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FEATURES

Scores & Brags, Upcoming Events, Important Dates...and much more!

Top Dog Team

The Annual Top Dog competition will be held this year on Saturday, August 19, 2006 in Huntington Central Park East, Slater & Gothard in Huntington Beach. This year's team members are:

Novice: Carole Raschella & Liam, Kim Simons & Slyder, Nancy Giltner & Boo (alternate).

Open: Ann Hills & Tonka, Pamela Cosner & Sonic, Sally Elliott & Boo (alternate).

Utility: David Zelizky & Splice, Sandy Walton & Shine, Laurie Burnam & Scout (alternate).

Laurie Burnam will be retiring as Top Dog team captain, after 8 years of service to the club. If you are interested in taking on this task, now is the time to come and see what it's all about.

All members are urged to come out, help set-up, support the Club team and have some fun!



Submission deadline is the 8th of each month

BOARD MEETING

,Wednesday, September 6—7:00 pm

at the home of Nancy Giltner
4744 Vista de Oro Ave.
Woodland Hills, CA 91364

*Please RSVP to Nancy by September 3
at 818-999-4691 or imgiltner@sbcglobal.net*

FOR SALE

2 cabana collapsible soft-sided crates, royal blue, size med-large, never used, \$60 each.
Contact Jan Slotar at 805-491-9598 or email snodogzz@yahoo.com.



OBEDIENCE TRAINING EQUIPMENT



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

Call Flo at 818-341-6739 or email at OTCHFLO3@aol.com

SCORES & BRAGS OBEDIENCE & CONFORMATION

From Idelle Tyzbir: *"Harvey has received one point toward his championship and Windsor got a 193, first place and his first AKC leg in Nov. A,"*

July 22-23, 2006 Conejo KC, Oxnard, CA

Jan Slotar & Bear	9-12 month puppy class	1st Place	Conformation (Sat)
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Flo Walberg & Danny	Open B	1st Place	198 1st Leg
Flo Walberg & Danny	Open B	1st Place	198.5 2nd Leg
David Zelitzky & Splice	Utility B	1st Place	198.5+ High in Trial!!
David Zelitzky & Splice	Utility B	2nd Place	197

August 5-6 ALL STAR DOGS' Competition, York PA

Flo Walberg & Danny	Nov B	2nd Place	199, 198, 198.5 (beat by only 1/2 point!)
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RALLY

July 7-8, 2006 Ventura Seaside Park, Ventura, CA

Louise Brady & Speedy	Adv B	1st Place	97 1st Leg
Louise Brady & Speedy	Adv B	1st Place	100 2nd Leg
David Zelitzky & Speedy	Adv B		86 3rd Leg— RA Title!
Laurie Burnam & Scout	Exc B	1st Place	95 2nd Leg
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Laurie writes: "I am proud to say that in the first 6 months of this year Scout has earned 6 titles in agility, obedience and rally with great scores. And they say you can't do it all..."

July 7, 2006 Channel Cities KC, Ventura, CA

Karla Spitzer & Cello	Adv B	—	74 3rd Leg— RA Title!
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July 28, 2006 American Whippet Club, Lompoc, CA

Stephanie Coleman & Zoie	Exc B	1st Place	82 1st Leg
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AGILITY

June 24-25 GRCGLA, Simi Valley, CA

Teri Chang & Jazzie	Exc B Std & Exc B JWW		100 Double Q & Hi Golden in Trial!
Teri Chang & Layla	Exc B Pref. Std	1st Place	100 4th Leg

July 14-15, 2006 Contact Point Agility, Van Nuys, CA

Susan Jackson & Keno	Exc B JWW	2nd Place	5th Leg
Susan Jackson & Keno	Exc B JWW	2nd Place	6th Leg

July 15, 2006 USDAA Happy Dog Agility, Moorpark, CA

Carole & Tucker Hills	PII Jumpers	1st Place	10-Q 1st Leg
Carole & Tucker Hills	PII Snooker	1st Place	10-Q 1st Leg

July 22, 2006 USDAA WVDS, City of Industry, CA

Carole & Tucker Hills	PI Standard	1st Place	10-Q 3rd Leg— PSI Title
Carole & Tucker Hills	PI Snooker	1st Place	10-Q 2nd Leg
Carole & Tucker Hills	PII Jumpers	2nd Place	10-Q 2nd Leg

