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**VHOC Dues
are Due
by December 31st
Renewal Form
is on Page 8**

Volunteers Needed

for the

VHOC Agility Trial

December 5, 6, and 7th.

We need bar setters, leash runners, timers, and scribes. No experience necessary—we will teach you any of the jobs on the spot!

Please contact Kathy Kogan at:

kathyko@socal.rr.com



**Holiday Party
December 14th
Flyer on page 6**



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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Deborah Lang

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Jennifer Voogt

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)

Karen Steinmeyer and her Australian Shepherds - Lyra and Cooper

VHOC

Annual Agility Trial

December 5, 6, and 7th

VHOC Members and Friends,

We need volunteers for our annual AKC Agility Trials which will be held on Friday, Saturday & Sunday, December. 5, 6 & 7, 2025 at Camarillo Community Center Park, 1605 East Burnley Street, Camarillo, CA.

Whether you are planning to enter the trial as a competitor or not, we would appreciate any help you can provide as a volunteer on any or all of the days.

We need bar setters, leash runners, timers, and scribes. No experience necessary—we will teach you any of the jobs on the spot!

If you can help, please contact the VHOC Club Trial Co-Chair, Kathy Kogan at kathyko@socal.rr.com

Thank you,

VHOC Trial Committee

Jeff Kogan, Kathy Kogan

The premium for the VHOC agility trials is located in 3 different places -

It can be found on the Wing Ding Weekday Agility Trials page:

[VHOC – December 5, 6, & 7, 2025 Trial – Weekday Wing Ding Agility Trials](#)

Entries can be done online at the WingDing Agility Trial Website

The premium can be found on the VHOC website:

[VHOC Agility Trial 2025](#)

And it can be found on the AKC Events page, Companion Events, Agility

You can also cut and paste this link in your browser— [dsp_generate_pdf.cfm](#)

ENTRIES CLOSE Saturday, November 22, 2025 (VHOC) at 11:59 pm

**Location: COMMUNITY CENTER PARK, 1605 E. BURNLEY
ST CAMARILLO, CA 93010**

Judge: Cynthia Blanton



Ultimate Frisbee Organization (UFO)

2025 UFO World Cup Finals

Date: November 15th, 2025

**Location: Victory Park,
Pasadena, CA, USA**

Hosted By: Disc Dogs in Southern California

Website: <http://www.d2isc.com>

Contact: Brad Denney

949-300-4697

[UFO World Cup Frisbee Dog Series](#)



Event Information:

LOCATION UPDATE!!!

Due to a scheduling issue, the UFO finals (and all associated events including the Final Major) are moving to **Victory Park in Pasadena**. This is about 4 miles east of the Rose Bowl.

Address:

2575 Paloma St, Pasadena, CA 91107

UFO World Cup Finals!

The World Cup Finals are being hosted by the Disc Dogs in Southern California.

The event will also feature the UFO D-Tour Championship, a long-distance event.

Schedule of events:

Saturday, November 15 – UFO World Cup Finals

8:00 am – Presentation of World Cup Finalists

8:30 am - D-Tour Round 1

10 am – Throw & Catch (R1) (World Cup Overall and World Cup T&C teams)

11:30 am – Freestyle (R2) (World Cup Overall and World Cup Freestyle teams)

1:30 -Lunch break

2pm - Throw & Catch (R3) (World Cup T&C teams only)

Sunday, November 16 – UFO World Cup Finals

10 am - D-Tour Round 2

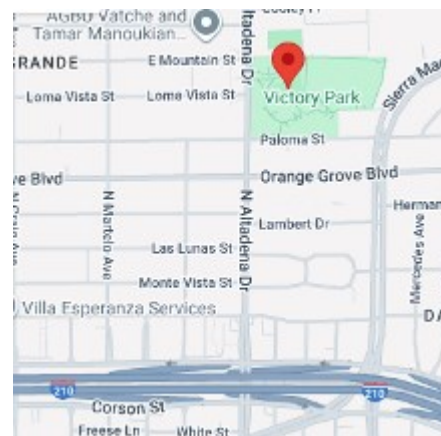
10:30 am – Throw & Catch (R4) (World Cup Overall and World Cup T&C teams)

