



# South Bay Champions

March 2004

Linda Cortez, Editor

## Calendar

### March

- 7 NW's Celebrity Chef Doubletree Hotel Rohnert Park
- 13 Calla's Open House
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- 27 Breeder Caretaker Seminar 10-12 Schulz Campus

### April

- 1 Oakland Zoo Adoptathon 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 28 So. Bay Anniversary Dinner
- 30 Hearing Dog Graduation Schulz Campus

### May

- 8 Rowell Ranch Parade Castro Valley 10 a.m.
- 8 Human Race - Santa Cruz
- TBA Play Day
- 22 NW Graduation Santa Rosa High School 1:00

Free Dog Bathing for Graduates  
First Monday of the Month\*  
Petco/El Paseo de Saratoga

Free Classes for Puppy Raisers  
Every Wednesday /Thursday\*  
Hope Services Center  
Santa Clara 6:30 pm

### Abbreviations Used in Newsletter

- SBC So. Bay Chapter
- PR Puppy Raiser
- BC Breeder Caretaker
- SD Service Dog
- SC Skilled Companion

## All You Need Is Love!

The February graduation was special for a lot of So. Bay Folks. Of the four new CCI Breeders, three had SBC ties. *Avi*, who was raised here by Jeannie and Ron J., was presented with his new Breeder Caretakers Carol and Jerry W.; *Calla's* pup, *Shadow* was presented with her BC's, Marti and Theo M.. Their previous breeder was *Carma*, one of *Kauai's* pups. New So. Bay BCs, Marianne and Steven D., were presented with *Kristen*.

Of the ten new graduate teams (four Service and six Skilled Companion), five had South Bay ties. Puppy Raiser, 15-year-old Wendi H. presented *Horace* (AKA *Ace* and *Kauai's* grandpup) as a SC to 13 year old Kiersten S. You can bet cyberspace is going to have heavy traffic with their emails. Kiersten's mom told me she had hoped *Ace* would help Kiersten come out of her shell. I think she was very surprised that *Ace* accomplished that so fast. Kiersten and her mom both gave speeches at graduation to 600+ people and Kiersten showed no sign of nervousness. In fact, she was eager to talk to anyone about *Ace*. Now I know why her mom kept looking at her in awe.

Breeder *Faith's* pup *Jakar* graduated as a SC to Patricia G. of Sonoma County and *Kadin's* pup *Titan* graduated as a SC to a Scott M. of Alameda County. We also gained two other SC teams, Joshua F. & *Bebe* of Santa Clara County and Timothy J. & *Lexus* of San Mateo County. Our CCI population in San Mateo County is growing! Joshua was introduced to CCI by Facility Team Diane R. & *Dustin*. Joshua was one of *Dustin's* students and the second within 13 months to receive his/her own CCI Dog.

Forty pups matriculated to Advanced Training including three from the So. Bay: *Haidis* - PRs Jeannie and Michael H; *Kalia* - PRs John and Janet. D; and *Ramac* (AKA *Mackey*) PR Collie J. Ten of the pups were *Kadin's* (also *Terry's* grandpups) including three that he sired with *Kauai*. Breeder *Rebecca* also had a pup matriculate, *Coco*. Her PRs are from Washington and raised one of *Rebecca's* other pups, *Rosy* who is now one of our current Breeders. Jason & *Coco* had an opportunity to visit *Rosy* while in the area. *Kalia's* mom, *Brit*, was raised in the So. Bay by Mimi and Terry O. *Britt's* BC Dana B. was at the photo shoot to see the first litter come in. *Britt* couldn't come because she was very pregnant with her third litter. *Takia* had two pups turn in and *Calla* also had one. There were way too many pups (18) for me to remember to take photos of. If I included grandpups, there were 35!!



Each of the graduating dogs left CCI with a new toy that was provided by local third graders at Keys School in Palo Alto. *Kadin* and *Terry's* BC Carol O. did a presentation to the class in October. After a week of learning about disabilities and Assistance Dogs, they met Carol and *Kadin*. Afterwards, the children decided they wanted to do something for the dogs at CCI. They made and sold customized pins to the other students at school and raised over \$150. They purchased a box of (approved) toys which I delivered for them the day before graduation. Everyone was impressed that these 8 year-olds were so ambitious and thoughtful. The leftover items were for the dogs in Advanced Training.

Photos on pages 2 & 3

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# New So. Bay Graduates



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Faith's Pup, Jakar with PR Mark K.



