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VHOC December Holiday Party

Saturday Dec 3rd at 7 PM

The party will be at Nancy Giltner's home—4744 Vista De Oro Avenue, Woodland Hills

Gift Exchange \$20 minimum

RSVP to Nancy Giltner at
ngiltner623@gmail.com

Annual Awards Banquet

—Coming early next year—

start getting together your titles and scores for the Awards.

More information coming later in December.

REMINDER

Remember to check the website

<http://www.vhoc.org>

for announcements, cancelled classes, upcoming events and other important club information.

Happy Thanksgiving

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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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)

Brigitte Ortega and her Rottweiler - Gillean

Valley Hills Obedience Club 2017 Membership Renewal

Dues are due by December 31, 2016

Payments received after this date will be assessed a \$10.00 late fee.

Please complete the form below with your changes and return it with your 2016 membership dues to:

**Carole Hills
13689 De Garmo Avenue
Sylmar, CA 91342**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, St., Zip: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Dog (breeds): _____

E-mail Address: _____

	<i>Received by December 31:</i>	<i>January 1-March 3:</i>	<i>After March 3</i>
Single membership	\$25	\$35	Membership terminated: must re-apply with application fee*
Family membership	\$35	\$45	
Junior membership	\$10	\$20	
Joined after October 1	Pay only ½ of above	½ + \$10 late fee	

**"Membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid sixty (60) days after the first day of the fiscal year" (Constitution & By-laws).*

VHOC Agility, Obedience and Rally Trials

Please remember to enter our Agility and Obedience/Rally Trials December 9, 10, 11.

We have a lot happening that weekend—a great raffle, delicious food, really nice trophies, vendors on site, and a **Obed/Rally C-Match on Friday Dec 9th**

The Agility Trial show secretary is Larry Ribbeck—the link to the premium is:

<http://www.lribbeck.com/akc-trials.html>

You can also enter the trial online at the AKC website—entries close November 25th.

This is a 3 day Agility trial—come enjoy the fun.

The Obedience/Rally Trial show secretary is Sharon Licciardi the link to the premium is:

http://media.wix.com/ugd/b0639f_fc82344ecc3c46038eef3d27fdcff0.pdf

You can also enter the trial from Sharon Licciardi's website—<http://www.slicciardi.com/>

Entries close November 23rd.

This is a two day Rally and Obedience Trial - Saturday Dec 10 and Sunday Dec 11.



Ed ONCE UPON A DOG

Tricks and Feats

If you are a pet owner who has taught your dog to sit, stay, heel, or perform any manner of tricks, you owe it all to Blanche Saunders.

Saunders, who graduated from Massachusetts Agricultural College, first explored her talents in tricks training with Helen Whitehouse Walker, a Poodle breeder in Mount Kisco, New York. Walker had become taken with the obedience trials she observed in England in the 1930s and was committed to establishing the practice in America, hosting her own informal events on her estate, Bedford Hills.

With her Poodles in Saunders's very capable hands, Walker concentrated on convincing the AKC to acknowledge obedience as a competitive event. Following this 1936 accomplishment, she and Saunders set their sights on the American public. Most famously, in 1937, they remodeled a Buick to fit three dogs in the backseat and hauled a 21-foot trailer across 10,000 miles in 10 weeks to perform demos, at a time when two women travelling alone with a bunch of equipment, much less canine companions, was a most unconventional sight. Recalled Saunders, "The ringside was crowded as everyone was anxious to see the 'two crazy women from New York with the trick Poodles.'"

Saunders became the face of dog obedience as it swiftly grew in popularity. She conducted demonstrations in Rockefeller Plaza and at Yankee Stadium, before a crowd of 70,000. Her book *Training You to Train Your Dog*, first published in 1946, was a stalwart bestseller well through the 1970s; it was followed up by nine more books, in addition to six widely dispersed black-and-white educational film reels by the same name. —Brynn White



AKC ARCHIVES

Taken from AKC agility judges webpage:

<https://akcagilityjudges.wordpress.com/2016/10/26/fast-just-got-faster/>

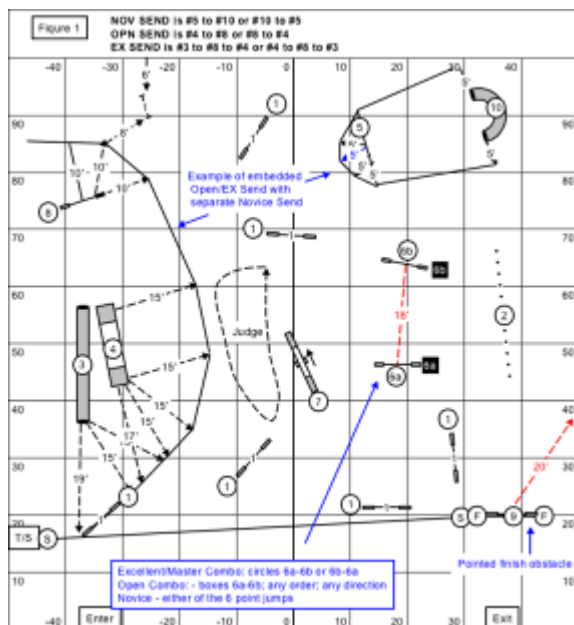
FAST Just Got Faster!

