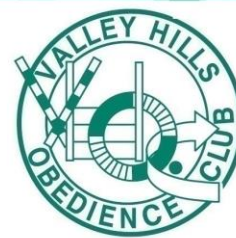




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Please mark on your
calendars

Sept 19/20 - VHOC Fast
CAT in Acton at Acton
Park - you can sign up day
of.

Oct 11 - VHOC Fit Dog
Hike - LA River Walk

Nov 11 - VHOC agility at
Acton Park

Dec 4-6 VHOC Annual
Agility Trial at Burnley

Dec 13th VHOC Holiday
Party Sunday the 13th at
Monica Nolan's home in
Thousand Oaks



**VHOC Annual Agility Trial - December 4-6 at
Camarillo Community Center-Burnley Park
Entries Open October 1st, 2026
Judge- Mr. Darryl C Warren**

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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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)

**Jenine Robertson with her Border Collie Mairi and her
Border Collie/Great Pyrenees Duncan**

VHOC Fit Dog Hike – Sunday October 11th

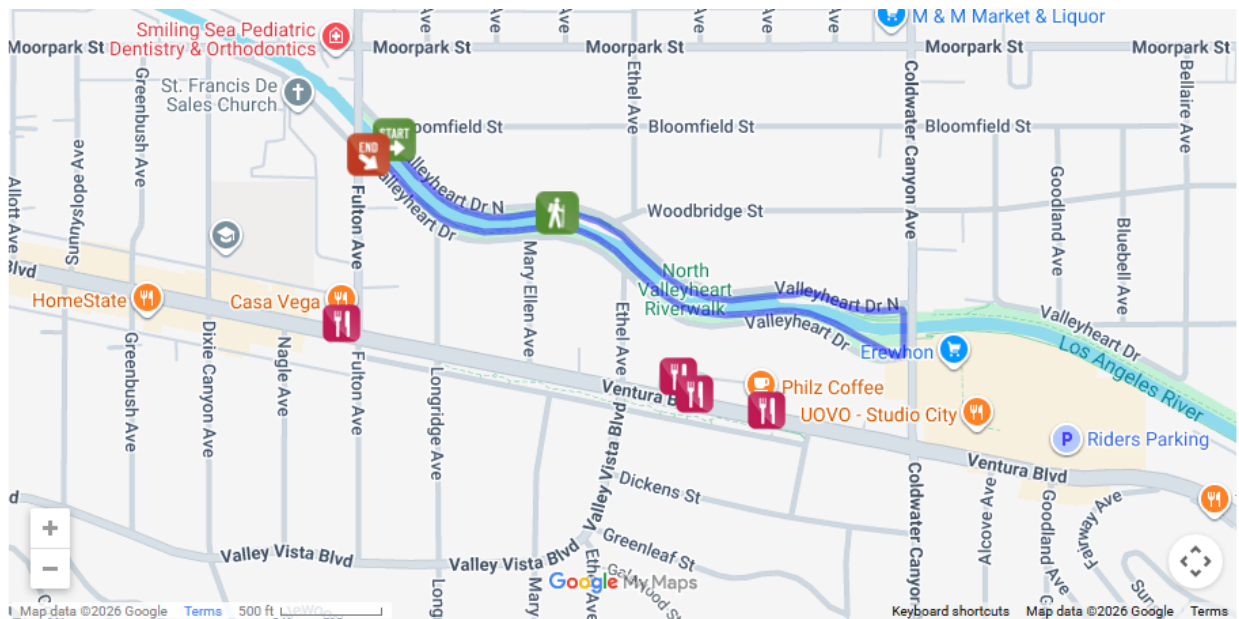
We'll be doing our next Fit Dog hike along the **LA River on Sunday, October 11th**. Over the years there have been several efforts to revitalize the “cement river”. This is a nice one with public art and green space. The walk will be an easy 1.2-mile stroll, round trip, over flat terrain, most of it either cement or gravel.

Directions: Exit the 101 Freeway at Laurel Canyon Boulevard in Studio City and go south on Laurel Canyon Boulevard. Turn right on to Moorpark Street and left onto Fullerton Avenue. There is a 7/11 mini mall on the corner of Fullerton and Moorpark. We'll meet there at 10am. Street parking is also available. The entrance to the Riverwalk is only one block away.

Please RSVP before Friday October 9th so we know who's coming.
RSVP to Monica Nolan at nolanmilano@gmail.com



LA River
Walk



2026 VHOC OBEDIENCE RALLY TRIAL RECAP

Submitted by Monica Nolan

We hosted another great Obedience/Rally trial at Freedom Park in Camarillo on September 12th & 13th, 2026.

Entries were down this year due to a combination of factors: hot weather, older dogs retiring from the sport and it being a holiday weekend (Rosh Hashanah). On Saturday we had 112 entries (56 obedience, 56 rally). On Sunday, we had 107 entries (52 obedience, 56 rally). It's interesting that rally has now gained enough popularity to equal obedience entries. The one promising note for Obedience is that our largest classes were Open A and Beginning Novice B. This indicates that there are young dogs on the way up to replace those that have retired.

New this year, we gave "Welcome bags" to seven first time exhibitors – those that had never entered a live obedience or rally trial. They contained a competition record book, an AKC rule book on the sport, poop bags, people treats and a message from VHOC welcoming them to the world of competition obedience and rally.

The judges for our trial were Shannon Jones for Rally, and Nancy Craig and Donna Meade for Obedience. Shannon has been our rally judge for several years. She travels from South Carolina, and our trial is the only time she is in Southern California to judge rally. Everyone loves her. We've continued to partner with Action Dog Sports who engaged her for judging agility on the three days before our event. Always a busy lady, after our trial we put Shannon on the plane to Alaska for a three-day event in Fairbanks.

Nancy Craig is a well-respected judge from Arizona. Nancy's last assignment in our area was the GSD Club trial in March. For those wanting to follow Nancy, her next assignment will be at the Bakersfield Obedience Training Club trial in October.

Donna Meade is from Southern California. She has judged many shows in our area and is very popular with exhibitors. For those wanting to follow Donna, her next local trial will be Pasadena in October.

Our annual obedience-rally trial is a huge undertaking. A big THANK YOU to the more than 20 volunteers, most who were club members, who helped to make it successful. In particular,

Assistant Chair & Volunteer Wrangler– Shiro Torquato. Wrangling volunteers is literally what Shiro must do and she's great at it. Mucho Gracias!

Ribbons/Awards – Debbie Lang. Debbie does a great job every year keeping our ribbon costs down while still finding products that are interesting and beautiful. Everyone says we have the best ribbons and awards around!

Super Stewards (2 full days in the ring) –Richard Torquato, Karen Steinmeyer, Daphne Green, Suzanne Ekhund and Cheri Preciado. The judges really appreciated the continuity of having the same people on both days.

Day Steward – Laurie Guay. To fill out our Steward numbers we had to pay several non-club folks. So again, thanks to those members who stepped forward to help their club.

Floaters – Nancie Rogers, Mike Fields

Hospitality – Shiro Torquato and Laura Thomas

Set-Up & Tear Down – Flo Walberg, Laurie Burnam, and Boy Scout Troop 642

Judge Transportation – Cynthia Casby

Money Lady (Treasurer) – Ann Hills

Trial Secretary - Lynn Ehrenberg, who did another SUPER job this year.

A special Thank You to Daneen Fox and Action Dog Sports for their use of tables, chairs and canopies. This saved the club a lot of time and money. Daneen was also the person who found and reserved the park for us.

Our annual obedience/rally trial is always the second week in September so block out your calendars for September 11th and 12th, 2027. We hope to see you then!



