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is the 8th of each month**

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P. O. Box 10132, Canoga Park, CA 91309



## General Membership Meeting POT LUCK DINNER

**Monday, August 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

Like to eat? On a diet? Love to cook? Whatever the case, don't miss the August 16 general membership meeting. The Club will provide healthy roasted chicken, paper products and utensils. Members are asked to bring their own beverage and a covered dish to share.

Since we will need to order the chicken, it is important that you RSVP to Lindia Brown ([lbrown@rosenthallawcorp.com](mailto:lbrown@rosenthallawcorp.com)) no later than August 12, 2010. You may also leave a voice message at 818-884-1304. At the same time, please let Lindia know what covered dish you would like to bring so we can make sure we have a variety.



Bring your dogs if you would like to do some training before or after the meeting. We will need to set up and put away several tables for this meeting. Volunteers welcome!

**Please RSVP by Thursday, August 12 to Lindia Brown at  
[lbrown@rosenthallawcorp.com](mailto:lbrown@rosenthallawcorp.com) or leave a message at 818-884-1304.**



Please send brags, announcements and other information to Carole Hills at:  
[cahills1@verizon.net](mailto:cahills1@verizon.net)  
**on or before the  
8th of each month.**

### VHOC Yahoo Group

If you haven't yet registered or have not recently visited the VHOC Yahoo Group, you're missing out on a lot of timely information. This forum enables VHOC members to network with fellow club members and share the joy of dog sports, training and competition. Moderator, Allison Pobirs, is looking forward to welcoming new and returning members.

<http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/VHOC/>

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## BRAGS & SCORES

### OBEDIENCE & RALLY

**Allison Pobirs & Quinn:** July 24, 2010, ASC-San Diego, Oceanside, CA:  
Open A, 191.5—2nd ASCA CDX Leg.

*Allison writes:* "What an exciting day for Quinn and me - we got a break from the weather at home. It was lovely, temps of 70°-75° in Oceanside, in comparison to that at home in Castaic, of 96°.

Judging in ASCA Obedience trials begin with the Group Stay exercises, first Open (out-of-sight), then Novice. The individual exercises follow groups beginning with Utility, then Open, concluding with Novice and the non-regular classes if offered. When the Judge explained that everyone enters the ring with a 200...well that must be before groups!

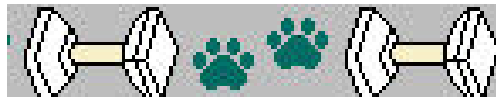
Quinn whined during the out-of-sight sit stay. He started whining in down stay when he became distracted by the Brittany Spaniel next to him. The Brittany got up, ran around, then went over to Quinn to entice him to play. Quinn was a star, holding his position! I am very pleased that he was able to resist the temptations of the frolicking Brittany Spaniel - he was a cute little jester! The Brittany was retrieved and Quinn was quiet the rest of the down stay to the cost of another 3 point deduction. We entered the ring for individual exercises with a 194, having left behind some 6 points in the Group Stays.



Quinn was quite spiffy in his individual exercises, holding on to all but 2.5 points. He was quite the teammate! We received a 191.5 on our second ASCA CDX leg. His individual exercises were lovely! I am very pleased with him. The drive home was an extra hour for traffic. We didn't seem to notice—what a great day!"

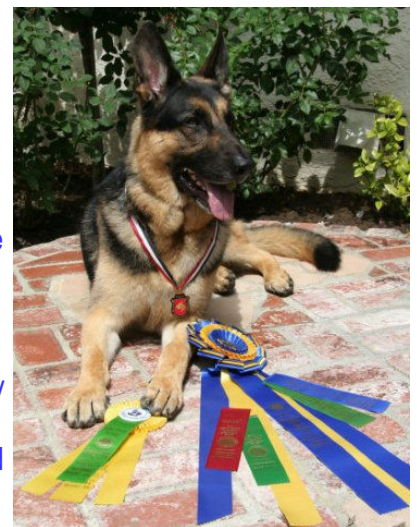
**Stephanie Colman & Quiz:** August 7-8, 2010, Victoria City KC,  
Victoria, BC (4 shows in 2 days)

