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Please mark on your
calendars

Oct 11 - VHOC Fit Dog
Hike - LA River Walk

Nov 7 - SCDOC Top Dog

Nov 11 - VHOC agility at
Acton Park thru Action
Dog Sports

Dec 4-6 VHOC Annual
Agility Trial at Camarillo
Community Center Park on
Burnley

Dec 13th VHOC Holiday
Party Sunday the 13th at
Monica Nolan's home in
Thousand Oaks



**VHOC Annual Agility Trial - December 4-6 at
Camarillo Community Center-Burnley Park
Entries Open October 1st, 2026
Judge- Mr. Darryl C Warren**

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
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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
djlang@sbcglobal.net

Submission deadline is the 8th of each month

This is YOUR Newsette....make it great!

VHOC Fit Dog Hike – Sunday October 11th

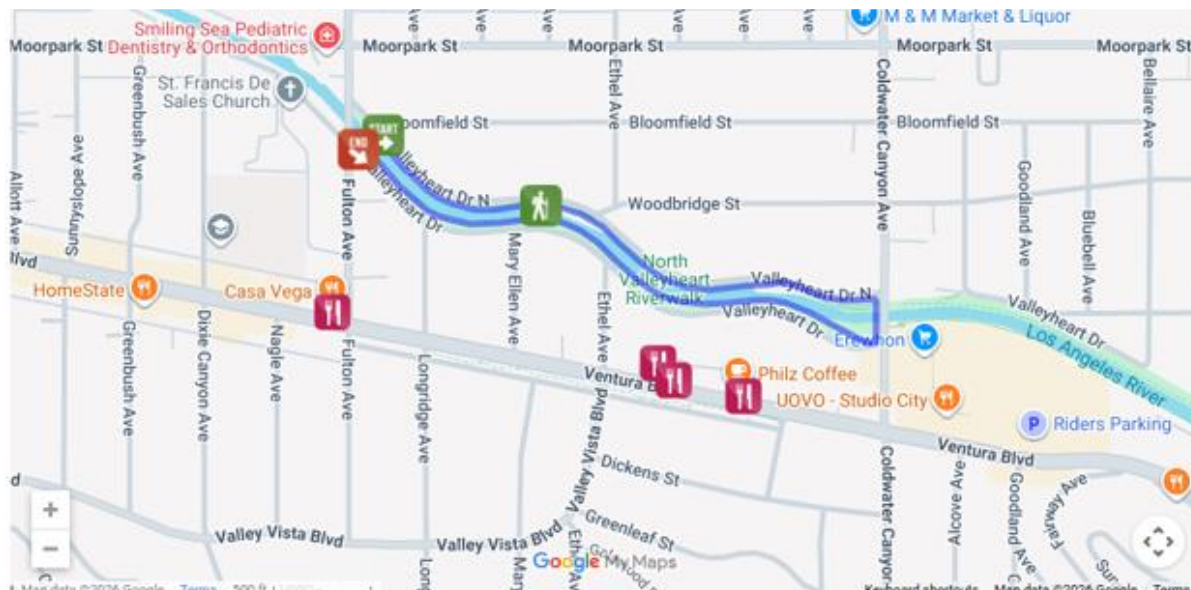
We'll be doing our next Fit Dog hike along the **LA River on Sunday, October 11th**. Over the years there have been several efforts to revitalize the "cement river". This is a nice one with public art and green space. The walk will be an easy 1.2-mile stroll, round trip, over flat terrain, most of it either cement or gravel.

Directions: Exit the 101 Freeway at Laurel Canyon Boulevard in Studio City and go south on Laurel Canyon Boulevard. Turn right on to Moorpark Street and left onto Fullerton Avenue. There is a 7/11 mini mall on the corner of Fullerton and Moorpark. We'll meet there at 10am. Street parking is also available. The entrance to the Riverwalk is only one block away.

