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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL THE DADS
WHOSE BABIES
HAVE PAWS.



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No June General Meeting

REMINDER

Remember to check the website
<http://www.vhoc.org>
for announcements, cancelled classes,
upcoming events and other important club information.

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*Do you have a brag? Did you get a new puppy? Is your dog celebrating a birthday?
Do you have other dog-related news, photos, articles, humor or upcoming events you'd like to share?*

*Do you have a canine product or service you'd like to promote?
Ads are only \$10.00 a month, or \$50.00 for an entire year.*

Email me for more information, or just send your stuff to:

Debbie Lang at
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Submission deadline is the 8th of each month

This is YOUR Newsette...make it great!

VHOC'S Foundation Class for Competition Obedience

Current openings for new students!

This class is held on Thursday evenings from 7-8 pm in a beautiful Simi Valley neighborhood.

Give your dog a head start for competition!

Full class description is on the VHOC.org website.

Please email Patti Rovtar at rovstar@dslextrême if interested!



#1 ROTTWEILER AKC & ARC OBEDIENCE

"PIPPY"

**OTCH2 SILVERHEART'S STORYBOOK
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OWNED, LOVED, AND TRAINED BY PATTI ROVTAR

2019 Top 100 Obedience Dog (All Breed) • Front and Finish

#1 Utility and Open • 2019 American Rottweiler Club

#1 Utility, #3 Open • 2018 American Rottweiler Club

Top Ten Obedience Utility, Open & Novice: 2017, 2016 American Rottweiler Club

13 High in Trial • All Breed

13 High Combined • All Breed

17 High Score • Working Group

2 High in Trial • Rottweiler



Bred by Catherine O'Donnell



RATTLESNAKE AVERSION TRAINING FOR DOGS

*TRAIN YOUR DOG TO DETECT AND AVOID RATTLESNAKES
IT COULD SAVE A LIFE*

ONE-ON-ONE TRAINING

Pre-Registration Required

<https://rattlesnakeclinic.as.me>

May 30

Private ranch in Agua Dulce

(address will be provided at time of registration)

Professional dog trainer Fred Presson of High On Kennels, www.highonkennels.com, provides one-on-one training for your dog to understand and avoid the sight, scent and sound of a rattlesnake. Training is app. 20 minutes, \$85 fee per dog.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Debbie Sharpton, event organizer
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California Victory: AB 702 to be Pulled from Committee Agenda



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

April 27, 2021

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/california-victory-ab-702-pulled-committee-agenda/>

AKC has been notified that California Assembly Bill 702, which would have regulated all breeders in the state, will be pulled from today's committee hearing agenda and not be considered this year. As such, we no longer need clubs and hobbyists to make phone calls during today's meeting.

AKC extends a huge thanks to all the club members, federations, and breeders who took the time to contact the author's office and committee members over the past several weeks. Your efforts made a tremendous difference for dogs and responsible AKC breeders!

AKC Government Relations staff had numerous meetings and communications with the author's office, committee members, and key staff members. Your phone calls and letters supported these efforts and demonstrated that AB 702 was not a good solution for California.

We also thank the California Animal Welfare Association, NAIA, sportsmen groups, and many others who also worked to advocate for a better solution for California.

AKC looks forward to working with California lawmakers, shelters, clubs, and other stakeholders to develop reasonable, effective solutions that will truly benefit animals in the state.

We will continue to provide updates on California legislative issues. For questions or more information, contact AKC Government Relations at doglaw@akc.org.

April General Meeting

We want to thank April Vaillancourt from High Desert Dog Sports for being our presenter for April's General Meeting. April shared with us information about NASDA (North American Dog Sport Association) Working Dog Trials. NASDA Working Dog Trials NASDA trials offer disciplines for all dogs. Open to all breed and mixed breed dogs.

Trailing and Locating: These trials challenge your dog to follow a scent trail to find a rat. They are out in the open, the rats are contained in Quarry boxes and are completely safe.

Urban Locating: Designed to simulate real ratting dogs that are used to rid buildings and urban areas of vermin, all breeds get to have the fun of hunting down the rats in urban settings- barns, buildings, sheds.

Shed Dog: This sport originated when hunters needed to find a job for their dogs in the off-season to keep them in shape. The sport of shed hunting utilizes a dog's sense of smell to find naturally shed antlers from deer and elk. These sheds are valuable and many people actually sell the sheds that they find! During a trial, we place sheds in areas for the dogs to find! The dogs love it! And it is a skill they can use in the real world to earn their keep!!

