

# Woofs and Waggers

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## Club Calendar

Oct 10 (Saturday)	Members' Match	Cal State EB, 9 AM
Nov 15 (Sunday)	Members' Match	Cal State EB, 9 AM
Dec 5 (Saturday)	Members' Match	Cal State EB, 9 AM
Dec 11 (Friday)	Holiday Party	Sue Harvey's home (see inside for more)

## President's Message – Jack McCredie

### ODTC Donations to Other Dog Support Organization

As noted in our July Newsletter, during the member meeting on March 14, Patti Hartney volunteered to explore various local dog support organizations that would benefit from potential philanthropic assistance from our club. Lisa Fullam joined with Patti and they have named this project “*Paws for Community.*” They developed a summary report suggesting several areas for consideration that are being reviewed by the board, which will make a recommendation to the membership for consideration at a future meeting. We also asked ODTC members to send additional suggestions to Patti and Lisa to expand the number of organizations that should be considered.

In the past few weeks there have been a series of devastating fires in northern California that continue to cause great damage and suffering for residents and their pets. Several organizations are helping families impacted by these tragic events. The ODTC board has been asked by some of our concerned members to consider making an immediate donation to the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine for its “Fire Disaster Veterinary Care Fund.” Our board reviewed this request and approved a \$500 donation to this fund.

If you would like to augment this contribution as an individual, you may find more information about the work of this fund and updates about the Butte and Valley fires at the following URL:

<http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/index.cfm>

At our June annual meeting, Treasurer Debbie Hankins reported that the club's reserve fund for capital investments (such as new matting for the training hall) and operating contingencies was \$78,558. The policies that the board will be evaluating in the coming months are (a) what is the appropriate level for this reserve fund; (b) how much of this fund should we spend for new matting and other maintenance issues; and (c) how much should we allocate for donations to other organizations that have goals consistent with our club's mission.

### Professional Stewards

I have been working on the obedience and rally events for upcoming regional and national specialty shows for the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America. Recently I learned that some local clubs have been very pleased with help they have obtained from the “Professional Stewards Association of Northern California. The mission of this organization is:

*"To create, encourage, educate, and promote the sport of purebred dogs and the public's knowledge of purebred dogs through professional and efficient ring stewarding"*

If you would like more information about this organization and how it may aid events you may become involved with, its website is:

<https://www.sites.google.com/site/professionalstewardsca/home>

## A good summer!

Yvonne, Bingo and I recently returned to the Bay Area after spending the past three months at Chautauqua, NY. It always amazes me when we travel to Chautauqua, and then return home, how quickly Bingo adapts to such potentially distressing long trips in the cargo compartments of United Airlines. Once on the ground, he remembers, and looks for, all of his dog and people friends after months of not seeing them. For example, on the first walk of the summer to the town square, he pulls on his leash to go up the steps of the post office where Laurie, the postmistress, loves to give him a pat on the head and a small dog cookie. He leads me to all of his favorite walks in the woods and to the fields where he and his friends play Frisbee and then go swimming.

The skills he has learned in obedience make such trips much more enjoyable. And he makes meeting new friends a real joy as the following photo demonstrates.



Bingo introduces us to his new friends on the Chautauqua Town Square



Save the date!

Holiday Party

Friday, December 11 at 7 PM

Sue Harvey's home in Oakland

## Editor's Notes – Hazel Olbrich

Seen in the East Bay Regional Parks Activity Guide: **History of Pt Isobel:** Saturday, Oct 10, 3-4:30. Come along as we learn the interesting history of the nation's largest dog part. Meet at the Sit Stay Café. Info: 510-544-2233.

Those of us who are at classes in the evenings owe a thank you to Barbara Henry for taking care of getting the ballasts for the fluorescent lights replaced. It's much brighter at night, now. Thank you Barbara.

## New Hall Reservation Program

*(Thanks for Jack McCredie for setting up this program for the club. He sent out these instructions on May 11, 2015 and it seems like this is the right time to republish them. Please be sure to put these instructions in a useful place).*

Please see the last issue for instruction.... I just want people to know that the instructions exist and to know where they've save their own personal copy of those instructions!

## Membership Report – Sharon Vannucchi

*No news this month*

## Highlights from the Web – Lori Drouin

*(Ed Note: Lori has agreed to share her finds on the web.. Thank you, Lori!)*

This link is to an article about raising puppies published by Avidog. The women who runs this company has produced great articles about puppy enrichment equipment, and even sell kits and/ or instructions for building their play boxes. The website is worth reading through, whether you are a breeder, or the soon-to-be puppy owner looking for ways to bring out the best in your new partner. If your breeder hasn't seen some of this information, pass it along!