Please RSVP before Friday October 9th so we know who's coming.
RSVP to Monica Nolan at nolanmilano@gmail.com



LA River
Walk



Southern California Dog Obedience Council (SCDOC)

★ TOP DOG ★

OBEDIENCE AND RALLY CHALLENGE

AND PRACTICE MATCH

Saturday, November 7, 2026

≧ \$700 in Cash Prizes, ≦
plus 50/50 Drawing and Raffle

Pikes Peak
97 Sixth Street
Norco, CA 92360

Entries: Obedience 8:00-9:30 a.m., Rally 8:00-10:30am
Judging begins: Obedience 9:00 a.m; Rally 11am.

SCDOC Club Teams: Obedience \$40 Rally Team \$30
Independent Teams: Obedience \$50 Rally \$40
Single entry \$10 additional entries of same dog \$5

Four Rings – 1 Novice, 1 Open, 1 Utility and 1 Rally (Intermediate)

AKC Rules apply in Challenge Competition*
(*with exceptions as noted in Top Dog Rules)

Verbal corrections or gentle guidance of the dogs allowed in practice.
No harsh corrections.
Must pick up after your dog!

Bring your own food, beverages and shade.
(No food provided)

NO SETUPS BEFORE 6:30 a.m.

Questions? Contact Match Chair Gabrielle Beaubrun 310-418-1620
www.scdoc.org

If anyone is interested in being on the VHOC team, please contact Monica Nolan at
nolanmilano@gmail.com

To have a full team, we need the following:

For Obedience:

- 2 Novice dogs plus alternate (3 total)
- 2 Open dogs plus alternate (3 total)
- 2 Utility dogs plus alternate (3 total)

If you are not sure what level your dog can compete at:

- No title may enter any class,
- C.D. title may enter Novice, Open, or Utility,
- C.D.X. title may enter only Open or Utility,
- U.D. title may enter only Utility

For Rally:

4 dogs (from any level). Last year, it was a Intermediate level course.

** We can enter more than one rally team **

MACH to PACH — The Wait Is Over!

By AKC Agility Dept on October 1, 2026

The **MACH to PACH program is complete and ready to go!** We know many of you have been patiently waiting for this, and we're excited to finally make it available.

You can now begin transferring your **MACH points and Double Qs toward your PACH!**

Click the link below to get started and transfer your points and Double Qs.

[MACH to PACH Transfer](#)

Thank you for your patience while we worked to get this ready — now it's time to start moving those MACH points toward PACH!

Clarifications to changes effective June 1:

By AKC Agility Dept on May 7, 2026

Move-ups – lateral moves and move-downs are now included in the rules for move-ups, as defined in Chapter 1, Section 20 of the **Regulations for Agility Trials**. The phrase, “as a result of qualifying for an agility title” shall be removed from the section. Owners may move their dog at their discretion; no title is required. However, to acquire legs, dogs must be moved to a class for which they are eligible, or they will need to run FEO.

Examples:

1. Dog Running Preferred Master having never run in Regular, may move to Novice Regular to earn legs or Master Regular to run FEO
2. Dog running in Excellent Regular – may move to Excellent Preferred as their 1-time crossover

Two Novice/Open trials in one day – All levels may be run in a Combined FAST. If FAST is not Combined, Excellent/Master may not be offered.

Taken from Facebook post, URL link is below

Canine Gait Patterns

Sit Stay Squat 



Canine Gait Patterns 🐾

Have you ever watched your dog moving and wondered which gait they're using?

The order and timing of their footfalls, along with how their limbs coordinate, help distinguish one gait pattern from another. Speed can also influence which gait a dog uses.

