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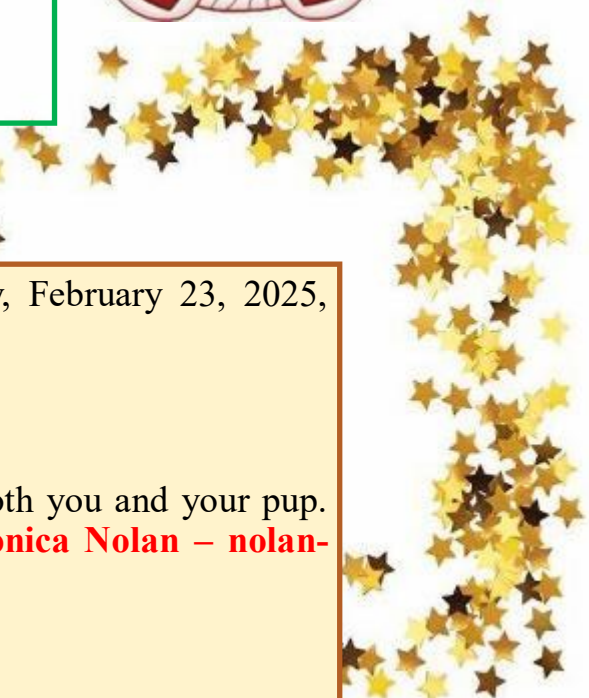
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Happy Valentines Day



* The *What Dog Growling Means and What To Do* article is printed to give our members different views of training.

VHOC's first Fit Dog walk will take place Sunday, February 23, 2025, 10am.
 Location: Corriganville Park, Simi Valley.
 Address: 7001 Smith Rd, Simi Valley, 93063
 Meet in the parking lot at 9:45am. Bring water for both you and your pup. All dogs must be on leash. **RSVP by 2/21/25 to Monica Nolan – nolan-milano@gmail.com.**
See more information on page 4

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

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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
djlant@sbcglobal.net

Submission deadline is the 8th of each month

This is YOUR Newsette...make it great!

You're "corgially" invited!



Awards Banquet

Sunday, March 30

6:00 PM



**RESTAURANT
BREWHOUSE**
**6424 Canoga Ave.
Woodland Hills**

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Please reserve your
SPOTS w/ Ann by
• March 10 •
tonkanuki@aol.com
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Join us as we celebrate our 2024 accomplishments, welcome new members, see old friends, and enjoy a photo slideshow...and a pizookie!

\$25 per person. Send check (payable to VHOC)
c/o Ann Hills, 13689 De Garmo Ave., Sylmar 91342
- OR - via PayPal: Valley Hills Obedience Club@VHOC2020

**We hope everyone who is available will come out and celebrate with our members whose dogs have earned an Annual Award.
Please RSVP to Ann Hills by March 10th to join us at BJ's Restaurant/
Brewhouse.**

AKC Fit Dog Program

AKC Fit Dog

Fitness is important for both dogs and people. The most recommended exercise to improve fitness is walking. Walking is considered a safe activity that improves muscular strength, circulation, memory, weight loss, increases energy, helps with sleep, and reduces stress. The American Heart Association recommends walking a minimum of 150 minutes per week. To encourage and reward walking and exercising with your dog, AKC has established the AKC FIT DOG Program.

You can earn AKC participation medals for logging and reporting your walking hours. The next one coming up is the Spring Scurry. This is a 5k (3.1 mile) walk/run that can be done by yourself or as a group, all at once or in as many days/sessions as you need to keep you and your dog safe. For more information on this, go to AKC Fit Dog.

You can also earn Fit Dog titles. There are three levels – Bronze, Silver and Gold. Depending upon the level, you need to earn points in at least two Fitness Categories. These include: Participating in a fitness class, community runs/walks, individual walks and hikes, unique activities such as parkour or swimming, titling in a AKC fitness sport such as agility or FAST CAT, or titling in a AKC Performance Club (such as dog sledding). Further information can be found at <https://www.akc.org/sports/akc-family-dog-program/akc-fit-dog/akc-fit-dog-titles/>.

