

MAY 2008



FEATURES

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

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VHOC Newsette

Happy Memorial Day!

Reminder: Submission deadline 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



General Meeting

Monday, June 2, 2008 at 7:00 pm

**Pizza, salad and drinks
at the home of Laurie Burnam,
13626 Oak Canyon, Sherman Oaks, CA**

**Following a brief meeting, we will watch the DVD
"It's Magic: Heelwork with Sylvia Bishop."**

Sylvia has been associated with dogs and promoting "fun" training for dog and handler since 1974. Her methods are based on three main principles: start training at a few weeks of age; use a soft leather collar, no chokes; give immediate praise after a correction. The efficacy of Sylvia's approach is demonstrated by the success of her own dogs. She is the first person to train seven dogs for qualification to Crufts in England.

**Please RSVP by Saturday, May 31 to Laurie Burnam at
(818) 784-8440 or email bellaluna@pacbell.net**

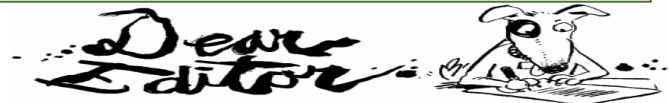
New Member Applications Approved

Jodi Massey & Donna Downs with Jodi's Australian Shepherds
"Roland" & "Barrie" and Donna's Shetland Sheepdog "Tuxedo"

Holly Rake and her Great Dane "Behr"

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

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



SCORES & BRAGS

CONFORMATION

Moira Cornell writes: *“We had a great weekend at the CVASC Specialty! Hemi took BOB over a huge entry on Sunday—about 70 and 12! On Sat he was BOS!! He has been out seven times in ASCA as a special and has three BOBs and one BOS!!! Not bad for a dog that is 21 months old. Kerry and I are thrilled!”*



From Karla Spitzer: *“Hermione finished her championship title with a 4 pt. major Winner’s Bitch and Best of Winner’s to become CH Harpo Jacquet’s Hermione! She is our first home bred champion! And yes, like the rest of our pack who is not human nor a cat, she’s a Boxer!!”*

Flo Walberg & Danny: *May 2, 2008, Rio Hondo KC, Pomona, CA: Best of Breed!!*

AGILITY

Elisa Hirsch & Scarlett: *Apr. 12, 2008, DAC of Ventura, Oxnard, CA: Exc B Std, 100, 3rd Pl, 9th Leg
Apr. 27, 2008, Border Terrier Club, Simi Valley, CA: Exc B Std, 3rd Pl, 10th Leg—MX Title!!
May 4, 2008, Hollywood DOC, Lakeview Terrace, CA: Exc B JWW, 5.84 yps, 1st Place*

Janelle Farkas & Taxi: *Apr. 13, 2008, WCASA, ASCA: Reg, 10-Q, 1st Pl, 6th Leg*

Nichole Bovey & Dyce: *Apr. 19, 2008, MAC NADAC, Lakeview Terrace, CA: Nov Reg, 10-Q, 1st Pl; Nov Reg, 10-Q, 1st Pl, Nov Jumpers, 10-Q, 1st Pl. This was Dyce’s first NADAC trial!
May 3, 2008, Hollywood DOC, Lakeview Terrace, CA: Exc JWW, 2nd Pl, 1st Leg*

Laurie Burnam & Scout: *Apr. 19-20, MAC NADAC, Lakeview Terrace, CA: Elite Reg, 10-Q, 3rd Pl, 1st Leg; Elite Reg, 10-Q, 4th Pl, 2nd Leg; Elite Jumpers, 10-Q, 5th Pl, Novice Hoopers, 10-Q, 1st Pl, 2nd Leg; Elite Reg, 10-Q, 6th Pl, 3rd Leg—EAC Title!!*

Sally Elliott & Boo: *Apr. 21, 2008, Am. Whippet Club Nationals, Albany, Oregon: Exc B Std, 1st Pl, 6th Q*

Carole & Tucker: *Apr. 19-20, 2008, MAC NADAC, Lakeview Terrace, CA:
Elite Reg, 10-Q, 2nd Pl, 9th Leg; El Reg, 10-Q, 1st Pl, 10th Leg; El Reg, 10-Q, 2nd Pl, 11th Leg; El Reg, 10-Q, 1st Pl, 12th Leg; Elite Jumpers, 10-Q, 2nd Pl, 3rd Leg; Elite Jumpers, 10-Q, 1st Pl, 4th Leg—EJS Title!
Elite Chances, 10-Q, 3rd Leg—ECS Title!*