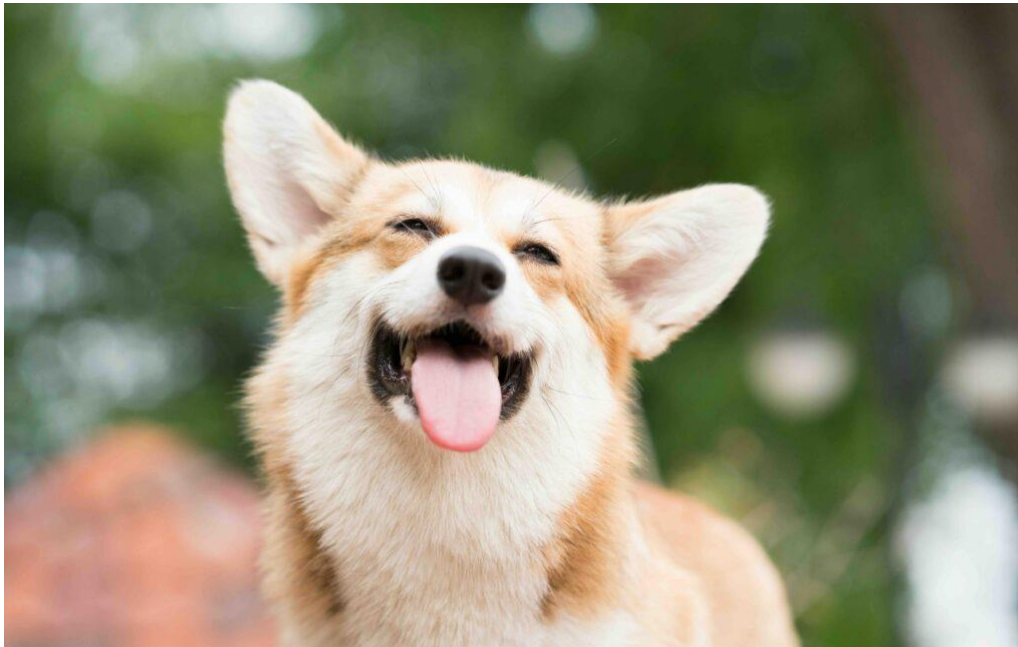
I've created a detailed blog post exploring the nine canine gait patterns and variations shown here, including video examples and explanations of common misconceptions.

Read the full blog post here:

<https://www.sitstaysquat.ca/blog/canine-gait-patterns/>

Can Dogs Laugh?

By [Autumn Madden, DVM](#). Reviewed by [Veronica Higgs, DVM](#), Updated Nov. 27, 2024



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Laughter, by definition, is a physiological response to humor. And while dogs can be playful, do they understand humor and laughing at funny things? Can dogs laugh? And what do they think when humans laugh?

Key Takeaways

- While dogs don't laugh like humans, they play-pant, which is similar to laughter.
- Studies show that dogs recognize human laughter as a positive interaction.
- Laughing and play-panting can reduce anxiety in dogs.

Do Dogs Laugh?

Yes, dogs do laugh; however, it's not the same way humans do.

In humans, laughter is composed of rhythmic, vocalized, expiratory, and involuntary actions. The sound can be any variation of "ha-ha" or "ho-ho." Dogs produce a similar sound through [forceful panting](#)—a "hhuh-hhah" variation.

Dogs usually make this sound (known as a "play-pant") while playing to invite humans or other dogs to play. The play-pant is a form of breathing and not a vocal sound, but you might hear it when [engaging your dog with toys](#).

How Do Dogs Laugh?

The appearance of a dog's play-pant laugh is described by Konrad Lorenz in his book [*Man Meets Dog*](#), as "...opened jaws which reveal the tongue, and the tilted angle of the mouth which stretches almost from ear to ear give a still stronger impression of laughing. This 'laughing' is most often seen in dogs playing with an adored master and which become so excited that they soon start panting."

Dogs also use [body language](#) to invite play. These behavioral cues consist of [play bows](#), [pawing](#), and jumping with a relaxed demeanor.

Do Dogs Have a Sense of Humor?

According to the [American Psychological Association](#), dogs have the mental capacity and abilities of a 2–2.5 year old human child. This is likely responsible for their jovial, playful nature. In fact, Charles Darwin, according to [Psychology Today](#), was the first scientist to note that dogs have a sense of humor.

Like with humans, a dog's sense of humor is personal. [Research also shows](#) that certain breeds have more of a sense of humor than others, which means they may play-pant, or laugh, more often.

The top five most playful dog breeds (with the biggest "sense of humor") are:

- [Irish Setter](#)
- [English Springer Spaniel](#)
- [Miniature Schnauzer](#)
- [Cairn Terrier](#)
- [Airedale Terrier](#)

The top five least playful dog breeds (that don't have much of a "sense of humor") are:

- [Samoyed](#)
- [Chihuahua](#)
- [Rottweiler](#)
- [Pekingese](#)
- [Akita](#)

Do Dogs Know When We Are Laughing?

