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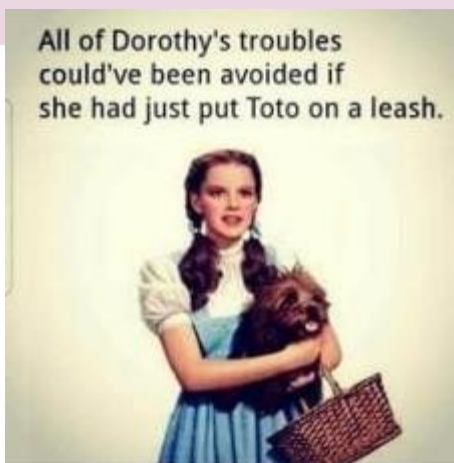


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Happy Mother's Day



to the
World's Best Dog Mom!

May General Membership Meeting

Friday, May 24th, 6:30 PM

VHOC members Kathy Spilos and Linda Brooks, will be doing a short presentation and Therapy Dog evaluations at this meeting.

We will also have Tommy Dickey there to sign his new book about Therapy Dog adventures he has had with his Great Pyrenees.

Please see details on Pages 3 and 4.

REMINDER

Remember to check the website

<http://www.vhoc.org>

for announcements, cancelled classes, upcoming events and other important club information.

If you know of a member who would appreciate receiving correspondence, such as a get-well card, sympathy card, etc., please email our Corresponding Secretary, Carole Hills, at chills37@aol.com

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Welcome to our New Members!

(in order to activate membership, applicants need to attend one general meeting or volunteer to help at a VHOC event)

Deborah Schuch and her three Newfoundlands: Pasha, Mel & Finn

Lauren Case and her three Australian Shepherds: Phoenix, Apple and Pepper

General Membership Meeting

Friday May 24th

Our May meeting will be a short presentation and Therapy Dog evaluations done by Kathy Spilos and Linda Brooks from Love on a Leash.

Meeting 6:30 PM at CPLC on Jordan Ave., Canoga Park
Appetizers, Snacks, Dessert Potluck, please bring something to share.

RSVP to Monica Nolan at nolanmilano@gmail.com

At our last Love on a Leash event we had several teams evaluated and three of them chose to continue on and become certified teams. Those three were Monica Nolan and Mikko, Shirley Miller and Smudge, and Marcia Siderow and Matisse.

"A Therapy Animal is a pet that is trained with its owner, as a team, to provide comfort and stress relief to others in a variety of situations.

A therapy pet can be any size, breed, color, shape, or gender. The most important factor is personality. A therapy pet should be even-tempered, good-natured and able to accept handling by other people. Primarily, the ideal therapy pet should enjoy being around people! First, therapy dogs must master the basic obedience skills. This means that they should be able to respond to the commands to sit, lie down, heel, remain in a down/stay, for two minutes, and come. Therapy dogs may have to do a variety of tasks for which additional training is needed, if for no other reason than to make sure accidents don't happen. For example, therapy dogs learn to respond to the command "leave it" so that they don't eat food or medicine that might be dropped on the floor of facilities.



Therapy dogs must be people dogs. This is achieved by exposing the dogs to all kinds of people : the elderly, or frail, children and adults. Regular visits to various places such as parks and shopping centers will allow your dog to get used to all kinds of people. Encourage people to pet your dog and explain what you are going to do with him. " from Love on a Leash website. <http://www.loveonaleash.org/>