<http://www.avidog.com/raising-puppies-to-be-brave-the-top-10-ways-to-create-confident-dogs/>

The next nugget is another article and video links from Connie Cleveland, discussing how to make getting into heel position fun for your dog. Since that mindset is so beneficial to finishes as well as actual heeling, and for set ups for all exercises, it deserves a look. And when you have the time, Connie generously shares a lot of great information on her blog.

<http://www.dogtrainersworkshop.com/connies-corner/straight-sits-and-enthusiastic-finishes/>

Another source of both creativity and practical advice from the trenches of serious dog training is Monique Anstee, owner of The Naughty Dogge. This nugget from her blog about why dogs misbehave is, perhaps, a little simple, but it's good food for thought for all of us who mean well, but may be making some mistakes about how we perceive our dogs, and how we teach them to perceive us!

<http://naughtydogge.com/blog/why-dogs-misbehave>

Since it's been a long hot summer, this video about making an air conditioner for your dog might still come in handy, and certainly would for the future.

[https://leerburg.com/flix/player.php/1243/DIY\\_Air\\_Conditioner?utm\\_source=nlist&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=07132015](https://leerburg.com/flix/player.php/1243/DIY_Air_Conditioner?utm_source=nlist&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=07132015)

This project may be a bit challenging if you are not already expert with power tools; but I think with a little coaching, even power tool newbies could do it. There are a few things the video doesn't mention that you should be aware of. 1) Make sure you decide which way to point the blower nozzle BEFORE you glue it in place. 2) The caulking stuff that the guy happily rubs with his fingers should be wiped off of your finger immediately after smoothing. (Don't ask...just trust me!)

A lot of folks in ODTA are particular about what we feed our dogs. For this of you who enjoy making your own treats for your dogs, here is a blog that has some good recipes to play with:

<http://www.k9instinct.com/blog/category/homemade%20treats>

I'll admit that I cannot stand coconut myself, and would probably switch coconut flour out for a combination of quinoa and tapioca flour; but that's just me!

This next article is IMPORTANT, because it talks about changes in class eligibility for the Preferred obedience line of titles. This is written by John Cox, a well-respected judge with a thorough understanding of the regulations. It is part of his Random Little Tidbits series of articles, which you should also read! But here's the place to start.

<http://clubs.akc.org/saints/Archives/Random%20Little%20Tidbits%2009.pdf>

Shannon Shepherd is a very successful and talented trainer, as well as an artist who makes excellent leashes and collars. But she's also a great communicator, and this article about the importance of defining and sticking with your criteria should be required reading for all dog trainers.

<http://doggoneitdogtrainer.blogspot.com/2015/08/criteria-the-word-of-day.html?sref=fb>

## **New Class: Getting Started in Utility -- Hazel Olbrich**

We have a critical mass of people who are ready to start teaching their dogs some of the skills required for Utility. I have developed a syllabus that will allow people to get some of the foundation skills in place that will make teaching the Utility exercises clearer (and more fun!) to their dogs.

Several of the trainers have day jobs so we needed to find a spot in the evenings for instruction. With this in mind we are going to use the Tuesdays that are available – that is the second and fourth Tuesdays of the odd numbered months. The dates for this class are

Tuesday, Nov 10

Tuesday, Nov 24

Tuesday, Jan 12

Tuesday, Jan 26

Class will start at 7:30 PM and will last until between 8:30 and 9:00. Class is \$80 for 4 sessions. I will be the instructor. Dogs do not have to have a high level of training for this class, but need to be able to work productively in a multi-dog setting and not be disruptive to other dogs. Note: Heeling and retrieving skills will not be taught and are not required for this class. Puppies and young dogs are often a very good fit for this type of instruction. This class is limited to six students and is pre-enrolled; please call Sue Harvey at 510-339-3276 to enroll.

Skills to be introduced are:

Signals: Clear signals and stationary execution of the signals

Scenting: Using the nose, working away from the handler, and working away for a long period of time

Marking: Making a true mark and holding it until instructed otherwise

Standing; Standing at heel position, and staying put

Go – outs: Primary task (get to the target and stay out there!)

