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General Membership Meeting Monday, June 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

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

THE NOSE KNOWS!

For the June general meeting we will have a very special presentation of one of the newer venues of dog competition. Holly Rake, one of our own members, along with Barbara Schwerdt, a National Association of Canine Scent Work's Certified Instructor, will give several demonstrations with their dogs.

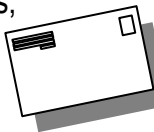


PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR DOG TO THIS MEETING. The searching dogs become very intense when working. We do not want them to get near one of our cars or a crated dog and become startled when barked at.

All those attending can participate by bringing an object to be added to the search. It can be a mop bucket, fan, small table, almost any object that can be placed in the field as a distraction. Oh dear, if Lindia tells you too much more, she'll give away all the surprises.

Please RSVP by Friday, June 18 to Lindia Brown at lbrown@rosenthallawcorp.com or leave a voice message at 818-884-1304.

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.



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

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BRAGS & SCORES

OBEDIENCE & RALLY

Stephanie Colman & Quiz: *May 10, 2010, HDOC, Lakeview Terrace, CA:*
Quiz finished his CDX, earning a 197.5 for 1st Place and was also High Scoring Dog with an Agility Title, High Scoring Sporting Dog and High Scoring Golden Retriever!



Joyce Davis & Sage: *May 8, 2010, Rio Hondo KC, Pomona, CA:*

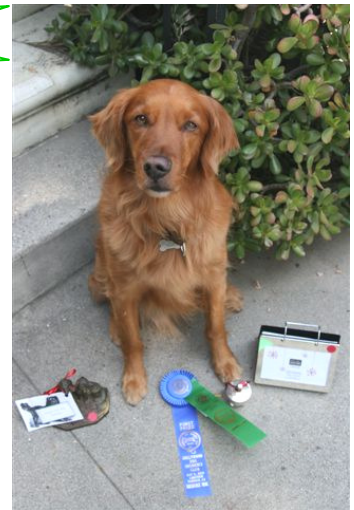
Open A, 187, 2nd Place, 1st Leg;

Joyce Davis & Sage: *May 9, 2010, HDOC, Lakeview Terrace, CA:*

Open A, 189.5, 2nd Place, 2nd Leg.

Evelyn Johnston: *May 15, 2010, LA Poodle Trial, Lakeview Terrace, CA:*

CH Prayer's One Step Ahead, CDX went High In Trial from Open B.



QUIZ CDX

Debbie Lang & Quila: *May 2, 2010, Lake Mathews KC, CA:*

Rally Nov B, 96, 2nd Place, 1st Leg

Debbie Lang & Quila: *May 9, 2010, HDOC, Lakeview Terrace, CA:*

Rally Nov B, 99, 1st Place, 2nd Leg

Debbie Lang & Quila: *June 5, 2010, Pasadena KC, Pasadena, CA:*

Rally Nov B, 96, 3rd Place, 3rd Leg—**Rally Novice Title in 3 straight shows!!**

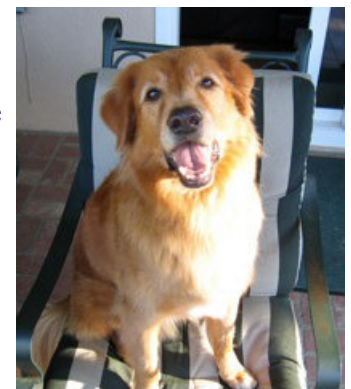


CH Prayer's One Step Ahead, CDX

Allison Pobirs & Quin: *May 22, 2010, GSDBHC Obedience Trial:*

Open A, 188.5, 1st Place, 2nd Leg.

Kim Simons writes: “On Mother's Day, Tango gave me a wonderful present! At the ripe old age of 13, Tango earned his RAE at the HDOC trial with two 2nd places. Tango and I only played around in Rally, only going to a couple of trials a year. So, after almost 6 years later with only two NQ's over the course of his career (due to those darn food bowls), he earned his RAE!! The judge was Vita Allison, and she remarked that she remembered judging Tango years ago, and how special it was to see him still competing, doing well and having FUN at his age!”



TANGO RAE



David Zelitzky & Rival: *May 2, 2010, Lake Mathews KC, Chino CA:*

Utility B, 198, 1st Place—**UDX Title!**

David received more good news this month: He got a certificate from AKC that Rival is an **Obedience Master—OMI**. They also got their Utility B First and UDX on that same weekend!



