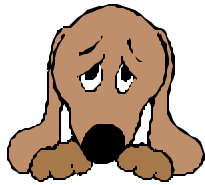


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Reminder: Submission deadline is the 8th of each month

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VHOC BOARD & General Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2007 — 7:30 PM

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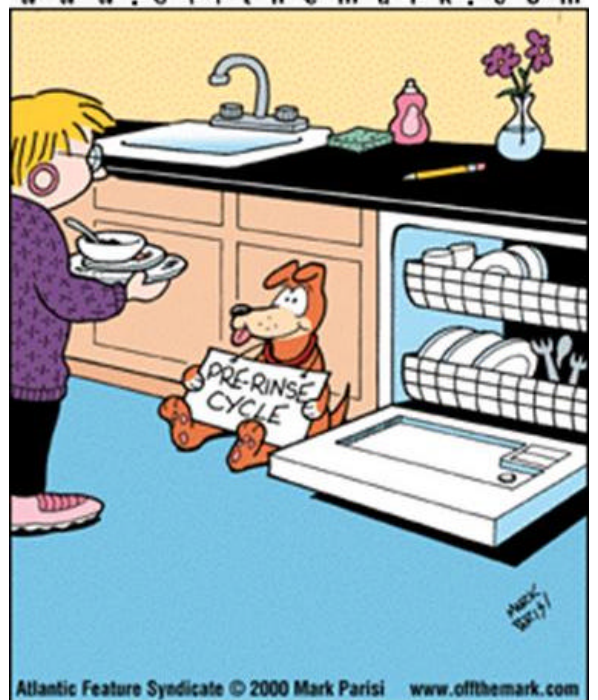
COCO'S RESTAURANT

21844 Victory Blvd, Woodland Hills

All VHOC members are urged to attend the September Meeting as we will be discussing the upcoming Obedience, Rally and Agility Trials on December 8 & 9, 2007.

Please RSVP to Nancy Giltner ASAP at 818-999-4691 or imgiltner@sbcglobal.net

off the mark by Mark Parisi www.offthemark.com



Cartoon submitted by Christy Tattersall



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

SCORES & BRAGS

CONFORMATION, OBEDIENCE, RALLY

Aug. 12, 2007 South Bay

Flo Walberg & Danny, Util. B, 198, 2nd Pl., Open B, 198, 2nd Pl., **High Combined**

Sept. 8-9, 2007 Redwood Empire Club

Flo Walberg & Danny: Util B, 197.5, 1st Pl, **HIT**; Open B, 198.5, 1st Pl, **High Combined**; Util B, 197, 1st Pl., **High Combined**; Open B, 198+, 1st Pl., **HIT**.

AGILITY

August 5, 2007, SVKC, Van Nuys, CA

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

August 11-12, 2007, SCAT, Costa Mesa, CA

Teri Chang & Ryder: Exc B Std, 100, 8th Leg; Exc B Std, 100, 9th Leg, Exc A FAST, 61 pts, 1st Leg.

Teri Chang & Layla: Exc B Pref. JWW, 100, 2nd Pl.; Exc B Pref. Std, 100, 2nd Pl, 7th Leg; Open Pref. FAST, 77 pts, 1st Pl., 1st Leg.

August 18-19, 2007, Agility at the Cup

Janelle Farkas & Taxi: Jumpers Round 2 & 3, 10-Qs and —**JJ-O Title!**

August 18-19, 2007, Keeshond Club of SC, Ventura, CA

Teri Chang & Ryder, Exc B JWW, 100, 1st Leg; Exc B JWW, 100, 2nd Leg; Exc B Std, 100, 10th Leg—**MX Title & 1st Double Q!!**

Teri Chang & Layla, Open Pref. FAST, 66 pts, 2nd Leg.

