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## MOORE COUNTY KENNEL CLUB

# THE BARKER

## February 2026 Newsletter

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## March 2026

The board and I were so excited to see everyone out helping for our Fast CAT and CAT Trials on the 6,7 and 8 of February! **Go team Moore County!!!!** Our CAT committee is thankful for your help.

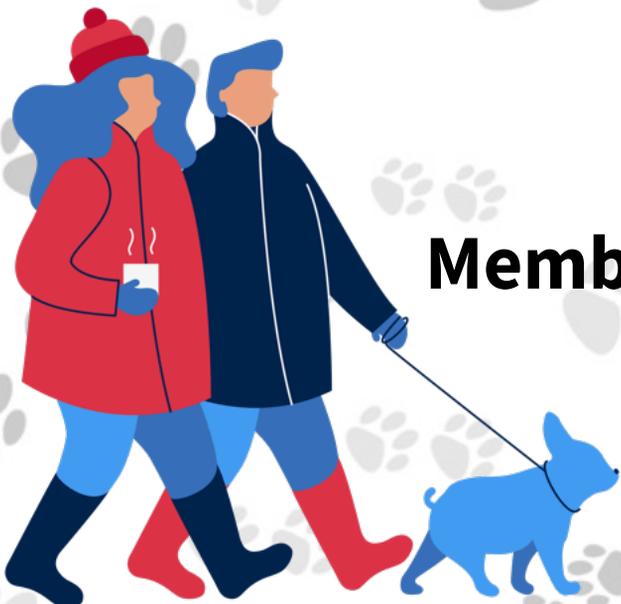
**Scent Work Trial** in March! Please see John Zopatti to assist with the event at Sandhills Community College.

We all have to think "**Dog Show**" from now until the show happens in April. Please come and help...from Wednesday afternoon until Friday clean up. Please reach out and give our Board Members a hand.

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

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**



**FEBRUARY 2026**  
**Membership Meeting Minutes**

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

**PREMIUM!**

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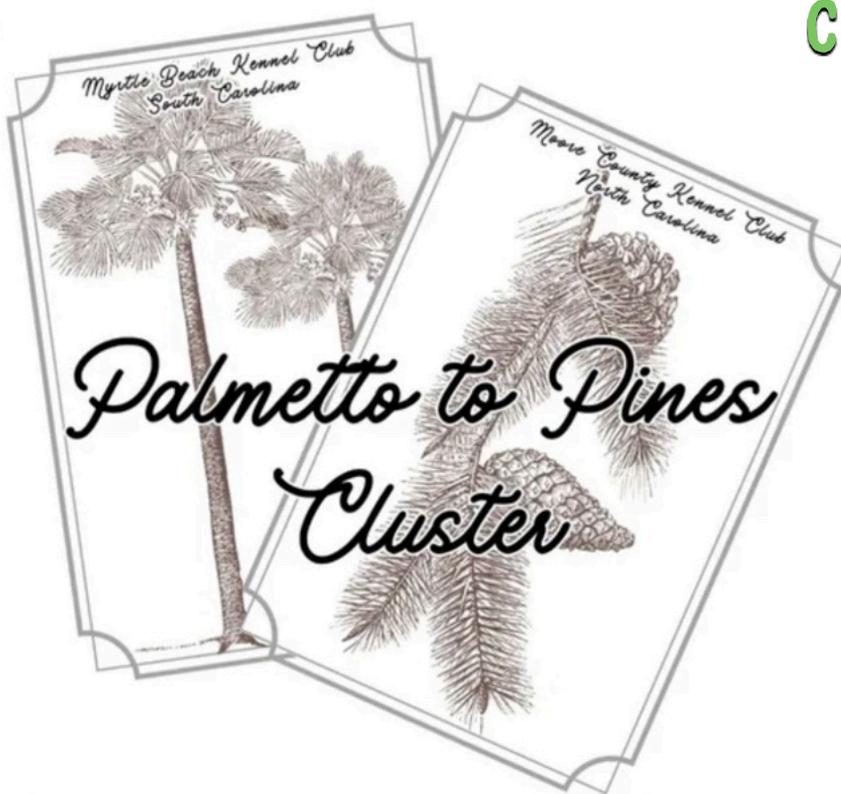
**ONLINE ENTRY!**

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



# FIT DOG WALK!

Our March Fit Dog Walk is scheduled for March 22 at the Southern Pines Reservoir Park! Meet up at 2:00 near the dock! This is a pleasant 2 mile hike that rambles around the reservoir.

