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Newsette

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Official Newsletter of Valley Hills Obedience Club, Inc.
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Make plans to join fellow VHOC members as we celebrate events and accomplishments of 2008!



The Annual Banquet will be held on Sunday, March 1, 2009 6:30 to 10:00 pm



The University Club at the Cal. State University, Northridge

Look for the invitation and further details in the February issue of the VHOC Newsette

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



SCORES & BRAGS

OBEDIENCE & CONFORMATION

Janelle Farkas has been awarded the ASCA Cee Hambo Scholarship Award! The scholarship is awarded to a junior handler that demonstrates accomplishments in the handling and showing of Australian Shepherds. There were many qualified applicants and the ASCA board of Directors chose Janelle. (They were supposed to announce it at the ASCA Nationals but forgot, and we just got the official notice).



AGILITY

Stephanie Colman & Quiz: Dec. 26-27, 2008, *Border Collie Club of Greater Los Angeles, Pomona, CA*
Ex A JWW, 100, 2nd Pl, 1st Leg; Ex A JWW, 100, 2nd Pl, 2nd Leg; Exc A Std, 100, 3rd Pl, 2nd Leg



SHOW AND GO

CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF VENTURA



Date: February 8, 2009 (Sunday)

Place: Oxnard Community Center Park, 9th Street at Hobson Way, Oxnard, CA

Time: Entries—9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Judging—9:30 A.M. to completion

Entry: \$6.00 for 1st run-through, \$4.00 for additional run-through of same dog

DIRECTIONS;

From Santa Barbara:

South on 101, exit on Vineyard Avenue. Turn right at the top of the off-ramp onto Vineyard. Follow Vineyard to "H" Street and turn left. Take "H" Street (turns into Hobson Way) approximately 3.5 miles to 9th Street. Turn left on 9th. Park will be on left just past parking lot.

From Los Angeles:

North on 101, exit on Vineyard Avenue. Turn left at the top of the off-ramp onto Vineyard. Follow Vineyard to "H" Street and turn left. Take "H" Street (turns into Hobson Way) approximately 3.5 miles to 9th Street. Turn left onto 9th. Park will be on left just past parking lot.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
SHOW CHAIRPERSON: PATTI KOGER
(805) 985-3145 or day of show (805) 889-9979**

...THE MORE THEY REMAIN THE SAME

It seems like I've been writing about change for months now. Most of my musings were driven by the prospect of the new AKC obedience rules, which have finally been published. So, after all that debate and controversy, what do we find? Er . . . not much. What a disappointment, to see that most of the more innovative ideas have been left by the wayside. The big news is: Obedience has barely changed at all, with the exception of one area (new titling classes). But I did promise a column on this topic, so here goes.

First, let's pause to remember our conclusions on change: It creates controversy; many are locked into their ways and don't embrace even the concept of change; sometimes the loudest voices are those that support the status quo. We are not privy to the discussions within the AKC that led to these results, but we can imagine that these factors must have been in play. The changes are so minor that they haven't even bothered to reprint the rule book, electing rather to issue inserts for the existing book. For those of you who want a complete copy (the changes are all underlined), they can be downloaded free at www.AKC.org.

Here is a summary of the more salient changes.

A club may elect to arrange entries in order of jump height (but is not required to do so).

A dog who titles in an "A" class may continue to show in "A" for 60 days. Thereafter, although it can continue to show at that level, it must move to the "B" class.

A dog may continue to show in Novice B while showing in Open, until it wins an Open leg (or goes high in trial). Within 60 days after titling in Novice A, a dog may win an unlimited number of HITS. In Novice B, after the initial 60 days, when a dog goes HIT it may no longer show in Novice B.

Once a dog has competed in Open, it may no longer compete in Novice A. Once a dog has competed in Utility, it may no longer show in Open A. (*Note: It doesn't have to have qualified.*)

A dog that attacks a person must be disqualified and the judge must fill out a "disqualification for attacking" form. (*Note: This is an attempt to document the frequency of attacks.*)

Here's an Important Change: The judge must excuse a dog that attacks. The judge must excuse a dog that appears dangerous to other dogs in the ring.

The judge will inform handlers after the group exercises, or after the exercises in higher classes that have no group, of a qualifying score. (*Note: Most judges have done this, but now it is required.*)

This One Is Tricky! Hands: Any movement of the handler's hands or arms from the time the dog sits in front and prior to the dog returning to heel will be considered an extra command or signal and will be penalized.

