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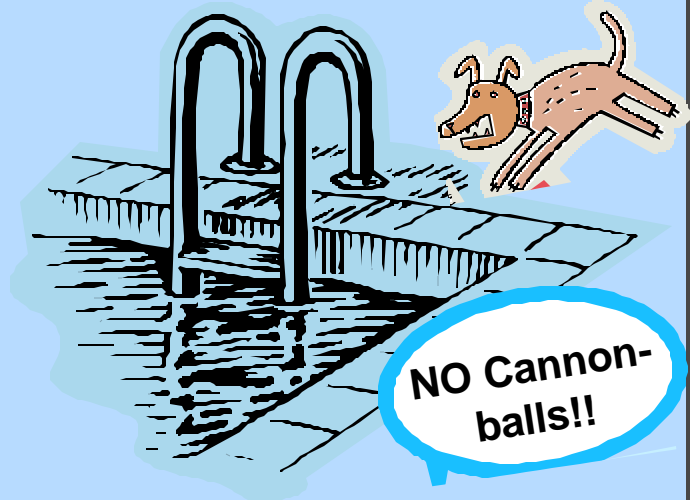


VHOC GENERAL MEETING

Friday, August 24, 2007 at 7:00 pm

Join us for our "Dog Days of Summer" meeting at the home of Nancy Giltner

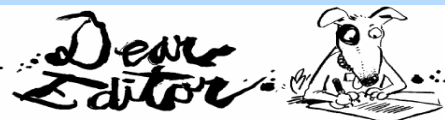
4744 Vista de Oro Avenue
Woodland Hills, CA



VHOC Member Janine Pierce of J9'sK9s will talk about pool safety for your dog and give us a demonstration on teaching your dog safe entry, exit and poolside control to keep him happily swimming for many years to come. Boo Giltner (who doesn't swim!) will be the demo dog.

Hot dogs and potato salad will be served. Bring a chair.
Sorry, no dogs—other than Boo.

Please R.S.V.P. to Nancy by Tuesday, August 21 at (818) 999-4691
or imgiltner@sbcglobal.net



Send brags, announcements & other information to Carole Hills at cahills1@verizon.net



SCORES & BRAGS

CONFORMATION, OBEDIENCE, RALLY

From Kathy Spilos: “On June 23, 2007, my 2-year-old ‘baby’, **Fritz von Binderhaus** and I trialed to attain his BH title (a preliminary German obedience title/temperament test/traffic safety test).

News from Moira Cornell: July 26, 2007: “Roxy received her Champion Certificate from ASCA. Now she is an ASCA/AKC Champion. I’m sooooo proud!”

July 21-22, 2007: Flo Walberg & Danny, Open B, 2nd Pl, 197.5; Utility B, 3rd, 197; Open B, 1st, 199, **HIT!**

July 29, 2007: Moira writes: “We had another great weekend...Tag, the sire of Jedi’s litter, took WD, BOW and BOB over 4 specials and made the cut in the herding group! Nancy & Boo took RWD Sat & Sun and Hemi was RWD Sunday”.

From Allison Pobirs: “Having walked on the wet grass in my stocking feet to get the morning newspaper, I left a pair of damp socks in the entry hall this morning. I was going to take them upstairs to the laundry hamper but alas there was only one! I showed it to Quinn and asked him to ‘find’ my sock. He raced out the doggy door, grabbed it from his hammock, rolled around with it then zoomed back through the doggy door, retrieved the missing sock with a lovely front! What a character!!”

AGILITY

July 6-8, 2007 Wags for Wishes, Agility Club of San Diego, Del Mar, CA

Amanda Prince & Rogan: Exc A Std, 100, 2nd Pl, 1st Leg

July 14-15, 2007 COAST/Goleta Valley Dog Club ASCA Trial

Stephanie Colman & Quiz: Open Reg, 10-Q, 1st Place, 1st Leg; Open Jumpers, 10-Q, 1st Place, 2nd Leg—**JS-O Title!** Open Reg, 10-Q, 1st Place, 2nd Leg; Open Jumpers, 10-Q, 1st Place, 3rd Leg.

