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VHOC Website: www.vhoc.org

General Membership Meeting

Monday, May 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Canoga Park Lutheran School (our training site)
7357 Jordan Avenue, Canoga Park, CA 91303

Our program for May will be demonstration of scent work, presented by VHOC club member, Holly Rake.



Join us for another entertaining evening. Bring your dogs if you would like to train before or after the demonstration.

Also, bring a chair and a drink for yourself and your dog. The club will provide light refreshments—and possibly some home-baked goodies from Lindia if she has time.

Please RSVP by Friday, May 14, so we will have plenty of refreshments!

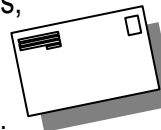
RSVP to Lindia Brown, lbrown@rosenthallawcorp.com
or leave a voice message at 818-884-1304.

Dear Editor



Send brags, announcements and other information to Carole Hills at cahills1@verizon.net on or before the 8th of each month.

If you know of a member who would appreciate receiving correspondence, such as a get-well card, sympathy card, etc., please email C. Hills, VHOC Newsette Editor at: cahills1@verizon.net.



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BRAGS & SCORES

AGILITY (continued)



Amanda Prince & Cayenne: Jan. 2, 2010, Keeshond Club of So California, City of Industry, CA:

Open JWW, 1st place, 3rd leg— **OAJ Title!**

Feb. 28, 2010, Papillion Club of So California, Van Nuys, CA:

Exc A JWW, 1st place, 1st leg.

Mar. 5-7, 2010, Fiesta Cluster, Scottsdale, AZ:

Novice FAST, 1st leg; Novice FAST, 2nd leg, 2nd place; Exc A JWW, 2nd leg; Novice FAST, 3rd leg, 2nd place—**NF Title!**

Mar. 14, 2010, Sun Maid Kennel Club, Fresno, CA:

Exc A Std, 1st place, 1st leg; Open Fast, 1st place, 1st leg.

April 5 General Membership Meeting

The April General Meeting was a huge success! Thank you, Lindia Brown, for bringing interesting and informative topics and presentations to the club members every month. This month's meeting was a very exciting demonstration presented by Officer Feeley and her K-9 partner, members of the Glendale Police K-9 Unit, plus a couple of club members (Patti Rovtar and Ann Hills) who assisted as volunteers for the "bark and hold" and "bite" demos (see photos below, courtesy of Aaron Malchose). Nearly 30 club members and friends came out—braving the cold and threat of rain—to enjoy and participate in this great General Membership Meeting.



GLENDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT K-9 UNIT

Officer Maribel Feeley and K-9 "Yudy"

K-9 Yudy, German Shepherd Dog was born on April 5, 2004 in Germany and speaks only German. She and Officer Feeley met on September 26, 2005, and have been best friends ever since.



Yudy is trained to find people and evidence. She is also cross-trained as a narcotics detection dog, and can locate hidden drugs. Officer Feeley tells us that Yudy loves coming to work every day to keep the streets safe.

Pictured below:
Some of the club members who attended the K-9 Demo meeting.



Pictured above:
Yudy attacks volunteer, Ann Hills, and nearly takes her down!

BRAGS & SCORES

OBEDIENCE & RALLY

Asher Farkas & Symba: *April 4, 2010, Delta ASCA, Turlock, CA:*
Nov A, 183½, 1st Leg, 1st Place—**HIT Junior!!!**

Allison Pobirs & Quinn: *March 27, 2010, Bassett Hound Club of SC, Anaheim, CA:*
Open A, 195, 1st Leg—1st Place.

AGILITY

Janelle Farkas & Taxi: *March 20-21, 2010, NADAC, Manzanita Agility Club, Lakeview Terrace, CA:*
Nov Regular, 10-Q, Nov Tunnelers, 10-Q, Nov Regular, 10-Q, Nov Jumpers, 10-Q.

Janelle Farkas & Taxi: *March 27-28, 2010, ASCA, Phoenix, AZ:*
Elite Gamblers, 10-Q, Elite Regular, 10-Q, **3 Elite Jumpers, 10-Qs —JJ-E-SP Title!!!**

Janelle Farkas & Taxi: *April 3-4, 2010, ASCA, PASA, Turlock, CA:*
Elite Regular, 10-Q, Elite Regular, 10-Q

Ann Hills & Trace: *March 20-21, 2010, NADAC, Manzanita Agility Club, Lakeview Terrace, CA:*

Elite Regular, 10-Q, 1st Place, 3rd Leg—**EAC Title!**
Novice Tunnelers, 10-Q, 2nd Place, 3rd Leg—**TN-N Title!!**

Carole & Tucker Hills: *March 21, 2010, NADAC, Manzanita Agility Club, Lakeview Terrace, CA:*

Elite Tunnelers, 10-Q, 1st Place—2nd Leg; Elite Chances, 10-Q, 10th Leg.

