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### Put it on your Calendar

June 12—General Meeting via Zoom  
7 PM

July 23-24 – Valley Hills Obed Club  
– VHOC – Camarillo – Agility

Sept 12-13 VHOC Obedience/Rally  
Trial.



## Remembering those that served



### 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 [chills37@aol.com](mailto:chills37@aol.com)

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*Welcome to our New Members!*

*(in order to activate membership, applicants need to attend one general meeting or volunteer to help at a VHOC event)*

**Tara Farkash and Bagheera her Giant Schnauzer/Poodle mix**

# Friday, June 12th

## General Meeting via Zoom

### 7 PM

#### Genetics, Epigenetics, and Anxiety Plus – a mind-blowing adventure!

This presentation will help to answer the following question: When you see anxious, fearful dogs, can you assume that they have been abused? Many people, especially animal rescue volunteers, jump to that conclusion by just looking at a dog's behavior.

For convenience, I use the term Anxiety Plus to cover that group of behaviors that people describe in various ways, including “nervous”, “fearful” “hypervigilant” “anxious” “worried” and more.

We will start with a brief review of the major causal factors in dog behavior, then look a little more closely at the role of genetics in causing Anxiety Plus. Can a pup be born with this behavior? We will then take a deeper dive into epigenetics, those environmental factors that affect the expression of the genes, and see how these factors may cause Anxiety Plus. And we will conclude by looking at a current study that shows one example of a way to reduce the impact of the epigenetic factors.

Of course, there will be time for questions and comments at the end – that's the most fun part of any program!

Deena Case-Pall, Ph.D.

Consulting Psychologist (CA lic # PSY-11997)

If you're interested in joining us for  
this program,  
please **RSVP to Monica by June 10th**  
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So we can be sure you get the Zoom  
link.



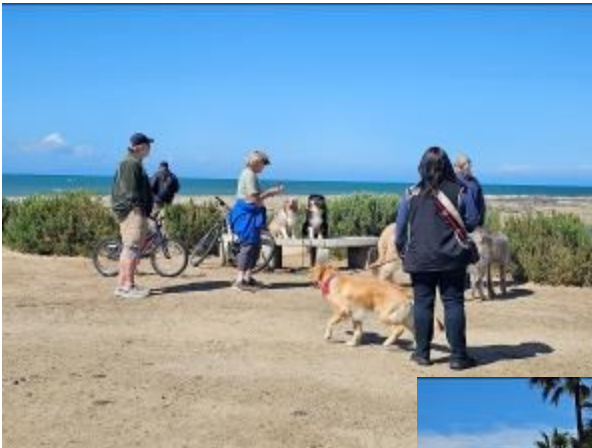
# April 12 Fit Dog Walk

## April 12 Fit Dog Walk by Monica Nolan

We had beautiful weather for our April 12<sup>th</sup> Fit Dog walk along the Ventura Pier Promenade. The skies were blue, the sea a deep green and so clear you could see the Channel Islands. Nine humans and twelve dogs were in attendance. This is such a fun place to go. Great people watching. And folks love seeing all the purebred dogs. We stopped several times to answer questions about the dogs and have our pictures taken. The promenade is now complete down to the Ventura River so kept going at the half mile mark and clocked a total of two miles. Afterwards several of us had lunch on the pier. Very dog friendly restaurant there with the best tacos! Definitely a fun Sunday outing.

The next Fit Dog walk will take place in October. We'll announce the date and location in a few months.





After the storms,  
beautiful  
weather  
and blue  
skies



Fit Dog  
April 12th  
Ventura  
Pier/  
Promenade



## Calling all Members if you have a few extra dollars— you can help support the VHOC Trophy General Fund

The fund helps provide for the monetary awards that VHOC will fund.

VHOC is funding each day

- \$100 Obedience High in Trial,
- \$50 Obedience High Combined,
- \$75 Rally Highest Scoring Triple Q
- \$50 Rally High Combined,

VHOC is supporting \$275 each day which is what the General Fund helps support along with the purchase of all the new Title Rosettes.

If you would like to help sponsor the General Fund please contact Debbie Lang at [djlang@sbcglobal.net](mailto:djlang@sbcglobal.net)

## VHOC Award Sponsors\*

Saturday September 12	Award	Sunday September 13
Ken Perlmutter	Preferred High In Trial	Shirley Miller
Shirley Miller	Preferred High Combined	Lori Borenstein
Louise Brady	“200 Score” Award	Karen Ullman