SC Jakar w/Patty S. and her parents, Emilia and Jose



SC Jakar w/Emilia



New SC Team in So. Bay Joshua F. Kisha, & Bebe



New SC Team in So. Bay Scott, Polly & Titan (Kadin's pup)



New So. Bay SC Team Timothy J., Art & Lexus



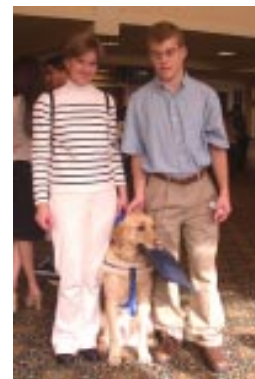
SC Horace w/ Charity and Kiersten S.



Group Shot with Instructors Joellen L. & Vicky M.



Ace's Girls Wendi & Kiersten



Titan holds diploma

*New Breeders & Matriculating Pups*



Avi with New BCs



New So. Bay Breeder Kristen w/ BCs Marianne & Steven D.



Calla's Pup Shadow  
New Breeder



Collie w/ Kalia & Mackey  
Michael and Jeannie w/Haidis



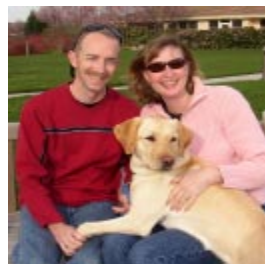
Collie & Mackey w/  
Kay & Rooshka  
(Kadin's Pups)



Haidis w/littermates Helene, Homer & Hobbie  
(Kadin's Pups) and PRs



Kauai, BCs Joan & Mark, PR Mike & Walken,  
PR Cathy & Walch, Kadin BC Eckhard



"W" Littermate  
Wailea & PRs



BC Maureen B. & Rebecca w/  
Rebecca's Pup Coco & PR Jason C.



Kadin's BC Nancy S. presented Titan



Joshua--One Happy Boy!



PR Wendi Presents Ace

# Puppies, Puppies, Puppies



Calla waiting for monitor to say "it's time."



Baby CCI Pup



Calla's Valentine Greeting



Calla is a loving mom



BC Linda S. color coded their photos & names to the collar colors so the puppy socializers knew who they were holding.



PR Chelsea  
Socializing "L" pups.



## Proud Moms

In other CCI graduations last month: *Calla's* pups, *Sierra*, graduated as a Facility Dog in North Central and *Sam III* graduated as a Service Dog in the Northeast Region. That's five from *Calla's* "S" litter to graduate or become a Breeder. The Southwest Region graduated *Tara's Neesha* as a Skilled Companion and *Elodie's Scarlett* and *Satine* as Service Dogs. *Neesha* is the fourth from her litter to graduate.

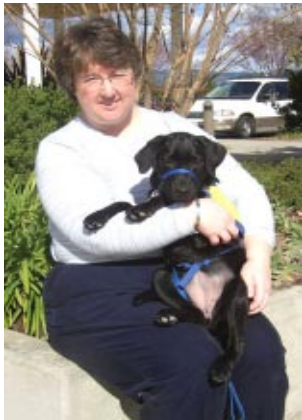
## Stork Watch

Our East Bay Breeders have been busy. *Rosy* delivered nine pups on March 10. There were 8 females and one male. Their dad is *Hemet* and they will have "O" names. Within days, BC Betsy had her list of names ready to submit. She and her husband are teachers so with their daughter's class, there were a lot of children eagerly awaiting this birth and ready to think up names once the letter was known. *Rosy's* PR's hope to raise a pup from this litter.

*Persia*, delivered on ten healthy pups on March 27, five male and five female. Wendi is ready to share these pups development on her new website that she created with the help of *Elodie's* BC, Dan L. These pups will have names beginning with "B." The dad is another Golden named *Perry*.

*Kristen* was bred with *Neptune* and her litter is due June 10.

# Puppies, Puppies, Puppies



Kim & Noelle

Rochelle's pup Noelle is being raised by Kim and Mike T. in Oregon. They have also raised Teresa O.'s Service Dog, *Filo* and raised one of *Terry's* pups *Bevan* who is now a Skilled Companion to Derek J. in the East Bay. So they have two graduate pups in the So. Bay and they've raised two of our pups.



Elodie's pup, *Yakime*, is being raised by former SBC PRs Nate and Rika T. in Georgia. While here, they raised *Glenna* who is now a breeder. One of *Glenna's* pups from her first litter, graduated as a SC to a little boy with autism.