Cindi Malchose & Jenna: *March 14, 2010, High Desert Agility Club, Van Nuys, CA:*
Exc B JWW, 100, 1st MX Leg; Exc A Std, 100, 3rd Place, 2nd AX Leg.

Cindi Malchose & Jenna: *March 28, 2010, Hollywood Dog Obedience Club, Lakeview Terrace, CA:*
Exc B JWW, 100, 2nd MX Leg; Exc A Std, 100, 1st Place, 3rd Leg—**AX Title!**

Amanda Prince & Rogan: *Feb. 15, 2010, Samoyed Club of Los Angeles, Walnut, CA: Double Q #15*

Feb. 21, 2010, KC, Palm Springs, Beaumont, CA: 2nd place in Std, 3rd place in JWW, Double Q #16

Feb. 16, 2010, Papillion Club of So California, Van Nuys, CA: Exc B JWW, 1st place.

Feb. 28, 2010, Papillion Club of So California, Van Nuys, CA: Exc B JWW, 5th place.

Mar. 7, 2010, Fiesta Cluster, Scottsdale, AZ: Double Q #17

Mar. 14, 2010, Sun Maid KC, (Regular Competition) Fresno, CA: Exc B, JWW, 2nd Place.

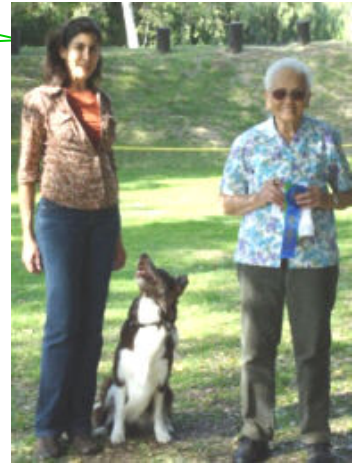
March 13, 2010, Sun Maid KC CA Agility Junior Handler Competition, Fresno, CA:



Debbie Prince (Amanda's Mom) writes:

“On March 13, 2010, Amanda and Rogan competed in the 2010 Agility Junior Handler's Competition in Fresno. They double Q'd with two flawless, beautiful, fast runs. They were awarded the AKC title for the California Agility Junior Handler of the Year, a \$500 scholarship, a beautiful ribbon, and a silver bowl that will make Kim jealous!”

“It has been incredible to watch what an amazing team Amanda and Rogan have become.”



YOU can help support the Glendale Police Department's K-9 Unit!

Glendale Police Foundation

The Glendale Police Foundation is a volunteer-based organization in Glendale which lists among its activities, the full support and sponsorship of the police K-9 program. The average dog will be in service for 5 years and then needs to be replaced. Each dog will cost \$50,000 in training and supplies over the service lifetime of the dog.

The Foundation Needs *Your* Help

The Glendale Police Department K-9 Unit is funded solely through donations from the public. All costs of the program including training, equipment, food, and veterinary care are paid for through the generosity of the citizens and local business owners of our community. The Glendale Police Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization which has been helping support the Glendale Police Department K-9 Unit since its inception in 2005. All donations made to the K-9 Unit are tax-deductible. Much of the funds raised by the Foundation are directly used for the Glendale Police K-9 Unit. Through community support, we are able to provide protection, safety, and service for the residents, business and visitors of Glendale.

Estimated Cost of the K-9 Unit

Purchase of a Police Service Dog (untrained)	\$6,000
Basic K9 Patrol Training	\$4,200
Narcotic / Explosive Detection Training	\$4,000
Hard Surface Tracking Training	\$3,000
Food (per dog/per year)	\$1,500
Equipment / Supplies (per dog/per year)	\$500
Vet / Healthcare Services (per dog/per year)	\$300
The security of a K9 search team finding that hidden suspect in your backyard	Priceless!

Visit the Glendale K-9 Unit on the web at www.GlendaleK9.com to see how you can help.

