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We hope everyone had a great Easter Weekend,



and we are looking forward to a Happy Mother's Day.



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
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Submission deadline is the 8th of each month

This is YOUR Newsette...make it great!

In Loving Memory

**BISS CH Ebony's Hearts Desire King Chaos of BAAR. CGC, CGCA, CGCU,
RI, TKI, BN, SWN, VHMA, HIC, THDN, SWAE**

February 13, 2019-March 27, 2023

Chaos crossed the Rainbow Bridge on March 27, 2023 from Lymphoma.

Our hearts are broken and we miss him so much.



**VHOC sends
our deepest
condolences
to Robyn and
Maddie**

Caelia von Tagestraum CD, BN, RE, HT, PT, THX, HCT, JHD, TKP, RATN, CGCA, CGCU, TC

August 21, 2012 – April 11, 2023

**VHOC sends
our deepest
condolences
to Kathy and
her family**



February 22, 2023

A year ago, we knew yet prayed this day would never come. A year ago, we decided no chemotherapy, and she went on “canine” hospice. A year ago, I couldn’t imagine life without her. Today, I still cannot envision this, my reality. Monday night, I asked my girl to come with me one last time, and on her terms, we walked our last steps together. I held her so tightly hopelessly knowing yet still wishing I could change our fate. She kissed me. I buried my face in her fur and gave her thousands more. She shuddered, twitched, then she slept. From my arms and with my love her only companion, she began her journey to Rainbow Bridge.

Lia captured my heart from the start. Her world revolved around mine; and soon our worlds intertwined. We held one another’s hearts – a priceless yet daunting gift! My puppy grew into a beautiful, wickedly smart, oftentimes stubborn, fluffy lady who had so much to say. Frustrated she couldn’t speak my language; she quickly taught me hers. Together my Lia and I traveled miles and talked incessantly along the way. I would ask, she’d oblige...unless, of course, hers was the better idea. Someday soon I will write our story – sharing every beautiful memory, moment and nuance I can remember. I will always cherish my world with Caelia and what remains because of the roads we took, the adventures we experienced, the paths we crossed, the family we found, the friends and the memories we made along the way.

Forever more, every day, but especially each spring when the pink jasmine bloom and mix their fragrance with the orange blossoms, I’ll recall this spring and remember my Lia still walks beside me – and when poppies cover California’s mountains and valleys in super bloom, then I’ll KNOW she’s talking to me, too!



**In Loving
Memory**

Our last outing, April 8, 2023

With Heartfelt Sympathy



Lia



Congratulations Amanda

Amanda Prince completed her apprenticeship and was awarded her qualification as a Guide Dog Mobility Instructor on March 17 with Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael.

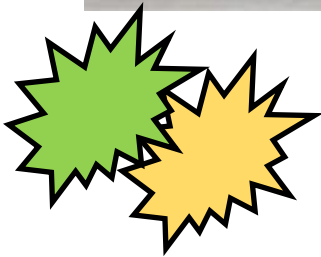


Great March General Membership Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended out March General Membership Meeting held March 26th at The Field.

March General Membership meeting.

VHOC member, Yvonne Garst, presented a seminar on Canine Conditioning for the canine athlete at the March 26th General Membership meeting. Yvonne Garst CPCFT CMT is a Certified canine fitness trainer, canine water therapist, and massage therapist and has been working in canine rehab for the last 18 years. Twelve club members and their dogs attended the meeting. Yvonne explained and demonstrated various exercises and the benefits of physically conditioning your dog to prevent injuries. Each club member had an opportunity to practice the exercises with their dogs as Yvonne coached them. Everyone had a nice time and learn a lot about the importance of canine conditioning. Yvonne also provided members a pdf with instructions for each exercise presented in the seminar, so we can practice them at home.



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 - Mondays 6:30 and 7:30, Reseda

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

Could veterinarian shortage ease with student debt relief?

By Emily Alvarenga

SAN DIEGO — Amid a crisis-level shortage of veterinary care in California, the San Diego Humane Society is calling on the state Legislature to help round up more veterinarians throughout the state.

Assembly Bill 1237 was recently introduced by Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris (D-Irvine) and is co-sponsored by the San Diego Humane Society and San Francisco SPCA — the state's two largest animal welfare organizations.

The bill would offer up to \$150,000 in student debt relief to licensed California veterinarians who agree to work for a California animal shelter or in underserved communities for at least five years.

It aims to attract current veterinarians to practice in areas where demand is greatest by providing state and private funding to apply toward their school loans.

Veterinarians have the second-highest monthly debt-to-income ratio among graduate degree holders, according to the American Veterinary Medical Assn., which reports that veterinary graduates' debt is growing by nearly \$6,000 each year.