Lost Item Recovery: Tired of looking for your keys or your cell phone? Teach your dog to find it!! In lost item recovery- dogs start by finding items with your scent, and in the next level they are taught to find items with a stranger's scent! A useful and challenging game that puts your dog's nose to the test!

The next NASDA Trial at High Desert Dog Sports is June 26-27.



Master Handbook

Rules Applying to NASDA
Working Dog Events

Last Revised 12 March 1997

The North American Sporting Dog Association has more information at their website: <http://nasda.dog/>

Information about Registration, Rules and Regulations and upcoming events can be found on the website.



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FAREWELL TO DOROTHY MACDONALD

Dorothy MacDonald, renowned AKC judge, passed away on May 4, 2021 at the age 94. She was loved and respected by all who knew her, and very special to me because she finished my first show dog, Clancy, Windrose Rollickin' Red Spirit, CD CGC. (Carole Raschella)



Dorothy Macdonald was instrumental in helping the then Director of AKC Field Events, Ham Rowan, develop the Hunt Test programs for pointing breeds. In addition, Dorothy Macdonald has been on the faculty of the AKC Judging Institutes, helped develop the AKC Advanced Judging Institutes, and has been a consultant for many of the AKC Breed videos. She has written and lectured extensively on the history of dogs, both for AKC and the Canadian Kennel Club.

(information taken from:

<https://www.akc.org/press-releases/lifetime-achievement-awards-2004/>)

Farewell to Dorothy MacDonald

by Pat Trotter

Dorothy Macdonald went from judging astride a horse in field trials to appear years later judging BIS at Westminster in her Scottish clan's stunning tartan plaid kilt augmented by a gorgeous lace blouse and designer jacket. Dorothy Macdonald was truly one of a kind – dedicated to preserving the dual purpose of dogs in general and her beloved Brittany in particular. Her judging versatility is verified by the fact that she judged field trials, conformation dog shows and hunt tests! Furthermore, she was an intellectual student of dogs with what would amount to a PhD in any other endeavor.

The complete article written by Patricia V Trotter in Dog Shows magazine is available at the link below:

<https://www.dognews.com/dog-show-judge-and-brittany-fancier-Dorothy-Macdonald-passes-at-94>

How Hot is Too Hot? Heatstroke in Dogs

By [Harriet Meyers](#) May 06, 2021 | 3 Minutes

Key Points

- Heatstroke can saddle your dog with serious health problems.
- The most common cause of heatstroke is confining a dog to an enclosed car.
- Use cool, but not ice-cold, water to reduce your dog's body temperature.



Dogs are notoriously bad at dissipating body heat. Watch for early signs of heatstroke (also known as hyperthermia) in your dog to avoid serious outcomes.

What Is Heatstroke?

When a dog's internal body temperature goes above a normal temperature of 101.5 Fahrenheit (F), this is a fever and is called hyperthermia. When the body temperature is above 105F, the dog may be suffering from heatstroke.

Dogs have only a couple of ways to cool off: blood vessel expansion and panting. When [dogs pant](#), they evaporate moisture from their tongues, nasal passages, and the lining of their lungs, and this cools them down as air passes over the moist tissue. They also cool off via vasodilation. Blood vessels, especially in the ears and face, expand – bringing overheated blood closer to the surface to cool down.

The bottom surfaces of paws can [sweat](#), but not enough to make a difference. “Heatstroke usually occurs when high ambient temperature overcomes the dog's ability to dissipate heat. The degree of damage is determined by how high a body temperature is reached and how long the animal is exposed,” says Dr. Jerry Klein, AKC chief veterinary officer.

Signs to Watch Out For

Heatstroke in dogs is life threatening and can also result in very serious complications. There are early signs of heatstroke that you can be alert to that may help you remedy the condition before things get too serious.

Early signs of heatstroke include: heavy panting and rapid breathing, [excessive drooling](#), dry mucous membranes, bright red gums and tongue, skin hot to the touch, and a higher heart rate. Affected dogs become hyperactive and may have difficulty maintaining balance.

As exposure to excessive heat goes on, the dog's condition worsens and includes signs of shock: pale mucous membranes with white or blue gums, very rapid heart rate, and a drop in blood pressure. The dog hyperventilates, and [dehydration](#) becomes more severe. Pupils dilate, the pulse becomes more irregular, and the dog has muscle tremors; he may become lethargic and unwilling to move; urinate or defecate uncontrollably; collapse and become comatose.