RIVAL UDX, OM1

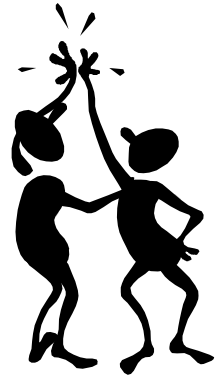
BRAGS & SCORES

AGILITY

Laurie Burnam & Scout: *May 29-31, 2010, NADAC Memorial Day Madness, Pearblossom, CA:*
Elite Regular, 10-Q, 4th Place, Elite Jumpers, 10-Q; 3rd Place, Elite Regular, 10-Q,
Elite Jumpers, 10-Q, 4th Place; Elite Tunnelers, 10-Q, Open Chances, 10-Q, 1st Place.



Laurie writes: “I let Casey do a tunnelers course, his first time ever to compete in agility and he made it all the way through in a fast time. However, since I touched the tunnels to encourage him we NQ’d, but I was proud of this 11-year-old guy.”



Asher Farkas & Symba: *May 8-9, 2010, ASCA Central Valley, CA:*
Novice Gamblers, 10-Q, Novice Jumpers, 10-Q; Novice Jumpers, 10-Q (5.92 YPS)
Novice Gamblers, 10-Q, Novice Regular, 10-Q—**RJ-N Title!**
(They have now completed all of their ASCA Novice Agility Titles!!)

Janelle Farkas & Taxi: *May 8-9, 2010, ASCA Central Valley, CA:*
Elite Gamblers, 10-Q, Elite Jumpers, 10-Q, Elite Gamblers, 10-Q

Ann Hills & Trace: *May 29-31, 2010, NADAC Memorial Day Madness, Pearblossom, CA:*
Elite Regular 10-Q, 3rd Place; Open Jumpers, 10-Q, 1st Place, 1st Leg (6.38 YPS);
Open Tunnelers, 10-Q, 1st Place, 3rd Leg—**TN-O Title! (8.80 YPS**— personal and
fastest time, all dogs, all classes!) **Go Baby Trace!!**

Carole Hills & Tucker: *May 29-31, 2010, NADAC Memorial Day Madness, Pearblossom, CA:*
Elite Tunnelers, 10-Q, 1st Place, 5th Leg (5.37 YPS—his fastest time ever!)
Elite Chances, 10-Q, 11th Leg; Elite Chances, 10-Q, 12th Leg (Only 1 more leg for Championship Medal)

Debbie Lang & Quila: *May 22, 2010, Simi Valley KC, Van Nuys, CA:*
Nov A Std, 100, 1st Place, 1st Leg; Nov A JWW, 100, 1st Place, 1st Leg.



Cindi Malchose and Jenna: *May 9, 2010, Hollywood DOC:* Exc B JWW—**3rd MXJ Leg!**

Cindi Malchose and Jenna: *June 6, 2010, KC of Pasadena:* Exc B JWW, 100— **4th MXJ Leg!!**

Foxgrove’s Don’t Call Me Jack “Ripper”

Kim Simons writes: “On Mother’s Day (5/9/10), Ripper earned his MACH at the HDOC trial at Lake View Terrace-- 5 days before his 3rd birthday. Terry and Ripper just made it to Excellent in October of last year, and they clearly made short work of earning their MACH. With a Q rate of almost 85%, Terry and Ripper are a formidable team!”



Photograph by Karen Moureaux

KEEP YOUR DOG COOL!

Summer is almost here and we need to keep our dogs cool. The following info gleaned from the internet may save your dog's life in the next California heat wave.

Symptoms of dog heat stress and heat stroke

Heat stress in a dog can be very subtle and difficult to detect. Your dog may slowly progress from heat stress to heat exhaustion and finally heat stroke.

Dogs lose their body heat primarily through breathing, by the vaporization of moisture in expired air. The common response in the dog to rising body temperatures is an increase in the rate of respiration.

Heatstroke can develop rapidly with exposure to high temperatures, humidity and poor ventilation. Symptoms include excessive panting. Panting involves rapid shallow breathing that causes evaporation of fluid on the tongue. Dogs have a rich blood supply in their tongues. Commonly observed signs of heat stress are profuse sweating, rapid breathing rate and rapid heart rate.

Other heat related problems are staring or anxious expression, labored breathing, failure to respond to commands, bright red gums, warm dry skin, extremely high temperature, dehydration, rapid heartbeat, fatigue leading to collapse and even unconsciousness.

Signs to watch for early heat stress include stopping to sit or lie down during exercise sessions, excessive heavy panting, and inability to catch his breath for more than 5 minutes after stopping and cooling. If your dog tries to stop, it's usually best to let him as he is probably being pushed beyond his capacity. Your dog cannot cool itself off if it is constantly breathing in hot air; likewise, drinking warm water may do it more danger than good.

