Gone to the Dogs

▲ My name is Steve Pacheco and I am the Golf Course Superintendent at Pajaro Valley Golf Club in Watsonville, CA. My partner with me every day at the course is Yogi. Yogi is a Burnese Mountain/German Shepherd Mix. He is very well behaved, never leaves my side, and has a knack for sniffing out & digging up gophers.

▲ This is Molly a 4 1/2-year-old border collie from Sunol Valley Golf Course, her hobbies are geese and turkey patrol. She has been on the job for four years and loves every minute of it. She is owned by Bill Andrade, golf course superintendent.

▲ Here is a photo of my dogs Gordie (sitting in cart and Jack (standing on floorboard). They are Australian Shepherd brothers. Gordie is in charge of wildlife control, while Jack supervises from the cart.

Todd Lyijynen, Diablo Country Club

▲ Winona
16 Months, Miniature Australian Shepherd/Red Merle
Vince Ferrante
Assistant Superintendent Spyglass Hill Golf Course

▲ ASPCA rescue
Approximately 4 years old Border Collie/Australian Shepherd mix
I trained him how to haze geese at Empire Ranch and he is ready for work every day. Rodney Muller

▲ Pirate
Breed: Mixed, primarily Australian Shepherd & Border Collie
AKC Certification: None; Age: 8
Breeder: Keith Kaminski, Kaminski Golf Construction
Training: Puppy I, Puppy II
Favorite activities: Frisbee, tug, chasing squirrels, barking at delivery people, herding, running up to members for treats, napping, wading in the creek, wrestling with his brother Buddy II.
Likes: Sniffing, peeing, bones, squeaker toys, peeing, sniffing, crew lunches.
Nickname: Hungry Dog
Tricks: Shaking hands, high-fives, rolling over, air-time Frisbee catch
Worst golf course experience: He caught a squirrel crossing the fairway between two groups of ladies on Ladies Guest Day. He basically shook the squealing squirrel to death before letting go.

Kenneth Williams, CGCS, Stanford University Golf Course

▲ Thru the Green—March/April 2013