Why Does Heatstroke Occur?

Heatstroke generally occurs during the hottest part of the year, especially when it is humid. Contributing factors include:

How Hot is Too Hot? Heatstroke in Dogs—continued

- **Breed:** Heatstroke can be seen in all breeds, but may be more likely in [longhaired](#) and [brachycephalic](#) (short-nosed) breeds.
- **Age:** Very young dogs, as well as older dogs are more susceptible.
- **Physical fitness:** Dogs that are [out of shape](#) are vulnerable when they exert a great deal of energy in excessively hot surroundings.
- **Weight:** Overweight and [obese dogs](#) are more likely to suffer.
- **Medical disorders:** [Hypothyroidism](#), cardiac disease, and laryngeal paralysis also contribute to heatstroke.
- **Environment:** The most common cause of heatstroke in dogs is [confinement in a closed automobile](#). The ambient temperature inside a closed car can become dangerously high in a matter of minutes, and the results can be fatal. Other causes of heatstroke can include being confined in an exercise pen without fresh water in direct sunlight and dogs left in cages for an extended period of time with cage driers on them unchecked.
- **Water:** Restricted access and not [drinking enough water](#) causes overheating.
- **Acclimation:** [Sudden change to a warmer climate](#) can cause heat stress.



How to Treat Heatstroke

Heatstroke therapy involves immediately trying to lower the dog's body temperature. If you notice signs of heatstroke in your dog, it's critical to stop any activity and help your dog cool down by:

- Walking or carrying the dog to a well ventilated, cool area.
- Spraying or sponging the dog with cool (not cold) or tepid water especially on the underside. Do not immerse the animal in cold water.
- Using a fan to blow cool air on him.

If you have a rectal thermometer, you should take your dog's temperature. [According to Dr. John Hamil, DVM](#), if the temperature is less than 105F, you should still consider this an emergency and immediately take your dog to your veterinarian. If the temperature is higher than 105F, try to cool the dog down, and after a few minutes retake the temperature. Don't reduce the temperature below 103F, because the temperature may descend to critical levels.

Immediately take your dog to your veterinarian as soon as the temperature reaches 103F or if you are unable to reduce the temperature significantly. Severely affected dogs require fluids, medication, support, and oxygen. Complications may not occur immediately, so it's important to let your veterinarian determine the type of follow-up treatment required.

Prevention Is the Best Medicine

Immediate action and correct treatment is so important because it can mean the difference between a swift and complete recovery and long-term complications. Some veterinarians also advise that once a dog has experienced heatstroke, it is more likely to reoccur.



Our dogs live to please us, and if we ask them to jog or hike or play catch, they'll do it with enthusiasm – even on the hottest days. So it's up to you to keep the weather in mind and [limit the time your dog exercises when the temperature soars](#). Choose cooler times of day for play or training sessions. Always provide plenty of cool fresh water, shade, and frequent rest periods when it's hot. And never leave your dog in the car – he may miss you, but he'll be better off waiting for you at home.

URL: https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/health/heatstroke-in-dogs/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=20210511_nibble-health_heatstroke-in-dogs&utm_content=hlth_p4&utm_term=Nibble_Health_Send_List

The Smallest War Hero



Smoky was found in a foxhole in New Guinea in Feb 1944. The American thought she must have been a Japanese soldier's dog, but when he took her to a POW camp, they found out she didn't understand commands in Japanese or English. The soldier sold Smoky to Cpl. William Wynne of Cleveland OH for 2 dollars Australian.

Over the next two years Wynne carried Smoky in his backpack, fought in the jungles of Rock Island and New Guinea, flew 12 air/sea rescue, She survived 150 air raids on New Guinea and made it through a typhoon at Okinawa, made a combat jump in Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, in a parachute made for her. She would warn G.I's of incoming artillery and was dubbed the "angel from a foxhole."

Early in retaking the Philippines combat engineers were setting up a telegraph line to an airfield. The joints collapsed filling them in with sand. Cpl. Wynne knew that Smoky could climb through the 70 foot long pipe with a new line and that is what she did. Smoky's work saved approximately 250 ground crewmen from having to move around and keep operational 40 fighters and reconnaissance planes, while a construction detail dug up the taxiway, placing the men and the planes in danger from enemy bombings. What would have been a dangerous three-day digging task to place the wire was instead completed in minutes.

In her down time she preformed tricks with the Special Services to improve the moral of the troops and visited hospitals in Australia and Korea. Visiting with the sick and wounded, she became the first recorded "therapy dog".

