



NCTA Bulletin
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Northern California Terrier Association
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NEXT MEETING: WED. October 21 2009, 7:30 P.M.
ROUND TABLE PIZZA, MAIN ST PLEASANTON, CA

2009 meeting schedule

January 21, 2009
March 18, 2009
July 15, 2009
October 21, 2009

All meetings 7:30 P.M. Round Table Pizza, Pleasanton, CA

CLUB BUSINESS**A NOTE FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT***Darlene Evans*

Our club financial statements are made available at the NCTA meetings to all members. If you are a member who missed a meeting and would like a copy contact our club secretary Thalia Rott and a copy will be sent to you.

NEXT NCTA MEETING

Our club has a terrific group of interested and interesting active members that keep our show a top US draw year after year. Make your attendance plans now. Plan to be there on October 21, Round Table Pizza, Pleasanton, 7:30 p.m., and if you know someone new bring'em too!!

DONATIONS ALWAYS WELCOME

One of the most popular offerings at our annual show is our wonderful trophy table, but the most popular items to win, (other than the group), are the medallions for BOB and BOS. We have given out so many of those medallions that the time has come to re-order them. They are lovely. If anyone wishes to help fund our new medallions, you are always welcome to add to the club funds for that purpose. Just contact Darlene and let her know.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA TERRIER ASSOCIATION
General Meeting, July, 15, 2009
Round Table Pizza – Pleasanton, CA

The July 15, 2009, general meeting of the NCTA was called to order by Pres. Darlene Evans at 7:30 P.M with a quorum of the membership present. Mark McDonald made a motion to approve the January & April 2009 minutes. Pat Mullin seconded & the motion carried.

Show Update: Richard Esquibel will be the Show Chair for the years 2010 & 2011.

Committee Reports:

Judges Selection Committee Chair, Carolyn Alexander, reported that the judges are pretty well set except for Soft Coated Wheaten & Welsh Terriers.

Newsletter:

Mark McDonald reported for Trish that articles for the newsletter from members are welcome as well as email address updates.

Legislative Liaison:

Darlene mentioned that Carolyn Alexander is doing a great job.

Mark McDonald reported that the SB 250 bill is defeated for now. He's been doing a great job keeping NCTA's name out there against bills such as SB250.

Breed Referral:

Darlene suggested this committee name be changed to Breed Information to avoid taxation problems proposed by the state of CA.

Calendars of NCTA events/deadlines for the upcoming year were given to the membership. A new membership roster will be updated.

New Business:

Assistant Show Chair: Darlene volunteered for this position.

Double Tree Hotel: The contract has been signed for the 2010 show.

Medallions: Darlene will get quotes for new medallions. Trophies were discussed. NCTA netted about \$4000 at the 2009 show.

Nominating Committee Chair: Pat Mullin volunteered for this position.

Guests/Prospective New Members were introduced:

Mary Bayley – has Parson Russells & Russell Terrier, is active in Obedience & Earth Dogs

Ann Wendland – has Parson Russell & Paddington Terriers, is active in Obedience & judges Earth Dog Tests.

Joe & Elena Metz – have Irish Terriers, are active in Obedience & Rally. Elena is a Professional Groomer.

A motion to adjourn was made by Robert Esquibel & seconded by Jean Heath. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Thalia Rott, Secretary

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA TERRIER ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting, July 15, 2009
Round Table Pizza – Pleasanton, CA

The July 15, 2009 NCTA Board Meeting was called to order by President Darlene Evens at 8:25 P.M. with a quorum of the board present.

Ann Dum made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 2009 Board Meeting. Carol Foucrault seconded & the motion carried. There was no quorum at the April 2009 meeting, so no minutes were taken.

Correspondence was received from the AKC approving our 2009 show.

The host hotel for the 2010 NCTA Show will be the Double Tree in Sacramento. The hotel, fees, etc. were discussed.

As decided at the general meeting, the Breeder Referral committee will now be renamed Breeder Information.

New Business: Darlene gave the membership spread sheets showing the numbers of dogs in each breed that have shown in our dog shows over the past years. The show, breeds, and judges were discussed. Darlene mentioned that we will have to work hard to hold our numbers up for our upcoming show.