AKC is encouraging its existing clubs to also become Fit Dog Clubs. Valley Hills Obedience Club recently did this! As a Fit Dog Club, we'll be conducting at least 4 group fitness walks a year. These will be open to all club members. The walks will be short 1-to-2-mile hikes that explore some of the wonderful parks in our local backyard. Participating in these walks can count toward your Fit Dog titles.



FIT DOG WALK – Sunday, February 23, 2025



VHOC's first Fit Dog walk will take place Sunday, February 23, 2025, 10am.

Location: Corriganville Park, Simi Valley.

Address: 7001 Smith Rd, Simi Valley, 93063

Corriganville Movie Ranch was once a working film studio for outdoor location shooting as well as a western-themed tourist attraction. Fires in the 70s destroyed most of the structures but the site still has some nice hiking trails.

We'll be taking the Loop Trail, a fairly easy 1.2 mile hike that "loops" the massive sandstone rock formations resting in the middle of the park.

Meet in the parking lot at 9:45am. Bring water for both you and your pup.

All dogs must be on leash.

RSVP by 2/21/25 to Monica Nolan – nolanmilano@gmail.com.





Tommy Dickey

October 31, 1945—January 25, 2025

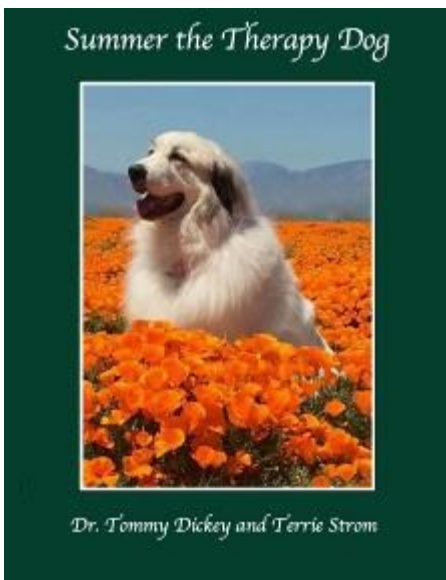
Sadly Tommy Dickey passed away peacefully in the evening on 25 January after an extended illness with both of his sons at his side.

His family posted a wonderful tribute to the kind of man he was, always giving and willing to help. He had many accolades in his life professionally as a research oceanographer and professor at UC Santa Barbara, with a PHD in Geophysical Fluid Dynamics (GFD).

But we know him more from his love of dogs, Great Pyrenees in particular.

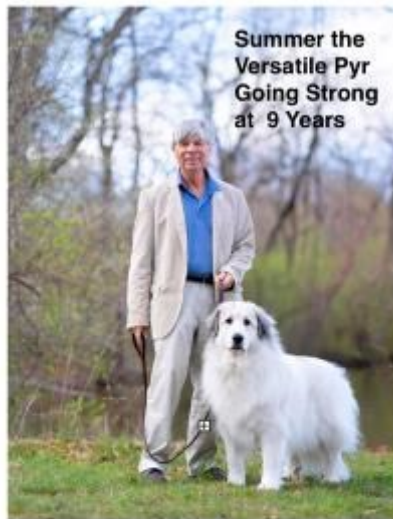
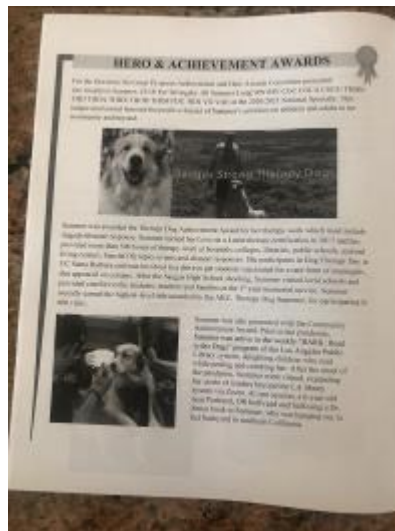
From the families Facebook post -

“Tommy and his Pyrs did over 3,000 therapy dog visits and he wrote four children’s books about Great Pyrenees. He has also published medical journal papers concerning medical scent dogs with Heather Junqueira. Tommy did children’s library therapy dog reading programs, visited schools and colleges following tragedies, helped with Special Olympics events, and visited patients in hospitals and retirement communities and centers. Tommy did amazing therapy dog educational demonstrations at the California Science Center as well.