Leg 1 - 199—**High in Class!** (what we call First); Leg 2—192.5  
Leg 3 - 198.5—**Title!!**; Bumper Leg - 194.5—**High in Class!!!**



**Kathy Spilos & Fritz:** July 9-11, 2010,  
Ventura County "Summerfest" Show

*Kathy writes:* "While attending Ventura County's July "Summerfest" shows, Fritz took third place in his Novice Obedience class to clinch his CD title!! Though still awaiting the official title picture, Kathy thought it would be fun to document this, her first CD, with a picture of Fritz and the ribbons he gathered along the way. Fritz earned first place and High in Trial on his first leg, then took a break to earn his RA and RE titles. They returned to the obedience ring in June to earn second place and his second leg and finally clinched the title along with the yellow ribbon! Having so many fellow VHOC members ringside with cheers hugs, and high-fives made our celebration all the more special and memorable!!"



**Karla Spitzer & Hermione:** July 8, 2010, Boxer Club of SF Valley Specialty:

Rally Novice, 80, 1st Place—1st Leg (They were thrilled with that—after the winter they had!!)

## BRAGS & SCORES

### OBEDIENCE & RALLY

**Linda Zimmerman & Brooke:** July 9, Channel City KC, Ventura, CA:  
Rally Excellent A, 96, 1st Place—**RE Title!**

**Linda Zimmerman & Brooke:** July 10, Santa Maria KC, Ventura, CA:  
Rally Excellent A, 78, 4th Place

*Linda writes:* "Ch Legacy Life's A Party, RE, NAP, NJP (Brooke) celebrated her 11th birthday the following day. She still loves going to shows to compete and I love that Rally allows her to remain involved. Here is a photo of Brooke when she finished her championship."

**Happy Birthday Brooke!**



### AGILITY

**Laurie Burnam & Scout:** July 24, 2010, Dog Agility Club of Ventura, Ventura, CA:  
Exc JWW, 100-Q, 9 MACH points—**8th MXJ Leg!**

**Laurie Burnam & Scout:** August 7-8, 2010, NADAC Manzanita Agility Club, Van Nuys, CA:  
Elite Regular, 10-Q, 1st Place, 11th leg; Elite Regular, 10-Q, 3rd Place, 12th leg; Elite Jumpers, 10-Q, 3rd Place, 9th leg; Elite Jumpers, 10-Q, 3rd Place, 10th leg, (NATCH requirement fulfilled); Elite Hoopers, 10-Q, 7th Place, 2nd leg.

**Stephanie Colman & Quiz:** August ??, 2010, Monterey, CA

**Baby Trace earns his WV-O Title!  
Look out, all you Elite dogs!!**



**Ann Hills & Trace:** August 7-8, 2010, MAC, Van Nuys, CA:  
Elite Regular, 10-Q, 4th Place; Open Jumpers, 10-Q,  
1st Place, 2nd Leg;  
Open Jumpers, 10-Q, 1st Place, 3rd Leg—**OJC Title!**  
Elite Hoopers, 10-Q, 1st Leg; Open Weavers, 10-Q,  
2nd Place, 3rd Leg—**WV-O Title!!**

**Debbie Lang & Quila:** July 24-25, 2010, DAC, Ventura, CA:  
Open Std, 1st Place, 1st Leg; Open JWW, 2nd Place, 2nd  
Leg; Open Std, 3d Place, 2nd Leg, Open JWW, 3rd Place,  
3rd Leg—**OAJ Title!**

**Debbie Lang & Quila:** July 31, 2010, Agility Club of Santa  
Barbara, Lakeview Terrace, CA:  
Open JWW, 2nd Place. *Debbie writes:* "Open has proved  
tougher than Novice, especially Standard."

