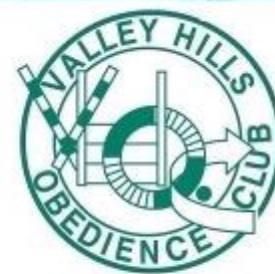




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Mark Those Calendars for Upcoming VHOC Events

Specific Information to Follow

- Sept 7th 10AM Fit Dog walk at Ventura Beach Pier—*See flyer page 3*
- Oct 19th - General Meeting—Halloween theme at the Field from 2 to 4 PM
- Nov 8th—Top Dog Challenge Event in Norco—Saturday
- Nov 15 - UFO World Cup Finals for Disc Dog held in Los Angeles
- Nov 23 - Fit Dog Group Walk location TBD

VHOC September 13 and 14 Obedience and Rally Trial—

Camarillo Community Center Park, 1605 East Burnley Street, Camarillo, CA.

[VHOC's Annual Obedience and Rally Trial 2025](#)

Judge Change Dawn Antoniak-Mitchell is replaced by Donna Meade

September 20 and 21 Fast CAT and FETCH Trials—Acton Park

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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*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
djang@sbcglobal.net

Submission deadline is the 8th of each month

This is YOUR Newsette...make it great!

Get Ready for VHOC's next Fit Dog Walk

Our next walk is Sunday **September 7th**

gather at the base of the pier at 9:45 am, the walk will be starting at 10 AM

Ventura Pier

750 E Harbor Blvd , Ventura, CA 93001

The walk can be done on the sand or the cement sidewalk.



Parking Information:

- Parking near the Ventura Pier is available in several options, including a parking structure, surface lots, and street parking.
- The parking structure at Harbor Boulevard and California Street, adjacent to the pier, charges \$2 per hour or a \$10 all-day rate .
- Some businesses on the pier may validate the pass.
- You can also find paid parking at San Buenaventura State Beach's lot, which is within walking distance of the pier

If you're interested in joining us for this walk,
please **RSVP to Monica** at:
nolanmilano@gmail.com

Gather at 9:45
Starts at 10AM
September 7th

Now more than ever, fitness is important for both dogs and people. The most commonly 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. Participation in the AKC FIT DOG program will bring health benefits to both you and your dog.

[AKC FIT DOG – American Kennel Club](#)

RSVP - August 24 Deadline



GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB



GRCGLA Grooming & Handling Workshops

With Janice Hayes – Acclaimed Conformation Handler

When: Grooming Workshop – Sat, Sep 6th, 9:00a-1:00p
 Grooming Workshop – Sat, Sep 6th, 3:30-7:30p
 Handling Workshop – Sun, Sep 7th, 9:00a-1:00p

Location: R&I Industries, Inc.
 1876 S Taylor Pl, Ontario, CA 91761

Cost: Grooming Workshop with your dog
 Grooming Workshop with your dog
 Audit Grooming Workshop
 Audit Grooming Workshop
 Handling Workshop
 Handling Workshop

GRCGLA Member:	\$200
Non-Member:	\$250
GRCGLA Member:	\$150
Non-Member:	\$200
GRCGLA Member:	\$100
Non-Member:	\$125

Important Information – Those participating in the grooming workshop with their dogs are asked to bring as many of the following items and tools as they can:

- Chairs (Human)
- Crate and bowl for your dog. Water is available.
- Show Lead if attending the handling workshop.
- Grooming Table (Bring an extra one for others)
- Small straight scissors.
- Thinning scissors for hair & Thinning scissors for coarse hair
- Clippers, if you feel comfortable with them.
- Stripping knife for coarse hair
- Coat King
- Pin Brush
- Comb, fine and wider tooth
- Slicker Brush

RSVP and payment is due before 08/24/25 by emailing Bob Rubin at bob.rubin@gmail.com. Indicate what sessions you would like to attend. Indicate if you are a current member of the GRCGLA. If you are attending the grooming workshop choose either the AM or PM session and, indicate whether you will be auditing it or bringing your dog.

Bob will reply with mailing address for your check, or you can pay by Square;
<https://grcgla.square.site/>.

RSVP and payment is due before 08/24/25 by emailing Bob Rubin at bob.rubin@gmail.com.

