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**MOORE COUNTY KENNEL CLUB**

# THE BARKER

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## **February 2026**

The Board and myself wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day!

Please come out and join us for the FastCAT and CAT trials February 6-8 at our new location —the Carolina Horse Park in Raeford, NC.

I was so happy to see so many club members at the Agility trial!! Go team Moore County!!!! Our Agility Committee is thankful for your help.

Thank you to Terry Chumley for taking John's Board position — we are so grateful to have her.

I am so excited for all of 2026 Shows and Trials. Please see our wonderful show chairs and help with are upcoming shows and trials.

We have to all think "Dog Show" from now until the show happens in April.

Please reach out and give our Board Members a hand. If there is anything that our Membership would like us to do dog-wise this year, please let us know.

**Carol Dowd, President Moore County Kennel Club**



**JANUARY 2025**  
**Membership Meeting Minutes**

**CLICK HERE**



# UPCOMING EVENTS!

## MCKC Fit Dog Club Walk

For the first walk of 2026, we will explore a 1.5-mile trail through the Boyd Tract of Weymouth Woods Nature Preserve. This peaceful hike includes a special stop at the nation's oldest known living Longleaf pine tree—a true Sandhills landmark.

It's an easy, scenic walk and a great way to get outside with your dog, enjoy fresh air, and start the year moving together.

Meet in the parking lot of the Weymouth Center for the Arts and Humanities on East Connecticut Ave at 2:00 p.m.



Advance Entries close January 27th

# TALLY HO!

**COURSING RETURNS!**  
**AKC FastCAT & CABT**

**Great new venue!!!**

Lure Operator:  
Time to Fly Performance Dog Sports

Fun Runs and Day Of Entries  
will be offered.

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**Trial Chair - Carol Dowd**





Our popular Scent  
Work event returns  
March 28-29, 2026

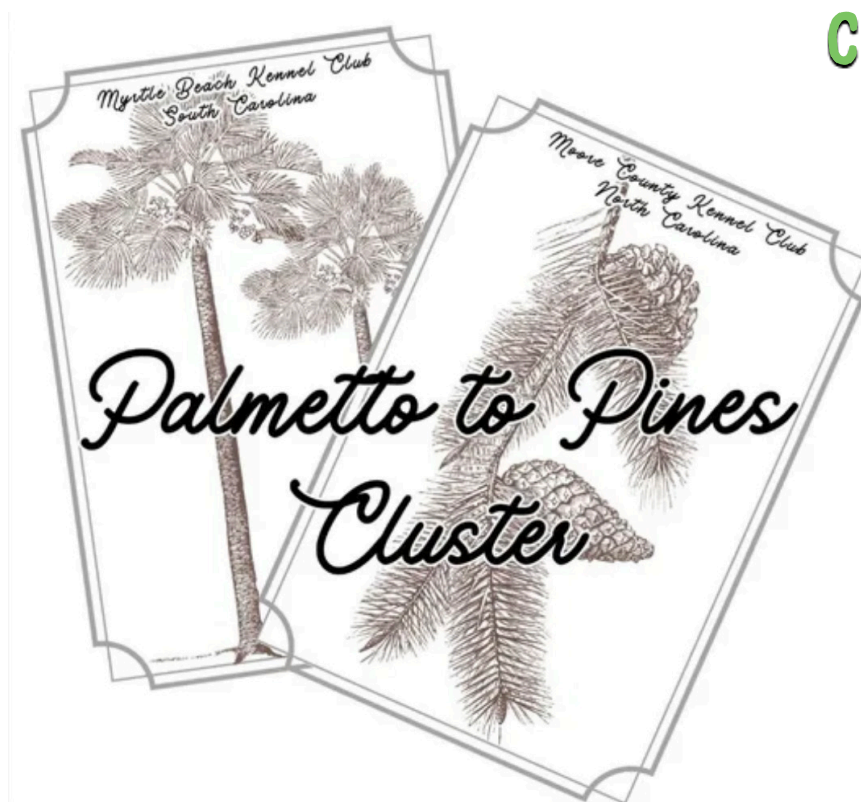
**PREMIUM!**  
CLICK HERE!  
**ONLINE ENTRY!**

Trial Chair - John Zopatti



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ALL EVENTS!

We rely on our volunteers to make every event a success, and getting involved is easy and fun. You'll get a behind-the-scenes look at another dog sport, and every helping hand truly makes a difference.  
**Contact the trial chairs for info on how you can help!**



## CONFORMATION SHOW & RALLY TRIALS APRIL 23-24, 2026

Two Days of  
Conformation

Two Days of Rally  
(2 trials each day!)

Premium Available Soon

[www.palmetto2pines.com](http://www.palmetto2pines.com)

Dog Show Trial Chair - Marjorie Riddle Watson

Rally Trial Chair - Kathy Pellerino



# PAWS & APPLAUSE!

## JUNE



Big congratulations to June the Irish Wolfhound, owned and loved by Emma Lambeth!

June earned her **Rally Championship (RACH)** at the Durham Kennel Club rally trial in October 2025, becoming only the second Wolfhound to achieve this honor. She kept the streak going at the Moore County Kennel Club Scent Work trial in November with her **overall Scent Work Master** title, and followed it up with her **Novice Handler Discrimination** title in December.

A remarkable run for a remarkable hound —well done, June and Emma!

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CGCA TKI ATT FITS**

Interested in trying AKC Rally?