### FREESTYLE

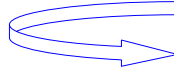
*Lindia Brown writes:* "The FreeStyle teams did 2 sets of demos at the Pet Expo at the Fairplex in Pomona last Sunday. The building was packed, and guess who did the second set OFF LEASH!! (Bet it was TILLY) I was so excited I thought I would faint. Realistically, I know that our dog feeds off our emotions and that I should have stayed calm...couldn't help myself."

# Summer Fun

## Joyce Davis's girls have a Pool Party

Allison Pobirs  
Photographer

*Sage jumps in first!*



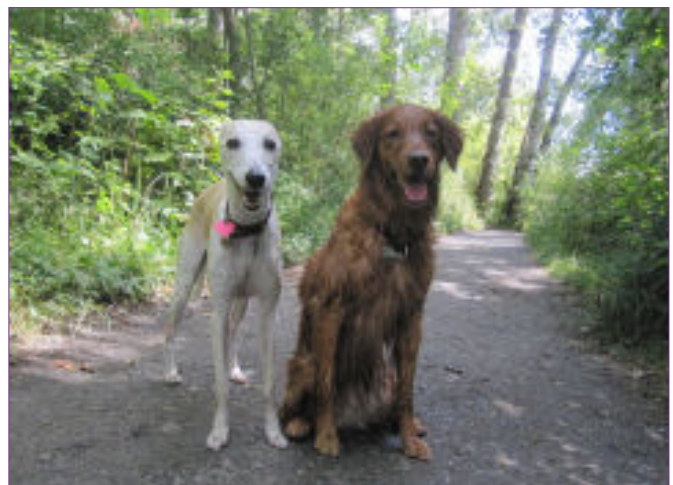
*Jill, right behind her!!*



*Jill gets the water wobbie.*



Allison Pobirs and Quinn  
beat the heat at the beach.



Zoie and Quiz Coleman on a romp  
along Elk Lake in Saanich, BC

# SCDOC TOP DOG

Southern California Dog Obedience Council hosts an inter-club Obedience competition every November which is open to all the dog clubs in its membership.

VHOC members have blast at this event, sharing team spirit, camaraderie with fellow members and their dogs. Our team is selected from VHOC members who truly *enjoy* competition obedience and have the spirit to enjoy the day and support their teammates!

If you fit this prerequisite PLEASE read the rules and consider applying for a spot when recruitment begins this fall! There are NO minimum titling requirements! Your dog only needs to be trained through the level you would like to participate in; a maiden dog can compete in Novice, Open or Utility, for example. If, however, your dog has completed an Open title, you may not enter Novice.

For a more comprehensive explanation of club membership requirements, class eligibility, and how the game is played, see the 2009 rules (valid for the 2010 event).

They may be accessed at the [SCDOC](http://www.scdoc.org) website:

<http://www.scdoc.org/tables/Top%20Dog%20Rules%20&%20Regulations%202-20-09.pdf>

How many participants will VHOC seek?

Novice - two working dogs, one alternate

Open - two working dogs, one alternate

Utility - two working dogs, one alternate

Don't sell yourself and your dog short: consider trying out for a spot to celebrate your joy of dog sports and team spirit with your club.

But which of your wonderful dogs should you enter? If you have multiple obedience dogs, consider entering multiple classes. Multiply your FUN!

Team supporter - EVERYONE is invited to come support our team! Do come and cheer ringside, help with warming up, taking photos/video, munch on breakfast and lunch with us. Come cheer, laugh and enjoy the day with your club. —Allison

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

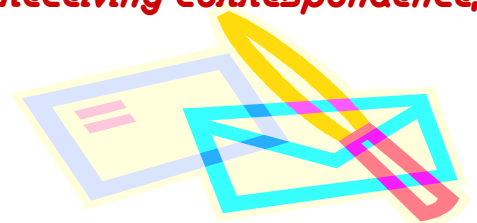
***Terri Brink and her Australian Shepherds,  
Shelby, Buster & Koda***

***Yvonne Garst and her Bernese  
Mountain Dog, Captain***

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

***If you know of a member who would appreciate receiving correspondence, such as a get-well card, sympathy card, etc, please email Carole Hills, VHOC Newsette***

***Editor at: [cahills1@verizon.net](mailto:cahills1@verizon.net)***



# News for Members

## July General Meeting—Canine Nutrition

VHOC members who attended the July 19 General Membership Meeting were “treated” to an informative and lively discussion of Canine Nutrition with guest speaker, Sabine Contreras, a Canine Care & Nutrition Consultant from the Greater Los Angeles area. Sabine’s specialty is formulating personalized, balanced diets for dogs, including special needs dogs with allergies, sensitivities, cancer and other diseases, where an adjusted nutrition program can benefit the dog.

