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Reminder: Submission deadline is the 8th of each month



Official Newsletter of Valley Hills Obedience Club, Inc.
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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, August 17, 2009 7:00 PM
Canoga Park Lutheran School
7357 Jordan Ave, Canoga Park, CA
(VHOC Training Site)

We will have rings set up for Novice, Open/Utility Obedience and CGC (Canine Good Citizen) run-throughs or a free CGC test.

Please email Linda Brooks ASAP if you want to take the CGC test at message7@pacbell.net.

Volunteers needed to judge and help with equipment.

*Please RSVP to Lindia Brown by Friday, August 14.
Phone: 818-884-1304 or email: lindialindia@sbcglobal.net*



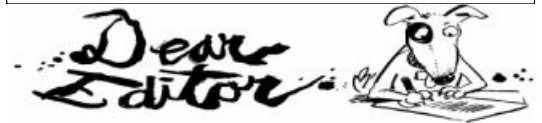
Karen Dembrowski and her Belgian Tervuren

**Traci & Mike Wrin and their Aussies:
Jodi & Shannon**

These new members have already activated their membership.

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SCORES & BRAGS OBEDIENCE, CONFORMATION & RALLY

Scott Friedman & Gracie: July 2, 2009, Boxer Club of San Fernando Valley Specialty—**High in Trial!!**



Thinking you might have questions about the photo, Karla kindly sent in the following background story:

“Last year, when Grace was near turning 8, I was still on a cane from knee surgery, and I suggested to Scott, since we bred Grace, and she only had eyes for him since the moment hers opened, that HE show her in Novice. She was well trained and pretty solid. I had planned to show her in the previous fall when my knee blew out taking us down the road to knee surgery.

So, Scott and Grace started to take lessons from Flo Walberg. He hadn't shown Grace since 2004, when she got her first Novice leg, and he hadn't shown much at all since his previous Boxer, Cleo, in about 2000, so he was nervous (as in "VERY").

Grace went HIT at the Boxer club specialty in 2008, and while we were there, we were set up next to the Andruses. Scott said that if Gracie finished her title the next day after her HIT (in 2008), which she did, he would be so relieved, he'd stand on his head. Well, she did, and he did, much to their consternation and amazement...!

This year, the Andruses judged obedience (Pauline) and rally (Larry) at the specialties before the Summerfest. Larry Andrus asked Scott if he'd stand on his head again. Scott said if Grace went HIT again, he would...and he did. Hence the photo.....:-). Doesn't Gracie look philosophical about it all?”

Ann Hills & Trooper: July 18-19, 2009, Klee Kai Assoc. of America, UKC Trials, Claremont, CA:

- Novice B, 197.5, 1st Place, 1st Leg—**HIT!**
- Novice B, 192.5, 2nd Place, 2nd Leg
- Novice B, 195.5, 1st Place, 3rd Leg—**HIT! UKC CD Title!!**

CEDAR ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTIE “TROOPER”



AGILITY

Teri Chang & Edge: July 11-12, 2009, American Spaniel Club, Pomona:

- Nov B JWW, 100, 3rd Leg—**NAJ Title!!**
- Open JWW, 95, 1st Leg, Nov B Std, 95, 2nd Leg;

August 1, 2009, SVKC, Van Nuys, CA:

- Nov B Std, 95, 3rd Leg—**NA Title!**

Janelle Farkas & Taxi: July 11-12, 2009, Goleta Valley DC/COAST ASCA Trial, Goleta, CA:

- Elite Jumpers, 10-Q; Elite Jumpers, 10-Q—**HIT! JJ-E-OP Title!!**

August 1-2, 2009, PASA ASCA Trial, San Martin, CA:

- Elite Jumpers, 10-Q, Elite Regular, 10-Q, Elite Gamblers, 10-Q

Ann Hills & Trooper:

July 25-26, 2009, MAC Last Chance for Champs NADAC Agility Trial, Lakeview Terrace, CA:

- Open Tunnelers, 10-Q, 1st Place, 2nd Leg

Ann Hills & Trace:

July 25-26, 2009, MAC Last Chance for Champs NADAC Agility Trial, Lakeview Terrace, CA:

- Elite Regular, 10-Q, 1st Place, 1st Leg

Amanda Prince & Rogan: *June 6-7, 2009, HDAC, Lakeview Terrace. CA:*

Exc B JWW, 100; Exc B JWW, 100, 2nd Place

*July 20, 2009, Golden Retriever Club of Gr. LA,
Van Nuys, CA:*

Exc B Std, 100, 2nd Place, 8th Leg

July 5-6, 2009, Samoyed Club of LA, Mt. SAC:

Exc B JWW, 2nd Pl, Exc B JWW, 2nd Pl.