A [study performed at Eötvös Loránd University](#) in Hungary using fMRI (functional magnetic resonance imaging) to assess brain activity found that [dogs can detect emotion](#) such as happiness or sadness.

Additional studies played different sounds while the dog's brain was imaged and showed that dogs have more brain activity in response to human voices than background noise. This likely indicates dogs can distinguish between a happy sound (like laughter) and a sad sound.

Do Dogs Get Embarrassed When You Laugh at Them?

No, dogs do not feel embarrassment for being laughed at.

While dogs can distinguish between positive (laughter) and negative (sadness) emotions, it's believed that they are unable to understand the social cues necessary to distinguish being laughed at and laughing with someone.

Do Dogs Try to Make Us Laugh?

Yes, dogs do try to make us laugh.

Dogs can recognize that laughter is positive. They understand that laughter means play, and play is positive. Laughter reduces stress and anxiety and helps the human-animal bond grow.

So, depending on how much of a sense of humor your dog has, they may do things to try to make you laugh.

Can You Make Your Dog Laugh?

Yes. "Play-panting" has very useful implications. Recordings of this sound can be used to calm dogs that are anxious, worried, and shy in a variety of settings.

The sound can be imitated by humans to promote a sense of ease in new environments where a human-animal bond has yet to form. This is especially helpful at shelters, training facilities, and foster homes.

URL - <https://www.petmd.com/dog/behavior/can-dogs-laugh>

Article submitted by Monica Nolan

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2026 AKC Show Events

Oct 9-11- Dash Agility Club of So Cal – Huntington Beach – Agility - Michele Morlang, Event Secretary
 Oct 10 – AKC Judges Farm Dog Certified Test – **Farm Dog Certification** – Anaheim - Diane Matsuura, Event Secretary, dianematsuura@gmail.com
 Oct 10 – Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of So Ca – Anaheim – Farm Dog Certification - Diane Matsuura, Event Secretary, dianematsuura@gmail.com
 Oct 11 – Border Collie Club of Greater LA – **Farm Dog Certification** – Acton - Irene Charlton, Event Secretary, ilcharlton91342@gmail.com
 Oct 10-11 – Inland Empire Herding Dog Association of CA – Chino – **Herding Trial** - Donna Downs, Event Secretary, dmdowns49@gmail.com
 Oct 10-11 – Bakersfield Obedience Training Club – Bakersfield – **Obedience/Rally** – Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows, Margaret L Throne, Event Secretary
 Oct 16-20 – Antelope Valle Stockdog Club – **Herding Trial** – Lancaster - Ms. Laura Bass, Event Secretary, lauraeb@umich.edu
 Oct 17-18 – Cocker Spaniel Club of OC – City of Industry – Agility - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
 Oct 23-25 – Southland Weimaraner Club – Perris – **Fast CAT** - [Action Dog Sports](#) |
 Oct 23-25 – Greater Los Angeles Scent Work Club – Perris – **Farm Dog Certification** - Action Dog Sports
 Oct 23-25 – Hollywood Dog Obedience Club – Lake View Terrace – Agility - [Jump City Agility](#)
 Oct 23 – Tri-Valley Working Dog Club of Pinon Hills – Perris - **Obedience/Rally** - Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows, Superintendent
 Oct 24 – Kennel Club of Riverside – Perris – **Obedience/Rally** - Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows, Superintendent
 Oct 25 – Pasanita Obedience Club – Pasadena – **Obedience/Rally** - Jennifer Gysler, Event Secretary
 Oct 29 – South Bay KC – City of Industry - **Obedience/Rally** – Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows, Superintendent
 Oct 30 – Long Beach KC – City of Industry – **Obedience/Rally** – Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows, Superintendent
 Oct 30-Nov 1 – South Coast Vizsla Club – Norco – Agility - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
 Oct 31 – San Gabriel Valley KC – City of Industry – **Obedience/Rally** – Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows, Superintendent