Rika & Nate are active in a Georgia chapter. Rika and her fellow PRs are featured in a current article in *Southern Living* magazine about how their pups are involved in a local "Reading to Rover" program. Rika is a teacher and started the program there to help children to develop reading skills.



Yakime



Suzanne G. and Michelle K. are co-raising their third puppy, *Glennon*



Bronte's PRs Lynn D. and Jenny M.

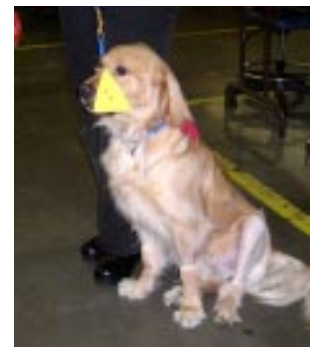
## Soon to Be In the News

I was recently contacted by a freelance journalist who was interested in writing an article for a local paper in Alameda County. The little interview turned into a project. The paper happens to be in a town that has five active PRs plus several graduate teams. I arranged for her to interview Wendi and her family because they are also Breeder Caretakers. She also visited Cheri and her family, observed our Puppy Class and met the other local PRs. Then she attended the graduation and saw them turn in dogs and present a graduating dog. Talk about exposure to the whole CCI experience. Did I mention, she is now considering becoming a BC?



Wendi with Breeder *Persia*, Pup/SC *Kyak*, Pup/SC *Ace* and current pup, *Shiley*

Why is *Jess* dressed as a chicken?, you ask. For Valentine's Puppy Class, some of the dogs dressed up. *Jess* had recently had knee surgery on his two hind legs but had all four legs shaved. The front shavings were necessary for the IV and medication. As a result, he looked like he had "chicken legs." The surgery went well though and *Jess* is recovering nicely. He can't wait to run again.



Chicken *Jess*

The current issue of *The Courier* (National's newsletter) has a photo of *Ossa's* and *Kadin's* pup, *Tassie*, (Hearing Dog) and *Terry's* pup, Facility Dog, *Beaudry*, (the tulip photo).

Speaking of *Beaudry*, his PRs, Cathy and Mike had an opportunity recently to observe *Beaudry* working with residents at his convalescent hospital. When Helen and *Beaudry* came out to the lobby to greet them, *Beaudry* had a rose in his mouth for Cathy. He was very happy to see them and to show off his skills.

# South Bay News

I was very saddened to learn recently that the So. Bay lost one of its Skilled Companion Dogs to cancer. It was a fast, short illness and a peaceful good-bye with the entire family surrounding her with love. Andres' F. and *Bostwick* graduated as a Skilled Companion team eight years ago when he was about 13. Having to learn to take care of *Bostwick* helped him to learn to handle responsibilities and the resulting self-confidence helped him learn to take care of himself. Andres is now attending community college, has a part-time job and will be going away to college and living in the dorm soon. He no longer feels he needs an Assistance Dog. (*Bosty's* legacy for Andres -- independence.)



I will always remember *Bosty* for her smile; she always had one. She was a very sweet, happy and affectionate dog. She loved the pool parties and knew how to have fun with her fellow CCI dogs. We didn't have to coax her into the pool but she always politely waited for the invitation to jump in. We will miss her. As with all CCI dogs, she left her paw prints on many hearts.

## Puppy Class

Last month, the Puppy Class was visited by three members of NW's Program Staff, Ken Kirsch, Lorna O'Connor and Diane Hodgin. It was their opportunity to put faces to the names they see in Puppy Reports, to get a preview of the dogs coming in and it was an opportunity for the PRs to ask questions about Advanced Training, the evaluation process, Team Training, etc.

On April 1, Puppy Class will be visited by a Skilled Companion Team, Carol-Ann G., her daughter Stefanie and *Alette*. They live in Colorado and will be vacationing in this area. Their ties to the So. Bay are through *Alette* who is one of *Patrice's* pups and the littermate of Mason G.'s Service Dog, *Africa*. *Alette* was also named in honor of one of the So. Bay's early graduates who graduated with her Service Dog from the University of Santa Clara.

Stefanie and *Alette* were featured in CCI's 2003 Calendar. Carol-Ann will be talking to the class about how Skilled Companion Dogs can help children with limited communication and physical abilities. We're expecting Mason & *Africa* to drop by to meet their extended family.

## Easy Fund Raising

Michelle K.'s employer donates money to charities that its employees volunteer for. Since puppy raising is a 24/7 responsibility, she submitted her volunteer hours as a PR and her employer will be sending CCI a check at the end of the month.

