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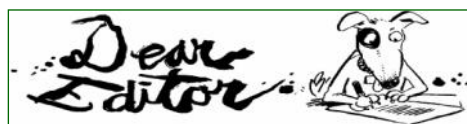
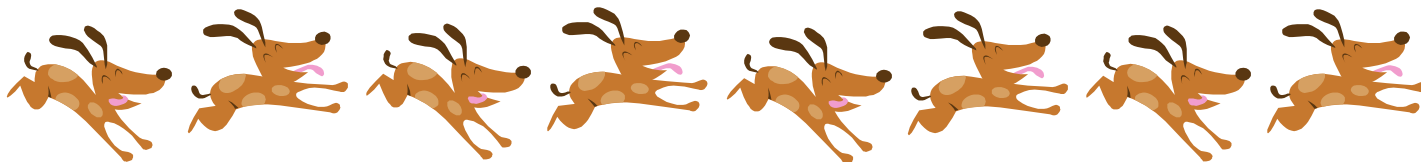
Submission deadline is the 8th of each month

Distance, Handling and Canine Therapeutic Massage Seminar

VHOC will be hosting an exciting seminar on agility distance work, handling and canine therapeutic massage at our training site on March 26-27, featuring Kim Anderson, Terry Simons and Dr. Cindy DiFranco (see their bios on pages 5-6).

As a special benefit to our VHOC members, we are offering pre-registration to members only (January 14 deadline). We expect this seminar to fill quickly, so get your registration in ASAP.

See seminar flyer on page 3, registration form on page 4 and trainer bios on pages 5 & 6.



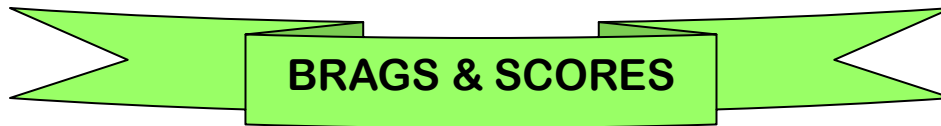
Please send brags, photos, announcements, articles, and other information to C. Hills at:

cahills1@verizon.net

on or before the 8th of each month.

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AGILITY

Editor's Note: We apologize for leaving out some very big brags in the December Newsette:

Laurie Burnam & Scout: *Nov. 7, 2010, NADAC, Manzanita AC, Fillmore, CA:*
Elite Regular, 10-Q, 3rd Place; Elite Tunnelers, 10-Q

Laurie Burnam & Scout: *Nov. 20, 2010, Samoyed Club of Los Angeles, Walnut, CA:*
Exc JWW, 100, 5th Place, extra MXJ Leg—**14 MACH points!**
Exc Std, 100, 4th Place, 10th Leg--**11 MACH points—MX Title!!** (3rd Double Q, 17 more to go)

Cathy Davis & Lola: *Dec. 11-12, Valley Hills Obedience Club, Van Nuys, CA:*
Open JWW, 4th Place; Open Std, 3rd Place; Open JWW, 1st Place—**OAJ Title!**

Cathy Davis & Abbey (making her AKC debut): *Dec. 11-12, VHOC, Van Nuys, CA:*
Novice JWW, 2nd Place; Novice Std, 2nd Place; Novice JWW, 1st Place.

Cathy writes: "Not a bad showing for the girls."

Ann Hills & Trace: *Dec. 4-5, 2010, NADAC Manzanita Agility Club, Lakeview Terrace, CA:*
Elite Jumpers, 10-Q, 1st Place, 2nd Leg; Open Chances, 10-Q, 3rd Leg—**OCC Title!**
Novice Touch N Go, 10-Q, 1st Place, 2nd Leg; Elite Tunnelers, 10-Q, 5th Place, 1st Leg

Carole Hills & Tucker: *Dec. 4-5, 2010, NADAC Manzanita Agility Club, Lakeview Terrace, CA:*
Elite Tunnelers, 10-Q, 1st Place, 7th Leg

Debbie Lang & Quila: *Dec. 29, 2010, Orange Coast Rhodesian Ridgeback Club, City of Industry, CA:*
Exc B JWW, 3rd MXJ Leg—**4 MACH points!**