July 22, 2006 Dog Club of Ventura, Camarillo, CA

Teri Chang & Jazzie	Exc B Std & Exc B JWW		100 Double Q
Elisa Hirsch & Charisma	Exc B Std		100

July 29-30, 2006 Agility Club of Santa Barbara, CA

Teri Chang & Layla	Exc B Pref JWW	2nd Place	100 3rd Leg
Elisa Hirsch & Charisma	Exc B JWW		100
Elisa Hirsch & Charisma	Exc B Std		100
Elisa Hirsch & Charisma	Exc B JWW		100 41 points to MACH!!
Susan Jackson & Keno	Exc B JWW		Q 7th Leg

August 5, 2006 USDAA Contact Point AC, Camarillo, CA

Carole & Tucker Hills	PII Standard	1st Place	10-Q 2nd Leg
Carole & Tucker Hills	PII Jumpers	1st Place	10-Q 3rd Leg— P.III Title
Carole & Tucker Hills	PI Snookers	2nd Place	10-Q 3rd Leg— PKI Title
Katie Madison & Dusty	Masters Gamblers		10-Q
Katie Madison & Bubba (Boo)	Starters Jumpers		Boo's first trial and what fun to watch the happy guy!!

August 5-6, 2006 Simi Valley KC

Teri Chang & Layla	Exc B Pref. JWW	1st Place	100 4th Leg
Teri Chang & Layla	Exc B Pref Std	1st Place	100 5th Leg
Elisa Hirsch & Charisma	Exc B Std		100
Elisa Hirsch & Charisma	Exc B Std		100
Elisa Hirsch & Charisma	Exc B JWW		100 Double Q!
Susan Jackson & Keno	Masters Jumpers		8th leg

When Good Tonsils Go Bad!

By Stephanie Colman

"It'll hurt if I swallow!" This past April, if my dogs could talk, that's exactly what they would have been saying.

Most of us have experienced tonsillitis at some point in our lives, likely as children. We're familiar with that stabbing, *"Get me some ice cream, QUICK!"* pain that, when reoccurring, usually results in the removal of the offending glandular tissue.

Turns out, although rare, dogs can develop tonsillitis too. Like in humans, dog tonsils are an important part of the immune system. They can be found on either side of the throat –one section protruding into the throat and the other part sitting under a mucous membrane, in a pouch called the tonsillar crypt.

My experience with tonsillitis in dogs started innocently enough. It started innocently enough. Following a hike, I bathed both my dogs and began dispensing a post-grooming treat. When Quiz (my Golden) turned his head to eat the treat, he cried out. He held his head funny for a second and then proceeded to gingerly eat the treat. My immediate thought was that he had somehow tweaked his neck, which he is prone to doing, thanks to his super high-drive, Kamikaze ways. I kept a close eye on him. He'd reach out to pick up a Nylabone and cry as he tried to put it in his mouth. The same thing happened with a toy. When he would yawn, it was a definite truncated yawn. I phoned our chiropractor and scheduled an appointment for the following day. I tried to dispense Arnica, and he cried when I manually opened his mouth to pop in the pills.

A trip to the chiropractor revealed little. The next morning, out of the corner of my eye, I caught Zoie (my Whippet) doing the same little, truncated yawn. Assuming I was imagining things, I called her over to me so I could manually open her mouth, certain all would be fine. Instead, she screamed!

Now I was really worried. This also served as clarification that the issue with Quiz was not likely to be his neck. I called my regular vet's office and, because it was a Saturday, was referred to Animal Surgery & Emergency Center (ASEC) in Los Angeles to see a specialist. I phoned, expecting to simply make an appointment for Monday, but when I explained the symptoms, they advised me to bring the dogs in, saying it sounded as though they had tetanus!

I arrived, signed in, and gave my name, to which their response was, *"The possible tetanus dogs are here!"* My dogs were immediately whisked away to the back. By this time, Quiz had stopped eating, was throwing up, and was running a fever. Zoie seemed fine, except for the obvious pain upon opening her mouth.

We met with a Board Certified Emergency Medicine vet, who explained that they had ruled out tetanus. With tetanus, they expect to see a tightening of facial features, the ears will prick up, the lips will draw up into a "grin".

However, they were stumped as to what was causing the now extreme symptom of pain upon opening of the mouth. She had consulted with her fellow Board Certified vets as well as conducted a VetMed search, all to no avail. Her recommendation was to try broad-spectrum antibiotics for a few days and go from there.

