

Pewsette



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It is that Membership Renewal Time of Year

The flyer is on Page 3.

Please read the flyer—there is the option to use Zelle for payment this year.

The dues amount has not changed:

Single Membership = \$25.00

and

Family Membership = \$35

REMINDER

Remember to check the website http://www.vhoc.org

for announcements, cancelled classes, upcoming events and other important club information. If you know of a member who would appreciate receiving correspondence, such as a get-well card, sympathy card, etc., please email our Corresponding Secretary, Carole Hills, at

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Got News?

Do you have a brag? Did you get a new puppy? Is your dog celebrating a birthday? Do you have other dog-related news, photos, articles, humor or upcoming events you'd like to share?

Do you have a canine product or service you'd like to promote? Ads are only \$10.00 a month, or \$50.00 for an entire year.

Email me for more information, or just send your stuff to:

Debbie Lang at dilang@sbcglobal.net

Submission deadline is the 8th of each month

This is YOUR Newsette...make it great!

Valley Hills Obedience Club 2024 Membership Renewal

Dues must be received by January 30, 2024

Please complete the form below with your changes for the 2024 Membership Roster and return it with your 2024 membership dues (\$25 single and \$35 family).

Return to: Cynthia Casby

VHOC Membership Chair 237 S. Griffth Park Dr. Burbank, CA 91506

OR Email form to: <u>VHOC.membership@gmail.com</u>

AND pay by Zelle to (626) 372-6428

I am also happy to send you a Zelle request. We do not take PayPal or Venmo

Name:
Street Address:
City, St., Zip:
Phone Number(s):
Dog (breeds):
E-mail Address:
Check this box to opt out of Electronic Communication:

"Membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid thirty (30) days after the first day of February 2024"

Thank you, to everyone who helped at the VHOC Agility trial (12/8-10)

Our trial was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who helped running leashes, setting jumps, and gating the classes. Everyone who volunteered please make sure Cynthia Casby has that information. Working at the trial counts towards meetings needed for the Special Annual Awards.

We had a one judge trial that brought in a lot of entries considering all the other activates that weekend, including USDAA agility, a Rally Trial, and Barn Hunt. We even made a profit on the trial.

Last September when Larry was ill we had to scramble to get a Trial Secretary for our Obedience/Rally Trial. Lynn Ehrenberg stepped up to help us with the day of show results input and tabulation. We were faced with a even more difficult situation for our agility trial with the added need for someone to accept the entries and give Lynn the data. We were extremely fortunate that Daneen Fox volunteered to help us with that. She was able to accept the entries and payment for all the mailed and online entries. This was part of what Larry normally did. That was a huge help in getting our trial off the ground.

While the weather wasn't the best, moving the Dog-walk over next to the palm trees added a buffer to the wind.

There were a few dogs that pulled, the little ones, where the wind was really a factor, and some of the people going to invitationals.

Now we can rest a little bit until we need to start getting ready for the September 2024 Obed/Rally Trial.





The dog-walk is pictured to the left and above are some of the hardy souls walking the jumpers course.

Time to Start Thinking about Annual Awards

There will be a separate email sent out with all the rules and forms for the Annual Awards, but get a head start and get all your title information and scores for 2022 ready to go.

All VHOC members whose dog(s) completed a title in the current year are eligible to receive title plaques.

The first three awards are open to all members.

- 1. Title Plaques VHOC offers a plaque to all members whose dog(s) completed a title in any performance sport from any registry, the final leg of which must have been earned in the current year. Non-sport titles such as those in Canine Good Citizen or Therapy Dog programs may also be included.
- 2. A-Team Award In recognition of first-time achievement, VHOC offers an award to all members who earned a Novice A title in obedience, rally or agility (any registry) in the current year.
- 3. American Breed Championship Medallion VHOC offers an award to all members whose dog (s) completed a breed championship, the finishing points of which must have been earned in the current year.

For the obedience, rally, agility and multiple sport awards the rules and forms will be sent out in the separate email.