VHOC Obedience/Rally Trial

Sept 12 and 13

Thank you to our Judges – Donna Meade, Nancy Craig and Shannon Jones

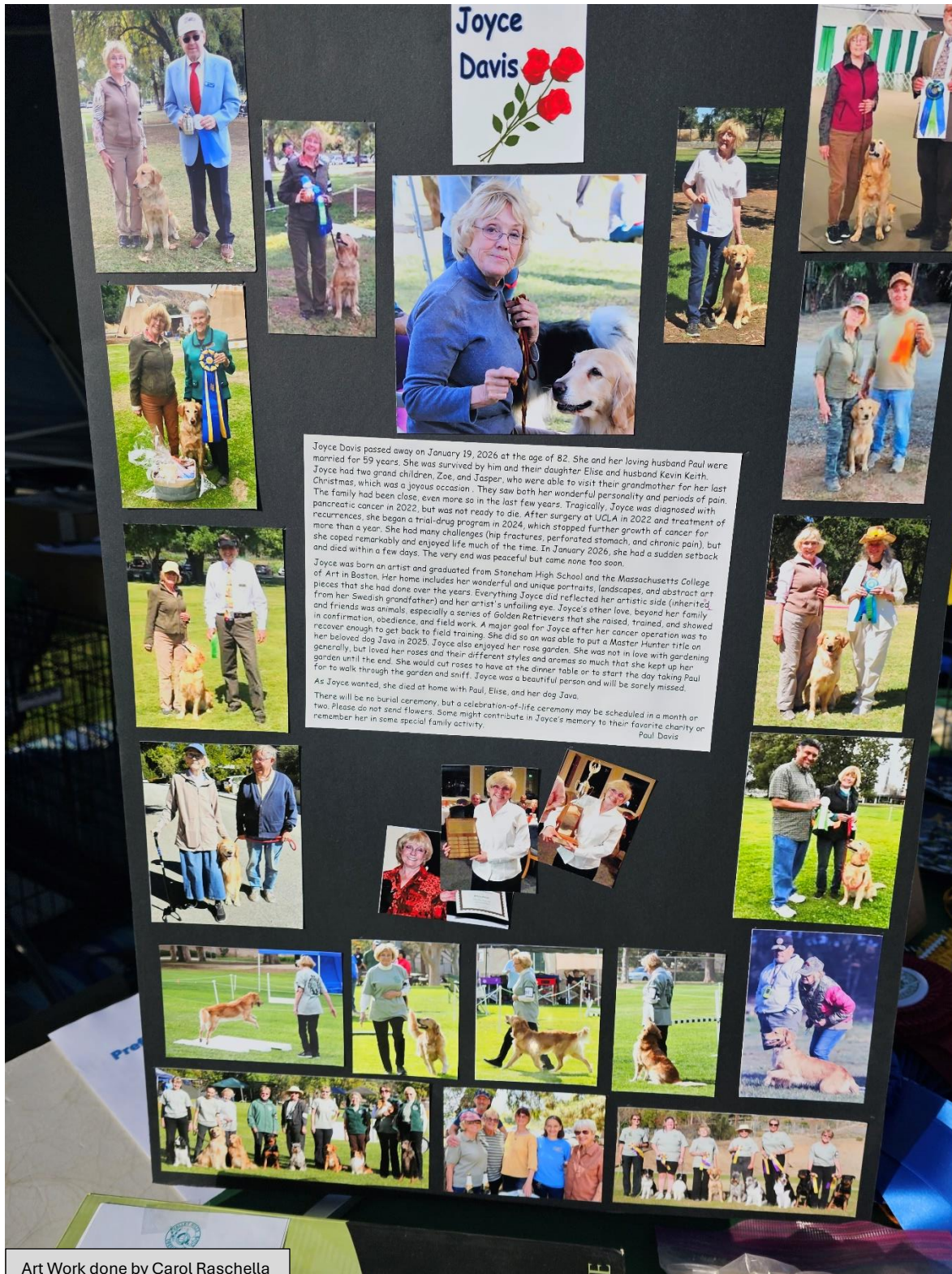


VHOC Trophies



VHOC OTCH and RACH Ribbons

We did have one person
receive their RACH at our
trial on Saturday



Art Work done by Carol Raschella

Our VHOC trial this year was held in Memory
and in Honor of Joyce Davis.

Unofficial Results Obedience – Saturday Sept 12, 2026

Novice A – 4 entries Judge Donna Meade

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
102	COOPER JAMES	Sheller	175	1

Novice B – 5 entered – all Absent Judge Donna Meade

Open A - 11 entered Judge Nancy Craig

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
310	TC PACH3 RACH CH UKON VOM BINDERHAUS	Binder	192	1
303	EXCEL'S WOMAN ON THE RUN AT TROLLEYCAR	Shannon	182	2

Open B -12 entered Judge Nancy Craig

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
414	CH CT SEASONS REGALGOLD ALL THE JAZZ UD RA CGCA TKI	Monohan/Fry /Rowan	197.5	1 HIT
408	GCHB CH OTCH4 SEMPER FI DASHER UDX19 OGM BN RA FDC CAX CGC	Clarke	196	2 HC
413	CH GIADA THE LAST GUNSLINGER V MURPHY UDX OM3 VER RA DM DS CGCA TKN.	Ortega	194.5	3
409	COLUMBIA RIVER'S AQUAMAN	Stevenson	193.5	4
402	WINDERMERE'S DRESSED TO IMPRESS UD	Meredith	191	Qualify
401	RACH2 CHRISTHILL IZZYDORA DE COACHELLA UD PCD BN GO RM10 RAE5 FDC BCAT CGC TKI ATT	Hill/Christensen	189	Qualify

Utility A – 4 entered Judge Donna Meade

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
604	CH FELDSPAR HOOKED ON A FEELING CDX BN GN GO RA CGCA	Green	185	1

Utility B – 10 entered Judge Donna Meade

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
406	OTCH24 REDTOP BRIO UDX33 OGM	Meredith	197	1
408	GCHB CH OTCH4 SEMPER FI DASHER UDX19 OGM BN RA FDC CAX CGC	Clarke	192.5	2 HC

SATURDAY OBEDIENCE RESULTS

Preferred Utility - 1 entered – ABS Judge Donna Meade

Beginner Novice A – 1 entered – No Qualifiers Judge Nancy Craig

Beginner Novice B - 6 entered Judge Nancy Craig

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
801	VOODOO VINI OJT OF JOLI TROP	Fairchild	197.5	1
804	MAIKEVA DANCE THE SONGLINE CGC TKN	Rovtar	194	2
805	SAVAGE SMOKE 'N' FIRE OF KREATIVE.	Savage	186.5	3

Graduate Novice – 1 entered – No Qualifiers

Judge Donna Meade

Graduate Open – 2 entered - No Qualifiers

Judge Donna Meade

No Preferred High In Trial

No Preferred High Combined



Regular Obedience – High in Trial
out of Open B with a score of 197.5

Golden Retriever

CH CT SEASONS REGALGOLD
ALL THE JAZZ UD RA CGCA TKI

Owners: Monohan/Fry /Rowan



Regular Obedience – High Combined in Trial
(Utility and Open B) with 388.5 out of 400 possible points

Standard Schnauzer

GCHB CH OTCH4 SEMPER FI DASHER
UDX19 OGM BN RA FDC CAX CGC

Owner: Sharon Clarke

Unofficial Rally Results – Saturday Sept 12, 2026 – Judge Shannon Jones**Rally Novice A – 4 entered**

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
1103	SHEPHERD BOOK	Taylor/Dazell	96	1
1101	HUBBARD'S POPPY	Hubbard	89	2
1105	SHIMMERING GLIMMERING THAT'S THE GOLDEN LADY	Sherk	70	3