VHOC September 13 & 14, 2025

Obedience and Rally Trials

Entries close Friday August 29th

Premium List is available on the VHOC website—

[VHOC's Annual Obedience and Rally Trial 2025](#)

Judge Change Dawn Antoniak-Mitchell is replaced by Donna Meade



Judges: Premium has second revision for another Judge change

Saturday, September 13, 2025

- Donna Meade—Open B, Pref Open, Open A, Versatility, Grad Nov, Beg Nov B, Beg Nov A (**Judge Change**)
- Linda Hause—Utility B, Pref Utility, Utility A, Grad Open, Nov B, Nov A, Pref Nov
- Shannon Jones—All Rally Classes

Sunday, September 14, 2025

- Donna Meade—Utility B, Pref Utility, Utility A, Grad Open, Nov B, Nov A, Pref Nov (**Judge Change**)
- Linda Hause—Open B, Pref Open, Open A, Versatility, Grad Nov, Beg Nov B, Beg Nov A
- Shannon Jones—All Rally Classes

VHOC Trials at Burnley Park and Acton Park

9/11 & 9/12—Thursday/Friday—Wing Ding Agility Trials, Burnley—Judge Shannon Jones

9/13/ & 9/14—Saturday and Sunday—**VHOC Annual Obed/Rally—Burnley Park**

9/20 & 9/21 - Saturday and Sunday—Fast CAT Trials in Acton

11/11 & 11/12—Tuesday/Wednesday—Wing Ding Agility Trials, Acton—Judge Paula Ratoza

12/5 thru 12/7—Friday/Saturday/Sunday—**VHOC Annual Agility Trial, Burnley Park—**
Judge—Cynthia Blanton

Events #2024174308, #2024174309, #2024174310, #2024174311

VALLEY HILLS OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC
Burnley Park (Camarillo Community Center)
1605 Burnley St. Camarillo 93012

☐ SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

☐ SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

ENTRIES must be received by the Secretary no later than 8:00pm (PDT), Wednesday, August 29, 2025

MAIL ENTRIES WITH FEES TO: Lynn Ehrenberg, Event Secretary: 6562 Caliente Rd. PMB 208
 Oak Hills, CA 92344

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Valley Hills Obedience Club (VHOC)

ENTRY MUST BE SIGNED at the bottom by the owner or owner's duly authorized agent; otherwise entry cannot be accepted.

FIRST ENTRY of each Dog in Obedience & Rally Classes \$32.00

EACH ADDITIONAL ENTRY of the same dog (Obedience & Rally) \$25.00

NOTE: When a dog is entered in more than one class, the highest price class is considered the first entry.

(An AKC Recording Fee of 50¢ and an AKC Event Service Fee of \$3.00 per entry is included)

I ENCLOSE \$ _____ for entry fees. PLEASE PRINT

BREED			VARIETY (1)		SEX	
OBEDIENCE TRIAL CLASSES			OBEDIENCE JUMP HEIGHT	RALLY TRIAL CLASSES		RALLY JUMP HEIGHT
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				<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT A	<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT B	
				<input type="checkbox"/> INTERMEDIATE	<input type="checkbox"/> MASTER	
OPTIONAL & ALTERNATIVE TITLING CLASSES				<input type="checkbox"/> CHOICE		
<input type="checkbox"/> BEGINNER NOVICE A <input type="checkbox"/> BEGINNER NOVICE B <input type="checkbox"/> GRAD NOVICE <input type="checkbox"/> GRAD OPEN <input type="checkbox"/> VERSATILITY <input type="checkbox"/> PREFERRED NOVICE <input type="checkbox"/> PREFERRED OPEN <input type="checkbox"/> PREFERRED UTILITY						

ADDITIONAL CLASSES:

FULL NAME OF DOG _____ Enter number here _____

☐ AKC NO _____

☐ PAL / ILP / MA _____

☐ FOREIGN REG NO & COUNTRY _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

PLACE OF BIRTH ☐ USA ☐ Canada ☐ Foreign _____

BREEDER _____

SIRE _____

DAM _____

(Please Print)

ACTUAL OWNER(S) _____

OWNER'S ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

NAME OF OWNER'S AGENT (if any) AT THE SHOW _____

I CERTIFY that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list for this event, and further agree to be bound by the "Agreement" printed on the reverse side of this entry form. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and Agreement. I (we) agree to conduct myself (ourselves) in accordance with all such Rules and Regulations (including all provisions applying to discipline) and to abide by any decisions made in accord with them.