\* Continued on the next page

**Thank you to everyone who has sponsored our trial**



# VHOC Award Sponsors

Saturday September 12	Regular Obedience	Sunday September 13
Zuma Dobermans, Gwen & Terry Lucoff	Novice A	Zuma Dobermans, Gwen & Terry Lucoff
David Zelitzky	Novice B	Barbara Laffer & Mike Brill
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Sharon Clarke	Open B	Sharon Clarke
Michael Fields & Stephanie Schuster	Utility A	Nancy Rapoport
Sharon Shilkoff in Memory of Joyce Davis	Utility B	Cindi Malchose
	<b>Alternative Titling</b>	
Karen Ullman	Preferred Novice	Nancy Giltner
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Dianna Santos, Online Dog Training University, Inc	Preferred Utility	Dianna Santos, Online Dog Training University, Inc
	<b>Optional Titling</b>	
Yvonne Garst	Beginner Novice A	A.J. Listman
Dianna Santos, Online Dog Training University, Inc	Beginner Novice B	Sue Rasmussen - In Honor of Cooper-Premiere's Snowburst Applause CD SWE CGCA TKI ATT
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Dianna Santos, Online Dog Training University, Inc	Graduate Open	Jennifer Waagenaar
Barbara Laffer & Mike Brill	Versatility	Shirley Miller
	<b>Rally Obedience</b>	
Sue Ingham	Novice A	Nancie Rogers
Cynthia Casby	Novice B	Daos Boonma
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Nancy Giltner	Advanced A	Robyn Zelden
Laurie Burnam	Advanced B	Dianna Santos, Online Dog Training University, Inc
Patti Rovtar	Excellent A	Laurie Burnam
Carole Raschella, in loving memory of "Liam", Sunshine's Gift of Galway CD, RAE2, CGC	Excellent B	Carole Raschella, in loving memory of "Clooney", Roclyn In A Class of His Own CGC TKI
Lousie Fox Meredith	Masters	Laurie Burnam
Nancy Rapoport	Choice	Laurie Burnam

## Important Security Alert: New and Emerging Scams Targeting Clubs & Delegates

New and emerging scams are attempting to pressure recipients into sending money (often via gift cards, wire transfers, or payment apps) or sharing sensitive personal or financial information. While these messages may appear convincing, they are fraudulent.

### AKC LEADERSHIP AND STAFF WILL NEVER:

- Request payment via gift cards, wire transfers, cryptocurrency, or payment apps such as CashApp, Zelle, or Venmo
- Ask for personal or financial information via unsolicited email, text message, or voicemail
- Send unsolicited messages urging you to click links or open "urgent" or "secure" documents
- Ask you to keep a request confidential or pressure you to act immediately

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

In limited, legitimate cases, AKC staff may contact clubs regarding an existing, known transaction or invoice. These communications will never involve unusual payment methods, secrecy, or urgency. When in doubt, always hang up and contact AKC directly using a trusted phone number or email address.

If you receive a suspicious message, do not respond, do not click links, and delete it immediately.

### EXPANDING THREATS: AI-DRIVEN AND PRETEXTING SCAMS

Scammers are increasingly using **artificial intelligence** and **pretexting (social engineering)** to make scams more convincing. These attacks may arrive via **text message, phone call, voicemail, or even video chat**, often using urgency or authority to manipulate recipients.

### COMMON WARNING SIGNS:

- Unexpected contact claiming an emergency or urgent issue
- Requests that bypass normal processes
- Pressure to act quickly or keep the request confidential
- Requests for money or sensitive information
- **Always verify before taking action.** If something feels off, pause and independently confirm the request using known contact information.

### PROTECTING YOURSELF AND YOUR CLUB

- Verify all financial or sensitive requests through trusted channels
- Never share personal or financial information without confirmation
- Avoid clicking links or opening attachments in unexpected messages
- Review social media privacy settings—scammers may use audio or video clips to impersonate others
- Periodically review and reinforce your club's financial controls

Additional guidance is available from the **Federal Trade Commission (FTC)**, and clubs are encouraged to review the [\*Managing Club Finances\*](#) resources to ensure strong safeguards are in place.

While these threats continue to evolve, awareness and verification remain the most effective defenses. Thank you for helping protect yourself, your club, and the integrity of AKC programs.

**Put it on your calendar -  
VHOC Obedience/Rally Trial  
Sept 12/13  
Premium coming out in June.**



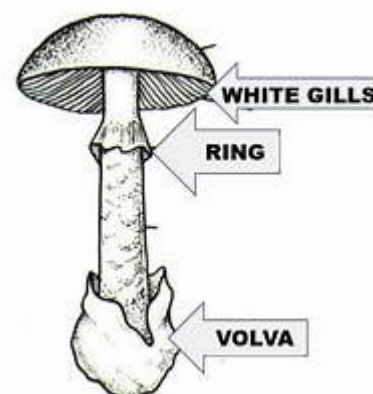
# Death Cap Mushrooms are in California

Toxic mushroom super bloom has caused numerous deaths in California. The Bay Area has seen an uptick in mushroom poisonings this winter, with nearly 40 people sickened and four deaths.