Rally Novice B – 7 entered

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
1206	NIGHTHAWK'S ONE LIMITED EDITION V BLACK KNIGHT RN DN CGC TKN	Mitchell	100+	1
1207	MAIKEVA DANCE THE SONGLINE CGC TKN	Rovtar	100	2
1201	GCH CH STONEYPPOINT SUNKISSED DIVA HT BN CGCA CGCU FITB	Rinard	95	3
1205	ROBERTSON'S DUNCAN	Robertson	72	4

Rally Intermediate – 5 entered

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
1302	TIMELESS WELL HELLO PARDNER	Somers/Ross	99	1
1303	CH WILDFIRES I'LL SAIL AWAY BN RN CD RI ATT	Goffman	93	2
1202	PSR KJS GRAND TORINOS GUTSY GIRL	Pachura	85	3
1304	GCH MERIDEL'S WONDERING STAR BN RN HT FDC BCAT SWN SBA CGCA	Johnson/Cain	78	4

Rally Advanced A – 1 entry

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
1401	TIMELESS WELL HELLO PARDNER	Somers/Ross	99	1

Rally Advanced B – 11 entered

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
1516	BEYYA VOM BINDERHAUS	Binder	100	1
1514	TINSELTOWN ELECTRIC SPEEDSTER	Burnam	99++	2
1503	GCH NIGHTHAWK'S JINX, YOU'RE IT! CDX RAE DN NAJ CGC TKN	Mitchell	99+	3
1519	CLOVER FIELD OF DREAMS	Masuko	99	4
1502	WEATHERMANS SONGS FROM THE WOOD FDC AX AXJ OF CGCA	Criswell	98	Qualifying
1508	LADY MAIRI OF THE HIGHLANDS	Robertson	93	Qualifying
1522	GCHS CH GAMBIT'S SUNKISSED GRAND ILLUSION RM OHG PT FDC CGCU CGCA FITG TKN FDC	Rinard/Davis O'Keefe	87	Qualifying
1507	COOPER JAMES	Sheller	72	Qualifying

SATURDAY RALLY RESULTS

Excellent A - 1 entered

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
1701	RINCON SPRINTS TO THE FINISH BN RA FDC MXP3 MXPB MJPB MFB T2BP2 BCAT CGC TKN	Hansford	77	1

Excellent B – 11 entered

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
1514	TINSELTOWN ELECTRIC SPEEDSTER	Burnam	100	1
1516	BEYYA VOM BINDERHAUS	Binder	98	2
1519	CLOVER FIELD OF DREAMS	Masuko	97	3
1503	GCH NIGHTHAWK'S JINX, YOU'RE IT! CDX RAE DN NAJ CGC TKN	Mitchell	96+	4
1501	MACH2 TIMELESS I IZA FOXY LADY RM4 FDC MXG2 PDS MJC PJD MXP MJP MFS TQX T2B4 DCAT CGCA TKA FITG	Stanek	96	Qualifying
1522	GCHS CH GAMBIT'S SUNKISSED GRAND ILLUSION RM OHG PT FDC CGCU CGCA FITG TKN FDC	Rinard/Davis/ O'Keefe	95	Qualifying
1511	EXCEL'S WOMAN ON THE RUN AT TROLLEYCAR	Shannon	88	Qualifying
1526	INVOKE SEED MODE STARS POWER DOGS	Chaiko	88	Qualifying
1502	WEATHERMANS SONGS FROM THE WOOD FDC AX AXJ OF CGCA	Criswell	87	Qualifying

Rally Master – 13 dogs entered

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
1515	BLESSED HOPE FAITHFUL SUMMER ROSE	Nolan	100	1
1519	CLOVER FIELD OF DREAMS	Masuko	98+	2
1520	CT HOB NOB BRITANNICA VCB2 UD GO BN RAE2 RM2 TDU AX OAJ XF TKA	Stier	98	3
1516	BEYYA VOM BINDERHAUS	Binder	97	4
1501	MACH2 TIMELESS I IZA FOXY LADY RM4 FDC MXG2 PDS MJC PJD MXP MJP MFS TQX T2B4 DCAT CGCA TKA FITG	Stanek	97	Qualifying
1504	TORLAN'S SPIRIT PATH	Nye	96	Qualifying
1521	NORFIELD BLUE HERON RE FTI	Babbitt	93	Qualifying
1509	STARCREST YELLOW BRICK ROAD	Harrison	92	Qualifying

1502	WEATHERMANS SONGS FROM THE WOOD FDC AX AXJ OF CGCA	Criswell	91	Qualifying
1505	CH SHORELINE'S JUST ONE MORE VCD1 CD BN TD RM AX AXJ MF DCAT CGC TKN	Sinclair	89	Qualifying
1503	GCH NIGHTHAWK'S JINX, YOU'RE IT! CDX RAE DN NAJ CGC TKN	Mitchell	84	Qualifying
1525	CH SEALOCH PATHFINDER CD RAE HT AXJ OA XF SWE CGC TKA	Mobraaten	77	Qualifying

Rally Choice – 3 dogs entered

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
1803	BLESSED HOPE FAITHFUL SUMMER ROSE	Nolan	99	1st
1801	CH WILD WIND SWEETHEART OF SEALOCH CDX RM PT RAE XF AX SWE	Mobraaten	95	2nd
1802	TARCREST YELLOW BRICK ROAD	Harrison	82	3rd

**Rally – Highest Scoring Triple Qualifying in Trial**#1516 - **BEYYA VOM****BINDERHAUS** German ShepherdDog owned by Cynthia Binder
with a score of 295 out of 300**Rally – High Combined**#1514 - **TINSELTOWN****ELECTRIC SPEEDSTER**Australian Shepherd owned by
Laurie Burnam with a score of 199
out of 200

Unofficial Results – Sunday Sept 13, 2026

SUNDAY OBEDIENCE RESULTS

Novice A – 3 entries No Qualifiers Judge Nancy Craig

Novice B – 5 entered Judge Nancy Craig

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
207	INT CH JOURNEYMANS RIGHT ON TARGET CD CGC CGCU RA TKI FITB	Torquato	193.5	1

Open A - 11 entered Judge Donna Meade

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
311	ROSE BRIAR RORRY CD BN RE THDN DCAT CGCA CGCU FITG	Rogers	187	1

Open B -11 entered Judge Donna Meade

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
413	CH GIADA THE LAST GUNSLINGER V MURPHY UDX OM3 VER RA DM DS CGCA TKN.	Ortega	197.5+	1
406	OTCH24 REDTOP BRIO UDX33 OGM	Meredith	197.5	2
402	WINDERMERE'S DRESSED TO IMPRESS UD	Meredith	196	3
409	COLUMBIA RIVER'S AQUAMAN	Stevenson	193	4

Utility A – 4 entered Judge Nancy Craig

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
604	CH FELDSPAR HOOKED ON A FEELING CDX BN GN GO RA CGCA	Green	190	1

Utility B – 9 entered Judge Nancy Craig

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
409	COLUMBIA RIVER'S AQUAMAN	Stevenson	188	1

Preferred Utility - 1 entered – Absent Judge Nancy Craig

Beginner Novice A – No Entries

Beginner Novice B - 7 entered Judge Donna Meade

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
801	VOODOO VINI OJT OF JOLI TROP	Fairchild	197.5	1
805	SAVAGE SMOKE 'N' FIRE OF KREATIVE	Savage	198	2
804	MAIKEVA DANCE THE SONGLINE CGC TKN	Rovtar	197.5	3
802	BRONTAY VOM BINDERHAUS RA HT THD CGCA CGCU FITB TC	Spilos	197	4
807	PSR KJS GRAND TORINOS GUTSY GIRL	Pachura	192.5	Qualifying

