

Trail Times



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GCTC is an organization committed to develop, maintain and advocate for safe integrated trails for equestrians and other non-motorized users.

JANUARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! Wow, what a start to 2022! For me, it was 8 days without power, and no idea of how long it would remain out. The snow was beautiful, but it sure made life challenging, especially with horses to feed. Trudging through the snow, carrying hot water jugs to make nice warm mash, and breaking the ice off water troughs twice a day was challenging.

The first snow is soft and deep and enchanting, but getting to the horses and back is arduous to say the least. After all, it is *uphill* both ways!

When it stops falling, and you've made enough trips, it becomes icy and treacherous in the deep trenches you've made. If you're lucky when you slip, you fall over sideways into the soft snow and not onto the hard ice. Then there is getting up out of soft snow – not as easy as it sounds. Yep, it's a good thing snow is so beautiful, and we certainly hope the snowpack sticks around to help address California's drought.

With all that snow, our **GCTC mission statement to, "develop and maintain trails,"** will be put to good use. The "maintain" part will be needed more than ever this spring/early summer as the snow begins to melt and reveals all that needs to be done to keep our trails and campgrounds open. It can be pretty disappointing to ride down a trail for miles, only to find you must turn around due to a downed tree completely blocking the trail. To help us **stay on top of trail issues**, if you come across downed trees, please be sure to file a report on the GCTC website or contact Mary Johnson, our USFS Representative (see page 5 for details).

In addition to individuals or crews dealing with the occasional downed tree, our regularly scheduled maintenance **Trail Workdays** are incredibly important – and **fun!** Look for more information about workdays in this newsletter, and join us!

We have a full calendar planned for GCTC in 2022. In addition to our regular club horseback rides, we are adding **even more rides** to introduce members to amazing new places. We also have fabulous Work/Camp/Ride trips on the calendar. These are great **fun**, not to mention the joy of riding in majestic mountains. Members familiar with the trails are always happy to show them to new folks.

We want **ALL** club members to join us for our events. No matter your skills or strength, we want you to be a part of the fun and the mission! You can always find the latest event information online, from our newsletter (which goes out 6 times a year), and from our communications guru, Jaede, who sends out regular email updates and additional information so you can always be on top of GCTC happenings.


Your participation is what makes GCTC work, and makes it so much fun! Please, don't be shy. After all, most of us are equestrians and "talk horse," and each of us was once brand new to GCTC. We are only an email or phone call away if you have any questions or need more information. Each event has a contact person, and GCTC leaders and officers contact information can be found on page 2 of every newsletter.

We love to hear your comments, suggestions and ideas. You can email us any time. Look for the "Questions? Email us" link at: www.goldcountrytrailsCouncil.org/join-us.html. Please also feel free to contact me at: tra.jamiej@sbcglobal.net.

Happy New Year!

~ Jamie Canon





Howdy and Welcome to our newest members!!

Paula, Bill & Rebecca Aycock
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 Laura Grams
 Christine Hagen
 Amelia Hahn
 Brittany Levien
 Pamela Moon
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 Wendy Soares



Stay up-to-date by regularly checking your email!

GCTC 2022 PROPOSED CALENDAR

As we move into 2022, we hope many aspects of the pandemic will improve for everyone. Although several club activities resumed over the past year, it seems we still must “live in pencil.” Thus, the GCTC Proposed Calendar is just that: “proposed.”

Updates will be forthcoming as the year progresses. Be sure to regularly check your email for up-to-date information.

Happy trails to everyone!

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Minutes of the GCTC Board Meetings and the current 2022 GCTC Events Calendar can be accessed on the GCTC Website
www.GoldCountryTrailsCouncil.org



Print this page, clip it to your refrigerator, add dates to your calendar, so you never miss an amazing 2022 GCTC event!

