



FEATURES

Scores, Brags, Photos,
Upcoming Events, Important
Dates, Announcements
and more....

VHOC

Newsette

**Reminder: Submission dead-
line is the 8th of each month**

Official Newsletter of Valley Hills Obedience Club, Inc.
P. O. Box 10132, Canoga Park, CA 91309
VHOC Website: www.vhoc.org



If you misplaced the membership renewal Cindi sent last month, don't worry--see Pg. 5 for a replacement. If you are an "early bird" and have already renewed...thank you!

VHOC Obedience, Rally & Agility Trial

Our annual trial held on Dec. 8 and 9 was a huge success. The weekend trial was preceded by a great Show 'n Go on Friday Dec. 7th. Despite the prediction of rain for the entire weekend, the trial and the Show 'n Go (with Sandy Walton as Chair) were well-attended with many of the weekend trial competitors getting a chance to practice in the obedience and rally rings at the same site on the day before the trial ... AND, the predicted heavy rainfall never arrived!

Laurie Burnam, Obedience Trial Director, reports that Obedience had 215 entries and 192 in Rally. Agility Trial Directors Moira Cornell & Kim Simons report a record 557 entries in agility.

Many of our club members volunteered to help for the weekend, and although we don't have the space to list everyone, please know that we really appreciate all that you did to help make this trial another big success. Thank you all!

Professional photographer Terry Curtiss of T&C Productions shot agility photos all weekend and has allowed VHOC to print club members' dog photos (*gratis*) in the attached special issue of the *Newsette*. If we missed your agility team-member or a friend's, visit Terry's site at www.tc-pro.com, where you can view all the competitors and thank Terry by making a purchase.

*A footnote: VHOC Jr. Handler, Katie Madison & Dusty earned their MACH at our Trial!!
See Page 3 for the full story (in her own words) and photos*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

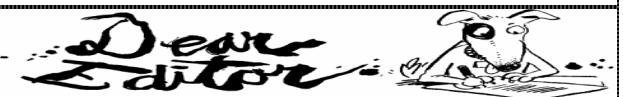
Make plans to join fellow VHOC members as we celebrate events and accomplishments of 2007!

The **Annual Banquet** will be held on Sunday, February 17th, 6:30—10:00 pm at the University Club, Cal. State University, Northridge. \$25 per person. Pre-registration required by Monday, February 11th. For more information, contact StephanieColman@sbcglobal.net or call (818) 989-7996. **Banquet Invitation & RSVP on Pg. 7.**

January Board Meeting will be held on Monday, Jan 14, 7:00 pm at the home of Kim Simons 19223 Prairie Street, Northridge.

Please RSVP to Kim at 818-772-8852
or duckdogs@earthlink.net

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



SCORES & BRAGS

CONFORMATION

From Carole Raschella: *"I'm thrilled to report that my Gordon boy, Dickens, finished his championship at the Palm Springs show. He won a four point major on Friday at the Specialty, which meant he needed two more points and those he got on Sunday. His first major, also four points, was at the same show last year. He didn't go BOW, no one did, because there was no Winners Bitch...that was the Blustery Day Show, the one with the "levitating tents" and 80 mph winds. The first tent to go scattered those competing in the Gordon ring, then all hell broke loose and the show was officially cancelled shortly thereafter. Winners Dog had been completed, but the girls never got to do their thing.*

This means so much to me. I've had several Gordons over the years, but that was before I developed this dog show addiction, so Dickens is my first Gordon champion. Plus, he has three legs towards his JH title, and would have completed that a month ago, if those birds hadn't been so darn lazy and decided to walk rather than fly. Well, geez, a quail strolls past a two year old Gordon Setter and you expect him to point??? What for? A quick grab and hey, here it is, no muss no fuss and what do you mean I didn't pass?

We'll try for that last leg later this month and then Mr. Dickens will move on to obedience. I've put CDs on other Gordons and swore I'd never do it again. I'm not saying they're dumb, but stubborn? All I can say is if they don't wanna, they ain't gonna. But I can't resist, because this guy never takes his eyes off me and is the most slobberly eager and willing to please dog I've ever had. If he can back it up with brains, he'll be fabulous:-)."