SUNDAY OBEDIENCE RESULTS

Graduate Novice – No Entries

Graduate Open – 2 entered - No Qualifiers

Judge Nancy Craig

No Preferred High in Trial

No Preferred High Combined



Regular Obedience – High in Trial
out of the Open B class with a score
of 197.5+

#413 CH GIADA THE LAST
GUNSLINGER V MURPHY UDX
OM3 VER RA DM DS CGCA TKN

Rottweiler, Owned by Brigitte Ortega

**Regular Obedience – High Combined in
Trial (Utility and Open B) with a
combined score of 381 out of 400 possible
points**

#409 COLUMBIA RIVER'S AQUAMAN

Golden Retriever, Owned by Roxanne
Stevenson

Rally Results – Sunday Sept 13, 2026 – Judge Shannon Jones

SUNDAY RALLY RESULTS

Rally Novice A – 4 entered

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
1105	SHIMMERING GLIMMERING THAT'S THE GOLDEN LADY	Sherk	93	1
1104	KID CHARLEMAGNE MOST EXCELLENT EXORDIUM	Sherk	91+	2
1102	CH SAMARI & LOVE'S ADORE MY ELENORE CGC TKI BCAT	Love	91	3

Rally Novice B – 6 entered

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
1206	NIGHTHAWK'S ONE LIMITED EDITION V BLACK KNIGHT RN DN CGC TKN	Mitchell	100+	1
1207	MAIKEVA DANCE THE SONGLINE CGC TKN	Rovtar	100	2
1205	ROBERTSON'S DUNCAN	Robertson	96	3
1204	VOODOO VINI OJT OF JOLI TROP	Fairchild	95	4

Rally Intermediate – 5 entered

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
1302	TIMELESS WELL HELLO PARDNER	Somers/Ross	99	1
1305	TAZZI D	Di Vincenti	98	2
1303	CH WILDFIRES I'LL SAIL AWAY BN RN CD RI ATT	Goffman/ Moxley	92	3
1202	PSR KJS GRAND TORINOS GUTSY GIRL	Pachura	90	4

Rally Advanced A – 1 entry

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
1401	TIMELESS WELL HELLO PARDNER	Somers/Ross	89	1

Rally Advanced B – 11 entered

SUNDAY RALLY RESULTS

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
1502	WEATHERMANS SONGS FROM THE WOOD FDC AX AXJ OF CGCA	Criswell	100+	1
1516	BEYYA VOM BINDERHAUS	Binder	100	2
1514	TINSELTOWN ELECTRIC SPEEDSTER	Burnam	99+	3
1503	GCH NIGHTHAWK'S JINX, YOU'RE IT! CDX RAE DN NAJ CGC TKN	Mitchell	99	4
1501	MACH2 TIMELESS I IZA FOXY LADY RM4 FDC MXG2 PDS MJC PJD MXP MJP MFS TQX T2B4 DCAT CGCA TKA FITG	Stanek	99	Qualifying
1508	LADY MAIRI OF THE HIGHLANDS	Robertson	97	Qualifying
1512	SLINKY RN CGC	Di Vincente	96	Qualifying
1517	CH RACH CANYON'S FOUR STAR GENERAL CDX RM3 RAE2 TKI CGC	Meyer/Degner	89	Qualifying
1506	CH WILDFIRES I'LL SAIL AWAY BN RN CD RI ATT	Goffman/Moxley	81	Qualifying
1518	PALISADES POCKET FULL OF SUNSHINE AT PARK PLACE CD RI RA CDC	Lazarus	72	Qualifying

Excellent A - 2 entered

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
1524	TAIA KATJA VOM HAUSREID RA	Irwin	78	1

Excellent B – 10 entered

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
1516	BEYYA VOM BINDERHAUS	Binder	100+	1
1526	INVOKE SEED MODE STARS POWER DOGS	Chaiko	100	2
1514	TINSELTOWN ELECTRIC SPEEDSTER	Burnam	99+	3
1517	CH RACH CANYON'S FOUR STAR GENERAL CDX RM3 RAE2 TKI CGC	Mayer/Degner	99	4
1501	MACH2 TIMELESS I IZA FOXY LADY RM4 FDC MXG2 PDS MJC PJD MXP MJP MFS TQX T2B4 DCAT CGCA TKA FITG	Stanek	96	Qualifying
1502	WEATHERMANS SONGS FROM THE WOOD FDC AX AXJ OF CGCA	Criswell	95	Qualifying
1512	SLINKY RN CGC	Di Vincente	94	Qualifying
1503	GCH NIGHTHAWK'S JINX, YOU'RE IT! CDX RAE DN NAJ CGC TKN.	Mitchell	92	Qualifying
1518	PALISADES POCKET FULL OF SUNSHINE AT PARK PLACE CD RI RA CDC	Lazarus	70	Qualifying

Rally Master – 14 dogs entered

SUNDAY RALLY RESULTS

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
1502	WEATHERMANS SONGS FROM THE WOOD FDC AX AXJ OF CGCA	Criswell	98	1
1515	BLESSED HOPE FAITHFUL SUMMER ROSE	Nolan	97	2
1504	TORLAN'S SPIRIT PATH	Nye	94+	3
1520	CT HOB NOB BRITANNICA VCB2 UD GO BN RAE2 RM2 TDU AX OAJ XF TKA	Stier	94	4
1503	GCH NIGHTHAWK'S JINX, YOU'RE IT! CDX RAE DN NAJ CGC TKN	Mitchell	93	Qualifying
1512	SLINKY RN CGC	DiVincenti	93	Qualifying
1525	CH SEALOCH PATHFINDER CD RAE HT AXJ OA XF SWE CGC TKA	Mobraaten	91	Qualifying
1517	CH RACH CANYON'S FOUR STAR GENERAL CDX RM3 RAE2 TKI CGC	Mayer/ Degner	89	Qualifying
1509	STARCREST YELLOW BRICK ROAD	Harrison	88	Qualifying
1516	BEYYA VOM BINDERHAUS	Binder	87	Qualifying
1501	MACH2 TIMELESS I IZA FOXY LADY RM4 FDC MXG2 PDS MJC PJD MXP MJP MFS TQX T2B4 DCAT CGCA TKA FITG	Stanek	86	Qualifying
1521	NORFIELD BLUE HERON RE FTI	Babbitt	80	Qualifying

Rally Choice – 3 dogs entered

Number	Dog's Name	Owner	Score	Place
1801	CH WILD WIND SWEETHEART OF SEALOCH CDX RM PT RAE XF AX SWE	Mobraaten	95	1

**Rally High Triple Qualifying**

Shetland Sheepdog # 1502

WEATHERMANS SONGS FROM THE WOOD FDC AX AXJ OF CGCA

with a score of 293 out of 300

Rally High Combined

German Shepherd Dog #1516

BEYYA VOM BINDERHAUS with a score of 200 out of 200

Different Dog Organizations

Nowadays there are so many things we can do with our dogs. There is just too much going on to be able to list all 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://ascadogs.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)

Action Dog Sports (Agility, Fast Cat) —[ADS Upcoming Events Table | Action Dog Sports](http://adsports.com)

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

16 Things a Dog Only Ever Does Around the One Human It Has Truly Chosen for Life

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Most dog owners assume their pet loves everyone in the house equally, but that's simply not true. Behavioral scientists have found that dogs form one primary attachment figure, and once that choice is made, that human gets a completely different version of the dog. Every other person in the house gets the good dog. The chosen one gets the real one, unfiltered and fully ungarded.

If you've ever quietly wondered whether you're actually the favorite, or just the one who fills the food bowl, you're about to find out. These sixteen behaviors are the tells – the small, unmistakable ways a dog says “you're mine” without ever opening its mouth.

#1 – The Full-Body Lean That Isn't an Accident

Most people think their dog leaning against their leg is just a space issue, but it's actually a calculated act of trust.