After the war she became a sensation back in the states, had a live TV show, and often visited Veterans hospitals. Smoky's work as a therapy dog continued for 12 years. Wynne had Smokey 14 years before she passed away. He buried her in a 30 caliber ammo box in Rocky River Reservation, Ohio.

Smoky, the smallest war hero weighing in at 4 lbs even and standing 7 inches tall.

Smokey—(c. 1943 – 21 February 1957)



VHOC members Kathy Spilos with Votan and Tommy Dickey with Summer pictured to the left with the nurses .

Lia (pictured below) joined Kathy and worked the second shift with Summer and Kona:



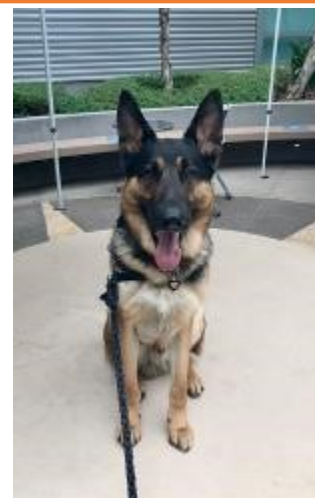
Love on a Leash Therapy Dogs Visiting again

Kathy Spilos shared, We did it! Our first post Covid therapy dog visit! I received a phone call from Kaiser - Los Angeles, "It's nurses week. Any chance the dogs could come and visit? We'll be outside the whole time!" So we gathered a few of our Love on a Leash veterans and VHOC members (Lia and Summer) and one newbie (Votan) to Kaiser LAMC's Paws of Love volunteer program who (along with their fully vaccinated humans) to properly say thank you to some of our heroes who helped so many through the scariest moments last year. We heard all kinds of stories - happy and sad, but the best news is as of Friday, there were only 2 Covid patients RECOVERING in the hospital! Masks notwithstanding - we were all smiling!

Tommy Dickey said Summer enjoyed getting back to work, and happily mentored our newest therapy dog, Votan!

Lia - Kathy Spilos says Lia was happy to be back at work:

Kathy Spilos says Votan is the newest therapy dog at Kaiser. Watching this youngster work - we decided he has all sorts of new ways to make humans smile!



Let's Talk about Anal Sacs in Dogs

January 29, 2021 / [Nutrition](#) / By [Hemopet](#)



Boot scooting. We've all seen our companion dogs do it. Your kids laugh and you are grossed out thinking about all of the bacteria spreading all over your carpet or favorite rug. Even just biting or licking around the bottom can be rather disgusting and is possibly triggered by the same thing. So, why do dogs have the need to scoot or lick and we don't?

Dogs might be trying to rid their bottoms of dried feces or even parasitic worm infestation, but more than likely it is caused by a common condition known as anal sac disease. Before we get to that, we first need to discuss the location of a dog's anal sacs. By the way, many of us commonly refer to them as "anal glands".

Anal Sac Location

Dogs have two anal sacs located just outside the muscles of their rectum. Think of an analog clock with hands. One sac is located at the four o'clock position and the other is at eight o'clock.

Second, we need to discuss the purpose of a dog's anal sacs.

Purpose of the Anal Sacs

Have you ever noticed a very odiferous smell after your companion dog drags his bottom across the floor and that it does not smell like gas? That is because a dog's anal sacs are made of sebaceous glands that store a foul-smelling fluid. When expressed or pressured, the fluid is excreted through a small duct that opens inside the anus.

The purpose of the anal sacs is actually quite primal: dogs are marking territory to alert other dogs and animals.

Anal Sac Disease: What is going on?

In addition to boot scooting or biting the anus, other symptoms may be diarrhea, constipation, difficulty pooping, or the bad smell.

So, what is going on?

Impaction occurs when there is not enough pressure to express the sacs, which can cause a painful buildup of the fluid.

Infection of the anal sacs typically occurs because of the impaction. Infections are generally treated with antibiotics.

Let's Talk about Anal Sacs in Dogs—continued

All of which can lead to abscesses that could burst through the skin. If your dog gets to that point, you should take him to a veterinarian immediately. In fact, if your dog is scooting frequently, that's a reason to seek out veterinary care anyway.

How can you reduce or minimize the frequency of scooting anal gland expression?

Conventional Methods of Anal Sac Expression

Many companion dog owners are familiar with veterinarians or groomers expressing a dog's anal glands.