**Sabine Contreras, Canine Care and Nutrition Consultant**



**Sabine with a rapt audience**

Sabine was born in Germany and moved to the U.S. in 1999 with her husband whom she met in Germany. She has been involved with dogs and dog-related activities for over 25 years and is very interested in natural, preventive dog care as well as canine nutrition. After completing coursework in Animal Nutrition, Care, Physiology, Diseases and Parasitology, Sabine earned her certification in Animal Care from the University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada. She has accumulated experience in these fields through thousands of hours of independent and academic study and has authored many articles on dog nutrition and care, including “The Dog Food Project,” a website guide to choosing better dog food products. The site is updated frequently with new information.

Sabine works with clients individually, either in person or by email or phone, providing personalized consultations and programs for several specific areas of dog care in addition to nutrition—including wellness, fitness, healthy weight loss and more. She customizes diets for the dog, either raw or cooked, and is in favor of feeding fresh foods as much as possible. Although

she consults for the pet food industry, she is not a big fan of commercial pet foods and has been active in monitoring the industry with her work on the Dog Food Project.

Club members had been invited to submit individual questions prior to the meeting and Sabine covered these in great detail, as well as fielding additional questions from those in attendance. She answered questions on dog nutrition, care, weight loss, commercial pet food ingredients, feeding raw food, genetics, senior dogs’ special needs, fitness, exercise, care of the teeth, etc. Everyone had their concerns addressed, their questions answered, and we all left the meeting with a wealth of information on caring for our companions.

—C. Hills, Editor



**A few of the members attending the meeting.**

## Changes for the Kennel Club of Palm Springs January 2011 Trial

The Kennel Club of Palm Springs has implemented several changes for the 3-day trial in Indio, CA, on January 7, 8 and 9, 2011.

- Obedience and rally rings moved back to the main show grounds on the polo field with easy access to breed rings, vendors and food service.
- Plenty of shade, grass, and room for ringside seating.
- Easy unload and load access just a few feet from the rings – no need to haul your crates and chairs all the way from the day parking.
- Bring your own canopy, set up under the trees, or use our 40 x 40 tent.
- Show 'n Go Match Thursday afternoon. Enter as many times as you like.
- Set up Thursday at noon; then relax and enjoy the long weekend.
- This will be a National Obedience Invitational (NOI) qualifier in 2011.
- All-American dogs welcome.

**One of the finest Obedience and Rally venues in the country.**

**Polo field setting, perfectly groomed rings and excellent footing.**

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### Classes Offered

All regular Obedience and Rally classes

All Obedience optional titling classes (including Beginning Novice)

Sub-Novice, Veterans

Friday—Special Secretaries for Specialty Shows:

<https://www.dogshowsecretary.com>

Saturday and Sunday—Jack Bradshaw: <http://www.jbradshaw.com/>

## Valley Hills Obedience Club Board Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2010— Dawn Esposito, Recording Secretary

**In Attendance:** Lindia Brown, Laurie Burnam, Moira Cornell, Ann Hills, Carole Hills, Cindi Malchose, Allison Pobirs, Carole Raschella, Kim Simons, and Sandy Walton.

**Minutes were READ and APPROVED.** Yes

**Treasurer** (Carole Hills): Submitted monthly financial reports to the Board.

**Vice President** (Carole Raschella): Nothing to Report.

**General Membership Meeting Committee** (Lindia Brown): August 16 Potluck all set. No training mentioned unless volunteers can set up rings. September or October tricks meeting, with Laura Bourhenne (Terry to contact her) as presenter. Two dog product gift bags donated by Idelle & Andy Tyzbir for banquet, but not awarded, will be used for door prizes at upcoming general meetings.