Dogs are prey-driven animals at their core, and exposing their full body weight to another creature is a vulnerability they don't extend casually. When a dog leans its entire side into one specific person, it's using body pressure as a self-soothing mechanism, and it only works if the dog trusts that person completely. **This lean is almost never distributed evenly across a household – it's reserved for one person.** Trainers call this “contact-seeking behavior,” and it spikes when the dog feels anxious, overstimulated, or simply wants closeness.

What's fascinating is that dogs don't lean on strangers, acquaintances, or even secondary family members with the same frequency or intensity. It's a targeted behavior, not a generalized one. If your dog consistently chooses your leg over your partner's, your kid's, or your roommate's, that's not a coincidence – it's a preference built over hundreds of small trust-building moments. But that's nothing compared to what we found about #2...

#2 – The Deep Sigh That Only Happens With You

A dog exhaling loudly the moment it settles next to you isn't random noise – it's a physiological release.

Veterinary behaviorists point to this contented sigh as a sign of parasympathetic nervous system activation, meaning the dog has shifted out of “alert mode” completely. **This kind of full-body relaxation response is almost exclusively triggered by the dog's primary attachment person,** not by

whoever happens to be nearby. Dogs stay subtly vigilant around people they haven't fully bonded with, even people they like.

That vigilance disappears entirely with "their" human. Owners often report their dog will pace, sniff, or stay half-alert around visitors, then immediately flop down with a heavy sigh the second the chosen person sits on the couch. It's an audible signal that the dog has clocked out of guard duty because it feels safe enough to. Wait until you see how this connects to what happens at night, in #3...

#3 – Following You From Room to Room, Even When Nothing's Happening

This is the behavior most owners notice first, and it's rarely about food or walks.

Dogs that consistently trail one person through the house, sit outside bathroom doors, or reposition themselves every time that person moves are displaying what trainers call "shadowing." It's not clinginess for the sake of attention – **it's a survival-based behavior rooted in the dog's instinct to stay close to its perceived pack leader or safest resource.** Other household members might get a passing glance when they walk by, but the chosen human gets full tracking.

Interestingly, this shadowing often intensifies during times of change, like a move, a new pet, or even rearranged furniture. The dog is recalibrating its environment and doubling down on its one stable point of reference: you. Most people assume this fades with age, but many dogs actually shadow their chosen person more intensely as they get older. Next up in #4 is something that happens the moment the lights go out...

Fast Facts

- Shadowing often intensifies during big changes, like a move, a new pet, or rearranged furniture.
- Dogs track a chosen person using scent, sound, and peripheral vision all at once.
- Many dogs shadow their person more, not less, as they get older.

#4 – Sleeping Positioned Against You, Every Single Night

Sleep is one of the most vulnerable states an animal can enter, and dogs are extremely picky about who they do it next to.

A dog that consistently chooses to sleep back-to-back, curled into your legs, or draped across your feet is engaging in what's known as contact sleeping. **This isn't about warmth – it's about proximity to the one person whose presence alone lowers the dog's stress hormones enough to allow deep sleep.** Dogs sleep lighter and wake more easily around people they haven't fully bonded with.

Multi-dog and multi-person households make this especially obvious. The dog might nap anywhere during the day, but when it's time for deep, REM-cycle sleep, it gravitates toward one specific body. Owners often describe this as their dog "picking a side" and sticking to it for years, regardless of who else is in the bed or room. But #5 is where things get emotionally interesting...

#5 – Bringing You Random Objects Like They're Gifts

If your dog randomly drops a sock, a toy, or even a shoe in your lap, that's not disorganized behavior – it's communication.

This gifting behavior is rooted in ancestral pack instincts, where offering an object was a way of strengthening social bonds. **Dogs rarely "gift" indiscriminately – they tend to reserve this behavior**

for the person they consider central to their emotional world. It's a low-stakes way of initiating interaction and reinforcing connection without demanding attention outright.

What's telling is the pattern: dogs typically don't perform this ritual for every guest or even every family member. It's usually one person who consistently receives these odd little offerings, sometimes daily. Some trainers argue this is the canine equivalent of a toddler bringing you a rock they found outside – it seems trivial, but the emotional intent behind it is significant. Here's where #6 takes a slightly more protective turn...

#6 – Positioning Themselves Between You and Potential Threats

This one surprises a lot of owners because it looks like territorial behavior, but it's actually something more specific.

Dogs that consistently place themselves between their chosen person and a doorway, stranger, or loud noise are displaying resource-guarding behavior – except in this case, **the “resource” is a human being, not food or a toy.** This kind of positioning is intentional and requires the dog to actively monitor both the environment and their person's location simultaneously.

Many trainers consider this one of the clearest signs of primary attachment, because it demonstrates that the dog has assigned protective priority to one individual over others in the home. It's worth noting that this behavior can occasionally cross into overprotectiveness, which is a legitimate concern – a dog that growls at family members approaching its chosen person isn't “extra loyal,” it may need behavioral intervention. Still, in mild forms, it's one of the most touching signs of a chosen bond. Wait until you see what happens in their eyes in #7...

#7 – The Slow Blink That Functions Like a Kiss

Dogs don't have many ways to say “I trust you completely,” but this is one of them.

A slow, deliberate blink directed at one person, especially from across a room, is widely interpreted by behaviorists as a canine version of affection signaling. **Unlike a stare, which can indicate tension, a slow blink is a relaxed, voluntary gesture that dogs rarely offer to people they're unsure about.** It requires the dog to feel calm enough to soften its entire facial posture.

This is one of those small, easily missed behaviors that owners often don't notice until it's pointed out to them. Once you see it, you'll realize your dog does it almost exclusively toward you, especially during quiet moments like early mornings or right before falling asleep. It's subtle, but it's one of the purest signs of a chosen bond. Now here's something about their tail that most people completely misread in #8...

#8 – The Tail Thump That Happens Even When They're Half-Asleep

A wagging tail is common. A slow, sleepy thump reserved for one person is not.

Many dog owners have experienced this: the dog is fully asleep, barely stirring, until their chosen person walks into the room – and suddenly there's a single, heavy tail thump against the floor or couch. **This semi-conscious response indicates that recognition of that specific person is happening on a near-instinctual level, even before the dog is fully awake.** It's not a performative greeting; it's involuntary.

This differs sharply from how dogs react to other household members entering the room, which often requires the dog to be more alert or awake to respond at all. The chosen human bypasses that threshold entirely. Some trainers describe this as evidence that the dog's brain has essentially "hard-coded" that person's presence as safe and significant. But #9 might be the most practical example of trust on this entire list...

#9 – Constantly Checking Back During Walks

If your dog glances over its shoulder at you every few steps on a walk, that's not nervous behavior – it's teamwork.

This is called "check-in behavior," and it shows that the dog views you as its navigational anchor. **Dogs that trust their handler completely will still check in frequently, not because they're anxious, but because they're maintaining an active connection.** Dogs walking with someone they're less bonded to tend to pull ahead, ignore cues, or wander with less regard for that person's location.

This behavior is especially noticeable off-leash, where a strongly bonded dog will roam but consistently loop back to check proximity, almost like touching base. It's one of the clearest real-world demonstrations that the dog isn't just tolerating the walk – it's actively coordinating it with you as the reference point. Here's a subtler version of that same trust, explained in #10...

Quick Compare

- **Strongly bonded dog:** checks in often, loops back off-leash, and matches your pace naturally.
- **Less-bonded dog:** pulls ahead, ignores cues, and wanders without regard for location.
- **Strongly bonded dog:** treats the walk as shared navigation, not solo exploration.

#10 – Resting Their Head or Paw on You Without Being Asked

There's a difference between a dog seeking petting and a dog voluntarily placing part of its body on yours.