OBEDIENCE

Dec. 8-9, 2007 Valley Hills OC, Van Nuys, CA

Teri Chang & Ryder: Nov B, 185, Q, 2nd Leg; Nov B, 194, 2nd Pl., 3rd Leg—**CD Title!**

Jan. 4-5, 2008 Palm Springs, CA

Flo Walberg & Danny: Util. B, 196.5, 4th Pl.; Open B, 197+, 4th Pl. Util. B, 198.5, 1st Pl. **HIT**; Open B, 198, 2nd Pl., **Hi Comb!**

AGILITY

Nov. 18, 2007 Samoyed Club, Van Nuys, CA

Cindi Malchose & Indy: Ex A Std, 100, 2nd Pl, 1st Leg

Dec. 8-9, 2007 Valley Hills OC, Van Nuys, CA

Teri Chang & Ryder: Exc B JWW, 100, 6th Leg; Exc B Std, 100—**Double Q!**

Teri Chang & Jazzie: Nov Pref JWW, 100, 3rd Pl, 1st Leg; Nov Pref Std, 100, 3rd Pl., 1st Leg; Nov Pref JWW, 100 3rd Pl, 2nd Leg

Dec. 15-16, 2007 ASCA Coast & Goleta Valley DC. Goleta, CA

Laurie Burnam & Scout: Elite Std, 5th Pl, 5-Q, need 195 pts for ATCH; Elite Jumpers, 2nd Pl, 10-Q; Elite Jumpers, 4th Pl, 10-Q, need 70 pts. for ATCH!

Dec. 16, 2007 KC of Palm Springs

Teri Chang & Ryder: Exc B JWW, 100, 7th Leg; Teri & Jazzie, Nov Pref JWW, 100, 1st Pl, 3rd Leg—**NJP Title!**

Dec. 29-31, 2007 High Desert AC, Pomona, CA

Teri Chang & Ryder: Exc B JWW, 100, 8th Leg; Exc A FAST, 66 pts, 3rd Leg—**XF Title!**

Amanda Prince & Rogan: Ex B JWW, 100, 5th leg, Ex B JWW, 100, 6th leg, Ex B JWW, 100, 7th leg; Ex B Std, 100, 4th Pl,

2nd leg—**1st Double Q!**

LURE COURSING

Dec. 15-16, 2007 Ibizan Hound Club of US, Riverside, CA

Sally Elliott & Jet: Junior Courser Title

Erin Trust & Zephyr: 2nd leg Senior Courser Title (and the highest score); 3rd leg, Senior Courser Title

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION RECEIVED

Jeff & Kathy Kogen and their Shetland Sheepdogs: **Rockie, Koty, Endie, Max, Mysti, Star, Trixie**

Tim Banik & his Border Collie mix: **Malika (Queen)**

New members need attend only one (1) general meeting or volunteer to help at a VHOC event to activate their membership.

REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS

For special awards and trophies, all members must attend five (5) VHOC functions which would include meetings, trials, matches, holiday party, annual awards banquet, etc.

When Katie and Dusty earned their MACH Title at the VHOC Trial on Dec. 9, 2007, we asked her to share with club members some photos and a little background on her agility experiences with Dusty and their journey to the MACH



"I got Dusty when I was 9. We started competing in early 2002, so he was 3 and I was 11. We got into Excellent B and got our first Double-Q at the VHOC trial in 2003 (after a few months training with the wonderful Terry Simons!). At our second trial, Dusty knocked over a judge; he was doing his usual crazy run around the ring (which then was the only time he ran fast). So he ran up to the judge, jumped on her back and knocked her over. In our next run she hid behind the A-frame from the "evil Golden." A couple years ago when we went to CPE Nationals this random old guy decided to tell me the story of the little gal he saw a long time ago whose Golden knocked the judge over, and he

could not believe that it was the same dog. My mom and dad are awesome. Mom is the "taxi," although she still comes to shows now because she says she likes to come, and she was always the one keeping me positive even when Dusty and I were having all our issues. Dad isn't allowed to come to shows because he gets Dusty too excited, but he's still been a big help supporting us and letting me steal Boo. We're all so proud of my Dusty, he used to be a "slow Golden" and an "evil Golden" and now he's the best buddy boy in the world!"



VHOC is very proud of our Junior Handler, Katie Madison, and her "best buddy" Dusty!

Don't Miss Out!

Valley Hills Obedience Club offers a new training class:



**with Moira Cornell's K9 Connection
Performance Puppy 101: Building the Basics**



For puppies 8-weeks to 6-months, this class is designed to create a strong foundation upon which to build the skills necessary to successfully compete in a variety of dog sports! The class will cover important lessons such as fast recalls, scent work, early games, strutting, stacking, socialization, early agility and much more!

This class meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 pm at the Canoga Park Lutheran School, 7357 Jordan Ave. at Wyandotte Street in Canoga Park, one block north of Sherman Way and east of Topanga Canyon. Canoga Park.

\$100 for 6 weeks for VHOC members, \$115 for non-members. Handlers are welcome to audit class without a dog for \$50. For more information, contact Moira Cornell at 818-601-3647 or GulfstreamAussie@aol.com.

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, W. of Balboa. 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**



VHOC Holiday Party

The 2007 VHOC Holiday Party was held on Saturday, December 22, at the beautiful home of Nancy Giltner. Attendees enjoyed fabulous food, fun gifts, and of course, the wonderful company of their fellow club members. Thanks, Nancy, for your hospitality.



