometimes tunnels. Standard has all the big equipment, A frame, dog walk, and teeter, as well as jumps and tunnels. Fast is run on a standard type course with all the equipment with a numerical value. The handler must go out and set his or her own course collecting as many points as possible. There is part of the course that must be done in sequence, set by the judge, and the handler is several feet away. This is called the send and may be done anytime during the run. If the dog completes the send he earns 20 bonus points. If he doesn't complete the send it doesn't count toward a title.

Well I think I have kinda made up for not submitting a column for the last couple of months with this short novel.

Have a great day and give your doggies lots of hugs!!

Karin Parker



THE FUNNY BONE

DOG THOUGHTS

"Whoever said you can't buy happiness forgot little puppies." --*Gene Hill*

"Outside of a dog, a book is probably man's best friend, and inside of a dog, it's too dark to read." --*Groucho Marx*.

"To his dog, every man is Napoleon; hence the constant popularity of dogs." --*Aldous Huxley*

"Did you ever walk into a room and forget why you walked in? I think that is how dogs spend their lives." --*Sue Murphy*

"I think animal testing is a terrible idea; they get all nervous and give the wrong answers." --*Unknown*

"No animal should ever jump up on the dining-room furniture unless absolutely certain that that he can hold his own in the conversation." --*Fran Lebowitz*

"Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job." --*Franklin P. Jones*

"Ever consider what they must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul --chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth!" --*Anne Tyler*

"I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult." --*Rita Rudner*

"If dogs could talk it would take a lot of the fun out of owning one." --*Andy Rooney*

"My dog is worried about the economy because Alpo is up to 99 cents a can. That's almost \$7.00 in dog money.#" --*Joe Weinstein*

"If a dog will not come to you after having looked you in the face, you should go home and examine your conscience." --*Woodrow Wilson*

"If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that certain dogs I have known will go to heaven, and very, very few persons." --*James Thurber*

"You enter into a certain amount of madness when you marry a person with pets." --*Nora Ephron*

"Rambunctious, rumbustious, delinquent dogs become angelic when sitting." --*Dr. Ian Dunbar*

"Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evi-

dence that you are wonderful." --*Ann Landers*

"Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea." --*Robert A. Heinlein*

"In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog that will worship him and a cat that will ignore him." --*Dereke Bruce, Taipei, Taiwan*

"There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face." --*Ben Williams*

"Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole." --*Roger Caras*

"Cat's Motto: No matter what you've done wrong, always try to make it look like the dog did it." --*Unknown*

No one appreciates the very special genius of your conversation as the dog does." --*Christopher Morley*

"A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself." --*Josh Billings*

"Man is a dog's idea of what God should be." --*Holbrook Jackson*

"The average dog is a nicer person than the average person.#" --*Andrew A. Rooney*

"He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion" --*Unknown*

"Heaven goes by favor. If it went by merit, you would stay out and your dog would go in." --*Mark Twain*

"If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went." --*Unknown*

"If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you; that is the principal difference between a dog and a man." --*Mark Twain*

"Things that upset a terrier may pass virtually unnoticed by a Great Dane." --*Smiley Blanton*

"I've seen a look in dogs' eyes, a quickly vanishing look of amazed contempt, and I am convinced that basically dogs think humans are nuts." --*John Steinbeck*

(Submitted by Sharon L. Moore)



SECRETARY'S PAGE

MDDTC June 10, 2009 June General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm.

Clipboards:

Approval of Minutes for the March BD Meeting Minutes and April GM minutes: so moved.

Announcements & Acknowledgements

a) Thank-you's: June Refreshments – Laurie Pisciotto and Aline Pearl

b) Introductions of guests: Sandy and Virginia:

c) Membership proposal: Sean Turner

d) Welcome to the Briones 4-H Dog Project – Lenore Delfino and Seth Kozlowski presented a plaque to the M.D.D.T.C. on behalf of their ongoing support to help the youth.

Reports:

a) Treasurer's Report: Pam: report given.

b) Secretary's Report: Laura: Decals

c) Training Director: Lee Ann:

d) AOCNC- Loretta: INTERCLUB: Was fun and well represented.

e) Awards: Loretta: none

f) Sunshine: Fran: Sympathy Card: Arline Collins-Loss of "Banner."

g) Mini Match – Linda: June 14th – sign-ups. No Mini Matches in July.

h) Tales: Irene: Deadline June 22nd; Requesting photos of new additions for the cover of September Tales. Send a jpeg to Irene.

i) Run Throughs: Irene: June 19th - sign-ups. A few spots left.

j) Member of the Month: Irene: Members shared their experiences and stories about Irene. Tequilla Sunrise anyone? Next month: Penny McCausland.

k) Nominating Committee Chair: Mary Lemon: Announced Slate: President: Betty Conrad; VP: Joan Brown; Secretary: Mary Millar; Treasurer: Pam Satlof; BOD: Laura Delfino, Judy Smith, Mary Lemon. No other nominations from the floor were offered.

l) Parking in front of building: Please reserve the front of the metal doors for the handicapped on Monday evening's Conformation classes. Handicap Designed Cones will be placed there.