Veterinarians typically use the internal method. Groomers often use the external method. Both techniques are best left to the experts. Don't try them yourself.

In any event, over dependence on either method can lead to inflammation and/or tissue damage.

How else can you reduce the frequency of bottom scooting without such invasive and potentially damaging tissue?

More Natural Measures to Reduce Bottom Scooting

Increase Soluble Dietary Fiber

You're thinking, "My dog eats a grain-free diet." You can add grain-free soluble fiber to your dog's diet to bulk up his stool. You can try canned [pumpkin](#), carrots or [sweet potato](#). Start off with a small amount for small dogs and work your way up to a tablespoon. For bigger dogs, work up to two tablespoons per day. Be careful, you don't want to have too much as it could lead to the opposite effect: diarrhea.

Commercial products are available as well – just check online for 'Anal Gland Supplements'.

Do you notice how we keep talking about *pressure* on the anal sacs? That's because if you bulk up the stool, it puts pressure on the glands to express naturally.

Change Type of Diet

If you talk to companion pet parents who feed raw, homemade, canned or dehydrated (reconstituted before serving), many of them will tell you that the stool size of their pets decreased and became harder. No, their dogs are not dehydrated or constipated. In fact, these [types](#) of foods are moisture-rich and may apply more pressure to express the glands.

Other Ideas

Apply warm compress on, or run warm water over, rectum

[Exercise](#)

Add [probiotics](#) (discuss with your veterinarian first)

OK, are you saying, "Dr. Dodds, I've tried everything on your list thus far and nothing has worked"?

In that instance, we recognize there could be another condition that is causing anal sac disease or the scooting.

Let's Talk about Anal Sacs in Dogs—continued

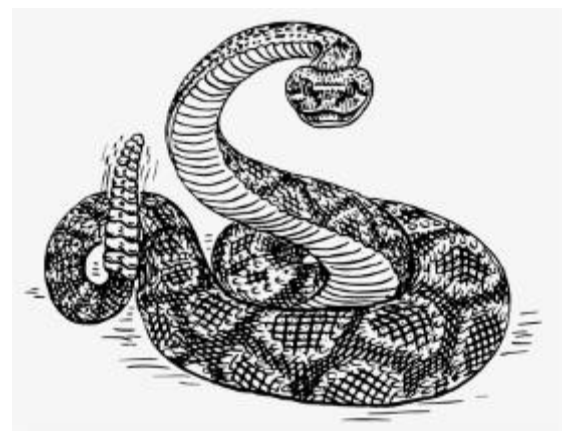
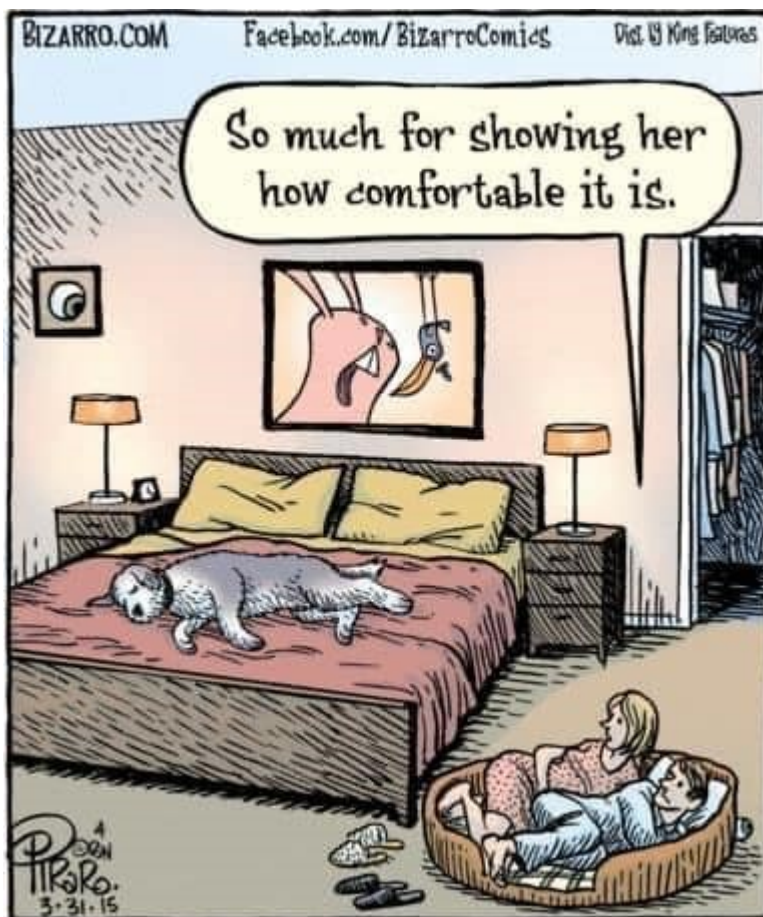
Conditions Causing Scooting