A Much-needed and Helpful Change in Group Exercises: The judge will instruct the handler or a steward to remove any dog that interferes with another dog. Any dog that leaves the place where it was left during the first group exercise must be excused from the remaining group exercise.

Note: There are some adjustments in jump heights. Space does not permit listing them, so check to see if your breed is affected.

The Broad Jump. Language about the turn has been added: "While the dog is in midair, the handler will execute a 90 degree pivot but will remain in the same spot."

Utility: The Glove Exercise. The judge will designate the same glove number for each handler. For each judging assignment the judge must alternate the order of the glove used.

Directed Jumping, Scoring. Language has been added for the NQ: ". . . for a dog that does not stop and remain at least 10 feet past the jumps without an additional command. Minor to substantial deductions will apply if a dog requires an additional command to sit after it has stopped."

New Optional Titling Classes.

Here we have a whole new category of classes. These classes replace the old non-regular classes of Graduate Novice and Graduate Open. They are kind of fun, and contain many of the "doodles" that we use to prepare our dogs for Open and Utility.

Graduate Novice. The exercises include: Heel on leash and figure eight; drop on recall; dumbbell recall; recall over high jump; recall over broad jump. The GN title may be earned if the dog receives qualifying scores under three different judges.

Graduate Open. The exercises include: Signal exercise; scent discrimination; directed retrieve; moving stand; go out; directed jumping. This class nets a title of GO.

Versatility. Six exercises, chosen at random, make up this class: two each from novice, open and utility. There are no groups. The title earned is VER.

Obedience Master and Grand Master Titles.

These will be of interest to those who can't quite make it to an OTCH but want to continue showing and earning titles. Obedience Master points are awarded on a scale from 6 to 15 (based on the score, not on the number of entries), for dogs who earn a qualifying score in Utility B and Open B of 190 or above. A Placement is not necessary to win points,

and it is not necessary to qualify in both open and utility at the same show. A dog must earn 200 points to become a master, with at least 30% or the points coming from Open B and 30% of the points coming from Utility B. There are nine levels of Obedience Master: when a dog hits the 10th level (2,000 points), it becomes a Grand Master. And what, you may wonder, has become of "pre-novice?" There will, indeed, be a "beginner novice" class to replace it, but not until 2010. And what became of only having to show to two judges, instead of three? That, too, is coming, but not until 2011.

There is also a mysterious new non-regular class coming in 2010, called "advanced team work." From the short paragraph offered, it is difficult to decipher what exactly this will mean. Why these changes are being delayed for so long is anyone's guess. It surely means that it will be unlikely that a new committee will be convened in the near future.

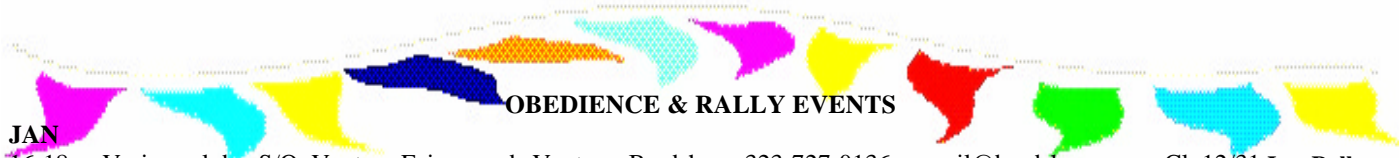
There you have it. Most of the changes involve eligibility rules and the addition of new titles. With the exception of the rules about excusing dangerous dogs, there is practically nothing to report regarding the actual exercises. Traditionalists will be pleased, and seekers of change will no doubt be frustrated.

Have a good month, everybody, and welcome to 2009: Another year of competing, training and goals accomplished.