JULY

- 4 Mon. 4th of July Parade - Penn Valley
- 9 Sat. Royal Gorge Ride
- 13 Tue. General Meeting/ Ice Cream Social 7pm
- 15-17 Loney Meadow Camp/Work/Ride
- 16 Sat. Western States Endurance Ride (Tevis) non-GCTC event

AUGUST

- 6 Sat. GCTC Trail Workday (TBD)
- 9 Tue. Board Meeting 7pm
- 10-14 Nevada County Fair (non GCTC event)

SEPTEMBER

- 10 Sat. Trail Workday- TBD
- 13 Tue. General Meeting
- 16-18 Draft Horse Classic (non GCTC event)

OCTOBER

- 8 Sat. United Trails Day/Workday
- 11 Tue. Board meeting 7pm
- 15 Sat. GCTC Member Appreciation Ride/BBQ- Lone Grave
- 22 Sat. GCTC Member Appreciation Ride/BBQ (rain date)

NOVEMBER

- 8 Tue. General Meeting/ Thanksgiving Feast/Elections/Top Hand Award 7pm

DECEMBER

- 13 Tue. Board meeting 7pm

JANUARY

General Meeting **CANCELLED** due to snow
31 Mon. 2022 Membership Due

FEBRUARY

- 8 Tue. Board meeting 7 pm (all invited)

MARCH

- 8 Tue. General Meeting 7 pm
- 12 Sat. Spenceville Area Ride
- 19 Sat. Spenceville Ride (rain date)

APRIL

- 12 Tue. Board meeting 7 pm
- 23 Sat. Trail Workday - Lone Grave
- Small Groups, distanced**
- 30 or 31 Trail Workday - Lone Grave (rain date)
- Small Groups, distanced**

MAY

- 7 Sat. Ride - Destination TBD
- 10 Tue. General Meeting 7pm
- 18 Wed. Skillman Horse Camp Work Day
- Small Groups, distanced**
- 21 Sat. Penn Valley Rodeo Parade
- 25 Wed. Skillman Horse Camp Work Day (rain date)
- Small Groups, distanced**

JUNE

- 4 Sat. GCTC Annual Fundraiser Event
- 14 Tue. Board meeting 7pm
- 16-19 Wild West Endurance Ride (non GCTC event)
- 24-26 Little Lasier Meadow Camp/Work/Ride

PLEASE NOTE: Dates & times may change. Changes and an updated calendar is always available on the website. Go to: www.GoldCountryTrailsCouncil.org, then click on the "Calendar and Events" tab.



DID YOU KNOW the web and email addresses in each newsletter are hyperlinks? No need to copy and paste, just click on the [address](#) or [email](#) (designated in blue and underlined) and it will open to the destination you desire.



THANK YOU

2021 GCTC TOP HAND AWARD



The 2021 GCTC Top Hand Award is presented to Laurie and Micheal by the 2020 recipient, Helen Harvey.

LAURIE MONKMAN SWEENY & MICHEAL PECKHAM RECOGNIZED AS GCTC 2021 TOP HANDS

Each year, the members of Gold Country Trails Council vote on a volunteer to recognize his or her – or their – special contribution working on the trails by awarding them the GCTC Top Hand Award. For 2021, Laurie Monkman Sweeny and Michael J. Peckham were chosen for their considerable efforts over the years.

Lauri and Mike were presented the award by the 2020 recipient and GCTC past president, Helen Harvey, at the GCTC General Meeting in December. Their names join the prestigious list of past Top Hand Award winners and were engraved on the trophy they received.

These are just SOME of the written comments that came in with the votes:

- "Throughout this difficult COVID year, Laurie and Mike were always there, working with energy, smiles, and willing dispositions."
- " This year [Laurie and Mike] have done an exceptional amount of difficult trail clearing in areas that require travel, utilizing their horses as pack animals. Mike has outstanding skills with the chain saw and other tools. They are always willing to step into a project that is requested of them. They are both extremely pleasant individuals and fun to have on any workday. They have accomplished tasks for GCTC that would not have happened without their help."
- "Laurie and Mike show up at all the Camp/Work/Ride days ready to work hard. They carry large chain saws on their horses and are prepared to go the distance and cut any trees reported in the way."
- "Both Mike Laurie have given a lot this last year during workdays and camp outs, always big supporters of GCTC, very giving. Mike provides his tools which on more than one occasion, were invaluable. Both are very knowledgeable horse people and freely provide assistance and advice. They exemplify what all our members should strive for when working on and maintaining or trails. All around good people. GCTC is lucky to have them as members."
- "Mike and Laurie have done work on our trails with their beautiful Friesians that would have been either very, very hard or impossible for other club members to accomplish. They have contributed to workdays and campouts both physically as well as just being great to be around."
- "Mike and Laurie: BECAUSE.....They do for the club what others can't and don't do, like carry in large chain saws on horseback to take out trees blocking the trails. They are always willing and ready."
- "Laurie Sweeney and Mike Peckham have my vote -- for supporting GCTC as well as several other horse groups."

