



Newsette



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I hope everyone had a safe and sane 4th



Avoid putting your pet through the pain – and save yourself the time and money spent on vet care. If you wouldn't walk outside barefoot yourself, don't make your dog suffer through it.

Burned paws after a mile-long walk on hot pavement. The hospital said he wasn't whining or limping, and his owner had no idea what happened.

Don't let this happen to your dog this summer!

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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Submission deadline is the 8th of each month

This is YOUR Newsette...make it great!

A big Thank You to Shiro Torquato for the great June General Meeting where we had the Trick Dog and CGC Testing along with a wonderful Title Plaque and 2022 Annual Awards Presentation by Ann Hills and Allison Pobirs.

Below is a condensed version of the 2022 Title Plaque and Annual Award recipients. For pictures of all the actual winners check out the VHOC Special Edition which all the member received.

https://www.vhoc.org/_files/ugd/b0639f_3b145e39b96f425cb052ebd116693a82.pdf

2022 Valley Hills Obedience Club Annual Awards



#1 TITLE PLAQUES:

Laurie Burnam & Scusi MXS ATCH 3

Laurie Burnam & Tesla OFP NA NAJ JSA-N-OP GSA-O RS-N GS-N JS-N GS-N-OP S-GR-I CGC-A
CGC-U

Yvonne Garst & Herman Jo CGC TKN

Ann Hills & Toqui HT PT IAC NAC IJC O-IJA ICC O-ICC NJC NCC TG-N WV-N

Sue Ingham & Flame TL-II UL-II SD-II TB-II VL-S SD-IIX UL-III TL-III LI-III MLICH SVS

Debbie Lang & Fable HSAsM

Debbie Lang & Max RE HSAd AXJ OF CGC JS-N GS-N STDd STDs

Debbie Lang & Morgan CH BN RE NF OF AX AXJ CGC

Debbie Lang & Panda RM4 RM5 HSAd MXP MFP MJP TQXP MXP2 MJP2 MXPB MJPB MXP3
MFPB CGCU RS-E GV-E-OP JV-E-OP OTDs

Kathy Mitchell & Cheers DDX

Monica Nolan & Augie VER RACH XF AX AXJ THDN CD JS GS GR-O TN-N

Monica Nolan & Rosie RN TKN TKI CGC

Jane Nye & Grey CDX RM RAE FDC BCAT

Jane Nye & Henry CD BN RN RI RA RE FDC CGC TKN

Allison Pobirs & Ladd ECC-600 WVE-500 TGE-500 EAC-1200 TNE-500

Patti Rovtar & Pippi OTCH3 FDC

Diane Schlesinger & Apple NW3 NW3-C NW3-E NW3-I NW3-V NW3 Elite

Marcia Siderow & Pride NJP NAP

Marcia Siderow & Remi MFPB MJP2 MXP

Katherine Spilos & Votan CD THD TKI

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#1 TITLE PLAQUES (continued):

Sarah Sykes & Tele CDX GO SD

Shiro Torquato & Archer RN RI TKN

Flo Walberg & Ashley OTCH2 UDX4 OM6

Robyn Zelden & Luca THDA L1E L1I

Robyn Zelden & Lyric AKC STAR PUPPY VHMP TKN CGC



#3 BREED MEDALLION: Debbie Lang & CH Morgan

SPECIAL AWARDS:

#5 George Giswein Memorial Award: Flo Walberg & Ashley *Honorable Mention: Patti Rovtar & Pippi*

#6 200 Award: Kathy Mitchell & Cheers

#7 CH. Maveric of Varagon: Katherine Spilos & Votan

#8 Greenberg-Hochman Memorial Award: Flo Walberg & Ashley *Honorable Mention: Patti Rovtar & Pippi*

#9 Okman –Tyzbir Trophy: Sarah Sykes & Tele

#11 UDX Award: Flo Walberg & Ashley *Honorable Mention: Patti Rovtar & Pippi*

#13 Multiple Sport Title Acknowledgment:

2022	
Ann Hills & Toqui	12 titles in 2 SPORTS (agility & herding)
Debbie Lang & Max	8 titles in 3 SPORTS (agility, herding & rally)
Debbie Lang & Morgan	6 titles in 3 SPORTS (agility, obedience & rally)
Debbie Lang & Panda ★	17 titles in 3 SPORTS (agility, herding & rally)
Monica Nolan & Augie	10 titles in 3 SPORTS (agility, obedience & rally)
Monica Nolan & Rosie	3 titles in 2 SPORTS (rally & tricks)
Jane Nye & Grey	4 titles in 3 SPORTS (fast CAT, obedience & rally)
Jane Nye & Henry	7 titles in 3 SPORTS (obedience, rally & tricks)
Shiro Torquato & Archer	3 titles in 2 SPORTS (rally & tricks)

#14 Rally Novice Award: Monica Nolan & Rosie *Honorable Mention: Shiro Torquato & Archer*

#15 Rally Intermediate Award: Shiro Torquato & Archer

#16 Rally Advanced Award: Jane Nye and Henry

2022 Valley Hills Obedience Club Annual Awards—continued

#17 Rally Excellent Award: Debbie Lang & Morgan *Honorable Mention: Debbie Lang & Max*

#18 Rally Master Award: Jane Nye & Grey

#19 AKC Agility Novice Award: Laurie Burnam & Tesla

#21 AKC Agility Excellent Award: Debbie Lang & Max *Honorable Mention: Monica Nolan & Augie (tie) and Debbie Lang & Morgan*

#22 ASCA/NADAC Agility Novice Award: Ann Hills & Toqui *Honorable Mention: Laurie Burnam & Tesla*

#23 ASCA/NADAC Agility Open Award: Ann Hills & Toqui

#24 ASCA/NADAC Agility Elite Award: Debbie Lang & Panda

EXTRA-SPECIAL AWARDS: *Performance Championship awards -*

Laurie Burnam & Scusi ATCH 3

Monica Nolan & Augie RACH



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Obedience - Open / Utility Obedience—Thursday 7:45, Simi Valley

Instructor: Patti Rovtar, For more information, please contact Patti Rovtar at pattirovtar@gmail.com

PLEASE CHECK WITH OUR INSTRUCTORS FOR NEW CLASS START DATES

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

Agility - Skills & Drills - Mondays 6:30 and 7:30, Reseda

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

I've been barking for some
time now and you ignoring
me.... anyway your car is
gone



Submitted by Allison Pobirs

Apple Cider Vinegar for Dogs

Apple Cider Vinegar for dogs can treat ailments like hot spots, bladder infections, itchy skin and more - provided you combine it with a dose of sensibility.

By **Cynthia Foley**, -Published: February 14, 2017

Browsing through Internet postings about the benefits of apple cider vinegar for dogs will likely give you pause. Some laud it as a wonder product for everything – including curing cancer! Then you find the naysayers, who cite the FDA's stand that apple cider vinegar has no nutrients. Of course, you already realize the truth is somewhere between.

It won't cure cancer, but some research shows it shrinking tumors. Apple cider vinegar will not cure diabetes, either, although it's been shown to help with blood sugar control.

The [FDA](#) is correct: apple cider vinegar contains only trace amounts of vitamins and minerals, except potassium. ACV has 11 grams of potassium in a tablespoon. But despite not being packed with essential nutrients, ACV does have health benefits for people and animals. The strong antioxidant and antibacterial qualities of apple cider vinegar is enough reason to include it in your dog's care regimen.

Apple cider vinegar is made from just apples and water, making it completely safe for dogs. It is slightly acidic, with a pH of 3.1 to 5, which gives it properties that can soothe a dog's overly alkalized digestive tract. Add a teaspoon of ACV to your dog's water bowl and see if he'll drink it! (Explained in detail later.)

For topical use, create an apple cider vinegar rinse for after your dog's bath, as a remedy for irritated skin or a dry coat (1 cup ACV per 2-4 cups water). It's common for dogs to get yeast infections in their paws; [soaking your dog's paws in ACV will relieve that too](#). When diluted and added to a spray bottle, apple cider vinegar is a strong disinfectant and even works as a mild flea repellent. See more ways you can use [apple cider vinegar for dogs](#) below.