Eating just one of these ghostly white mushrooms, *Amanita phalloides*, can kill an adult – the toxins they contain are responsible for around 90 percent of fatal mushroom poisonings each year.

Recently in Santa Clarita, a Golden Retriever, named Bogey died after eating a mushroom while walking at a local Valencia park. They didn't think anything of it until the next morning when the dog had thrown up, and was lethargic. He was taken to an emergency vet. After they went back and found another mushroom from the same area it was determined it was a Death Cap mushroom. This mushroom is extremely toxic effecting the liver specifically. Even after valiant efforts to save its life the Golden , Bogey died from ingesting the mushroom. He ate the mushroom May 1st, he passed on May 3rd.

The Death Cap Mushroom has spread throughout California.



## Death Cap *Amanita phalloides*



### Deadly Poisonous

- ▶ Habitat: Deciduous trees, especially oak
- ▶ Season: August - November
- ▶ Toxic compound  $\alpha$ -amanitin
- ▶ Responsible for 90% of fungus-poisoning deaths in Europe
- ▶ Half a cap can be a fatal dose



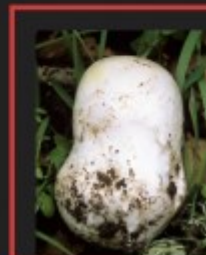
Yellow-Olive Cap may have white scales, but often without



Spore print white

Usually has a fragile ring

Bag-like volva at stem base (can be feint or partial)



**DANGER!**  
Universal veil can make young DCs look like a puffball

# Be your dog's best friend and *a good neighbor!*



## *Love and Enjoy Your Dog!*

**FOLLOW THESE 12 STEPS.** You and your dog will win lots of friends - and fans - around your neighborhood.

**TRAIN AND SOCIALIZE YOUR DOG** Train your dog to respond to basic commands, such as sit, stay and come. Training helps keep your dog safe and helps ensure that kids and other people will be safe around your dog. Introduce your dog to many adults and children so it will be comfortable around strangers.

**LEASH YOUR DOG** Always keep your dog on a leash in public. Obey local leash and licensing laws. Loose dogs can get hit by cars or cause traffic accidents. If possible, consider a fenced-in enclosure or yard.

**IDENTIFY YOUR DOG** Be sure to keep your dog's identification tag with contact information up-to-date on its collar at all times. Consider microchipping as a means of permanent identification, and enroll your dog in a national recovery registry to greatly increase the chances your dog will be returned to you in case of separation.

**PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG** Clean up after your dog in public. Before leaving for an outing, put several plastic grocery bags in your pocket to use for quick and easy pick up.

**CONSIDER SPAY AND NEUTER** If you don't plan to participate in dogs shows or breed your purebred dog, spaying and neutering are responsible ways to prevent accidental breedings that result in unwanted puppies.

**STOP BOTHERSOME BARKING** While most dogs bark for good reason, few things will alienate you from your neighbors more quickly than excessive barking. Dogs are social

creatures who want to spend time with their owners. Play with your dog every day, and provide dog chews and toys. Exercise and training also provide outlets for excess energy.

**WATCH THE WEATHER** Never leave your dog unsupervised in direct sunlight or a closed vehicle. This can cause heat stroke and death. Be sure to provide adequate shelter for your dog in all types of weather.

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY ...** Be sure that your dog and other pets are part of your organized emergency evacuation plan. Rehearse the plan repeatedly with your family.

## *Keep Your Dog Healthy!*

**NUTRITION** Consistency is key when it comes to feeding your dog. Feed the same high quality dog food at the same time each day. Don't overfeed. Provide plenty of fresh water, and keep your dog's bowls clean.

**EXERCISE** Exercise your dog regularly to reduce the risk of heart disease, joint problems, diabetes and overall poor health. Consider your dog's age, health and current activity level when starting a new exercise routine.

**GROOMING** Brush and bathe your dog on a regular basis. Keep his ears clean. Clip his nails too!

**VETERINARY CARE** Take your dog to the vet for a check-up at least once a year. Stay current on vaccinations, and maintain a flea-and-tick-control program. If you are uncertain how to treat your dog's medical needs or if you have any questions about your dog's health, contact your veterinarian.

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## Recognizing An Upset Stomach In Dogs

Before assuming your dog has an upset stomach, it's essential to identify the symptoms accurately.

While a loss of appetite can be a sign of many health issues. But if it's accompanied with other symptoms, it could be a sign of a more serious issue.