[Learn more about the AKC Fit Dog program!](#)



## MCKC JUNE AGILITY TRIAL

We're making plans for our next agility trial!

**June 5-7, 2026**

**Quicksilver Canine!**

Watch our social media, newsletter, and the website for details. The premium and online entry links will be posted as soon as we have them!

**Trial Chair: Kathy Pellerino**

## MOORE COUNTY KENNEL CLUB of NC



Quicksilver Canine  
Julian, NC

June 5-7, 2026

# Find us on Social Media!

Instagram

Facebook Group

Facebook Page



# JANUARY 2026 MCKC AGILITY TRIAL AT QUICKSILVER CANINE



*THANKS TO KATHY PELLERINO & LYNDIA GREEN FOR THE PHOTOS!*

# PAWS & APPLAUSE!

So many new titles were earned by our Members' Dogs at our Coursing Trials this month!



Pyrenean Shepherd owned by Nancy Rawlinson

**LIZZIE  
DCAT!**  
#1 ranked PyrShep  
YTD in FastCAT!



Miniature American Shepherd  
Owned by Kim Kirkpatrick



**TILLY FCAT & CAX!**



Australian Shepherd owned by Terry Chumley

**STRYKER  
DCAT &  
CAA!**



**LIBBY FCAT3!!!**  
Fastest in Medium Height Group!  
#5 ranked  
Mini American Shepherd  
YTD in FastCAT!

Miniature American Shepherd  
Owned by Ken & Diane Shedarowich

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

# EVEN MORE PAWS & APPLAUSE!



**NEEMA – CAX!**

Rhodesian Ridgebacks owned by Giselle Engleka

**MAWE – CA & BCAT!**

**Congratulations to Millabella Ridgebacks!**

**JAHZARA – CAA!**

Rhodesian Ridgeback owned  
by John Zopatti

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Please join us in welcoming **Beth and Stephen Hague** to the club! They are longtime admirers of German Shepherd Dogs. Their experience spans obedience, search and rescue, conformation, herding, and some nose work, and they're looking forward to getting more involved locally—particularly in conformation and nose work. Beth is also a talented photographer, and many of you enjoyed the wonderful candid shots she captured at our November 2025 scent work trials.

We're so glad to have them with us and can't wait to see them ringside and around the training field!



## SCENES FROM THE MCKC COURSING TRIALS - FEB 6-8, 2026



## SPECIAL THANKS

to everyone who volunteered to set up, tear down, and help out in so many ways over the weekend! It was CRAZY COLD but a great time was had by all! Look for our next Coursing Event with Time to Fly at the Carolina Horse Park in October!!!





## Winter Is Quietly Hard on Dogs

Cold weather changes how dogs move, recover, and stay comfortable. In February especially, small oversights can quietly turn into soreness or injury for dogs of all activity levels.

Cold muscles are less flexible, making sudden bursts of speed — whether during play, walks, or training — more likely to cause strains. A few minutes of easy movement before more energetic activity can help.

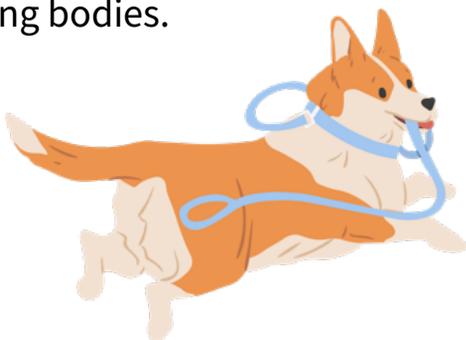
Winter footing is often unpredictable. Wet grass, frozen ground, icy sidewalks, and slick indoor floors all increase the risk of slips and soft-tissue injuries. Hesitation, shortened stride, or reduced confidence can be early warning signs.