12 pm – Freestyle (R5) (World Cup Overall and World Cup Freestyle teams)

2pm - Lunch break

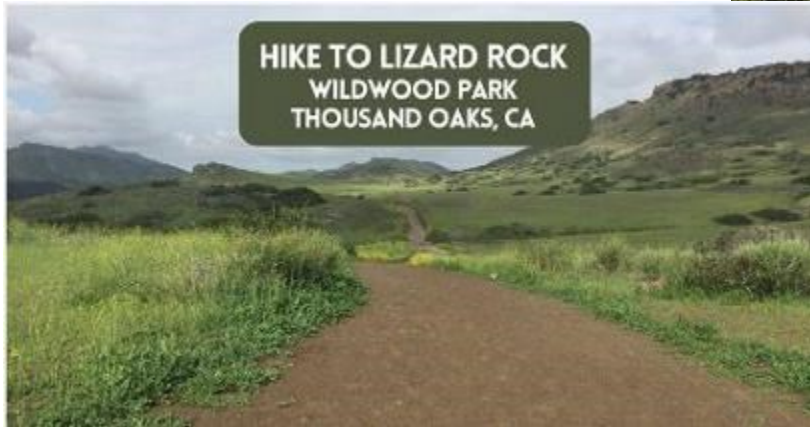
2:30 pm - Throw & Catch (R6) (World Cup T&C teams only)

4pm – 2025 World Cup Champions crowned



FIT DOG Walk

Sunday - November 30th



Our next Fit Dog hike will take place on November 30th at 10am.

The hike will be to the base of Lizard Rock along the Mesa Trail in Wildwood Regional Park, Thousand Oaks.

The Mesa Trail is a broad fairly flat walk along Wildwood Mesa. It offers beautiful views of the surrounding spaces where shows like Gunsmoke and The Rifleman were filmed.

Directions: From the 101 Freeway, in Thousand Oaks, exit on Lynn Road, turn north and continue 2.6 miles to Avenida De Los Arboles, then turn left. Continue for about a mile to the end and turn into the Wildwood parking lot on the left.

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

Come out and take a walk, after all the great holiday food.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

VHOC

Holiday Party

Sunday
DEC. 14 2-4PM

3676 Paseo de Nublado,
Thousand Oaks 91360


 **POTLUCK!** 

The club will be providing a main dish. BYOB.



 If you'd like to participate in the festive Gift Exchange, please bring a wrapped, dog-related gift of ~\$20 in value.

Please
RSVP
to Monica
w/ potluck item
by 12/9
nolanmilano@gmail.com



All VHOC Members we wanted to let you know of several opportunities.
We will have three open positions for the coming year.

Vice President—shall have the powers and exercise the duties of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity. S/He is also responsible for organizing the monthly General Membership Meetings with the assistance of said committee.

Recording Secretary—shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club. The Recording Secretary shall also notify members of their nomination to office, notify successful candidates of their election to office, and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these Constitution and By-Laws.

Southern California Dog Obedience Council (SCDOC) Representative—is the club liaison to SCDOC and attends the monthly meetings via Zoom.

The Board Meetings are done via Zoom usually the second or third Sunday of the month at 6:30 PM

The SCDOC Representative meetings are usually once a month on a Friday evening at 6:30 PM via Zoom

If you are interested in any of these positions or would like information about what they entail please contact one of the Nominating Committee Representatives: Ann Hills, Carole Hills, or Laurie Burnam

In addition if you are interested in any of the Board positions please contact Ann, Carole or Laurie.

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Call 818-832-9906 for more information
www.j9sk9s.com

Valley Hills Obedience Club 2025 Membership Renewal

Dues must be received by December 31, 2025

Please complete the form below with your changes for the 2026 Membership Roster and return it with your 2026 membership dues (\$25 single and \$35 family).

