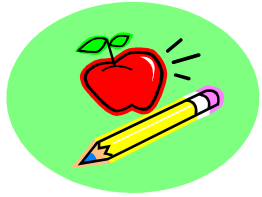


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General Membership Meeting Friday, August 19, 6:30 – 9 p.m.

Canoga Park Lutheran School
7357 Jordan Ave, Canoga Park, CA

The days are getting shorter and the school bell is about to chime...

Join us in these last days of summer for a

TRAINING MEETING!

Bring your pups, training equipment, rings, chairs & drinks.
VHOC will provide the “eats” and a fun game or two!

RSVP to Ann Hills at tonkanuki@aol.com by Wednesday, August 17.

Dear Editor 

Please send brags, photos, announcements, articles, and other information to Carole Hills at: cahills1@verizon.net
on or before the 8th of each month.

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BRAGS & SCORES

AGILITY

Laurie Burnam & Scout: July 21-24, 2011, Buenaventura Dog Training Club, Camarillo, CA:

Exc Std, 100, **13 MACH points**; Exc JWW, 100, **8 MACH points—Double Q!**

Exc Std, 100, **14 MACH points**—429 points to date.

Laurie Burnam & Scout: July 31, 2011, Agility Club of Santa Barbara, Van Nuys, CA:

Exc Std, 100, 10 MACH points, Exc JWW, 100, 7 MACH points--**Double Q #10 and 446 MACH points.**

Ann Hills & Trace: July 24, 2011, Dog Agility Club of Ventura, Camarillo, CA:

Open Std, 100, 1st Place, 2nd Leg.

Carole Hills & Tucker: July 24, 2011, Dog Agility Club of Ventura, Camarillo, CA:

Exc A Preferred JWW, 100, 1st Place, 2nd Leg.

Carole Hills & Tucker: July 30-31, 2011, Performance Dog Training Club ASCA, La Jolla, CA:

Elite Gamblers, 10-Q, 1st Place, 9th Leg; Elite Gamblers, 10-Q, 1st Place, 10th Leg—**ATCH!!**

Mother's Little Tucker qualified in both of his Elite Gamblers runs last weekend, completing the requirements for his ASCA Championship Title (ATCH) just 7 months after earning his NATCH. He began trialing in USDAA in 2005 and in ASCA, NADAC and CPE in 2006.

Tucker took a year-long break from agility to heal from an injury, and returned to NADAC late last year, earning his NADAC Championship Title in November of 2010. Needing only 5 Gamblers and 4 Regular runs, we resumed trialing in ASCA in June this year to complete that championship title.

When AKC opened up to mixed breeds, we began trialing in the preferred class where he has earned his AXP and needs one more leg for his AJP, after which he will most likely retire from AKC (to rest on his laurels) ...and let his mom start training the new All-American rescue,

Mother's Little Treasure "Trinket".



Debbie Lang & Quila: July 21-22, 2011, Buenaventura Dog Training Club, Camarillo, CA:

Debbie Lang & Quila: July 23-24, 2011, Dog Agility Club of Ventura, Camarillo, CA:

Double Q #11 and 12, 48 MACH points for the weekend!

T2B Q —7 points, **Triple Q on July 21st**, T2B Q —5 points.

Debbie Lang & Quila: Aug. 5-7, 2011, Santa Maria KC, Santa Maria, CA:

T2B Q —6 points, **Double Q #13, 35 MACH points** for the weekend!!

BRAGS & SCORES

OBEDIENCE - RALLY

Leslie Chudnoff & Bailey: *July 26, 2011, CPLS, Canoga Park, CA:*

Leslie writes: Bailey passed his CGC—Canine Good Citizen test (Lindia Brown, CGC Evaluator). This is his first official title! Bailey is a smart boy and I am very proud of him! It took a lot of practicing to get him to walk nicely on the leash. He's a strong dog and he weighs more than half of what I do! All of the other items on the test were pretty easy for him. Laurie's beginners' class really prepared us very well. We have been working very hard at this for several weeks. Initially, Lindia thought it might take him several months to pass. She has been kind enough to work with us after our regular class and on an additional evening during the week. We started Laurie's rally class 3 weeks ago. My next goal is to work toward his RN title. Hope to be ready for the December show!

Debbie Lang & Quila: *July 8, 2011, Channel City KC, Ventura, CA:*

Beginner Novice B, 192.5+, 2nd Place, winner of run-off, 3rd Leg—**BN Title!**

Debbie Lang & Quila: *July 10, 2011, Ventura County Dog Fanciers Assoc., Ventura, CA:*

Beginner Novice B, 193, 3rd Place.

