

# **VHOC is High Scoring Obedience Team and High Scoring Rally Team**



**Congratulations  
to our  
Top Dog  
Obedience  
and  
Rally Teams**



**2024 VHOC Top Dog  
Rally Team**

## VHOC Sweeps TOP DOG Competition!

Submitted by Monica Nolan

On Saturday November 9, Valley Hills sent six members to compete in Southern California Dog Obedience Council (SCDOC)'s Top Dog competition held at Pikes Peak Park, Norco. Five clubs participated: Lomita, SWOC, Santa Ana Valley, VHOC and NABOC.

VHOC members and their dogs included Laurie Burnam and Tesla, Gail Larman and Sage, Monica Nolan with Augie and Rose, Shiro Torquato and Archer, Flo Walberg and Ashley, and David Zelitsky with Rush. In addition to the above, TD rules allowed teams to pick up at large people the day of the trial to fill out their roster. Mary Kinsler, from Pasanita, joined our team with her two dogs Marley and Bianca.

### Obedience

In Obedience, three team members competed per class, with the two best scores turned in for scoring. Here are the class teams and best scores:

#### Novice

Laurie Burnam & Tesla -197.5

Mary Kinsler & Marley – 196.5

Shiro Torquato & Archer

#### Open

Mary Kinsler & Bianca – 198.5

Gail Larman & Sage – 168

Monica Nolan & Rose

#### Utility

David Zelitsky & Rush – 197

Flo Walberg & Ashley – 196.5

Monica Nolan & Augie

**Valley Hills took 1<sup>st</sup> place with a total score of 1154!** Scores of the other clubs were:

2nd place -SWOC - 969.5

3rd place Santa Ana KC - 946.5

4th place NABOC - 920

**In addition, VHOC took 1<sup>st</sup> place in each of the classes – Novice, Open and Utility!** And Mary walked away with the HIT award. VHOC earned \$200 for the win.

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### Rally

The Rally competition was new to Top Dog. Each club had a four-person team and competed as a relay – i.e. time started when the first member passed the Start sign and finished when the last member passed the Finish sign. Scores from the four members were added together and turned in with the total team time. Our Rally team:

Laurie & Tesla

Shiro & Archer

Monica & Rose

David & Rush.

**VHOC came in first with an impressive score of 391 out of 400** – with both Tesla and Rose earning 100s! We also had the fastest time. VHOC received \$150 for the win.

Scores of the other teams were:

2nd place Santa Ana - 376

3rd place Lomita - 374

4th place Santa Ana – 372

All in all, a great day – perfect weather, friendly competition, great team comradery, and blue ribbons all around. And in the end, worth the drive!



David  
Zelitsky  
and  
Rush  
Utility  
And  
Rally



Flo Walberg and Ashley—Utility



Monica  
Nolan  
and Augie  
Utility





Mary Kinsler and Bianca in Open

We didn't have a picture of Mary Kinsler and Marley, who participated in Novice on behalf of VHOC.

We ended up being short a person due to a last minute change in a team members plans. The TOP DOG rules allow for a club to pickup a non-member participant at the trial when they lose a team member within a specified period of time. Mary is a member of Pasanita which did not have a team in the TOP DOG competition but she was there to compete individually. We were extremely happy to have her join our team.

Thank you Mary!!



Gail  
And Sage  
Open



Monica Nolan  
And Rose  
Open  
And Rally





Laurie Burnam  
and  
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Novice  
And Rally



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And Rally



Laurie Burnam  
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