Directed Motion – Directional signals and teaching the dog to respond to them

## **Business Plan Update – Lizanne Kaiser**

*This report is prepared twice a year in June and December. This is a placeholder in my newsletter template.*

## **BOOKS, BOOKS, CALLING ALL ODTCLIBRARY BOOKS – Barbara Henry**

ODTCLIBRARY maintains a small library of training books and DVDs/tapes (mostly donated) that are available for checkout to club members. There is a set of instructions for checking out materials on the top shelf of the cupboard holding the books. Apparently the checkout process isn't working well; over the past several years a number of the more popular books have disappeared from the shelves without a hint of who borrowed them.

Titles that are missing include Terri Arnold's "Steppin' Up To Success with Terri Arnold", Connie Cleveland's "Dogs are Problem Solvers" and Brian McGovern's "Competitive Obedience for Winners". I am sure there are other items that have been "borrowed," but those are the most notable.

Please check your book shelves to see if any of ODTC's library, including the above items, have unwittingly landed in your possession. Please return any ODTC books/DVDs/tapes to the library shelves so other Club members can avail themselves of these repositories of training knowledge. Your help is greatly appreciated. Observing a short-term borrowing policy for library materials would encourage some of us who have extensive obedience training libraries to share them with the Club. Thank you

## Training Tools Classes in 2015 – Foundation Skills for Obedience and Rally

Barbara Henry and Lizanne Kaiser will continue teaching the Training Tools classes every-other month on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm. Each month focuses on a different topic. Sessions are pre-enrolled and limited to 8 students. To reserve a slot, please contact the registrar, Sue Harvey, at 510-339-3276 and mail your check into the club (\$80 for 4 weeks).

Here is a list of topics for the remainder of the year (subject to change). If there is a particular topic you're interested in that you would like to see added, please send your suggestions to the instructors, Barbara ([blgkatie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:blgkatie@sbcglobal.net)) and Lizanne ([mrfiacra@yahoo.com](mailto:mrfiacra@yahoo.com)).

### Monthly Sessions

October -- Marking: Targets, Gloves & Go-outs -- (*waiting list*)  
December -- Jumping Skills (High, Bar, Broad) – (*one spot available*)

Thank you for supporting Oakland Dog Training Club!

*(Ed Note: Good news! Barbara and Lizanne have agreed to teach another set of Training Tools classes in 2016. The format and times are expected to be similar to those in place now. Stay tuned for the listing of classes for 2016.)*

## GUIDELINES FOR TRAINING HALL USE

ODTC's training hall is a wonderful resource available for use by all Club members. Keeping the hall tidy is a responsibility that should be shared by every person who uses it. When using the hall for practice sessions, please keep the following guidelines in mind:

1. **Put things back in the same place you found them.** If you take ring tape out of the tape box, put it back. If you use plastic targets, put them back in the target box. If you use the ring rope holders, put them back against the wall. You get the idea.
2. **Be sure the feet are on the plastic baby gates** when you store them.

3. **Place all unused food/drink/training treats in the garbage.** The hall had a serious mouse problem several years ago because of food/treats being left around the hall. A mouse has been spotted recently—please, seal and dispose of leftover food in the garbage can outside the hall’s front door.
4. **If you empty a water jug on top of the refrigerator, fill it up.**
5. **If you remove a garbage bag, please place a fresh bag in the garbage can.** Bags can be found on a shelf in the storage room.
6. **If liquid is spilled on the mats, clean it up thoroughly.** Don’t just dab with a paper towel. If you empty the spray bottle of Nature’s Miracle, refill the bottle from the supply in the storage room. Same goes for the water spray bottle—you empty it, you fill it up.
7. **Don’t “donate” stuff to the training hall** without prior approval. If you have extra obedience equipment or a training tool that you believe would be useful to other people in training their dogs, please email Hazel Olbrich (head of Training Committee) or Barbara Henry (Hall Custodian) and run it by them. Don’t simply leave items at the hall. While we appreciate that certain items would be useful, unfortunately the hall has a finite amount of space and it simply cannot accommodate everyone’s extras and castoffs.
8. **If you notice that something is broken or not working at the hall, contact Barbara Henry or Hazel Olbrich.** If there is an emergency at Jacuzzi Center or the training hall, contact phone numbers for the property managers are posted on the bulletin board by the refrigerator.

Your assistance in keeping the training hall tidy and clean will make everyone’s hall experience better. Thank you so much.