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JAN
 16-18 Various clubs. S/O. Ventura Fairgrounds Ventura. Bradshaw, 323-727-0136 or mail@bradshaw.com. Cl. 12/31 **Inc. Rally**
 23-25 Various. S/O. Nat'l Orange Show Grounds, San Bernardino. Bradshaw, 323-727-0136 or mail@bradshaw.com. Cl. 1/1. **Inc. Rally**

FEB
 14-15 San Diego Lab Ret. Club. S/O. Del Mar Horse Park, Del Mar. Sharon Licciardi, Sec. 661-278-1240. Cl. 1/21 **Inc. Rally**
 15 St. Bernard Club. S/O. Hotel Claremont, Claremont. Minnie Horlings, Sec. 949-829-0236. Cl. 1/28 **Inc. Rally**
 20-22 Silver Bay KC. S/O. Del Mar Fairgrounds, Del Mar. Bradshaw, 323-727-0136 or mail@bradshaw.com. Cl. 2/4 **Inc. Rally**
 28,3/1 Diablo Valley GSD Club. Mt Diablo Dog Train. Club, Concord. Larry Altree, Sec. 925-687-7588 or laltree@comcast.net. Cl. 2/11 **Inc. Rally**

MAR
 6-8 Apple Valley KC. S/O. Victor Valley Coll. Victorville. Bradshaw, 323-727-0136 or mail@bradshaw.com. Cl. 2/18
 13-15 Del Sur KC. S/O. Del Mar Fairgrounds, Del Mar. Bradshaw, 323-727-0136 or mail@bradshaw.com. Cl. 2/25 **Inc. Rally**
 21-22 Basset Hound Club. S/O. LaHabra Heights Park, LaHabra Heights. Eileen Parr, Sec.760-946-9048 Cl. 3/4

AGILITY EVENTS

JAN
 17-18 Simi Valley KC, Gabrieleno Eq. Park, Lakeview Terrace. Jean O'Neill, Sec. 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. 1/2
 24-25 DAC of Ventura, Hobert Park, Ventura. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 623-556-8460 or jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com. Cl. 1/7
 24-25 **NADAC** Ups N Downs Agility, Oceanside. Lynn Spears at Tornadotilly@cox.net. Cl. TBD
 31-2/1 SCPWDC, Industry Hills Expo, Industry. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 623-556-8460 or jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com. Cl. 1/14
 31-2/1 **USDAA** Driven Dogs, Grand K9 Ranch, Fillmore. Lisa Dewey, Sec. 818-767-7659, vapordog@earthlink.net. Cl. 1/16

FEB
 1/31-2/1 SCPWDC, Industry Hills Expo, Industry. Lynda Tjarks, Sec. 623-556-8460 or jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com. Cl. 1/14
 7-8 Samoyed Club of LA. Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Lynda Tjarks, Sec., jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com. Cl. 1/21
 13-16 Contact Point AC. Grand K9 Ranch, Fillmore. Karen Moureaux, Sec. 805-524-7900 or cpagility@aol.com. Cl. 1/30
 15 **ShowNGo**. Fun Run Agility, Woodley Ave Van Nuys. \$5 pre-entry, \$6 day of, 3 rings, Reg. 8 am. http://funrunagility.com.
 15-16 Contact Point AC. Grand K9 Ranch, Fillmore. Jean O'Neill, Sec. 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl.1/30
 21-22 Silver Bay KC. Del Mar Fairgrounds, Del Mar. Lynda Tjarks, Sec., jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com. Cl. 2/6
 21-22 Keeshond Club of SC. Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Lynda Tjarks, Sec., jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com. Cl. 2/4
 27-3/1 **USDAA** CPAC. Grand K9 Ranch, Fillmore. Lisa Dewey, Sec. 818-767-7659 or vapordog@earthlink.net. Cl. 2/17

MAR
 7-8 Keeshond Club. Hidden Valley OTC, Escondido. Lynda Tjarks, Sec., jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com. Cl. 2/18
 7-8 High Desert AC. Woodley Ave Park, Van Nuys. Jean O'Neill, Sec. 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. 2/21
 14-15 Golden Ret. Club. Woodley Ave Park, Van Nuys. Lynda Tjarks, Sec., jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com. Cl. 2/25
 21-22 Hollywood DOC. Gabrieleno Eq. Park, Lakeview Terrace. Jean O'Neill, Sec. 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. 3/6
 27-31 **USDAA** Contact Point AC. Grand K9 Ranch, Fillmore. Lisa Dewey, Sec. 818-767-7659 or vapordog@earthlink.net. Cl. 3/6
 28-29 BC Club. Woodley Ave Park, Van Nuys. Jean O'Neill, Sec. 909-593-9395 or jmo@earthlink.net. Cl. 3/13
 28-29 **CPE WLAOTC**, Cheviot Hills Rancho Park, Los Angeles. Kitty Jones, 310-915-5588 or kg.jones@verizon.net. Cl. 3/18

