



### DOG CLUB MURAL UNDERWAY!

The mural is happening. It is really happening! De and Sue, the two artists helping me with the mural I designed for the Napa Valley Dog Training Club, are fabulous. And very talented. They are at the club every chance they can get to work on it. Work started Sunday, April 15th with most of our day being spent snapping a one-foot grid to use as a guide to draw the design onto the wall. Yesterday, the three of us began working from the top down using a bright blue to paint the sky. Yesterday De started painting in leaves for one of two 10-foot tall trees. Next a vineyard, hills, grass, a hot air balloon, and seven playful, frisky dogs will be coming to life.

### One Third There

Brooklyn now has five points toward her Championship. She and I showed this last weekend. She placed first in open both Saturday and Sunday, receiving winners bitch on Saturday giving her her fifth point. She received reserve on Sunday. This is our second weekend showing this year. On March 24 and 25, she came home with two first place ribbons and a reserve ribbon.



### Getting Our Hikes On

We have already enjoyed two different day hikes this spring, first in the beautiful woods of Indian Tree Open Space Preserve on March 29th. This hike was just Robert and I without Dakota and Brooklyn. Our second hike on April 5th was at Sunol Regional Wilderness and included them as well as Sprinkles and Bronwyn and family. It was a grand day to enjoy acres and acres of gorgeous spring color. All four dogs were allowed to be off leash the entire time. They LOVED it!

### Special Pancakes Still Happen

We enjoyed having all three grandkids spend the night the weekend before last. Since the last time I got to make pancakes for them was forever ago, I HAD to make pancakes while they were here! Well at least the girls. Rylan says he is too grown up to have Grandma's special pancakes. Sierra enjoyed what used to be his favorite: a cheeseburger and fries. Aubrey went with sushi for her special pancake.