July 10-12, 2009, Cocker Spaniel Club, Pomona:

Exc BJWW, 100, 2nd Place, Exc B Std,
100, 1st Place, 9th Leg; Exc B JWW, 100,
3rd Place, **5th Double Q:**

Exc B Std, 100, 1st Pl, 10th Leg—**MX Title!!!!**

Exc B JWW, 100, 3rd Pl, **6th Double Q!**

(They now have 147 MACH points)!!!!



Laurie Burnam & Scout: *July 25-26, 2009, MAC NADAC, Lakeview Terrace, CA:*

Elite Reg, 10-Q, 2nd Place, Elite Weavers, 10-Q, 4th Place, Elite Tunnelers, 10-Q, 5th Place

WHEN I AM OLD

When I am old...

I will wear soft gray sweatshirts...
and a bandana over my silver hair...
and I will spend my social security checks
on wine and my dogs.

I will sit in my house on my well-worn chair
and listen to my dogs breathing.
I will sneak out in the middle of a warm summer night
and take my dogs for a run,
if my old bones will allow.

When people come to call, I will smile and nod
as I show them my dogs...
and talk of them and about them,
the ones so beloved of the past
and the ones so beloved of today...

I will still work hard cleaning after them,
mopping and feeding them and whispering
their names in a soft loving way.

I will wear the gleaming sweat on my throat,
like a jewel, and I will be an embarrassment to all...
especially my family...
who have not yet found the peace in being free
to have dogs as your best friends.

These friends who always wait, at any hour,
for your footfall...
and eagerly jump to their feet out of a sound sleep,
to greet you as if you are a God,
with warm eyes full of adoring love and hope
that you will always stay.

I'll hug their big strong necks...
I'll kiss their dear sweet heads...
and whisper in their very special company.

I look in the mirror... and see I am getting old...
this is the kind of person I am...
and have always been.

Loving dogs is easy, they are part of me.

Please accept me for who I am.
My dogs appreciate my presence in their lives...
they love my presence in their lives...

When I am old this will be important to me...
you will understand when you are old,
if you have dogs to love too.

—Author unknown

Submitted by Nancy Giltner Maher



Sad news from Jody Dushkes:

My dad passed away unexpectedly on June 26. He lived up in the San Francisco Bay Area and came to visit me frequently. He was a fixture on the Irish Water Spaniel circuit, accompanying me to the NW Regional Specialties, and to the Nationals since 2003, including this last

one up in Washington in early May, as well as coming to many of my dog club Christmas parties (mostly my Sheltie Club's), and the Southland Sheltie Rescue picnics with his rescue shelties. He will be sorely missed by his little Sheltie mix Farley, my Irishers, and myself. SSRI is looking for a good home for Farley, since my guys are just too rough and tumble for him.

In Memory of Reilly Green

Lesley and Mickey Green, lifetime VHOC members, write to tell us they lost their Westie, Reilly, on Sunday, July 12. He was just two months shy of 14 years. Many of VHOC lifetime members will remember him. Our deepest sympathy for their loss.

Lab Needs a Home

Jody Katt has a 6- year-old yellow lab that needs a home. Her owner is 82 and has to move from her home. The dog is a sweet, friendly, and typically loveable lab. Her name is Biscuit.. Do you know anyone interested in her? She is in a foster home right now.

Highlights of the VHOC Board Meeting—August 3, 2009

The board meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Nancy Giltner. Board members Lindia Brown, Laurie Burnam, Moira Cornell, Ann Hills, Carole Hills, Cindi Malchose, Allison Pobirs, Carole Raschella, Patti Rovtar, Karla Spitzer and Sandy Walton were in attendance. Minutes were approved and the Treasurer's report presented.

General Membership Meeting Committee: Lindia Brown reported that 22 members attended the June General meeting. The next meeting will be August 17 at CPLS with Obedience run-throughs and CGC practice & test. Sandy Walton, Nancy Giltner and Karla Spitzer will judge obedience; Linda Brooks and Lindia Brown will do CGC.

Corresponding Secretary: Ann Hills advised of AKC's new program—Club Outreach Program—which will allow clubs to have info about their club sent to new dog/puppy registrants. The Board approved a motion to participate.

Training: Laurie Burnam's pet class had received inquiries resulting from the Pet Press ad, but no new students have joined. Rally classes are small, consisting of ongoing regular students. Kim Simons (Agility) was absent.

Seminars: Karla Spitzer presented the board with a list of agility and obedience seminar recommendations which were discussed. Karla also shared the results of her research into locations for the seminars.

Membership: Cindi Malchose announced new member applications: Karen Dembrowski, and Traci and Mike Wrin, whose memberships were activated last month; also Joyce Davis has rejoined.

Publicity: Christy Tattersall absent; Laurie showed Board members the current ad for Pet Press.

Yahoo Group Moderator: Allison Pobirs advised that an invitation to join VHOC's Top Dog Team has been posted to VHOC Yahoo Group.

Council: Laurie Burnam reported that Rich Blashford was unable to attend the last council meeting. The Top Dog judges have been secured.

Old Business: Club telephone is still in the Greenberg's home; we can't move it without losing our current number, so the Greenbergs agreed to let it remain in their home.