“The veterinary shortage is one of the most serious challenges we face today in animal welfare. We have to take action to attract more veterinarians to practice in California, especially in shelters,” said Dr. Gary Weitzman, president and chief executive of the San Diego Humane Society. “We also have to think about what this veterinary shortage means for vulnerable pets and their owners throughout the state.”

San Diego Humane Society officials say veterinary medicine has dealt with staffing problems for years, but the pandemic supercharged the problem.

Pet adoption rates skyrocketed through the COVID-19 shutdowns. Across the nation, about 23 million households welcomed new furry family members during the pandemic, according to a 2021 estimate by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

While veterinarians' workloads grew, vets couldn't see as many pets, and many pet parents forwent wellness visits at the height of the pandemic. That — coupled with the additional appointments needed for newly adopted pets — boosted demand for vet appointments, resulting in weeks-to months-long waits. Even now, shorthanded veterinary hospitals and clinics are still being slammed and struggling to keep up with the demand, according to the San Diego Humane Society.

Its shelters have been hit equally hard. With nearly 1,000 animals currently in its care, the demand for medical resources is significant. But the organization's vacant medical positions are hard to fill.

On average, positions are open for 50 days, which in turn affects the shelter's ability to perform medical procedures essential to making animals in their care adoptable. This lack of access to basic care means animals are staying in shelters for longer.

Could veterinarian shortage ease with student debt relief? - continued

The San Diego Humane Society isn't struggling to provide veterinary care only for its shelters' animals. It's also struggling to help other San Diegans access care.

Just a few months ago, the shelter launched a community veterinary program aimed at making veterinary services more accessible in some of San Diego's underserved communities, where essential care is lacking or hard to access.

At its San Diego campus and a traveling clinic that visits under-resourced neighborhoods, staff provide pet exams, vaccinations, flea medications and other basic sick care for conditions ranging from ear infections to dermatitis.

In its first four months, the clinic had about 1,400 appointments. With appointments consistently at capacity, staff say they are witnessing firsthand the demand for affordable veterinary care.

AB 1237 will go through the committee process before heading to the Assembly floor for a vote.

Alvarenga writes for the San Diego Union-Tribune.

Submitted by Laurie Burnam

http://enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=183e0acc-122f-4307-bd4d-da58bc664a15

Current Status

Date	Chamber	Action
2023-03-02	Assembly	Referred to Com. on HIGHER ED.
2023-02-17	Assembly	From printer. May be heard in committee March 19.
2023-02-16	Assembly	Read first time. To print.

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The AKC's top 25

Rank	Breed
1	French Bulldogs
2	Labrador Retrievers
3	Golden Retrievers
4	German Shepherd Dogs
5	Poodles
6	Bulldogs
7	Rottweilers
8	Beagles
9	Dachshunds
10	German Shorthaired Pointers
11	Pembroke Welsh Corgis
12	Australian Shepherds
13	Yorkshire Terriers
14	Cavalier King Charles Spaniels
15	Doberman Pinschers
16	Boxers
17	Miniature Schnauzers
18	Cane Corsi
19	Great Danes
20	Shih Tzu
21	Siberian Huskies
22	Bernese Mountain Dogs
23	Pomeranians
24	Boston Terriers
25	Havanese

#1



The numbers are in! Which breed will be named the American Kennel Club's most popular dog breed of 2022? As the world's largest registry of purebred dogs, the AKC uses our registration statistics to rank the most popular breeds of the past year. For the first time in history, 2022 found the [French Bulldog](#) taking the No. 1 spot. This ends the [Labrador Retriever's 31-year reign](#) as the most popular dog breed in America.

The New Top Dog

The French Bulldog has moved into the number one position after climbing the ranks in popularity over the last ten years. In 2012, the Frenchie was ranked at No. 14. Since then, registrations have increased by over 1,000%, bringing this playful breed to the top. French Bulldogs held the No. 2 spot in 2021.

Breaking the Lab's top-dog status of over three decades is no small feat. The Frenchie is a smart, compact breed, and they can fit into various different lifestyles, perfect for people all across the country. This petite dog was first recognized by the AKC in 1898; they are beloved by everyone from families to single owners for their charming and adaptable nature. They have surged in popularity in cities across the country since their small size and generally quiet demeanor make them good fits for apartments and smaller homes.

For a complete list of all the breed rankings please go to:
<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/dog-breeds/most-popular-dog-breeds-2022/>



What does it mean when your dog's poop is a weird color instead of the usual chocolate brown?