SIGNATURE of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry _____

TELEPHONE # _____ EMAIL: _____

AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club Web site, www.akc.org**AGREEMENT**

I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog.

Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other persons. I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN ITS PREMIUM LIST) AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. (Variety) if you are entering a dog of breed in which there are varieties for show purposes, please designate the particular variety you are entering, i.e., Cocker Spaniel (solid color black, ASCOB, parti-color), Beagles (not exceeding 13 in., over 13 in. but not exceeding 15 in.), Dachshunds (longhaired, smooth, wirehaired), Collies (rough, smooth), Bull Terriers (colored, white), Manchester Terriers (standard, toy), Chihuahuas (smooth coat, long coat), English Toy Spaniels (King Charles and Ruby, Blenheim and Prince Charles), Poodles (toy, miniature, standard).
2. The following categories of dogs may be entered and shown in Best of Breed competition: Dogs that are Champions of Record and dogs which, according to their owners' records, have completed the requirements for a championship, but whose championships are unconfirmed. The showing of unconfirmed Champions in Best of Breed competition is limited to a period of 90 days from the date of the show where the dog completed the requirements for a championship.
3. (Event Class) Consult the classification in this premium list. If the event class in which you are entering your dog is divided, then, in addition to designating the class, specify the particular division of the class in which you are entering your dog, i.e., age division, color division, weight division.
4. A dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned it at the time entries for an event closed. If a registered dog has been acquired by a new owner it must be entered in the name of its new owner in any event for which entries closed after the date of acquirement, regardless of whether the new owner has received the registration certificate indicating that the dog is recorded in his name. State on entry form whether transfer application has been mailed to the AKC. (For complete rules, refer to Chapter 11, Section 3.)

If this entry is for Junior Showmanship, please give the following information:

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP _____ JR'S DATE OF BIRTH _____

AKC JUNIOR HANDLER NUMBER _____

The above number MUST be included. Should you not have your Junior Handler number, this may be obtained from the American Kennel Club. Phone: (919) 816-3776.

By signing the entry form I (we) certify that the Junior Showman does not now, and will not at any time, act as an agent/handler for pay while continuing to compete in Junior Showmanship.

ADDRESS

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

If Jr. Handler is not the owner of the dog identified on the face of this form, what is the relationship of the Junior to the owner?

Can Dog Sports Keep Dogs Sharper as They Age?

By [Stephanie Gibeault, MSc, CPDT](#) Published: Jul 17, 2025 | 3 Minutes

(submitted by Laurie Burnam)

URL—[Can Dog Sports Keep Dogs Sharper as They Age?](#)

Whether it's [agility](#), [scent work](#), or pulling a sledge, [dog sports](#) are an incredibly fun way to spend time with your dog. They provide your dog with [mental stimulation](#) and [physical exercise](#), plus all that time spent working as a team strengthens your bond. But could there be an even longer-lasting advantage? Scientists think there might be.

It's possible that dog sports done at any age could [delay cognitive aging](#) in later years. However, to explore how dog sports affect [senior dogs](#), the research team needs a huge study sample. If you have a dog over the age of 7, whether you participated in dog sports or not, this is [your chance to contribute](#) to a discovery that could help dogs around the world stay happier and healthier in their older years.

Dog Sports Are Beneficial to Dogs' Wellbeing



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[Dr. Péter Pongrácz](#), associate professor of the Department of Ethology at Eötvös Loránd University, and graduate student Petra Dobos, are leading the research, which is supported by a grant from the [Morris Animal Foundation](#). According to Dr. Pongrácz, cognitive aging in dogs has been a popular topic of study over the last 10 years. But despite dog enthusiasts debating the benefits of dog sports, nobody has looked at the effect of a dog's lifetime activity on aging.

Dr. Pongrácz and Dobos feel recreational dog sports can be beneficial for dogs because they improve their [relationships with their owners](#). Plus, most sports involve a lot of [training](#), which is great for dogs' everyday well-being. Dog sports also get dogs moving, so they're advantageous for physical health, at least as long as they're not too heavy or intense.

