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VHOC Website: [www.vhoc.org](http://www.vhoc.org)

## Valley Hills Obedience Club

### Annual Banquet Celebrating 2009!

Sunday, February 28, 2010

6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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*The University Club  
Cal. State University Northridge  
18111 Nordhoff Street  
Northridge, CA 91330*

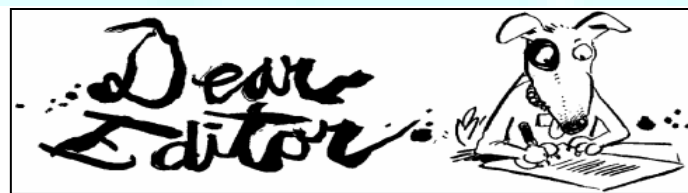
*\$25.00 per person*

#### MENU:

*Cocktail Reception to start.*

*Dinner includes choice of complete entrée,  
dessert, soft-drinks, coffee and tea.*

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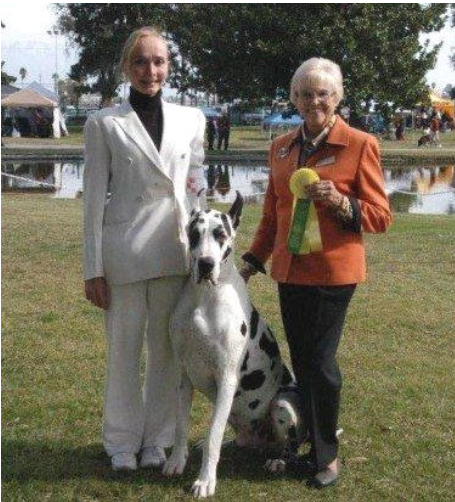


Send brags, announcements and other information to Carole Hills at [cahills1@verizon.net](mailto:cahills1@verizon.net) on or before the 8th of each month.

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## BRAGS & SCORES



### OBEDIENCE and RALLY

**Christina Jaeger & Shah:** Jan. 30-31, Palm Springs, CA: Nov A, 170.5; Nov A, 181, 3rd Place; San Bernardino, CA: 170.5, 3rd Place.

*Shah has been training for obedience with only about 15 lessons with Moira and has competed in only three shows—qualifying in each show—earning two 3rd placements and completing his CD in those three shows!*

← ← Christina & Shah → →



**Christina writes:** ...just returned from the Great Dane Specialty in Arizona where Shah got 1st Place in Novice A, best Veteran dog and the Award of Merit. Also my bitch Chanoz Rahni Jaeger got Winners Bitch...Yay!!!

**Sharon Clarke & Pepper** earned their UDX on Jan. 22, 2010, at the Simi Valley KC Obedience Trial in Ventura, CA.

**Dawn Esposito & Luna** earned their UKC Rally Novice Title (URO1) on Jan. 16-17, 2010 in Escondido, CA.

**Dawn writes:** *Day One, first trial, we NQ'd but then took 2nd Place in the 2nd trial. Day Two we took 1st Place in both trials with scores in the 90's, and earned our title! .*

**Dawn Esposito & Luna:** Jan. 30, 2010, Orange Empire DC, San Bernardino: Rally Novice, 97+, 1st Place, 3rd Leg—RN Title!! ➡



**Patti Rovtar & Chili:** Jan. 22-25, 2010, Ventura, CA:  
 Rally Nov A, 99, 1st Pl., 3rd Leg—RN Title!  
 Rally Adv A, 99, 1st Place, 1st Leg;  
 Rally Adv A, 100, 1st Place, 2nd Leg;  
 Rally Adv A, 100, 1st Place, 3rd Leg—RA Title!!