Richard made a motion to adjourn with a second by Ann Dum. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

**SB 250 & 241 MANDATORY S/N LAWS & OTHER ANIMAL LIMITS-
STAY UP TO DATE**

*The following are updates sent to us from Carolyn Alexander our legislative liaison
[Sources for statistics mentioned: CDOC, PETPAC, AKC]*

SNEAKY MOVE!
SB 250 HEADED FOR THE ASSEMBLY FLOOR ON MONDAY
AUGUST 17, 2009

Senator Florez is determined to bring SB 250 out of suspense, out of Appropriations and onto the Assembly floor when the Legislature reconvenes on Monday. Florez has made it clear that his commitments to the Animal Rights people will trump any other concerns. So it is time for us to get more letters to the Assembly Members. And we need letters not just from all of you (again), but from your family members, friends and associates who are registered voters in California. To make this easy CDOC has put together a special page that has all the information you and they need including the link to the Save Our Dogs page where they can do the letter in less than one minute. You can get to this page by going to <http://www.cdoca.org/index.html> and following the GET INVOLVED links to SEND A LETTER.

Please send this link to your Clubs, your friends, and add it to your own website. These letters Assembly Members from their constituent is the most powerful tool we have.

In her quest to push through SB 250, Judie Mancuso, founder of AB 1634 and SB 250, is asking her followers to send money. One might think the campaign contributions SCiL is making to various politicians, including the \$20,000 to Senator Steinberg has left her in need for some additional funding. Her logo is \$25 bucks for SB 250. Interestingly, \$25 is about what it costs to produce each of the 498 page color booklets that CDOC provides to each of the members of the Legislature both in Sacramento and in their Districts. The booklets contain information about why SB 250 is so devastating. These booklets are also being sent to mayors and city council members across California so they can see the financial burden that Senator Florez has in store for them.

So we are issuing our own challenge. \$25 to defeat SB250.

Go to <http://www.cdoca.org/getinvolved/defeat250/defeat250.html> to donate and help CDOC defeat SB 250.

If there was any doubt about how many more dogs will die if SB250 passes, the City of Los Angeles has resolved those for us. Compared to other communities, similar in size, demographics, and socio-economics, Los Angeles experienced a 24% increase in dog euthanasia. The proponents say that this increase was due to the economy. But when you look at areas with worse economies, more poverty, and higher foreclosure rates you see that there is one thing that is different about the City of Los Angeles. Mandatory Spay and Neuter. And who brought that to us? Judie Mancuso.

ACTION TO TAKE:

- 1) Get the information out to all of your friends and associates so they will get letters off the Assembly Members.
- 2) Send this information out to puppy buyers.
- 3) Make your contribution to Defeat SB250 here. With the help of Save Our Dogs and there letter writing system, we'll get the word to everyone!

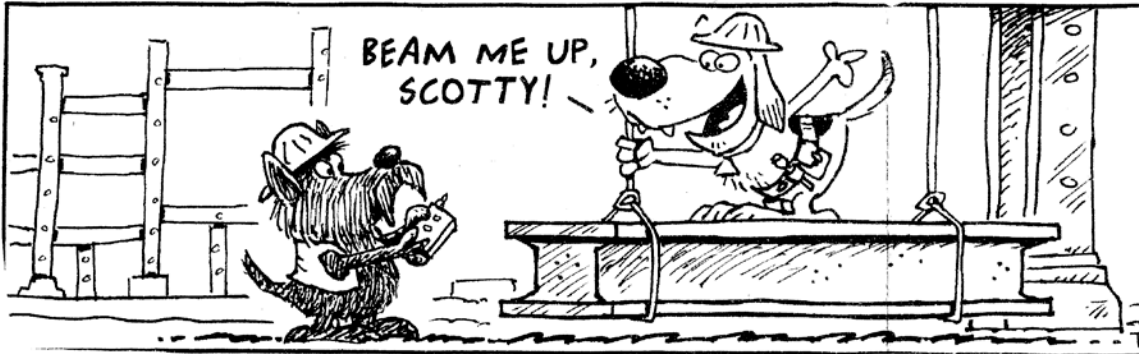
Laura Finco
CDOC Communications

AB 241 Will Be Rushed to the Senate Floor! Your immediate action is needed!