Do you know if your company has a similar matching program? If it does, it would be an easy way to raise funds for CCI.

Unfortunately, I have more news about CCI Dogs with cancer but these have potential for longer quality lives. Facility Dog *Dustin* was recently diagnosed with Lymphosarcoma and has started chemotherapy. He has responded well to treatment and the veterinary consensus is that his was caught early. If love heals, then certainly, *Dustin* has a fighting chance. "*Dustin's* kids" and there are many, as well as the parents and staff, at the schools where he volunteers have been flooding him with get well cards. The extended CCI family has also responded with support and concern. It must be working because the tumor went down after the first treatment and it looks like *Dustin* can continue working while undergoing chemo.



Diane & Dustin

Facility Dog, *Jake*, who with his occupational therapist partner, Toni, used to work at Alta Bates Hospital in Berkeley. Toni and *Jake* moved out of state but continue to keep in touch with their So. Bay CCI family. *Jake* was diagnosed last May with a tumor in his shoulder. He also responded well to chemo therapy and is in remission. He is still working and is enjoying a quality life. As cancer research improves longevity for human cancer patients, animals with cancer benefit too. Much has changed in recent years. The trick is catching it early which is not easy with dogs, especially CCI dogs. They are so dedicated to serving their partners or clients that they don't always let on when they aren't feeling well until it's too late.



Jake

Keep the healing thoughts and positive energy going to *Dustin* and *Jake*.

South Bay News

Please Note!

We have a new mailing address again. The business where we had our mail box was sold and the new owner moved the business to another location so our mailbox went with it. South Bay Chapter's new address is South Bay Chapter/CCI, 1694 Tully Road Suite D, PMB #295, San Jose CA 95122.

Extended Family

Three former So. Bay pups that are now Breeders recently had litters. Glenna had seven "P" pups on March 20 and Avi's litter with Bonnie were born the same week. Avi sired ten "N" pups, five yellow and five black. Wendi shared that Avi means father in Hebrew. Britt had her third litter on March 27--ten pups, five male and five female. Ten seems to be the popular number lately.

Snowshoe Adventure

Every February Diane B. and her husband, Dennis take their dogs on a snowshoe hike in Lake Tahoe. For the last few years, they have invited fellow CCI folks to join them. This year some So. Bay dogs tagged along.

BC Joan C and retired Breeder Kauai and PRs Michelle K. and Sue G. with COC (change of career) Gloria joined Diane and her friends. It was a beautiful clear day but the week prior, mother nature had dumped a LOT of fresh snow. The dogs had a great time tracking through virgin snow.

The humans had a picnic in the snow. Joan video taped this adventure and it can be seen at the bottom of Joan's website at http://home.pacbell.net/cragun. It looked like fun! Diane and Dennis plan this trip every Presidents Day Weekend. Save the date if you want to go next year.

Coming Events

Several Events are coming up in the next few months that we need volunteers for particularly from the East Bay.

Bark in the Park Adoptathon at the Oakland Zoo on April 3, between 10-3. The event is not IN the zoo but in the grounds outside the zoo. Various rescue organizations will be there with animals available for adoption. We were invited too to educate these animal lovers about CCI. We will have a booth there. If you can come by with your CCI dog even for an hour, it would be a big help.

The other event is the Rowell Ranch Parade in Castro Valley on Saturday, May 8. This is a new event for us. It's a big annual event through downtown Castro Valley and it's followed by a rodeo. It would be comparable to the Los Gatos Parade in size and length. We requested to be near the beginning of the parade because we hope to have some of our Skilled Companion Teams from the East Bay there. If the weather won't be too warm that day, we will have the dog costumes and need volunteers to wear them. If you don't know what I'm referring to, see our January newsletter. The event is co-sponsored by Channel 11 so it's another opportunity to get television exposure for CCI. See castrovalleyrotary.org for photos from last year's event.

We are not doing the Human Race in Santa Clara County on May 8; however, we will register CCI in the Human Race in Santa Cruz County if any of our "mountain CCI folks" would like to participate. There's quite a few there. See this website for info: scvolunteercenter.com/humanrace/agencyinfo.asp or information will be posted on our website.

On July 24 we're doing the Pooch Pow Wow and Canine Convention or Niles Dog Show in Niles (Fremont). This is a very well attended canine fair with vendors, canine services, demonstrations and canine contests. We also need CCI dogs at this event. It's from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. but you don't need to stay for the whole time; two hours would be sufficient. See their website for more information at www.niles.org.