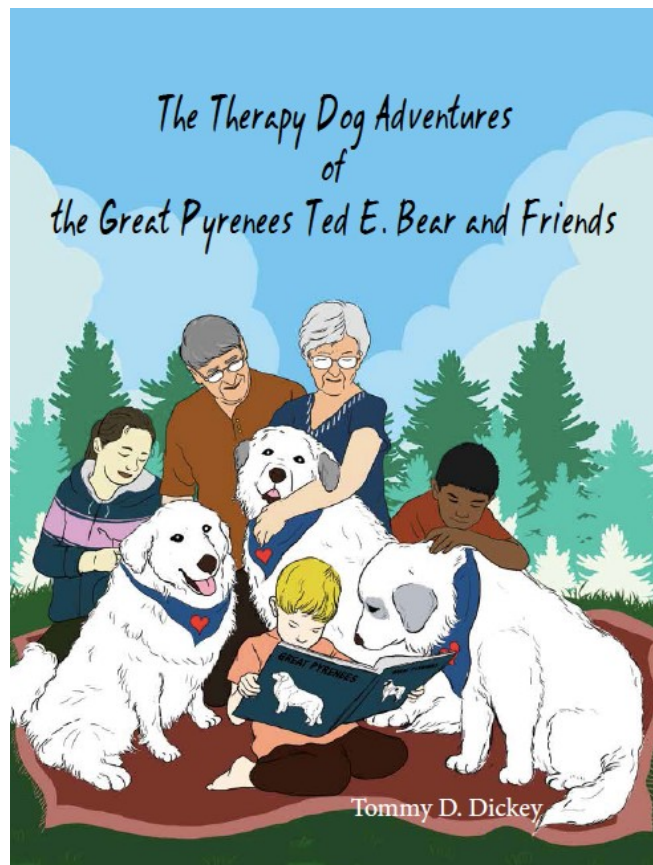
Mikko

Mikko and Smudge with Love on a Leash group at CSUN



Matisse





The Therapy Dog Adventures of the Great Pyrenees Ted E. Bear and Friends

By Tommy D. Dickey



Stories are based on over
2,700 therapy dog visits

Book Profits support
Therapy Dog Organizations

Book will be available for signing for \$13 at
the May 24 VHOC Meeting

Contact: Tommy Dickey - ojaipyr@gmail.com

Join the VHOC Yahoo Group!

Members are invited to Join the VHOC Yahoo Group!

This Yahoo Group was established to keep VHOC members up to speed with VHOC and dog related events and topics.

Looking to caravan, share a hotel room at an out of town trial or event? Post it to the group!!!! How about a training partner? Connect here to put together a practice group.

Hear of an event that didn't make it to the Newsette, or maybe setting up a practice group to train? Post it to the VHOC Yahoo Group.

Members are invited to post a question, including their email address if they would like feedback such as, referral for a veterinary specialist in your area.

To network with fellow members on topics not specific to those mentioned above you could either post an inquiry to the VHOC Yahoo Group 'requesting all replies be sent privately to your email address' OR search Yahoo Groups for a Group specifically geared for your topic of interest. One such example might be nutrition.

And of course, no flaming, good sportsmanship and encouragement of fellow enthusiasts is encouraged & endorsed 110%!

This is a VHOC Member Only group, please include your first and last name when creating your account.

We only ask you to respect what this Yahoo Group is 'not'. This Yahoo Group was not established as a soapbox or discussion forum.

VHOC welcomes posts to share information such as rule book changes, upcoming events, informal training get togethers.

Thank you for sharing your posts on topics that have potential interest to the general membership.

Email privately as appropriate. If a member who you may wish to reply to, has not included their personal email address in their post, kindly refer to the VHOC membership roster.

Thank you, and happy training!

Allison Poibirs
Yahoo Group Moderator
vhoc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Find the VHOC Yahoo Group at:
<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/VHOC/info>

VHOC Weekday Agility Trials at Stone Pony



Don't forget to enter the VHOC trials at Stone Pony in Moorpark. The club earns money on every entry, so please support VHOC.

Stone Pony has great footing and grass for the dogs to run on. Daneen Fox and Julie Sandoval host the trials, these trials are a little lower key, with securely fenced rings. So if you have a young dog just starting out this is a great environment. We have already had 3 great trials there March 29th, Laura English judging, May 9th and 10th with Donna Gomer judging.

Trial premiums and online entries can be found at the Weekday Wing Ding Agility Trials (wwdat) website:
<http://wwdat.us/upcoming-trials/>

UPCOMING TRIALS – Some will be night trials—so check the premiums when they are available.

