



# Newsette



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Best



DOG DAD



### 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)*

**Michele Goyette and her 3 Australian Shepherds - Finn, Blaze, and Ember**

# Safe Travels



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## We will miss you while you are gone

Wishing Nancy, Weegie,  
Roma and Alias a safe time  
in South Carolina.

For right now they are  
staying for a year, maybe  
longer if they love it back  
there.

Have a great time at all  
those agility trials.

Thankfully Nancy will still  
be helping us out via  
Zoom with our upcoming  
agility trial.



*Ira Greenberg, age 76, of Chatsworth, California  
passed away on Monday, May 22, 2023*

APRIL 20, 1947 - MAY 22, 2023



DEEPEST  
*sympathy*

Our condolences go out to  
Loretta, Traci and Dana on  
the passing of Ira.

Loretta and Ira were married in December 1968 and not long after became members of VHOC.

Ira started training classes with Joe Carr in 1971 and then in 1972 ran the novice training classes until around 2005-6 when he retired. A few of the people who trained in/around his training classes included Janine Pierce, Moira Cornell, Laurie Burnam, Sandy Walton, and Flo Walberg. There were lots of other people that went on to do great things for the sport of Dog Shows, Dog Training and Obedience that attended his classes.

Ira held several board positions, over many years, he was VHOC President in 1971, 1972 and 1973, 1985 and 1986, and again in 1997. His other positions included Training Director, Tracking Chairman, Top Dog Chair in 1974, and Trial Chairman in 1983. He was in charge of the grounds for several years, and announcer at many of the trials.

In March 2006 Ira was honored by VHOC for 35 years of service to our club.

He was always full of anecdotes told in skillful and amusing ways.