Can Dog Sports Keep Dogs Sharper as They Age? - continued

The researchers are excited to see whether dog sports provide the additional benefit of slowing cognitive aging. Dobos says she expects they do because the various types of sports all [give a dog's brain a workout](#). "Sometimes the dog has to follow the instructions of the owner. That also needs some thinking. But there are some problem solver activities as well, or some training includes searching on their own, so we would expect that sport could extend the aging of dogs," she explains.

Do Different Dog Sports Have Different Effects?

Dr. Pongrácz believes dogs who participate in dog sports may show less severe [symptoms of cognitive aging](#). But all sports may not be created equal. He explains that there are different ways to stimulate a dog's brain. It could be through social interaction, such as with the handler. Or it could be through the senses, like [olfaction](#), [hearing](#), or [vision](#). Just attending an event can provide a lot of these types of stimulation. "We have a suspicion we cannot prove right now," he says, "but hopefully after the study we can say something about which are the most beneficial sports. And whether it is important that the dog is doing something which is sort of closer to the original function of the dog, or if it doesn't matter, just do something."



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The idea of matching your dog sport to your dog's original purpose is a fascinating one. For example, would a [Dachshund](#) benefit more from [Earthdog](#) than [obedience](#)? Or a [Siberian Husky](#) from [pulling a sledge](#) versus participating in agility? Dr. Pongrácz and Dobos expect different sports to have different impacts on dogs, but they need to tease apart both breed and sport in their study. They also need to account for confounding variables like the size of the dog, whether they live indoors or outdoors, whether the dog is [spayed or neutered](#), the dog's physical health, and so on. That requires a massive sample size.

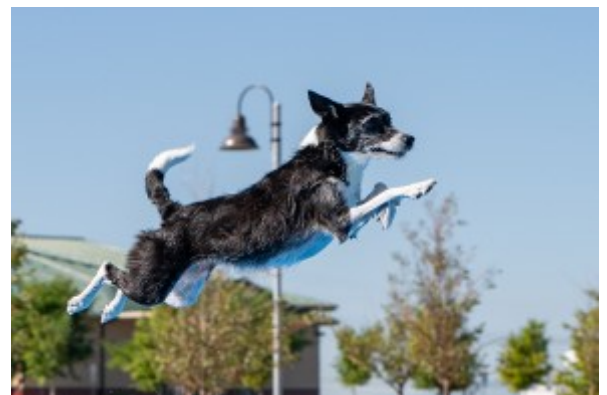
Dog Owners Needed for Citizen Science

To truly study how dog sports affect senior dogs, Dobos says they're hoping for around 1,000 participants. From their point of view, the best way to recruit many dog owners is by [conducting an online questionnaire](#). Finding participants virtually also allows the scientists to reach a wide range of owners around the world. The questionnaire is for any owner of a dog 7 years of age or older. Both purebred dogs and [mixed breeds](#) are welcome, and the dog doesn't have to have done even a day of dog sports to participate.

The anonymous questionnaire only takes 15 minutes. Researchers also plan to keep all answers confidential and only use them for research purposes. Dobos and Dr. Pongrácz hope to reach their target number of participants in the next six or seven months and have final results available in about a year.

They're also conducting in-person experiments to complement the questionnaire. They'll be putting older dogs through a variety of experiments, such as memory tests, [eye contact](#) tests, and problem-solving tasks, to measure the actual effects of cognitive aging. Those results may take an additional year to complete.

The goal of the study is to provide dog owners with advice about how to best help their dogs minimize cognitive aging. It's not about which sport is right or wrong. This questionnaire is a chance for dog owners or breeders to participate in a study that could eventually benefit dogs everywhere. Dr. Pongrácz hopes the research will "truly yield something that is useful for everyone around the world who wants healthier, happier dogs to live with until old age



Fran Shepherd

The Southern California Dog Obedience Council Top Dog Challenge is coming up again.

Nov 8 – Top Dog Challenge Event in Norco

Monica Nolan is our Team Captain for the 2025 challenge. If you are interested in the Challenge please contact her— nolanmilano@gmail.com

VHOC did great last year coming in 1st in both the Obedience Challenge and the Rally Challenge.

In previous years VHOC has done well.