We are receiving a \$1,000 grant from the Small Brewers Festival. To receive this money, we must provide volunteers for this event on August 14 & 15 in Mt. View. We will learn our work assignment on April 10; check our website for more details in mid April. Our list of volunteers must be submitted by early July.

Party Time

April is National Volunteers Month and it coincides with So. Bay Chapter's Anniversary. We're eleven years old and will celebrate with our annual dinner on Wednesday, April 28 at 6:30.. We will again accept Chandler Tripp's School's hospitality in using their facility. This means Facility Dogs and Breeders are welcome. Since this is after the Pacific Daylight Savings Time change, it will be light outside! So the dogs will get a social hour in the play yard before dinner. Menu and cost details haven't been finalized yet, but electronic invitations will be going out soon. If I don't have your email address and you are interested in coming, call our info line to get the details. The dinner will not be expensive because we want to encourage families to come.

A Play Day is being planned tentatively for May 16. Details are still being worked out so save the date.

Public Relations

In the last issue one of the articles was inadvertently not included (it got pushed off the page during editing.) Facility Dog *Dustin* was featured in a long article in the *Almaden Times* and he had his photo on the home page of the Santa Clara County Office of Education's website. Diane published a book illustrating how *Dustin* is used with special needs children to achieve a variety of therapeutic goals. The book is intended for other Facility Dog teams. The books can be purchased directly from Diane. Contact the info line if you need to contact her.

Our presentations have been bringing in money for CCI. Although we do not ask for an honorarium, many groups and sometimes individuals hand us checks after we give a presentation. The Professional Rehab Network and the Santa Clara County Retirees Association both had larger than normal turnouts for their meetings and both gave generous donations to CCI afterwards.

PR Diane B. who is now a real estate agent brought a borrowed CCI pup with her to a Remax international convention in San Diego and a local Remax meeting here. Many Remax brokers have a local foundation that is funded with a portion of each sale or transaction and supports designated local charities. In San Diego, Diane and borrowed puppy *Asta* managed to get tv coverage on Remax's private satellite television network. Locally, Diane brought borrowed pup, *Paladin* (AKA *Pallie*) to a Remax workshop. Hopefully, she has planted seeds all over the country that will blossom into support for CCI. Diane is also nurturing a possible corporate sponsorship for CCI with Remax. This month Diane and *Pallie* did a presentation to the seniors group at Trinity Presbyterian Church in San Carlos and one person gave her a check (for CCI) for \$750. She will do another seniors group (AARP) in San Bruno on April 10.

IBM recently notified us that their Silicon Valley employees pledged over \$11,000 to CCI in 2004.

*Izzy* recently celebrated his birthday with two classes at Hope Services. These are developmentally disabled adults. One of these groups is deaf and they "sang" Happy Birthday to *Izzy* in sign language. *Izzy* was instrumental in helping them to understand the concept of sign language so that they would be motivated to learn to sign. It was very gratifying for Betty to see them use their communication skills. (*Izzy* is the reason we can have our puppy classes at Hope.)

*"The love we give away is the only one we keep."*  
*Elbert Hubbard*

On March 4, Facility Team Barbara W. & *Tacoma* and Service Team Pauline H. & *Butler* did a presentation to a Boy Scout troop at Chabot Elementary School in Castro Valley. Libby C & *Barney* spoke to a scout troupe at Sutter School in Santa Clara on March 25.

Donna B. & *Yasmin* did a presentation to a 4th grade class at Hausner Jewish Day School on February 5 and they will do a series of presentations at Blue Hills school in Saratoga on April 7.

Donna B. & *Yasmin* and Melissa L. & *Winger* did the March 18 session for the main library's Partners in Reading program. The fitness and health theme turned out to be easy. We talked about how PRs raise healthy puppies to be working dogs and wheelchair sports. The children were impressed that Melissa & *Winger* carried the Torch in the 2000 Olympic Torch Relay.

Bill H. & *Belina* recently did one to second graders at Slater School in Mt. View and Huberta & *Kelven* are trying to set two up for a Kindergarten and second grade class at Springer School in Los Altos.

Rudy V. & *Marika* (AKA *Rika*) will do a early breakfast meeting for a Lions Club in San Lorenzo on April 7 and Barbara & *Tacoma* will be doing a lunch meeting for a Rotary Club in Castro Valley in June.

Facility Team Betty Q. & *Izzy* will be doing a presentation at the Del Roble Childrens Development Center on June 15, the Greystone Childrens Development Center on June 24 and O'Conner Hospital Volunteers on September 13.