**Ed. Note:** When Patti was asked how long Chili had to hold the ribbons she replied:

*"She held it for a minute or so, long enough to get quite a few shots of her. We were right outside the entry doors and when the mastiffs started coming out she just couldn't keep her eyes on me any longer...they had been teasing her all weekend, trying to play! I love the "are we done here, I got things to do" look on her face!"*

**Woo Hoo, Chili—we are so proud of you!!**

### AGILITY

**Cindi Malchose & Jenna:** Dec. 5-6, 2010, VHOC, Van Nuys, CA:

Exc A JWW, 100, 2nd Place, 1st AXJ Leg;  
 Exc A JWW, 100, 2nd Place, 2nd AXJ Leg

**Cindi Malchose & Indy:**

Exc B JWW, 100, 2nd MXJ Leg

### NADAC 2009 TOP TEN LIST

**Tucker Hills** made the North American Dog Agility Council (NADAC) 2009 Top Ten List by Breed (4" Mixed) in 4 categories again this year! He came in at #2 in Elite Chances, #3 in Elite Regular, #3 in Elite Weavers and #4 in Elite Jumpers.



**Good job, little Tucker!!**

## BRAGS & SCORES

### AGILITY (continued)



Indy Malchose Weaves ↑

**Cindi Malchose & Jenna:** Jan. 10, 2010, WCCSC, City of Industry, CA:

Exc A JWW, 100, 4th Place, 3rd Leg—**AXJ Title!**

**Cindi Malchose & Indy:** Jan. 10, 2010, WCCSC, City of Industry, CA:

Exc B Std, 100, 4th Place, MX Leg

**Stephanie Colman & Quiz:** Jan. 15-16, 2010, Golden State Rottweiler Club

Exc A JWW, 1st Place—**AXJ Title!**

Exc B Std, First MX Leg and 14

**MACH** points (his first MACH points!)

### Different Styles of Weaving



Quiz Colman Weaves ↑

### HERDING

**Laurie Burnam & Casey:** Jan. 16, 2010, AHBA, Lancaster, CA:

Ranch Large Flock French Course 65 sheep (RLFIIs) Level 2, 4th Place, 82 out of 90—1st Leg  
Herding Trial Dog geese (HTDIg), Level 1, 1st Place, 77—1st Leg

**Laurie writes:** The French course is to simulate bringing your sheep down the roads of France and all that you might encounter. We had 65 sheep to take all over the ranch, through many, many gates, over two bridges, stop all 65 of them twice while a car drove by, then hold and graze them for 5 minutes in an open field with the street right there in the middle of the Lancaster desert. That was the longest 5 minutes...and I thought obedience groups was long. This course was a blast and looking back at Casey while I was in the middle or ahead of the 65 sheep, seeing him take commands, was so thrilling. I was so proud of him as he did it all and in only 25 minutes; we were given one hour to complete. We also entered geese and it was 5:30—near dark when we entered the ring. He really was trying, but it was too dark for all of us, including the geese. Nonetheless we got 1st place. Go Casey!!!

**Laurie Burnam & Casey:** Jan 29, 2010, AHBA, Leona Valley, CA:

Herding Ranch Dog, 81, 2nd Place, 3rd leg—**HRD1 Title!!**

### AKC Gives Two Paws Up To Five Unique Pups In AKC Canine Partners Photo Contest

*-- Winners Represent the Many Faces of the Mixed-Breed Dog --*

The American Kennel Club is pleased to announce the winners of the AKC Canine Partners Photo Contest. From 11/1/09 through 12/31/09 hundreds of people submitted photos of their dogs for the AKC Canine Partners judging panel to consider. The panel selected twenty winners consisting of 5 favorites and 15 finalists for their charming good looks and the heartwarming testimonies that accompanied their entries. The 20 contest winners received special AKC recognition on the organization's web site with their photos and information published on [www.akccaninepartners.org](http://www.akccaninepartners.org).

"We received so many wonderful photos and stories that it was very difficult for the panel of judges to make their final selections," said AKC Spokesperson Gina DiNardo. "Congratulations to the owners of these unique dogs who are not only cute canines, but best friends with which they share a special bond." The top three AKC Canine Partners Photo Contest favorites are:

**"Bree" owned by Betty Nagle  
Middlesboro, KY**



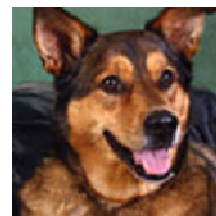
Nagle wrote: "Bree is a one -of-a-kind terrier mix with bright eyes, shining black coat, with one ear up and one down. A 12 pound bundle of energy, she is loving agility training."