Also from the family , "Thank you all so very much for your kind comments. What an inspiration our Tommy was. A couple of folks reached out asking where to send any cards or donations. I would ask you send any cards to the 4221 Dunsmore Ave, Glendale 91214 address and donations to the great Pyrenees club - either for rescue or health committee. Thanks again for all the love you showed Tommy. <https://greatpyrenees.club/product/donate/>





CH R PYR STRONGSKY ALL SUMMER LONG! CGG CGCA CGCU FDA TKN RN RI BN THDS (over 1000 Therapy Visits) GPCA Titles: Versatility VA VE VX VAE GPCA Awards: Thea Hynes Memorial Versatility Award, Hero and Community Service Awards Multiple BeEof Veteran Conformation Awards

Owned and Handled by Tommy Dickey and Terrie Strom




**Rest In Peace
Tommy
You will be missed**

What is Copper Storage Disease in Dogs?

By [Laura Ward](#), Updated: July 5, 2024

Copper Storage Disease (CSD) (also known as Copper Storage Hepatopathy or Copper-Associated Hepatopathy (CAH) in dogs is a disease that more of us are becoming aware of — we've certainly had plenty of emails about it from concerned dog parents.

So here's everything you need to know

What is Copper Storage Disease (aka Copper-Associated Hepatopathy)?

Copper is an essential mineral. It is supplied through the diet and is handled in the liver. Excess copper is dealt with in healthy dogs through the excretion of copper through bile.

CSD occurs when copper is stored in the liver, causing liver damage, and scarring and leading to liver disease which can be fatal. CSD can occur from a recessive gene (COMMD1) which affects copper metabolism, but this isn't always the case.

What dog breeds get Copper Storage Disease?

Several breeds are more often affected by CSD, including Bedlington Terriers, Labradors, Skye Terriers, West Highland Terriers, Dalmatians, and Doberman Pinschers. Within these breeds, there are characteristics too. For instance, in Doberman Pinschers it is almost always females who are affected.

It was previously thought that CSD only occurred in breeds which were affected by the inherited COMMD1 gene, but CSD has the potential to occur in any breed of dog and at any age.

What are the symptoms of Copper Storage Disease in dogs?

For many dogs, CSD is found during adulthood, but it is possible for copper to begin accumulating from around five months of age, with excess copper being seen in the liver from 12 months old.

CSD can go undetected for many years until the late stages of the disease when symptoms such as anemia, weight loss, lethargy, vomiting, and depression can be noticed. Dogs with the COMMD1 recessive gene often accumulate levels of copper which are toxic to the liver by 2 to 4 years of age.

Diagnosis and Treatment of Copper Storage Disease

CSD is diagnosed through a vet conducting a liver biopsy. Often CSD is managed through a low copper diet and often a copper chelation medication such as Penicillamine. The goal is to reduce copper absorption and encourage its excretion from the body. Copper chelation medication binds copper and stops so much being absorbed into the body by encouraging more to be excreted in urine.

Zinc supplementation can also be used to reduce copper absorption from the diet. Zinc blocks copper absorption from the digestive tract. Regular blood tests are carried out of pets with CSD to monitor liver health and the success of the treatment over time.



How can dogs develop Copper Storage Disease?

[AAFCO sets the nutritional guidelines](#) for pet foods, to ensure that pet food contains all the nutrients needed, in the correct balance for our pets to be healthy. For copper, there is no upper nutritional limit for [AAFCO nutritional profiles](#). It is thought that this can cause an oversupply of copper in pet food which leads to the potential for copper to accumulate.