Types Of Cysts On Dogs

Joanne Keenan 2023-08-28

Dogs are prone to getting lumps and bumps that often worry their owners. If you find your dog has a fluid-filled lump, it could be one of several types of cysts on dogs.

Here's what you need to know to identify and manage different types of cysts on dogs.

What Is A Cyst?

A fluid-filled lump on your dog is a cyst. A cyst is a closed sac or pouch in the body that contains fluid, gas, or semi-solid material. Cysts can form anywhere on a dog's body including the skin, paws, internal organs, and bones. They can vary in size, from very small to several inches in diameter and can be found as single or multiple cysts.

Most cysts are benign, which means they are non-cancerous and don't spread to other parts of the body. However, some cysts can be malignant or cancerous.

What Do Cysts On Dogs Look Like?

Cysts on dogs can have different appearances depending on their location and whether they're benign or malignant.

A smooth bump that's round is usually a benign cyst. It can be small or large but can grow over time. If your dog has a cyst that is irregular in shape and there's bleeding or ulceration, it might be malignant, and you should get your dog to your vet. These cysts can also grow quickly and spread to surrounding tissue.

What Causes Cysts On Dogs?

Some cysts are congenital, so they're present at birth and develop as a result of an abnormality. Other cysts can form due to infections, inflammation or a blocked duct or gland.

Skin cysts are the most common type in dogs. They can start as a raised lump under the skin and can be caused by various factors, such as allergies, infections, or trauma. They're usually not a problem unless they become infected or bother your dog.

Internal cysts in dogs can occur in organs such as the liver, kidneys, or ovaries. These cysts can be more serious as they can cause organ dysfunction or other health issues.

Signs Of Cysts On Dogs

Symptoms of cysts can vary depending on the location and size of the cyst. In some cases, they might not cause any symptoms at all (other than the visible cyst). Common symptoms can include pain, swelling, redness, and tenderness in the affected area.

Here are some other signs of cysts:

- A raised lump or bump under the skin, which may be visible or palpable to the touch
- Firm or soft swelling around the cyst
- Redness from being inflamed or irritated
- Discharge that's thick, yellow or bloody
- Pain or discomfort if they're large or form in sensitive areas
- Behavioral changes like licking or scratching, if a cyst causes pain or discomfort

Signs Your Dog Has An Internal Cyst

You can't see this type of cyst but you might notice some of these signs. These could be symptoms of many different diseases, so it's a good idea to see your vet:



Types Of Cysts On Dogs—continued

- Loss of appetite
- Vomiting
- Abdominal pain or discomfort when you touch the abdomen
- Lethargy, lack of energy or enthusiasm
- Abdomen that is swollen, distended or bloated
- Difficulty breathing from pressure on the respiratory system

9 Types Of Cysts On Dogs

Dogs can get several types of cysts. The most common are cysts on your dog's skin or paws.

Here are some common types of cysts on dogs:

- 1. **Epidermoid cysts** are a type of skin cyst in dogs. They're usually benign and contain a mixture of keratin and sebum, which lubricate the skin and hair.
- 2. **Sebaceous cysts** (also known as sebaceous adenomas) appear in the skin when the sebaceous glands are blocked. They're usually harmless but can become infected.
- 3. **Pilar cysts** are known as trichilemmal cysts and are usually found on a dog's head or neck. They contain keratin and often have a hard, round shape.
- 4. **Apocrine gland cysts** form from the apocrine glands, which are sweat glands in the skin. You'll usually notice them in the groin or anal area of your dog.
- 5. Follicular cysts form around hair follicles and are usually found on your dog's face, neck or trunk.
- 6. **Ovarian cysts** occur in the ovaries of female dogs. They're usually benign but can cause hormonal imbalances and affect a dog's reproductive health.
- 7. **Kidney cysts** form in the kidneys and can affect a dog's kidney function if they become large or numerous.
- 8. **Mast cell tumors** are cancerous tumors of the skin. They can be aggressive and spread quickly to other parts of the body.
- 9. **Lipomas** are fatty tumors that develop under the skin. While most lipomas are harmless, they can become large and uncomfortable for your dog.