HERDING

Ann Hills & Trooper: *May 3-4, 2008, ASCA Tri-County Australian Shepherd Working Assoc. Stockdog Trial, Cal-Poly, Pomona, CA:*

*Started Ducks, 75, 1st Pl, 1st Leg;
Started Ducks, 83, 1st Pl, 2nd Leg—STDD Title!
Started Ducks, 75, 1st Pl, Extra Leg;
Advanced Sheep, 110, 1st Place—High in Trial Sheep!!*

LURE COURSING

Sally Elliott & Jet: *May 3, 2008, ASFA Pharaoh Hound Fanciers of Northern CA, Hollister, CA:
Open Lure Coursing, 3rd Place.*

(All events are AKC unless otherwise noted)

AKC Junior Showmanship Scholarship Program

Part of the mission of the American Kennel Club is to "Take whatever actions necessary to protect and assure the continuation of the sport of purebred dogs." The AKC's Junior Showmanship Program is just one example of the kennel club's commitment to fulfilling this portion of its charter statement.

As a part of the Junior Handlers Program, the American Kennel Club awards Scholarships to deserving Junior Handlers to encourage them to continue on with their education. The AKC has awarded 38 Junior Handler Scholarships since 2002. The Board of the American Kennel Club has just increased the Junior Scholarship Fund from \$60,000 to \$100,000. This can truly be seen as affirmation of the AKC's commitment to the youth of our sport.

Junior handlers become ineligible to compete in Junior Showmanship classes at the age of 18. In most cases, their participation in the sport of purebred dog does not cease

once they have "aged out" of competition. From the ranks of Junior Handlers we find the future breeders, AKC Club Members, approved judges and Registered Handlers who will be the caretakers of our sport in the future. We see many of these kids go on to pursue careers as veterinarians. One former Junior is now the CEO of the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals; others have gone on to serve as Board Members of the American Kennel Club. Still others have gone onto make their contribution to the sport as AKC employees.

While the Junior Showmanship program itself has gone through changes, the concept and reasons for its implementation have remained the same: to encourage participation in the sport by young purebred dog enthusiasts; to teach good sportsmanship, win or lose; and to educate the next generation of the fancy. So the next time you find yourself at a show with a few moments to spare, stop by the Junior Showmanship ring to witness the AKC's commitment to its mission statement and the future of our sport.

Message from Laurie Burnam regarding TOP DOG Competition

For the past 5 years the Southern California Dog Obedience Council has had a draw from each club, for duties relating to the Top Dog competition. VHOC was picked this year to handle the lunches for the stewards and judges. Top Dog will be held on Saturday November 15, 2008 at the Orange Empire clubhouse in Bloomington. Unfortunately that is the same week that the Australian Shepherd Nationals will be held in Las Vegas, making it impossible for some of our Aussie-owning members to participate: Laurie Burnam, Moira Cornell, Nancy Giltner, Curt Uritz and Janelle Farkas, to name a few. Therefore we need all you non-Aussie members to help out with this task as well as volunteer to be on the Top Dog obedience team in novice, open or utility (more on the try outs later). If a group of you would form a committee to handle the details of providing lunches for the judges and stewards, our fulfillment of this duty will be completed. As for the representatives for council, sincere thanks go to Kathy Mitchell and Carole Raschella, who have volunteered to attend some of the monthly Council meetings.

If you can help out your club with our assigned job at Top Dog this year, please call Laurie at 818-784-8440 or email at bellaluna@pacbell.net. Thank you, Laurie Burnam.



April 14, 2008 Board Meeting Highlights

VHOC Board of Directors' Meeting held at Nancy Giltner's home on April 14, 2008 at 7:00 pm. In attendance: Laurie Burnam, Moira Cornell, Nancy Giltner, Ann Hills, Allison Pobirs, Sarah Sykes and Sandy Walton. Minutes were read and approved. A contract letter prepared by Kim Simons was approved between VHOC and the NSTTD Club regarding the use of our ring set-ups at their specialty trial.