Copper is often present in vitamin and mineral premixes which are added to foods to ensure that they contain adequate nutrition to meet the AAFCO Nutritional profiles. Pet foods often now contain more meat, or animal and fish proteins than traditionally.

This means more minerals, including copper, are provided to the pet food through these ingredients. When combined with potential added copper via a premix means that copper far in excess of the nutritional requirement can be delivered in pet food.

The maximum value for copper was removed due to a lack of evidence to support the value. The previous maximum was also based upon data in pigs which it was decided was not a good representation of dogs and cats.

What is being done about Copper Storage Disease in dogs?

Re-introducing a nutritional maximum for copper is something that is being proposed to AAFCO for future versions of the nutritional guidelines, and to safeguard against toxicity issues.

Testing for COMMD1 genetic predisposition to CSD is carried out now, especially in breeds such as the Bedlington Terrier, where it was thought that up to 50% of dogs in the USA and UK carried the recessive gene.

This means that breeders can avoid matching dogs who both carry the recessive gene and avoid this impaired copper metabolism in their puppies.

What can I do to protect my dog from Copper Storage Disease?

If you'd like to know the quantity of copper in your pet's food, you can ask the manufacturer who will be able to advise. The quantity of added copper and source is declared in the FEDIAF guidelines of Europe, but the quantity is not always given under AAFCO.

Either way, the manufacturer can advise the total quantity of copper in a diet. The AAFCO nutritional profile states a requirement for 7.3mg of copper per kg on a dry matter basis for maintenance, and 12.4mg/kg for growth. You can compare the copper in your pet's food to these values.

Other sources of copper in our pet's diets are eggs, beans and legumes, some cereals, liver, and organ meats. If your pet is recommended a low copper diet, be sure to avoid dehydrated liver and organ, and treats containing these ingredients too.

URL—[What is Copper Storage Disease in Dogs? | Dog Food Advisor](#)

Submitted by Allison Pobirs

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](#)

The tea that helps your dog stress less

Did you know that certain herbal teas can be a safe and beneficial addition to your dog's wellness routine?

Chamomile is one of the best, especially for calming anxiety and stress.

Whether your pup gets nervous during thunderstorms, struggles with separation anxiety, or is overly hyper, chamomile tea can help.

A Natural Stress Reliever for Dogs

Chamomile contains apigenin, a natural compound that interacts with receptors in your dog's brain to promote relaxation.

It has mild sedative properties that help ease nervousness, hyperactivity, and separation anxiety without the side effects of medications.

How to Make Chamomile Tea for Dogs

1. One chamomile tea bag (or 1 teaspoon pure dried chamomile flowers). Make sure it doesn't have any additives or flavors.
2. A cup of hot water.
3. Let it steep for 5-10 minutes, then allow it to cool completely to room temperature before serving—never give it hot to your dog.

Servings

- Small dogs (under 10 lbs): 1–2 teaspoons
- Medium dogs (10–30 lbs): 1–2 tablespoons
- Large dogs (30+ lbs): ¼ cup

How to Serve: Mix into your dog's food, water or offer as a separate drink up to once daily.

Chamomile tea is generally safe for long-term use, but it's best to give periodic breaks (e.g., 5 days on, 2 days off) to ensure your dog's body continues to respond well to it.

Chamomile is a simple yet powerful way to help your dog relax and feel better naturally. Give it a try and see the difference it makes!

Submitted by Laurie Burnam, originally an email from Wolfbloom—Brian

What Dog Growling Means and What To Do

By [Wailani Sung, MS, PhD, DVM, DACVB](#). Reviewed by [Tiffany Tupler, DVM, CBCC-KA](#) , Updated Jan. 20, 2025

Growling is part of normal canine communication. People usually think of a dog's growl as a warning or as a sign of defense. And while growling often means that a dog needs space or is uncomfortable, growling is a complex vocalization that also occurs in other situations.

It's important to understand why your dog is growling, how you can prevent them from escalating their behavior, and when to intervene.