# Memories with VHOC

Receiving the Bill Logan Memorial Trophy 1983



At his retirement from serving VHOC in 2006

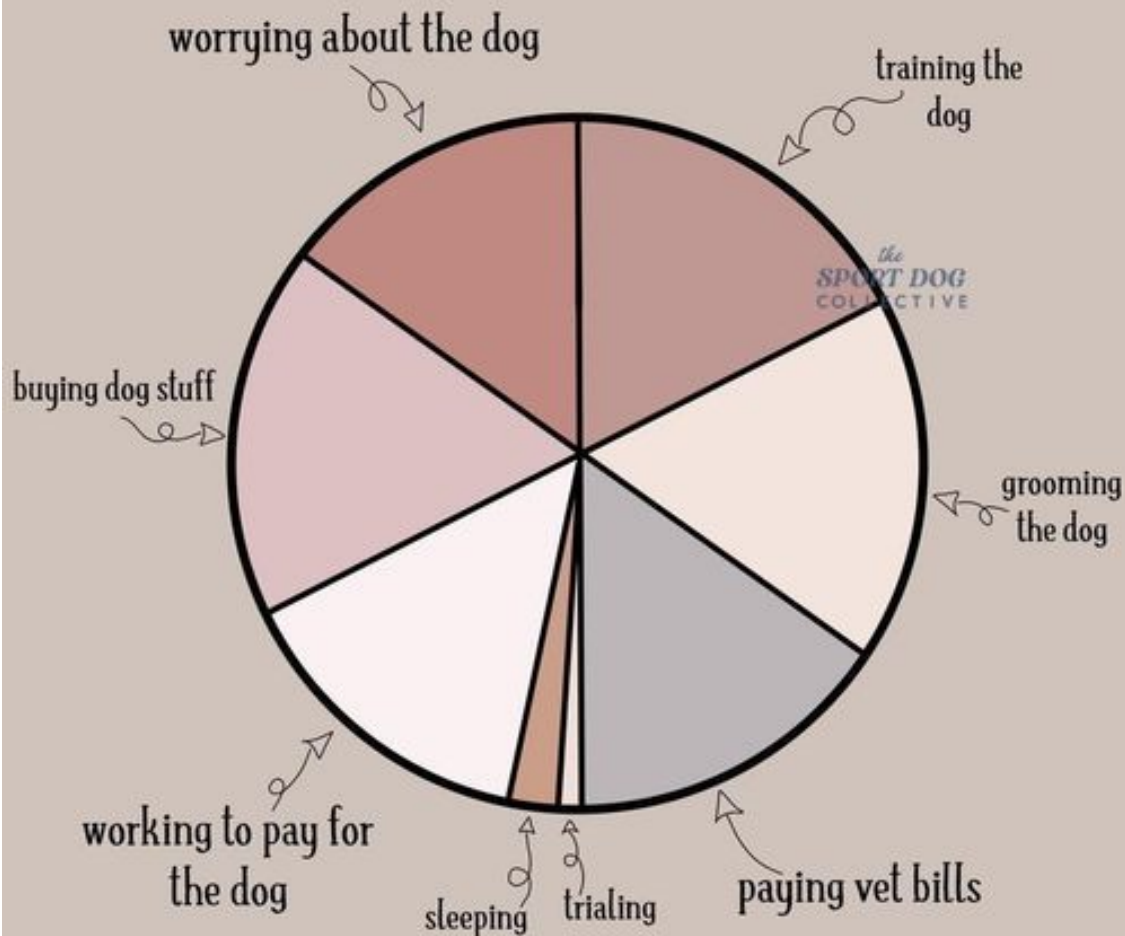


The New Board members in 1996.



Ira's training class at Reseda Park in 1995  
He is in the middle of the picture, white pants.

# THE LIFE OF A DOG PERSON



## Got News?

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# June General Meeting And Award Banquet

We had a great time at the June General Meeting. Shiro Torquato our General Meeting coordinator, planned another fun meeting.

Lots of dogs came out for the CGC/A and Trick Dog Evaluations. We also had two dogs do Love on a Leash Therapy Dog Evaluations. Thank you to Monica Nolan and Michele Goyette (new member) for being our evaluators. The next page has all of the dogs that were tested and have new titles.

We all enjoyed the Pot Luck with KFC Chicken and lots of delicious sides that our members brought. I was amazed that all the dogs did their tricks and passed their evaluations with the great food not that far away.

We had the Annual Awards presentation with Ann Hills as our announcer and Allison Pobirs presented each award. There were over 24 individual Title Plaques earned by member dogs. We will have a separate edition of the Newsette devoted to all the Title Plaque winners and the 2022 Annual Award winners.



# June General Meeting

## CGC/A And Trick Dog Titles



Callie



- Shiro & Archer - TD Intermediate
- Cynthia & Mac—TD Novice
- Cynthia & Griff - TD Intermediate
- Yvonne & Herman Jo - TD Intermediate
- Marcia & Pippin - CGC & TD Novice
- Robyn & Lyric (CGCA , TD Intermediate ,& LOAL evaluation)
- Debbie & Panda - TD Performer
- Shirley & Coco (CGC & TD Intermediate, & LOAL evaluation)

- VHOC Guests
- Terri Mando & Callie (CGC)
- Rob Heller & Augie (CGC & LOAL evaluation)

Mac and Griff



Herman Jo



Augie



Archer



Lyric



Coco



Panda



Pippin



# Hiking With Dogs: Tips For Hitting the Trail

By [Stephanie Gibeault, MSc, CPDT](#)

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Hiking is fantastic exercise and a perfect way to enjoy nature. So, it's understandable that you would want your dog to join you on the trail. Dogs make great companions and watching them revel in the sights, sounds, and smells of nature is invigorating.

However, just as you wouldn't head out for a hike in dress shoes, there are considerations to be made for your dog. Do you have all the necessary equipment your dog will need? Have you learned hiking etiquette? You might also want to brush up on some dog training skills. Before you hit the trail with your dog, make sure you're well-equipped to ensure a wonderful experience in the outdoors for both you and your pet.