2007—13th place

2008—14th place

2009—5th place

2010—11th place

2011—11th place

2012—1st place

2013— 1st place

2014—13th place

2015 3rd place

2016 3rd place

2017 7th place

2018—2023 not a member of SCDOC

2024 1st place in Obedience Team, 1st place in Rally Team



2012 1st place—Team picture

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Southern California Dog Obedience Council

2024 Top Dog Challenge Competition Awards – Southern California Dog Obedience Council

Obedience Team Placement	Club	Score
First Place Team	Valley Hills Obedience Club	1154
Second Place Team	Southwest Obedience Club of LA	969.5
Third Place Team	Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club	946.5
Fourth Place Team	Norco-All-Breed Obedience Club	920
High Challenge Obedience Dog and Handler	VHOC- Bianca and Mary Kinsler	198.5



Rally Team Placement	Club	Score
First Place Team	Valley Hills Obedience Club	391
Second Place Team	Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club	376
Third Place Team	Lomita Obedience Training Club	374
Fourth Place Team	Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club	372

How to Keep Your Dog Cool in Extreme Heat Without Air Conditioning

By [Jan Reisen](#) Updated: Jun 25, 2025 | 3 Minutes

The summer heat can be stifling for both dogs and humans. And when we lose power, it's not only stressful on our own bodies but on our dogs' as well. There are a few steps you can take to [keep you and your dog safe and cool](#) in extreme heat.

Most Dogs Aren't Built for Heat

Most breeds are built to conserve rather than dissipate heat. They [don't have sweat glands](#), and most of their body is wrapped in fur with little or no exposed skin. As a result, they lose heat through the pads of their feet and through their mouths by [panting](#).

While [sunscreen](#) is important for all dogs, some breeds need special consideration when it comes to the sun. For example, white or fine-coated breeds, like [Bull Terriers](#) and [Greyhounds](#), are especially vulnerable to sunburn, while the black coats of dogs like the [Schipperke](#) absorb heat, adding to the danger of overheating and heatstroke.

How to Help a Dog Cool Down

Along with plenty of cool water, the most important thing to do to keep a dog cool is to stay indoors or in the shade. If your air conditioning turns off on an extra-hot day (and you can't get it back on), go to the coolest area of the house you can, such as the basement. If possible, stay at a friend's house until your air conditioning is restored. It can be a good idea to have certain dog cooling supplies on hand, such as:



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- A [battery-operated fan](#)
- [Cooling cloths](#). If you keep your cool cloth in a [cooler](#), don't put it directly into the ice. You don't want to put anything ice-cold onto a dog, because that shrinks the blood vessels and actually generates more internal heat.
- A [cooling vest](#), which deflects the heat and cools the dog through evaporation
- A [cooling crate pad](#) or a cold, wet [towel](#) that you can spread out for your dog to lie on. You can also have them stand on a damp towel to help their paw pads release heat.
- [Rubbing alcohol](#), which you can dab behind your dog's ears, on their stomach, or on their paws. Rubbing alcohol cools faster than water and can draw out heat.
- A [spray bottle](#) filled with cool water. Spray the underside of your dog's body that's not exposed to the hot sun (such as the groin area, where the hair is less dense), the bottoms of their feet, and inside their mouth.
- A [dog-safe thermometer](#). Your dog's temperature shouldn't rise above 102.5 degrees Fahrenheit, which is the high end of normal.
- [Unflavored pediatric electrolyte solution](#) for the dog to drink if they get dehydrated

How to Keep Your Dog Cool in Extreme Heat Without Air Conditioning—continued

Watch for These Signs of Heatstroke

In spite of your best efforts, your dog could develop [heatstroke](#). Here are some of the symptoms to look out for:

- Unusual breathing (rapid and loud)
 - High rectal temperature (103 degrees Fahrenheit or higher)
 - Extreme thirst
 - Weakness and/or fatigue
 - Frequent [vomiting](#)
 - Disorientation
 - Dark or bright red tongue and gums
 - Skin around the muzzle or neck doesn't snap back when pinched, which can be a sign of [dehydration](#)
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- Difficulty breathing
 - Thick saliva
 - Rapid heartbeat
 - Heavy [drooling](#)
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- Agitation



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If you suspect that your dog is overheated, immediately take them to a cooler area. Once in a cool area, separate their fur with your fingers so the cool air can penetrate the skin.