We spent the weekend on antibiotics. Zoie continued to show no symptoms other than this strange "jaw pain". She'd eat as long as the food was super soft. She was happy to run around, go outside. Quiz, on the other hand, became extremely lethargic, didn't eat for more than 48 hours, was throwing up and had bouts of bloody diarrhea. He and I made another trip to ASEC on Saturday night to address the vomiting and diarrhea.

By Monday, the dogs were about the same. We returned to ASEC. By now, I was almost certain that Quiz would need to be admitted, as he hadn't eaten more than a bite or two of food in two days. We signed in and waited to see Dr. Bonnie Werner, a Board Certified Internist. While waiting, I finally got Quiz to eat some Koo Koo Roo turkey. I was elated and pretty certain that passersby thought I was insane as I cheered him for eating poultry!

After 48 hours on antibiotics, Dr. Werner was able to open their mouths enough to see that both dogs had visibly swollen tonsils. We had our answer: tonsillitis! We ran blood work just to be on the safe side and increased the number of days they'd be on antibiotics. They were both fine within the week.

I can laugh now – about all the different things we came up with as possible diagnoses or things to test for. Thoughts ran the gamut from various autoimmune disorders to possible jaw fractures. It's almost embarrassing to think that from the beginning, throat pain from tonsillitis was misdiagnosed as jaw pain. However, for as silly as it sounds, I can add that all the vets I've spoken with – and it's been many – have all said that they've NEVER seen tonsillitis dogs present with pain upon opening their mouths. It's common for dogs to not want to swallow and thus, not want to eat, but the pain upon opening the mouth (due to the severe inflammation of the tonsils) really threw them.

I'll never know for sure what caused the tonsillitis. My suspicion is that both dogs came in contact with some type of bacteria in standing water that they encountered while on the hike. Hopefully you'll never encounter such symptoms with your own dogs, but if you do, remember our experience and make sure that tonsillitis isn't behind what's being diagnosed as "jaw pain". © Stephanie Colman



Here's a tip given at a recent gardening forum (sent in by Laurie Burnam) that may help control mosquitoes with the potential to carry West Nile Virus: Put some water on a white dinner plate and add a couple drops of Lemon Fresh Joy dish detergent. Set the dish on your porch or patio. Mosquitoes will flock to it and drop dead shortly after drinking the mixture, usually within about 10 feet of the plate.



OBEDIENCE & RALLY EVENTS

SEP

- 9 GSDC of San Gabriel. **O only**. Orangewood Park, West Covina. Carol Hudd, Sec. 702-361-8445. Cl. 8/30 **Inc. Rally**
9 Irish Setter Club of San Diego. **O only**. Allied Gardens Rec. Ctr, San Diego. Carolyn Sisson, Sec. 619-466-9792. Cl. 8/23 **Inc. Rally**
16-17 Dachshund Club of Santa Ana Valley. **O only**. Eileen Parr, Sec. 760-946-9048. Cl. 8/30 **Inc. Rally**
22 Min Pin Club of Gr. LA. **O only**. Jumpstart, 4691 Valley View, Yorba Linda. Garvin Show Svcs, 503-558-1221. Cl. 9/6 **Inc. Rally**
23-24 Sana Ana Valley KC. **S/O**. Cypress College, Cypress. Supt. www.jbradshaw.com or 323-727-0136. Cl. 9/6 **Inc. Rally**

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- 12 Eng. Spr. Spaniel Asc. LA Co. Fairplex, Pomona. **S/O**. Bradshaw, Supt. 323-727-0136 or www.jbradshaw.com. Cl. 9/20 **Inc. Rally**
27-28 San Diego Dachshund Club. **S/O**. Handlery Hotel, San Diego. Carolyn Sisson, Sec. 619-466-9792. Cl. 10/11 **Inc. Rally**
29 Pasanita OC. **O Only**. Brookside Park, Pasadena. Daphne Bell, Sec. 323-256-8932. Cl. 10/11 **Inc. Rally**

AGILITY EVENTS

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- 19-20 Keeshond Club of SC. Gabrieleno Eq. Park, Lakeview Terrace. Lisa Marzban, Sec. 818-99-2647 or lmarzban@aol.com. Cl. 8/5