- Anal sac cancer
- Deep skin infections or [mite](#) infestations
- [Environmental allergies](#)
- [Food intolerances](#) – A food intolerance concerns a specific protein or proteins from meat or grains in the diet that are causing a lack of anal gland expression due to excess diarrhea or constipation.
- [Hypothyroidism](#)
- [Intestinal Worms](#)
- [Obesity](#)
- Rectal prolapse
- Tumors

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It is that time of year—
watch out for Rattlesnakes



Laurie Burnam and Scusi

April 29, 2021, Greater LA Scent Work Club, Stone Pony Ranch Moorpark, AKC Agility

Master Standard 100 Q 1st place 13 MACH points

Master JWW 100 Q 2nd place 3 MACH points

20th double Q MACH

Yippee skippy, Scusi finally got her agility MACH. It was bloody hot out there but didn't bother this team. Now I can exhale.

MACH 1 ATCH 1 NATCH 2 VERSATILITY NATCH 2 ALL AROUND NATCH 1 RTCH StarN Ewe
Meant To Intervene ASCA/AKC UD VER BN ODX RAE RTX HSAs STDs MXB MJB MFB TQX T2B2
GS-E-SP JS-E-SP CGCA CGCU TKA

Now to figure out my next goals, still more alphabets to achieve



Braggs



The Great Pyrenees Club of America
Great Pyrenees Hero & Achievement Awards Committee

Dear Tommy,

Congratulations!

I am happy to inform you that Summer has been awarded both the Service Dog Achievement Award and the Community Achievement Award by the Great Pyrenees Hero & Achievement Awards Committee of the Great Pyrenees Club of America.

Service Dog Achievement Award This award is granted to a Great Pyrenees trained to provide a service to an owner, for one act or series of related acts that provided an opportunity for the owner that is significantly above and beyond typical daily living, education and career activities. This award may also be given to a service dog that acts intuitively in a situation for which it is not trained. For example, a service dog assisting a wheelchair-bound owner complete a marathon, or a mobility dog alerting to a medical condition for which it was not trained. For this award, the dog and owner will receive a certificate.

Community Achievement Award This award is granted to a Great Pyrenees that is not therapy certified or trained to provide a service to an owner.* The actions of this dog should showcase the temperament of the breed, its friendliness, loyalty and/or intuition. For example: significant participation in community work or activities; being featured in a news or magazine article, TV program, museum program or similar; befriending an invalid, handicapped, child, elder or other person in need of comfort (this person cannot be the owner, and this interaction cannot be directed or trained by the owner). For this award, the dog and owner will receive a certificate. (*This award may be made to a service dog or a certified therapy dog for actions outside of their normal service dog/therapy dog activities.)

We are proud, as we know you are, of the way in which Summer exemplifies that admirable traits of the Great Pyrenees – a fearless, loyal guardian who is also independent, attentive and affectionate – and has gone “above and beyond” to earn this award.

We hope you will share a photo of yourself and Summer with your award certificate!

Sincerely,

Laurie J. Greaney
Chair, Great Pyrenees Hero & Achievement Awards Committee

Brags

Summer 2020 Great Pyrenees 2020 Hero & Achievement Awards

What a wonderful surprise! Thanks so much from Summer, Terrie, and me. We are so grateful for your recognition of Summer's good deeds. Terrie and I plan to attend the GPCA Specialty in Virginia in November and hope to see all of you there. We plan to be selling our four Great Pyrenees children's books, including 'Summer the Therapy Dog', with profits going to the GPCA Versatility Committee and therapy dog organizations. We have recently donated the first three books to all 250 Children's hospitals in the U.S. The last of the four, a Christmas book, is about to be published.

In answer to your question about Saugus. Sadly, a sixteen year old boy shot five of his schoolmates on November 14, 2019 at Saugus High School. Two of the students died, the others were injured, and the shooter committed suicide. One of our therapy dog organizations, Alliance for Therapy Dogs (ATD), organized therapy dog visits to the students of the Saugus schools. Summer participated in several days of visits as soon as students were allowed to return to their campuses. Summer and I also spent time at a memorial in a park near Saugus High School comforting the many mourners who came to honor the victims. On the anniversary of the mass shooting, a video commemorating the sad event was presented to the Saugus community. The video highlighted pictures and videos of the therapy dogs and handlers who had comforted the schools' students, faculty, and staff in the aftermath of the shooting. The final image of this video showed a picture of Summer and myself taken in a poppy field not far from the schools.