Common signs of more serious illnesses in dogs include:

- **Appetite Loss:** A sudden disinterest in food
- **Vomiting:** Repeated vomiting episodes
- **Diarrhea:** Presence of loose or watery stools
- **Excessive Drooling:** Increased saliva production
- **Lethargy:** Unusual tiredness or lack of energy
- **Abdominal Pain:** Sensitivity or discomfort when touched
- **Gurgling Sounds:** Audible stomach noises
- **Constipation:** Difficulty in passing stools
- **Gas:** Increased flatulence

If these symptoms persist, your dog may be dealing with more than just a simple upset stomach. Conditions like inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), pancreatitis, bacterial infections, or even serious illnesses such as kidney or liver disease and cancer could be the underlying cause.

If your dog's condition doesn't improve, seek holistic veterinary advice promptly.

It's crucial to watch your dog's symptoms so you can ensure you're just dealing with stomach upset and not something more serious.

### Feeding A Picky Dog With An Upset Stomach

Dogs may become selective about their food when they're not feeling well. Here's how you can help sick dogs:

#### Fasting Period

One effective approach is to let your dog fast for 12-24 hours. This gives the digestive system time to rest and recover. Ensure your dog has access to fresh, filtered water to stay hydrated during this period. Never fast a puppy.

#### Bland Diet

When reintroducing food, choose bland, easy-to-digest options. Avoid rich, spicy, or high-fat foods. Start with bone broth, which is nutritious and gentle on the stomach. Boiled chicken or turkey, used to make bone broth, can also be included. These proteins are easy to digest and provide essential nutrients. Adding some plain canned pumpkin can help with digestion, offering fiber to firm up stools. Steamed or pureed veggies like carrots and sweet potatoes are gentle on the stomach and provide beneficial nutrients.

Plain scrambled eggs are another excellent option, offering a good source of protein that is easy on the stomach.

#### Small, Frequent Meals

Instead of large meals, offer small portions throughout the day. This helps avoid overloading your dog's digestive system, making it easier for them to digest their food. Ensure your dog always has access to fresh, filtered water to stay hydrated.

## **Recognizing An Upset Stomach In Dogs—continued**

### **Feeding A Sick Dog With No Appetite**

If your dog refuses to eat for more than a day, it might be due to a more severe illness. Here's what you can do:

#### **Allow Fasting**

If your dog wants to fast, let him do so for 12-24 hours. This natural fasting period can help the digestive system heal. Dogs can go several days without food, and in the wild, they would only eat when food is available. Never fast a puppy.

#### **Bland Food Choices**

After fasting, reintroduce bland foods. Bone broth, boiled turkey or other meats, and steamed or pureed vegetables like carrots, sweet potatoes, or pumpkin are ideal. Serving the food warm can enhance its appeal through aroma. Hand-feeding can also be a comforting gesture for dogs that enjoy extra attention when they're unwell.

#### **Avoid Forcing Food**

Be patient and avoid forcing your dog to eat, as this can cause more stress and potential harm. If your dog's appetite doesn't return after a couple of days, consult your holistic veterinarian.

### **Feeding A Diabetic Dog With An Upset Stomach**

Managing a diabetic dog's diet during digestive upset requires careful attention. The earlier advice generally applies to diabetic dogs too, but with a few important caveats:

#### **Avoid Fasting**

Never fast a diabetic dog on insulin or other medications, as it can lead to hypoglycemia (dangerously low blood sugar). Start with bone broth or light meat options immediately.

#### **Mind the Veggies**

Limit starchy vegetables like sweet potatoes, as they can spike blood sugar levels. Consult your holistic vet to create a tailored meal plan that addresses both the upset stomach and diabetes.

### **Best Homemade Food For Dogs With An Upset Stomach**

Homemade meals are often the best option for dogs with digestive issues, as you can control the ingredients and ensure they are fresh and easily digestible.

#### **Homemade Soup**

A simple soup made from plain cooked turkey or lean ground beef, combined with steamed and pureed veggies like pumpkin, sweet potato, or carrots, is highly recommended.

Adding plain kefir or yogurt can provide additional flavor and nutritional benefits if your dog tolerates dairy.

#### **Probiotics And Enzymes**

Incorporating probiotics and digestive enzymes can aid in your dog's recovery, supporting a healthy gut environment.

## Recognizing An Upset Stomach In Dogs—continued

### Pass on White Rice For Your Dog's Upset Stomach

You might have noticed that we haven't mentioned white rice yet. That's because while many veterinarians and websites commonly recommend plain white rice for dogs with upset stomachs, we advise against it.

White rice is primarily composed of starch and offers minimal nutritional value. Unlike more nutrient-dense options, white rice lacks essential vitamins and minerals that can aid in your dog's recovery. Additionally, white rice is often contaminated with arsenic, a harmful toxin that can accumulate in your dog's body over time.