Benign Cysts On Dogs

Benign cysts don't usually need to be removed. But these are the things to watch for:

- Discomfort or pain to the dog because of where it's located.
- Infected cyst.
- A cyst growing quickly may be a sign of a more serious condition, such as a tumor, so it needs further diagnosis.
- Cyst is in a sensitive area such as the eyelid or around the anus, and needs to be monitored to ensure there are no complications or discomfort.

Cyst On Dog Paw

A cyst on your dog's paw may be quite noticeable. You might see your dog licking or chewing it, and it can cause him to limp. You'll need to keep your dog's paw clean and dry to prevent infection and promote healing.

Diagnosis of Cysts On Dogs

It's hard to tell visually whether a cyst is benign or malignant so you it's a good idea to ask your veterinarian to check it. Here's how veterinarians diagnosed cysts ...

- Physical examination of your dog, feeling for any lumps or bumps under the skin. She may record the location, size, and texture of any suspected cysts.
- A fine needle aspirate is when a small needle is inserted into the cyst to extract the fluid or cells inside. The sample is examined under a microscope to determine if it is something more serious.

Types Of Cysts On Dogs—continued

- If the cyst is large or your vet suspects it may be cancerous, she may recommend a biopsy where a small piece of the cyst is removed and sent to a laboratory for further testing.
- In some cases, an ultrasound, X-ray, or CT scan may be done to get a better look at the cyst and determine its location, size, and whether it has spread to other parts of the body.

Treatment may include monitoring the cyst or draining it but surgical removal isn't necessary unless it's bothering your dog.

Should You Aspirate A Cyst On Dogs?

Aspirating a cyst can have potential risks and complications such as:

- Infection if the needle or the area around the cyst isn't properly sterilized.
- Bleeding can happen if the cyst is located near a blood vessel or other vital structures.
- Aspirating a cyst can cause it to rupture, which can release the contents into the surrounding tissues causing inflammation, pain and infection.
- In some cases, a cyst can reform after it's been aspirated or if there's an underlying condition causing the cyst to form.
- If there are cancer cells present, inserting a needle can disturb cancer cells and could cause them to spread.

Natural Ways To Manage A Ruptured Cyst On A Dog

Here are some natural ways you can manage a cyst on your dog:

- Keep the area clean with warm water and a mild soap to prevent further infection and promote healing.
- Apply a warm compress to reduce inflammation and pain associated with a ruptured cyst. Soak a clean cloth in warm water and apply it to the affected area for 5-10 minutes, several times a day.
- Provide pain relief by giving your dog turmeric or ginger. These are natural anti-inflammatory agents to help reduce swelling and pain.
- Add Epsom salts to a warm bath to soothe the skin and reduce inflammation. Add 1-2 cups of Epsom salts to warm water and allow your dog to soak for 10-15 minutes.
- Use herbal remedies such as calendula, chamomile and goldenseal that have natural antibacterial and antiinflammatory properties. Use them topically on the affected area to soothe and heal the skin. You can use tinctures diluted 50/50 with water, and it's okay to combine all 3 together.
- Certain essential oils, such as lavender or frankincense, may have anti-inflammatory and antimicrobial properties that can soothe the skin and reduce inflammation. Don't use these oils undiluted. Add 2-3 drops to 1 oz of a carrier oil such as almond or apricot kernel oil.

How To Prevent Cysts On Dogs

Here are some ways to help avoid a cyst on your dog:

- Brush your dog regularly to remove loose hair and keep the follicles clear. It also prevents oil and dirt from building up and causing blockages.
- Keep your dog's skin clean and dry to reduce moisture and bacteria.
- Check your dog for lumps and bumps and take note of any change in size or texture.
- Trauma or injury can cause cysts so monitor your dog if he's been injured.

Always feed a fresh, whole food diet rich in antioxidants that will support your dog's immune system and skin health.