11 Ways Dog Lovers Can Use ACV

So, how much can apple cider vinegar benefit your dog? Quite a bit, actually, provided you are sensible about your expectations. Apple cider vinegar may help dogs with:

1. Itchy, flaking skin and dull coats
2. Relief from hot spots
3. Repelling fleas
4. Keeping a dog's ears clean, lessening the chance of infection
5. Improving digestion by balancing pH levels in a dog's body
6. Ridding itchy paws and skin of bacteria
7. Relieving muscle soreness in older or active dogs
8. Rinsing soap residue or offensive odors from your dog's coat
9. Preventing urinary tract infections (UTIs)
10. Helping relieve bladder stones in dogs
11. Fighting [yeast infections](#) on dogs' paws
12. Diluting pet stains and odors in the home

Apple cider vinegar is made from apples/apple pectin. All vinegars are made from a liquid containing sugar, so apple vinegar begins as water and apples. When exposed to air, yeasts can grow, which cause the sugar to ferment and become alcohol. As it continues to ferment, natural (or added) acetic acid bacteria turn the alcohol into acetic acid, which is the main component of vinegar. Acetic acid is what gives vinegar its taste, smell and benefits. The word "vinegar" means "sour wine", and indeed, red wine vinegar is simply red wine that's been acetified.

Apple Cider Vinegar for Dogs—continued

Apple Cider Vinegar for Dogs: Proper Dosage

You're familiar with apple cider vinegar as an ingredient in recipes, like salad dressings, dips, and drinks. It's a healthy choice.

Although research on apple cider vinegar's benefits is minimal, the test of time has made it a viable alternative for a number of everyday physical complaints and problems. Most experts agree that its documented human benefits also help dogs.

As is often the case, the exact dosage isn't cast in stone, and you may need to experiment. Some people add it to food, at a rate of one teaspoon to one tablespoon for a 50-pound dog. Never feed straight apple cider vinegar. If you don't see the desired benefit within 30 days of feeding apple cider vinegar, chances are it's not working for that problem.

Many dog owners add it to the dog's water bowl, but start with a small amount – a tablespoon in a big bowl of water, perhaps – and watch to make sure your dog still drinks the water readily before increasing the amount. However, when you add anything to water, be make sure you make a second bowl of plain water available, too. The last thing you want to do is curb your dog's daily water intake.

That said, dogs who are used to the taste of apple cider vinegar in their water often find it easier to adjust to new water tastes, such as when traveling.

Apple cider vinegar helps digestion by increasing the stomach's acid levels, which results in better absorption and fewer gastrointestinal symptoms like burps and gas. Apple cider vinegar promotes the growth of beneficial bacteria in the dog's digestive tract. Some dog owners mix it into plain yogurt.

Research shows it lowers post-meal glucose levels in humans, and it can relieve constipation – of course, that means overdo it and you may face a messy outcome.

A dose of apple cider vinegar can help with minor bladder inflammation, too, but it won't cure an actual urinary tract infection. That needs immediate veterinary attention.

Be careful, though. You can feed too much apple cider vinegar. The first early symptom is usually vomiting. If you ignore that, you may eventually find increased tooth decay and decreased bone health. It can also irritate the mouth and linings of the esophagus.

ACV is a Safe, Reliable Disinfectant

Vinegar is a well-known cleaner and mild disinfectant. (Some people won't use anything but white vinegar to clean their windows.) Apple cider vinegar's cleansing and disinfecting qualities can be good for your dog, too. (If you've never used it before or your dog is the "sensitive" sort, do a 24-hour spot test before applying it to the dog's entire body. Signs of allergy would include vomiting, reddish skin, and/or itching and scratching.)

Diluted 50-50 with water and applied using a sprayer or a sponge, an apple cider vinegar rinse will remove leftover soap residue after a bath, help alleviate dandruff and itchy skin and leave the coat shiny and soft. To use it as a dandruff preventative, rub the diluted solution into the dog's skin just prior to giving him a bath (never do this without having done the 24-hour spot test), then wash it off in the bath.

Apple Cider Vinegar for Dogs—continued

If you're like most of us, and prefer to minimize your dog's exposure to chemicals, apple cider vinegar might be the answer for a natural flea and/or flying insect repellent. While it's not the answer for a flea infestation, it does a good job combatting small incidences, such as added protection on a walk during heavy bug season.

Apple cider vinegar has a cooling sensation, making it a good choice for small topical problems, like burns, bruises, and hot spots. Be careful, though. If the wound is at all open or raw, apple cider vinegar will sting!