Yellow/Orange

Can mean liver or gall bladder problems.

Green

Gall bladder problem, intestinal parasites or bacterial infection.

Blue

Your dog may have eaten rat poison.

Black

Can mean your dog's digesting blood, especially if stools look tarry. May indicate upper GI tract bleeding, pancreatitis, ulcers, or a parasite.

Grey

May be a pancreas issue, especially if the stools are greasy. Could also mean gall bladder problem or parasites.

Bloody

Red or pink swirls like a strawberry milkshake can mean bleeding in the lower GI tract. Can be a sign of parvovirus in puppies.

Red jelly poop (like strawberry jam) is very serious and could mean HGE – hemorrhagic gastroenteritis.

White Flecked

Can be normal in raw fed dogs with pieces of undigested bone or chalky stool. White flecks like grains of rice could be tapeworm segments. Check for fleas too – tapeworms can come from licking flea eggs.

Mucous

Continuing mucousy diarrhea could mean parasites, bacterial infections, inflammatory bowel disease, or, if bloody as well, HGE. Occasional mucousy stool usually just means your dog is detoxing something.

When To See Your Vet

It's time for an emergency vet visit if you see ...

- **Blue poop**
- **Strawberry milkshake swirls**
- **Jelly/strawberry jam poop**
- **Bloody diarrhea in a puppy**
- **Continued mucous in diarrhea**

Leptospirosis in Dogs: What It Is and What You Should Know

By PetMD Editorial

Published: July 27, 2020

Reviewed and updated on July 27, 2020 by Laura Allison, DVM

Leptospirosis in dogs is a bacterial infection that spreads through the bloodstream. Dogs can get leptospirosis from puddles or bodies of water that carry urine from infected wildlife. The bacteria infiltrate a dog's body by burrowing into their skin.

Canine leptospirosis can be a serious, life-threatening disease.

Here's everything you need to know, including how it's spread, who can get it, what it does to your dog's body, how to treat it, and how to prevent it with the lepto vaccine for dogs.

How Do Dogs Get Leptospirosis?

The infection rate for leptospirosis in dogs has been increasing in the United States and Canada, with infections occurring most commonly in the fall season. Leptospirosis mainly occurs in subtropical, tropical, and wet environments.

- It's more prevalent in places like:
- Marshy/muddy areas that have stagnant surface water and are frequented by wildlife
- Heavily irrigated pastures

Dogs typically contract leptospirosis through direct contact with urine from an infected animal. Open sores on the skin can increase the chances of contracting this disease.

If your dog swims in, passes through, or drinks infected water, or if they come into contact with infected soil or mud, they are at risk.

Dogs that are most at risk for getting canine leptospirosis include:

- Hunting and sporting dogs
- Dogs that live near wooded areas
- Dogs that live on or near farms
- Dogs that have spent time in a kennel

Can Leptospirosis Spread to People and Other Pets?

The *Leptospira spirochete* bacteria is zoonotic, meaning that it can be transmitted to humans and other animals from an infected animal. Children are most at risk of acquiring the bacteria from an infected pet.

People and pets can be infected and not yet show symptoms. Your veterinarian will be especially cautious when handling your pet and will strongly advise you to do the same. Protective latex gloves must be worn at all times, and all body fluids will be treated as a biologically hazardous material.

Symptoms of Leptospirosis in Dogs

These are the symptoms you might see in dogs infected with leptospirosis:

- Sudden fever and illness
- Sore muscles; reluctance to move
- Stiffness in muscles and legs; stiff *gait*
- Shivering
- Weakness
- Depression

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- Lack of appetite
- Increased thirst and urination—may be indicative of chronic renal (kidney) failure, progressing to an inability to urinate
- Rapid *dehydration*
- Vomiting, possibly with blood
- Diarrhea, with or without blood
- Bloody vaginal discharge
- Dark red-speckled gums (*petechiae*)
- Yellow skin and/or whites of eyes (anemic symptoms)
- Spontaneous cough
- Difficulty breathing, fast breathing, irregular pulse
- Runny nose
- Swelling of the *mucous membrane*
- Mild swelling of the *lymph nodes*

How Does Leptospirosis Attack a Dog's Body?

Leptospirosis spreads throughout a dog's entire body, reproducing in the liver, kidneys, central nervous system, eyes, and reproductive system.

Soon after initial infection, your [dog will develop a fever](#) and a bacterial infection of the blood, but these symptoms soon resolve as antibodies are produced.

The extent in which this bacteria affects the organs will depend on your dog's immune system and its ability to eradicate the infection fully. Even then, *Leptospira spirochetes* can remain in the kidneys, reproducing there and infecting the urine.