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OUR AMAZING COOK



GCTC member Debbie Malloy has kept us well fed with mouth-watering meals for several years. Members have never gone hungry at the end of a trail workday and other events. Debbie creates, cooks, delivers, and sets up a veritable feast every time. Appreciation for ALL she does was voiced and shown at the December meeting. Thank YOU, Debbie!



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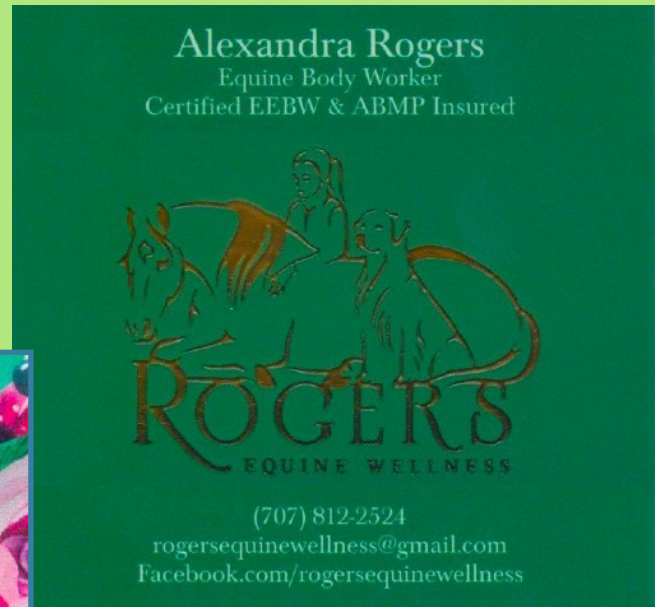
Throughout the riding season, and especially when snow and wind storms create havoc, trail obstructions may occur anywhere. If you are unsuccessful in removing an obstruction, please note your location, preferably with GPS coordinates, take a photo if you can, and then either notify Mary Johnson, our USFS (United States Forest Service) liaison at mjshasta@aol.com or file an Incident Report on the GCTC website at www.goldcountrytrailsCouncil.org/incident-report.html. Mary will then coordinate with USFS and other parties for trail clearance.

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GCTC Sunshine lets you know your GCTC family cares about you and your well-being. Going forward into 2022, we have a renewed supply of sunshine to share in support of our members. If you know of a member who is in need of some GCTC sunshine, Andi Duncan, our official Sunshine person, is the one to contact.

IT'S EASY TO SPREAD SUNSHINE. Just email or call Andi Duncan sendmailtoandi@gmail.com or (510) 295-7600, when you know someone who could use some friendly support. Andi will take it from there!



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**THE CLOCK IS COUNTING DOWN...
HAVE YOU REMEMBERED TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP?**

Hi, this is Pamela, your newsletter editor. If anyone should know when to pay their membership dues on time, it's me! I'm the one who gets all the notices to put in the newsletter and provides the information to you. But, as I was creating this issue, I wondered if I had paid mine.... I had intended to.... I thought I had.... I hadn't! But, I did today!

If you're like me, you may have thought when you saw the first (or second) notice, or when our Membership Chair Cathy Chase sent you a reminder, that you would do it tomorrow. Well, tomorrow is here!

If you don't renew by JANUARY 31st, you're no longer going to receive this amazing newsletter! Or all the emails Jaede sends out about the great events GCTC creates! You're going to miss out on all these great people and fun times!

Renewing or joining online is the preferred method for accounting and record-keeping purposes but, of course, you can download a paper form and mail in a check if you wish. More details for online joining or downloading forms are at: <http://www.goldcountrytrailscouncil.org/join-us.html>



If you've already renewed—Yay You! If you can't remember (like me), feel free to contact Membership Chair Cathy Chase at chasehc@gmail.com or 530-205-0900

**RENEW your MEMBERSHIP by
January 31st!**



What we thought was going to be a few months, became a year, then two years, then...

And, hay happens...





PASSING THE PRESIDENTIAL GAVEL



2020-21 GCTC President Bernard Molloy passed the presidential gavel to incoming 2022-23 GCTC President Jamie Canon at the December 13th GCTC board meeting hosted at Andi Duncan's home. Andi also provided hot cider to the Board members which was much appreciated on that cold day.