**"Rocky" owned by Hannah Troupe  
Allendale, Mich.**



Troupe wrote: "I fell in love with him at once! I have had him for almost five years and have had so much fun showing him in 4-H

**"Sadie" owned by Kathleen Dale  
Spokane, Wash.**



Dale wrote: "She is the best dog for me and I am the best owner for her — a match made in heaven."



# Member News

## WELCOME A NEW MEMBER

Sharon Clarke and her Standard Schnauzers Pepper & Flynn

*Sharon has already activated her membership by working at the VHOC December trial.*

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](mailto:cahills1@verizon.net).



## 2010 NOMINEES

The VHOC Nominating Committee for the 2010 Board of Directors presents the following slate of nominees to be submitted for approval by the membership at the Annual Banquet on February 28.

### OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Nancy Giltner

VICE PRESIDENT: Carole Raschella

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Ann Hills

RECORDING SECRETARY: Dawn Esposito

TREASURER: Carole Hills

### OTHER BOARD POSITIONS

MEMBERSHIP: Cindi Malchose

PUBLICITY: Christy Tattersall

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: Lindia Brown

TRAINING: Moira Cornell, Laurie Burnam, Kim Simons

OBEDIENCE TRIAL CHAIR: Laurie Burnam



AGILITY TRIAL CHAIR: Kim Simons

PAST PRESIDENT: Moira Cornell

### STANDING COMMITTEES

AWARDS BANQUET: Laurie Burnam, Stephanie Colman, Ann Hills

CATALOG: Carole Raschella

MATCH: Sandy Walton

NEWSETTE: Carole Hills

RAFFLE: Cindi Malchose, Jan Racey, Christy Tattersall

SEMINAR: Nancy Giltner, Moira Cornell, Karla Spitzer

TROPHIES: Patti Rovtar & Sarah Sykes

WEBSITE: Ann Hills, Carole Hills, Allison Pobirs, Carole Raschella

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Corresponding Secretary.....	Ann Hills
Recording Secretary.....	Allison Pobirs
Treasurer.....	Carole Hills
Membership.....	Cindi Malchose
Publicity.....	Christy Tattersall
Agility Trial .....	Moira Cornell & Kim Simons
Obedience Trial .....	Laurie Burnam
Training .....	L. Burnam, M. Cornell, K. Simons

### VHOC STANDING COMMITTEES

Agility Trial Volunteer Workers.....	Kim & Terry Simons
Banquet.....	L. Burnam, S. Colman, A. Hills, J. Farkas
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.....	Karla Spitzer
Trophies.....	Patti Rovtar & Linda Zimmerman



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

*We will no longer be listing upcoming events in the monthly newsletter; however, if you know of a favorite event and would like to have the website link listed, please send it to the editor.*

Search for 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 **AKC** (American Kennel Club) [www.akc.org/events/search/](http://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](http://www.asca.org). ASCA trials are not always on the ASCA website—check with the local ASCA clubs.

**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 and a variety of games. Visit the website at [www.nadac.com](http://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](http://www.ukcdogs.com).

**USDAA** (United States Dog Agility Association), conducts agility trials for more than 200 different breeds of dogs, including mixed breeds. Events can be found at [www.usdaa.com](http://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)	<a href="http://www.agilityevents.net">http://www.agilityevents.net</a>
Agility USA Information (ASCA/NADAC)	<a href="http://www.angelfire.com/games5/ascanadac/">http://www.angelfire.com/games5/ascanadac/</a>
Southwest Agility Calendar	<a href="http://agilek9s.net/calendar/">http://agilek9s.net/calendar/</a>
Lynda Tjarks Trial Secretary	<a href="http://www.lyndatjarksagility.com/index.php?module=agilitySec&amp;type=event&amp;func=view">http://www.lyndatjarksagility.com/index.php?module=agilitySec&amp;type=event&amp;func=view</a>
Jump City Trial Secretary	<a href="http://www.jumpcityagility.com/trialinfo/">http://www.jumpcityagility.com/trialinfo/</a>