Amanda Wong & Hunter: *July 8, 2011, Channel City KC, Ventura, CA:*

Open A, 196, 1st Place—**CDX Title!**

Amanda Wong & Hunter: *July 8, 2011, Santa Maria KC, Ventura, CA:*

Open A, 191.5, 1st Place.

FREESTYLE

Lindia Brown & Tillie: *August 6, 2011, Ventura County Animal Shelter, Camarillo, CA:*

YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY, TILLIE!

Lindia writes: "Saturday, August 6, Appawse performed our dance routines and demonstrated competition obedience, Rally and agility for the benefit of the Ventura County Animal Shelter. This is a picture which appeared in the Ventura County Star. Tillie was performing a new solo, surrounded by many people and dogs she did not know. She did her entire routine OFF LEASH. She also performed in two group routines and demonstrated novice Rally. Needless to say, I'm very proud of how much Tillie has improved."



OBEDIENCE TRAINING EQUIPMENT

Flo Walberg has armbands, attention belts
and armband sticks for sale.

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Member News

Jen Voogt, VHOC Board Member, Website Administrator, and now Mommy, sent this “little” brag (her words...not ours).



Leann Johanna Voogt, born to Matthew and Jennifer on July 21st, 2011 at 4:09 pm, weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces, and measuring 18 inches long. She shares her Birthday with her proud Daddy.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Dolores (Dody) Tyneway, DVM and her Chihuahua X, “STAR”

Cindy Williams and her Rhodesian Ridgeback, “CYRUS”

Members need to attend one general meeting or volunteer to help at a VHOC event to activate their membership.

Member News



The July issue of the VHOC Newsette included an article on Freestyle, submitted by Lindia Brown. Lindia & Tillie, Carole Raschella & Liam and Larry Ribbeck & Rocky qualified in their first round of the Dogs can Dance Challenge. The article included photos of Lindia & Tillie and Carole & Liam, but we didn't have a photo of Larry and Rocky's performance at the time.

We have since learned that both of Larry's dogs perform on the dog-dancing team. Pictured here are the dogs in their Therapy uniforms—Rocky on the left and Tina on the right.

Watch for an article on their therapy work, which Larry has promised to send for a future issue of the VHOC Newsette.

Allison Pobirs sent us this photo of a very cool drinking fountain for our K9 pals.

The photo was shot by her brother on an outing with his dog, Tommy.



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- Agility Trial Volunteer Workers.....Kim & Terry Simons
- Banquet..... Laurie Burnam, Stephanie Colman, Ann Hills
- Catalog.....Carole Raschella
- Food & Hospitality.....Nancy Giltner
- General Meetings.....Stephanie Colman & Ann Hills
- Newsette.....Carole Hills
- Raffle.....C.Malchose, A.Pobirs, J.Racey, C.Tattersall
- Seminar Coordinator.....Nancy Giltner
- Show-N-Go.....Sandy Walton
- Trophies.....Caroline van der Wyk
- Website AdministratorJennifer Voogt
- Yahoo Group.Allison Pobirs

Therapy Dogs Eligible for New AKC Title

Chemotherapy treatments left the boy with little energy and even less appetite.

A visiting dog did her best but she could not raise the youngster's spirits. "He looked at Kacey and was just lying there and petting her head a bit while she had her head on the bedside," Kacey's owner John Smead recalled.

Then the boy's mother began reading Kacey's "bio" card that shows her picture and tells a bit about her, and the visit turned to an amazing connection.

"She said, 'Well look Michael, Kacey is like you. She is a very picky eater!'

He just perked right up and said, 'You are like me? You don't feel like eating sometimes either huh?' Then he got out of bed and got on the floor beside her and shook her hand saying, 'I am glad to meet you Kacey.' He gave her a few hugs and in return Kacey just leaned over and rubbed her head against his skinny, worn-down, little body.

"The nurse and his mom had a few tears. She said they can never get him out of the bed," Smead said. "I guess that is what it's all about."

Kacey may have never soared over an Agility jump or taken home an Obedience trial ribbon. But every week, the 3-year-old mixed-breed dog wins hearts as a therapy dog in Southern California.

The American Kennel Club is now rewarding the incredible contributions of therapy dog teams with a new title. The new AKC Therapy Dog program, which launched June 27, recognizes dogs and their owners who have given their time and helped people by volunteering as a therapy dog and owner team.