Nov 1 – Antelope Valley KC – City of Industry – **Obedience/Rally** – Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows, Superintendent
 Nov 1 – South Coast Vizsla Club – Norco – Agility - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
 Nov 7-8 – Chow Fancier Association of So Cal – Moreno Valley – **Fast CAT** - Elizabeth Kelly, Event Secretary, ekdogzibit@gmail.com
 Nov 7-8 – Border Collie Club of Gtr LA – Chino – **Herding Trial** – Donna Downs, Event Secretary dmdowns49@gmail.com
 Nov 7-8 – Dog Agility Club of Ventura – Burbank – Agility – [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
 Nov 7-8 – Tri-Valley Shetland Sheepdog of NW LA – Burbank – Agility- [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
 Nov 8 – German Shepherd Dog Club of the San Gabriel Valley – Moorpark – **Rally** - Lynn Ehrenberg, Event Secretary
 Nov 11 – Valley Hills Obedience Club – Acton – Agility - [Action Dog Sports](#) |
 Nov 12-13 – Ventura County Scent Work Club – Acton – Agility - [Action Dog Sports](#) |
 Nov 14-15 – Greater San Diego Basset Hound Club – Anaheim – **Rally** - Lorraine Yu, Event Secretary, entries@dogzibit.com
 Nov 14-15 – Samoyed Club of LA – City of Industry – Agility - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
 Nov 20-22 – Buenaventura Dog Training Club – Camarillo – Agility - Jennifer Gysler, Event Secretary, jennifergysler@gmail.com
 Nov 21 – 22 – Southland Weimaraner Club – Acton – **Fast CAT** - [Action Dog Sports](#) |
 Nov 22 – Hollywood Dog Obedience Club – Carson – **VST Tracking Test** - Susan E Bagley, Event Secretary, sebbtp@msn.com
 Nov 28-29 – Keeshond Club of So Cal - City of Industry – Agility - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)

Dec 3 – Poodle Club of So Cal – Camarillo – Agility - [Action Dog Sports](#) |
 Dec 4-6 – Valley Hills Obedience Club – Camarillo – Agility - Lynn Ehernburg, Event Secretary, spragility@gmail.com
 Dec 5-7 – Belgian Tervuren Club of So Cal – Lancaster – **Herding Trial** - Jillene Stanfield, Event Secretary, blazeintervurens@comcast.net

Dec 12-13 – Standard Schnauzer Club of So CA – City of Industry - Agility - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)

Dec 19-20 – Santa Ana Valley KC – Huntington Beach – **Fast CAT** - Elizabeth Kelly, Event Secretary, ekdogzibit@gmail.com

Dec 26-27 – South Coast Vizsla Club – Temecula – **Fast CAT** - Vicky Osborn, Event Secretary, vickywosborn@gmail.com

2027 AKC Show Events

Jan 2-3 – Samoyed Club of LA – City of Industry – Agility - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)

Jan 9-10 – Keeshond Club of So Cal - City of Industry – Agility - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)

Jan 15 – Scent Work Club of the San Gabriel Foothills – Pasadena - [Scent Work Detective Class only](#)

Jan 16-17 – Scent Work Club of the San Gabriel Foothills -Azusa - [Scent Work Trial](#)

Jan 15-17 – Golden State Rottweiler Club – Lake View Terrace – Agility - [Jump City Agility](#)

Jan 22-24 – Moorpark Kennel Club – Camarillo – Agility - [Jump City Agility](#)

Please mark on your calendars

Oct 11 - VHOC Fit Dog Hike - LA River Walk - see flyer on page 3 RSVP to Monica Nolan by October 9th. The walk is near Sherman Oaks, and the weather is supposed to be nice in the 70s, quite a change from the first weekend in October. RSVP to nolanmilano@gmail.com

Nov 7 - SCDOC Top Dog - we are putting together a Top Dog team, please contact Monica Nolan for more information. nolanmilano@gmail.com

Nov 11 - VHOC agility at Acton Park thru Action Dog Sports - Acton Park is a nice quiet park on Crown Valley south of the 14 freeway.
<https://actiondogsports.com/ads-upcoming-events-table/>

Dec 4-6 VHOC Annual Agility Trial at Camarillo Community Center Park on Burnley - this is our annual agility trial. Premium will be coming out soon.