## Hiking With Dogs Etiquette

First, don't always assume your dog is welcome to hike everywhere you are. For example, you might wonder, "[Are dogs allowed in National Parks?](#)" Thankfully, many National Parks do welcome dogs, but many have restrictions about dogs on the trails. Always check if your dog is allowed to accompany you before you set out on a hike. If not, you might find yourself encountering a stiff fine, not to mention the anger of fellow hikers. Banning dogs from parks may seem arbitrary, but keep in mind that your dog can have an impact on the environment by putting wild animals at risk and invading delicate ecosystems.



*Niall Pinder via Getty Images*

Before you hit the trail, it's your responsibility to learn about the rules of each place you take your dog. When it comes to National Parks, there are general [pet rules](#), but each park may have its own additional rules as well. Other wilderness areas, like State Parks and local forests, will also have their own regulations.

It pays to practice the [National Parks B.A.R.K. rule](#) wherever you hike with your dog. B.A.R.K. stands for:

- **B**ag your pet's waste
- **A**lways leash your pet
- **R**espect wildlife
- **K**now where you can go

## Hiking With Dogs: Tips For Hitting the Trail—continued

The first B.A.R.K. rule – pick up after your dog – is important hiking etiquette. You might think your dog's waste is a natural part of the cycle of life, especially in more remote locations. However, it can cause problems for local creatures and can even impact the water supply.

The second B.A.R.K. rule should apply in almost every hiking situation. Keeping your dog on a short leash is important for safety, courtesy, and control. Not every fellow hiker is comfortable with dogs, and there may be other dogs on the trail who aren't as friendly as yours. Finally, an off-leash dog can disappear out of sight, and if you can't see what your dog is doing, you can't prevent them from getting into trouble, like encountering a skunk or eating something dangerous. If there are off-leash areas where you are hiking, only let your dog run free if you have verbal control of your dog, you can see your dog at all times, and you've worked on a [reliable recall](#).

To protect plant and animal life, always keep your dog on the trail, except when encountering others. Then, step off the trail with your dog at your side to let people pass safely. Lastly, don't forget to greet others on the trail, as a cheery hello may signal that your dog is friendly and informs your dog that there is no need for concern.

## Safety When Hiking With Dogs

Keeping your dog safe during a hike should always be a top priority, and the first step is making sure your dog is fit enough for the task. Check with your vet to learn what your dog can handle, as some [dog breeds](#) make better hiking partners than others. Be particularly cautious with young and old dogs, as they might not be able to keep up with you on long, challenging hikes, and the burden on growing bones may be too much for [puppies](#). Hiking in overly hot weather should be avoided, as dogs are much more susceptible than humans to the dangers of excessive heat.

It's also essential that you take water for your dog. Dogs don't sweat the way humans do. Panting is their main method for keeping cool, putting them at a higher risk of overheating than you when on the trail. Plus, if you don't bring water for your dog to drink, you risk your dog drinking from ponds, streams, or standing pools of water, which can carry a high risk. Unknown water could be contaminated with parasites, bacteria like [leptospirosis](#), or other pathogens that can make your dog very ill.

You and your dog may also be venturing into [flea and tick](#) territory on your hikes. Consider using a vet-approved [flea and tick preventative](#) and be sure to [examine your dog for ticks](#) carefully when you get off the trail. It is also helpful to know [how to remove a tick from your dog](#), as early removal helps reduce the chance of a secondary illness. A bath or grooming session post-hike will allow you to check for invaders as well as [burrs](#), foxtails, and other debris caught in your dog's fur.

## Training Tips for Hiking With Dogs

An important part of hiking safety and etiquette is having a well-behaved and properly socialized dog. Be sure your dog at least knows the [basic obedience skills](#) like “come,” “sit,” and “stay.” [Walking politely on a leash](#) is another key behavior. Your dog doesn't need to heel along the trail, but the point of hiking isn't to be dragged through the woods. In case you accidentally drop the leash or your dog's collar breaks, you should be prepared with a reliable verbal recall. You can't keep your dog safe if you can't keep your dog in sight.