Top Dog team: Invitation to membership posted in last month's Newsette and Yahoo group along with 2009 Rules & Regulations. Currently we have some interest expressed for Novice, Open and Utility, though selections have not been made. Members are encouraged to contact Allison.

New Business: The Board approved WCASA's request to rent VHOC's agility equipment for an ASCA agility trial to be held at the VHOC training facility; Terry Simons will investigate and provide a price.

The courtyard between the classroom bungalows is no longer an acceptable dog potty area. Please direct handlers to the perimeter of the playground. Signage will be posted to deter such activity.

Next general meeting will be August 17, 2009 at our training site, Canoga Park Lutheran School, at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm



OBEDIENCE & RALLY EVENTS

AUG

29-30 SBKC. S/O. Earl Warren Grounds, Santa Barbara. Bradshaw, 323-727-0136 or mail@bradshaw.com. Cl. 7/22 **Inc. Rally**

SEP

12 GSDC of San Gabriel Valley. S/O. Orangewood Park, West Covina. Carol Hudd, 702-361-8445. Cl. 8/29 **Inc. Rally**
 12-13 Santa Maria/San Luis Bay GSDC. O only. Elks Lodge, Santa Maria. Cindy Tellefsen, 805-929-1636. Cl. 8/26 **Inc. Rally**
 19-20 Santa Ana Valley KC. S/O. Richard Gahr HS, Cerritos. Bradshaw, 323-727-0136 or mail@bradshaw.com. Cl. 9/2 **Inc. Rally**

AGILITY EVENTS

AUG

15-16 Keeshond Club of SC. Hobert Park, Ventura. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 623-556-8460 or jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com. Cl. 7/29
 29-30 Golden Ret. Club. Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 623-556-8460 or jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com. Cl. 8/12
 29-30 ASCA ASCSC. Gabrieleno Eq. Ctr, Lakeview Terrace. Lorraine Cirinelli, agilityusa@aol.com. Cl. 8/19

SEP

5-7 WC Cocker Spaniel Club. Industry Hills Expo, City of Industry. Lynda Tjarks, 623-556-8460. Cl. 8/19
 12-13 DAC of Chino. Grace Yokley MS, Ontario. Jean O'Neill, 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. 8/28
 12-13 USDAA Contact Point AC. Grand K-9 Ranch, Fillmore. Lisa Dewey, vapordog@earthlink.net. Cl. 9/8
 13 **Fun Run Show 'n Go**, Woodley Park, Van Nuys. \$5 pre-reg., \$6 day of. Jean, 661-726-4683, jean@funrunagility.com
 18-20 SC Collie Club. Gabrieleno Eq. Ctr, Lakeview Terrace. Jean O'Neill, 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. 9/4
 19-20 USDAA Happy Dog Agility. Tierra Rejada Ranch, Moorpark. Cathy Naef, hdr@happydogagility.com. Cl. 9/4
 20 CPE WLAOTC. Cheviot Hills Rec. Ctr., W. Los Angeles. Kitty Jones at kg.jones@verizon.net. Cl. 9/4
 25-27 Hollywood DOC. Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Jean O'Neill, 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. 9/11

HERDING EVENTS

AUG

22-23 Diablo Valley GSD Club. Herding Ewe TC, 5212 Allendale Rd, Vacaville. Brenda Shepard, 408-866-1692. Cl. 8/4

HUNTING EVENTS

AUG

15-16 NC Brittany Club. Hastings Hunting Preserve, Rio Vista. Janice Schmoltdt, 530-742-1488. Cl. 8/10

SEP


19-20 Inland Valley Retriever Club. Prado DTC, Chino. Katherine Urquidi, 626-359-8393 or kvuquidi@yahoo.com. Cl. 9/9
 26-27 SC Sporting Spaniel Club. Prado DTC, Chino. Sue Wilson, 818-621-7749 or sue@bennettvip.com. Cl. 9/18

SPECIAL EVENT

AUG

23 **Nicole Wilde, RM, CPDT Seminar**, J9'sK9s, 21720 Sherman Way, Canoga Park. Reg. \$95/person. Call 818-832-9906 or visit www.j9sk9s.com/seminar.htm. Limited spaces available. (Approved by the APDT for 6.5 CEUs)

Legend: S= Show (Conformation), O= Obedience Trial, Cl=Entries Close, Inc=Includes Rally (All events are AKC unless otherwise noted)

 VHOC BOARD OF DIRECTORS	VHOC STANDING COMMITTEES
<i>President</i>Nancy Giltner	<i>Agility Trial Volunteers</i>Kim & Terry Simons
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<i>Training</i>L. Burnam, M. Cornell, K. Simons	<i>Trophies</i>Patti Rovtar & Linda Zimmerman
<i>Past President</i>Moira Cornell	<i>VHOC Yahoo Group</i>Allison Pobirs

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, west 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 and armband sticks for sale.

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



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 a 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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