Return by mail to: Cynthia Casby
VHOC Membership Chair
237 S. Griffith Park Dr.
Burbank, CA 91506

OR Email form to: VHOC.membership@gmail.com (not to be used for Zelle)

To pay your dues, please send a check to the above address, made out to VHOC

OR

We now have a Club Zelle account! You may pay by Zelle to **payvhoc@gmail.com**. This account is registered as Ann Hills (our treasurer). Please include your NAME in the message area so you are credited.

If you want to pay cash and are taking lessons, please inquire with your instructor.

Please provide us any changes to your contact information.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, St., Zip: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Dog (breeds): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Check this box to opt out of Electronic Communication: ☐

"Membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid thirty (30) days after the first day of January 2026"

Are Ticks Active in Winter?

Ticks are alive and well winter, spring, summer, and fall – so your dogs need flea-and-tick medicine in the cold months, too.
By [Dan Muse](#), - Published: April 8, 2024, Updated: September 30, 2025

It's natural to wonder, are ticks active in winter? While ticks are typically less active once the temperatures begin to drop, there is still significant risk of tick bites—and contracting tickborne illnesses—in the fall and winter months.

Thinking that ticks pay attention to the start and end of winter is a potentially dangerous misconception. During a mild winter, ticks remain active. And even during a normal winter in a typically cold region, a few days above freezing can reanimate ticks. In many areas, winters are mild enough for some tick species to remain active throughout the season, putting your dog – and you – at risk on walks or hikes.

Even the most obsessive dog owners may let their flea-and-tick guard down when the winter winds kick in to save some time and money. The only problem is that skipping your dog's flea-and-tick preventative in the winter could come back to bite you and your furry family member.

Neither Ticks no Fleas Die in Winter

While most ticks may be dormant when the temperatures drop below freezing, fleas flourish indoors, so winter means little to these notorious bloodsuckers. They can attach to clothes, carpeting and more – and holiday travel may increase fleas' mobility – and eventually these annoying insects will bring your dog a miserable winter experience.

Dogs Need Flea and Tick Prevention in Winter

Using year-round flea-and-tick prevention for your dog offers uninterrupted protection, preventing infestations before they start. Stopping and restarting medication leaves your dog vulnerable. Early intervention – such as a regular medication regime and tick checks after a walk or run – is essential for preventing the spread of fleas and ticks.

While admittedly less of a risk for dogs, winter ticks feast on deer and moose, which can potentially threaten your dog if she spends significant time in areas frequented by these large animals. It's also rare, but your dog might inadvertently eat a winter tick while exploring an infested area and become ill.

Practicing year-long flea and tick protection is almost always a good practice, but if you're insistent that you don't need prevention in a region with consistently freezing temperatures and minimal indoor flea risk, discuss a seasonal approach with your veterinarian. Be aware, however, that some dogs with chronic illnesses may be best served by using year-round prevention.

When it comes to your dog, you can never be too conscientious. Most veterinarians recommend year-round protection but talk with him or her to determine the right approach, and possibly the right ingredients, for your dog. And, of course, take matters into your own hands and always check your dog for ticks, no matter how cold it is outside.

[Are Ticks Active in Winter? - Whole Dog Journal](#)



A little cold weather won't cause ticks to go dormant! Keep your dog on a flea-and-tick preventative year-round. Credit: SolStock | Getty Images

The October Halloween General Meeting

VHOC held their annual Howl-o-ween Party at The Field on Sunday, October 19th.

More than a dozen pups and their owners participated in fun games including a “Haunted Trail” obstacle course, Fetch & Stockpile races and the perennial favorite- Bobbing for Hot Dogs.

On the Haunted Trail, dogs had to overcome their fear by crossing both a pool of water and a pool of balls. In true doggy fashion, many of the dogs opted for using the water pool as a drinking stop and the pool of balls as a place to pick their own take home toy. Pups also had to go through a tunnel guarded by goblins, clear a skull and pumpkin jump and make their way through a giant cob-web.

The party culminated in a costume parade that included bees and a beekeeper, devils, cowboys, bats and Oz’s Dorothy and Toto.