At the Bar! Linda Zimmerman, Shiro Torquato, Nancy Giltner, Cindi Malchose, Pamela Cosner, and Carole Raschella



Hangin' out:
Nancy G. & Ann Hills



Opening presents:
Sally Elliott scores some toys!

And the **MVG**
(Most Valuable Gift)
goes to:

The Doggy Bed!



Sharing stories: Keith, Sara & Gail Larman; Sandy Walton; Laurie Burnam; and Sarah Sykes.

(Is that the North Star in the Flat Screen TV?)



A pensive trio:
Lindia Brown, Walt Hanlon, and Patti Rovtar



1) Chosen by Allison Pobirs...



2) Stolen by Anna Lee...



3) Stolen (last time) by Pamela!



Photos & Text
by Ann



Back row: Lindia, Allison, Cindi, Carole R., Kim
Middle row: Sarah, Gail, Shiro, Ann, Sandy, Pamela, Sally, Laurie
Front row: Sara L., Anna, Nancy, Carole H., Walt, Patti, Linda, Nikki



OBEDIENCE & RALLY EVENTS

- JAN**
25-27 Various Clubs. S/O. Nat'l. Orange Show Grounds, San Bernardino. Bradshaw, 323-727-0136 or mail@bradshaw.com. Cl. 1/9. **Inc. Rally**
- FEB**
16-17 San Diego Lab Ret Club. S/O. Del Mar Horse Park, Del Mar. Sharon Licciardi, Sec. 661-278-1240. Cl. 1/30 **Inc. Rally**
17 St. Bernard Club of San Diego. S/O. Hotel Claremont, Claremont. Minnie Horlings, Sec. 949-829-0236. Cl. 1/30
22-24 OC of San Diego. S/O. Del Mar Fairgrounds. Lynn Spears, Sec. 619-656-7600 or spears@spawar.navy.mil. Cl. 2/6 **Inc. Rally**
23-24 Silver Bay KC. S/O. Del Mar Fairgrounds, Del Mar. Bradshaw, 323-727-0136 or mail@bradshaw.com. Cl. 2/6 **Inc. Rally**
- MAR**
7-9 Apple Valley KC, S/O. Victor Valley College, Victorville. Bradshaw, 323-727-0136 or mail@bradshaw.com. Cl. 2/20 **Inc. Rally**
14-16 Del Sur KC. S/O. Del Mar Fairgrounds, Del Mar. Bradshaw, 323-727-0136 or mail@bradshaw.com. Cl. 2/27 **Inc. Rally**
15 ASCA WCASA, Toprock TC, 6201 Shannon Valley Rd, Acton. Kirsten Cole-MacMurray, Sec. toproktc@aol.com. Cl. TBD
22-23 Bassett Hound Club Specialty, La Habra Heights Park, La Habra Heights, Eileen Parr, Sec. 760-946-9048 or parrkees@mac.com. Cl. 3/5
22-23 Shetland Sheepdog Club of SC. S/O. Featherly Reg. Park, Anaheim. Sharon Poole, Sec. 916-923-6360. Cl. 3/5 **Inc. Rally**

AGILITY EVENTS

- JAN**
19-20 Simi Valley KC. Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Jean O'Neill 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. 1/2
26-27 DAC of Ventura. Industry Hills Expo Ctr., City of Industry. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 661-867-2773 or jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com. Cl. 1/9
26-27 **NADAC** Ups N Downs AC. 321 Wilshire Rd, Sky Dance Ranch, Oceanside. Contact Pete Hudson, phudson@pulseeng.com. Cl. 1/9
- FEB**
2-3 SC Portuguese Water DC. Industry Hills Expo, City of Industry. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 818-889-3178 or roguetervs@hughes.net. Cl. 1/16
9 **Show 'n Go** Fun Run Agility Woodley Park, Van Nuys. \$5/run pre-registered; \$6/run day-of; Reg. 8-1 pm, 1st dog on line 9 am.
Contact Jean at (661) 726 4683 or email jean@funrunagility.com.
- 9-10 Samoyed Club of LA. Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 623-556-8460 or roguetervs@hughes.net. Cl. 1/23
15-18 CPAC, 2492 Grand Ave, Grand K9 Ranch, Fillmore. Jean O'Neill, 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. 2/1
23-24 Silver Bay KC. Del Mar Fairgrounds, Del Mar. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 661-867-2773 or jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com. Cl. 2/8
23-24 Keeshond Club of SC. Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 661-867-2773 or jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com. Cl. 2/6
23-24 **USDAA** WVDS. CRIA Eq. Ctr, City of Industry. Doug Hansford, Sec. Cl. 2/15.
29-3/3 Belgian Tervuren Club. Oak Canyon Park, Silverado. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 623-556-8460 or jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com. Closes 2/13
- MAR**
8-9 Hidden Valley OC, Escondido. Lynda Tjarks, 661-867-2773 or jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com. Cl. TBD
8-9 High Desert AC, Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Jean O'Neil, Sec. 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. 2/23
15-16 **USDAA** DART, Chaffey College, Rancho Cucamonga. Lisa Dewey, Sec. vapordog@earthlink.net Cl. 3/3
15-16 Golden Retriever Club, Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 623-556-8460 or jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com. Closes 2/27
22-23 Hollywood DOC, Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Jean O'Neil, Sec. 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. 3/5
29-30 High Desert AC, Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Jean O'Neil, Sec. 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. 3/14
29-30 **CPE** WLAOTC, Rancho Park, West Los Angeles. Kitty Jones, Sec. kg.jones@verizon.net. Cl. 3/14