## Hiking With Dogs: Tips For Hitting the Trail—continued

Some additional behaviors to work on include “[leave it](#)” and a “quiet” cue to [curb barking](#). From poison ivy and animal waste to other hiker’s trash, there are many dangers on the trail that could seriously harm your dog. A strong “leave it” cue will ensure your dog doesn’t eat or mess with anything hazardous. And stopping any excessive barking will help keep your patch of nature as peaceful as possible.

### Hiking Equipment

Finally, for a truly enjoyable hike, you should come prepared with appropriate [dog hiking gear](#). Some suggested items to bring with you include:

[Poop bags](#)  
[Dog collar](#) with [ID tags](#) and a sturdy 6-foot [leash](#)

Water supply and a [portable water bowl](#)  
[Dog food](#) and/or [treats](#) and snacks

[Pet first-aid kit](#)  
[Pet-safe insect repellent](#)  
[Dog booties](#) for hiking in rough terrain



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# 60 National Parks Where Your Dog Can Be A BARK Ranger

National parks have always been popular vacation destinations. And now some parks are making it easy for pets to join in the fun! Read on to learn where your dog can get his BARK Ranger tags.

Without compromising their rules or affecting the wildlife, some national parks are inviting dogs to become BARK Rangers. Originally meant to educate visitors with pets about the park's pet policies, the program has become so popular that it's spreading quickly.

## BARK Ranger Program

The national parks introduced the BARK Ranger program as a way to encourage responsible national park travel with dogs. It's a fun way to make pet owners aware of the park's rules regarding pets.

BARK stands for:

- **B**ag your poop
- **A**lways wear a leash (6-foot max)
- **R**espect wildlife (give them their space)
- **K**now where you can go (learn which trails/areas are pet friendly)

As you can see, though pets are invited to join the program, it's the humans who are responsible for abiding by the BARK Ranger principles. Isn't that how it always goes with pets?!





**Collecting BARK Ranger Tags**

Dogs participating in the BARK Ranger program are sworn in and their owners can purchase a special tag for their pup’s collar. Some parks have customized tags for their location, and others have generic BARK Ranger tags. But no matter which the park provides, it’s fun for your dog to collect them all!

**Where Can Your Dog Become A BARK Ranger**

One thing we want to make clear is that national parks participating in the BARK Ranger program are not necessarily the most pet friendly. For example, Olympic National Park and Devil’s Tower National Monument are both very restrictive when it comes to pets on the trails, though they invite dogs to be BARK Rangers.

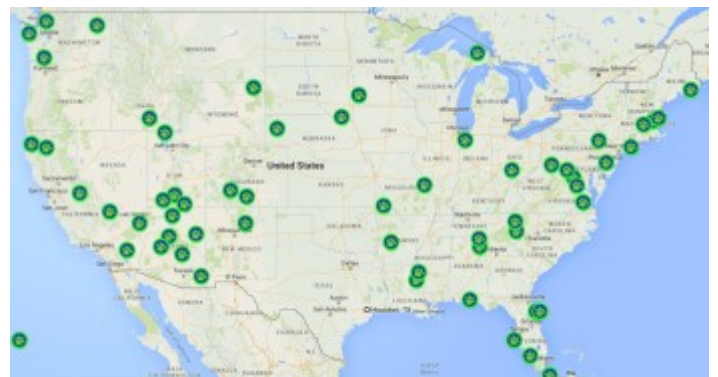
However, there are others, like Petrified Forest and Acadia National Park, that are extremely pet friendly! In our post on the [Best Pet Friendly National Parks](#), we share which of America’s national parks we consider the most pet friendly.