Infection of the liver or kidneys can be fatal for animals if the infection progresses, causing severe damage to these organs.

Younger animals with less developed immune systems are at the highest risk for severe complications.

How Do Veterinarians Test Dogs for Leptospirosis?

Give your vet a thorough history of your dog's health, including a background history of symptoms, recent activities, and possible incidents that might have precipitated this condition. The history you provide may give your veterinarian clues as to what stage of infection your dog is experiencing, and which organs are most affected.

Your veterinarian will order a:

- Chemical blood profile
- Complete blood count
- *Urinalysis*
- Electrolyte panel
- Fluorescent *antibody* urine test

Urine and blood cultures will also be ordered for examining the prevalence of the bacteria. A titer test will also be performed to measure the body's immune response to the infection by measuring the presence of antibodies in the bloodstream. This will help to definitively identify *Leptospira spirochetes* and the level of *systemic* infection.

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Immediate Treatment for Leptospirosis in Dogs

Dogs with *acute* severe disease should be hospitalized.

Fluid therapy will be the primary treatment for leptospirosis in dogs to reverse any effects of [dehydration](#). If your dog has been vomiting, an anti-vomiting drug, called an *antiemetic*, may be administered, and a *gastric* tube can be used to nourish your dog if the inability to eat or keep food down continues.

A blood transfusion may also be necessary if your dog has been severely hemorrhaging.

Antibiotics will be prescribed by your veterinarian, with the type of antibiotic dependent on the stage of infection. [Penicillins](#) can be used for initial infections, but they are not effective for eliminating the bacteria once it has reached the carrier stage. [Tetracyclines](#), fluoroquinolones, or similar antibiotics will be prescribed for this stage, since they are better distributed into the bone tissue.

Antibiotics will be prescribed for a course of at least four weeks. Some antibiotics can have side effects that appear serious, especially those drugs that go deeper into the system to eliminate infection.

Be sure to read all of the warnings that come with the prescription, and talk to your veterinarian about the indications you will need to watch for. The prognosis is generally positive, barring severe organ damage.

Home Care for Dogs Recovering From Leptospirosis

As your dog recovers from a leptospirosis infection, here are a few things that you will need to be prepared to do.

Ensure Strict Rest

Your dog should be restricted to crate rest while he recovers from the physical trauma of this infection. Ask your vet how to schedule mealtimes and potty breaks and how to monitor recovery.

Take Precautions to Protect Yourself and Family

While your dog is being treated, keep him away from other pets and children. Wear latex gloves when handling your dog in any way, or when handling fluid or waste products from your dog.

Areas where your dog has urinated, vomited, or possibly left any other type of fluid should be cleaned and disinfected thoroughly with iodine-based disinfectants or bleach solutions.

Gloves and a mask should be worn during the cleaning process and disposed of properly.

Talk to Your Doctor About Testing the Family for Leptospirosis

Finally, if you do have other pets or children in the home, they may have been infected with the *Leptospira* bacteria but are not yet showing symptoms.

It may be worthwhile to have your family tested for the presence of the bacteria. Keep in mind that *Leptospira* bacteria may continue to be shed through the urine for several weeks after treatment and apparent recovery from the infection.

Leptospirosis in Dogs: What It Is and What You Should Know—continued

Preventing Leptospirosis in Dogs

Here are a few different ways you can help protect your dog from leptospirosis.

Leptospirosis Vaccine for Dogs

Consult with your veterinarian to see if the leptospirosis vaccine for dogs is appropriate for your pet. The lepto vaccine for dogs covers only certain strains of leptospirosis, so is not 100% guaranteed effective in all cases.

Leptospirosis is underdiagnosed, so it's imperative to speak with your veterinarian about current recommendations about the lepto vaccine for dogs in your area.

Research Kennels Before Boarding Your Dog

Inspect kennels before placing your dog in one—the kennel should be kept very clean and should be free of rodents (look for rodent *droppings*).

Urine from an infected animal should not come into contact with any other animals or people.

[URL—https://www.petmd.com/dog/conditions/infectious-parasitic/c_multi_leptospirosis](https://www.petmd.com/dog/conditions/infectious-parasitic/c_multi_leptospirosis)



Dogs in Car—Submitted by Carole Raschella



Adrian and Deanna Smith and Star

Star earned her final major in Bakersfield for her **Championship**. She was shown from the bred-by class. She will now be known as CH Rigel's Wish Upon A Star RN HSAs HSDs SWN SEA CGC

New Breed Champions Congratulations!!