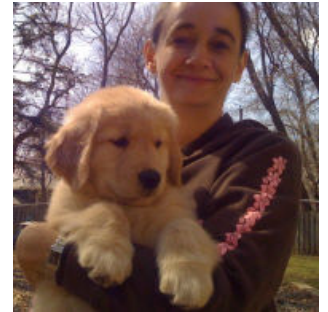


Member News

Sarah and Steve Sykes' New Puppy!



The Sykes family flew home with Brio from Minneapolis on Monday, April 5th, and he is settling in perfectly. Rupert is being a good big brother so far, but they think he wants to know when the baby monster is going back to wherever he came from! Sarah is looking forward to their adventures in obedience together and hopes to try agility and maybe some tracking later on too.



VHOC JACKETS AVAILABLE



This dark green jacket with the club logo embroidered on the front is the perfect jacket for VHOC members on the go.

Lightweight, breathable comfort in a well-tailored design makes this stylish hooded, weather-resistant jacket essential when foul weather threatens.

The smooth 100% polyester shell resists the elements and is enhanced by mesh inserts in the gussets to let air circulate to help you feel your best all day long.

Complete with an adjustable toggle hood, two slash pockets, bottom drawstring with cord locks, and raglan sleeves, available in Small, Medium, Large and Extra-Large sizes. The cost is \$30.

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

Pat Troise and her Leonberger, Mars and Swedish Valhund, Astra

Maureen Wiese and her Australian Shepherds, Bodie and Harry

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

With Sympathy

We are deeply saddened to learn from Virginia (Ginny) and Steve Hoover, VHOC lifetime members, of the death of their beloved Collie, Taffy. She passed away from cancer after surviving for over 18 months. Taffy was 10 1/2 and loved by everyone. Ginny tells us they plan to get a new puppy soon.

Dave Crawley, a former VHOC member, has informed us of the sad passing of his "perfect dog", Hanalei. Members may recall Hanalei as a Guide Dog in training who went on to become an amazing agility dog. Hanalei would have been 13 in March 2010. We send our heartfelt sympathies.

[Enroll today and Save \\$10!](#)



AKC Canine PartnersSM
AKC program for Mixed-Breeds.

Apply online by April 30th, and pay only \$25 (regularly \$35). Your dog will be eligible to compete in any AKC Rally®, Agility and Obedience trials accepting mixed-breed entries, starting April 1. **(Including the VHOC Trial in December)**

In addition, you'll receive these special AKC benefits valued up to \$75 – all for \$25 if you enroll online at www.akc.org by April 30th.

- ◆ Complimentary 60-Day Trial AKC Pet Healthcare Plan
- ◆ Lifetime enrollment in AKC CAR Lost & Found Recovery Service
- ◆ One-year subscription to *AKC Family Dog* magazine
- ◆ AKC Canine Partners Official Decree of Dog Fun
- ◆ AKC Canine Partners Decal
- ◆ Eligibility to participate in AKC Agility, Obedience and AKC Rally® Events
- ◆ AKC CAR collar tag with AKC Canine Partners Listing Number



Message from the American Kennel Club to AKC Canine Partners (Mixed-Breed Dog Owners)

We are excited about the opportunities for your dogs to start competing in AKC trials this April and we hope you are too! If you have entered your dog in any AKC competitions or plan to do so in the future, please keep us in mind for updates on how your dogs are progressing. We will be posting recaps of the first weekend of events on the web site and will send a press release with a recap of events. Please send us updates on how your dogs are doing this first weekend and in the future and we may be able to include a few of your accomplishments in our updates.

We are especially interested to hear about dogs completing their titles. Be sure to send us an email and let us know what title your dog earned, his listing number or name, the date and event where your dog completed the title and your name. We have press release templates available for you to send to your local reporters in the event that you would like to publicize your dogs' accomplishments locally.

Michelle Barlak, Public Relations Manager
American Kennel Club

Border Collie Club of Greater Los Angeles, Lakeview Terrace, CA: AKC Agility Trial – April 3-4, 2010

It could not have been a more perfect day for the first day of competition for mixed-breed dogs at the Border Collie Club of Greater Los Angeles. It was a lovely sunny afternoon at Gabrielino Park, where not too far from the Agility rings you could watch the horses practicing their carting in the grass under the oak trees. Judge Beverly Morgan Lewis provided fun, yet challenging set of courses for all to run.