Many winter routines lead to uneven activity, with quieter weekdays followed by longer walks or energetic play on weekends. These sudden increases in effort raise the risk of injury.

Cold, damp conditions can also slow recovery, and dry winter air may affect paw pads and traction. Regular pad checks matter this time of year.

A note for senior dogs:

Older dogs may feel cold and stiffness more quickly. Longer warm-ups, shorter sessions, and attention to footing can make winter activity more comfortable and safer for aging bodies.



## TRY THESE COLD-WEATHER TIPS:

- Add 3–5 minutes of easy movement before more energetic activity; add a few extra minutes for senior dogs.
- Watch how your dog moves on winter surfaces and adjust activity if footing looks questionable.
- Trim fur between paw pads to improve traction on wet or icy surfaces.
- Break longer walks into two shorter outings on especially cold or wet days.

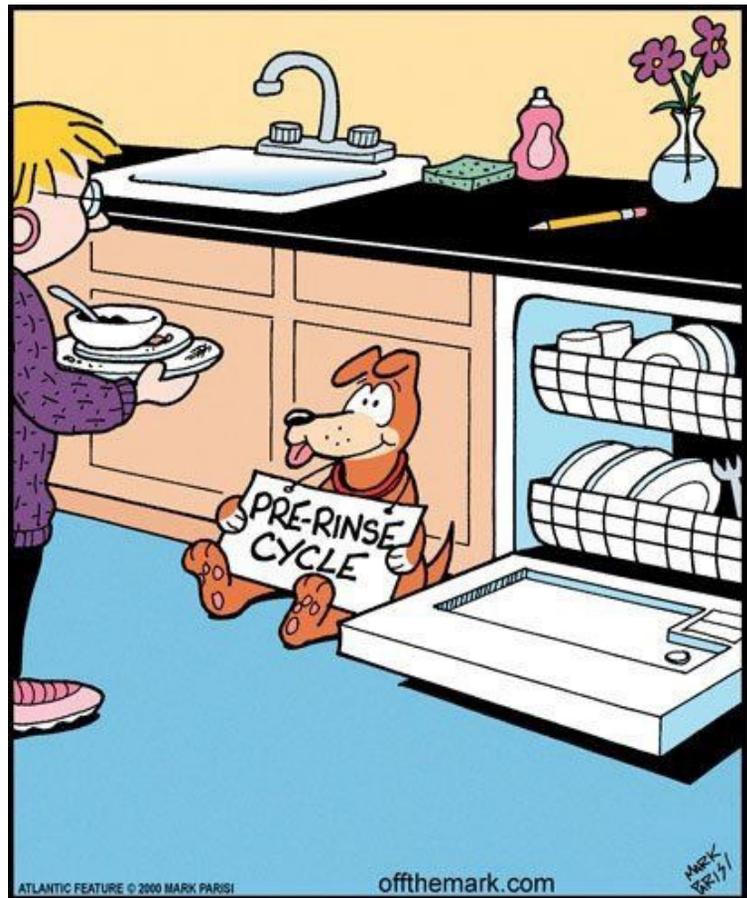
# KNOW ANY LOCAL DOG LOVERS?

Know someone who loves dogs as much as you do? Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to a meeting or event and help us grow the next generation of Moore County Kennel Club members!



## SEND IN YOUR BRAGS!

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!



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.



# RUN, DON'T WALK...

TO THE MCKC MARCH MEMBERS' MEETING!



Wednesday - March 4, 2026  
Dinner & Social at 6 p.m.

Table on the Green, Pinehurst  
Meeting starts at 7 p.m.

## **NEXT MEETING - MARCH 4**

### **PROGRAM BY CCCC VET TECH PROGRAM**

The Central Carolina Community College (CCCC) Vet Tech instructor along with two Vet Tech students will join us for our dinner and social hour. At 7:00, they will give a formal presentation and take questions. Our regular business meeting will take place following the program.