Dec 13th VHOC Holiday Party Sunday the 13th at Monica Nolan's home in Thousand Oaks - we will be putting out more information soon.



Laurie Burnam and Tesla

ASCA National Specialty, Greeley, Colorado, Sept 19 - 25, 2026

Entered 21 agility classes, 6 Rally classes, and 3 Obedience classes, am I nuts!!!

Rally - S. Colorado ASC Pre-Trial

Masters B - 199 4th place, out of 8-199 scores I was the fastest, so placed, 9 RTCH points = 23 to date

Excellent B - 189

Rally - Gem State ASC Pre-Trial

Masters B - 176

Excellent B - 200+++ 1st place, beat out 3 others w/200, now 10 RTCH points to date

ASCA Nationals

Masters B - 195 w/5 RTCH points = 28 RTCH points to date

Excellent B - 180

Darn no double Q's with scores over 195, thus no advancement towards REMX title, need 5 QQ's.

It was a wild time going from agility, to rally, to obedience.

Obedience

Open A - 187, 4th place, 2nd leg. Out of 21 entered, only 5 Q'd. UGH!



Braggs

Laurie Burnam and Tesla – ASCA National Adventure Continued

Agility

ASCA Agility Finals was a rocky start, in July they notified me I was in, so I sent my entry form and paid \$80.00. The Monday prior to leaving for the trip on Wednesday, a week before finals are to be held, I got an email stating they made a mistake and I was now 1st alternate of the 60-finalist invited. They refunded my payment and would have to do the whole process over if someone cancelled. Really? I wrote back why not wait till after finals list was established to refund. No response for days of me checking, am I in or not! That Monday morning, I asked everyone I could find to give me the answer, no one knew. At 6:45am we were to walk the jumpers course, so I did just in case I was in finals. Finally, someone said yes, I got in. UGH I was so frazzled, it affected my whole start to the day having to also do one obedience and two rally classes along with these four agility courses.

Agility Finals - Elite Regular 5 Q
Agility Finals - Elite Regular 10 Q

Darn goofed in Jumpers and Gamblers, so out of 60 entries came in 50th overall. When they handed out the participation ribbons with the dog's full registered name and titles, they did not have Teslas, along with two other people. Really!. I was listed in the catalog and in the slide show at the Welcome dinner and soon to be shown in the Banquet's slide show, so that was at least good. Later in the week they finally gave me the ribbon, was it in a different box???

WASCA – Pre-Trial

Elite Regular 5 Q 7th place
Elite Regular 5 Q 4th place
Elite Jumpers 10 Q 7th place
Elite Gamblers 10 Q 9th place

ASCA Nationals

Elite Gamblers 10 Q 9th place



By now my brain was frazzled, lots of walking back and forth between rings and parking far away. Up at 5:00am sleep maybe 9:30pm, but up at various times in the night. Are we having fun yet!!! Then the 3 day drive home, completing 2281 miles. All in all we qualified in about half of the 31 classes, but we both gave it our all under the circumstances. Next year Wyoming, hmmm do I dare...



Debbie Lang and Panda

Scentwork Club of San Gabriel Foothills,
October 4, 2026

Excellent Buried – 1st leg, Brilliant
ribbon (the blue one)

Advanced Interior – New Title SIA



Debbie Lang and Max

Scentwork Club of San Gabriel Foothills
October 4, 2026

Excellent Exterior – New Title SEE

Advanced Container – 2nd qualifying leg

September 6, 2026 – **Trick Dog Advanced Title**

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Debbie Lang and Morgan

Scentwork Club of San Gabriel Foothills, October
4, 2026

Advanced Exterior – 2nd qualifying score (in 100+
degree heat working in the sun)

September 5, 2026 – **Trick Dog Advanced Title**

September 10, 2026 – **Therapy Dog Novice Title**





Laurie Burnam and Tesla

Golden State Rottweiler Club, AKC Jump City
Agility, Oct 2, 3, 4, 2026, Camarillo.