When a dog rests its head on your lap, foot, or arm without any prompting or treat involved, it's engaging in unsolicited affection – arguably one of the purest signals of attachment. **This behavior tends to happen most when the dog is settling down to relax, which is exactly when trust matters most, because the dog is lowering its guard.**

This is notably different from attention-seeking behaviors like pawing or nudging for a treat. There's no transactional element here; the dog isn't asking for anything. It's simply choosing physical connection during a vulnerable moment, and it almost always goes to the same person, over and over, regardless of who else is in the room. Up next in #11 is something that separates real bonding from surface-level affection...

#11 – A Vocal Tone That's Reserved Just for You

Dogs are surprisingly nuanced communicators, and many develop a specific whine, grumble, or "talk-back" sound used only with one person.

This isn't the dog being demanding – it's evidence of a communication style shaped specifically around a relationship. **Some behaviorists believe dogs adjust their vocalizations based on how responsive a specific person has historically been to them, essentially fine-tuning their "language" for that one**

listener. Other household members might get generic barks, while the chosen person gets an entirely different vocal range.

This is one of the more controversial claims in canine behavior research, since vocal communication in dogs is still being studied, but anecdotally, it's extremely consistent across multi-person households. Owners often describe it as their dog having a "special voice" that nobody else seems to trigger. Next, in #12, we look at something even more emotionally complex...

#12 – Sensing Mood Shifts Before You've Said a Word

Dogs are remarkably attuned to human emotional states, but this sensitivity isn't distributed equally across every person they interact with.

Multiple studies on canine cognition suggest dogs can detect subtle changes in a person's breathing, posture, and even scent that correlate with stress or sadness. **The strength of this emotional read-out tends to be far more accurate with the dog's chosen person, likely because the dog has spent far more time studying that individual's baseline behavior.** A dog might miss subtle shifts in someone it barely knows but pick up on tiny changes instantly with its person.

This is why so many owners describe their dog "knowing" something's wrong before they've said anything out loud. The dog isn't guessing – it's pattern-matching against thousands of prior observations unique to that one relationship. Next up in #13 is a much more physical expression of that same instinct...

#13 – Sitting or Lying Directly on Your Feet

This one seems purely about comfort, but there's more going on beneath the surface.

Dogs that consistently plant themselves on or against their chosen person's feet are engaging in what's sometimes called "anchoring behavior." **It allows the dog to physically monitor movement – the second you shift your feet, the dog knows, which means it can react instantly if you get up.** This is a low-effort but highly effective way of staying tethered to the person it cares about most.

This behavior is rarely extended to secondary household members with the same consistency. A dog might sit near a guest, but sitting directly on someone's feet – repeatedly, across months or years – is typically reserved for the one relationship the dog considers most important. It's subtle, but once you notice it, you'll see it everywhere. Here's a version of this same instinct that plays out somewhere far less convenient, in #14...

Worth Knowing

- Anchoring on your feet lets a dog detect the smallest shift in weight before you even stand up.
- This habit almost always targets one person, even in homes with several pets or family members.
- It tends to show up most during downtime – evenings, quiet afternoons, or right before bed.

#14 – Following You Into the Bathroom, Every Time

If your dog treats a closed bathroom door as a personal insult, you're not imagining it – this is attachment behavior in its rawest form.

Dogs don't understand privacy the way humans do, but they do understand separation, and even brief separations from their chosen person can trigger mild distress. **This is why so many dogs will scratch at bathroom doors or wait directly outside, even though nothing interesting is happening on the other side.** It's less about curiosity and far more about maintaining constant proximity to their anchor person.

This behavior is almost always specific to one individual in the household. A dog might not care at all when a roommate or secondary family member closes a door, but the chosen person gets the full separation-anxiety treatment, even for a two-minute absence. It's equal parts endearing and slightly extreme, depending on how you look at it. Now here's a friction point that tends to spark real debate, in #15...

#15 – Listening to You and Basically No One Else

This is the one that causes household arguments, and for good reason.

Dogs frequently develop what trainers call “selective obedience,” where commands from one person are followed reliably, while the same commands from someone else are largely ignored. **Most owners assume this is a training issue, but it's often actually a bonding issue – the dog has decided whose direction matters most, and it isn't necessarily the person who trained it.** This can create real friction in households where multiple people expected equal authority over the dog.

Here's the controversial part: many trainers now argue that formal obedience training matters far less than emotional bonding when it comes to which human a dog actually listens to. You can train a dog for months, and it may still default to ignoring you the second its chosen person gives a competing command. It's not fair, but it's remarkably consistent. And finally, #16 brings everything on this list together in the most emotional way possible...

#16 – The Reunion Reaction That Doesn't Match the Length of the Separation

This is the behavior that convinces most owners, once and for all, that they've been chosen.

A dog that reacts to its person coming home from a two-minute errand with the same intensity as a multi-day trip is displaying disproportionate reunion behavior, and it's one of the strongest attachment indicators behavioral scientists track. **The intensity of a dog's greeting isn't about how long you were gone – it's about how emotionally significant your presence is to that specific dog.** Other people can walk in and out all day without triggering anything close to this reaction.

This is often the moment owners describe as undeniable proof of the bond. The full-body wiggle, the exaggerated whining, the immediate need for physical contact – it's not performative, and it's not something the dog does for convenience. It's the clearest, rawest expression of the entire list distilled into a few seconds, every single time you walk back through the door.

Why It Stands Out

- Reunion intensity has little to do with how long you were actually gone.
- It's one of the few bonding behaviors that's nearly impossible to fake or train into a dog.
- Trainers often treat it as one of the strongest real-world markers of primary attachment.

The Bottom Line

Dogs don't fake this stuff, and they definitely don't distribute it evenly. Once a dog picks its person, that choice shows up in dozens of small, consistent behaviors – the leaning, the sighing, the selective obedience, the disproportionate reunions – and honestly, **that's a bigger compliment than most people realize.**

We'd argue this bond is even stronger than most "cat people" want to admit, and it's not something you can force or buy with treats. It's earned, slowly, through thousands of ordinary moments. So, are you the chosen one in your house? Drop your dog's weirdest "just for me" habit in the comments – we want to hear it.

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Panda at Night, with Bright lights – Punctate Size Cataracts – Normal Aging

Just sharing some information. Panda, my Aussie, is now 11.5 years old and in the last 2 months has been having problems at night during training with doing the A-frame and Dog Walk going into the lights. She would literally stop dead, sometimes shaking. It was like she couldn't see where she was going and didn't want to take a step more. She had no problem with the Teeter, the weaves or the 16-inch jumps at night with the lights.

She has no problem with any of the obstacles during the day. So, I took her to the eye clinic put on by Lynda Pepples with the help of the High Desert Dog Obedience Club. According to the Veterinary Ophthalmologist, she has normal aging in both eyes, and she has punctate size cataracts in both eyes.

Using AI the below information on Punctate cataracts was generated – it uses information from the Bichon Frise Club of America (1), ASHGI.org (2) and Veterinary Information Network(3).

AI Overview -

In canine ophthalmology, a **punctate cataract** is classified by its size as a **tiny, focal dot or blemish on the lens**. It represents the smallest category of cataract size used on standardized tracking forms, such as those from the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO). [1, 2, 3]

Canine Cataract Size Classification Chart

When veterinary ophthalmologists grade the size and extent of a lens opacity on an eye exam report, they typically categorize it into one of three sizing tiers: [1, 2]

Size Category	Description & Characteristics	Impact on Vision
Punctate	A tiny, pinpoint dot or localized focal spot. Often requires magnification or a slit-lamp microscope to visualize.	No vision loss.
Intermediate	Involves a larger, more noticeable area of the lens than a punctate dot, but does not engulf an entire region.	Minimal to mild vision distortion depending on location.
Diffuse	Spreads extensively, involving an entire anatomical area or section of the lens (e.g., an entire cortex quadrant).	Highly likely to impair vision.