It's especially useful to minimize itchy feet and ears. Thoroughly soak the dog's paws in a vinegar-water mix. Use cotton swab or gauze pads soaked in the mixture to clean ears.

A massage with a diluted ACV mix will go a long way toward relieving strained muscles from overactivity. Warm the solution slightly for added benefit.

Although you may read articles to the contrary, apple cider vinegar is not a strong choice for treating lice, fungus, warts, or ear infections. Your best bet in these situations is veterinary attention!

Since ACV is a great deodorizer and safe for your dog, you can use it to disinfect dog toys and bedding. Spray it anywhere you need odor control and/or a gentle disinfectant.

What Kind of Vinegar is Best for Dogs?

Like most things nowadays, the choices for vinegar border on over-whelming. You'll see words like raw, natural, unpasteurized, organic, and unfiltered. There are also white vinegars, balsamic vinegars, and wine vinegars. We're looking at apple cider vinegar, which is usually an amber color (light or dark) and made from apples.

For health uses, choose raw, unpasteurized apple cider vinegar, preferably in a glass bottle. Why? **"Raw"** or **"unfiltered"** apple cider has the "mother" in it, which is the name of the brown stuff at the bottom of the bottle. These are fermentation leftovers, and they include all the good live bacteria and enzymes that give the product its health benefits. Of course, if you're using this vinegar for cleaning, you want to strain this out before you use it. (Can't stand the look of the debris in the bottom? Then look for "filtered" apple cider vinegar, which was strained to remove the debris.)

"Unpasteurized" is recommended because the process of pasteurization – a heat process – can kill the good bacteria we want. If you're willing to spend the extra buck or two, choose an organic apple cider vinegar. No reason not to avoid pesticides when you can, especially if your dog is going to eat the product.

Glass containers do not pose the risk (as plastic bottles can) of harmful chemicals leaching into the product.

Apple Cider Vinegar Controversy

In a past *Whole Dog Journal* article, we discussed some of controversies surrounding apple cider vinegar.

Not everyone agrees that apple cider vinegar should be given to dogs. Pat McKay, canine nutritionist and author of the natural diet book, *Reigning Cats and Dogs*, doesn't like cider vinegar, and she doesn't mince words; she calls it poison.

Apple Cider Vinegar for Dogs—continued

“I believe Peter J. D’Amado is on the right track in his book, *Eat Right for Your Type*,” she says. “Each of the human blood types has an ideal diet, and the diet recommended for type O most closely resembles the meat-based diet on which dogs evolved. D’Amado warns that cider vinegar is very damaging to this type, and I agree with him. I happen to be a type O, and apple cider vinegar has always made me feel miserable. I never knew why until I read his book. I believe dogs have a similar reaction because even small quantities of vinegar can throw their bodies’ pH out of balance.”

Marina Zacharias, pet nutritionist and publisher of *Natural Rearing* newsletter, shares McKay’s concern about pH levels. She recommends that owners have their dogs’ blood and urine tested before adding cider vinegar to their daily diet.

“If a dog’s system is too alkaline,” she says, “cider vinegar will help, but by itself it may not correct the problem and the dog will need additional support. If the dog’s system is too acidic, which is a condition called acidosis, the result can be stress on the pancreas and adrenal organs, which are important regulators of blood pH levels. The symptoms of acidosis range from diarrhea or constipation to low blood pressure, hard stools, and sensitivity of the teeth and mouth. Often we see acidosis in combination with other conditions, such as kidney, liver, and adrenal problems. In certain cases, adding vinegar to a dog’s food could aggravate an already-existing problem in the body.”

Are adverse side effects likely? If a dog is allergic to vinegar, he might vomit, scratch furiously, or have a similarly obvious reaction. Although there is much debate on this issue, some believe that vinegar may worsen chronic ear infections. Long term use of ACV on dogs who are sensitive to it has been associated with tooth decay and bone deterioration. Too much could also inflame a dog’s mouth and esophagus.

“You have to apply common sense,” says Sue Ann Lesser, D.V.M. “Most dogs are notoriously over-alkaline, and cider vinegar will help them. If a dog’s system is overly acidic, you’ll see clinical signs, such as obvious symptoms of illness. I know quite a few dogs that take cider vinegar according to the directions in Wendy Volhard’s book, and I don’t know of any that have had bad results.”