### **CONFORMATION**

MB-F, Inc. Superintendent Dog Shows	<a href="http://infodog.com/panels/ca.htm">http://infodog.com/panels/ca.htm</a>
Jack Bradshaw Superintendent Shows	<a href="http://www.jbradshaw.com/shows.htm">http://www.jbradshaw.com/shows.htm</a>
Jack Bradshaw Club events & Matches	<a href="http://www.jbradshaw.com/clubs.htm">http://www.jbradshaw.com/clubs.htm</a>

### **OBEDIENCE**

Jack Bradshaw Superintendent	<a href="http://www.jbradshaw.com/shows.htm">http://www.jbradshaw.com/shows.htm</a>
Sharon Licciardi Trial Secretary	<a href="http://slicciardi.com/">http://slicciardi.com/</a>
Southern CA Dog Obedience Council	<a href="http://www.scdoc.org/calendar.htm">http://www.scdoc.org/calendar.htm</a>

### **RALLY**

Jack Bradshaw Superintendent	<a href="http://www.jbradshaw.com/shows.htm">http://www.jbradshaw.com/shows.htm</a>
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# Good News from AKC

The following letter was sent to AKC's Canine Partners (AKC's program for Mixed-Breeds) and has been reprinted with permission from the AKC.



AMERICAN  
KENNEL CLUB®

January 15, 2010

Dear Dog Lover,

We are pleased to inform you of a decision made by the AKC Board at the January 11, 2010 meeting, which will enhance the [AKC Canine Partners](#) program. This exciting new program allows mixed breed dog owners to list their dogs and participate in AKC Agility, Obedience or Rally events starting April 1, 2010.

While each club's participation in the AKC Canine Partners program will remain voluntary, clubs may now choose to allow mixed breed participation at any AKC Agility, Obedience or Rally event. Mixed breeds will compete in the same classes and earn the same titles as their purebred counterparts.

This decision was made following a lengthy discussion and review of feedback from enrollees, delegates, clubs, show and trial chairpersons, current purebred exhibitors and potential mixed-breed exhibitors, prompting a reevaluation of the current program. AKC staff took into consideration the prior feedback received from the AKC Delegate body about the program and contacted each individual member of the AKC Delegates Committee for Obedience, Tracking and Agility and others regarding this feedback.

After taking into consideration staff recommendations; compelling feedback from dog owners, clubs and fanciers; and the long lead time for event applications, AKC decided it was best to move quickly and change the program format so a majority of clubs would have the option to take advantage of the opportunity to allow mixed breeds to compete in existing Agility, Obedience and Rally events beginning April 1, 2010.

This positive step forward for AKC and dog owners enables us to share our passion for dogs and our commitment to responsible dog ownership with an even greater audience. It will simplify the planning and management of club events, while benefiting mixed breed dog owners by giving them more opportunities to participate in events in their local areas.

Please contact [AKC Canine Partners](#) if you have any questions or comments you would like to share.

Email - [akccaninepartners@akc.org](mailto:akccaninepartners@akc.org)  
Penny Leigh - 919-816-3749  
Sydney Suwannarat - 919-816-3521

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of John Lyons in black ink.

John Lyons  
Chief Operating Officer  
American Kennel Club

Handwritten signature of Doug Ljungren in black ink.

Doug Ljungren  
Assistant Vice President  
AKC Canine Partners

Handwritten signature of Curt A. Curtis in black ink.

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Assistant Vice President  
AKC Companion Events



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

[www.poochabilitydogtraining.com](http://www.poochabilitydogtraining.com)



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**Directions:**

*The University Club is located on the Southeast side of the CSUN campus. From Nordhoff St., head north on Zelzah Ave. Turn left on Dearborn and left into The University Club parking lot. (First driveway to your left.) Free parking is available.*

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***VHOC Annual Banquet R.S.V.P.***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of People Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please indicate quantity of each entrée to be ordered.)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Braised Beef Short Ribs with Cabernet Sauce

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Marsala

\_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Portobello Wellington

**Please submit, with payment (payable to VHOC)  
no later than Fri. Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, to:**

**Stephanie Colman**  
**6150 Fulton Ave., Unit 3**  
**Van Nuys, CA 91401**  
**Questions?**

**Email [StephanieColman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:StephanieColman@sbcglobal.net)  
or call (818) 989-7996.**

**\* Banquet tickets are \$25 per person.**

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