## **What the dogs have taught us – Kathy Miller**

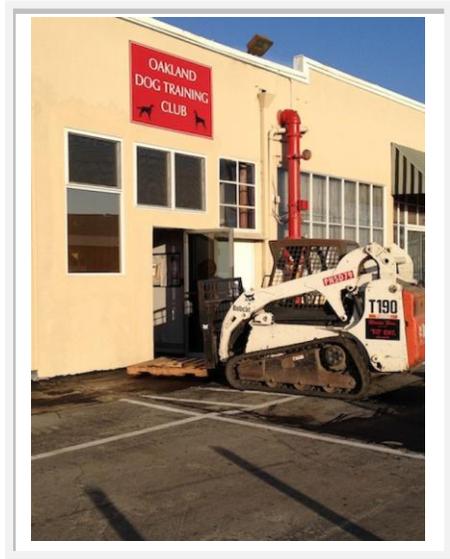
*(Ed. Note: This is a regular series about training topics and our dogs. Contributions are always welcome! Contact me if you are interested in contributing. )*

### **Finding the way out of a Sticky Situation**

It was a puzzle. Several students had arrived early on August 18th for the Tuesday evening Foundation Skills class, taught by Barbara Henry and Lizanne Kaiser. But there was a quandry. The resurfacing of the asphalt parking lot, a project that we’d been assured would not hamper access to the OTDC Training Hall, was in full swing.

Several workers were busy laying a fresh 5-foot wide sheet of fresh tar along the exterior perimeter of the back of the building. They’d created a gooey “doormat” too wide to jump across, at the entrance to our training hall. A quick inspection confirmed that there was no rear entrance access to the hall. We’d be shut out!

Now the real puzzle – Barbara Henry’s car was parked not far from the training hall, but Barbara was nowhere to be found and wasn’t answering her cell phone. We’d all decided that Barbara must be somewhere on the site, most likely giving the building owner a good lecture in how to treat his tenants, when Lizanne’s phone rang. It was Barbara. Lizanne listened for a moment, then burst out laughing. She sputtered, “Barbara’s trapped in the Training Hall!” Then she paused and said, “Oh, that’s not funny!” And we all broke out in another round of laughter.



At that point Lizanne took charge. She marched over to the workers and pointed out to them that the sheet of fresh tar they'd just laid in front of the hall door had Barbara stuck inside – along with her dog!

The project foreman instantly had a solution. He powered up his fork lift, put a wooden pallet on it and zoomed over to the Training Hall entrance. Balancing the pallet about a foot off the ground, he effectively created a giant stepping stone on which Barbara could step in order to scale the river of tar and get to dry ground.

Of course, Barbara is always well prepared for her classes and doesn't travel light. She had all sorts of bags and equipment that she'd taken inside so it would be ready for the evening's class.

All of this had to be handed out bucket brigade fashion to those of us who'd now become amused spectators.

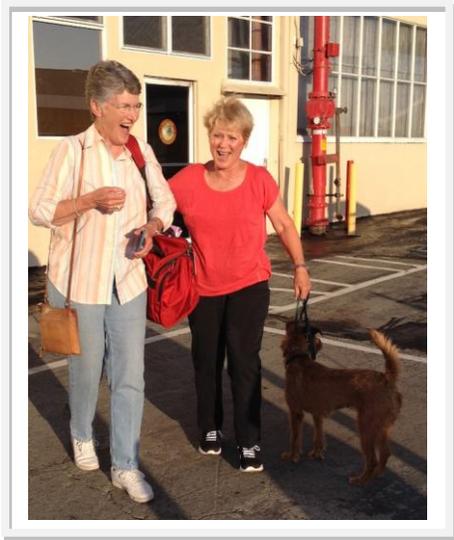
Then it was time for Barbara and her dog to make the break. She emerged from the door way, clutching her dog under one arm and a big bag in the other and stopped to judge how she was going to balance the bouncing dog as she stepped onto the rickety pallet. The project foreman took one look at Barbara's wriggling terrier and said, "You carry the dog. I'll get that big bag off your shoulder." They hopped to safety with Barbara laughing and Ginger's tail wagging furiously, to be greeted by the onlookers.

Whew...disaster averted. Barbara would not have to spend the night in the Training Hall! But now, what about the evening's class?

A reconnaissance mission revealed a wide, well lit interior hallway – the perfect alternative space in which to hold the class! For unknown reasons, there was even a pile of small tree stumps in the corner, just right to serve as stools. Naturally, being obedience people, everyone had a portable chair and the Class Camp was quickly established.