Master Fast 1st place 72 points Q #28
Master Fast 2nd place 72 points Q #29
Time 2 Beat 2nd place 7 points 7th Q and 48 points
towards T2B 2
Master Standard 100 Q 5th place 15 MACH points
Master JWW 100 Q 4th place 9 MACH points
4th QQ 305 point towards MACH

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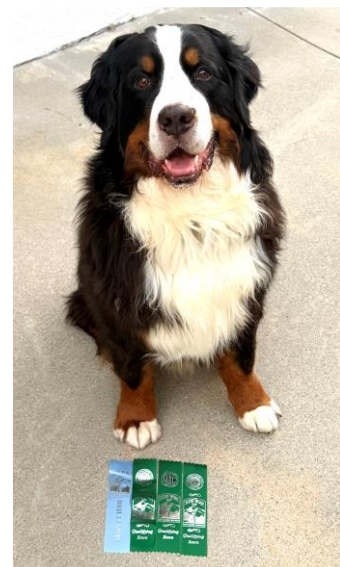
Yvonne Garst and HermanJo

SWCSGF October 3rd

Master buried qualifying score.

Master exterior qualifying score

Excellent handler discrimination
4th place



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New Breed Champion

Brags

Kathy Spilos and Brontay have a BIG brag this month —

After first stepping into the conformation/breed rings just a little over a year ago, WE HAVE A **CHAMPION**!!!! The last remaining major happened on September 26, at the City of Industry Expo Center and pending AKC approval Brontay says you may now call her CHAMPION Brontay vom Binderhaus BN RA HT THD TC CGCA CGCU FITB ORT.

Alongside her professional handler, Jessica Baldwin, Brontay put her best paws forward showing her heart out to take first in her class, going Winner's Bitch and Best of Opposite earning her last remaining major and thereby clinching her AKC Breed Championship at the Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club show under Judge Joe Walton.

It takes a village and this past year and half we most certainly have had that and then some! We're thankful to our family and friends for all their encouragement and support and always celebrating our victories along the way — especially this one! Our photo may be on the coast, but we're still floating in the clouds with this victory!



German Shepherd Dog of the San Gabriel Valley – Rally Trial

Sunday, November 8, 2026,

Mammoth Highlands Park

7000 Elk Run Loop, Moorpark, CA 93021

ENTRIES OPEN: Tuesday, September 1, 2026 – 8:00 AM (PST)

ENTRIES CLOSE: Monday, October 26, 2026 – 6:00 PM

Judge Ms. Gail Katz the premium is up on the AKC Events Page

https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/eventplans/eventsearch/blocks/dsp_generate_pdf.cfm?KEY_BINARY_CONTENT=107659



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Robyn Zelden and Lyric

Lyric earned her **Fit Dog Silver Title**

INT/NAT CH Twin Creeks Here Comes The Sun CGCA, CGCU, RI, BN, TKA, ATT, VHMA, SWE, L1C, L1I, FDC FCAT, FTI, FITS



Robyn Zelden and Lyric

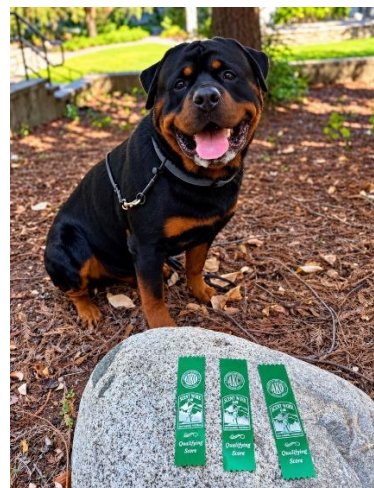
Lyric Q'ed and titled in **Masters Buried** and **Masters Containers** October 3rd at the SWCSGF Scent Work trial. She also got a "Brilliant" in Buried.



Robyn Zelden and Crew

Crew Q'ed Advanced Buried, Interiors and Exteriors October 4 at the SWCSGF Scent Work trial.