September 1-3, 2007, Golden Retriever Club of LA, City of Industry, CA

Elisa Hirsch & Scarlett: Open FAST, 4th Pl.; Exc B Std, 2nd Pl.; Exc B Std, 3rd Pl.; Open FAST, 3rd Pl., **OF Title!**

September 8, 2007, West Coast Cocker Spaniel Club, City of Industry, CA

Janelle Farkas & Taxi, Open FAST, 67 pts. **OF Title!**



September 1-3, 2007, Golden Retriever Club of LA, City of Industry, CA

Amanda Prince & Rogan: Open FAST, 60 pts, 1st Pl., 2nd Leg;

Exc A Std, 100, 1st Pl. 3rd Leg, **AX Title!**

Exc B JWW, 100, 2nd Leg, Open FAST, 56 pts, 4th Pl., 3rd Leg, **OF Title!**

←←Proud little Rogan and a very pleased Amanda!

VHOC Members Serving the Community

On August 31, VHOC Members Laurie Burnam, Moira Cornell, Ann Hills and Sue McMahan volunteered their services at the **Antelope Valley Fair 4-H Dog Show**.

Moira was invited to judge Junior Showmanship (Conformation) and Ann was asked to judge Obedience, which included Pre-Novice thru Open. Sue and Laurie graciously served as ring stewards.

In addition to obedience and showmanship, Moira and Ann were responsible for judging the highly competitive and creative Tricks and Costumes competitions. With nearly 40 dog and handler teams, it was a long but festive and rewarding evening!



Photo by Sue McMahan

From Laurie Burnam who has served as the SCDOC representative for the past 7 years!

Two representatives needed for the Southern California Dog Obedience Council

SCDOC (Southern California Dog Council) consists of approximately 30 dog clubs and meets once a month (third Friday) at Carrows in Cerritos. Current dog-related issues and upcoming club events are discussed. Once a year SCDOC holds a Top Dog obedience competition at which about 20 clubs form teams of 3 novice, open and utility and compete to select the top team in each division. The winners of Top Dog can go on to WIOC (Western International Obedience Competition) to represent Southern California.

Eleven meetings a year are held (none in December) and clubs can miss two in a row. If the third meeting is missed, the club is removed from council. Therefore, only six meetings a year are required to remain in SCDOC. Laurie will be willing to attend two meetings, if two other people can also go to two meetings each (unless someone wants to take on this board position as a full-time representative). The club pays \$20.00 for gas and dinner. You arrive about 7 pm and eat if you like; the meeting lasts from 8 pm until 8:30 or 9:00 pm. Information discussed at the meeting must be reported either to Laurie Burnam or to the VHOC Board at the next board meeting.

VHOC GENERAL TROPHY FUND DONATIONS NEEDED



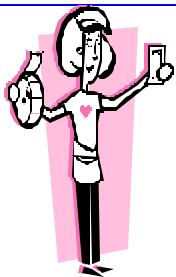
*To everyone who has already committed to making a donation to our trophy fund this year - **THANK YOU!!!***

If you have not made a donation yet - it's not too late.....

We still need general trophy fund donations to cover all of the first place trophies and rosettes for obedience and rally for two days. No amount is too small and your name will appear in the general trophy fund list in the trial catalog.

I can be reached by email at sykess@sbcglobal.net by phone at 818-702-0841 or in person at our training site (CPLS) on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Donation checks should be made payable to Valley Hills Obedience Club and mailed to Sarah Sykes, 21331 Dumetz Road, Woodland Hills, CA 91364. — Sarah Sykes, VHOC Trophy Chair



RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED

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 VHOC raffle. Donations can be brought to any meeting or to the CPLS training site and given to Cindi Malchose, Christy Tattersall or Jan Racey.

UKC OBEDIENCE TRIAL

West LA Obedience Training Club is having its annual UKC obedience trial on Saturday, November 24, & Sunday, November 25 at the Cheviot Hills Recreation Center, 2551 Motor Avenue, West Los Angeles, CA.

There are two trials each day, so you can complete a title in a weekend. For more info please go to the West LA website: www.wlaotc.com

WLAOTC MEETING

Larry Warsoff will be attending West LA's club meeting on Tuesday, October 16th to speak about the Obedience Advisory Committee and the new rally regulations.