***READ MORE*** [America’s Most Pet Friendly National Parks](#)

This is not the complete article—for more information the URL is -

<https://www.gopetfriendly.com/blog/pet-friendly-national-parks-and-the-b-a-r-k-ranger-program/>

Submitted by Monica Nolan



# 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](mailto:pattirovtar@gmail.com)

**PLEASE CHECK WITH OUR INSTUCTORS FOR NEW CLASS START DATES**

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

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

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



# The Truth About MSG and Dog Food

There's much myth and hearsay when it comes to the topic of MSG in dog food. As is often the case, the reality is complex.

## What is MSG?

First of all, it'll help to fully understand what MSG is. Monosodium Glutamate is a type of salt sometimes added to food, usually **to enhance savory flavors**. There are foods naturally high in glutamates, such as tomatoes and aged cheeses, but it's also artificially synthesized for use in cooking.

Many humans appreciate the umami characteristics that MSG adds to meals and it's the same for dogs too, which is why it's sometimes added to dog food.

## Is MSG safe for dogs?

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) considers MSG to be '**generally recognized as safe**' and it's a staple ingredient in many Asian cuisines. In small quantities, the vast majority of people will suffer no adverse effects from consuming MSG.

However, just because your dog *can* eat MSG, does that mean they should?

It must be acknowledged that the scientific research exploring the effects of MSG on dogs is limited, especially when it comes to a longer time-frame.

What few studies there are tend to look at the effect on mammals of consuming much larger quantities of MSG than would otherwise be digested from sensible portions of dog food — these linked symptoms include [neurotoxicity and organ damage](#).

There are also some claims that MSG can contribute towards obesity due to the way in which it interferes with how the body processes leptin, a hormone that signals you've had enough to eat. Again, studies linked to this theory are inconclusive and geared towards humans.

However, many dogs are greedy enough already, so you could be justified in thinking they don't need any further encouragement whatsoever to overeat.

## Can dogs overdose on MSG?

One thing to remember is **MSG is a salt**, so dogs can die from over-consumption. However, your dog would have to eat the equivalent of several tablespoons, rather than the milligrams added to food, for this to happen.

Still, if you have the ingredient at home, make sure it's securely stored and kept well away from dogs.

Of course, **dogs shouldn't consume too much sodium, or salt**, in their diet generally. Most dog foods contain enough salt without the need for additional seasoning, so you shouldn't give them salty human foods as a treat.

This is especially true for dogs with hypertension, kidney disease or heart problems, or who have been recommended to follow a low-sodium diet by a vet.

## The Truth About MSG and Dog Food—continued

### Why is MSG added to dog food?

OK, so a **little bit of MSG won't harm your dog**, but perhaps consider why the additive is being added in the first place. Is the flavor enhancer being used as a means of disguising poor-quality or nutritionally-deficient ingredients?

It's certainly a possibility, which is why it makes sense to **take a close look at a dog food's ingredients** before you buy — you'll find thousands of recipes rated on The Dog Food Advisor using and listing the information on the label. You could even get a vet's advice on whether it's worthy of your dog's bowl.

That way, you can be certain your dog is getting the vital nutrients it needs for good health — and not being fooled by fillers or enhancers.

### How to avoid dog food with MSG?

If you want to eliminate MSG from your dog's diet, be aware that it's sometimes not labelled clearly.

If you see the terms hydrolyzed or autolyzed in the ingredient list — often suffixed with protein or yeast — you could be looking at MSG in a cunning disguise. The same can be said for vague terms like natural flavorings or soy extracts.

You should also be wary of ingredients that sometimes use MSG or a variant in the production process, such as corn starch, malt extract or powdered milk. Anything described as ultra-pasteurized, enzyme-modified or protein-fortified might be culpable, too.

However, there are ways you can go about completely bypassing MSG. [Organic](#) recipes won't contain any artificial ingredients and the same can be said for [fresh](#), [raw](#) and [natural](#) dog foods too.