At the Excellent briefing when it was announced that there were eight mixed-breeds that would be running that day, a cheer came from those gathered. Many of them stayed to watch and cheer for the mixed-breeds when they ran in the Novice classes late in the afternoon.

The first dog to come to the line in Novice Jumpers with Weaves was appropriately enough an All-American Dog named "Ace" being run by his 11 year old junior handler Tyrssa de Ruyter. The crowd clapped and cheered as they stepped into the ring. Just 30.06 seconds later they had a clean run and were the first All-American Dog to get a leg at the Border Collie Club of Greater Los Angeles Trial. This time the crowd was even louder

showing their enthusiasm for this team. In talking with Tyrssa's mom, she was thrilled to be doing AKC since there are so many shows and it is so accessible to them. They plan to do lots of AKC events. Each of the teams that came to the line were greeted enthusiastically by the crowd and encouraged through each run

In the Jumpers class, there were six of the seven All-Americans entered that qualified. Their placements are noted in the parentheses: Ace & Tyrssa de Ruyter (1st); Barkley & Louise Stewart (1st); Gator & Laurie Zurborg (1st); Molly & Russell Friedman (2nd); Mocha & Lucy Kluckhohn Jones (2nd); Shakespeare & Jean Hobbs (1st)

In the Standard class, six of the eight All Americans qualified on the course: Pepper & Leslie Schwartz (1st); Barkley & Louise Stewart (2nd); Gator & Laurie Zurborg (2nd); Molly & Russell Friedman (2nd); Mocha & Lucy Kluckhohn Jones (2nd); Shakespeare & Jean Hobbs (1st)

Great way to kick off the first day of the AKC Canine Partners program here in Los Angeles!

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Valley Hills Obedience Club Board Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2010— Dawn Esposito, Recording Secretary

In Attendance: Laurie Burnam, Moira Cornell, Dawn Esposito, Nancy Giltner, Ann Hills, Carole Hills, Carole Raschella, Patti Rovtar, Terry Simons, Sarah Sykes and Sandy Walton.

Minutes were READ and APPROVED.

Treasurer (Carole Hills): Reported lower 2009 income possibly due to rainout of classes, website update expense and banquet expenses.

Vice President (Carole Raschella): Nothing to Report.

General Membership Meeting Committee (Lindia Brown): Emailed report: April 5, 2010, 7:00 PM. Glendale Police Department K-9 Unit Demo.

Recording Secretary (Dawn Esposito): Nothing to Report.

Corresponding Secretary (Ann Hills): September is responsible dog ownership month. Possibility of holding community event, Kids n Canines class, demos in schools. Motion was approved to think about new events for future.

Training

Obedience (Laurie Burnam, Moira Cornell): Nothing to Report

Rally (Laurie Burnam, Sarah Sykes): New 6 week series starting April 6, 2010.

Agility (Kim Simons): Terry reported: New Students for Wednesday/Thursday.

Seminars (Nancy Giltner): Denise Fenzi, March 20-21, 2010. 12 working spots filled and 19 auditing. \$996.50 profit was made. Possibility of a 2nd seminar w/Denise. October – possible seminar with Gary/Cathy Platt.

Membership (Cindi Malchose): Approved via email: Pat Troise, Mars the Leonberger and Astra the Swedish Valhund. Sponsored by Laurie Burnam.

Maureen Wiese, Bodie and Harry the Australian Shepherds. Sponsored by Terry Simons.

Publicity (Christy Tattersall): Absent: Nothing to Report.

Newsletter (Carole Hills): Nothing to Report.

Website: Logo / copyright laws discussed. It was determined that the club owns the logo but that the copyright belongs to the creator, Carole Raschella. Carole is amenable to VHOC using the logo as it sees fit, provided the image is not distorted or otherwise changed. The interior part of the logo (without the outer circles) will not be used on the website and the web designer has been informed.

Yahoo Group (Allison Pobirs): Absent: Nothing to Report

Council (Rich Blashford, Laurie Burnam): Laurie reports: Date of Top Dog, November 13, 2010.

Old Business: Banner has been completed.

Trial/Match:

Trial Committees: Obedience (Laurie Burnam): Site and judges confirmed.

Agility Chair (Kim Simons): Site and judges confirmed.

Agility Workers Coordinators (Kim & Terry Simons): In progress.

Catalog (Carole Raschella): Nothing to Report.