The AKC Therapy Dog title (THD) can be earned by dogs that have been certified by AKC-recognized therapy dog organizations and have performed 50 or more community visits. The title is available to all dogs meeting the criteria, including mixed-breeds and rare breeds, as long as they are registered or listed with AKC.

AKC does not certify therapy dogs; the certification and training is done by qualified therapy dog organizations.

Kacey is certified by the Delta Society – one of the AKC-recognized organizations – and listed with the AKC Canine Partners program. A former stray, turned into a shelter after found wandering in a parking lot, now gives back by brightening the lives of patients at the Children's Hospital of Orange County (CA).

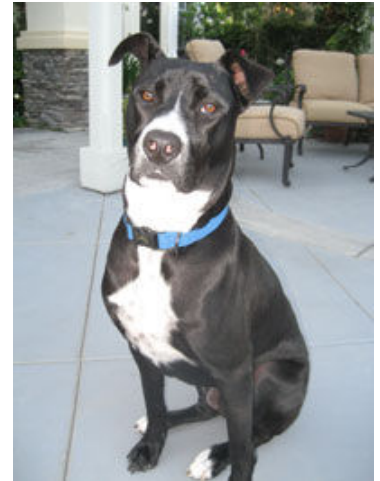
"She is quite a dog. I guess she just has an instinct for it," Smead said. "After she is done shaking hands, she does her beg thing...sits on her back legs and just leans back...no treats or anything."

Another AKC Canine Partners-listed dog who helps children and others through therapy dog visits is Chloe. The mixed-breed dog recently turned 6 years old, but she almost did not make it through puppyhood, said her owner Alesia Cork of Alabama.

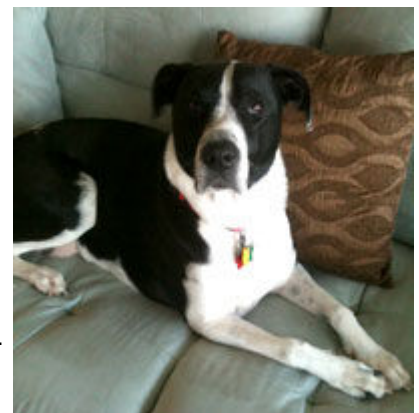
"I was working at a veterinarian's office at the time, and she was brought in as a puppy from some people who were supposedly raising purebred pit bulls. She was very ill - 8 weeks old and weighed 1.5 pounds," Cork said. "The people wanted to use her as a breeding dog but could not afford to pay her bill. I paid off the medical bills and rescued her."

Chloe flourished with Cork's love and care and soon was at the normal weight for her age. Cork began formal training when Chloe was about 9 months old. The pup was such an outgoing pupil that a friend encouraged Cork to start therapy work with Chloe.

"Chloe loves people, and she is a happy dog," Cork said. "She enjoys meeting all kinds of people."



Former stray Kacey now cheers up patients at a children's hospital.



Rescue dog Chloe visits children and veterans.

Now a certified therapy dog by the Delta Society, Chloe works in a reading program through the Tuscaloosa (Alabama) Public Libraries called Tail Tellers.

"Children come to the library on designated days and read to the dogs to practice their reading skills or simply come in and interact with the animals."

She also has visited patients at the Tuscaloosa Veterans Administration Hospital. Cork, an independent insurance adjuster, is currently on assignment in the Florida panhandle, but that will not stop Chloe and her from their mission. "We are currently in the process of setting up therapy dog visits at Pensacola Naval Hospital," she said.

The AKC started the therapy dog titling program after receiving frequent, ongoing requests from owners who participate in therapy work to "acknowledge the great work our dogs are doing." Earning an AKC Therapy Dog title builds on the skills taught in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy® and Canine Good Citizen® programs, which create a sound and friendly temperament needed by a successful therapy dog. Many therapy dog organizations require the CGC award as a pre-requisite to certification.

It was an AKC dog show that actually gave Smead the idea to start volunteering with Kacey in therapy dog work.

"I was watching the Westminster (Kennel Club) dog show on TV. There was a story about one of the dogs being a therapy dog and what the dog did," he said. "I looked it up on the internet and read about the requirements to be certified and thought that Kacey had the temperament and the attitude to be a good one...She just loves kids and she loves to please."

[See more information](#) on obtaining the new AKC Therapy Dog title and how to apply.

If you, a friend or family member own a therapy dog that does not yet have its AKC number, then AKC is extending a special offer to list with the AKC Canine Partners program for \$19.