Pizza and sides filled the human tummies, while the dogs settled for stealing hot dogs used for the bobbing contest.



Fun Hunted Trail this year. One of things the dogs had to do was jump through the giant cobweb.



**Lots of fun at
the October General Meeting
at the Field**

Can You Hurt a Dog's Feelings?

By [Jennifer Coates, DVM](#), Published Sep. 5, 2025

Animals used to be seen as not much more than machines—incapable of pain, preferences, or emotions. Thankfully, all that has changed, but questions remain about the inner life of animals, especially dogs.

Which leads us to ask: is it possible to hurt a dog's feelings?

Key Takeaways

- Dogs have emotional lives similar to those of human toddlers.
- Our actions and words can impact a dog's emotions, with negative behaviors like ignoring or punishing them potentially causing distress.
- Signs of hurt feelings in dogs include changes in body language and demeanor, such as a lowered head, droopy ears, and withdrawing from favorite activities.
- Building a strong, positive bond with your dog can help reduce emotional upsets and encourage resilience.



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Do Dogs Have Feelings?

Research shows that dogs and other animals possess rich emotional lives comparable to those experienced by humans. Here's what studies show about dog emotions:

- Dog brains are similar to ours and have the same structures that, in people, correlate to emotions like fear and happiness.
- Dogs produce hormones that are associated with certain feelings in people. Oxytocin, commonly referred to as the "love hormone," is a good example.
- Certain dog behaviors have been linked to identifiable emotional states. For example, research shows that dogs typically wag their tail to the right when they are happy.

Dog emotions are similar to those experienced by human toddlers. Dog cognition (mental ability) is similar to that of children who are 2–2.5 years old, and this likely applies to their emotions as well.

Can You Hurt a Dog's Feelings?

Because dogs do have emotions, it's natural to wonder whether we can hurt their feelings. Or, to put this question another way, can our words or actions make our dogs unhappy or sad?

In short, yes. What we do or say to our dogs has a noticeable effect on them. Praise them, and they're likely to wag their tail and break out into a goofy grin. On the other hand, telling your dog "no" when they drop a tennis ball at your feet will lead to disappointment, and maybe a little anger as well.

Some things that could hurt a dog's feelings are:

- Being ignored. Dogs are extremely social pack animals, which makes being ignored just about one of the worst things that can happen to them.

Can You Hurt a Dog's Feelings? - continued

- Punishment when they're anxious or scared. Fear can lead to problematic behaviors like growling or urinating in the house. Dogs need a calm and safe environment to start feeling better. Yelling at—or worse, hitting—a scared dog just proves that they were right to have something to fear.
- Inconsistency. Dogs don't have a lot of control over their lives, but they like to know what's coming next. If your dog is used to spending some quality time with you before bedtime, for example, skipping this nightly ritual may make them sad.

Signs You're Hurting Your Dog's Feelings

A [dog's body language](#) can tell you a lot about what they're feeling. If you've hurt your dog's feelings, they might:

- Lower their head
- Have droopy ears
- Become less playful or enthusiastic
- Sigh, whine, or grumble

Dogs who act sad for an extended period of time may have [depression](#). Many things can cause dogs to act depressed, like spending a lot of time on their own, a change in routine, the [death of a family member](#), a [lack of exercise](#) and play, and medical problems like [hypothyroidism](#) and [pain](#). Depression can lead to signs like:

- Drooping facial expressions and ears
 - Acting withdrawn or excessively clingy
 - Reduced interest in walks, playtime, and other favorite activities
 - Sleeping more than normal
 - Changes in appetite
 - Reduced energy level
 - Peeing or pooping inside the home
 - Increased licking
-
- Increased shedding

Talk to your veterinarian if you have any questions about your dog's behavior or health.