Key Takeaways

Growling is a normal part of how dogs communicate.

Dogs growl for many different reasons, from play to resource guarding.

Never punish your dog for growling—this can make them more anxious and fearful.

Redirecting your dog to perform more desirable behaviors is the best way to stop inappropriate growling.

Why Do Dogs Growl?

Depending on the situation, dogs may growl when they are:

Playing

Greeting another dog or person

Verbally reprimanded or physically corrected

Interacting with another dog or person while they are lying down in a favorite spot

Approached by another dog or person while they have a favorite toy or high-value food item

What Does It Mean When a Dog Growls?

Because dog growling happens in so many different situations, the behavior can have multiple meanings.

Play Growling

A dog might growl while playing with you or other dogs. The growling, in this case, is part of normal playful behavior.

When a dog growls playfully, they have [loose body language](#) and soft facial expression, such as a tail held in neutral position and soft ears moved slightly to the side. Both puppies and adult dogs may growl during play.

Growling During Greeting

Sometimes, growling occurs during [greeting other dogs face-to-face](#).

The growl may happen before the other dog comes closer. This may be accompanied by stiff body language, a hard stare, and ears pointed forward or held to the side. This is a clear message that the growling dog does not want the second dog to come any closer.

Other times, growling may occur after the face-to-face greeting ritual, especially if one dog is taking a long time sniffing the other dog's face. This means that the growling dog is uncomfortable and wants the other to move back.



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What Dog Growling Means and What To Do—Continued

Growling When Reprimanded or Corrected

Dogs growl when they are yelled at, hit, choked, sprayed with a water bottle, or shocked.

Punishment techniques increase a [dog's fear and anxiety](#). **While these methods may temporarily stop the bad behavior, they do not teach the dog to not repeat it.**

Instead, yelling at or being physical with your dog damages the human-animal bond, teaches the dog to not trust humans, and can even [increase the dog's aggression](#) toward those giving the punishment.

Always use [positive reinforcement methods](#) to reward desirable behaviors instead of punishing your dog for unwanted behaviors.

Growling When Someone Approaches While They're in a Favorite Spot

When approached while lying down, a dog may growl, lower their head, avoid direct eye contact, and pull their ears back. This is a clear indication to the other party that the dog does not want to interact or is worried that they may be displaced from their comfortable location.

Growling When They Have a Favorite Toy or Treat

When approached, the dog growls and makes direct eye contact, bares their teeth, and has the front half of their body hunched over the preferred object.

This is a case of [resource guarding in dogs](#). When a dog shows this behavior, it means they are uncomfortable with how close the other party is and worried their favorite item will be taken away.

What To Do When a Dog's Growling

When your dog growls, acknowledge the growl and redirect your dog to perform more desirable behaviors.

For example, if you're on a walk and your dog growls at someone heading in their direction, interrupt the behavior using a neutral noise, such as a quick whistle, finger snap, or light clap. You do not want to use a loud, startling noise—just one loud enough to get your dog's attention.

Next, as the stranger walks by, have your dog focus their attention on you by asking them to perform a command (like "look" or "touch"). When your dog performs the behavior, [offer a high-value treat](#) and praise.

By doing this, you're teaching your dog to focus on you when they feel worried or uncomfortable. You're also working on counterconditioning to change their negative emotional response to strangers.

If your dog has a habit of growling at strangers, [carry a treat pouch](#) on every outing. Every time you see a stranger heading your way, immediately give your dog a treat before they growl. Ask them to look at you when you anticipate a growl. This teaches an alternate behavior: "I look at my parent when I see strangers."

You want your dog to check in with you and not escalate their behavior when they are uncomfortable. If your dog is not interested in high-value treats, offer plenty of praise and petting or playing with a preferred toy. Find the items that motivate your dog and use them as rewards.

[Training your dog](#) provides a clear way to communicate with them. Training, as well as providing appropriate [mental stimulation](#) and physical outlets, also reinforces the desirable behaviors you want to see in your dog and weeds out the undesirable ones.