Earlier, Summer had met with the families of victims of a tragic dive boat fire that occurred off Santa Cruz Island on September 2, 2019. The death toll was 34 and 5 persons survived with serious injuries. The memorial service that she participated in was held at the Santa Monica Pier.

Summer follows in the footsteps of our Great Pyrenees Teddy and Mia who had provided comfort at memorials in response to the mass murders of UCSB students near our campus in May 2014.

Teddy and Mia were also asked by the UCSB Health Center to attract students to be vaccinated for a rare form of meningitis that struck the UCSB campus in February 2014. After their photos were displayed on the front page of the campus newspaper, they met students prior to their vaccinations. Many told us they would not have come for the vaccinations without the chance to see Teddy and Mia.

Thanks again on behalf of Terrie, Summer and myself.

Sincerely,

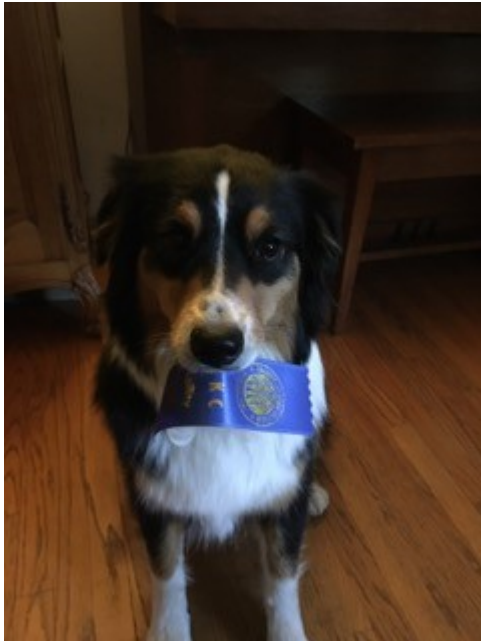
Tommy Dickey

PS Terrie Strom bred and has co-owned all of the Great Pyrenees mentioned here. Without her support, none of these honors would have been possible.



Braggs

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What a fun day. This was the first trial for Tesla, Max and Morgan. They all did great, despite the heat of the day.

Very proud of all three of them.

Laurie Burnam & Tesla

April 29, 2021, Greater LA Scent Work Club
AKC Agility Trial, Stone Pony Ranch
Moorpark, CA:

Novice Fast Preferred 58 opening points 1st
place 1st leg

First time in an AKC agility trial, my wild
bouncy girl managed to pull it off.

Debbie Lang and Max

April 29, 2021—GLASWC Agility Trial, Judge
Mark Upshaw, Stone Pony, Moorpark, CA:

Max was only entered in JWW for his first trial.

Novice JWW—1st Leg—score of 100, 1st place



Debbie Lang and Morgan

April 29, 2021—GLASWC Agility Trial, Judge
Mark Upshaw, Stone Pony, Moorpark, CA:

Morgan was only entered in STD for his first
trial.

Novice STD—1st Leg—score of 100, 1st place

Brag

Debbie Lang and Panda

May 2, 2021, CVASC ASCA Rally Trial, Tulare, CA:

Panda earned her needed Rally Double Q (Master B and Excellent B) under a 3rd judge for her ASCA **REM title. (Rally Excellent Masters)**



Kellie Stover with Emmie and Mia

Emmie earned her **MDD (Master Draft Dog)** with the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America. (5 passes in open drafting).

GCH CH Quartz Mountain Easter Award Winning, CD BN RN FDC CGC CGCA TKN DD NDD ANDD GNDD NBDD MDD NWPD IT VGS

Mia earned her **GNDD (Graduate Novice Draft Dog)** (5 passes in novice draft dog)

MBISS GCHB CH Alpinex Precious Silver RN CGC CGCA NDD GNDD TKN NWPD WPD



Emmie

Mia

Deanne Smith bragged that

Star handled by Adrian earned her **HSDs title**

And will now be know as Rigel's Wish Upon A Star HSDs SIN SEN CGC



Laurie Burnam & Scusi

May 6, 2021 , American Toy Fox Terrier Club, Agility, Stone Pony Ranch

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Master Standard 100 Q 4th Place 14 MACH points 14th Q to Master Silver
Master JWW 100 Q 2nd Place 4 MACH points 19th Q to Master Silver

After the stress of getting the MACH, these classes were run with ease, go figure.