These can be more expensive, but the health benefits might outweigh that cost.

### Can MSG stop dogs from eating their own feces?

One of the more curious theories linked to MSG is that it can stop dogs from engaging in the unpleasant habit of eating their own poo (or Coprophagia if you want to use the scientific term).

Rather ironically given its use as a flavor enhancer, MSG is said to change the taste of a dog's stool so it becomes unpalatable.

Does this work? Some swear by it and you'll find MSG in the ingredient list of some commercially available poop-eating deterrents. However, nothing's proven and there are other ways you can tackle the habit — try cleaning up as soon as they've gone to the toilet and using treats as positive reinforcement instead.

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**Submitted by Allison Pobirs**



# AKC Updates

## AKC Obedience and Rally Update -

May 2023

### **Pilot Program for Three-Legged (Tripod) Dogs in Non-Jumping Rally and Obedience Classes**

An 18-month pilot program, allowing tripod dogs to participate in the non-jumping obedience and rally classes, was approved by the AKC Board of Directors, beginning July 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2024. The sport specific regulation language in Chapter 1, Section 17 will be amended to read: Dogs disfigured as the result of accident, injury, or illness are eligible to compete provided the disfigurement does not interfere with functional movement. A dog that shows no signs of physical discomfort is to be considered fit to compete. The judge must excuse a dog as “unfit to compete” if the dog demonstrates sickness, discomfort, or pain while performing.

Here is the link to the regulation insert: [http://images.akc.org/pdf/AKC1193\\_ROR001\\_1217\\_WEB.pdf](http://images.akc.org/pdf/AKC1193_ROR001_1217_WEB.pdf)

### **Effective June 29, 2023**

#### **Rally Choice – New Rally Class**

At the November meeting, the Board of Directors voted to modify the AKC Rally® Regulations to allow the addition of a new optional titling class named Rally Choice.

Clubs may start to apply for events with this new class on April 2, 2023, for events held on or after June 29, 2023.

<https://akcobedrlyjudges.wordpress.com/2022/11/17/rally-choice-new-rally-class-effective-june-29-2023/>

**We will have the Rally Choice class at the VHOC Obedience and Rally Trial in September.**

## Agility Update

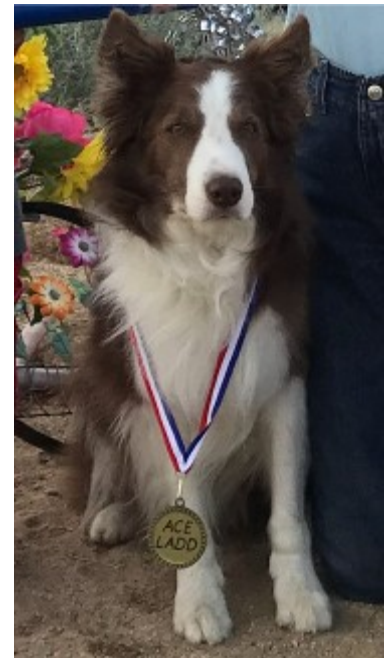
February 14, 2023 –

### [International Sweepstakes Class Updates – Chapter 14](#)

The Board VOTED to realign the AKC Agility Non-Regular International Sweepstakes Class with the updates of Fédération Cynologique International (FCI) Agility Rules. These changes are effective February 1, 2023.



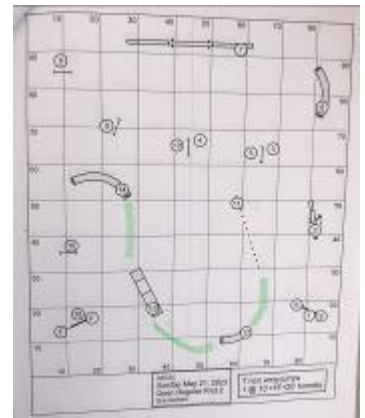
# ACE Ladd



## Allison Pobirs and Ladd

Ladd completed his **ASCA ACE (championship)** at the ASCSA-MAC Agility trials under Judge Sue Graham in style. The courses were really nice, a blast to run! And if that was not enough, just for fun Sue provided exhibitors with an optional Judge's Challenge - a distance handling sequence, which Ladd pardon the pun ACED! The Judge's Challenge Handle obstacles 11-14 from the far side of the weaves.