Instead of white rice, opt for more nutritious alternatives such as pumpkin. Pumpkin is rich in fiber, which can help regulate your dog's digestive system and firm up loose stools. It also contains essential vitamins like A and C, which support immune health.

We know that many people feed dogs white rice. But by choosing healthier alternative foods to feed, you can provide your dog with the nutrients needed to recover from an upset stomach while avoiding the potential risks associated with white rice.

### Final Thoughts On Feeding A Dog With An Upset Stomach

When feeding a dog with an upset stomach, offer small, frequent meals of bland, easily digestible foods. Always consult your holistic veterinarian before making dietary changes, especially for dogs with underlying medical conditions like diabetes. If your dog's lack of appetite persists for more than 24 hours, seek veterinary care to rule out more serious issues. By following these guidelines, you can help your dog recover quickly and return to their happy, playful self.

#### FAQ

**What foods help settle a dog's stomach?** For dogs with an upset stomach, opt for bland and easily digestible foods like bone broth, boiled chicken or turkey, and steamed or pureed vegetables such as pumpkin and sweet potatoes. These foods are gentle on the stomach and provide essential nutrients to aid in recovery.

**How do you get rid of a dog's upset stomach?** To help a dog with an upset stomach, start by allowing them to fast for 12-24 hours to let their digestive system rest, and ensure they stay hydrated with fresh, filtered water. Gradually reintroduce bland foods like bone broth, boiled meats, and pureed vegetables in small, frequent meals.

**Are scrambled eggs good for a dog's upset stomach?** Yes, plain scrambled eggs are a good option for a dog with an upset stomach. They are easy to digest, provide a good source of protein, and are generally well-liked by most dogs, helping to stimulate their appetite.

**Is it OK to not feed a dog with an upset stomach?** Yes, it is often beneficial to let a dog with an upset stomach fast for 12-24 hours to give their digestive system a chance to rest and recover. Just make sure they have access to plenty of fresh, filtered water to stay hydrated during this period. After the fasting period, you can gradually reintroduce bland, easily digestible foods. Fasting is never recommended for puppies.

Article URL—<https://thenaturaldogstore.com/blogs/health/feed-a-dog-with-an-upset-stomach>

Submitted by Laurie Burnam

## Understanding the Difference Between *Animal Rights* and *Animal Welfare*

In every election, the American Kennel Club (AKC) sees a fair number of candidates who appear to support the human-animal connection, kindness to animals, and proper care of animals based on sound science, but instead use the term “animal rights” and even express outright support for “animal rights”.

Policymakers know *semantics matter*. Every policymaker and their advisers should take the time to acquaint themselves with the difference between *animal rights* and *animal welfare*. For responsible policy, and the future wellbeing of animals, this distinction is simply too important to get wrong. Consider the following:

***Animal Rights*** is a radical philosophy that posits that humans should not use or own animals in any way, even as companions, and seeks to ultimately make that grim agenda a reality. For animal rights groups, the ultimate goal is not to improve the wellbeing of animals, but to stop breeding and human interaction with animals. Animal rights groups typically utilize media and legislation to incrementally change perceptions about the human use of animals, and to advance the goal of ending animal use and ownership.

The most radical animal rights groups advocate violence to achieve this goal. The federal government recognizes such activities as animal terrorism. The federal Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act (AETA) (18 U.S.C. § 43), outlaws activities for the purpose of damaging or interfering with the operations of an animal enterprise (including educational, agricultural, breeding, and other activities) and cause damage or

loss of real or personal property, or places a person in reasonable fear of injury.

***Animal Welfare*** is pro-animal ownership. It recognizes the human-animal bond, recognizes the value of quality animal care and purposeful breeding, and supports advancing science to ensure the health and wellbeing of animals.

Animal Welfare supports the practical and legal concept of animal ownership. In practice, owners love their animals, share their lives with them, and want to provide the best possible care for them. Legal “owners” of animals are responsible for their care and we have the right to make appropriate care decisions for them.

Reasonable laws recognize that wellbeing of an animal is not tied to the number of animals a person has, but rather the quality of conditions and care provided. There are excellent owners of kennels of 100; and substandard owners of a single dog.

It’s common for animal rights activists in the U.S. to advocate for closing down U.S. dog breeders, and replace them by restricting the sourcing of pets to random or unknown sources (often mislabeled as “rescues” or rescue distributors). The AKC strongly supports responsible rescue, and recognizes the appeal of assisting dogs from unknown origins, particularly overseas. However, putting regulated U.S. breeders out

of business in favor of animals from undocumented sources with unknown health and temperament histories has the potential to create enormous public health risks, reduce overall oversight of canine health and welfare, weaken consumer protections available for purpose-bred dogs, and undermine breeders who provide purpose-

bred dogs that play an unparalleled role in protecting national security from threats at home and overseas.