BISS GCHB Lubeaux's A Moment To Last Forever BN, RI, BSE, CGCA, CGCU, TKA, VHMA, SWN, THDX, ATT, FITS, FDC, SD1, LI1, UL1





RACH – Rally Trial Champion

Monica Nolan and Rose

Blessedhope Faithful Summer Rose earned her **Rally Championship** on September 20th at the German Shepherd Obedience/Rally trial in Camarillo. Rose started her quest three years ago at the same trial. Along the way, in addition to earning her RAE 1&2 and RM 1,2&3, she won two High Combined and two High Triple awards. Now it's back to Obedience.

Monica Nolan with Augie and Rose

Results from the very hot October 3&4 SWCSGF AKC trial in Azusa. Luckily this was nose work and not agility so most of the runs were inside instead of in the 100-degree heat.

Pink is for girls or in this case Novice. Rose earned her element titles in **Buried, Interiors, Containers and HD (Handler Discrimination)**.

Augie had tougher hides in Excellent but managed to get Qs in Buried, Interiors (which earned him is **Excellent Interior title**) and Advanced HD.



Shiro Torquato and Archer

October 4, 2026, Scent Work Club of the San Gabriel Foothills, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa CA

We qualified in all four elements we entered. We completed our **Novice Handler Discrimination Title** and took 1st place! I hope this is a good omen for the articles exercise when we finally start competing in Utility. We also qualified in Advanced Containers, Buried and Exterior and finished **our Advanced element titles in both Containers and Buried**. Even though it was over 100 degrees in Azusa that day, we had a blast. I'm very proud of Archer's odor obedience.



BRAGS

Cheri Preciado with Stone and RoxC

I have brags! We went to the ASCA Nationals. Stone and RoxC rocked their second ever Scent Detection trial. 7 out of 8 attempts. Their darn handler made an incorrect call, or it would have been a clean sweep. Then on to Rally. They did great at the first two trials earning legs toward their REM titles. Then their handler pooped out and messed up their runs. We had a great time and learned what we need to work on. 😊

BRAGS



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www.j9sk9s.com

Different Dog Organizations

Nowadays there are so many things we can do with our dogs. There is just too much going on to be able to list all 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](http://ascadogs.com)

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

USDAA—[Home | USDAA](http://usdaa.com)

Jump City Agility —[Jump City Agility](http://jumpcityagility.com)

Lynda Tjarks Agility—[Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](http://lyndatjarks.com)

Action Dog Sports (Agility, Fast Cat) —[ADS Upcoming Events Table | Action Dog Sports](http://adsports.com)

Jack Bradshaw - Dog Show Superintendents—[Jack Bradshaw - Dog Show Superintendents \(jbradshaw.com\)](http://jbradshaw.com)

Barn Hunt—[Barn Hunt Association](http://barnhunt.org)

National Association of Canine Scent Work—[NACSW | NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CANINE SCENT WORK](http://nacswork.com)

AHBA—American Herding Breed Association—[Home - American Herding Breed Association \(ahba-herding.org\)](http://ahba-herding.org)

CPE—Canine Performance Events—[CPE | CPE DOG Canine Performance Events Home - Canine Performance Events](http://cpe-dog.com)

UKC—United Kennel Club—[Home | United Kennel Club \(UKC\) \(ukcdogs.com\)](http://ukcdogs.com)

USCSS—United States Canine Scent Sports—[USCSS \(uscaninescentsports.com\)](http://uscaninescentsports.com)

World Canine Freestyle Organization (Dance)—[The World Canine Freestyle Organization – WCFO, Inc.](http://wcfo.com)

Dogs Can Dance—[DogsCanDance.com](http://dogscandance.com)

NASDA—North American Sport Dog Association—[North American Sport Dog Association – Celebrating Canine Versatility \(nasda.dog\)](http://nasda.dog)

International Dog Parkour Association—[Home | International Dog Parkour Association](http://idpa.com)

Love on a Leash—Therapy Dog— [Love On A Leash®](http://loveonaleash.com) – Volunteer pet therapy certification



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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

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

Nose Work / Scent Work Classes

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

Contact Carole Hills for information—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

Contact Shiro Torquato for information— drshiro2000@gmail.com