As the heat stroke progresses, the panting becomes excessive and labored with the dog showing an inability to breathe properly. The dog usually drools excessively and may vomit.

Death will follow soon without immediate medical care. There is no time to waste when you find your dog in this position. If his temperature reaches 106 F, he is in danger of brain damage, vital organ failure and death. At this temperature, the dog can no longer cope with reducing his body heat and the oxygen demand goes up to where the dog can not keep up, and his temperature continues to rise. Reducing body temp quickly is imperative.

First Aid in dog heat stress and heat stroke

If your pet does become overheated, you need to immediately lower his body temperature. It is important to get your dog out of the heat as soon as possible, move your pet into the shade or air-conditioned area and apply cool (**not cold**) water over his body, apply cool towels to its head, neck and chest; and let it drink small amounts of cool water or lick ice cubes, to gradually lower his core body temperature. If available, apply ice to your dog's head and, if there are no improvements, contact your veterinarian.

An animal with heat stroke must have its body temperature reduced quickly. It only takes five minutes for heat stroke to happen. If a dog's brain heats up to about 108 degrees, you only have a few precious minutes to lower the temperature and restore oxygen to the brain.

Vet treatment may include further cooling techniques, intravenous fluid therapy to counter shock, or medication to prevent or reverse brain damage. Even with emergency treatment, heat stroke can be fatal.

How to prevent heat stress or heat stroke in dogs

If housed in a kennel insure that there is adequate ventilation, or air movement. Avoid exercise in hot weather. If your dog tries to stop, allow the dog to have little breaks. It's usually best to let him stop as he is probably being pushed beyond his capacity. Leave plenty of water around for dogs to drink from. One big bowl of water may not be enough, especially for large dogs who have a tendency to put their paws in the water or flip it over. Leave a fan over the dog to stir the air. If using a fan with puppies make sure the fan is pointing over them and not on them.

Never go running with your dog after it has been fed and restrict their outdoor activities to the cool hours of early morning or late evening. Avoid excessive exercise of your dog during hot days or warm, humid nights. The best time to exercise your dog is either early in the morning before sunrise or late in the evening after the sun goes down. Avoid exercising your dog in unusually hot or humid conditions especially at the start of summer. Most heat stroke cases are seen at the start of summer.

Have these tips handy, be prepared to prevent heat stress or heat stroke and ...

Keep Your Dog Cool!

MEMBER NEWS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Deborah Cahill and her Doberman Pinschers

Noli Caswell and her Bearded Collies

Deana Giovannelli and her Miniature Australian Shepherd, Breezy

Debbie Lang and her Australian Shepherd, Quila

Cindy Olson and her Toy Poodle, Charley

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



Photo Courtesy of Gerri Monohan



NO DOGS ALLOWED

Louise Fox Meredith spotted this sign at the Mission Circuit in Pomona last month and sent it along with the following note:

“What a surprise when we got to the Mission Circuit to set up!! These signs were on every bit of grass and dirt surrounding the Obedience Ring.”

“Who ever heard of a dog show with "No Dogs Allowed!" The problem was rectified the following day and a good time was had by all!”

— Louise

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Hairy Situation Aids in Oil Spill Clean Up

By Stephanie Colman

One man's trash is another man's ecological disaster recovery tactic. Local hair salons and pet grooming centers are saving hair and fur clippings to help with the cleanup of the British Petroleum oil spill that's been polluting the Gulf Coast since an offshore oil platform exploded in April.

Matter of Trust, a San Francisco-based non-profit organization, gathers the clippings and turns them into oil-collection tools. Hair is stuffed into recycled nylon stockings that are tied together to surround and contain a spill, or constructed into mats placed on top of the spill. In mat form, each cubic foot can collect up to eight gallons of oil in less than three minutes, according to the organization's website.



Alabama stylist and inventor, Phil McCrory, is credited with discovering the practical use for hair clippings after viewing news footage of the Exxon Valdez spill in 1989 and seeing how the fur of Alaskan otters became saturated with oil.

"You shampoo hair because hair collects oil," McCrory said. "Hair is very efficient at gathering oil out of the water."

Hair and grooming salon owners and customers from across the country have been eager to participate.

"As soon as clients hear what we're doing, they want to know more about how they can help," said Paul McKay, owner of Salon P/F in Studio City. "Everyone has been very supportive. If they aren't ready for a hair cut, they're coming in and donating stockings."

The salon collected more than three pounds of human hair in its first week of participation.

Pet grooming salon owners are equally supportive of the cause. Laurie Bliss, owner of A' La Mutt in Studio City, started collecting as soon as she learned of the need.