By [kittybradley1](#) on October 26, 2016

Beginning January 3, 2017 the FAST Class has been revised allowing clubs to offer one course that Novice, Open and Ex/Masters can walk and compete in. The goal is to reduce the amount of time that it takes to build separate courses and do multiple walk-throughs. It also allows more flexibility in the way the Sends can be designed.

At the clubs discretion any of 3 levels courses may be combined into one course with embedded Sends (which will allow one course build and walk through for all levels); or may be run as separate courses.

Following is a summary of the changes as well as design illustrations. Please note for courses that are in progress or approved the only changes that could affect those courses is the elimination of the tire and the requirement of 9-12 weave poles for Novice. If you have any questions please contact your rep.



Check out the complete blog for :

New Send Distances in Open & Excellent/Master and Additional changes, along with several maps of examples of possible FAST courses.

<https://akcagilityjudges.wordpress.com/2016/10/26/fast-just-got-faster/>

Get out and Support Your Club



Come out and support your TOP DOG team .

Saturday November 12th

Tapo Canyon Park in Simi Valley—
right off the 118 freeway.

TOP DOG 2016

Valley Hills Obedience Club
Sanctioned "C" Match
🐾 Day before VHOC Trial 🐾 Same location 🐾

Friday, December 9 🍪 Woodley Park, Van Nuys

Entries 10:30am-12:00pm
Utility judging starts at 11:00am
Open, Novice & Rally judging start at 11:30

Novice ~ Open ~ Utility ~ Groups ~ Rally

1st class: \$6 🐾 Additional (same dog): \$4

Lunch: \$6
(Sandwiches, salad,
chips, cookie & drink)



For info, contact:
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(805) 527-4146





It's Holiday Party Time

VHOC's Holiday Party will be on Saturday—
December 3rd at 7 PM
It will be at Nancy Giltner's home -
4744 Vista de Oro, Woodland Hills

VHOC will provide the Main Course
Please RSVP to ngiltner623@gmail.com

And let her know if you will be able to bring an appetizer,
side dish or dessert.



We will also have the annual gift exchange—
if you would like to participate please bring
a gift valued at \$20 or more.

Please RSVP to ngiltner623@gmail.com



The Naughty Dogge Blog

This is taken from the Naught Dogge Facebook Blog page written by Monique Anstee and reprinted with her permission.

How do I train dogs? "I train the dog I am training." While this might be ambiguous, it is true. I have been getting drilled on my training method.... so here it is - hopefully more cut and dried.

Training is about getting into your dog's head, and understanding what motivates him, what make him smile, and what concerns him. It helps to be able to think like your dog, so that you can be one step ahead of him.

This is defined as a relationship with your dog. You understand him so well that you can think for him, know his struggles in advance, and adjust his mood as needed, to help him learn what he needs to learn to be the best dog that he can be.

Cookies cannot buy this. Corrections cannot buy this. Something this precious and this complex cannot be purchased with a cookie or a pop.

You should be able to laugh at him for his silly antics, realize when he is trying but misunderstood your words compared with when he completely blows you off because you are not important compared to what is going on. Or realize when he disobeyed, but gave you his all - and could give you nothing better.

You must realize when he is stressed by his environment and needs more help from you, or when he is stressed by his environment and needs to be told to grow up and act like a man.

You need to be aware when something completely alien might be going on - is he sitting really slow because he hurt himself?

So the question still remains of "What method do I use." I train the dog I am training. There is no one thing that I can do to create the beautiful relationship that I have with my dogs. I respect dogs for who they are, I believe in their potential, build on their strengths, and chip away at their weaknesses. I build a relationship with them so that they care what I think and try really hard to please me. I build them up to be the best that they can be, and encourage certain traits to hide their weaknesses. I truly "train the dog that I am training".

There are no rules for this process to take place. What is necessary for one dog might be detrimental in that moment for another. While in puppy class, I might instantly stop one puppy from dragging his owner, and I might request another owner to allow their puppy to drag them for two more weeks before we stop it. There are no absolute rules when it comes to training dogs.