In her book *The Holistic Guide for a Healthy Dog*, author Wendy Volhard recommends using pH paper strips to check the dog’s first morning urine. “If it reads anywhere from 6.2 to 6.5, your dog’s system is exactly where it should be,” and no ACV is needed, she says. “But if it is 7.5 or higher, the diet you are feeding is too alkaline, and apple cider vinegar will reestablish the correct balance.”

Volhard recommends one teaspoon to one tablespoon twice daily for a 50-pound dog.

Cynthia Foley is a freelance writer in upstate New York. She competes with her Papillons in dog agility.

URL: - https://www.whole-dog-journal.com/care/non_traditional_healing/apple-cider-vinegar-for-dogs/

Submitted by Allison Pobirs

Mark Your Calendars

VHOC Obedience and Rally Trial Sept 16th and 17th - Obedience Judge - Ms. Susie Osburn, - Rally Judge - Shannon Jones - entries are open now, they will close on Friday Sept 1st.

VHOC Annual Agility Trial - December 8th, 9th and 10th - renting the Stone Pony Facility in Moorpark - Judge - Cynthia Blanton

Upcoming - VHOC Trials at Stone Pony, Moorpark:

- July 27, 28 - evening trial - Judge - Gill Chapman—entries close July 19th
- Aug 3 - evening trial - Judge - Karen Warda—entries close July 25th
- Sept 14/15 - evening trial - Judge - Shannon Jones—entries close Sept 6th
- Nov 14/15 - Judge - Barbara Bounds

You can enter the trials at Stone Pony online—<http://wwdat.us/upcoming-trials/>

Also, the weekend after our Obedience Rally Trial in September:

German Shepherd Dog Club of the San Gabriel Valley trials follow the VHOC trials at Stone Pony - September 23-25, 2023; judges are Hazel Olbrich and Carol Riback



Submitted by
Allison Pobirs

XYLITOL

Symptoms of xylitol poisoning in dogs include vomiting, followed by symptoms associated with the sudden lowering of your dog's blood sugar, such as decreased activity, weakness, staggering, incoordination, collapse and seizures.

If you think your dog has eaten xylitol, take him to your vet or an emergency animal hospital immediately, Hartogenesis advises. Because hypoglycemia and other serious adverse effects may not occur in some cases for up to 12 to 24 hours, your dog may need to be hospitalized for medical monitoring.



Complete article on XYLITOL can be found at this URL:

<https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/paws-xylitol-its-dangerous-dogs>



Gum isn't the only product containing xylitol. Slightly lower in calories than sugar, this sugar substitute is also often used to sweeten sugar-free candy, such as mints and chocolate bars, as well as sugar-free chewing gum. Other products that may contain xylitol include:

- breath mints
- baked goods
- cough syrup
- children's and adult chewable vitamins
- mouthwash
- toothpaste
- some peanut and nut butters
- over-the-counter medicines
- dietary supplements
- sugar-free desserts, including "skinny" ice cream

Xylitol can be used in baked goods, too, such as cakes, muffins, and pies — often because the baker is substituting another sweetener for sugar, as in products for people with diabetes. People can buy xylitol in bulk to bake sweet treats at home. In-store bakeries also are selling baked goods containing the sweetener. Some pediatric dentists also recommend xylitol-containing chewing gum for children, and these products could end up in a dog's mouth by accident. It's a good idea to keep all such products well out of your dog's reach.

How do you build trust and a good relationship between you and that new puppy?

by Nancy | Jul 7, 2023

Are you a new puppy owner? You're in the process of getting to know your new little one, and the first year can be a roller coaster of emotions for you and your puppy. Did you know puppies can appear confident and sensitive in different situations? They can also appear fearful and bold, depending on the environment. It's your job to set them up for success by watching their responses, making adjustments, and building confidence by being trustworthy.

In my quirky breed - the Border Collie, they are misjudged (by non-BC owners) to be bold, confident, pushy, and resilient when observing the experienced, trained dogs. Trainers can be drawn to them because they believe training a Border Collie will eliminate the challenging issues during training and trials because of how intensely they work. The well-trained dog (in any dog sport) took much patience from the trainer and an individual approach to training and handling because of that dog's learning style.



Back to puppies....