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- 2-4 GRC of Gr. LA. Gabrieleno Eq. Park, Lakeview Terrace. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 661-867-2773 or roguetervs@direcway.com. Cl. 8/16
9-10 West Coast Cocker Spaniel Club. Civic Rec. Eq. Ctr, Industry. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 661-867-2773 or roguetervs@direcway.com. Cl. 8/23
16-17 DAC of Chino. Santa Fe Dam Rec Area, Irwindale. Jean O'Neill, Sec. 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. 9/2
23-24 So. Cal. Collie Club. Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Jean O'Neill, Sec. 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. 9/6
23-24 **USDAA**. Happy Dog Agility. Tierra Rejada Ranch, Moorpark. Kristy Netzer 805-498-9319 or happydogKN@aol.com. Cl. 9/8
30-10/1 Hollywood DOC. Gabrieleno Eq. Park, Lakeview Terrace. Jean O'Neill, Sec. 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. 9/13

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- 7-8 Simi Valley KC. Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Jean O'Neill, Sec. 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. 9/19
9-10 English Springer Spaniel. LA Co. Fairplex, Pomona. Sarah Fitzell, Sec. 951-776-2072 or flyingcorgi@earthlink.net. Cl. 9/20
14-15 South Coast Agility. Tewinkle Park, Costa Mesa. Sarah Fitzell, Sec. 951-776-2072 or flyingcorgi@earthlink.net. Cl. 9/29
21-22 **USDAA** Happy Dog AC. Moorpark. Kristy Netzer, Sec. 805-509-2445 or happydogkn@aol.com. Cl. 10/6
21-22 Samoyed Club of America. Johnny Carson Park, Burbank. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 661-867-2773 or jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com. Cl. 10/4
28-29 Golden State Rottweiler Club. Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Jean O'Neill, Sec. 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. 10/11
28-29 West Coast Australian Shepherd Assoc. Santa Fe Dam, Irwindale. Sue Graham 909-596-8452 or Ssssgraham@aol.com.

HUNTING EVENTS

SEP

- 16 German Shorthaired Pointer Club So Cal, Chino. Nikki Litwin, Sec. 626-215-5115 or k9tcher@msn.com. Cl. TBA
22-24 So. Cal Sporting Spaniel Club, Chino. Sue Wilson, Sec. 818-761-4020 or sue@bennettvip.com. Cl. 9/15

LURE COURSING EVENTS

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- 19-20 Ibizan Hound Club of US. Camp Pendleton. Justin Dannenbring,, 951-734-2559 or orionkennelsofca@aol.com. Cl. 8/19

SEP

- 14-15 Inland Winderness Hunt Club. Bakersfield College, Bakersfield. Debra Driza, Sec. 949-837-3179 or houndrat@aol.com. (pending)

SPECIAL EVENTS

SEP

- 9 **So. Cal. Siberian Husky Fanciers** All Breed fun match & raffle. Canyon RV/Featherly Park Area Cl. 91 Fwy, exit Gypsum Canyon Rd. Parking \$5. Entries 9-11:30. \$7, judging starts 12 noon. Movement, handling, Jr. showmanship classes begin at 10:30 am \$1/class. For info, call Diana Butts 951-681-8242.