To cool your dog down as quickly as possible, pour cool water over their head and body, gently hose a very gentle stream of cool water over them, or, where possible, submerge them in a tub of cool water.

Even if your dog seems stable, it's a good idea to contact your vet, who can advise you on whether your dog needs to be evaluated and, if necessary, treated for heatstroke.

This article is intended solely as general guidance, and does not constitute health or other professional advice. Individual situations and applicable laws vary by jurisdiction, and you are encouraged to obtain appropriate advice from qualified professionals in the applicable jurisdictions. We make no representations or warranties concerning any course of action taken by any person following or otherwise using the information offered or provided in this article, including any such information associated with and provided in connection with third-party products, and we will not be liable for any direct, indirect, consequential, special, exemplary or other damages that may result, including but not limited to economic loss, injury, illness or death.

URL:

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/health/keep-dog-cool-summer-heat/>

Submitted by Laurie Burnam

Sharon Clarke and Dash

Brag's OTCH 3

What a weekend!

I had the weekend of my lifetime for sure! I headed off to the Truckee Meadows Dog Training Club Obedience Trial in Reno, Nevada. I had hopes of earning a UDX leg or two and maybe some much needed OTCH points. I left thinking that I needed three (3) UDX legs to complete my UDX fifteen (15) and eight (8) points to complete my OTCH three (3).

Friday, July 11, 2025 we showed up bright and early, so early, in fact, that there was not another soul in the parking lot. That's OK. I like to get there early and take my time to potty the dogs and relax, some before the early morning festivities begin. As I sat in the parking lot the road crew began closing down the road and parking lot in preparation of resurfacing the street. As that was the main entrance into the facility, I knew this was probably not planned and that others would have some difficulty in arriving to this tucked away show site. The road crew was prepared and as people began arriving they handed out the detour directions.

As the event got underway, the large "swamp coolers" were engaged to keep the place cool, and the circuit breaker blew, LIGHTS OUT and COOLERS DOWN! This was quickly fixed and things again got underway UNTIL the circuits blew again plunging us into darkness with no cooling once again. The construction fellas from next door were summoned with their testing tools and quickly set things right. Things settled down and we got underway without further incident.

At the end of the utility class, Dash and I came in 1st and earned 6 OTCH points; only 2 more to go. At the end of the Open class, Dash and I came in 2nd earning 1 OTCH point, only one more to go.

We were **High Combined** for the day as it turned out. And we earned one UDX leg.

Saturday, July 12, 2025 we arrived early again as usual. The morning proceeded smoothly until late morning. Then the restroom inside the building was taken out of service. There was some scrambling to remedy the situation as quickly as possible. Again, the club members pulled "a rabbit out of the hat". They scrambled and got access to the porta potties (3) next door at the construction sight.

At the end of the utility class, Dash and I came in 2nd earning 2 OTCH points (Yahoo! **OTCH THREE (3)** was ours!). On to the Open class where we earned 1st Place earning 2 points.

We were **High In Trial** for the day. And we earned another UDX Leg.

Sunday, July 13, 2025 arriving slightly later, after checking out of the hotel, the day was beautiful and warm even before 7am. As it turned out there were no glitches this day at the site.

At the end of the utility class, Dash and I came in 2nd earning 2nd place and qualified in Open. We earned that UDX leg in addition to OTCH points.

In the end we qualified in all six rings, earned **2 1st places, 3 2nd places, one High Combined, one High in Trial, Got our OTCH 3, Earned that UDX 15** and I think that we earned our 1st open win toward OTCH 4.

And if that was not enough...My 20month old puppy was entered in the Del Monte, show in Carmel California and earned her **CHAMPIONSHIP. She is now CH. Goldwynn's Starburst v. Blackhawk.**

I can hardly believe it and every time I think about this weekend, I get that feeling you get like when you win REALLY BIG...that tingly feeling because I did win really BIG!