How To Bond With Your Dog

It's natural for a dog to experience hurt feelings from time to time, but they should bounce back quickly, particularly if the two of you already have a strong bond. Here are some tips for developing or strengthening the bond between you and your dog:

- **Give your dog lots of attention.** Spend time together doing things that you both enjoy, such as going for walks, playing with their favorite toys, grooming them, and snuggling together.
- **Be consistent.** Let your actions show your dog that you are a reliable partner.
- **Be positive.** Training techniques that reward good behavior are best. Heap on the praise and avoid anything that feels like punishment. Continue working with your dog throughout their life to build a team mentality.

Can You Hurt a Dog's Feelings? - continued

- **Sometimes let your dog be in charge.** Dogs are often willing to go along with what we want, but sometimes it's nice to let them have a say. For example, go out on scent walks where your dog gets to pick the pace and route (as long as it's safe!), or don't force your dog to wear a Halloween costume if it's obvious that they're miserable in it.

If you put in the work to develop a strong bond with your dog, they'll forgive you if you occasionally hurt their feelings.

WRITTEN BY

Jennifer Coates, DVM

Veterinarian

Dr. Jennifer Coates is an accomplished veterinarian, writer, editor, and consultant with years of experience in the fields of veterinary...

For complete article—URL—Can You Hurt a Dog's Feelings? | PetMD

Submitted by Monica Nolan

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 INSTRUCTORS FOR NEW CLASS START DATES

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

NEW 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—Thursday evenings in Moorpark 6 to 7:30 PM

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

Wednesday early evening in Moorpark 4 to 5:30 PM

Contact Shiro Torquato for information— drshiro2000@gmail.com

Upcoming AKC Events

2025

- Nov 15, 16 – Samoyed Club of Los Angeles – City of Industry – Agility - Agility [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
- Nov 21-23 – Buenaventura Dog Training Club – Agility – Camarillo - Jennifer Gysler, Event Secretary
- Nov 22-23 – Southland Weimaraner Club – Acton – **Fast CAT**
- Nov 28 – Southern California Collie Club – Chino – **All Breed Herding Testing only (PT, HT, Instinct)**
- Nov 29-30 – Border Collie Club of Greater LA – Chino – **All Breed Herding Trial Course A/B and HT/PT/Instinct Testing**
- Nov 29-30 – Keeshond Club as So Cal – Agility – City of Industry - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
- **Dec 4 – Poodle Club of So Cal – Agility – Camarillo - [Upcoming Trials – Weekday Wing Ding Agility Trials](#)**
- **Dec 5-7 – Valley Hills Obedience Club – Agility – Camarillo - [Upcoming Trials – Weekday Wing Ding Agility Trials](#)**
- Dec 6-8 – Belgian Tervuren Club of So Cal. Lancaster - **Herding – C course, PT and HT**
- Dec 13-14 – Standard Schnauzer Club of So Cal – Agility – City of Industry [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
- Dec 20-21 – South Coast Vizsla Club – Claremont – [Scent Work Detective only](#)
- Dec 27-28 – Border Collie Club of Gtr LA – Agility – Camarillo - [Upcoming Trials – Weekday Wing Ding Agility Trials](#)
- Dec 29 – Gtr LA Scent Work Club – Agility - Camarillo - - [Upcoming Trials – Weekday Wing Ding Agility Trials](#)

2026

- Jan 3-4, 2026 – Keeshond Club of So Cal – Agility – City of Industry - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
- Jan 9 – [Scent Work Club of the San Gabriel Foothills – Arcadia - \[Scent Work Detective only\]\(#\)](#)
- Jan 10-11 – [Scent Work Club of the San Gabriel Foothills – Altadena - \[Scent Work Trial\]\(#\)](#)
- Jan 9-11 – Golden State Rottweiler Club – Agility – Camarillo - [Jump City Agility](#)
- Jan 16-18 – Moorpark Kennel Club – Agility – Camarillo - [Jump City Agility](#)
- Jan 24-25 – Dog Agility Club of Ventura – Agility – City of Industry - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
- Jan 31 – Feb 1 – So Cal Portuguese Water Dog Club – City of Industry - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
- Feb 7-8 – Samoyed Club of LA – Agility – Camarillo - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
- Feb 12 – Ventura County Scent Work Club – Agility – Camarillo - [Upcoming Trials – Weekday Wing Ding Agility Trials](#)
- Feb 13-15 – Contact Point Agility Club of LA – Agility – Camarillo - [Upcoming Trials – Weekday Wing Ding Agility Trials](#)
- Feb 21-22 – South coast Vizsla Club – Agility – Norco - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
- Feb 21-22 – German Shepherd Dog Club of the San Gabriel Valley – Lancaster – **All Breed Herding A and C Course – HT/PT Testing**
- Feb 27 - Scent Work Club of the San Gabriel Foothills – Covina - [Scent Work Detective only](#)
- Feb 28-March 1 - Scent Work Club of the San Gabriel Foothills – Rosemead - Scent Work Trial
- Feb 27-March 1 – Australian Cattle Dog Club of Gtr LA – Chino – **All Breed Herding A and B course – HT/PT Testing**