URL—<u>Types Of Cysts On Dogs - Dogs Naturally (dogsnaturallymagazine.com)</u>

Article submitted by Allison Pobirs

Dog shows come and go, trophies collect dust, ribbons get tossed to the side, but the memories are never forgotten, and the friendships are never replaced.

Submitted by Allison Pobirs

Things Dog Handlers Say



Can Dogs Sense When People Are Going to Die?

By Caroline Coile, PhD Updated: Oct 17, 2023 | 5 Minutes

Can dogs sense death? Many dog owners recall their dogs behaving differently when someone has died or is about to die. Beverly Bingham of North Palm Beach, Florida, and her 6-year-old Borzoi, "Krispin," share similar experiences. "A few days before my mom passed, Krispin would come into Mom's room after my aide and I had fed and cleaned her," says Bingham. "He would nuzzle her hair and smell her breath. I do think they at least pick up on changes in the dying person's body chemistry."



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Similarly, Denise Milko of Ocean City, Maryland, remembers how her Rhodesian Ridgeback, "Hampton," kept a close watch over her mother. Milko, who's actively shown Rhodesian Ridgebacks and Italian Greyhounds for over 20 years, remembers that her mother encouraged Milko, to go to a show with Hampton. "Hampton kept looking back," she says. "We got to the show. He showed two days, then we got a call to come home. Mom was dying. She wasn't dying when we left. He knew — a brilliant breed. On top of her coffin was a blue ribbon he'd won for her. She would have smiled."

These are stories that you'll find pop up everywhere. Paula Johnson of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, can also vouch for this ability that dogs seem to have. "My grandparents owned a Schipperke," says Johnson. "My grandfather came home from work early one day, not feeling 100%, and went to lie down in the bedroom. A short while later, the dog started bugging at the door to the bedroom. My grandmother tried to hush him so as to let my grandfather sleep. The dog was insistent and so my grandmother opened the door to let him in: my grandfather was deceased. He had a heart attack in his sleep. So yes, dogs know!"

Are these anecdotal examples just a series of coincidences? Or can dogs really sense death? Ancient people seemed to think so.

Dogs, Death, and Folklore

Across time and space, many cultures from all over the world have associated dogs with death. The ancient Egyptian god, Anubis, had the head of a jackal or dog, and is the god of death, mummification, and embalming. He escorted souls to the underworld, and played a role in embalming and protecting the dead.

Dog howling is also said to universally support dogs warning or telling of death. In Irish lore, it is said that dogs could see souls being led to their resting place, led by a pack of hounds leading riders across the sky, and that is why they howl at the night sky.

In the lore of Mesoamerica (spanning much of Mexico and Central America), dogs guided the dead through the eight layers of the underworld. In fact, the name of the Xoloitzcuintli, an ancient Mexican dog breed, combines the name of Xolotl, the god of death, with the Nahuatl term for "dog." In parts of Peru, some people consider a dog howling at night an omen that a person has died or is about to die.



Roxane Dutson

Can Dogs Sense When People Are Going to Die? - continued

Black Dogs in Folklore

In the British Isles, the appearance of black dogs, especially members of the hound group, was thought to indicate death was coming. Even into the early modern era, black dogs supposedly haunted remote areas, howling at anyone who came near and foreshadowing that person's death. Fans of Sherlock Holmes and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle may recognize these tales as inspiration for "The Hound of the Baskervilles." Could fact lie behind fiction?

Why do so many cultures associate dogs with death? Perhaps it's simply a morbid observation. After all, stray canids may have once eaten human remains or howled to let packmates know there was available meat. Or perhaps it's the mournful – or even scary – sound of wild canids calling packs together that stirs some uneasy feeling within us.

Can Animals Sense Death?

No death-predicting dogs have been officially documented. However, a Rhode Island cat, "Oscar," gained fame in the 2000s for his ability to seemingly sense the impending deaths of nursing home residents. Caretakers at a Rhode Island nursing home noticed that feline resident, "Oscar," who was normally aloof toward patients, would nap next to some residents. Many of these people died within two hours of his joining them. The staff thought it was as though Oscar was providing comfort to them in their last hours. After Oscar accurately "predicted" 25 deaths, when he began sleeping next to a different person, the nursing home staff would call that individual's family so they could say goodbye.