HERDING EVENTS

- MAR**
8-9 BC Club of Gr. LA. Bel Canto Ranch, Lancaster. Jan McAninch, Sec. 714-846-5134 or tervs@mcaninch.net. Cl. 2/25
15-16 Inland Empire Herding Dog Assoc, Stonewall Ranch, Perris. Jan McAninch, Sec. 714-846-5134 or frankmac@worldnet.att.net. Cl. 3/3

HUNTING EVENTS

- JAN**
19-20 German Pointer Club of SC. Ave A W & 50th St W, Rosamond. Daisy Schapheer, Sec. 661-256-8409. Cl. 1/14
- FEB**
16-17 California Brittany Club, California City. Linda McDonald, Sec. 760-956-8943 or mcbritbull@aol.com. Cl. 2/10
- MAR**
1-2 German SH Pointer Club, Oak Grove Valley, San Diego. Colleen Scrugs, Sec. 760-787-1410 or gspcomet@aol.com. Cl. 2/25

Legend: O=Obedience, S=Specialty, Inc. Rally= Includes Rally, Cl.=Closing (date), TBD=To Be Determined

OBEDIENCE TRAINING EQUIPMENT

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



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

**Valley Hills Obedience Club
2008 Membership Renewal**

Dues are due by February 1, 2008

It's membership renewal time again! Please complete the form below and return it with your 2008 membership dues (\$25 single, \$35 family, \$10 junior handler) payable to VHOC to:

Cindi Malchose
9763 Mason Ave
Chatsworth, CA 91311

If you joined during the last quarter of this year then your 2008 dues are paid.
Thank You.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, St. Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____
(Required)

We appreciate your willingness to receive the Newsette via e-mail, as it saves the club a tremendous amount of money in copying and postage fees over the year. However, if you do not have access to e-mail, please let us know and we will be happy to mail you a copy.

I am unable to access e-mail and ask that a hard copy of the Newsette be sent to my mailing address.

Home Phone: _____

Dogs: (breeds): _____

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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's K9s 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.

Valley Hills Obedience Club

Annual Banquet Celebrating 2007!

Sunday, February 17, 2008

6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

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The University Club

Cal. State University Northridge

18111 Nordhoff Street

Northridge, CA 91330

\$25.00 per person

MENU:

Choice of entrée, served with University Club Salad, herbed focaccia bread, grilled vegetables, Parisienne potatoes, chocolate mousse cake, soft-drinks, coffee and tea.

R.S.V.P. Required No Later than Monday, February 11th.

Directions:

The University Club is located on the Southeast side of the CSUN campus. From Nordhoff St., head north on Zelzah Ave. Turn left on Dearborn and left into The University Club parking lot. (First driveway to your left.) Free parking is available.

VHOC 2007 Annual Banquet R.S.V.P.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone Number: _____ No. of People Attending: _____

(Please indicate quantity of each entrée to be ordered.)

_____ Grilled Chicken Breast with Red Pepper Sauce
_____ Prime Rib with au jus and Creamed Horseradish Sauce
_____ Eggplant Parmesan

Please submit, with payment (payable to VHOC), no later than Mon. Feb. 11th to:

Stephanie Colman
6150 Fulton Ave., Unit 3
Van Nuys, CA 91401
Questions?

Email StephanieColman@sbcglobal.net
or call (818) 989-7996.

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<p style="text-align: center;">VHOC BOARD OF DIRECTORS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">VHOC STANDING COMMITTEES</p>
<p><i>President</i>.....Moira Cornell</p>	<p><i>Agility Workers</i>.....Kim & Terry Simons</p>
<p><i>Vice President</i>.....Carole Raschella</p>	<p><i>Banquet</i>.....Burnam, Colman, A.Hills</p>
<p><i>Corresponding Secretary</i>.....Ann Hills</p>	<p><i>Catalog</i>.....Carole Raschella</p>
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<p><i>Agility Trial</i>.....Moira Cornell & Kim Simons</p>	<p><i>Show-N-Go</i>.....Sandy Walton</p>
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