Sizing vs. Maturation Stages

It is important not to confuse a cataract's *appearance size* (punctate, intermediate, diffuse) with its *maturation stage* (incipient, immature, mature, hypermature). [1]

- **Punctate cataracts** are almost always classified clinically under the **Incipient stage**, meaning they take up **less than 15% of the total lens volume**. [1, 2]
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Panda at Night, with Bright lights – Punctate Size Cataracts – Normal Aging -Continued

Clinical Significance

If your dog's eye report lists a "punctate" cataract, it is often noted as "**significance unknown**". Many punctate cataracts are non-progressive blemishes caused by minor focal trauma, inflammation, or early developmental quirks. If the dot remains stationary and does not increase in size over time, it will not affect your dog's quality of life. However, regular monitoring is essential to ensure it does not progress into an intermediate or diffuse genetic cataract. [1, 3]

In a separate search I looked for –

How long can a dog have cataracts before they go blind? (AI Overview)

A dog can have cataracts for anywhere from a few days to several years before going blind, because the speed depends completely on the underlying cause. (PetMD)

https://www.petmd.com/dog/conditions/eye/c_dg_cataract

Timeline by Cause

- **Diabetes:** Cataracts caused by diabetes can form very fast. A dog can lose their sight in a matter of weeks, or even within a few days. Noveha +2 <https://noveha.com/dog-cataracts-stages/>
- **Aging (Senile Cataracts):** Age-related cataracts grow slowly. It can take many months or even several years for a senior dog to experience major vision loss. Veterinary Medical Centre <https://vmc.usask.ca/services/ophthalmology-cataract-surgery.php>
- **Genetics and Heredity:** Inherited cataracts vary by breed. Some progress slowly over years, while others cause faster vision changes in young or middle-aged dogs. VCA Animal Hospitals +2 <https://vcahospitals.com/know-your-pet/cataracts-in-dogs>

Stages of Progression

- **Incipient:** A small, early spot on the lens. Vision is barely affected.
- **Immature:** The cloudiness spreads. The dog still sees some light and shadows.
- **Mature:** The entire lens is cloudy. The dog is functionally blind in that eye.
- **Hyper mature:** The cataract starts to re-absorb, but can cause painful inflammation like glaucoma. Best Friends Animal Society +3 <https://bestfriends.org/pet-care-resources/cataracts-dogs-signs-causes-diagnosis-and-treatment>

2026 AKC Show Events

Sept 18-20 – Southern California Collie Club – Lake View Terrace – Agility – [Jump City Agility](#)

Sept 19-20 – Valley Hills Obedience Club – Acton – **Fast CAT** - [Action Dog Sports](#) |

Sept 19-20 – German Shepherd Dog Club of San Gabriel Valley – Camarillo – **Obedience/Rally** - Jennifer Gysler, Event Secretary, jennifergysler@gmail.com

Sept 25-27 – Santa Ana Valley KC – City of Industry – **Obedience/Rally** - Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows, Superintendent

Sept 25-27 – Moorpark KC – Camarillo – Agility – [Jump City Agility](#)

Oct 1 – Greater LA Scent Work Club – Apple Valley – Fetch Test - [Action Dog Sports](#) |

Oct 2 – Scent Work Club of the San Gabriel Foothills – Pasadena - **Scent Work Detective Class only**

Oct 3-4 – Scent Work Club of the San Gabriel Foothills -Azusa - **Scent Work Trial**

Oct 2-4 – Golden State Rottweiler Club – Camarillo – Agility – [Jump City Agility](#)

Oct 3-4 – Ventura County Scent Work Club – Acton - **Fast CAT** - [Action Dog Sports](#) |

Oct 9-11- Dash Agility Club of So Cal – Huntington Beach – Agility - Michele Morlang, Event Secretary

Oct 10 – AKC Judges Farm Dog Certified Test – **Farm Dog Certification** – Anaheim - Diane Matsuura, Event Secretary, dianematsuura@gmail.com

Oct 10 – Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of So Ca – Anaheim – Farm Dog Certification - Diane Matsuura, Event Secretary, dianematsuura@gmail.com

Oct 11 – Border Collie Club of Greater LA – **Farm Dog Certification** – Acton - Irene Charlton, Event Secretary, ilcharlton91342@gmail.com

Oct 10-11 – Inland Empire Herding Dog Association of CA – Chino – **Herding Trial** - Donna Downs, Event Secretary, dmdowns49@gmail.com

Oct 10-11 – Bakersfield Obedience Training Club – Bakersfield – **Obedience/Rally** – Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows, Margaret L Throne, Event Secretary

Oct 16-20 – Antelope Valle Stockdog Club – **Herding Trial** – Lancaster - Ms. Laura Bass, Event Secretary, lauraeb@umich.edu

Oct 17-18 – Cocker Spaniel Club of OC – City of Industry – Agility - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)

Oct 23-25 – Southland Weimaraner Club – Perris – **Fast CAT** - [Action Dog Sports](#) |

Oct 23-25 – Greater Los Angeles Scent Work Club – Perris – **Farm Dog Certification** - Action Dog Sports

Oct 23-25 – Hollywood Dog Obedience Club – Lake View Terrace – Agility - [Jump City Agility](#)

Oct 23 – Tri-Valley Working Dog Club of Pinon Hills – Perris - **Obedience/Rally** - Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows, Superintendent

Oct 24 – Kennel Club of Riverside – Perris – **Obedience/Rally** - Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows, Superintendent

Oct 25 – Pasanita Obedience Club – Pasadena – **Obedience/Rally** - Jennifer Gysler, Event Secretary

Oct 29 – South Bay KC – City of Industry - **Obedience/Rally** – Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows, Superintendent

Oct 30 – Long Beach KC – City of Industry – **Obedience/Rally** – Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows, Superintendent

Oct 30-Nov 1 – South Coast Vizsla Club – Norco – Agility - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)

Oct 31 – San Gabriel Valley KC – City of Industry – **Obedience/Rally** – Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows, Superintendent

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Nov 1 – Antelope Valley KC – City of Industry – **Obedience/Rally** – Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows, Superintendent

Nov 1 – South Coast Vizsla Club – Norco – Agility - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#) Nov 7-8 – Chow Fancier Association of So Cal – Moreno Valley – **Fast CAT** - Elizabeth Kelly, Event Secretary, ekdogzibit@gmail.com

Nov 7-8 – Border Collie Club of Gtr LA – Chino – **Herding Trial** – Donna Downs, Event Secretary dmdowns49@gmail.com

Nov 7-8 – Dog Agility Club of Ventura – Burbank – Agility – [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)

Nov 7-8 – Tri-Valley Shetland Sheepdog of NW LA – Burbank – Agility- [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)

Nov 8 – German Shepherd Dog Club of the San Gabriel Valley – Moorpark – **Rally** - Lynn Ehrenberg, Event Secretary

Nov 11 – Valley Hills Obedience Club – Acton – Agility - [Action Dog Sports |](#)

Nov 12-13 – Ventura County Scent Work Club – Acton – Agility - [Action Dog Sports |](#)

Nov 14-15 – Greater San Diego Basset Hound Club – Anaheim – **Rally** - Lorraine Yu, Event Secretary, entries@dogzibit.com

Nov 14-15 – Samoyed Club of LA – City of Industry – Agility - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)

Nov 20-22 – Buenaventura Dog Training Club – Camarillo – Agility - Jennifer Gysler, Event Secretary, jennifergysler@gmail.com

Nov 21 – 22 – Southland Weimaraner Club – Acton – **Fast CAT** - [Action Dog Sports |](#)

Nov 22 – Hollywood Dog Obedience Club – Carson – **VST Tracking Test** - Susan E Bagley, Event Secretary, sebbtp@msn.com