People worry when their puppy appears sensitive or shy around other people and dogs. Many puppies, including the herding breeds or mixes of herding breeds, are sensitive or overdramatic as youngsters. These sensitive dogs are more comfortable living in a peaceful setting without much chaos is comfortable for most of these dogs. That doesn't mean they can't (and do) thrive with many people, dogs, machinery, vehicles, and movement. But that must be introduced slowly and steadily to these dogs - each dog will be different. Some will immediately take to people and other dogs and be comfortable with them. Others can be fearful or overstimulated when exposed to them too quickly or pushed too much to overcome these big feelings.

Many puppy classes are unsuited for these sensitive dogs because they are bothered or stimulated by certain dogs, tight quarters, lots of downtime, and people. Chaos can cause big feelings (fear, frustration, excitement), and none of those are good habits for your puppy to learn.

The mistake that new puppy owners make is to push these little dogs out of their comfort zone because they think it will help them cope with these things later on in life. Owners often say their puppy needs to "get over it."

Picture how a parent handles their small child when they are afraid and hide behind them. Or, the child starts crying because they fear someone, something, or a noise. The parent doesn't push the child out to expose them more to the scary thing. They know that the youngster will eventually grow out of it. They watch for signs that the child is coping with the environment. The child can be concerned or afraid but not respond much, and the parent will leave things alone and let her (or him) watch or listen. The child doesn't need food or treats to help. If the child is coping and watching calmly (and it is safe), the parent allows the process to unfold. And eventually, the child realizes it's not so bad. However, if the fear from the child is causing harm, the parent will leave with them. Parents know that the child's brain will eventually grow out of this phase and that gradual and slow exposure over time will eventually overcome the fear. The parent doesn't push the child into the fire to ensure it "gets over" the distraction. That's a horrible thing to do to anyone.

Also, if the child is too reckless or wild, a good parent will stop it before the child gets hurt or hurts someone else. This can be accomplished by removing, verbally telling the child to stop, or distracting the child. If the child doesn't stop, the child is removed.

How do you build trust and a good relationship between you and that new puppy? continued

For some reason, we treat dogs differently, and many trainers will expose puppies to things too quickly because that's what they have to get used to. Don't make this mistake with your puppy. If you attend a puppy class, make sure it's an instructor that understands and can adjust the environment for puppies of different personalities. If you expose your puppy to a class with out-of-control dogs - even dogs that can not harm anyone or any other puppy - you might be doing more damage than good.

If you do dog sports, your puppy doesn't have to like EVERYONE (and they might not). Don't use food to help them like other people. Just because they are not super friendly doesn't mean they will be afraid of people. But if you try too hard to make them love everyone, you might get what you don't want. I've had some dogs that don't want attention from strangers. But if that stranger ignored them and didn't force friendliness onto them, their gradual exposure over time changed them into a special friend.

Sometimes I get a puppy that loves everyone - that has more to do with the individual dog. But both types of dogs can thrive in environments with dogs and people, like dog sports, performance, herding, and many other environments. And they can perform better if they focus more on you than other dogs and people.

So please pay attention to signs that your puppy is not okay in an environment. Don't let people or dogs push into your dog's space if your puppy doesn't want them there because you might accidentally create a reactive or fearful dog. Some puppies can be dramatic with their responses to situations. Ensure you are not dramatic by overreacting to what they see or the people and dogs that might affect them. Act strong and confident. If your puppy responds slightly dramatically, wait a few moments and see if they settle down. Sometimes they need to watch a little longer, and then they are fine. But don't push them closer because you think it will help.

Your puppy needs to know that they can trust you. The more they trust and look up to you, the more devoted they will be.

URL: - <https://nancygagliardilittle.com/blog/how-do-you-build-trust-and-a-good-relationship-between-you-and-that-new-puppy/>

About the author: Nancy Gagliardi Little

Nancy has been training dogs since the early 1980s when she put an Obedience Trial Championship (OTCH) on her first competition/Novice A dog, a Labrador Retriever. Since then, she has achieved many advanced obedience accomplishments, including 4 AKC OTCH titles (one CKC OTCH), 6 UD titles, 3 UDX titles, a 2009 AKC National Obedience Invitational invite, and multiple placements in National obedience tournaments.