It was a magical weekend of dogs, friends, agility, good eats and wild weather. We were witness to a training exercise of several F-35 Lightening II shooting across the sky above us WOW are the fast & loud!



### May 20th

- Elite ACE Jumpers R1 Q 1st
- Elite ACE Gamblers R1 Q 1st
- Elite ACE Gamblers R2 Q 1st
- Elite ACE Regular R2 Q 1st

### May 21st

- Elite ACE Jumpers R1 Q 1st
- Elite ACE Jumpers R2 Q 1st
- Elite ACE Gamblers R1 Q 1st
- Elite ACE Gamblers R2 Q 1st
- Elite ACE Regular R2 Q 1st

# Braggs



**Laurie Burnam and Scusi**

ASCSC/MAC agility, Juniper Hills, May 20/21

Elite Jumpers 10 Q 2nd place

Elite Gamblers 10 Q 1st place

Elite Gamblers 10 Q 2nd place

Elite Gamblers 10 Q 3rd place

**ACE Agility Championship IV** Title #130

Not bad for a 11 year old who still loves to run courses

# ACE Scusi



## Braggs



**Tesla & Laurie**

Open Regular 5 Q 1st place

Open Regular 5 Q 2nd place

Open Jumpers. 10 Q 2nd place

Open Gamblers 10 Q 1st place

Open Gamblers. 10 Q 2nd place

GS-O-SP **Open Gamblers Superior Performance Title** #54

Didn't want her sister Scusi get all the glory.





# RACH Panda

## Debbie Lang and Panda

Antelope Valley KC, May 27, 2023, San Bernardino, CA –Judge Jill Jones

For the RACH title you need to earn 300 points (scores of 91 or better to earn points) 150 points need to come from the Advanced and Excellent class, the other 150 needs to come from the Master class. In addition, the dog needs to earn 20 triple Qs qualify-ing in Advanced, Excellent and Masters on the same day at the same trial.

Panda just needed 7 more Master points and she earned a 97 to earn her RACH

**Rally Trial Champion**

## Braggs



And then on June 3rd and 4th she was entered at the Channel City Obedience and Rally trial at the Ventura Fairgrounds where she earned a 98 (8 Master Points) and a 94 (5 Master Points) as insurance legs to be sure we had the needed 150 Master points.

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# Braggs

## Diane Schlesinger and Apple

On May 28, Apple earned her **NACSW Elite 1** title at the Pink Biscuit trial held at Briggs School in Santa Paula, California.



## Sue Rasmussen and Cooper

Premier's Snowburst Applause 'Cooper' received his **CGC and CGCA** out in Norco.

## Laurie Burnam and Tesla

June 10, 2023—Border Collie Club of Greater LA, AKC Agility Stone Pony Moorpark:

Novice B Fast 20" 1st pl 69 points 1st Q

Time 2 Beat 2nd pl 8 points 1st Q



Photo by Deanne Smith

## Debbie Lang and Panda

June 10, 2023—Border Collie Club of Greater LA, Stone Pony, Moorpark, CA:

Panda Triple Q'd qualifying in Pref. STD (4th place), Pref JWW (3rd place), Pref FAST (2nd place)

Her 19th Double Q towards her PACH

# Braggs

## Robyn Zeldon and Lyric

Lyric earned her **International Championship** at the IABCA dog show June 11th and 12th in Ontario.