Debbie Lang & Quila: *Jan. 1-2, 2011, High Desert AC, Van Nuys, CA:*
Open FAST, 69 points, 1st Leg; Exc B JWW, 4th MXJ Leg—**8 MACH points!**
Open FAST, 70 points, 2nd Leg; Exc B JWW, 5th MXJ Leg—**4 MACH points!**

Debbie Lang & Quila: *Jan. 8, 2011, West Coast Cocker Spaniel Club, City of Industry, CA:*
Exc B JWW, 6th MXJ Leg—**2 MACH points!**
Exc B Std, 3rd MX Leg—**11 MACH points!!** (First Double Q in Excellent B)

Debbie writes: "We are working away at the MX/MXJ slow but sure"

Cathy Schmidt & Lola (Lassie's Little Star Lola): *Oct. 31, 2010, GS Rottweiler Club, Van Nuys, CA:*
Cathy and Lola received three 1st Place legs to achieve their first **NA Title!!**

Cathy Schmidt & Lola: *November 28, 2010, Samoyed Club, Los Angeles, Walnut, CA:*
Novice JWW, 1st Leg

OBEDIENCE & RALLY (no brags received)

VHOC Presents...

Distance, Handling & K9 Therapeutic Massage

March 26-27, 2011 *8am-5pm* Canoga Park, CA

Featuring:

Kim Anderson

Canadian World Team Member and Multiple National Champion

Cindy DiFranco, DVM

Nationally Recognized Agility Competitor and Vet with 20+ Years
Experience in Treating Canine Soft Tissue Injuries

Terry Simons

Nationally Ranked Agility Competitor in the U.S. and Canada

Join this talented trio for two days of training designed to improve your distance and handling skills. Acquire new skills and perfect existing ones while learning from three of today's top agility competitors. Additionally, learn hands-on massage techniques designed to extend your dog's career by helping to prevent injuries and increase rate of recovery when they do happen.

SPACE IS LIMITED:

Only 24 working spots are available. Working teams will be split into groups of eight and rotated among the three instructors.

Unlimited auditor spots available.

FEES AND REGISTRATION:

\$275 (For Both Days) With Your Dog

\$75 Per Day to Audit (No Dog)

(Lunch is included with registration.)

To Register:

Download registration form online at

www.vhoc.org or see Page 4

Questions?

Call Nancy Giltner at (818) 999-4691

or email imgiltner@sbcglobal.net



DISTANCE, HANDLING AND CANINE THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE

A WORKING SEMINAR WITH KIM ANDERSON,
DR. CINDY DiFRANCO AND TERRY SIMONS

March 26-27, 2011

Held at the VHOC Training Facility: Canoga Park Lutheran School
7357 Jordan Ave., Canoga Park, CA 91303

REGISTRATION:

Note:

Early registration for VHOC members will be until Jan. 14. General registration begins Jan. 15. Spots are filled on a first come, first served basis. Payment must accompany registration and registration must be sent via mail.

PRINT NAME: _____ DOG'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: (____) _____ OR (____) _____

EMAIL: _____

DOG'S CURRENT AGILITY LEVEL: _____

ARE YOU A CURRENT VHOC MEMBER? ____yes ____no

FULL PARTICIPATION w/ DOG - \$275 _____ SAT AUDIT - \$75 _____ SUN AUDIT - \$75 _____

Total Enclosed: _____

RELEASE OF LIABILITY:

In consideration of being allowed to participate or audit this seminar, I hereby release Kim Anderson, Dr. Cindy DiFranco, Terry Simons (and their respective dog training businesses), as well as Valley Hills Obedience Club and the seminar location, Canoga Park Lutheran School, and any person(s) acting on their behalf or at their request, from all liability for loss, damage or injury to me or my dog, and agree to hold harmless from all liability, damage, cost or expense (including all attorney fees), arising out of any claim, demand or action based upon any occurrence concerning myself or my dog. I understand that I alone am responsible for my dog's behavior and I assume full liability for my dog's actions. Further, I understand that based on my dog's behavior at and given time, I may be asked to remove my dog from some or all of the remaining seminar activities, and in such case, no portion of my pre-paid seminar fee will be refunded to me.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT CAREFULLY, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS AND AM VOLUNTARILY SIGNING BELOW. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY AND A BINDING CONTRACT.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT (Payable to VHOC) TO:

**Nancy Giltner
4744 Vista de Oro Ave
Woodland Hills, CA 91364**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING:

A crate for your dog PLUS a dog bed or mat. Yummy treats. Your dog's favorite toys.