Bernard was thanked by the Board members for his service to GCTC. Jamie said she is looking forward to her two-year tenure as President and carrying forth the many wonderful traditions and programs GCTC has developed over the years. She emphasized the need for the entire membership to participate in the many activities and programs the club offers in order to make GCTC successful in its mission: to develop, maintain and

advocate for safe integrated trails for equestrians and other non-motorized users. She is eager to work with the new GCTC Board to develop programs and strategies for the coming year and welcomes the membership to participate in discussion and provide input. Jamie is also hopeful all of us can get back to a more "normal" year and wishes everyone a healthy and safe 2022.

Thank you, Bernard, for your dedication and service to GCTC as President the last two years. All the best to you, Jamie, as you lead GCTC forward.

FROM THE HORSES

GIVE ME YOUR SMILE YOUR GENTLE TOUCH
AND I WILL GIVE YOU ALL OF ME
GIVE ME YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHO WE ARE
AND I WILL GIVE YOU ALL OF ME
GIVE US YOUR PATIENCE AND QUIET DEMEANOR
AND I WILL GIVE YOU ALL OF ME
GIVE US YOUR KINDNESS YOUR ATTENTION TO OUR
NEEDS
AND I WILL GIVE YOU ALL OF ME
GIVE US YOUR RESPECT, TRUST, AND LOVE
AND I WILL GIVE YOU ALL OF ME
TAKE YOUR ANGER, HOSTILITIES, AND FRUSTRATIONS
OF LIFE AND KEEP THEM AWAY FROM US
AND ONLY THEN, YOU WILL HAVE EARNED OUR
TRUST, RESPECT, AND HEART
AND HAVE ALL OF ME



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WHO MOVED THAT SIGN?



Do you remember when the “HORSE CROSSING” sign on Highway 174 at Empire Mine wasn’t there? For, in fact, it wasn’t always in that location. In December 2008, three members of Gold Country Trails Council started the process to move the horse highway crossing to a safer location. Because the horse trail crossing was unmarked on the highway, it was very unsafe to cross from Empire Mine to the Union Hill trails section.

GCTC members Mary Lundin, Sue Brusin and Irv Mazur met with Ron Munson, the Empire Mine State Park Superintendent, as well as representatives from Caltrans, Nevada County Land Trust, Doug Hobbs Engineering, and Nevada County Transportation Commission. (Bicyclists of Nevada County was unable to send a representative at the time.) The question asked was why the crossing couldn’t be marked with a painted crosswalk at the existing location. Being a state highway, visibility requirements have to be adhered to for placement of crosswalks, and that couldn’t be met in the existing crossing location.

The next step was to look at alternative locations for the highway crossing. With the expertise of GCTC member Bill Haire, then a member of Nevada County Land Trust, a new horse trail on the west side of Highway 174 was marked. So, instead of coming down the paved Empire Mine service road, a marked trail was created which came gradually downhill, ending up parallel to the highway, closer to the Empire Mine Road intersection, where Caltrans could place a painted crosswalk.

The next hurdle was the steep drop off at what would become the Union Hill side of the new trail. With Bill’s trail building knowledge, he determined that fill dirt could be brought in to create a safe slope from the road to the new trail which could be cleared, leading toward the existing entry point.

Park Superintendent Munson was then ready to present the new trail building request to the State Parks. GCTC had completed a bureaucratic miracle—creating a plan and working together with the involved agencies. But then Mr. Munson retired, and the new trail plan was put in the bucket of incomplete state trail projects, perhaps never to be seen again.

Not one to give up easily, Mary Lundin continued to meet with Jim Brake of Caltrans. He said the best he could do was to move the “Horse Crossing” signs from their placement a distance away to, what is now, their current location, adding an arrow pointing to the area of the crossing. This provides motorists a better warning of any pedestrians, bicyclists, or equestrians at the crossing. The State Parks Maintenance crew cleared the heavy brush from the side of the road and existing trail to improve visibility on the Union Hill side. But contact with the new park superintendent was unsuccessful, and the newly marked trail eventually faded away.



The dedication and perseverance of GCTC members helped create a safe passage for all those who venture across the highway to enjoy the fabulous trails on both sides of Highway 174 that exist in our local Empire Mine State Park.

