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## MOORE COUNTY KENNEL CLUB

# THE BARKER

April 2026 Newsletter

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May 2026

I hope everyone is having a great Spring!

**Dog Show !!!! Dog Show !!!! April 23 and 24!**

**Please come out on the 24th at 12pm to see our Sponsored K-9 Officers...See them receive their donations from our club for their protective vests and be sure to get a photo!  
Southeastern NC Agricultural and Events Center  
1027 Highway 74 East, Lumberton**

**Please reach out and give our Board Members a hand.**

**Marjorie Riddle Watson ~ Show Chair**

**Kathy Pellerino ~Rally Chair**

**We would love to see everyone there!**

**Let's go team Moore County Kennel Club!!**

**May Annual Picnic**

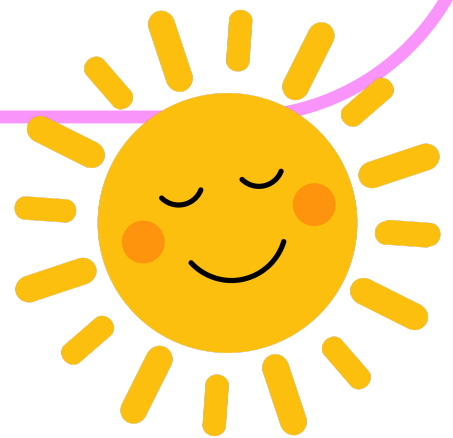
**Cannon Park Picnic - 210 Rattlesnake Trail, Pinehurst**

**Bring sides and desserts. Club will supply water and chicken.**

**June Agility Trial: See Kathy to help out.**

**Carol Dowd**

**President, Moore County Kennel Club**



**APRIL 2026**  
**Membership Meeting Minutes**

**CLICK HERE**







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

It's almost here!

Thanks to all who have worked so hard to make this happen!

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

Conformation Show Chair:  
Marjorie Riddle Watson

Rally Trial Chair:  
Kathy Pellerino



## 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 event chairs for info on how you can help!**

## MCKC JUNE AGILITY TRIAL!

Our next Agility Trial is just over the horizon!

**Entries Open Monday, April 13**  
**Entries Close Tuesday, May 26**

**Trial Chair: Kathy Pellerino**

**DOWNLOAD PREMIUM**

**ENTER ONLINE**



MOORE COUNTY KENNEL CLUB  
of NC



Quicksilver Canine  
Julian, NC

June 5-7, 2026

*This year, our Conformation Show honors Jane.*

## **In Loving Memory of Jane Hammett Bright**



### **Our fearless leader, our spark, our steady hand.**

A true Dog Woman in every sense, she was a gifted trainer, an AKC Breeder of Merit, and a proud charter member of the Moore County Kennel Club.

She tackled life the way she did the ring—boldly and with heart—earning the title of Survivor - Nicaragua: Fan Favorite along the way.

Vivacious, hardworking, and armed with a wonderfully quirky sense of humor, Jane was a firecracker who left her mark on dogs and people alike. Above all, she was a devoted and proud mama to Ashley Hammett.

Her spirit still moves through this Club she helped build.



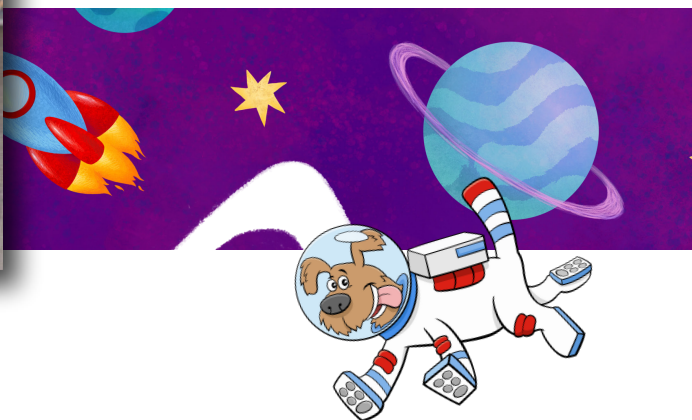
# PAWS & APPLAUSE!

*Our Club Members' Dogs are Out of this World!!!*



## SOPHIE

**Cyndi Klepper and her Cardigan Welsh Corgi, Sophie**, made their debut in Rally at the Greater Monroe Kennel Club rally trial in March! Sophie earned her **first 2 Q's in Rally Novice** with a 3rd & a 1st place finish. Great start on your Rally journey, Cyndi & Sophie! Congratulations!



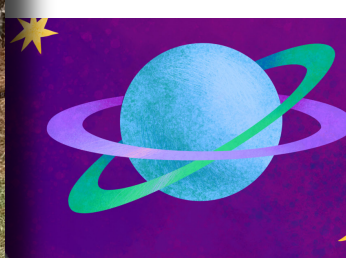
**Kathy Pellerino and her All American Dog, Nikko**, recently earned their 7th set of qualifying scores toward their Rally Advanced Excellent (**RAE**) title. With Q's in both Advanced B and Excellent B, they're steadily closing in on their RAE!

## NIKKO



## JAHZARA

BIG news from our club's recent Scent Work trial in March....**John Zopatti and his Rhodesian Ridgeback, Jahzara**, finished their overall Scent Work Excellent (**SWE**) title and Jahzara was awarded **High In Trial!!!**



**Giselle Engelka's Rhodesian Ridgebacks** were on fire at the MCKC scent work trial, bringing home a stack of titles and ribbons. **Taji** earned her **overall Excellent** title; **Mawe** finished **Advanced Exterior**; **Neema** added **Elite Container Advanced plus Excellent Buried and Container**; and baby **Kichaa** qualified in both **Novice Container** searches.





March 28-29, 2026

# Scent Work Trial

Sandhills Community College

Photos by  
*Beth Hague!*

A big THANK YOU to the all the volunteers whose time and effort made this event a success.



# The Reset Cue

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A simple way to get your dog back with you—*fast*.

## What it is

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A trained behavior that tells *your* dog:  
*“Check in. We’re starting fresh.”*

## How to build it

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- Start with a known cue (touch, watch, or sit)
- Practice in low-distraction settings
- Reward fast responses
- Gradually add distractions

## Why it works

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- Breaks fixation before it escalates
- Keeps mistakes from snowballing
- Reinforces focus on you

**PRO TIP:** Use it early—before you lose your dog, not after.



*Do you have training tips you'd like to share?  
Or is there something specific you'd like to see in our newsletter?  
Let your Woofmaster know! ---> [mckcwoofmaster@gmail.com](mailto:mckcwoofmaster@gmail.com)*



**It's time for our  
Annual Club Picnic!**

**MAY 6th  
at 6:00 p.m.**

**The Club will provide  
fried chicken and water.**

**Members...please bring  
sides and desserts to  
share.**

**Cannon Park Picnic Pavilion  
210 Rattlesnake Trail, Pinehurst**

**PLEASE RSVP to Nancy  
by May 5th so we know  
how much chicken to  
bring!!**

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