Laurie Burnam and Tesla

Tesla ran in Novice Fast Preferred, although she was crazy with excitement and kept jumping up and down, we did get the gamble and enough points to Q, but I didn't realize it till I got home and saw the video that they did not count a 6 point jump as getting it. Bummer, but there will be many more tries in her future.

In Novice Standard Preferred she was more focused, but too many run by contact obstacles to Q, although once redirected she did them with ease.

Nonetheless we had a blast and she got to have a turn after waiting around all these months with her big sister.

Cynthia Casby with Mac, Potter and Gryff

Mac finished his Novice Std Pref last weekend. He has now finished the **NJP and NAP Novice class titles.**

Potter earned a Novice Fast Preferred leg (the first time I have ever Q'd in FAST) so that was a thrill.

Potter also, got her last Open JWW Pref leg and graduated to Excellent (That's actually 5 legs as she had two at 24" and this was her 3rd leg in Preferred.) **New Title OJP**

Gryff started Scent Works this month and is doing great! We really love it.

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Flo Walberg and Ashley

Ashley had just finished her Utility degree and I shuffled her off to Ocala, Florida. We just got back last Sunday. She had already won 2 High in Trials and a High Combined and now she was showing at the Rottweiler Nationals! She was awesome! The first day she won utility with a 195.5 and open with a 199.5. The second day she won again and in utility she got a 198.5 and open a 199, so we got 2 more HIT's and HC's. Was a fabulous trip with an awesome dog!!! She picked up a few prizes, too!!! **UD Title**



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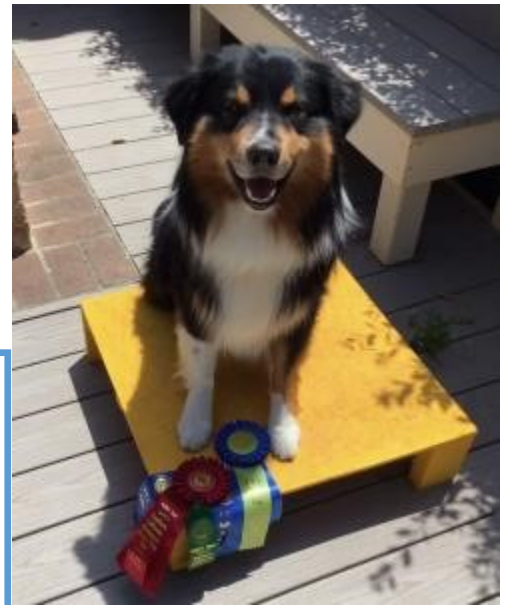
Cathy Davis and Gaga

Gaga was in a Scent work trial at Stone Pony. Placing 1st in both of her classes.

Monica Nolan and Augie

This was an agility month for us. Augie picked up 2 Qs in Open Fast and earned his third Q in Open Jumpers with a nice 1st place run. On to Excellent!

OJ Title



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Robyn Zeldon and Luca

Luca Q'ed and **Titled in Advanced Buried** to earn her **Scent Work Advanced Title** at the AKC VCSWC scent work trial May 2, 2021, at Stone Pony, Moorpark, CA.

She also Q'ed in Excellent Exteriors Excellent Containers



Diana Schlesinger and Apple

After barely training or trialing in agility during the pandemic, Diane and Apple were happy to trial on May 8 at Jump City Agility's first trial since January 2020.

Apple earned a 1st place ribbon in Master Preferred JWW, a 2nd place ribbon in Excellent Preferred Fast, and a 3rd place ribbon in Master Preferred Standard.



Jane Nye and Grey

Grey the Cardigan Welsh Corgi received several **new titles – Rally Advanced, Rally Excellent, BN-V, and CD-V.**

At just 20 months, Grey will be entered in his first Agility trial at the end of May!

Just love working with this boy!





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Dear Mom,

I thank you for the food you bring, And for that little squeaky thing.
You make sure someone's here each day, Even when you are away.



Thank you for my daily walks; not being mad when I eat socks.
You always bring home things to chew; And still clean up my awful poo.

You fluff my bed, and brush my fur, You clean my teeth and calm my
Grrr...

You let me sleep atop the bed, And never care I'm not purebred.

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Your dogs