## LET'S GIVE A STANDING OVATION TO OUR FOUR-LEGGED STARS!

### SEND IN YOUR BRAGS!

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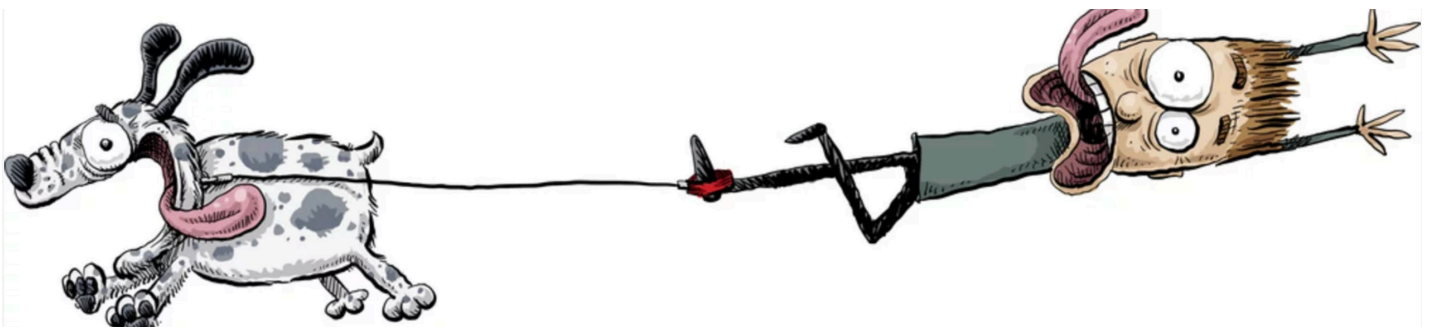
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## WHEN YOU'RE NERVOUS, YOUR DOG KNOWS

### How handler stress travels down the leash

Dogs read us with incredible accuracy. Before we ever give a cue, they notice our breathing, posture, and even how tightly we're holding the leash. When we're tense or distracted, that stress often shows up in our dogs as hesitation, sensitivity, or a lack of confidence. It isn't disobedience—it's communication.

The upside?

Calm moves just as quickly. Slower breathing, softer hands, and intentional movement can shift the feel of a session almost instantly. Winter's slower pace makes this a good moment to check in and reset—on both ends of the leash.



Clear, calm handling gives dogs the best chance to shine. Sometimes the simplest fix isn't about training more—it's about breathing first, no matter the situation or the sport.

## TRY THIS: A 60-SECOND RESET

- Take three slow breaths before you start—long exhales matter.
- Drop your shoulders and loosen your grip on the leash.
- Begin with one easy win your dog knows well.
- If things feel off, pause. Stillness can be a powerful reset.



# FORGOT TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

There's still time to renew your membership!  
Dues must be received by **February 28th** to keep  
your membership from lapsing.

**DOWNLOAD** the renewal form and send your check  
in now!



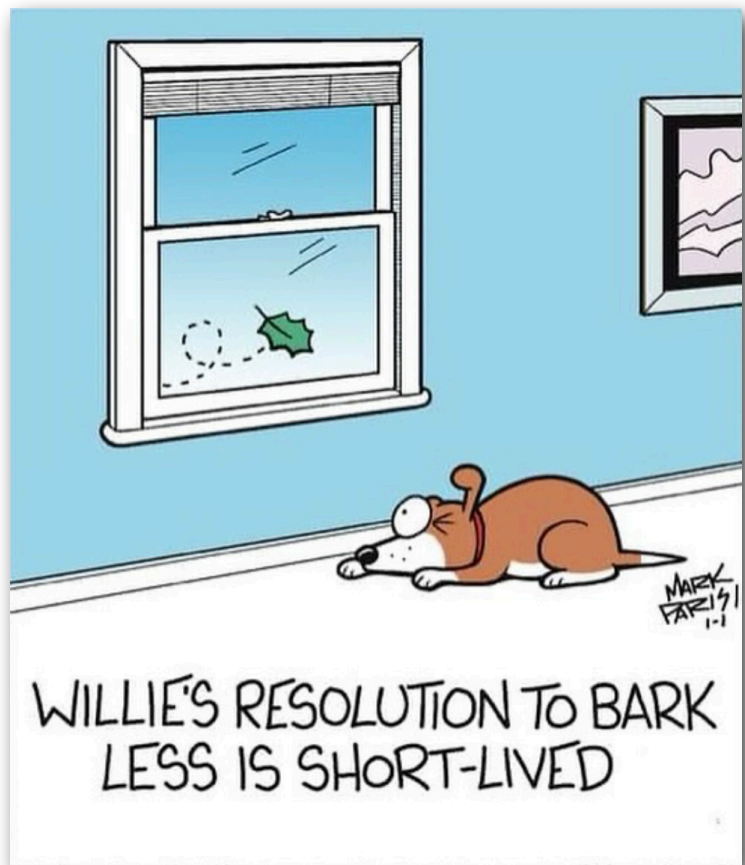
## Note from the Editor:

Hello MCKC Friends!

I'm looking forward to sharing all of your brags, fun news, and photos of you and your amazing dogs! Please be sure to send them in! Remember, this newsletter is only as good as the content that I receive!

**Food for thought:** Please consider volunteering at our wonderful shows and trials...even if the event is not one you usually attend. Volunteering is a great way to support our club and learn about other dog sports as well as being a great way to meet other Club Members and potential future Club Members. We work best when we all work together!

Thanks for being part of MCKC—and for helping us spread the word about all the great things happening in our club!



REACH OUT TO NANCY AT [MCKCWOOFMASTER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MCKCWOOFMASTER@GMAIL.COM)

## SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!

Deadline for inclusion  
in next month's  
newsletter is the 10th  
of the month.





**NEXT MEETING – FEBRUARY 4**

**TABLE ON THE GREEN, PINEHURST**

**DINNER & SOCIAL 6:00 PM**

**MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 PM**