What Not To Do

What Dog Growling Means and What To Do—Continued

Do not yell at, use a shock collar, or hit your dog when they growl.

Remember that a growl, just like a bark, is a normal part of a dog's vocal communication. When you tell your growling dog to be quiet, you are only correcting what you perceive to be a problem in that moment and not understanding *why* your dog is growling.

When you physically punish your dog for growling, it may lead to further aggression with your dog baring their teeth, lunging, snapping, or even biting. The punishment may also reinforce your dog's underlying fear or anxiety.

By punishing, you also may be confirming to your dog that they *should* be worried or fearful when strangers approach, because you, the person they trust the most, become unpredictable and mean when strangers are present. It reinforces their feeling that the presence of strangers is a negative experience.

While growling often means that a dog needs space or is uncomfortable, growling is a complex vocalization that also occurs in other situations.

If you need some guidance on how to work with your dog, find a trainer who uses positive reinforcement training, such as a [Fear Free trainer](#), [KPA-certified trainers](#), or [CTC-certified trainers](#).

Do not use a trainer who endorses punitive or balanced training techniques. Trainers should not make your dog feel uncomfortable or scared. Instead, they should help your dog gain confidence and be excited about learning from you and listening to you.

If your dog continues to growl, refuses to take rewards, appears fearful and anxious, or escalates their behavior to barking, lunging, and biting, take them to a veterinarian for an exam. Sometimes medical conditions can cause a dog to growl and not want to interact with their environment.

If your dog receives a clean bill of health from a vet, see a board-certified animal behavior professional such as a veterinary behaviorist (DACVM) or an applied animal behaviorist (CAAB).

Dog Growling FAQs

Why has my friendly dog started growling at other dogs?

Growling is a normal behavior in dogs. But if you've noticed a sudden change in your dog's behavior, it's important to take them to a veterinarian for an exam. Pain and other medical conditions contribute heavily to sudden behavior changes.

Once pain is ruled out, work with a certified trainer.

Why does my dog growl at me?

If your dog is new to you, give them three days to decompress in the home. It takes most dogs three months before they have become completely comfortable in a new environment.

If the growling is a new behavior or doesn't stop, take your dog to the vet to rule out medical conditions and work with a certified behaviorist.

Why is my dog growling at nothing?

This could be a sign of pain, and medical conditions must be ruled out by a veterinarian.



Cynthia Casby and MacGyver

Our brag of the month is MacGyver earning his **confirmation Championship!!**

CH Meadowlark's I Can Do Anything at Fireside BN RM RAE PT FDC OAP OJP OFP
CA DCAT RATO CGC TKI

At almost 8 years old, MacGyver finished his AKC Championship!!

Mac got his first major at 6 months, and wasn't really shown in conformation much after that. At the So Cal Collie Club show in Ventura (Winterfest) he earned a 3 point major and at the Los Encinos show the next day he earned a 4 point major, going BOW both days over beautiful bitches, to finish!



Shown with handler Sondra Dankberg.

**NEW
CHAMPION
Braggs**

Tired of training outside?

Preparing for that big, noisy indoor show?



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Boasting "Agiliflex" rubber flooring, our 1600+ square feet of space and 35 feet of mirror are waiting for you and your canine pal to come train in!

We have obedience jumps, baby gates, crates and some agility equipment too. Available to rent to individuals for just \$25 an hour.

Also available for pre-approved events and small groups at an additional cost.

Call 818-832-9906 for more information
www.j9sk9s.com

Laurie Burnam and Tesla

Simi Valley Kennel Club, AKC Agility Camarillo,

January 17, 18, 19, 2025

Master Fast 1st pl 19th Q

Master Fast 2nd pl 20th Q

Time 2 Beat2 4th pl 2nd Q 14 points

Master Standard 5th pl 9th Q 14 Mach Points

Master Jumpers 4th pl 8th Q 12 MACH points

2 double Qs 193 points.