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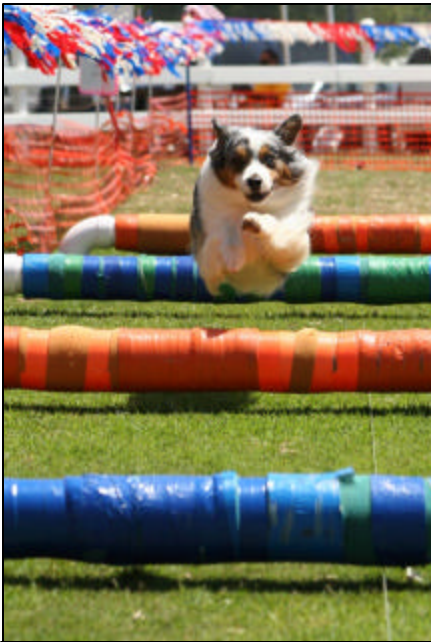
- 7 **Bark at the Park**, Lancaster City Park, 43011 N. 10th St. W., Lancaster. 10 am-5 pm. Admission free. Events include UFO Disc Dog Tournament, Flyball, Splash Dogs dock-jumping (\$5/10), All-Breed Obedience & Conformation Matches, CGC Test, Sledding, Dog Carting, Agility demos, fashion parade, raffle, games, contests and much more. Visit www.lancasterbarkatthepark.org/activities.htm for all the information.
7-8 **Flo Walberg Obedience Seminar**: 2-day obedience training seminar with Flo Walberg, owner/handler of multiple OTCH dogs, will give you the five essential elements necessary to reach perfection in your training goals from novice through utility. \$135 for both days or \$90 for one day only. For more information, or to reserve your place, call Flo at (818) 341-6739 or email reservations to OTCHFLO3@aol.com.
27-29 **John Rogerson Seminar**: 3-day seminar in Acton, CA with world-renowned dog expert and trainer, John Rogerson, covering skills found in obedience, agility & working trials, culminating in the 2nd U.S. Canine Biathlon. Learn valuable training tips to use in both the obedience and agility rings. Following two days of hands-on training with your own dogs, put what you've learned to the test as you team up with fellow attendees and make your way through a 20-station challenge! This seminar will challenge dogs and handlers of all experience levels. \$250 per dog/handler team for all three days. Spectators (w/o dogs) are welcomed for \$75/day or \$150 for all three days. For more information or to register, please contact Stephanie at stephanie@j9sk9s.com or 818-989-7996. Space for dog/handler teams is extremely limited. Early registration recommended. Visit <http://www.j9sk9s.com/biathlon.htm> for more information.

A quote from Jan Slotar: *"No matter how little money and how few possessions you own, having a dog makes you rich."* —Louis Sabin

Wags for Wishes

San Diego, CA

July 7-9, 2006



Janelle Farkas' TAXI *drives* through!



Ann Hills' TROOPER *storms* through!



Stephanie Colman's QUIZ gets an A++



Stephanie's ZOIE goes up, up and away!



POP QUIZ!

Quiz also tested his dock-jumping skills for the first time at Wags for Wishes "Splash Dogs" and by the third day he was jumping over 15 feet!



WE NEED DONATIONS!

VHOC's Raffle Committee is currently soliciting donations for our 51st Annual Obedience/Agility/Rally Trial on Dec. 9 & 10.

Last year our raffle was very successful because of the generous donations of VHOC members. We would greatly appreciate your support again this year by donating nice unused items for the raffle.

We will be collecting donations until the beginning of November. Donations can be brought to the school and given to Christy Tattersall, Cindi Malchose or Jan Racey.

NEW RALLY CLASSES

We still have space available in Thursday nights' rally classes. The next 6-week series of classes begins on August 10 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm for advanced/excellent with Laurie Burnam and 7:30 to 8:30 pm for novice with Sarah Sykes.

It's really fun and a great way to "doodle" train with your dogs.

Come and join us to see what all the fuss is about. Drop-ins are always welcome!



Tired of training outside? Preparing for that big, noisy, indoor show? Need to do some fine tuning in front of a big mirror? Come enjoy climate controlled comfort at the J9'sK9s Training Facility! Located in the west San Fernando Valley, at 21720 Sherman Way in Canoga Park, California. It's 1/2 block west of Owensmouth Street - upstairs from "C & C Pet Food". Our immaculate, carpeted facility with over

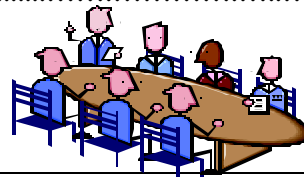
1600 square feet and 35 feet of mirror is available for rent to individuals and their canine partners for \$10 an hour. We have competitive obedience equipment, baby gates, crates and some agility equipment too, just waiting for you and your dog to come and play with! Also available for pre-approved events and small groups at an additional cost. Call (818) 832-9906 for more information.

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

Obedience & Rally Matches 2nd Saturday of each month

Monthly obedience and rally matches held at Louise Park in Van Nuys, S/E corner of Louise Avenue and Sherman Way, West of Balboa Blvd., San Fernando Valley

Nested courses: novice, advanced, excellent

\$5.00 per run or 3 runs for \$12.00

Entries at 9:00 am, Judging at 10 am

Dog Training Equipment for Sale

Laurie also offers a variety of training equipment: Handmade leashes, colored armband holders, PVC training boxes, ring posts, canine T-shirts and more!

Call Laurie at 818-784-8440 or email bellaluna@pacbell.net