- BRAGS: *(If anyone's BRAGS are missed/or incorrect in the TALES, it was because a form was

not turned in or information was not legible. Completed forms need to be turned into the secretary by the end of the General Meeting in order to be published in TALES. I apologize in advance for any missed Brags or incorrect titles. Handwriting is tough to read sometimes.

- Please try to fill in brag sheets ahead of time and give them to me in hand at the meeting. If I am not at the table once the meeting has adjourned, that means I am gone for the evening, and email me your brag; do not leave them on the table, as they might get tossed out.)

Brags:

Andrea Bell: "Windfall's Brighton My Day": Finished her ASCA Novice CD Obedience title at the end of May at the NorCal Australian Shepherd Trial at Dixon with a 2nd place and a score of 197 and also earned an insurance leg with a first place after winning a run off with another score of 197. This qualified her for the Front and Finish Platinum Award and the ASCA Honor Dog Award. We hope that she qualifies for the ASCA National Novice Obedience Finals in October.

Joan Brown: "Onge": at Woofstock: Earned a 2nd UD leg.

Loretta Delinger: "Chip": Earning a Rally Advanced title at Woofstalk with 3 qualifying scores with one first place and one second place award.

Judy Grove: "Charlie": At Woofstalk earned a first leg in Rally Novice.

Debbie Hankins: RBeth's Royal Flush,"Diva": At the Oakland DTC 5/17/09, earned a first place in Rally Novice B score 98; on June 4th and 6th finished RALLY NOVICE title at Woofstalk with scores of 86 and 94.

Mary Millar: "Mattie": At 10 years old, earned a FIRST LEG, FIRST SHOW - in RALLY NOVICE- with a score of 98 and also received her CGC on 5/31/09.

Margo Ormiston: Jake: 5/24 BOB Hangtown KC; 5/25 BOS KC of CA Sierra; 6/5 BOB Skyline KC; 6/7 BOS CCKC. RALLY ADVANCE Legs: 6/4,6/5 at Skyline Legs 3 and 4; 6/6 CCKC earned leg 5. Dolce: 5/16 & 5/17 earned Reserve WB at the Coyote Hills KC; on 6/7 at the CCKC earned WB, BOW for 1 point!

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General Meeting Minutes

(Continued from P. 9.)

Fran Ruby: “Charger”: Earned Rally Excellent at Coyote Hills. Charger informed his owner that he is retiring from competition, but will make personal appearances at fun matches!

Judy Smith: “Woody”, CH Hickory Ridge Woody Heiman: At the ripe old age of 12years, 1 month and 11 days returned to the competition ring at the Contra Costa KC and earned a Rally Advanced title.

Liz Snyder: “Quinn”: At Woofstalk on 6/4 earned a first Rally Excellent B leg with a score of 98 and a first place; followed by showing on 6/6 with a score of 91 earning a second place!

Thea Tsurumoto: GA Chili Dog “Chili”: Earned a 2nd CD leg at Woofstalk; Northern Nevada Australian Shepherd Club: Agility Trial on 5/30/09: 2nd place in OPEN Jumpers qualified for a leg. NQ in GAMBLERs 4th place; STANDARD 1st place in overtime.

Unfinished Business:

*Membership Roster Updates: Make corrections additions and let Irene know.

*Club BBQ/Bingo: Pam and Irene will run. Date August 15th starts at 4:30 p.m.

Meetings: Next BOD Meeting: June 29th at 7:00 p.m.

Next General Meeting –July 8th at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:29 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Laura Delfino

MDDTC Secretary

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To sign up for the Mini Matches, you need to sign the binder in the office. Please remember that payment is due when you sign up. Leave check in Linda Bianco’s file in the cabinet.

Questions? Contact Linda at linmik @pacbell.net or phone her at 925-938-0569

2009 RUN THROUGH DATES

JULY 31

SEPTEMBER 25

NOVEMBER 6

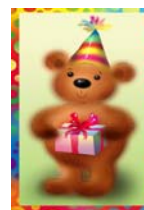
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Letters to the Editor

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decline in the impounds and euthanasia rates than neighboring communities without MSN. In fact, in EVERY municipality including Santa Cruz, there was a noticeable increase in impounds and euthanasia after MSN was enacted.

2. SB 250 is expensive. It was placed in the Senate Appropriations suspense file because the cost of this bill was prohibitive. The only way it was removed was the promise to pass the expense onto the local governments. Whether the State pays for the expense or local governments need to cover the expense, California cannot afford SB 250. With a \$24 billion deficit, California cannot fund critical programs such as public safety, education, transportation, and health care. Cities are shutting down fire departments and schools. Adding another extremely expensive task onto local governments is irresponsible and wrong.

3. Using a major surgical procedure as penalty interferes with the licensed practice of veterinary medicine. The American Veterinary Medical Association has made a statement against the use of mandatory spay/neuter. Medical procedures should not be undertaken as punishment.

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IT IS VITAL THAT WE GET EVERY DOG CLUB/
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write letters. If you have bred litters, let your puppy
owners know that this bill would drastically limit their
choices on where they can get a quality and healthy
puppy. We need to let Sacramento feel our impact!