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.

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://ascacalendar.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://lyndatjarksagility.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://barnhuntassociation.com)

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)

Allison Pobirs and Claire

Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association, AKC Scentwork Trials October 11th, at Bonn-Fyre Farms

Claire and I were entered in two rounds of Novice Exteriors, one to title, one for insurance.

Judge—Patti Garcia

Novice Exteriors **SEN - Element Title**

Scentwork Novice **SWN - Level Title**



Laurie Burnam and Tesla

Australian Shepherd Club of S Calif. , ASCA Rally, Juniper Hills, CA

Nov 7, 2025

Master B 198 3rd place 2nd X leg

Master B 196 3rd place 3rd X leg

Rally Master Excellent RMX Title #78

Diane Schlesinger and Maple Cider

On November 8 at the VCDFA Trial , her second AKC Scent Work trial, Maple Cider earned qualifying scores (Q's) in all four of her searches and took second place in the Novice A Exteriors search.



Monica Nolan and Augie

Scentwork—What a weekend Augie had at the October 11-12 VCDFA AKC's Scentwork trial. This was his second trial in this sport. On Saturday he cleaned up - Q'ing in everything, ribboned in 7 out of 9 classes, earned **Novice Element titles in four areas - Containers, Buried, Exteriors and Interiors** and ended up with the Novice Combined High in Trial! With completing all the element titles he earned the overall **Novice Scent work Title**. On Sunday he moved up to Advanced where he double Q'd in all four Elements.



Monica Nolan and Rose

Obedience—Rose picked up a 1st place Q at the October 26 Pasanita trial in Graduate Novice with a very respectable score of 195.

Monica Nolan with Augie and Rose

Agility—Had time to squeeze in one day at the November 8th Juniper Hills ASCA trial.

Augie Q'd and ribboned in 4 out of 5 classes, bringing him even closer to his ATCH - just 25 points away!

Rose also had a good day, Q'ing in 3 classes which was enough to earn her **three Open titles - Gamblers, Jumpers & Regulars!**



Monica Nolan and Rose

Rally—Ms Rose was in two rally trials this month.

At the Pasanita trial she triple Q'd (99,98,99) and earned her **Rally Master2 title**.

At the November 9th GSD Rally Trial, she finished her 20th triple Q, scoring 100 in all three classes, and earned her **RAE2 title**.

To top it off, she won both **High in Trial and High Combined!** What a nice way to tie it all up!



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Shirley Miller and Coco

Coco continues her dancing career with owner Shirley Miller and Dogs Can Dance classes!



What Is The Challenge

The Dogs Can Dance Challenge® embraces and expands upon the musical canine freestyle world by offering titling opportunities, not competition. Each performance earns points toward the division title of their choice. A handler may register an individual dog or an entire team of dogs as their freestyle partner. All handlers will pass the Entry Level, demonstrating the skills necessary to succeed in the Challenge. Comments and scoring by a panel of five judges encourages growth and education with each performance. There is a place for you within the Dogs Can Dance Challenge®



Cynthia Binder and Beyya

My youngster Beyya finally finished her **Novice JWW title** on Saturday and got a Q towards Open FAST.