OTCH 3

Sharon Clarke and Dash

July 11th

Utility B—1st (6 OTCH pt)

Open B—2nd (1 OTCH pt)

High Combined in Trial

UDX Leg (13th leg)

July 12th

Utility B—2nd (2 OTCH pts)

OTCH 3

Open B— 1st (2 OTCH Pts)

High In Trial

UDX Leg (14th Leg)

July 13th

Utility B—2nd

Open B—Qualifying

UDX Leg (15th Leg)

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Laurie Burnam and Tesla

Moorpark Kennel Club ,August 1, 2, 3, 2025 ,Community Center Camarillo
 Master Jumpers 10th Q **MXJ title** 10 MACH points title #76
 Master Jumpers Q 11 MACH points
 Master Fast Q #23 with two more needed for Master Fast Bronze title.
 Time 2 Beat 8 point Q

Debbie Lang and Morgan

Ventura County Scent Work Club

7/19 Trial 1 -10.15 seconds 20.15 MPH - his 3rd fastest time.

7/19 Trial 2 -11.12 seconds 18.39 MPH

7/20 Trial 3 -10.90 seconds 18.77 MPH

7/20 Trial 4 -10.35 seconds 19.76 MPH

He's definitely faster at Fast CAT than he is at agility.

Earning points towards his DCAT.



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Cynthia Binder and Yarra

I'm happy to report that Yarra finished her **PACH (preferred agility championship)** on 8/2/25. This completed her trifecta of RACH, HC and now PACH, all finished in a year's span and just as she turned 4 years old! This makes her only the 3rd GSD (after her parents) to complete a triple performance championship and by far the youngest to do so!

Yarra is now: HC(2) PACH RACH Yarra vom Binderhaus: CGCA, CGCU, FDC, TKN, RN, RA, RE, RAE#2, RM#2 BN, CD, HT, PT, HSBs, HSDs, HSAC, HSAdSM, HIAs, HXAs, HSCs, HXCsm, FSSs, FSIs, MXP5 MXPS, MJP3, PAX, MFP, THDN, RATO, BCAT, TC. 2023 & 2024 National Top 10 GSD in Rally, 2024 GSDCA Rally Victrix. 2024 GSDCA Tending Siegerin. GSDCA Performance Award of Merit-Silver

Braggs



German Shepherd Dog Club of the San Gabriel Valley. Rally and Obedience Trial

Entries Open July 30th, Entries Close—Sept 10th at 8 PM.

Judge All Obedience Classes—Ms. Donna Meade

Judge All Rally Classes - Ms. Barbara Arnie

Saturday, September 20, &
Sunday, September 21, 2025

El Dorado Park, Cal State Channel Islands University,
1 University Drive, Camarillo, CA 93012



Trial Secretary:

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Allison Pobirs and Claire

Claire now **NACSW ORT Certified (birch, anise, clove)!**

Claire enjoyed earning her odor recognition certification at the charming and historic Santa Clara Elementary School, often referred to as The Little Red Schoolhouse.



The event was hosted by Pink Biscuit K9s.

Judge: Deann Hobson

CO (Certifying Official): Julie Riekes

Photos purchased from Annick Loomis the official photographer/video of trial



Debbie Lang and Max

Santa Clarita Valley Australian Shepherd Club—ASCA
Agility Trial

7/11/25

Elite Jumpers 20 inch—10 pt Q—1st place—**Elite
Jumpers Title JS-E**

7/13/25

Open Gambler 20 inch—10 pt Q—3rd place—**Open
Gambler Title GS-O**

Open Regular 20 inch—10 pt Q—1st place

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](http://ascasports.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)

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

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® – Volunteer pet therapy certification](http://loveonaleash.com)