~ Submitted by Mary Lundin



Pines to Mines Trails

You have until Feb. 26 to comment → **DO IT NOW!**

The Pines to Mines Trail public documents were made available to the public on January 27th here:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61221>

The statements of concern to non-motorized trail users are **the inclusion of the allowable use of motorized e-bikes on this non-motorized trail**. All the work that has been done over the years, all the support that has been given and all the money donated for the Pines to Mine Trail specified that it was to be a "non-motorized" trail. At the last minute, the Tahoe National Forest Supervisor Eli Llano included the use of motorized e-bikes. The trail using public and then The Nevada County Board of Supervisors objected and said they were not apprised of this change and would not provide the funding promised for the environmental report if e-bikes were allowed. That hasn't stopped the Forest Service from considering it in all its documents. **It is up to the public to object.**

Here are the specific paragraphs in these documents mentioning e-bikes:

1. PINES TO MINE DRAFT OF PROPOSED ACTION

"Designation of allowable use - Designate the allowable uses of the proposed Pines to Mines Recreational Trails system. Forest Plan direction and Agency regulations, including the 2005 Travel Management Rule if applicable, along with different use scenarios and public input, will be assessed to determine the allowable uses. **Potential uses include hiking/walking, running, mountain biking (including pedal-assist Class 1 E-Bike), and equestrian riding.**" (The map was cut off to not show the legend that specifies "non-motorized" trail, but the other links include the trail map and does show the legend.)

2. IN THE LEGAL NOTICE:

Designating the allowable uses of the proposed Pines to Mines Recreational Trails system. Forest Plan direction and Agency regulations, along with different use scenarios and public input, will be assessed to determine the allowable uses. Potential uses include hiking/walking, running, **mountain biking (including pedal-assist Class 1 E-Bike)**, and equestrian riding.

3. PINES TO MINES SCOPING NOTICE

The project's proposed actions include: Constructing approximately 16-18 miles of new, native surface, single-track trail from Eagle Lakes to Donner Summit connecting the existing Grouse Ridge and Hole in the Ground trails; Designating all, or portions of, approximately 50 miles of identified existing Forest Service System trails as part of the new Pines to Mines Recreational Trail system including Donner Lake Rim (15E75), Grouse Ridge (13E28), Hole in the Ground (14E25), Pioneer (09E11), and Spaulding Lake (12E40); and Designating the allowable uses of the proposed Pines to Mines Recreational Trails system. Forest Plan direction and Agency regulations, along with different use scenarios and public input, will be assessed to determine the allowable uses. Potential uses include hiking/walking, running, **mountain biking (including pedal-assist Class 1 E-Bike)**, and equestrian riding.

4. ON THE MAPS

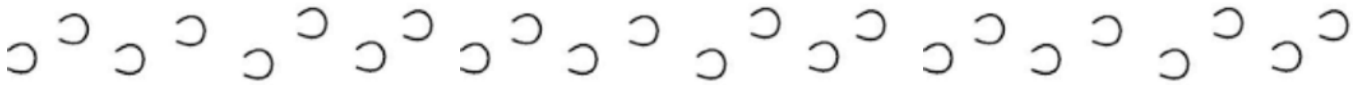
On each legend, it designated "non-motorized" trails, but the new trail is not designated as such.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61221>

You have until FEBRUARY 26th to comment. DO IT TODAY! Do so here:

<https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public//CommentInput?Project=61221>





MIKE AND LAURIE'S BIG ADVENTURE Little Lasier Meadow - June 2021

It took two tries to get the logs cleared which were blocking the trails by Penner Lake in the Bowman Lake area. The first "aborted" mission involved cow bells. We were not too far away from our target destination with our three Friesian mares when cow bells could be heard off in the distance. The two older mares know that cow bells are attached to cows and saw this a a VERY concerning situation. 4-year-old Estrella didn't know what the sound was and couldn't figure out why the distant clanging was a big deal.



Tied to trees to have their saddles adjusted, the two older mares got their panties in a twist, envisioning death by cow, and one of them, Nikki, was adamant, and then successful, in her attempt to escape the cow monsters—who, by the way, could still only be heard, and not even seen.

Holding onto the remaining 1,500 lb. older mare in cow-panic mode while the dominant mare took off, was challenging, but Michael prevailed. Of course, the escapee was the one carrying the chainsaw and other trail clearing paraphernalia.

As we made our way back to camp—about 5 miles away—we found the chainsaw and other tools had been flung willy-nilly along her escape

route. Fortunately, when we returned to camp, we found Nikki had found her way back and conveniently put herself away in our portable corrals. Upon her arrival back in camp, GCTC member Michelle had kindly removed her saddle, which had ended up underneath her belly in her mad dash down the mountain.