Non-WLA club members are welcome to attend. For more details on the location, please go to the West LA website: www.wlaotc.com

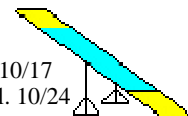


OBEDIENCE & RALLY EVENTS

- SEP**
 16 **Show 'n Go**, Girsh Park, Goleta, Obedience & Rally, Reg. 9 am-1:30 pm, Judging from 9 am to 2 pm. *Inc. Rally (all levels)*
 19-21 Poodle Club of America. S/O. Queen Mary Events Park, Long Beach. Bradshaw, Supt., www.jbradshaw.com. Cl. 8/29. *Inc. Rally*
 22-23 Santa Ana Valley KC. S/O. Cypress College, Cypress. Bradshaw, Supt. 323-727-0136 or www.jbradshaw.com. Cl. 9/5. *Inc. Rally*
 29 **Show 'n Go**, Santa Lucia Open Dog Obedience Group, Elk Lodge Field, Santa Maria, Reg 8:30 am, Judging from 9am to 1 pm. *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. 3396 E. Valley Parkway, Escondido. Sharon Licciardi, 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*
- NOV**
 2-4 Various Clubs. S/O. 5501 E Arrow Highway, Irwindale. Bradshaw, Supt., 323-727-0136 or www.jbradshaw.com. Cl. 10/17. *Inc. Rally*
 11 High Desert Lab Retriever Club. Marie Kerr Park, Palmdale. Sharon Licciardi, Sec. 661-273-1240 or motherhen@pacbell.net. Cl. 10/24
 17-18 Simi Valley KC. O only. College View Park, Moorpark. Carol Parker, Sec. 818-259-9671. Cl. 10/31. *Inc. Rally*
 28-30 Long Beach KC. S/O. Long Beach Conv. Ctr, Long Beach. Bradshaw, Supt., 323-727-0136 or www.jbradshaw.com. Cl. 11/7. *Inc. Rally*

AGILITY EVENTS

- SEP**
 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
- OCT**
 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
 20-21 NADAC Manzanita Agility Club. Pearlblossom. Lorraine Cirinelli, Sec. AgilityUSA@aol.com. Cl. 10/10
 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
- NOV**
 2-4 Various clubs. Santa Fe Dam Rec. Area, Irwindale. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 661-867-2773 or roguetervs@hughes.net. Cl. 10/17
 10-11 DAC of Ventura. University Prep School, Camarillo. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 661-867-2773 or roguetervs@hughes.net. Cl. 10/24
 10-11 **ASCA** WVDS. Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Lynne Watson, Sec. at lynnezoo2@yahoo.com. Cl. 11/2
 17-18 Samoyed Club of LA. Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 661-867-2773 or roguetervs@hughes.net. Cl. 10/24
 24-25 Border Collie Club. Bel Canto Ranch, Lancaster. Jan McAninch, Sec. 714-846-5134.



HERDING EVENTS

- OCT**
 6-7 Herding Breed DC of San Diego Co. Action K9 Sports Facility, Escondido. Rita Favreau, Sec. 760-743-8050 or Inrrigb@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 franmac@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 Cl. 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.

VHOC General Meeting August 2007

Our Guest Speaker:

Janine Pierce, owner/director of J9sK9s, has quite impressive qualifications. She provides the community with a wide and creative scope of pet training and behavior modification classes throughout the San Fernando Valley. Additionally, Janine herself has titled dogs of a variety of breeds in several dog sports.

The Topic: Swimming Pool Safety

Many dogs enjoy swimming, and it's a great way for your canine friend to cool off and stay in shape. Even the best swimmers, however, need to be taught safety and control around swimming pools.

Janine Pierce of J9'sK9s demonstrated swimming pool safety in a training demo with Boo, an Australian Shepherd belonging to our hostess, Nancy Giltner. We learned techniques used to safely teach our dogs to swim correctly, and equally if not *more* importantly, that the stairs of the pool are the "safe" spot to exit and enter a pool.

Whether or not your dog decides to like the water, *being able to find the steps under any circumstance, "even if in a panic," is an imperative safety issue.*

Even dogs that are accomplished swimmers have drowned in pools, succumbing to exhaustion after not being able to find a way out. Teach your dog safe entry, exit and poolside control, and keep him happily swimming for many years to come!

Tips & Cautions:

Solar pool covers are a death trap

A vertical marker will ensure your dog can find the stairs

The details as demonstrated during the meeting were eye opening. The method was working right before us....a panicky dog learned to "use" his hind end to propel himself efficiently....which was also less exhausting and of course eliminated the sinking associated with dog paddling.