Then on Sunday she went to the GSD rally show and earned a **triple Q with a score of 299/300!**



Debbie Lang and Panda

Panda is only entered in the ACE Senior Dog Regular classes at the ASCA trials now chasing points for her second ACE

Oct 19, 2025—TCASWA Agility Trial in Chino—10 point Q

Oct 26, 2025—ASCSC Agility Trial in Juniper Hills—5 pt Q



Adrian Smith and Flynn

Our youngster Flynn had a good time at the Antelope Valley Stockdog Club herding trials held at Bel Canto Ranch between Oct 17-19, 2025. These were his first herding trials and he took second place in all three trials that he ran (started D-course sheep on Friday and started A-course sheep on Saturday / Sunday).

Thank you to the Antelope Valley Stockdog Club for putting on the trials and to judge Roy Sage who was a pleasure to trial under.

Rigel In Like Flynn (Bryce x Bree) – bred, trained and handled by Adrian Smith.



Sue Rasmussen and Cooper

Cooper (Golden Retriever) = Premiere's Snowburst Applause CD SWN CGCA TKI ATT

earned his **Advanced Scent Work title** in one weekend at VCDFC trial at Bonn-Fyre Farms. Cooper brought home 2 firsts, 4 seconds, 3 thirds and 2 fourths (and 3 fifths) and qualified in 17 out of 18 events.



Lori Borenstein and Indy

I'm happy to share that Indy earned **his Companion Dog "CD" title** under Judge Donna Meade on September 21st at the German Shepherd Dog Club of the San Gabriel Valley, Inc.



Shiro Torquato and Archer

October 11, 2025, Ventura County Dog Fanciers Scent Work Trial, Bonn-Fyre Farm Moorpark

Qualified in all four elements in Novice A; Container, Buried, Interior and Exterior. Took 2nd place in Container.

November 9, 2025, Ventura County Dog Fanciers Scent Work Trials

Bonn-Fyre Farm Moorpark

Trial 1: Qualified in Novice A Container, Buried, Interior and Exterior. Took 3rd place in both Container and Buried and 4th place in Interior.

Trial 2: Qualified in Novice A Container, Interior and Exterior. Took 3rd place in Exterior and 4th place in Container.



VHOC began offering Scent work classes late last year. In January, Archer and I started training in the new beginning Scent work class taught by Jinny Chow. I knew that my Lab with an intense prey drive would love this sport. We entered our first trial in October and qualified in all four elements. I was so pleased when I learned we actually placed in one element! This past weekend we entered two concurrent trials. I was hoping to qualify in all 8 searches to earn our Novice Scent Work title, but the winds were not in our favor. Although I can't complain. We qualified in 7/8 searches and placed in 5 of them! We also earned Novice **element titles in Container, Interior and Exterior**. The best part was hanging out with and cheering on our classmates, fellow club members and instructors. Scent work is such a fun sport!

Cynthia Casby with Potter and Gryff

“My Gryff and Potter did well at the VCDFA Scent Work trial last weekend.

Potter earned 5 more legs Saturday and 1 more Sunday (with a 3rd place) and now has two Novice legs in all elements, after only two trials.

Gryff at his very first trial earned 7 legs, including two 1sts and two 4ths.”



Debbie Lang with Panda, Max and Morgan

We went to the Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association Scent Work trial held at Bonn-Fyre Farms in Moorpark on Nov 8th and 9th.

Panda - was 4 for 4 qualifying twice in Advanced Buried and twice in Advanced Containers

Max—was 4 for 6 qualifying in Novice Containers with a 1st and a 2nd place. Finishing his **Novice Container Title (SCN)** and earning the **Novice Scent Work Title (SWN)**. He also earned an Advanced Interior and an Advanced Exterior qualifying score.

Morgan—was 5 for 6 qualifying in Novice Exterior twice with a 1st and 4th place earning his **Novice Scent Work Exterior (SEN) title**. He qualified in Novice Buried with a 4th and 2nd place, and he qualified in Novice Interior.





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November 30th



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