At the American Kennel Club, we love all dogs. AKC is dedicated to ensuring the health and

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wellbeing of all dogs and to preserving each unique breed. Breeds of dogs, each developed for a purpose, reflect the cultures and peoples who developed them and serve as a testament to our ongoing relationship. Our beautiful purebred dogs are constant reminder of the special connection between humans and their dogs — a relationship that predates recorded history—and shows that by working together, even across species, we all benefit.



[akc.org/government-relations](http://akc.org/government-relations)

Adapted from the American Kennel Club’s *In Session Congressional Newsletter*: [http://cdn.akc.org/Government\\_Relations/In\\_Session\\_Draft\\_for\\_review\\_2.pdf](http://cdn.akc.org/Government_Relations/In_Session_Draft_for_review_2.pdf)

## 2026 AKC Show Events

- May 15 -Scent Work Club of the SGF – Pasadena – [Scent Work Detective Class only](#)
- May 16-17 – Scent Work Club of the SGF – Burbank – [Scent Work Trial](#)
- May 15-17 – Moorpark KC – Camarillo – Agility - [Jump City Agility](#)
- May 16-17 – Agility Club of San Diego – Temecula – Agility - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
- May 21 Tri-Valley Working Dog Club of Pinon Hills – San Juan Capistrano – [All Breed Rally/Obedience and Working Breed Conformation](#)
- May 21 – Los Encinos KC – San Juan Capistrano – [Fast CAT](#)
- May 22 – San Gabriel Valley KC – San Juan Capistrano – [Rally/Obedience/ Conformation](#)
- May 23 – South Bay KC – San Juan Capistrano – [Obedience/Rally/Conformation](#)
- May 24 - Antelope Valley KC – San Juan Capistrano – [Obedience/Rally/Conformation](#)
- May 25 – Los Encinos KC – San Juan Capistrano – [Obedience/Rally/Conformation](#)
- May 22-25 Greater Los Angeles Scent Work Club – Acton – [Fast CAT](#) [Action Dog Sports](#) |
- May 22-24 Southern California Portuguese Water Dog Club – Camarillo – Agility - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
- May 30-31 – Dash Agility Club of So Cal – Huntington Beach – Agility - Michele Morlang, Event Secretary
- May 30-31 – Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association – Ventura – [Scent Work](#) and [Conformation](#)
- May 30-31 – High Desert Scent Work Club – Phelan – [Fast CAT](#)
- June 4 – Greater LA Scent Work Club – Camarillo – Agility - [Action Dog Sports](#) |
- June 5-7 Border Collie Club of Gtr LA – Camarillo – Agility - [Action Dog Sports](#) |
- June 11 – Ventura County Scent Work Club – Camarillo – Agility - [Action Dog Sports](#) |
- June 12-14 Contact Point Agility Club of LA - Camarillo – Agility - [Action Dog Sports](#) |
- June 19 – 21 – Golden Retriever Club of Gtr LA - Camarillo – Agility - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
- June 26-28 – Southern California Collie Club - Camarillo – Agility - [Jump City Agility](#)
- July 4-5 – Samoyed Club of LA – City of Industry – Agility – [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
- July 11-12 - Papillon Club of So Cal – Norco – Agility - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
- July 18-19 - Dog Agility Club of Ventura – Camarillo – Agility - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
- July 18-19 – Ventura County Scent Work Club – Acton – [Fast CAT](#) - [Action Dog Sports](#) |
- July 23-24 – Valley Hills Obed Club – VHOC – Camarillo – Agility - [Action Dog Sports](#) |
- July 25-26 – Border Collie club of Gtr LA – Camarillo – Agility - [Action Dog Sports](#) |
- July 31 – Aug 2 – Moorpark KC – Camarillo – Agility - [Jump City Agility](#)
- Aug 1-2 – Moorpark KC – Camarillo – Agility - [Jump City Agility](#)
- Aug 7-9 - Dash Agility Club of So Cal – Huntington Beach – Agility - Michele Morlang, Event Secretary
- Aug 15-16 – Keeshond Club of So Cal – City of Industry – Agility – [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
- Aug 29-30 Golden Retriever Club of Gtr LA – City of Industry – Agility – [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
- Sept 5-6 – South Coast Vizsla Club – City of Industry – Agility – [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
- Sept 12-13 – Valley Hills Obedience Club – Camarillo – [Obedience/Rally](#) - Lynn Ehrenberg, Event Secretary
- Sept 12-13 – Cocker Spaniel Club of Orange County – Norco – Agility – [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
- Sept 19-20 – German Shepherd Dog Club of San Gabriel Valley – Camarillo – [Obedience/Rally](#) - Jennifer Gysler, Event Secretary
- Sept 19-20 – Southern California Collie Club – Lake View Terrace – Agility – [Jump City Agility](#)
- Sept 19-20 – Valley Hills Obedience Club – Acton – [Fast CAT](#) - [Action Dog Sports](#) |

All Trial Dates were taken from the AKC Events Page, many of the Trials have Premiums associated with them on the event pages. [American Kennel Club - Event Search](#) The trials listed are within 100 miles of Santa Clarita, CA.