Janelle Farkas & Taxi: Open Jr Gamblers, 10-Q, 1st Pl, 1st Leg; Nov Jr Reg, 5-Q, 1st Pl, Nov Jr Reg, 10-Q, 1st Pl.—**RJ-N Title!** Nov Jr Reg, 10-Q, 1st Place, Extra Leg; Nov Jr Jumpers, 10-Q, 1st Place, 2nd Leg—**JJ-N Title & Reserve High in Trial Jr. Award!!**



TAXI—Reserve HIT

July 21-22, 2007 DAC of Ventura, Camarillo, CA,

Teri Chang & Ryder: Exc A JWW, 100, 1st Pl., 2nd Leg; Exc B Std, 100, 3rd Pl., 6th Leg.

Amanda Prince & Rogan: Open FAST, 61 pts, 30.41 sec, 1st Place, 1st Leg

July 27, 2007 USDAA Happy Dog Agility, Moorpark, CA.

Elisa Hirsch & Scarlett: Steeplechase Qualifying Leg.

July 21, 2007 USDAA West Valley Dog Sports, City of Industry, CA

Carole Hills & Tucker: Snooker P3, 10-Q, 3rd Place, 2nd Leg; Jumpers P3, 10-Q, 4th Place, 4th Leg.

July 27, 2007 Agility Club of Santa Barbara, Arroyo Verde Park, CA

Teri Chang & Ryder: Esc B Std, 100, Q, 7th Leg; Teri Chang & Jazzie: Esc B JWW/Std, 100, **Double Q!**

Elisa Hirsch & Scarlett: Exc B Std, 3rd Place; Exc A JWW, 1st Place, 3rd Leg—**AXJ Title!**

July 28, 2007 Agility Club of Santa Barbara, Ventura, CA.

Sally Elliott and Boo, Exc B JWW, 100, 2nd Place, 8th Q.

Amanda Prince & Rogan: Exc B JWW, 100, 4th Leg; Exc A Std, 1st Place, 2nd Leg.

July 28-29, 2007 Manzanita Agility Club, NADAC Trial, Lakeview Terrace. CA

Laurie Burnam & Scout: Nov Hoops, 10-Q, 1st Leg; Nov Chances, 10-Q, **NCC Title!**; Nov Weavers, 10-Q, 2nd Pl., **WV-N Title!**

Elite Jumpers, 10-Q, 5th Place, extra leg.

Stephanie Colman & Quiz: Nov Reg, 10-Q, 1st Pl, 1st Leg; Nov Reg, 10-Q, 1st Pl, 2nd Leg; Touch N Go, 10-Q, 1st Pl, 1st Leg;

Ann Hills & Trooper: Nov Chances, 10-Q, 1st Leg; Nov Reg, 10-Q, 1st Place, 2nd Leg; Nov Weavers, 10-Q, 4th Place, 1st Leg;

Nov Weavers, 10-Q, 3rd Place, 2nd Leg.

Carole Hills & Tucker: Elite Reg, 10-Q, 1st, Pl, 1st Leg; Open Weavers, 10-Q, 1st Pl, 2nd Leg; Elite Reg, 10-Q, 1st, 2nd Leg;

Elite Chances, 10-Q, 1st Leg; Open Weavers, 10-Q, 1st Pl, 2nd —**WVS-O Title!**

August 5, 2007 Simi Valley KC.

Teri Chang & Ryder: Exc A JWW, 100, 2nd Pl., 3rd Leg—**AXJ Title!**

Susan Jackson & Keno: Nov Pref. Std, 100, 3rd leg—**NPS Title!**

August 5, 2007 USDAA Contact Point Agility Club, Camarillo, CA.

Carole Hills & Tucker: Pairs Relay P3, 10-Q, 1st Place, 1st Leg; Jumpers P3, 10-Q, 1st Place, 5th Leg—**JP3 Title!**

LURE COURSING



July 26, 2007 Inland Wilderness Hunt Club, Lompoc, CA.

Erin Trust & Zephyr got their 1st leg toward the Senior Courser Title!