We are seeking your stories and pictures of your own therapy dogs and their good works to run in our next issue. Send by September 5th to akccaninepartners@akc.org.

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Chloe and her friends promote the library's children's reading program

Obedience & Rally Matches

2nd Saturday of each month

Monthly obedience/rally matches held at Louise Park, Van Nuys, S/E corner of Louise Ave./ Sherman Way, west of Balboa. Nested courses: novice, advanced, excellent. \$5.00 per run or 3 runs for \$12.00. Entries at 9:00 a.m. Judging at 10 a.m.

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Valley Hills Obedience Club Board Meeting Minutes

Dawn Esposito, Recording Secretary

In Attendance: Laurie Burnam, Stephanie Colman, Dawn Esposito, Ann Hills, Carole Hills, Nancy Giltner, Allison Pobirs, Carole Raschella, Christy Tattersall and Sandy Walton.

V.P. (Carole Raschella): Nothing to report.

Treasurer (Carole Hills): **Beginning Balance:** \$9,890.07 **Ending Balance:** \$9,317.64

Recording Secretary (Dawn Esposito): May 15, 2011 were read and approved (via email).

Corresponding Secretary (Ann Hills): Get well card sent to Ralph Scarrow.

Membership (Cindi Malchose): Nothing to report.

Publicity (Christy Tattersall): Nothing to report.

Training

Competitive Obedience (Maira Cornell): Nothing to report.

Beginning Obedience/Rally (Laurie Burnam): Rally series ends this week. Restart on July 12 & 14.

Agility (Kim Simons): Nothing to report.

General Meeting (Stephanie Colman/Ann Hills): Great feedback from the June 17th meeting. Fun was had by all! Nancy reported on club business. Next meeting will be August 19th.

Newslette (Carole Hills): Member contributions to the Newslette are encouraged and welcomed.

Seminars (Nancy Giltner): Cheryl Bartlett seminar - Proposed date: October 15-16. Nancy Giltner will work on costs and outline of seminar with Terry Simons. Possible Herding Instinct Test – CPLS approved that sheep would be ok to have on the grounds. Ann Hills will survey club members for interest. Catherine Zinsky seminar – proposed date: March 2012.

Website (Jennifer Voogt): Nothing to report.

Yahoo Group (Allison Pobirs): Events and other dog related news posted.

Council (Ann Hills): Downey Match, July 16. Lomita "Rally Throw Down." Pet Expo – need more clubs to support.

Trial / Match: Premium List due by October 19. Empire will provide set-up and offering free valet service.

Committees:

Obedience (Laurie Burnam/Gwen Lucoff): Nothing to report.

Agility (Kim Simons): Nothing to report.

Agility Workers Coordinator (Kim & Terry Simons): Nothing to report.

Catalog (Carole Raschella): Accepting adds from vendors. Form letter done. Catalogue due November 2.

Food/Hospitality (Nancy Giltner): Nothing to report.

Judges Hospitality (Maira Cornell): Nothing to report.

Raffle (Cindi Malchose/Allison Pobirs/Jan Racey/Christy Tattersall): Nothing to report.

Show-N-Go (Sandy Walton): Nothing to report.

Trophies (Caroline van der Wyk/Ann Hills): Nothing to Report.

Old Business: Club apparel – possible vests. Stephanie will order a sample vest from clothing vendor (www.queensboro.com) to be presented at next board meeting. Motion to add a breaker (near fountain) on CPLS grounds was passed unanimously (purchase of lights to be discussed at future board meeting). Reminder: club news/activities to be announced by instructors at weekly classes. Reminder: Class instructors need to enforce club rules (e.g.: when a student is not actively working his/her dog, the dog must be in a crate).

New Business: Possible Puppy Agility Class - Instructor to be discussed at a future board meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 pm

Next Board Meeting

Date: Sunday, August 14, 2011

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Nancy Giltner

Next General Meeting

Date: Friday, August 19, 2011

Time: TBD

Location: CPLS

Fun Stuff

Even Dogs Do IT...



Submitted by Christy Tattersall

We welcome and encourage members to submit articles, brags, scores and photos to publish in the VHOC Newsette. Submissions may be edited for clarity and brevity.

Send to Carole Hills, Editor, at cahills1@verizon.net.

If you know of a member who would appreciate receiving correspondence, such as a get-well card, sympathy card, etc., please email Ann Hills, VHOC Corresponding Secretary, at tonkanuki@aol.com.



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