**Recording Secretary** (Dawn Esposito): Nothing to Report.

**Corresponding Secretary** (Ann Hills): No incoming mail; 3 AX \$50 gifts cards for June (2) and July speakers were sent with a thank you note.

### Training

**Obedience** (Laurie Burnam, Moira Cornell): Beginning classes: 7-12 students each week. Moira's 6:30 pay week, 7:30—5th week. She may start a new puppy class, TBD.

**Rally** (Laurie Burnam, Sarah Sykes): New series starts August 3 with 5 enrolled. August 5 with 7 enrolled.

**Agility** (Kim Simons): No classes this week (Aug 4 & 5) Terry may consolidate 6:30 classes on Wednesday and Thursday because people signed up are not attending. Janelle is leaving for college. Motion approved to give her a \$50 gift card.

**Seminars** (Nancy Giltner): 2-day seminar: agility handling with Terry Simons, distance with Kim Anderson, canine massage with Cindy DiFranco (not confirmed yet) in March or April, 2011 Working spots (limit of 24) \$300 for 2 days, 3 groups of 8 rotating each area (2 1/2 hours each) per day.

**Membership** (Cindi Malchose): Presented application for

membership from Yvonne Garst; application approved.

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

**Newsette** (Carole Hills): Nothing to Report.

**Website:** Carole added an Events Calendar and has received positive response from several members. Lots of new members coming to club through website.

**Yahoo Group** (Allison Pobirs): Posted numerous matches and other dog related information.

**Council** (Rich Blasford): Rich had a stroke at the beginning of July and is doing better. Club will send get well card. Top Dog: Laurie will be Team Captain; Karla Spitzer and Stephanie Colman have volunteered for the team. Taking volunteers for all teams.

**New Business:** Carol Karas asked to borrow 1 set of obedience jumps, rally poles, signs, numbers, cones, bowls, etc. and 1 easel for Schnauzer Club's Specialty trial in July 2011 Summerfest. She will pick up on the prior Wednesday. Board suggested she check with Summerfest host clubs first as their equipment will already be there. If not possible, VHOC will let her borrow the equipment for free.

**New Business:** None

### Trial/Match: Trial Committees:

**Obedience** (Laurie Burnam): PL must be mailed on October 13, info needed by September 15 (special trophy list, donors' list, lunches, agility judges, etc.). Catalog ads needed by November 17. Entries close on November 24.

**Agility Chair** (Kim Simons): All good

**Agility Workers Coordinators** (Kim & Terry Simons): On track.

**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): Moira found a great price for folding chars and was authorized to purchase 4 for the raffle.

### VHOC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



*President*.....Nancy Giltner  
*Vice President*.....Carole Raschella  
*Corresponding Secretary*.....Ann Hills  
*Recording Secretary*.....Dawn Esposito  
*Treasurer*.....Carole Hills  
*Membership*.....Cindi Malchose  
*Publicity*.....Christy Tattersall  
*Agility Trial* .....Kim Simons  
*Obedience Trial* .....Laurie Burnam  
*Training* .....L. 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  
*Newsette*.....Carole Hills  
*Raffle*.....Cindi Malchose, Jan Racey, Christy Tattersall  
*Show-N-Go*.....Sandy Walton  
*Seminar Coordinator*.....Nancy Giltner  
*Trophies*.....Patti Rovtar & Sarah Sykes  
*Yahoo Website* .....Allison Pobirs



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 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 TRAINING EQUIPMENT**

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

*Call Flo at (818) 341-6739 or email OTCHFLO3@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, west of Balboa. Nested courses: novice, advanced, excellent. \$5.00 per run or 3 runs for \$12.00. Entries at 9:00 a.m. Judging at 10 a.m.

## **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](mailto:bellaluna@pacbell.net)

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