Training Directors Laurie and Moira discussed rules for non-member training participants, asking trainers to remind non-members that their training site privileges are limited to participation in the class—no onsite parking or open dog training allowed.

New member applications for Jinny & Sterling Chow and Rhonda Feinberg were approved. The Chows have activated their membership by attending the March general meeting. The board discussed the possibility of issuing membership cards and the possibility of membership discounts from Red Barn & Red Barn Too.

Laurie reported on the March Council meeting, advising that the club will be responsible for providing the judges' and stewards' lunches when VHOC participates in Top Dog this year. Obedience judges for the 2008 trial have been confirmed.

Discussion regarding VHOC annual award requirements for junior members was continued. The Awards Committee will return with suggestions for consideration at a future board meeting. Also discussed was whether VHOC trainers should be considered for awards in the sport that they teach. Motion was made, seconded and approved that they would not be eligible for those awards.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

OBEDIENCE & RALLY EVENTS

MAY

- 17-18 Gr. SD Basset Hound Club. S/O. Featherly Reg. Park, Anaheim. Carolyn Sisson, Sec. 619-456-9762 Cl. 4/30
 22-23 Border Collie Club of Gr. LA. S/O. Hotel Claremont, Claremont. Jan McAninch, Sec. 714-846-5134. Cl. 5/7
 22-26 Mission Circuit- Various Clubs. S/O. LA County Fairplex, Pomona. MB-F Inc, Supt. mbf@infodog.com. Cl. 5/7 **Inc. Rally**
 30-31 KC of Pasadena. S/O. Brookside Park, Pasadena. Bradshaw, 323-727-0136 or mail@bradshaw.com. Cl. 5/14 **Inc. Rally**
 31-6/1 Irish Setter Club. S/O. Santa Fe Dam, Irwindale. Rhonda Storm, Sec. 888-681-2060. Cl. 5/14 **Inc. Rally**



JUN

- 6-8 Obedience Working Seminar with Flo Walberg. Includes Novice, Open & Utility. For info call Flo at 818-341-6739 or otchflo3@aol.com
 7-8 English Springer Spaniel Assoc. S/O. Sycamore Lane Kennels, Lodi. Judy Wilson, Sec. 916-923-6360. Cl. 5/21 **Inc. Rally**
 14-15 Belgian Tervuren Club. S/O. Highridge Park, Rolling Hills Estate. Jan McAninch, Sec. 714-846-5134. Cl. 5/28 **Inc. Rally**
 19-22 Long Beach KC & other clubs. S/O. Cal State U, Long Beach. Bradshaw, Supt. 323-727-0136 or mail@bradshaw.com. Cl. 6/4 **Inc. Rally**

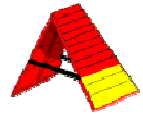
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- 3-6 Various Clubs. S/O. Ventura Co. Fairgrounds, Ventura. Bradshaw, 323-727-0136 or mail@bradshaw.com. Cl. 6/18 **Inc. Rally**
 19-20 Conejo KC. S/O. Pacificoa High School, Oxnard. Bradshaw, 323-727-0136 or mail@bradshaw.com. Cl. 7/2 **Inc. Rally**

AGILITY EVENTS

MAY

- 17-18 Simi Valley KC. Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Jean O'Neill, Sec. 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. 4/30
 17-18 **ASCA** Hi Desert ASC. Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, Lancaster. Lorraine Cirinelli, Sec. at agilityusa@aol.com. Cl. TBD
 23-26 SC Portuguese WDC. LA Co. Fairplex, Pomona. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 661-867-2773 or roguetervs@hughes.net. Cl. 5/7
 24-26 **NADAC** MAC, Pearblossom. Lorraine Cirinelli, Sec. at agilityusa@aol.com. Cl. TBA
 24-26 **USDAA** Happy Dogs Agility, Tierra Rejada Ranch, Moorpark. Cl. 5/9
 31-6/1 KC of Pasadena. Brookside Park, Pasadena. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 661-867-2773 or jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com. Cl. 5/14
 31/6/1 **NADAC** Driven Dogs Agility, Grand K9 Ranch, Fillmore. Lisa Dewey, Sec. vapordog@earthlink.net. Cl. 5/16