Upcoming AKC Trials—Agility, Fast CAT, FETCH, Herding, Obedience, Rally

- Aug 16, 17 - So Cal Collie Club—San Bernardino Soccer Complex, Highland – **Fast CAT**
- Aug 16, 17— Keeshond Club of So Cal—City of Industry—Agility—Closed for entries
- Aug 29, 30, 31—Golden Retriever Club of Gtr LA—City of Industry—Agility—[Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
- Sept 6, 7—South Coast Vizsla Club—city of Industry—Agility—[Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
- Sept 10—Ventura County Scent Work Club—Camarillo—Agility—[Upcoming Trials – Weekday Wing Ding Agility Trials](#)
- Sept 11, 12 VHOC—Camarillo—Agility—[Upcoming Trials – Weekday Wing Ding Agility Trials](#)
- Sept 13/14 – VHOC – **Obedience/Rally Trial** – Camarillo (*Closes Friday August 29th*)
- Sept 20/21—VHOC—Acton – **Fast CAT and FETCH**
- Sept 19, 20, 21—Southern California Collie Club, Inc – Camarillo – Agility - [Jump City Agility](#)
- Sept 20-21 - German Shepherd Dog Club of the SGV Inc. – CSUCI, Camarillo –**Obedience/Rally**
- Sept 26, 27, 28—Santa Ana Valley KC—**Rally/Obedience Trial**— City of Industry—[Jack Bradshaw - Dog Show Superintendents](#)
- Sept 26, 27, 28—Moorpark KC—Camarillo– Agility—[Jump City Agility](#)
- Oct 3, 4, 5—Golden State Rottweiler Club – Camarillo – Agility - [Jump City Agility](#)
- Oct 3, 4, 5—Scent Work Club of the San Gabriel Foothills—Sierra Madre/Azuza—Scent Work Trial
- Oct 10-12 - Dash Agility Club of Southern California – Huntington Beach – Agility - [Upcoming Trials](#)
- Oct 11-12 - Bakersfield Obedience Training Club – Bakersfield – **Obedience/Rally**
- Oct 11-12 Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association – Moorpark – Scent Work Trial
- Oct 11-12 Inland Empire Herding Dog Association – Chino – **All Breed Herding**
- Oct 18-19—Cocker Spaniel Club of Orange County—City of Industry—Agility—[Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
- Oct 17,18,19 – Antelope Valley Stockdog Club – Lancaster – **All Breed Herding**
- Oct 18 – Chow Fanciers Assoc. of So Cal. – Moreno Valley – **Fast CAT**
- Oct 19 – Tri-Valley Shetland Sheepdog of NW LA – Moreno Valley – **Fast CAT**
- Oct 24 – 26 – Hollywood Dog Obedience Club – Camarillo – Agility - [Jump City Agility](#)
- Oct 24 - Tri-Valley Working Dog Club of Pinon Hills – Perris – **Obedience/Rally**
- Oct 25 - Kennel Club of Riverside – Perris – **Obedience/Rally**
- Oct 25-26 – Southland Weimaraner Club – Perris – **Fast CAT**
- Oct 25-26 - Ventura County Scent Work Club – Ferris - **FETCH**
- Oct 26 – Pasanita Obedience Club – Pasadena – **Obedience/Rally**
- Oct 30 – South Bay Kennel Club – City of Industry – **Obedience/Rally**
- Oct 31-Nov 2 – South Coast Visla Club, Inc – Norco – Agility [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
- Oct 31 – Long Beach Kennel Club – City of Industry - **Obedience**
- Nov 1 – San Gabriel Valley Kennel Club – City of Industry – **Obedience/Rally**
- Nov 1-2 - Golden State Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club – Acton – **Fast CAT**
- Nov 2 – Antelope Valley Kennel Club – City of Industry - **Obedience/Rally**
- Nov 7-9 – Tri-Valley Shetland Sheepdog of NW LA – Camarillo – Agility [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
- Nov 7-9 – Dog Agility Club of Ventura – Camarillo – Agility [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
- Nov 8-9 - Gateway Cities English Springer Spaniel Assoc, Inc. – Moreno Valley – **Fast CAT**
- Nov 9 – German Shepherd Dog Club of the San Gabriel Valley – **Rally**
- Nov 8-9 - Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association – Moorpark – Scent Work Trial
- Nov 11-12 – VHOC – Acton – Agility -[Upcoming Trials – Weekday Wing Ding Agility Trials](#)
- Nov 13-14 - Ventura County Scent Work Club - Acton – Agility [Upcoming Trials – Weekday Wing Ding Agility Trials](#)

All Trial Dates were taken from the AKC Events Page, many of the Trials have Premiums associated with them on the event pages. [American Kennel Club - Event Search](#)

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



For AKC Agility Trials check the websites for:

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

Jump City [Jump City Agility](#)

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

VHOC Training Classes

[Valley Hills Obedience Club | Group 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

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

PLEASE CHECK WITH OUR INSTUCTORS FOR NEW CLASS START DATES

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

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—Monday evenings in Moorpark 6 to 7:30 PM

Beginning Nose Work - Wednesday evenings in Moorpark 6 to 7:30 PM

Contact Shiro Torquato for information— drshiro2000@gmail.com