In the end, it was one of our best classes. We had plenty of room and the evening's lesson plans were adapted to work in the alternate space. The dogs adapted to the new class environment quite quickly, and within a few minutes all were settled calmly listening to the introductory remarks. And, like good working dogs, they were ready to show their stuff when it was time for them to demonstrate their skills.





The change in environment also allowed us to work with a different set of distractions, such as the many new scents on the ground, unusual lighting, and dealing with strangers, as a few people passed through our class enroute to other building suites throughout the evening.

In the end the dogs adapted quickly, showing us that they'd been well trained to work in a new environment. An evening that started out looking like we'd perhaps made the trip for nothing, turned into a most enjoyable and productive class! Many good lessons for all!

*Here's a short note from Barbara about the event.* It simply makes me laugh--you would think we were being rescued from Katrina instead of a 5-6 ft swath of asphalt coating. Thanks to everyone who helped in rescuing Ginger and me--I bet the Bobcat

guy had quite a discussion with his fellow workers and family about the "dog" people. What a fun evening--and such good work on "holds"!!!

Barbara Henry

## Canine Crash Studies Evaluate Crate and Carrier Safety by Nancy Kay, DVM



You've no doubt seen those dreadful car crash test videos, the ones that feature slow motion footage of what happens to human crash dummies during a head on collision. With financial support from Subaru of America, the [Center for Pet Safety \(CPS\)](#) has taken crash test studies to a whole new level. CPS has just released data on what they call their 2015 Carrier Crashworthiness Studies. This research was performed to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of various pet crates and carriers in the event of a car crash.

## **Who is the Center for Pet Safety?**

CPS is a non-profit research and advocacy organization dedicated to companion animal and consumer safety. The organization uses scientific methods to assess a variety of pet products and establish safety criteria and test protocols. One of CPS's goals is to measure whether or not products designed for pet safety actually provide protection consistent with manufacturers' claims. By the way, CPS is not affiliated with the pet product industry.

## **Harness research**

Canine crashworthiness studies are not unprecedented. In 2013, CPS conducted a [Harness Crashworthiness Study](#) in conjunction with Subaru of America and [MGA Research Corporation](#), an independent national highway traffic safety administration contracted testing laboratory. Pet harnesses are the equivalent of seatbelts for people. Major differences in popular harness restraints were discovered. Several of the harnesses failed catastrophically in a way that could cause serious injury to both the pet and passengers within the vehicle.

## **2015 Research goals**

During a car accident, not only is an unrestrained pet at risk for injury, the animal can become a projectile capable of striking and injuring a human passenger. The same holds true for a carrier or crate that doesn't remain fully secured at its connection points within the vehicle during a crash.

Many crate and carrier manufacturers report that their products are "tested," "crash tested," "offer crash protection," or are designed "for use in a vehicle." To date, there are no standardized test protocols in the United States that substantiate these claims.

The stated purposes of the 2015 crashworthiness studies included:

- Independently evaluate the crate and carrier products that are associated with claims of "tested", "crash-tested" or "crash protection."
- Examine the safety, structural integrity and crashworthiness of crates and carriers.
- Examine carrier and crate connection options to help educate pet owners.
- Collect performance data necessary to support a formal test protocol and ratings guidelines for pet travel crates.
- Determine top performing crate and carrier brands.

Michael McHale, Subaru's director of corporate communications described the purpose of his company's research as follows:

We at Subaru recognize the importance of keeping the entire family safe on the road, including our beloved pets. Alongside Center for Pet Safety, we are proud to help lead the charge in identifying the best crates and carriers for pet lovers everywhere, while, more importantly, making pet parents aware of the safety measures they can take and the dangers that can occur if they don't. We recommend that owners choose the right sized crate for their dog, which is generally six inches longer than the body of the dog. We are also pleased that our crossover vehicles, which are award winners themselves for safety, accept most crate and carrier sizes.

## Study design

Subaru and CPS conducted their 2015 Crate and Carrier Crashworthiness Study using crash test dogs that were designed to approximate the weight and size of real dogs. They were placed in the crates and carriers during rigorous crash testing. Within this study, crates were defined as rigid, non-plastic structures, and carriers were rigid plastic structures and soft collapsible structures.

A successful outcome was defined by the following:

- The carrier or crate must fully contain the test dog before, during and after the crash test
- The carrier or crate and all device connection points must remain wholly connected to the test bench for the entirety of the test.