When it comes to due diligence, the California legislature is failing miserably. **We have recently learned that the Senate Committee on Appropriations intends to skip the hearing on AB 241 that was scheduled for Monday, August 17th and send the bill straight to the Senate floor!** They are invoking [Senate Rule 28.8](#), which stipulates that bills with state costs that are not significant (fiscal impact of less than \$50,000) need not receive a hearing.

There's only one problem: that figure is dead wrong, and no one is releasing any information on how they determined the fiscal impact. Apparently numbers only matter when you are counting dogs and cats at a breeding,

sporting, handling, training or boarding facility. Perhaps they haven't read the [statement released today by the Department of Finance opposing AB 241](#) and estimating the bill's fiscal impact in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. We were pleased that they quoted NAIA and the figures we gathered in our research calculating the direct fiscal impact of this bill to be greater than \$300,000, a number which is very conservative.



EXCERPTS: THE WAR DOG

Edward Peple

[Editor's note; this poem is old from WWI but these excerpts are still stirring today]

THE WAR DOG

(excerpt pt. 1)

He was only a dog, but he went to war
 On the shell-ploughed fields of France,
 And loyally labored with tooth and paw
 To baffle the clutch of an iron claw,
 In the swoop of the Hun's advance.
 Without an equipment he joined our fight;
 Without a commission or rank,
 For a cur he was, with social blight,
 Yet we gave him a uniform of white,
 With a crimson cross on his flank,
 And he wore his cross with a lordly pride,
 As he raced through a sea of mud,
 Till the white of his uniform was dyed
 With the trickling ooze of crimson tide,
 And his cross was a smear of blood.

(excerpt pt. 2)

So they gave him another cross to wear,
 Though they wanted to give him ten,
 But he kept just two—which was just and fair
 The cross on his flank and the Croix de Guerre,
 For the envy of lesser men,
 Yet he only asks, with a pleading paw,
 When this madness of Might shall cease,
 To hold in your bosoms one human law—
 Remember our dogs in the days of war,
 And our dogs in the days of Peace.

RECOGNIZING K9 VETERANS

Carolyn Alexander

[Editor's note: We should also remember in this list the famous WW1 K9 Veteran & hero the Cairn Terrier "Rags", made famous as the war torn and first decorated mascot of the First Infantry Division the US Army located in New York whose amazing story is documented in the book "Rags" by Jack Rohan]

Are we willing to add our club's name to the effort to recognize the service of Military Dogs?

My recommendation also is to dedicate our next show (barring any other unforeseen happening) to recognizing the efforts of military & law enforcement dogs. We could probably arrange a visit by military dogs, but since so few are Terriers, that maybe isn't the most interesting idea. However, terriers have occasionally served as military dogs. We are justly proud of our Bull Terrier mix "Stubby"... the most decorated military dog of all time. He looks more like a staffy to me, but hey... we honor him anyway!

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sergeant_Stubby

There's also Jack, a Bull Terrier mix who served in the Civil War. A Fox Terrier named Norman Sadler served as a fund raiser in WWII. Most of our k9 soldiers have been dobes & GSD's with a few Collies, Labs & Malinois mixed in... but all have been so under recognized.

Here is the letter from the organization to honor K9 veterans:

<http://www.eagleid.com/veterans/poem.htm>

K9 Veterans Day Update August 2009

Dear Friends of K9 Veterans,

I do hope that this report finds you and yours well and good, and that your faith in this effort is as strong as ever, as this effort is growing stronger week by week. And now is the time to undertake the task of bringing us together as one voice for those who have no voice, as the power of our voice as one, is the key to our success. We need to be a growing army on the march, and we now have enough numbers to start marching.

Below is a list of the 31 groups, both small and nation wide, currently professing support for this march, and a countless number of individuals could also be included if time allowed. And more are coming.