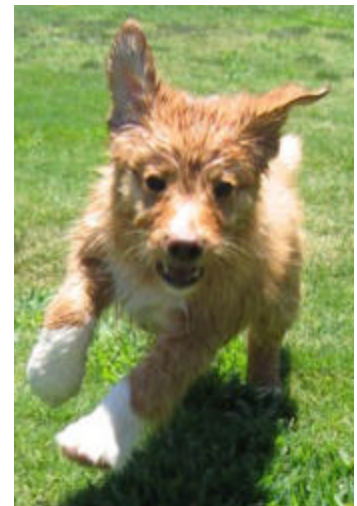
WELCOME NEW PUPPIES



Moira Cornell's Gulfstream's
Jedidiah Daun and Windfall's
Katchmeifyoucan (Jedi & Tag)
~ 7 Australian Shepherds ~



Ann Hills' Border Collie:
Cedar Carbon Copy
"Trace"



Terry Simons' Nova Scotia
Duck Tolling Retriever:
Foxgrove's Don't Call Me Jack!
"Jack the Ripper"



Amanda Prince's Border
Collie: Contact Point
Ready and Willing
"Will"

WE NEED RAFFLE DONATIONS

The Raffle Committee is soliciting donations for our Annual Trial in December. We would appreciate your support by donating unused items or money to purchase items for the raffle. Donations can be brought to any meeting or to the CPLS training site and given to Cindi Malchose, Christy Tattersall or Jan Racey.

Attention VHOC Members: This is your (Top Dog Team) Captain Speaking!

The annual Top Dog Competition will be held this year on Saturday, November 10, 2007 at the Orange Empire Dog Club in Bloomington. If anyone is interested in being on VHOC'S team please contact Sarah Sykes at 818-702-0841 or sykess@sbcglobal.net.

We need 2 Novice, 2 Open and 2 Utility entrants, plus an alternate for each level (the alternates in Novice and Open will need to do the group exercises).

If more than three people are interested in any level, we will have tryouts some time at the beginning of September. Please let me know by August 30th if you are interested in being on our team this year. It's always a fun day and our club has some great obedience handlers and dogs, so help me put together a winning team! —Thanks, Sarah Sykes



OBEDIENCE & RALLY EVENTS

AUG

- 11 Southwest OC of LA. O only. Mas Fukai Park, Gardena. Daphne Bell, Sec. 323-256-8932. Cl. 7/25 **Inc. Rally**
12 South Bay KC. S/O. North High School, Torrance. Bradshaw, Supt. 323-727-0136 or www.jbradshaw.com. Cl. 7/25. **Inc. Rally**
25-26 Santa Barbara KC. S/O. Warren Showgrounds, Santa Barbara. Bradshaw, Supt. 323-727-0136 or www.jbradshaw.com. Cl. 8/8. **Inc. Rally**

SEP

- 8 GSDC. San Gabriel Valley. S/O. Orangewood Park, West Covina. Carol Hudd, Sec. 702-361-8445. Cl. 8/25. **Inc. Rally**
15 Dachshund Club, Santa Ana Valley. Hotel Claremont, Claremont. Rhonda Storm 951-681-1470 or flyingzranch@hotmail.com. Cl. 8/29
19-21 Poodle Club of America. S/O. Queen Mary Events Park, Long Beach. Bradshaw, Supt. Cl. 8/29. **Inc. Rally**
22-23 Santa Ana Valley KC. S/O. Cypress College, Cypress. Bradshaw, Supt. Cl. 9/5. **Inc. Rally**

OCT

- 3 PWDC. S only. San Buenaventura State Park, Ventura, Onofrio Dog Shows, Supt, 405-427-8181 or mail@onofrio.com. Cl. 9/5. **Inc. Rally**
13-14 Bakersfield OTC. O only. Bakersfield College, Bakersfield. Ann Thomas, Sec. 661) 872-4210. Cl. 9/26. **Inc. Rally**
14 OC of San Diego Co. O only. Markim Pet Resort, San Diego. Lynn Spears, Sec. 619-656-7600. Cl. 9/26. **Inc. Rally**
20-21 Hidden Valley OC. O only. 3396 E. Valley Parkway, Escondido. Sharon Licciardi, Sec. 661-273-1240 or motherhen@pacbell.net. Cl. 10/3. **Inc. Rally**
27 San Diego Dachshund Club. S/O. Allied Gardens Rec. Ctr, San Diego. Janice McManigal, Sec. 951-684-2920. Cl. 10/10. **Inc. Rally**
28 Pasanita OC. O only. Brookside Park, Pasadena. Daphne Bell, Sec. 323-256-8932. Cl. 10/10. **Inc. Rally**