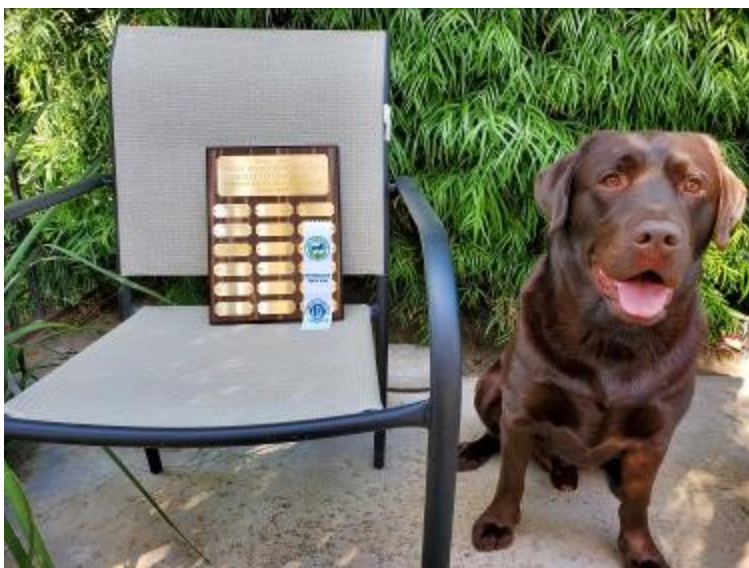
IntCH Twin Creeks Here Comes The Sun CGG, TKN, AKC STAR Puppy, VHMP, SIN, SEN



Lyric earned her **CGCA and TKI Titles** on June 11th at the VHOC meeting.

She also did the **Love On A Leash Therapy Dog Evaluation**.

I'm so proud of my girl!



## Shiro Torquato and Archer

June 11th 2023

Valley Hills Obedience Club General Membership meeting-Northridge

Archer earned his **Trick Dog Intermediate (TDI) title** under Monica Nolan.

Archer and I were also pleasantly surprised to win the VHOC high scoring Rally Intermediate Award plaque for 2022.

# Braggs

## Monica Nolan and Rose

Rose continued her winning streak this month, picking up 2Qs (1st&2nd) at the 5/17-5/18 Buenaventura Rally trial, earning her **Advanced A title**.

At the same trial, she also got 2 Qs in **Beginning Novice** Obedience, earning her first Obedience **title**. To round things out, Rose also earned her **Trick Dog Advanced title** this month.

To top the month off, Rose won the VHOC 2022 Highpoint Rally Novice award. This is a special award for me because I have two other dogs listed on the plaque. Augie won the award in 2018 (hence his insistence to be in the picture) and Bodie won it in 2015. Thank you Sandy Walton for sponsoring the award and thank you VHOC!



## Monica Nolan and Augie

Augie continues to munch away (literally) at his next agility titles. He picked up two Qs in ASCA Elite Regulars on 5/20 and a Q in AKC Masters Standard on 6/9.





# Newsette

Training often fails because people expect way too much of the animal and way too little of themselves.

- Bob Bailey



**Happy  
Father's Day**

## Mark Your Calendars

**VHOC Obedience and Rally Trial Sept 16th and 17th** - Obedience Judge - Ms. Susie Osburn, - Rally Judge - Shannon Jones

**VHOC Annual Agility Trial - December 8th, 9th and 10th** - renting the Stone Pony Facility in Moorpark - Judge - Cynthia Blanton

**Upcoming - VHOC Trials at Stone Pony, Moorpark:**

- July 27, 28 - evening trial - Judge - Gill Chapman
- Aug 3 - evening trial - Judge - Karen Warda
- Sept 14/15 - evening trial - Judge - Shannon Jones
- Nov 14/15 - Judge - Barbara Bounds

Also, the weekend after our Obedience Rally Trial in September:

**German Shepherd Dog Club of the San Gabriel Valley** trials follow the VHOC trials at Stone Pony - September 23-25, 2023; judges are Hazel Olbrich and Carol Riback