Supporters

German Shepherd Dog Club of America	The Mixed Breed Dog Clubs of America
Jacksonville Fire and Rescue K9	Humane Society of Pinellas County
Tupper Lake Fire and Rescue K9 Soldier	Virginia Search and Rescue Dog Association
Dog Scouts #148	San Diego Sheriff Search and Rescue K9
366th Security Police	Illinois Police Work Dog Association
German Shepherd Rescue of Michigan	Texas Responsible Pet Owners Alliance
Humane Society of Tampa	Blount County (AL) Animal Shelter
Miami Pet Rescue	The American Rottweiler Club
K9 Pride	Military Working Dog Adoptions.com
Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs	Florida Association of Kennel Clubs
Greater Panama City Dog Fanciers Association	Working Pit Bull Association
Friends of Bay County Animal Rescue	Border Terrier Club of America
The 4-H Club of Florida	Long Island Dog Owners Group
The Golden Retriever Club of America	Lake Region (NH) Kennel Club
American Belgian Malinois Club	

I believe that the list represents a very strong base from which to begin the march, and so I feel that it is time to give the marching orders, and then add to our numbers along the way. I propose/challenge that we march into March 13 with an all 50 state, 500 town and city, event. And until someone convinces me otherwise, I will believe that we can do it. Everyone on this mailing list has confessed support for a K9 Veterans Day, and this is the time for some action.

Now this event can be anything from you standing on the road with a K9 Veterans Day sign, to decorating your dog park, or rallying at your town hall or Veterans site, or anything that you come up with. And I am not asking that you lead the effort in your town, unless of course you are game to, instead I just want to know if you are willing to participate. It all counts.

First off, and listen up you club and group people, simply let me know if you will attend such an event if one takes place in your town, or a town nearby, and let me know just what town and state you live in. That is all I need for now. Just a reply to this email. Just a commitment to participate, and remember, next March 13 falls on a Saturday. You club and group people can have supporters respond via you, or directly to me. Just pass information along as you get it. Kindly do this as soon as possible, so that I can get a feel for where we stand long in advance of the event. I personally believe that there is already support for K9 Veterans Day in all 50 states, and at least 500 towns, but confirmation of such is where you come in. So let's use these dog days to commit to those all but forgotten dogs, and get this march underway. They never asked for much, and your committing to participate is not asking for much either. Reply now!

Well, as many of you know, I am not very computer smart. You would have laughed yesterday. The printer failed, so I got us another, and though the box said easy assembly in about 10 minutes, I gave up after nearly 4 hours. And the mouse died along the way, and a new one of those seemed dead as well. Of course Sally fixed everything in just over 10 minutes after she got home. Well amazingly enough, I now have a personal face book page, or whatever, and two of our supporters, one who is currently serving in the war, have added pages for K9 Veterans Day, and a fan of K9 Veterans Day. Needless to say, I am still feeling my way through all of that, but thought that you would be interested. I am listed under joethedogtrainer@aol.com

Make this commitment! Dogs are Veterans Too!

Sincerely,
Joe White
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TOXIC PLANT ALERT!



"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 sign 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 re-home it with someone who does not have pets or young children in the household.

HALLOWEEN REMINDERS!

Picture: Gracie at Halloween with permission of owner David Christenson

As September arrives and October looms we remind all of our members that labor day is the official start of America's holiday Chocolate, sweets, and general celebration and pig out season. Although we are all careful to avoid the holiday dangers for our dogs, our visiting guests may not be as diligent. It is always a good idea to review your holiday safety habits. So add to your to do list this fall efforts to remind guests, friends, and relatives that visit or that you and those your dogs visit that some items like chocolate, grapes, raisins, onions are dangerous to dogs, holiday



bulbs like Narcissus or Amaryllis, and decoration plants like mistletoe are poisonous. High fat holiday treats even in small quantities can provoke dangerous episodes of pancreatitis. Watch the gates, doors, and exits for escaping pets. Don't let the visiting grandkids and other children play too rough with doggies too soon after meals or heavy water drinking so you can be sure to avoid fatal episodes of stomach bloat. Keep an eye out with visitors for that small toy or

item that can be swallowed causing intestinal blockage. The symptoms of intestinal blockage are usually obvious but easy to miss during hectic visits. The symptoms of blockage are repeated retching over 24 hrs or more in an attempt to throw up the item, no interest in food, compulsive grass eating with extreme or noticeable lethargy. Make sure if your dog has these symptoms they have an emergency vet appointment and x-ray to determine if surgery is needed. Once the lethargy sets in you have very little time to arrange the surgery, so be aware. Have a safe, aware, secure and wonderful start to your Autumn holiday activities!

AMAZING TRUE TO LIFE TALE!!