Each dog has to be trained by his own criteria, working with what he brings to the table. Every dog has the same goals and directions, but we might get there fifty different ways, depending on the learning ability, emotional need and intelligence of the dog, and always considering the handling abilities and personality of the handler. Out timeline will vary as much as our methods; you can only train the dog at the speed of the dog. This is a relationship, between one dog and one human, and rules might need to be gently bent and swayed, depending upon the individuals.

This is not science. It is art. We are given a blank canvas with every puppy that we get, and it is our creation to build, alter, discourage, or deny. Each of our canvases will look different when our dogs are a year old, depending upon our feel and timing, our dreams and vision, our denial, our work ethic, and the dogs that we get.

How can you define this training method with one set of limiting rules? You can't.

I train the dog I am training.

Monique Anstee,
Victoria, BC

USDAA Jump Height Changes

USDAA announced on October 28, 2016 that they were changing the Agility jump heights in both the Championship and the Performance programs.

For complete information on the jump height changes and a FAQ page please go to the USDAA website: <http://www.usdaa.com/news.cfm>. You will find the changes to the SCT and the jump heights.

What are the new Championship jump heights and cutoffs?

A:

Dogs Maximum Height at Withers	2017 Championship Jump Height	Division
12"	10"	Small
14"	14"	Medium
17"	16"	Medium
19"	20"	Large
21"	22"	Large
Over 21"	24"	Extra Large

What are the new Performance jump heights and cutoffs?

A:

Dogs Maximum Height at Withers	2017 Performance Jump Height	Division
12"	8"	Small
16"	12"	Medium
19"	14"	Large
21"	16"	Large
Over 21"	20"	Extra Large

The jump height changes are effective December 28, 2016.

October General Meeting



Jeri and Embrey

It was a great time at our October meeting. We had a bunch of dogs come out in costume and everyone of them went home with a prize.

We had a fun agility course with jumps, tunnels, barrels and a short set of weaves. It did require some handling skills.

Laurie put up a rally course that was a lot of fun.

Our next meeting is the Holiday Party on December 3rd.



Taylor and Abbie



Ronda and Flasher



Cathy and Ella



Jane and Gabe



The Judges

Braggs

Linda Brooks and Olive—”Windrose Olive You Need Is Love CGCA CGCU THDN WC”

Oct. 15-16 – LRC Nationals, at Prado Dog Park, Chino Hills CA:

2 Junior Hunter legs

Olive also received a perfect score for her Conformation Certificate

Oct 30th GRCGLA hunt test at Prado – 3rd leg for JH

Going for our 4th and final this weekend to title.



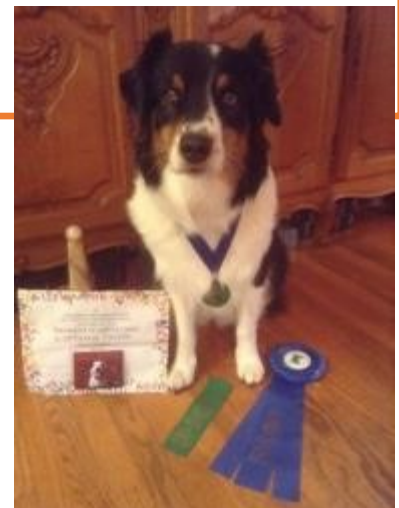
Linda Brooks

I received 3rd place in the photo contest at LRC Nationals, ‘hunting’ category
Oakridge Royal Hockney CDX, SH, CGC

Laurie Burnam and Scusi—*October 30, 2016—
Pasanita Obedience Training Club, Brookside Park,
Pasadena CA:*

Versatility 1st Place 1st Leg 195.5

High Scoring Optional Titling Class



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Monica Nolan and Mikko—*Pasanita Obedience Club, Pasadena , CA:*

Mikko finished his Rally career in style at Pasadena on October 30th, earning his RAE!



Judith Lewis Mernit and Thomas—*October 22-23, 2016, Hidden Valley Obedience Club*

Thomas was High Scoring Terrier both days at the Hidden Valley Obedience Club trial, October 22nd and 23rd. He also held his long sit on Sunday to earn his 7th UDX leg and a bunch of OM1 points. Thanks to Laurie Burnam for her expertise in proofing groups—it's working!



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Carol Karas and Edith Ann—

On October 20 at our Northern California specialty, Edith Ann completed her **MACH** title with a double Q. She also completed her RatN title with a novice high in trial finding her rat in 10 seconds!

MACH Edith Ann



PACH Roxie

Cathy Davis and Roxie—October 29-30, 2016, Hollywood Dog Obedience Club, Woodley Park, CA:

Roxie earned her **PACH** on Saturday,
Then she double Qed the next day in the rain.
Great weekend!!