Volunteers Needed

April 6 - Partners in Reading Program at the Martin Luther King Library near SJSU. The theme (for the parents) will be "Feelings, Behavior and Tantrums -What to do when they get thrown." For our activity with the children, this should be easy to relate training the puppies.

May 11 - A noon meeting for a PEO chapter in Los Gatos. This is a womens club and the meetings are held in a members' home so it won't be accessible for wheelchair users.

July 12 - Braly Elementary School in Sunnyvale for 60-80 children ages 5-10 (date flexible). More than one presenter is needed for this one also. Let me know if you are interested in any of these.

An on-going volunteer opportunity is the *Love on a Leash Program* at the Sunrise Senior Living Center in Belmont. They would love to have CCI dogs visit on the first Sunday. Call the Info Line for contact information.

Alerts

**Fox Tails Are Here**

The heavy rains and subsequent warm weather have brought out the Fox Tails in full force. In case you don't know, these are the weeds that look like shafts of wheat. Keep your dogs away from them!!! They can spell serious trouble.

Signs that a Fox Tail has invaded your dog's body are hard, repeated sneezing; constant shaking of the head; pawing at their face; limping (a foxtail between their pads) and sudden yelping. If your dog stops this behavior, it doesn't necessarily mean the Fox Tail is gone. It could burrow further into your dog's body to raise havoc several months later.

A few months ago, puppy *Kelvin* was showing symptoms of body stiffness, quivering jaws and extreme distress. Allergies? Poison? The symptoms disappeared for awhile only to return again, twice. Finally, the third vet diagnosed it correctly. The culprit was a Fox Tail that had gone deep into his nasal cavity. Once it was removed, *Kelvin* was a happy dog again.

I had a similar experience with my pet Lab mix. I came home one afternoon and found her looking like a football was in one side of her head. It looked as grotesque as it sounds. It was originally thought to be a severe allergic reaction to an insect bite. Medication brought the swelling down for a few days but then her head started to swell again. The vet didn't find it, but was sure it was a Fox Tail that had caused the wound to abscess. Hopefully, it's not still in her head! Final cost: nearly \$600. Moral, check your dog for Fox Tails every time it goes outside. The wind can carry them so just because you don't have any in your yard doesn't mean they can't hurt your dog. If you're diligent, you'll save your dog from pain, discomfort and serious complications. (Foxtails can travel through the dog's body to vital organs.)

**Poisonous Plastics for Dogs**

They squeak, they squish, they bounce. They come in all shapes and colors, from T-bone steaks to squeaky porcupines. Your dogs play with them, chew on them, and love them to pieces (literally). What you might not know is that they could cause cancer and liver damage. Vinyl and plastic dog toys contain a chemical compound that is currently under investigation by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) due to possible cancer risks to humans. The chemical in question is DINP (di-isononyl phthalate), used to make hard PVC plastic soft and pliable. The U.S. CPSC concluded that phthalates can leach out of plastics and causes chronic toxic effects to the liver and other organs. Natural rubber or latex soft toys provide a non-toxic and environmentally friendly alternative.

**Gardeners Beware**

Cocoa Mulch, which is sold by Home Depot and other garden supply stores, contains a lethal ingredient called "Theobromine". It is lethal to dogs and cats. It smells like chocolate and it really attracts dogs. They will ingest this stuff and it can be lethal.

Check what you are using in your gardens and be aware of what your gardeners are using in your gardens. Theobromine is the same ingredient in all chocolate--especially dark or baker's chocolate-- which is toxic to dogs.

**Fake**

The Environmental Protection Agency issued a warning March 5 that counterfeit versions of Advantage and Frontline have been identified in retail stores. The counterfeit products may resemble the branded, registered pesticides but may not have proper dosages. Instruction leaflets and child-resistant packaging may also be missing from the packages. To be safe these pesticides for flea control should be purchased from your veterinarian.

**Dogs in Cars**

Hot weather is here. Just a reminder that if you can't bring your dog in with you, don't leave it alone in the car. It's better to leave the dog home. Even a few minutes in the car in hot weather can be deadly.

Besides you may come back and find the police and fire department surrounding your car. This happened recently in the area to someone (not CCI) who left his Black Lab in the car. The dog was okay but the owner was chewed out soundly.



There's a new addition to the Schulz Campus of CCI. This fountain was dedicated in January to Jeanne Schulz in honor of the many years she spent as National Board President. It is located behind the Gittenger Hall (the dorm).