HERDING EVENTS

JAN
 24-25 BC Club of Gr. LA, TASK Farms, Leona Valley. Jan McAninch, Sec. 714-846-5134 or tervs@mcaninch.net. Cl. 1/14

MAR
 14-15 Inland Empire Herding Dog Assoc. Stonewall Ranch, Perris. Jan McAninch, 714-846-5134, tervs@mcaninch.net. Cl. 3/2
 21-22 PWC Club. Judy's Sheep Ranch, Lakeview Terrace. Jan McAninch, Sec. 714-846-5134, tervs@mcaninch.net. Cl. 3/9

HUNTING EVENTS

JAN
 17-18 GSP Club of SC. Ave A W & 50th St W, Rosamond. Daisy Scapheer, Sec. 661-256-8409 or citwire@yahoo.com. Cl. 1/12
 31/2/1 SC Vizsla Club. San Jacinto Wildlife Area, Lakeview. Joy Ann Stoeffler, 951-681-0386 or joyann345@aol.com. Cl. 12/31

FEB
 14-15 Brittany Clubs. Claymine Rd /Hwy. 58, California City. Linda McDonald, Sec. 760-956-8943, mcbritbull@aol.com. Cl. 2/8
 28-3/1 GSPC of San Diego. Oak Grove Valley, San Diego. Colleen Scruggs, Sec. 760-787-1410 or gspcomet@aol.com. Cl. 1/23



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

2009 BOARD NOMINEES

In accordance with the VHOC Constitution and By-Laws, the Nominating Committee has met and nominated the following individuals to serve on the 2009 Board. Additional nominations may be made by written petition (e-mail or snail mail) to the Recording Secretary (Allison Pobirs, sunnyedog@yahoo.com) by February 6, 2009; nominations must be endorsed by said nominee and signed by five members. If you would like to serve on a committee in a capacity other than that of the chair/director, or assist an officeholder with their duties, please let us know. of your interest. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

OFFICERS:

President: Nancy Giltner
 Vice President: Carole Raschella
 Corresponding Secretary: Ann Hills
 Recording Secretary: Allison Pobirs
 Treasurer: Carole Hills



OTHER BOARD POSITIONS:

Membership: Cindi Malchose
 Publicity: Christy Tattersall
 Agility Trial Chairs: Moira Cornell, Kim Simons
 Obedience Trial Chair: Laurie Burnam
 Training: Laurie Burnam, Moira Cornell and Kim Simons

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Agility Trial Workers: Kim and Terry Simons
 Awards Banquet: Laurie Burnam, Stephanie Colman, Janelle Farkas and Ann Hills
 Catalog: Carole Raschella
 Food/Hospitality: Nancy Giltner
 General Membership Meetings: Lindia Brown
 Newsette: Accepting Nominations
 Raffle: Cindi Malchose, Jan Racey and Christy Tattersall
 Show-N-Go: Sandy Walton
 Trophies: Patti Rovtar and Linda Zimmerman
 VHOC Website: Stephanie Colman
 VHOC Yahoo Group: Allison Pobirs

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

**Suzanne LeRoy and her Border Collies, Whippets and Parson Russell Terriers:
 "Bain"- "Winee"- "Lily"- "Bar" and "Rumor"**



Cathy Schmidt and her Collie: "Lola"

Annette Parker and her Labrador Retriever: "Karma"

Zandra Wagoner and her Papillon: "Cooper"



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



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Agility TrialMoira Cornell & Kim Simons
Obedience TrialLaurie Burnam
TrainingL. Burnam, M. Cornell, K. Simons
Past President.....Moira Cornell

VHOC STANDING COMMITTEES

Agility Trial Workers.....Kim & Terry Simons
Banquet.....Laurie Burnam, Stephanie Colman, Ann Hills
Catalog.....Carole Raschella
Food.....Nancy Giltner
General Meetings.....Nancy Giltner
Newsette.....Carole Hills
Raffle.....Cindi Malchose, Jan Racey, Christy Tattersall
Show-N-Go.....Sandy Walton
Trophies.....Sarah Sykes
VHOC Website.....Stephanie Colman
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MEMBER ADVERTISING



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.

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



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