Nov 28-29 – Keeshond Club of So Cal - City of Industry – Agility - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)

Dec 3 – Poodle Club of So Cal – Camarillo – Agility - [Action Dog Sports |](#)

Dec 4-6 – Valley Hills Obedience Club – Camarillo – Agility - Lynn Ehernburg, Event Secretary, spragility@gmail.com

Dev 5-7 – Belgian Tervuren Club of So Cal – Lancaster – **Herding Trial** - Jillene Stanfield, Event Secretary, blazeintervurens@comcast.net

Dec 12-13 – Standard Schnauzer Club of So CA – City of Industry - Agility - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)

Dec 19-20 – Santa Ana Valley KC – Eastvale – **Fast CAT** - Elizabeth Kelly, Event Secretary, ekdogzibit@gmail.com

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Jan 2-3 – Samoyed Club of LA – City of Industry – Agility - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)

Jan 15 – Scent Work Club of the San Gabriel Foothills – Pasadena - [Scent Work Detective Class only](#)

Jan 16-17 – Scent Work Club of the San Gabriel Foothills -Azusa - [Scent Work Trial](#)

Sept 19-20 -VHOC Fast CAT – Acton Park in Acton – day of entries taken

October 11 – VHOC Fit Dog Walk at LA River – RSVP to Monica Nolan by October 9th

November 11 – VHOC Agility at Acton Park in Acton – Enter online at [Action Dog Sports |](#)

December 4-6 VHOC Annual Agility Trial – Community Center Park on Burnley

Brag

Laurie Burnam and Tesla

VHOC Rally Freedom Park, Camarillo, Sept 12/13 2026

Rally went very well, obedience not so much 🙄
9-12

Rally Excellent B 100 1st pl

Wining a lovely crystal candy dish and rosette.

Rally Advanced B 99+++ 2nd pl

She earned the **Rally High Combined** award with a bigger rosette and a check!!! Cool!

1st QQ towards RAE title

Excellent B 99+ 3rd pl

Advanced B 99+++ 3rd pl

Two more rosettes and her second QQ towards RAE title. 8 more to go



Nancie Rogers and Rory

Rory got her third leg and **CDX** (Companion Dog Excellent) at our trial on September 13th.

Rose Briar Rory, CDX, BN, RE, DCAT, CGCA, CGCU, FITG

New CDX

Daphne Green and Carina

I showed Carina in Utility both days.

We completed our title **Utility Dog (UD)** on Saturday!

We also qualified on Sunday.

Placing 1st both days.

New UD



Brag



Laurie Guay and Quincy

Quincy, Prachtiger Kleiner Bar
Quincy Von Bautzen received his
Rally Intermediate title.

Brontay has some brags with her human Kathy Spilos:

While waiting for one more major win to clinch her breed championship, Brontay and Kathy ventured out on Labor Day weekend to their German Shepherd Dog Club of the San Gabriel Valley's specialty show. They entered along with so many beautiful bitches in large classes both days and yes, indeed found those majors! Although we didn't get the needed win, Brontay showed her heart out and clinched placements on both days!

On Saturday, in hot, humid and sunny weather she came in 4th place in the class of seven, and then right when the clouds burst into a downpour on Sunday, complete with thunder, Brontay earned her blue ribbon, placing first in the class of tough competition! In hindsight, I should have known that it would take a little thunder for my Brontay to accomplish another "first," after all, her name translated into Greek, is βροντή, which means, "thunder!"

Photos (1): Brontay in perfect step between her professional handler, Jessica Baldwin and Kathy - celebrating her first place finish; (2) All three girls smiling in the rain, under the protection of the pepper tree Brontay and (3) Jessica gaiting in the soggy dressage arena.





Dash UDX 20

On Saturday, September 12th at the Valley Hills Obedience Club Obedience Trial, Dash and I achieved a big goal. We completed our **UDX 20!!**

Actually, it was more of a goal for me, but I have one hell of a great dog without whom it never would have happened. But I must also give credit to a trainer with whom I have worked for a number of years, Flo Walberg. Thank you, Flo.

In addition, we were **HIGH COMBINED** for the day. Thank You to the Club and all of the members for their efforts in hosting this trial.

Dash is the first Standard Schnauzer to have achieved this level in the Standard Schnauzer obedience world.

He is now GCHB CH OTCH 4 Semper Fi Dasher, UDX 20, OGM, BN, RA, FDC, CAX, CGC.

Respectfully Submitted by his VERY PROUD MOM, Sharon Clarke

In Addition -

The September edition of Front and Finish provided a list of the top 10 All breed obedience teams for the year 2025. Dash and I made the list! He was also Number 2 in the Working Group and Number 1 Standard Schnauzer. A really BIG accomplishment for my breed!

Shiro Torquato and Archer

September 13, 2026 Valley Hills Obedience Club at Freedom Park, Camarillo

Judge: Nancy Craig, Score 193 ½ and 1st place in Novice B



Brags



Kathy Spilos and Brontay

This past weekend, Team Brontay walked into the obedience ring at the VHOC trials in Camarillo and walked out with a score of 197 and their **Beginner Novice title!** Special thanks to Judge Donna Meade who announced our title with smiles and hugs; and to VHOC for putting on another fabulous event. Additionally, it was a rather large class for Beginner Novice, with so many (including the judge) commenting on all the nice-looking and good working dogs!”

Photo: Brontay smiling along with Kathy and Judge Donna Meade

Photo: Brontay, deciding she was done with proper sitting, relaxed for the photos, but had no problem wearing her VHOC title medallion!

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Cynthia Binder and Beyya

We showed in rally under the amazing judge Shannon Jones to collect triple Q's for the weekend, working towards her RACH. She's currently about 1/2way there. She not only got 2 TQ's out of the weekend, she was the High Triple Q on Sat and the High Combined on Sunday with a 200/200!



High Triple Q - Sat



Beyya High Combined - Sun



Brag

Cynthia Binder and Ukon

Saturday was our FIRST try at Open A and after very limited training, my 8.5-year-old dog won the 11-dog Open A class under Nancy Craig with a 192/200! So proud of him!



Brags

Monica Nolan and Rose

After a four-month hiatus, we started back trialing at this weekend's VHOC rally trial. Rose hasn't lost her touch, winning two firsts and a second with scores of 99, 100 and 97.



Pet Sitter Education Month — September 2026

Pet Sitter Education Month is observed every September, with the 2026 observance running through September 30, and is led by Pet Sitters International (PSI) to highlight continuing education and professional standards in pet care [Pet Sitters International+1](#).

What it is and why it matters

Founded in 2016, Pet Sitter Education Month is a PSI-led, month-long observance that spotlights the commitment of professional pet sitters and dog walkers to ongoing learning. It emphasizes the link between higher industry standards and continuing education, encouraging pet-care providers to pursue certifications, attend webinars, and use educational resources to improve service quality.

PSI's **Global Standards for Professional Pet-Sitting and Dog-Walking Businesses** provide a framework for best practices in business operations, safety, and client care, and the observance helps sitters identify training needs and plan professional development.

Got News?

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VHOC Training Classes

Don't forget

October 11th - VHOC

Fit Dog Hike

**LA River Walk - check
the flyer pg. 3**

PLEASE CHECK WITH OUR INSTRUCTORS FOR NEW CLASS START DATES

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

Agility - Novice—Advanced

Mondays 6:00—7 pm, Reseda and Mondays 7:00—8 pm, Reseda

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

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**

Nose Work / Scent Work Classes

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

Contact Carole Hills for information—chills37@aol.com

Beginning Scent Work—Tuesday evenings in Moorpark 6 to 7:30 PM

Advanced Scent Work - Wednesday evenings in Moorpark 6 to 7:30 PM

Contact Shiro Torquato for information— drshiro2000@gmail.com