## Research results

Most of the crates and carriers failed to meet the successful outcome criteria described above. In some cases the dog was expelled from the crate or carrier. In other cases the impact caused the crate or carrier to be released from its points of connection. There were three standout products:

- The top performing crate was the [Gunner Kennels G1 Intermediate with 8' Tie Down Straps](#). This crate withstood the most significant forces with a combination of structural support and integrity. This crate is unique in that it has a dual locking feature on the door that provides significant structural support in case of an accident. Additionally, the crate's rubber feet provided better grip than other crates tested.
- The [Pet Ego Forma Frame Jet Set Carrier](#) was the top performing carrier. This carrier uses an ISOFIX-Latch that is designed to latch firmly into place, just like a child seat. This latch held securely and contained the test dog throughout the crash.
- The [Sleepypod Mobile Pet Bed with PPRS Handilock](#) was also named a 2015 top performing carrier. The simulants were fully contained and the carriers remained wholly connected to the test bench for the duration of the test.

Full reports of the [carrier](#) and [crate](#) testing, including photos of the outcomes can be found at the [Center for Pet Safety website](#).

Regarding the study results, Lindsey Wolko, Founder and CEO of Center for Pet Safety stated, "In partnership with Subaru, the 2015 studies were truly eye-opening and will once again help bring pet safety awareness to millions of pet parents around the globe."

Kudos to CPS for performing these studies and hats off to Subaru of America for financing them. By the way, darned good marketing, Subaru!

## Good-Bye, Mr Giles – Patricia Minger

I wanted to let you know that on Tuesday night, 8/18, , Mr. Giles went to join his sister Rosie in heaven.

He was a dog of many talents, but his highest priority was always to be with his moms. He loved agility and road trips, and achieved his C-RAE in Rally, along with his CD in 2



registries. He came to us at almost 3 years old, a bit withdrawn and hesitant after having lived at least 3 places in his life as a conformation dog and stud. Once he realized he would be with us always, his personality blossomed. He was by turns the Prime Minister and the rogue. In spite of many health issues, he maintained a great quality of life right up until his last week. 14 years and 8 months is a wonderful long life for his breed, but hardly enough. We will miss him always.

Patricia and Susan

## Meet the Members

*(Ed Note: This section of the newsletter is devoted to dog life bios of club members. Contributions are always very welcome (particularly our newest members). Members appear to really like to learn about each other – so extra thanks to those who are willing to share some of their dog life story with the rest of us.)*

Please feel free to volunteer for this article..... new members are particularly welcome!

## Oops!

No goofs to apologize for this month!

## Congratulations!

*(Brag and stories must be submitted in writing. I don't dare try to be responsible for remembering ones relayed to me orally. Email is preferred (h\_olbrich@sbcglobal.net), because it is easy and accurate to transfer the brag directly from the message to the next issue, but any written format is just fine.)*

The other day the Front and Finish placements came out and surprise, surprise Striker is ranked!! These are the rankings ending July 2014. Striker had the following accomplishments

Brittany Top 10 Rally Combined - Delaney – 2nd  
Brittany Top 10 - also Delaney – 10th  
Brittany Top 10 Open A (according to points earned) – 4<sup>th</sup>

Helen Marie Capps *(ed note: I believe the Delany system is based on dogs defeated*

Saco (Berner) earned his CGCA (Community Canine) title on June 23 with Santa Clara Dog Training Club. He is now Tennescott White Mountains Saco, CGCA. --Peg Hickox

On Sunday, August 2, at the Monterey Bay DTC trial in Salinas, my wonderful Cardigan Welsh Corgi, "Quimby," earned her UDX Title!!! Capturing leg #9 on Saturday and #10 on Sunday, made it quite a

weekend for us! Special thanks goes to Hazel Olbrich, Lora Cox, Barbara Henry and Lizanne Kaiser, all of whom have provided invaluable guidance during our training journey. We have learned so much and come so far with the incredible training, support and encouragement of so many of the ODTC members. With a partner like Quimby, I know there are more exciting milestones in our future! Thanks to you all!  
– Kathy Miller

Titania finished her bench championship during the Lake/Drake shows, and started on the Grand Champion quest that same weekend with some GCH points (not quite sure how many, I don't quite understand those rules 😊). Of course I am not responsible for her conformation virtues (her breeders get the credit!), but I am proud of the fact that she was owner-handled for her conformation career, and predominantly owner-(mis)groomed for much of it. – Hazel Olbrich