"Choosing to participate was easy," Bliss said. "We're very excited to be able to do our small part in the clean up effort. It's heart-breaking to think of all the wildlife that's affected by the spill. Saving and sending clippings is good for the environment and such an easy thing to."

Bliss estimates that a busy day of grooming heavily coated breeds such as huskies, chow chows and Newfoundlands can generate up to 25 pounds of fur, adding that regardless of the breed of dog, every little bit helps.

"Even our lightly-coated customers like Chihuahuas and their owners are happy to know they're contributing to a good cause," she said.

Matter of Trust reports receiving hundreds of thousands of pounds of hair and fibers from around the world. Hair and fur not used as part of the current Gulf Coast clean up project will be warehoused and used for future spills.

To donate, individuals and salon owners must register www.matteroftrust.org receive routinely updated mailing instructions.

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(Author's Note: Our own Jan Racey is collecting pet clippings! If she's groomed your dog lately, know that his fur will be put to good use.)



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, offers 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
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SEMINARS

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Animal Rescue Stamps Put Stamp of Approval on Shelter Animals

By Stephanie Colman

Dogs and mail carriers have found a common ground in the U.S. Postal Service's latest social awareness stamp, Animal Rescue: Adopt a Shelter Pet. The 44 cent stamps, featuring photographs of ten adopted dogs and cats, went on sale in late-April.



The stamps aim to raise awareness of the importance of animal adoption. The Humane Society of the United States estimates that more than 8 million pets pass through the shelter system annually, yet only half will find homes. The rest are euthanized.

"If there was just a modest uptick in the percentage of people acquiring their animals from shelters, we would eliminate the euthanasia of healthy pets in this nation," said Wayne Pacelle, humane society president.

"We hope this public awareness campaign will place a stamp of approval on shelter dogs and cats and help us lick the problem of pet overpopulation."

The stamps are being promoted with the Stamps to the Rescue campaign, a joint effort between the U.S. Postal Service and talk show host Ellen DeGeneres. Promotional posters featuring the stamps and DeGeneres' image are on display in more than 33,000 postal service retail locations across the country. In anticipation of the campaign's success, the postal service has ordered 300 million stamps – 235 million more than is usually ordered for a commemorative stamp. As part of the campaign, pet food manufacturer

HALO, Purely for Pets, co-owned by DeGeneres, will donate up to one million meals to shelter animals across the country.

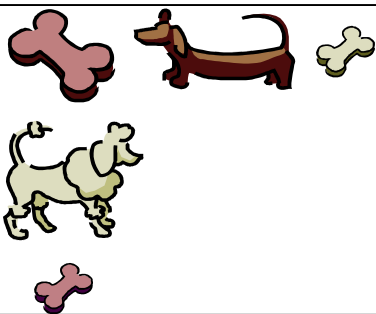
The stamps were officially unveiled during a public ceremony on April 30 at the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences in North Hollywood. Animal lovers, stamp collectors and fans of DeGeneres attended to show their support of animal adoption and be some of the first to purchase the stamps.

Area animal rescue volunteer Ruth Silny says the public's reluctance to look for a pet in a shelter is often psychological. "It's hard to go into a shelter. It's noisy, it smells and many of the animals look scared," she said. "I'm here because I'm hopeful that with Ellen's help, the stamps will show people that shelter dogs are beautiful."

The postal service began issuing social awareness stamps 50 years ago and processes more than 276 million pieces of first-class mail annually. Despite the fact the animal adoption stamp comes at a time when the organization is set to lose a record \$7 billion in the fiscal year ending in September, and Postmaster General John Potter is seeking congressional approval to reduce delivery service to five days, the agency is optimistic about the campaign's potential.

"As a pet owner myself, I find this campaign enormously gratifying. Because of these stamps and the Stamps to the Rescue campaign, more people will learn about the plight of shelter animals," said Joseph Corbett, the postal agency's chief financial officer. "We believe more people will adopt shelter animals, fewer people will abandon their pets, more people will spay and neuter their animals, and fewer animals will suffer."

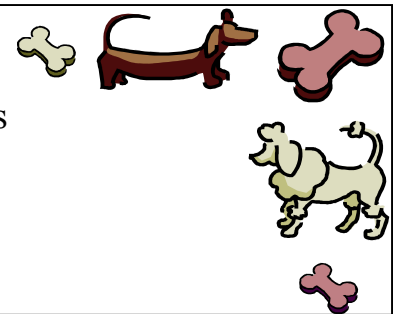
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Stephanie sends a link to a website that has "awesome prices on folding wire crates".

She's seen the product and it's good quality.

http://www.valuecrate.com/ex_spec.html



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.

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

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