Distance Training with Kim Anderson

Kimberley Anderson has been involved with dog training since 1990. She has owned and trained Border Collies and Border Collie Crosses since that time. She has bred Border Collies since 1997. In 2007, she and her hubby, Darren, added a Jack Russell to the mix to confuse themselves!

Kim has won three Canadian National Championships - two with her wonderful partner, Jynx, the third and most emotional win, with Spring. Combined, she has won her height at the Sask/Man/Nun Regional Championships eight times.

Kim and Fia are proud to be members of the Canadian WAO team heading to England in May 2011.

Kim competes with her dogs in AAC, NADAC, AKC, USDAA and CKC agility. She works her dogs on sheep several times a week, and does a flyball tournament every once in a while. Kim has titled dogs in obedience, rally-o, flyball and agility. She has achieved the OTCH, ATChC, ADCH, O-NATCH, REMCL, AAC Lifetime Achievement Award, #1 dog in Canada and FM on multiple dogs. Darren currently runs their dogs in flyball, with Quinn and Tigger having achieved their ONYX titles in 2009.

Kim and Darren own Standsure Agility and breed Border Collies under the "Standsure" prefix. Kim teaches on a very limited basis as training and trialling her own dogs are her first love (and, everyone who has trained under her has heard her say she doesn't like to teach!).

Kim shares her life with her husband Darren, son Brayden, their 10 dogs: Spring, Huck, Rowen, Quinn, Jaymee, Fia, Tigger, Pixel, Flirt and Robin . . . their cat (the resident "sheep") Sierra and 2 Quarter Horses, Tess and Hunter.

Kim owes her insight and knowledge to those wonderful souls that have gone to the Bridge – Kirsty, Dave, Trapper, Allie, Liberty, Spud, Jynx, Shaia, Bud and Shine. *"Although they walk on silent paws, their footprints are forever in our hearts"*

For more information on Kim, visit www.standsureagility.ca or www.standsurebordercollies.com

Canine Therapeutic Massage with Cindy DiFranco

Dr. Cindy DiFranco is a veterinarian of 20 years with extensive clinical experience treating canine soft tissue injuries in private practice. An agility competitor herself, she is keenly interested in the performance dog. She left clinical practice 5 years ago and has developed a massage method by which she can help dogs avoid and recover from the wear, stress and injury to soft tissues inherent to canine athletes. After extensive work with her own dogs as well as thousands of other performance dogs from across the north and southwest, Dr. DiFranco has developed a system of various massage techniques popular in human medicine and applied them to canine athletes. This system helps to decrease the odds of injury for performance dogs as well as help to speed recovery in stressed tissues, healing the micro tears which occur every day to soft tissue. Dr. DiFranco combines myofascial release, stretching and distraction: all of which allow for passive re-alignment of the dog's musculoskeletal system. Results are amazing. Dogs receiving her massage perform better, and in addition, there is an immediate change in the way the dogs move and feel.

Other benefits of Dr. DiFranco's techniques include emotional bonding, relaxation, increased range of motion, decreased stiffness, better circulation and more rapid elimination of waste products from anaerobically stressed tissue. She has found that as an added bonus to the physical effects of her massage is that dogs possess better focus and seem mentally more acute and in tune with their handlers. The body work seems to energize sedate dogs while stabilizing frenetic ones. With today's courses and training becoming more technical than ever, our performance dogs are incredibly stressed, both physically and mentally. Regular body work is a must for the performance dog!

Handling with Terry Simons

Terry Simons has been involved in dog agility since 1994 after catching the bug from his wife Kim and he hasn't looked back.

Terry runs Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers and Border Collies and loves the drive and personality of both. Some of the proudest moments he has had with his dogs are making the USDAA finals two times with Rembrandt, his first Toller and with Curry his first Border Collie. As well, he made the finals in AKC with Curry and with Reveille, twice, and of course finishing 2nd at the AAC Championships with both Curry and Reveille.

Making the podium is always a proud moment, but Terry is also proud of his students' accomplishments as well, seeing several students take the national podium as well as world teams.

Terry's young dog, Ripper a Toller just earned his AKC MACH2 to go along with an ADCh, CD, Breed Championship and a Junior Hunt Title, a first for Terry! And to top it all off Ripper qualified for the Eukanuba Agility Invitational, made the finals and finished fourth overall!