AGILITY EVENTS

AUG

- 11-12 South Coast AC. Tewinkle Park, Costa Mesa. Sarah Fitzell, Sec. 951-776 -2072 or redawgs@dishmail.net. Cl. 7/27
18-19 Keeshond Club of SC. Hobert Park, Ventura. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 661-867-2773 or roguetervs@hughes.net. Cl. 8/1
18-19 **USDAA** Happy Dog Agility TC, Moorpark. Cathy Naef, Sec.805-498-9319 or hda@happydogagility.com. Cl. 8/3
18-19 **CPE** Ups-n-downs AC. Southwestern Comm. College. Jean Eichenlaub, Sec. dixonsally@yahoo.com. Details TBA

SEP

- 1-3 Golden Retriever Club of Gr. LA. Ind. Hills Expo Ctr, City of Industry. Lynda Tjarks, 661-867-2773 or roguetervs@hughes.net. Cl. 8/15
8-9 WC Cocker Spaniel Club. Ind. Hills Expo Ctr, City of Industry. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 661-867-2773 or roguetervs@hughes.net. Cl. 8/22
15-16 DAC of Chino. Chaffey College, Rancho Cucamonga. Jean O'Neill, Sec. 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. 9/1
15-16 **USDAA** Happy Dog Training Ctr., Moorpark. Cathy Naef, Sec. 805-498-9319 or hda@happydogagility.com. Details TBA
19-21 Poodle Club of America. Queen Mary Park, Long Beach. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 623-556-8460 or jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com. Cl. 9/5
22-23 SC Collie Club. Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Jean O'Neill, Sec. 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. 9/5
29-30 Hollywood DOC. Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Jean O'Neill, Sec. 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. 9/12

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- 1 PWDC. San Buenaventura State Beach Park, Ventura, Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 623-556-8460 or jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com. Cl. 9/5
6-7 Simi Valley KC. Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Jean O'Neill, Sec. 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. 9/19
12-14 PWC Club. Tewinkle Park, Costa Mesa. Cl. Sarah Fitzell, Sec. 951-776-2072 or redawgs@dishmail.net. Cl. 9/26
19-20 Samoyed Club. Rancho Tapo Comm. Park, Simi Valley. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 661-867-2773 or jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com. Cl. 10/3
27-28 Golden State Rottweiler Club. Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Jean O'Neill, Sec. 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. 10/10
27-28 **USDAA** Buenaventura DTC. Univ. Prep School, Camarillo. Doug Hansford, Sec. Cl. 10/12

HERDING EVENTS

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- 6-7 Herding Breed DC of San Diego Co. Action K9 Sports Facility, Escondido. Rita Favreau, Sec. 760-743-8050 or Inrri@cox.net. Cl. 9/19
20-21 Briard Club of CA. Stonewall Ranch, Perris. Jan McAninch, Sec.714-846-5134 or frankmac@worldnet.att.net. Cl. 10/8
27-28 Gr. LA Stockdog Club. Lucky Ewe Ranch, 17150 Fort Tejon Rd, Llano. Jan McAninch, Sec. 714-846-5134 or frankmac@worldnet.att.net. Cl. 10/16

HUNTING EVENTS

SEP

- 22-23 Inland Valley Retriever Club. Prado DTC, Chino. Kate Urquidi, Sec. 626-359-8393 or kvurquidi@yahoo.com. Cl. 9/12

OCT

- 6-7 SC Sporting Spaniel Club. Prado Dog Rec. Area, Chino. Sue Wilson, Sec. 818-621-7749 or sue@bennettvip.com. Cl. 9/28
20-21 German SH Pointer Club. San Jacinto Wildlife Area, Lakeview. Mary Graves, Sec. 626-963-7160 or moondanceg@aol.com. Cl. 10/15
27-28 Lab. Retriever Club of SC. Prado Dog Rec. Area, Chino. Lauren Bullock, Sec. 714-628-9807 or landsendlabs@yahoo.com. No Closing Date.

Legend: O=Obedience, S=Specialty, Inc. Rally= Includes Rally, TBA= To be announced, Cl.=Closing (date)

Note: All events are AKC events, unless otherwise indicated.