JUN

- 1 **Show & Go** Fun Run Agility, Woodley, Van Nuys. \$5/run Pre-Reg, \$6/run Day of. Reg 8-2 pm. Starts 9:00 am. jean@funrunagility.com
 7-8 High Desert AC. Gabrieleno Eq Park, Lakeview Terrace. Jean O'Neill, Sec. 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. 5/23
 14-15 Belgian Tervuren Club of SC. Jan McAninch, Sec. 714-345-5176 or jan@mcaninch.net
 14-15 SD Rhod. Ridgeback Club. Hidden Valley OTC, Escondido. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 623-556-8460 or jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com. Cl. 5/28
 14-15 Contact Point AC. 2492 Grand Ave, Fillmore. Jean O'Neill, Sec. 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. 5/31
 14-15 **CPE** South Coast Agility, Tewinkle Park, Costa Mesa. Julie Forward, TS4SCAT@cox.net. Cl. 5/28
 21-22 Golden Retriever Club. Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 623-556-8460 or jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com. Cl. 6/4
 27-29 SC Collie Club. Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Jean O'Neill, Sec. 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. 6/11
 28-29 **NADAC** Manzanita AC, Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Lorraine Cirinelli, Sec. agilityusa@aol.com. Cl. TBA

JUL

- 4-6 Samoyed Club of LA. Mount San Antonio College, Walnut. Lynda Tjarks, 623-556-8460 or jumpnfunagiity@yahoo.com. Cl. 6/11
 4-6 **USDAA** Happy Dog Agility, Tierra Rejada Ranch, Moorpark. Kristy Netzer, Sec. 805-498-9319 or hda@happydogagility.com. Cl. 6/20
 12-13 **ASCA** COAST, Girsch Park, Goleta. Kristi Cetrulo, Sec. Cl. 7/1
 12-13 **USDAA** WVDS, Industry Hills Expo Center, City of Industry. Doug Hansford, Sec. Cl. TBA
 19-20 DAC of Ventura. Hobert Park, Ventura. Lynda Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 623-556-8460 or jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com. Cl. 7/2
 26-27 Agility Club of Santa Barbara. Arroyo Verde Park, Ventura. Jean O'Neill, Sec. 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. 7/9
 26-27 **NADAC** Manzanita Agility Club, Ventura. Hobart Park, Ventura. Lorraine Cirinelli, Sec. Agilityusa@aol.com. Cl. TBA

HERDING EVENTS

MAY

- 31-6/1 Antelope Valley Stockdog Club. HRTS/HRTR. Lucky Ewe Ranch, Llano. Jan McAninch, 714-345-5176 or tervs@mcaninch.net. Cl. 5/19

HUNTING EVENTS

JUN

- 7-8 GW Flat Coated Retriever Club. Prado Dog Training Area, Chino. Candy Ferner, Sec. sanderlingfcr@sbcglobal.net. Cl. 5/28

SPECIAL EVENT

MAY 18 Woodland Hills Arthritis Foundation Walk, Warner Center Park, Woodland Hills. Councilmember Dennis Zine, Honorary Chair; Dale Surowitz, CEO Encino-Tarzana Hospital, Co-Chair; Warren Eckstein, radio host of The Pet Show on KRLA 870 AM is the Honorary Dog Walk Chairman and is actively promoting the event in his radio broadcasts. All Walkers are encouraged to walk with their dogs, and all dogs are welcome! For more information, call Patty Williams, Arthritis Foundation Office at 818-995-7378.

Legend: S=Show (Conformation), O=Obedience Trial, HRTS/HRTR= Herding Test/Trial, Ent=Entries Accepted, Cl=Entries Close
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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'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 & 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

OBEDIENCE TRAINING EQUIPMENT

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

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



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Raffle.....Cindi Malchose, Jan Racey, Christy Tattersall
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HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY



VHOC Newsette

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

TO:

TO ALL VHOC MEMBERS

Now that we have added an additional evening from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, members are encouraged to come out and train on Wednesday evenings at our training site:

Canoga Park Lutheran School at 7357 Jordan Ave. at Wyandotte Street in Canoga Park, one block north of Sherman Way and east of Topanga Canyon.

Also, Stephanie Colman, who maintains the VHOC website at www.vhoc.org, urges members to send her photos of their dog(s) at work and play. She will be updating the website and would like to include members' dog photographs. You may email digital copies to her at stephaniecolman@sbcglobal.net or mail the photos to 6150 Fulton Avenue, #3, Van Nuys, CA 91401.