All of Terry's dogs cross train in other sports and Terry has put Obedience titles, Rally titles, herding titles and hunt titles on his dogs.

Terry is most happy when playing with his dogs and enjoying a glass of wine with his wife Kim while doing so!

For more information on Terry, visit www.flyingdogagility.com and www.ralphstoybox.com

Terry's skills as and instructor, trainer and handler have led Terry and his dogs to the finals of AKC and USDAA Nationals multiple times as well as podium finishes at Canada's AAC National Championships and the AKC Agility Invitational.

Terry's enthusiastic and fun style of teaching will help to bring out the best in every dog handler team. Terry is not out to change your style of handling but help you improve upon your choices and skills while at the same time giving you some insight on other approaches to help you succeed in your journey with your companion.

What Terry will be teaching:

Handling to tighten up crosses, the best choice for you and your dog and course analysis to strengthen your choices.

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<i>Agility Trial Volunteer Workers</i>	Kim & Terry Simons
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Tribute To A Special Boy

By Sarah Sykes

On June 1st, 2001, a very special Golden boy was born and on December 31st, 2010, he passed on to the Rainbow Bridge. I can still remember the day we brought him home, like it was yesterday. As his breeder went through all the paperwork and instructions with us, he scampered around her kitchen, relishing the freedom from his littermates - I can still hear his little paw-steps. We named him Rupert, and little did I know then, that he would grow up to be known as Sandpoint Morning Thunder, CDX, RAE, ASCA CDX, CCA. Rupert was my Novice A obedience dog and together we learned the obedience game. I'm sure he taught me much more than I taught him. What fun adventures we had and what good friends with so many people we made along the way. He changed my life forever.



Rupert was such a sweet, gentle character. He didn't like the water, only went out in the rain if he really had to and never learned to swim – that wasn't his style. He preferred to be dry and warm napping on the couch. He was an expert cuddler and foot warmer. He loved to eat anything he was given. The only thing he didn't like was celery – he always would ask for it, but would chew it and then spit it out. Whenever I cooked, I always had my kitchen friend standing next to me, waiting to sample whatever I was chopping. Every morning, I would wake up to see his head resting on my side of the bed as he wagged at me, waiting for permission to jump up and cuddle for a while. He never barked unless it was really necessary – he made more noise asleep than he ever did awake.

He was trained through Utility and we showed many, many times, trying to get our first UD leg. We never quite made it and I retired him from serious showing about a year ago. We did still go into the ring from time to time, in Versatility or Rally just for fun. I wanted to make sure the ring remained a fun place to be and the last time we showed he was as prancing and wagging as ever, joyful to be by my side as we NQd one more time. The judge and one of the stewards told me they loved watching us in the ring together and could see the special bond we had. That means more to me than any title ever could.

The outpouring of support from so many friends as we mourn the loss of our beloved boy has been so overwhelming. He truly was a special boy and touched the hearts of many people.

His breeder, Karen passed away a couple of years after Rupert was born. I know she was at the Rainbow Bridge, waiting to welcome him so she could take care of him until we meet him again.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Carolyn Burry and her Queensland Heeler, Bandit III
Leslie Chudnoff and her Brittany, Bailey
Dale Donalson and his Labrador Retriever, Nugget

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

All You Need for Obedience

Submitted by Allison Pobirs



All you need for obedience is a dog, leash and collar.

All you need for obedience is a dog, leash, collar, really tasty treats and a bait bag.

All you need for obedience is a dog, leash, collar, really tasty treats, a bait bag and a crate.

All you need for obedience is a dog, leash, collar, really tasty treats, a bait bag, a crate, crate pads, training bag, jumps, ring gating.

All you need for obedience is a dog, leash, collar, really tasty treats, a bait bag, a crate, crate pads, training bag, jumps, ring gating, training bag, gloves, articles, dumbbell, water bowl, cooler, chair.



All you need for obedience is a dog, leash, collar, really tasty treats, a bait bag, a crate, crate pads, training bag, jumps, ring gating, training bag, gloves, articles, dumbbell, water bowl, cooler, chair, a cart to haul everything on and a new vehicle to carry everything.

Yup. All you need for obedience is a dog, leash and collar.

Author Unknown



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

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

www.poochabilitydogtraining.com



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& 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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