We don't know how animals may sense death, or if it's really possible. First, we should examine situations where dogs appear to be very attentive to the dead or dying with some scientific skepticism. Perhaps we just notice the times that dogs, especially therapy dogs or dogs visiting nursing homes, sat beside someone who died — and forget all the times they sat beside someone who lived. This observation could be a case of confirmation bias, where people unconsciously notice information that supports views they already hold. Perhaps dogs are simply seeking a quiet bed to snooze in, or a warm blanket, and this happens to be near someone near-

Yakobchuk Olena

ing death. Or conversely, perhaps dogs detect scents associated with rest and comfort, like blankets or pillows, and want to be nearby.

Can Dogs Sense Death?

Whether dogs can sense death or not, they will notice the absence of a human or another pet. For example, if one of your other dogs dies or a beloved owner passes away, your dog may well be confused or distressed, wondering why things have changed.

Dying people, as well as dying animals, tend to act differently. Dogs can read each other's body language and react accordingly, and they also carefully observe human movement, posture, vocal tone, and more. If you are sad or anxious, your dog will react differently than they would if you were happy. Perhaps dogs are actually picking up on human anxiety or sadness. Current research suggests dogs may try to offer comfort to people in distress, which could explain why they're nearby people in these situations.

One study from Goldsmiths College's Department of Psychology looked at different reactions in dogs with two groups of people in two situations. The people were either the owner of the dog, or a stranger. To see the dog's reaction, both groups hummed or talked (happy behavior), or they pretended to cry (sad behavior). Regardless of whether that person was their owner or a stranger, the dogs more often oriented themselves towards people pretending to cry, nuzzling and licking the individual. It's possible this behavior is a sign of empathic-type behavior from the dog, that could also translate to seeming like they can predict death.

Can Dogs Sense When People Are Going to Die? - continued

Scientific studies indicate dogs' keen noses and even their ears can sense changes in human emotion. For example, people's smells change based on their mood, and canine noses can detect these changes. One Pub-Med research study exposed dogs to chemosignals (human pheromones that communicate information to others) of fear and happiness. When exposed to the fear chemosignal, dogs stuck around their owners more than they did strangers. Were these dogs trying to soothe their owners? Or were they themselves becoming afraid and seeking comfort?



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Perhaps dogs, with their incredible senses of smell, can detect the slightest whiff of odors associated with dying. Maybe dogs can sniff out scents associated with organs shutting down. After all, some dogs can detect cancer, so it's possible they can also detect dying cells.

Whether or not dogs can sense death specifically, evidence indicates that dogs are able to experience some form of grief. Dogs may display behavior consistent with grief-associated emotions when owners die or when other pets, including dogs, die.

What Can Cadaver Dogs Tell Us?

"My dogs see dead people," a dog owner may joke. But cadaver dog handlers can rightly claim that their dogs smell dead people — or dead bodies, to be exact.

A dead body immediately starts to give off scents that we can't smell. In one Forensic Science Institute study, three cadaver dogs were exposed to a line-up of six new carpet squares. One carpet square that had been exposed for 10 minutes to a recently deceased person (within three hours of death). The dogs succeeded in picking out the correct carpet square 98% of the time, falling to 94% when the carpet square was exposed to a recently deceased person for just two minutes. As the body continues to decompose, the scents it gives off will change. It's possible that dog noses can detect differences in how long someone has been dead.



Cat Warren

Can dogs sense death? Maybe. They can certainly sense changes associated with humans passing away, and by nature, seek to comfort people. How true is the folklore, and how plausible is it that coincidences like the ones Beverly Bingham, Denise Milko, and Paula Johnson had aren't coincidences at all? With more research, trained dogs might one day provide clues to answer these questions.