Braggs

Kim Kramer and Cooper—November 5-6, 2016, San Gabriel Valley Kennel Club, Antelope Valley Kennel Club, City of Industry, CA:

Sat—Nov 5—SGVKC Cooper earned a 96 and 4th place in Rally Excellent and a 97 in rally Advanced.

Sun—Nov 6—AVKC Cooper earned a 95 and a second place in Rally Excellent and a 91 in Rally Advanced. That gave us legs 5 and 6 towards our RAE title.



Sharon Jeter and Kindle

(BISS GCHB Dk's Kindle on Fire CGC) attended his 3rd Frenchie National in Las Vegas in October and was awarded:

-Award of Merit at the Independent Specialty -Top Twenty for 2016



Kindle even participated in the costume contest at the National and received some votes. Costumes had to be a female or male entertainer so Kindle went as Carmen Miranda in drag. He had fun running around the ring in his dress.



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Patti Rovtar and Pippi—October Brags



Oct 15, 2016 BOTC Bakersfield - Novice B, 198, 2nd place (first leg); Rally Advanced, 99, 1st place (first leg)! High Score Working Group!!

Oct 16, 2016 BOTC Bakersfield - Novice B, 194.5, 3rd place (second leg); Rally Advanced, 97, 1st place (second leg)!



Oct 30, 2016 POC Pasadena - Novice B, 198, 1st place **NEW TITLE!**
Rally Advanced, 100, 1st place **NEW TITLE!** High Score Working Group!!
So proud of the little rascal - she's on her way!!



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Cindi Malchose and Jenna—November 5, 2016, National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW), Simi Valley, CA:

Jenna got her NW1 NACSW nose work title on November 5 with a 3rd placement in interiors.



Debbie Lang and Quila, Fable and Panda –

ASCA October 29th and 30th, Manzanita Agility Club, Juniper Hills, CA:

Quila – Regular Qs – 5 Pt 3rd place, 10 Pt 1st place, 10 Pt 3rd place, Jumpers Qs – both rounds 10 pts and 3rd place, Gamblers Qs – Q #8 5th place 10 pts, Q #9 2nd place 10 pt.

Fable – Novice Jumpers – ACE 16” class, 1st place 10 Pt Q both round to earn her **JSA-N (Jumpers Standard ACE – Novice) Title**

Panda – Novice Jumpers 20” class – Novice Jumpers 10 Pt. Q – 3rd place

AKC Nov 5th, South Coast Vizsla Club, Pomona CA:

Quila Master Fast Preferred – 1st Place for her 25th Q for the **MFP Bronze title**.

NADAC Nov 6th, Manzanita Agility Club, Juniper Hills, CA:

Quila – Regular 10 Pt Q – 1st Place, Regular 10 Pt Q – 2nd place, Jumpers Q 1st Place, Jumper Q 3rd place, Tunnelers Q 1st place, Tunnelers Q 1st place, **Open Tunnelers Title**

Fable – Novice Jumpers Q 3rd place, Novice Tunnelers Q 10 Pt, Novice Tunnelers Q 10 pt. **Novice Tunnelers Title**

Panda - Novice Tunnelers Q 3rd place



Braggs

Sandy Kelly and Riesling—

October 30, 2016 Pasanita Kennel Club, Pasadena, CA:

Qualifying scores in Rally Adv B and Rally Excellent B for a RAE leg.

November 5, 2016 San Gabriel Valley KC, City of Industry, CA:

Saturday placing 4th in Rally Excellent with a 96 and she earned a 100 for First Place in Rally Advance!!

November 6, 2016 Antelope Valley KC, City of Industry, CA:

Sunday we had an 86 (due to my footwork) to place 4th in Rally Excellent and a 99 in Rally Advance to put us in 4th (there were 3 scores of 100)

So, we've earned 6 legs now toward our RAE title. Only 4 more to go!



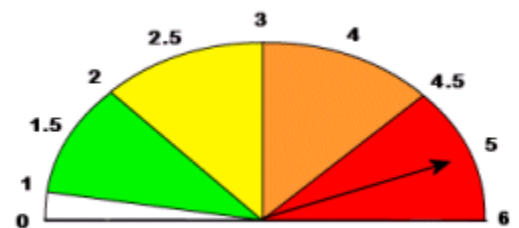
K9 Speedometer

[Dog Agility YPS/MPH Calculator - K9 Speedometer](#)

Just in case you wanted to calculate your dogs Yards Per Second (YPS) on the agility course Allison found this link online. You just plug in the course distance and your dogs time, check the box it there is a table and you will get your dogs speed in YPS and miles per second.

Use the Link below -

<http://www.skylineagility.org/speedom.html>





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Happy Thanksgiving