On our trail clearing attempt #2, Chelsey Peckham and Andrew us. At one point it appeared history might repeat itself. One location was along a narrow trail with bad footing on one side. Out in front, Estrella, the 4-year-old, stopped on this section of trail, alerted to that ominous clanging sound emanating from thousands of feet down below in the Crooked Lake Valley. Whatever that sound was, the other mares had convinced her, it was not good. Fortunately, the sound, and the cow monsters, were just far enough away to allow all to relax, and the mission was accomplished.

joined



We told GCTC member Teri Personeni that perhaps we need to borrow a few cows with clanging bells to hang out around our place for a while...





WHAT HAPPENS ON GCTC WORKDAYS?



Several exciting GCTC workdays are on our calendar for 2022, and we want YOU to be a part of them! Many new members may be wondering what is expected on our workdays. Wonder no more!

GCTC has been working on many of the trails in the Hwy. 20 corridor since 1981. These are the trails we enjoy so much for riding and hiking. These beautiful trails need our assistance from time-to-time due to harsh winters, overgrown brush, or re-routing for various reasons.

Sometimes we need power saws, stump grinders or other power tools. These are handled by members certified in their operation. Most of the work is done with hand trimming tools, loppers, and rakes. GCTC already has many of the tools we need, however sometimes members are asked to bring their own tools, if available. The work is not labor intensive by any means. We each work at our own pace and take breaks as needed. Then we enjoy a deliciously prepared lunch together!

Typical Fun Workday Schedule:

- 8:30 am Arrive at the staging area for sign in, donuts (YUM), and an explanation of the work to be done
- 9:00 to noon Take a short walk to the work site or carpool if farther away
- Noon Return to the staging area for a fabulous lunch (DOUBLE YUM) prepared by Debbie Molloy and her crew

We typically have 30 or more members at each workday. It's a great time to socialize while creating and maintaining our beautiful trails.

Please join us! If you have any questions, please contact Mary Johnson, Trail Workday Coordinator, by email mjshasta@aol.com or text or leave a message 530-353-0082



WHAT HAPPENS?



FUN HAPPENS!



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Please do not clean out your trailer at staging areas. Carry a manure fork and scoop up your horse droppings and place them in your trailer to dispose of at home.



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Thank you!

Sincerely,
Catherine Pegeron



Speaking of advertising and renewals. Like membership, our member advertisers need to also renew their advertising commitment for 2022!

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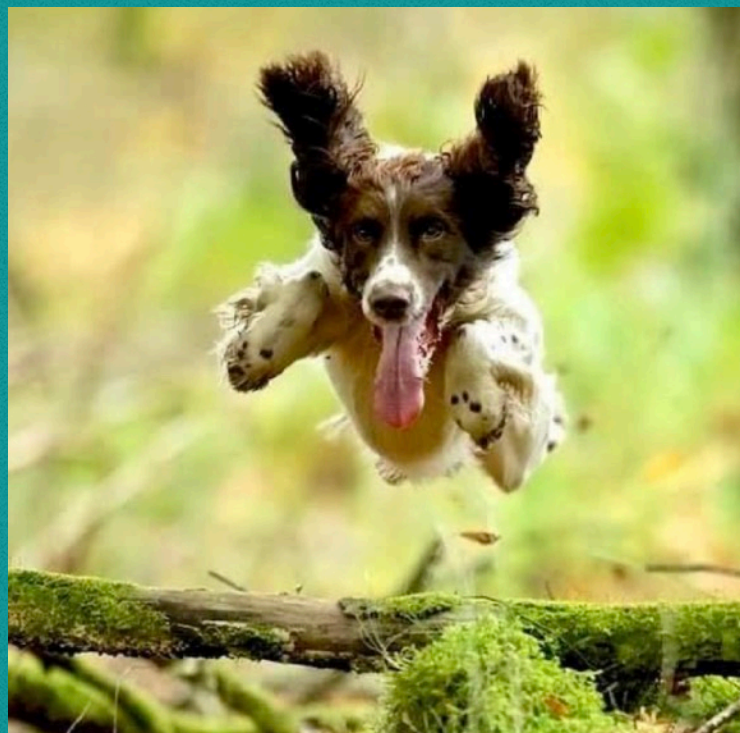


L to R: Bailey, Peanut
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