The Journey

Author Unknown

When you bring a pet into your life, you begin a journey. A journey that will bring you more love and devotion than you have ever known, yet will also test your strength and courage. If you allow, the journey will teach you many things, about life, about yourself, and most of all, about love. You will come away changed forever, for one soul cannot touch another without leaving its mark.

Along the way, you will learn much about savoring life's simple pleasures -- jumping in leaves, snoozing in the sun, the joys of puddles, and even the satisfaction of a good scratch behind the ears. If you spend much time outside, you will be taught how to truly experience every element, for no rock, leaf, or log will go unexamined, no rustling bush will be overlooked, and even the very air will be inhaled, pondered, and noted as being full of valuable information.

Your pace may be slower, except when heading home to the food dish, but you will become a better naturalist, having been taught by an expert in the field. Too many times we hike on automatic pilot, our goal being to complete the trail rather than enjoy the journey. We miss the details: the colorful mushrooms on the rotting log, the honeycomb in the old maple snag, the hawk feather caught on a twig.

Once we walk as a dog does, we discover a whole new world. We stop; we browse the landscape, we kick over leaves, peek in tree holes, look up, down, all around. And we learn what any dog knows that nature has created a marvelously complex world that is full of surprises, that each cycle of the seasons bring ever changing wonders, each day an essence all its own.

Even from indoors you will find yourself more attuned to the world around you. You will find yourself watching: summer insects collecting on a screen; how bizarre they are; how many kinds there are or noting the flick and flash of fireflies through the dark. You will stop to observe the swirling dance of windblown leaves, or sniff the air after a rain. It does not matter that there is no objective in this; the point is in the doing, in not letting life's most important details slip by.

You will find yourself doing silly things that your pet-less friends might not understand: spending thirty minutes in the grocery aisle looking for the cat food brand your feline must have, buying dog birthday treats, or driving around the block an extra time because your pet enjoys the ride. You will roll in the snow, wrestle with chewie toys, bounce little rubber balls till your eyes cross, and even run around the house trailing your bathrobe tie with a cat in hot pursuit, all in the name of love.

Your house will become muddier and hairier. You will wear less dark clothing and buy more lint rollers. You may find dog biscuits in your pocket or purse, and feel the need to explain that an old plastic shopping bag adorns your living room rug because your cat loves the crinkly sound. You will learn the true measure of love. The steadfast, undying kind that says, "It doesn't matter where we are or what we do, or how life treats us as long as we are together."

Respect this always. It is the most precious gift any living soul can give another. You will not find it often among the human race. And you will learn humility. The look in my dog's eyes often made me feel ashamed. Such joy and love at my presence. She saw not some flawed human who could be cross and stubborn, moody or rude, but only her wonderful companion. Or maybe she saw those things and dismissed them as mere human foibles, not worth considering, and so chose to love me anyway.

If you pay attention and learn well, when the journey is done, you will be not just a better person, but the person your pet always knew you to be. The one they were proud to call beloved friend.

I must caution you that this journey is not without pain. Like all paths of true love, the pain is part of loving. For as surely as the sun sets, one day your dear animal companion will follow a trail you cannot yet go down. And you will have to find the strength and love to let them go.

A pet's time on earth is far too short, especially for those that love them. We borrow them, really, just for a while, and during these brief years they are generous enough to give us all their love, every inch of their spirit and heart, until one day there is nothing left. The cat that only yesterday was a kitten is all too soon old and frail and sleeping in the sun. The young pup of boundless energy now wakes up stiff and lame, the muzzle gone to gray.

Deep down we somehow always knew that this journey would end. We knew that if we gave our hearts they would be broken. But give them we must for it is all they ask in return. When the time comes, and the road curves ahead to a place we cannot see, we give one final gift and let them run on ahead, young and whole once more. "God speed, good friend," we say, until our journey comes full circle and our paths cross again.

Submitted by VHOC Member, Katherine Spilos

Advertising Supplement

Obedience & Rally Matches ~ ~ 2nd Saturday of each month

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

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**Call Laurie at (818) 784-8440 or email bellaluna@pacbell.net
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OBEDIENCE TRAINING EQUIPMENT

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

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