In agility, Nancy's dogs have had numerous advanced agility accomplishments including 5 AKC MACHs, 1 AKC PACH, 2 USDAA ADCHs, 3 USDAA MADs, qualifying and competing in Cynosports, 9 AKC National Agility Competitions with 4 different dogs – including many individual top 10 placements and running in the AKC Finals in 2017.

In herding, Nancy has 3 Herding Championships on her dogs as well as 2 HXBs (advanced B course sheep) titles, 2 HXBd (advanced B course ducks) titles, 3 HXAs (advanced A course sheep) titles and 3 HXAd (advanced A course ducks) titles.

Nancy is a retired obedience judge, having judged all obedience classes from 1986-2008. She enjoyed judging around the country and was privileged to judge 3 National obedience tournaments in Florida, Kentucky, and North Carolina. She retired from judging to spend more time training and competing with her own dogs in the sports of obedience, herding, and agility.

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Braggs



Michele Goyette and Finn

ASCA Ch Woodstock's Fast and Furious Finnegan RA
AX AXJ NF CGCA CGCU
TKA

Happy 9th Birthday
to Finn 6/14/23



Laurie Burnam with Scusi and Tesla

ASCSC/MAC ,ASCA Agility Juniper Hills, June 17/18, 2023

Scusi

- Elite Regular 10 Q 2nd Place
- Elite Regular 10 Q 2nd Place
- Elite Jumpers 10 Q 3rd Place
- Elite Gamblers 10 Q 3rd Place

Tesla

First time in Elite

- Elite Regular 10 Q 2nd Place 1st leg
- Elite Regular 5 Q 2nd Place 1 1/2 leg
- Elite Regular 5 Q 3rd Place 2nd leg
- Elite Regular 5 Q 4th Place 2 1/2 leg darn almost there!!!
- Elite Jumpers 10 Q 1st Place 1st leg



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Tommy Dickey with Roxie and Summer

Summer has a new puppy named Roxy! She is now five months old and growing fast! Already best of buddies!!!

New Puppy!!

Laurie Burnam with Scusi and Tesla

SCVASC, ASCA Agility, Agua Dulce , July 9, 2023

Scusi & Laurie:

Elite Gamblers 10 Q 3rd place

Elite Regular 5 Q 2nd place

Tesla & Laurie:

Elite Regular 10 Q 3rd place **RS-E title #55**

Elite Jumpers 10 Q 1st place **JS-E title #56**

Moving up to Elite level the Gamble courses are more challenging. There was a send to jump, tunnel at 12' away followed by a set of 6 weaves and jump 20' away. Yikes! Of the 24 entered in the class, only 4 Q'd. Ok judge time to rethink that course.

Debbie Lang and Panda

Working on her PACH, Panda now has 20 Double Q's still chasing the points. Judge Laura English

Ventura County Scent Work Club, June 26th, Stone Pony, Moorpark, CA:

Preferred Master STD—1st place

Preferred Master JWW— 3rd place



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Robyn Zeldon and Lyric

Lyric wins WB for another point at the Burbank Kennel Club on June 25, 2023

Thank you Alexandra Wisler Hooper for handling her.



Cynthia Casby and Potter

Potter earned her 3rd leg for her **Open Fast Preferred** title at the end of June at Stone Pony Ranch under judge Laura English.

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Debbie Lang with Panda, Morgan and Max

July 7, 8 and 9, SCVASC ASCA Agility Trial, Agua Dulce, CA:

Panda

7-7 Round 1 Vet Elite Jumpers 10-Q

7-7 Round 2 Vet Elite Jumpers 10-Q

7-8 Round 1 Vet Elite Jumpers 10-Q

7-8 Round 2 Vet Elite Regular 10-Q

7-9 Round 2 Vet Elite Gambler 10-Q—this was the Gamble that only 4 dogs qualified on out of 24. Sending from the jump to tunnel and even further out to the weaves (where most dogs curled in to the handler, or went in to the tunnel on the Gamble line). Panda got it.

Morgan—dropped down to 16 inch in the ACE category

7-7 Round 1 ACE 16 inch Novice Jumpers 10-Q 1st place

Max

7-7 Round 2 Elite Jumpers 10-Q—1st place second fastest time in elite class, for his 1st leg and only second time in Elite Jumpers.

7-8 Round 1 Open Gambler 10-Q 1st place



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