Fishermen catch a DOG a mile out in North Sea

[This story is reprinted from last October's Great Britain's Mail Online News, a bit old but still amazing!]

Last updated at 3:44 PM on 24th October 2008

Two fishermen were left reeling in surprise when they caught a DOG a mile out at sea. At first when they spotted the animal swimming against the tide they thought it was an otter, but when they realized that it was a dog the two lifted him on board.

Freddie, a 14-year-old Cairn Terrier, was later reunited with his owner - who revealed that he dislikes water so much that he hates taking a bath and avoids walking through puddles.



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Bedraggled: Freddie shivers in the arms of trawlerman Jimmy Thompson after being fished from the North Sea

He had become disorientated in the fog while on a walk with owner Jean Brigstock and had slipped into the water as the 73-year-old searched frantically for him.

And instead of swimming back to shore at Amble, Northumberland, he had mistakenly struck out for the deeps of the North Sea.

Mrs Brigstock said: It was a beautiful day, and I was taking him on his usual walk, but all of a sudden, a heavy sea fret set in quickly, and I couldn't see Freddie anymore.

I looked for him for hours, and others helped. There was no sign of him, but I was convinced he would eventually turn up.'

Saved: Owner Jean Brigstock cradles Freddie on Amble beach in Northumberland after his narrow escape

She added: I was desperate. He's my companion and he's so important to me.

I knew he hated water so I thought he'd head for the dunes rather than the sea. It really didn't enter my head that he would swim.

He rarely goes through a puddle and has an aversion to baths.

But Freddie was found three quarters of a mile out to sea after a long doggy paddle and was rescued by trawlermen Jimmy and Alan Thompson from Red Row, Northumberland. A lifeboat was launched to collect the dog because their trawler was not yet due to return to shore.

By chance, Mrs Brigstock's daughter Wendy, who had taken over the search for Freddie, came across the wife of one of the fishermen, who told her they had found a dog.

Mrs. Brigstock adopted Freddie as her own three years ago after his previous owner, a friend, went into a nursing home and was no longer able to look after him.

She said: 'He looked like a drowned rat when they found him.

I'm so grateful to the two fishermen, the Coastguard and the inshore lifeboat men who took so much trouble to find him and take him to safety.

Sea-dog Freddie, 14, is no worse for wear after his ordeal. He was taken to the vets but found to be unscathed.

Mrs Brigstock said: Freddie is back to his normal self. I'm not surprised he survived - he's a bit of a character really.

The night he was rescued, he was a little bit under the weather. He was quite quiet and feeling sorry for himself. But the next morning he was ready for his breakfast.'



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WALLPAPER DOGS



As the weather starts to turn colder this fall, and you find yourself indoors staring more at your walls, will you feel a need to surround yourself with more dogs? An easy way to get that K9 feeling while saving money on vet fees and dog food is to wallpaper your home with doggie themed wallpapers. Now that wallpaper often only references computer screens it is fun to remember there is an original meaning for the term.

There are new lines of wallpapers available for your home that will fill your walls with dog activity and K9 color. You can chose mixed breeds, toy breed assortments, terrier themes and general dog activity wallpapers and borders from the world's top decorators and designers. Whether remodeling your home or just outfitting your grooming or doggie playrooms you will be able to find a wallpaper with dog theme to suit your needs. The red paper pictured here is called *Adopt Me (in Red Collar)*, by TylerHall, 212-239-0362; www.tylerfriends.com,

The pale blue paper with sketches of terries and other dogs is called *Best In Show(in Aqua)*, by Thibaut, 800-223-0704; www.thibautdesign.com, Thibaut designs also makes a colorful small dog wallpaper that features toy dogs and mini schnauczers that did not show well when scanned, called *Fifi & Friends*, and the dark silhouettes on light paper shown here is called *Best In Sho, (in color 03)*, featuring flocked silhouettes of favorite breeds against gunmetal metallic paper by Osbourn & Little, 212-751-3333; www.osborneandlittle.com . If your tastes run to bulldogs designer Peter Fasano makes a paper covered with them called **MAXX** , available at 413-528-6872; www.peterfasano.com , and French artist Mattheiu Sordot attempts to

capture a dog's nobility with a paper of sporting breeds called *St. Hubert*, available at Pierre Frey, 866-707-1524; www.pierrefrey.com.