**If a trial application hasn't been submitted to the AKC the trial will not show up on the AKC Event Search.**

**Laurie Burnam and Tesla**

Southwest Obedience Club, Torrance, April 19, 2026

Tesla and Laurie

Rally Excellent B 97 2nd pl 1st leg



# Braggs



**Debbie Lang and Morgan**

Ventura County Scent Work Club, Action Dog Sports, Acton

May 2—he isn't the fastest, but he love to run.

Round 1— 18.66 MPH/Points, Round 2—17.02 MPH/Points

New **DCAT Title**

May 3

Round 1—18.80 MPH/Points, Round 3—18.02 MPH/Points

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**Laurie Burnam and Tesla**

Hollywood Dog Training Club. May 3, 2026, Camarillo  
 Buenaventura Dog Training Club, May 9 & 10, 2026, Camarillo

Rally Excellent B 100+ 1st pl 2nd leg  
 Rally Excellent B 100+ 1st pl 3rd leg **RE title #85**  
 Rally Excellent B 100+ 1st pl extra leg

All her scores for Excellent A and B were excellent.

99 97 97+ 100+ 100+ 100+

Way 2 go Miss Tesla!

Now onto RAE title, not sure about Masters and all those twirls with my bouncy wild child.



**Brags**

**Flo Walberg and Dolly**

I would like to put down results for my cavalier, Dolly Parton, from the Buenaventura Show this past weekend. On Saturday, she won the Novice class with a 198 in first place and **High in Trial** and on Sunday, she won Novice class again with a 198.5! She's doing well!



**Put it on your calender -  
 VHOC Obedience/Rally Trial  
 Sept 12/13  
 Premium coming out in June.**



### Cynthia Casby with Potter, MacGyver and Gryff

MacGyver earned his 3rd CD leg at BDTC trial in Camarillo on May 10, 2026 with a 179 for 3rd place. **New CD Title.** Thanks to judge Gina Grissom. We earned our second leg at the HDOC trial last weekend, and his first at the Collie Club of America (CCA) Nationals in Tulsa a few weeks ago. I did very little training for this as Mac's main focus is Rally, so it was especially enjoyable.

He also picked up another Rally Master's leg today. He had just completed his **RM2 title** at CCA!, and earned 2 new "triple Qs" towards his Rally Championship there too. Seems like we are getting back into the Rally groove.

Potter picked up 2 Rally Excellent Advanced (RAE) legs at Nationals, and Gryff earned the final leg on his **Rally Intermediate (RI) title.**

Nationals also saw Potter meeting my ultimate goal for her - a **CCA Grand Versatility Award (GV)** as well as getting Invited to the CCA Performance Top 10 for 2026. We did a 90 second spin around the ring for the Invitational - Dress to help folks remember her name!

She retrieved a Gryffindor necktie (she is wearing here) and a snitch toy during our go around! We were invited because she earned her Variable Surface Tracking in 2024, and her Tracking Championship! She earned her GV for having 15 points in 3 categories, as well as being a double AKC Champion (conformation and tracking).

Not to be totally out done, MacGyver was awarded a **CCA Versatility Excellent Award**, and competed and qualified in the Most Versatile Collie (MVC-Q) competition. (He also qualified in 2022).

We had a great time in Tulsa for 10 days, and two wonderful shows when we got home. And the mail contained 7 AKC titles (plus the RM2 and RI two weeks later) so we are also keeping up at AKC! Just before we left Gryff got his **HSA ducks** to go with his sheep title, and his **Scent Work Novice Buried and Container titles.** Potter finished her **overall SWN**, and her **HSAs.** And MacGyver added **FITB** to the end of his name! So much fun!!



Thanks to best bud Sally Mobraaten and amazing herding trainer Kirsten Cole MacMurray for all the support and training!! And to HDOC and VHOC for the support.

Thanks to BDTC for a wonderful trial!!

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## Jen Voogt and Calisto

Calisto was the **Elite High In Trial** dog at the May 1st - 3rd NADAC Agility Trial put on by Smarty Paws Canine Coaching.

## Karen Ullman and Bowie

Bowie earned his **NACSW LII and LIC title** at the Java K9's Element Specialty Trial in Wrightwood on 05/09/2026



## Karen Ullman and Max

Max made me proud for passing his **NACSW ORT** test hosted by Nosy K9 in Westlake Village on 03/28/2026. It is such a great accomplishment for him being a reactive dog.