AKC URL—

Can Does Sense Death? Research Behind Animals Sensing Death (akc.org)

Brags

PACH 2 Abbi





Jeff Kogan and Abbi

VHOC Agility Trial, Stone Pony, Moorpark, CA December 8th

Abbi earned her PACH 2

VHOC Training Classes

Obedience - Beginning Competitive - Thursday 6:30, Simi Valley

Obedience - Open / Utility Obedience—Thursday 7:45, Simi Valley

Instructor: Patti Rovtar, For more information, please contact Patti Rovtar at pattirovtar@gmail.com

PLEASE CHECK WITH OUR INSTUCTORS FOR NEW CLASS START DATES

VHOC Website — https://www.vhoc.org/copy-of-group-classes

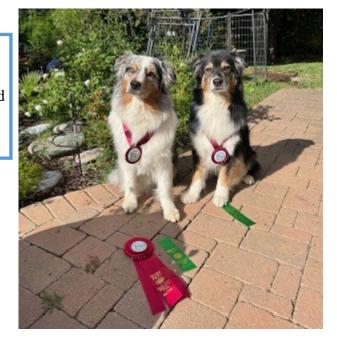
Agility - Skills & Drills - Mondays 6:30 and 7:30, Reseda

Instructor: Olga Chaiko, For more information, please contact Ann at tonkanuki@aol.com

Brags

Michele Goyette with Finn and Blaze

Finn completed his Excellent Rally (RE) title and Blaze completed his Advanced Rally (RA) title





Michele Goyette and Ember

Ember completed her AKC **Novice JWW (NJ)** and **Standard (NA) titles** with perfect runs each time she competed.

Most recently she got her first Advanced Rally Q with a score of 96 and was first place.

Laurie Burnam and Tesla

Buenaventura Dog Obedience Club, AKC Agility, Freedom Park, Camarillo November 24 & 25, 2023

Excellent Fast 100 Q 1st place 2nd leg

Excellent Standard 100 Q 2nd place 2nd leg

Excellent Fast 100 Q 1st place 3rd leg XF Title #63







Debbie Lang and Panda

Tri-County Australian Shepherd Working Association, Farm Trial(11-17) and Stock Dog Trial (11/18-19)

11-17-23 - Open Ducks—Qualifying—Farm Trial

11-18-23 Open Sheep—Qualifying and 4th place

11-18-23 Started Cattle—Qualifying

11-19-23 Open Sheep—Qualifying and 3rd place

11-19-23 Started Cattle—Qualifying

11-19-23 Open Sheep—Qualifying and 4th place

11-19-23 Open Ducks—Qualifying and 3rd place

11-19-23 Started Cattle—Qualifying and STDc Title

Debbie Lang and Max

Tri-County Australian Shepherd Working Association, Stock Dog Trial (11/18-19)

11-18-23—Started Sheep—Qualifying

11-18-23 – Started Ducks—Qualifying

11-19-23—Started Sheep—Qualifying

11-19-23 - Started Ducks - Qualifying

11-19-23— Started Cattle—Qualifying and **STDc Title**

11-19-23—Started Ducks—Qualifying





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Laurie Burnam and Tesla

VHOC agility, Dec. 8, 9, 10, 2023 at Stone Pony in Moorpark

Master Fast 75 points 2nd pl 1st leg

Master Fast 74 points 4th pl 2nd leg

Master Fast 75 points 1st pl 3rd leg

7 more Q's to go

Time 2 Beat 10 point 1st pl

Time 2 Beat 4 point 4th pl

Time 2 Beat 10 point 1st pl = 8 Q's 47 points, halfway there, need 15 Q's and 100 pts.

We survived the wicked winds.







From Tommy Dickey, Summer and Roxy

Holiday Greetings 2023

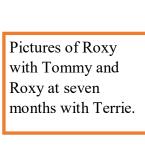
In spring 2023, we got a **new Great Pyre-nees puppy named Roxy**, who is already excelling in the show ring, and enjoys Summer who had a great show career.

In July, I had a hip replacement, and temporarily relocated to be nearer the doctors. Summer is happily living here with me, while Roxy is staying with Terrie.