Laurie Burnam and Tesla

Santa Clarita Valley Agility Club, Agua Dolce January 25/26, 2025

Elite Gamblers 10 Q 3rd pl

Elite Gamblers 10 Q 4th pl

Elite Jumpers 10 Q 1st pl

Elite Regular 5 Q 2nd pl

Scusi 3 runs of Elite Gamblers, no Qs but had a blast barking through the courses and in one month she will be 13 years young.

Braggs



Debbie Lang and Morgan

2/2/25 **New BCAT Title** -

Morgan finished his BCAT title at the Fast CAT trial put on by Greater LA Scent Work Club, at Acton Park.

He had one of his faster times his first run of the morning, running 18.34 MPH.

Cynthia Binder and Beyya

In last months Newsette we had a brag about several of our VHOC dogs testing for and earning their CGCU's in December. Beyya is one of Cynthia Binders German Shepherds that passed the CGCU testing. She earned her **Canine Good "Urban" Citizen title.**



Marcia Siderow and Pippin

Pippin passed his **RAT, Rattlesnake Avoidance Test** on Saturday February 1st. He did really well and I'm quite proud of him.

Braggs

Debbie Lang with Panda and Morgan

SDVASC—ASAC agility, Jan 24-26, Agua Dulce

Panda—2 Elite Gambler Qs
4 Elite Regular Qs

Morgan
3 Open Regular Qs

TCASWA Feb 8th

Panda— 10pt Elite Reg Q

Only 10 more Regular points for her ASCA ACE Championship.





Robyn Zelden and Crew

Crew had a great weekend at Winterfest January 24-26

Friday—BOB

Saturday—Select

Sunday—BOB



Robyn Zelden and Crew

Crew had so much fun at his first NASDA trial February 9th. He qualified in 12 out of 12 runs. LI1 (Lost Item Recovery) SD1 (Shed), UL1 (Urban Locating) TL1 (Trailing and Locating). He also got a HIT4 in Trailing and Locating.

Braggs

Robyn Zelden and Luca

Luca qualified in 9 out of 9 runs at the NASDA trial on February 9th. LI2 (Lost Item Recovery), UL2 (Urban Locating) TL1 (Trailing and Locating) and earned her **Title in TL1** at the NASDA trial She also got 2 BOB's and a HIT4 In Trailing and Locating. 2 BOB'S and a HIT4 in Lost Item Recovery. 3 BOB'S in Urban Locating



Braggs



Robyn Zelden and Lyric

Lyric qualified in 9 out of 9 runs at the NASDA trial on February 9th. LI2 (Lost Item Recovery), UL2 (Urban Locating) TL1 (Trailing and Locating) and earned her **Title in TL1** at the NASDA trial. She also got 2 HIT3 and 2 BOB'S in Trailing and Locating. 1 BOB in Lost Item Recovery

Robyn Zelden and Lyric

Lyric earned her **FCAT title** February 2nd. Her first run was 25 MPH and her second run was 24.17 MPH



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VHOC Trials this year—All Trials are at Community Center Park on Burnley in Camarillo



July 24 and 25—Agility Trial

September 11 and 12 Agility Trial

September 13 and 14 Annual VHOC Obedience/Rally Trial

December 5, 6 and 7—Annual VHOC Agility Trial

All of the trials are listed on the Wing Ding website:

[Upcoming Trials – Weekday Wing Ding Agility Trials](#)

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 -

Skills and Drills I (Novice/Intermediate) Wednesdays 6:30 pm, Reseda

Skills and Drills II (Intermediate/Advanced) Mondays 7:00 pm, Reseda

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

NEW Scent Work Classes

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

Contact Carole Hills for information—chills37@aol.com

Beginning Nose Work—Wednesday evenings in Moorpark

Contact Shiro Torquato for information— drshiro2000@gmail.com



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Fit Dog Walk - February 23

Come out and take a nice walk with your dog and club member's—see information on page 4

VHOC Annual Awards - March 30th

Celebrate all of our dogs achievements with the club at BJ's Restaurant—see flyer page 3

Happy
Valentine's
Day