Our demo dog learned that the stairs are a 'happy place' and offered his passage to solid ground. He quickly became at ease on the stairs.

There was so much more! For those unable to attend--bummer! —**Allison Pobirs, Recording Secretary**

Janine is available for private consultation and in-home training. You can also check out Pool Safety on YouTube! See J9sK9s' Stephanie Colman's debut on NBC news: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bdcJgxnpuF4>

LEGISLATIVE SYMPOSIUM IN BURBANK ON SEPTEMBER 29TH

AB 1634 will be back. The supporters are determined to get a win and are planning on starting this bill in the Senate in January. Your elected officials will tell you they are already getting pressure for next year. Come and find out what you can be doing now and in January to make sure AB1634 does not pass.

CDOC is holding a Legislative Symposium on September 29th in Burbank at the Burbank Marriott (formerly the Hilton) across from the airport. There is no charge for this symposium which will focus on both state and local legislation and what the next steps need to be in defeating AB1634.

Speakers will include Martin Cooper of Cooper Communications. Marty handles the Public Relations and Media Relations on these issues for CDOC. Please come and hear the plans for getting the media in our corner over the next several months and how you can help. One of the goals is to make the general public more aware of this issue and the way to do that is through the media and the CDOC Letters to the Editor Program.

Scott Sadler of Lehman, Kelly, Sadler and O'Keefe represents CDOC in Sacramento. He led our fight against AB1634 with the Assembly members and Senators and continues to relay our message to elected officials on a daily basis. He will discuss the 2007 strategy and what we will be doing in 2008. He will talk about the CDOC Legislative Grid and answer questions about how you can most effectively work with your elected officials to make a difference.

Other invited speakers will be announced.

This is an opportunity to have an impact in both state and local (City of Los Angeles and Huntington Beach) legislation. There is no charge for the symposium, which will start at 7:00 pm in the Producer Room at the Marriott. Reservations are necessary. Please go to www.cdoca.org, write to symposium@cdoca.org or call 818-519-2141. We look forward to seeing you there.

— Submitted by VHOC Member, Sharon Shilkoff



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.

OBEDIENCE TRAINING EQUIPMENT

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

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



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.

Dog Training Equipment for Sale

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

**Call Laurie at (818) 784-8440 or email bellaluna@pacbell.net
www.poochabilitydogtraining.com**



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September is the Month to Make Your Pooch a Prime Priority

Sometimes, we need a reminder of everything that is required of us in return for the wonderful privilege of having a dog. Dogs bring us love, affection, comfort, security and unrivaled devotion, despite our flaws or past mistakes. So what do we owe them in return? This month, dog owners and dog lovers everywhere will join hundreds of AKC-affiliated dog clubs across the country to celebrate the fifth annual AKC® Responsible Dog Ownership Day in their local communities. Over 370 events will be held by local organizations across the country, with the goal of educating and entertaining all current and future dog owners. All AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day events are listed on www.akc.org.

"Each September we shine a spotlight on the commitment it takes to have a canine companion," said AKC Spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "As dogs are increasingly viewed as family members, the need for all dog owners to train their pets to be good citizens and practice responsible dog ownership is more crucial. All dog owners need to be courteous and respectful of others and properly care for their pet so that we can maintain the rights and freedoms that we currently enjoy."

Each AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day event is unique but many include obedience/agility demonstrations, low-cost micro chipping clinics, breed rescue information, therapy dog/service dog demonstrations, safety around dogs for kids presentations, giveaways and other entertaining and educational activities. Attendees can speak one-on-one with experienced dog breeders and trainers. Those looking to show their neighbors that their dog is an upstanding member of the community can take the AKC Canine Good Citizen® (CGC) Test — a 10-step test certification that rewards well-mannered, obedient dogs.

This month is a reminder to both novice and veteran dog owners that raising a healthy dog is about more than just playtime and pampering. Training, grooming, nutrition, exercise and veterinary care are equally important in nurturing your best friend!

Excerpt reprinted from American Kennel Club, www.akc.org