Adrian and Deanna Smith and Bryce

Bryce and Deanna took off to beautiful Arizona. Bryce finished his **Championship** with two back-to-back majors and with limited showing. He will now be known as CH MarshFarms Meet Me In St Louee.



Braggs



Monica Nolan with Augie and Rose

At the March GSD trial Augie got his **first Obedience Utility A Q**.

Rose got two Qs in Rally Intermediate and earned her **RI title**.

Augie also earned two more Elite Qs (Jumpers and Regular) at Juniper Hills' ASCA agility trial.

Braggs



Kathy Spilos and Votan

During their spring German Shepherd Dog Club of the San Gabriel Valley Rally and Obedience Trials, Kathy Spilos and Votan Earned their **Rally Masters and RAE Titles** on Saturday, March 25, and then an additional triple Q on Sunday! Here he is modeling the club's new bandana which he and 7 other GSDs (and their Corgi mascot) wore on Saturday while Presenting the Colors to start of the weekend's events!

Since we only have a video of the performance, here are some photos from their Friday afternoon dress rehearsal:





New ATCH

Congratulations!!

Debbie Lang and Panda

SCVASC Agility Trial, ASCA March 26-27-28, Agua Dulce, CA

03/24/2023	Regular 1	Elite	Vet	Qualifying -5 pt Q/2nd place
03/24/2023	Regular 2	Elite	Vet	Qualifying - 5 pt Q/2nd place
03/25/2023	Gamblers 2	Elite	Vet	Qualifying— 10 pt Q/2nd place
03/25/2023	Regular 1	Elite	Vet	Qualifying— 10 pt Q/2nd place
	EARNED HER Agility Trial Championship			
03/25/2023	Regular 2	Elite	Vet	Qualifying— 10 pt Q/2nd place
03/26/2023	Gamblers 1	Elite	Vet	Qualifying - 10 pt Q/2nd place
03/26/2023	Regular 2	Elite	Vet	Qualifying - 5 pt Q/3rd placed



Robyn Zeldon and Chaos

Chaos Q'ed in Advanced Buried, Containers and Exteriors and earned his **Advance Exteriors Title** at the SWCSGF Scent Work trial March 12, 2023

Braggs



Laurie Burnam with Scusi and Tesla

ASCSC/MAC Agility, April 1 & 2, 2023—Juniper Hills, CA

Scusi & Laurie

- Elite Regular 10 Q 1st place
- Elite Regular 10 Q 2nd place
- Elite Regular 10 Q 2nd place
- Elite Regular 10 Q 3rd place

Brags

This had her achieved all the Regular Q's/points needed for her ACE Championship #4, already have the required Elite Jumpers points, now just need 2 Q's/20 points in Elite Gamblers. Next trial is in May, fingers crossed!!!

Tesla & Laurie

- Open Regular 1st place 10 Q
 - Open Regular 1st place 5 Q
 - Open Gamblers 1st place 10 Q
 - Open Gamblers 2nd place 10 Q **GS-O-OP Gamblers Standard Open Outstanding Performance Title #48**
 - Open Jumpers 1st place 10 Q
 - Open Jumpers 2nd place 10 Q **JS-O-OP Jumpers Standard Open Outstanding Performance title #49**
- These are achieved by getting 5 more Q's after the initial title.

I was so thrilled with her first Jumpers run, she was wicked fast getting a Yards Per Second time of 6.69. Don't think I ever achieved that fast a time.

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Robyn Zeldon and Lyric

Lyric Q'ed in Novice Interiors, Exteriors and Containers and she earned her **Novice Interior Title** at the South Coast Vizsla Club Scent Work Trial April 1, 2023

Braggs

Robyn Zeldon and Luca

Luca earned her **NW3 title** and a first place in interiors March 20, 2023 at the K9sLovetoSearch Nosework trial. We had so much fun and I'm so proud of my girl.



Braggs

Debbie Lang and Fable

Antelope Valley Stockdog Club—March 17th, Lancaster, CA

Fable was entered in Intermediate A Course Ducks, she placed 1st with at 73 and may be the first Norwegian Elkhound to earn a Intermediate Herding Leg.



Debbie Lang and Panda

Antelope Valley Stockdog Club—March 18th and 19th, Lancaster CA.

March 18th—Advanced Course A Ducks—1st Leg 5th place with a score of 82

March 19th—Advanced Course A Ducks—2nd Leg 4th place with a score of 79



Allison Pobirs and Ladd

If you think that dog on the bag looks familiar that is because is our own Allison's Ladd.

He is now a star in print.



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TO:

Life goes better with dogs!

Watching our dogs playing in a stream, hopping up to explore a fallen tree, romping in the grass

Allison Pobir's Ladd and Claire