### Cynthia Binder and Beyya

I took 2 year old Beyya away from her almost 8 week old puppies this past weekend for the BDTC OB/Rally show and she managed to get the High Combined and High Triple Q award BOTH days, but Sunday was her really good day. She got a 3rd in a 22 dog Master class, a 2nd in Excellent and moved up to 1st in Adv for a **HC score of 198/200 and a HTQ score of 297/300!** We won some really nice buckets also! She also finished her first **RAE title** on Sat.



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## Adrian Smith and Flynn

Flynn had a successful day at Action K9 Sports in Escondido on Sunday May 10th, taking 1st place in started B-course sheep to complete his **HSBs title**.

Rigel In Like Flynn HSAs HSBs CGC TKN (Bryce x Bree) – bred, trained and handled by Adrian Smith.



## Monica Nolan with Augie and Rose

Augie & Rose **passed their ORT** in April. This is a requirement of NACSW before entering a Scentwork trial. Because I had both dogs tested on the same day, I had to find a “substitute” handler. My friend Devyn volunteered to handle Rose. They ended up with faster times than Augie and I

## Monica Nolan and Rose

Rose continued to shine in May. At the May 3rd HDOC obedience trial, Rose completed her third leg in Graduate Novice with a first place, earning her **GN title**. She also added legs to her Rally Choice and Masters classes. At the BDTC rally trial, she gained another 2 legs each in Choice and Masters. Saturday was our best day - a score of 99 and first place in Choice and 98 and fourth place in Masters.



# Different Dog Organizations

Now days there are so many things we can do with our dogs. There is just too much going on to be able to list all of the events or the superintendents.

Below are links to different organizations, the list isn't comprehensive and I'm sure I've missed some that people have been associated with. But it is a start.

**AKC**—[American Kennel Club - Event Search \(akc.org\)](http://akc.org)

**ASCA** (Australian Shepherd Club of America) —[Events Calendar– ASCA](#)

**NADAC**—[The North American Dog Agility Council \(nadac.com\)](http://nadac.com)

**USDAA**—[Home | USDAA](#)

**Jump City Agility** —[Jump City Agility](#)

**Lynda Tjarks Agility**—[Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)

**Weekday Wing Ding Dog Agility Trials** (Stone Pony, Action Dog Sports)—[Upcoming Trials – Weekday Wing Ding Agility Trials \(wwdat.us\)](#)

**Jack Bradshaw** - Dog Show Superintendents—[Jack Bradshaw - Dog Show Superintendents \(jbradshaw.com\)](#)

**Barn Hunt**—[Barn Hunt Association](#)

**National Association of Canine Scent Work**—[NACSW | NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CANINE SCENT WORK](#)

**AHBA**—American Herding Breed Association—[Home - American Herding Breed Association \(ahba-herding.org\)](#)

**CPE**—Canine Performance Events—[CPE | CPE DOG Canine Performance Events Home - Canine Performance Events](#)

**UKC**—United Kennel Club—[Home | United Kennel Club \(UKC\) \(ukcdogs.com\)](#)

**USCSS**—United States Canine Scent Sports—[USCSS \(uscaninescentsports.com\)](#)

**World Canine Freestyle Organization (Dance)**—[The World Canine Freestyle Organization – WCFO, Inc.](#)

**Dogs Can Dance**—[DogsCanDance.com](#)

**NASDA**—North American Sport Dog Association—[North American Sport Dog Association – Celebrating Canine Versatility \(nasda.dog\)](#)

**International Dog Parkour Association**—[Home | International Dog Parkour Association](#)

**Love on a Leash**—Therapy Dog— [Love On A Leash® – Volunteer pet therapy certification](#)



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## VHOC Training Classes

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

### **Agility - Novice—Advanced**

**Mondays 6:00—7 pm, Reseda and Mondays 7:00—8 pm, Reseda**

Instructor: Olga Chaiko, For more information, please contact Ann Hills at [tonkanuki@aol.com](mailto:tonkanuki@aol.com)

**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](mailto:pattirovtar@gmail.com)

### **Nose Work / Scent Work Classes**

**Continuing Nose Work (Intermediate—Advanced) - Mondays 6:30-7:30 Chatsworth**

Contact Carole Hills for information—[chills37@aol.com](mailto:chills37@aol.com)

**Beginning Scent Work—Tuesday evenings in Moorpark 6 to 7:30 PM**

**Advanced Scent Work - Wednesday evenings in Moorpark 6 to 7:30 PM**

**Wednesday early evening in Moorpark 4 to 5:30 PM**

Contact Shiro Torquato for information— [drshiro2000@gmail.com](mailto:drshiro2000@gmail.com)