Wishing you a happy holiday season,

Tommy, Summer, and Roxy"







Laurie Burnam with Scusi and Tesla

ASCSC/MAC ASCA Agility, Juniper Hills, December 2, 3, 2023

Scusi & Laurie

Elite Ace Sr Regular 10 Q 1st place

Elite Ace Sr Regular 10 Q 1st place

Elite Ace Sr Regular 10 Q 3rd place

Elite Ace Sr Jumpers 10 Q 2nd place

Elite Ace Sr Jumpers 10 Q 2nd place

Elite Ace Sr Jumpers 10 Q 2nd place





Wild Child Tesla & Laurie

Elite Gamblers 10 Q 3rd place 1st leg

Tesla is in love with a dog named Norman, so we let them play at the trials. Silly girls leaps in the air, twists around, uses both front legs to wrap around his neck and he is loving every minute. After this romp her run on a Gamble course bought her a Q, cool may try it again later on. We did just that but after the romp she was out of her mind, ran around the ring taking off courses, around jumps and did something I have never seen a dog so before. She did the Limbo and ran under a bar jump and carried onto the next jump the proper way. Really??? I asked the judge how she liked my Limbo girl and she said I wasn't sure how to fault it, the usual 10 points or in this case a 20 point fault. CRAZY girl! Luckily there are moments of brilliance on courses so we have hope.



Robyn Zeldon and Crew

We have a new baby boy!

Introducing: LuBeaux's A Moment To Last Forever (Crew).

He is 11 weeks old.

I can't wait to start training this boy. Luca and Lyric love him



Debbie Lang and Panda

ASCSC/MAC ASCA Agility, Juniper Hills, December 2, 3, 2023

12-2-23

Elite Vet Gamblers—10 Q 3rd place

Elite Vet Jumpers—10 Q 3rd place

Elite Vet Jumpers—10 Q 2nd place

Elite Vet Regular—5 Q 4th place

12-3-23

Elite Vet Gamblers—10 Q 1st place

Elite Vet Jumpers—10 Q 3rd place

Elite Vet Jumpers—10 Q 3rd place

Elite Vet Regular—5 Q

Brags



Debbie Lang and Morgan

ASCSC/MAC ASCA Agility, Juniper Hills, December 2, 3, 2023

12-2

Novice ACE/STD Jumpers—10 Q 1st place

Novice ACE/STD Jumpers—10 Q 1st place

Novice Jumpers Title—JSA-N

12-3-23

Open ACE/STD Jumpers—10 Q 1st place



Robyn Zeldon and Lyric

Lyric earned her **IABCA National Championship** with Two Best of Breeds at the IABCA's 2023 Southland Autumn Sieger International Dog Show on November 11th



Robyn Zeldon and Lyric

Another BOB at the IABCA's 2023 Southland Autumn Sieger International Dog Show on November 12th and is now an **Honor Champion**



Brags



Cynthia Casby and MacGyver

Cynthia Casby and MacGyver competed at the BDTC Rally Trial in Moorpark on December 10th.

Mac earned another RAE leg and 13 more Rally Championship points.

He now has 7 Rally Master legs, 8 RAE legs, 6 Triple Q's, and 86 points towards his RACH!

Monica Nolan with Augie and Rose

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Augie continues to munch away on his agility Qs: 11/24 (Buena trial) Master JWW,

12/9 (VHOC) Master FAST (2nd) and Master JWW (2nd)

Rose made her debut in AKC agility at the VHOC trial and had a marvelous time making up her own courses. She did pull off a First in Novice FAST. She redeemed herself the next day at the Buena 12/10 Rally trial, earning her first triple Q with some respectable scores: 98,99,and 96.





Mark your Calendars—

These are the pending dates for VHOC's trials at Stone Pony

5/9 & 5/10 - Agility

7/25 & 7/26 - Agility

8/1 - Agility

9/12 & 9/13 - Agility

9/14 & 9/15 - Obedience/Rally (Annual Trial)

11/12 & 11/13 - Agility

12/6, 12/7 & 12/8 - Agility (Annual Trial)





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