Hospitality (Moira Cornell): Nothing to Report

Food (Nancy Giltner): Nothing to Report.

Show-N-Go (Sandy Walton): Nothing to Report

Raffle (Christy Tattersall, Jan Racey, Cindi Malchose): Nothing to Report.

Trophies (Patti Rovtar/Sarah Sykes): Nothing to Report.

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:00 PM

Next Board Meeting: May 10, 2010, 7:00 PM at Moira Cornell's home.

Next General Meeting: April 5, 2010, 7:00 PM at CPLS.

**VHOC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



President.....Nancy Giltner
Vice President.....Carole Raschella
Corresponding Secretary.....Ann Hills
Recording Secretary.....Dawn Esposito
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Publicity.....Christy Tattersall
Agility TrialKim Simons
Obedience TrialLaurie Burnam
TrainingL. Burnam, M. Cornell, K. Simons

VHOC STANDING COMMITTEES

Agility Trial Volunteer Workers.....Kim & Terry Simons
Banquet.....Laurie Burnam, Stephanie Colman, Ann Hills
Catalog.....Carole Raschella
Food.....Nancy Giltner
General Meetings.....Lindia Brown
Newsletter.....Carole Hills
Raffle.....Cindi Malchose, Jan Racey, Christy Tattersall
Show-N-Go.....Sandy Walton
Seminar Coordinator.....Nancy Giltner
Trophies.....Patti Rovtar & Sarah Sykes
Yahoo WebsiteAllison Pobirs
Website CommitteeA. Hills, C. Hills, A. Pobirs, C. Raschella, & T. Simons





Looking for an event? Seminars, Matches, Tests, Trials, Shows

Sorry, we are no longer able to list upcoming events in the monthly newsletter

AKC (American Kennel Club) now open to purebred and mixed-breeds, offer multiple sport events, including agility, conformation, coonhound events, earthdog tests, field trials, herding trials and tests, hunting tests, obedience trials, lure coursing tests and trials, rally trials, and tracking events at www.akc.org/events/search/

ASCA (Australian Shepherd Club of America) events include agility, conformation, junior handlers, obedience, stockdog and tracking programs and can usually be found at www.asca.org. ASCA trials are not always on the ASCA website—check with the local ASCA clubs.

CPE (Canine Performance Events, Inc) CPE offers 5 levels of titling classes in agility (from Beginners to Championship). Membership is open to all purebred and mixed-breed dogs 15 months or older. Veteran dogs 6 years or older may compete at lower jump heights; standard classes and many game classes are offered; Junior and Physically Challenged Handlers are welcomed. For listing of events, visit <http://www.k9cpe.com/>

NADAC (North American Dog Agility Council) provides agility trials for all breeds of dogs, including mixed breeds, with separate divisions for Veterans and Junior Handlers. Compete in standard classes and a variety of games. Visit the website at www.nadac.com.

UKC (United Kennel Club) lists events for agility, conformation, dock jumping, dog sports, hunting programs, obedience, terrier racing, and weight pulls at www.ukcdogs.com.

USDAA (United States Dog Agility Association), conducts agility trials for more than 200 different breeds of dogs, including mixed breeds. List of events can be found at www.usdaa.com.

Many events can also be found at trial secretary, superintendent or event-listing websites such as the following:

AGILITY

Agility Events (any venue in any state)

<http://www.agilityevents.net>

Agility USA Information (ASCA/NADAC)

<http://www.angelfire.com/games5/ascanadac/>

Southwest Agility Calendar

<http://agilek9s.net/calendar/>

Lynda Tjarks Trial Secretary

<http://www.lyndatjarksagility.com/index.php?module=agilitySec&type=event&func=view>

Jump City Trial Secretary

<http://www.jumpcityagility.com/trialinfo/>

CONFORMATION

MB-F, Inc. Superintendent Dog Shows

<http://infodog.com/panels/ca.htm>

Jack Bradshaw Superintendent Shows

<http://www.jbradshaw.com/shows.htm>

OBEDIENCE

Jack Bradshaw Superintendent

<http://www.jbradshaw.com/shows.htm>

Sharon Licciardi Trial Secretary

<http://slicciardi.com/>

Southern CA Dog Obedience Council

<http://www.scdoc.org/calendar.htm>

RALLY

Jack Bradshaw Superintendent

<http://www.jbradshaw.com/shows.htm>

SEMINARS

<http://www.dogseminarsdirectory.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, 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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