July 25 th and 26 th	Judge - Karen Couch
August 1 st	Judge – Susan McClair
Sept. 12 th and 13 th	Judges – Dawn Glaser-Falk and Shannon Jones
November 13 th	Judges – Cynthia Blanton and Barbara Bounda



Did I get a, "GO!" - Submitted by Allison Pobirs

Agility trials can be noisy and there is often lots of activity around the ring.

You are at the startline, you and your dog are ready to rock 'n roll... but you did not hear the "GO" from the recorded voice of the digital timer system.

This question is all too common an occurrence....easily solved.

Look to the Timer Display for your ring.


If you see this, you may start your run!

Looks like 60, but do not be fooled, this is GO!


You may with absolute confidence, begin your run!

Whether you are new to agility trials or a seasoned exhibitor, this tip may come in handy!






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CHASE AWAY K9 CANCER
chaseawayk9cancer.org

Do a check once a month to Chase Away K9 Cancer



Ken Szubert
Illustrator & Designer

-  **Take 10 Minutes on the 14th** of each month to feel and look for lumps, bumps, and swellings
-  **Check your dog from head to toe,** including the inside of their mouth
-  **Follow up with an exam** by your vet if you find anything suspicious or worrisome
-  **Keep a record of any growths** so you can keep track of anything new
-  **Watch for any unusual behavior** or change in attitude or appetite

Operation Dog Catcher: Illegal Puppy Imports Uncovered at JFK Airport

by Molly K. Houle, DVM

At New York City's John F. Kennedy International Airport, the belly of the Boeing passenger jet opened to reveal the cargo hold filled with stacked crates of whimpering dogs, many more than usual. All were young puppies—most too young to leave their mothers—cowering and huddling in their cages, shivering while covered in their own waste after their long international flight. Witnessing the scene was a team of federal agents from the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and JFK's veterinarians accredited by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA).

"I just wanted to take them home," said the burly CBP officer at seeing the puppies' miserable plight. A 17-year expert on preventing narcotics smuggling, Deputy Chief of Cargo James Bowles realized he was confronting another kind of illegal importation, of the cuter variety.

In October 2017, Deputy Chief Bowles first overheard fellow officers complaining about hordes of puppies arriving at JFK on international flights. Brushing it off as a fluke, his mind changed when underage puppies started arriving weekly, even daily, in large shipments of 44 or 48 at a time, as opposed to 1 or 2 passengers' pets. In response, Bowles drafted a heightened surveillance plan to address these illegal puppy importations, finding it similar to busting narcotics smugglers. He named the plan "Operation Dog Catcher." To form a strike team, he brought in CDC public health officers and veterinarians from AirHeart Pet Hospital inside The ARK, CBP's biosecurity, 24-hour animal care and veterinary facility at JFK airport.

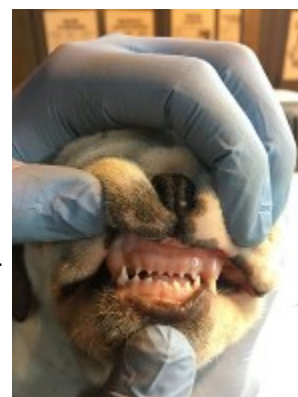
Government regulations

CBP functions on our country's front lines to secure US borders while facilitating lawful travel and trade. Stationed at more than 300 US ports of entry, CBP works with 40 other US government agencies, including CDC, US Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Food and Drug Administration, to enforce more than 400 federal laws. One of these laws is CDC's federal regulation for proper rabies immunization for every dog arriving from a high-risk country for dog rabies before entering the United States.

All dogs coming into the United States are required to be healthy. And they must be at least 4 months old to be properly immunized against dog rabies, which has been eradicated from the United States since 2007.

Puppies can't be vaccinated for rabies before they're 12 weeks old, because their mothers' antibodies prevent the vaccine's protection. CDC's age requirement is timed for when puppies are developing their own immune system. When puppies are vaccinated at 12 weeks, it takes a month for them to gain their own protective rabies antibodies to be fully immunized. Therefore, it is illegal to import a puppy younger than 4 months old from a country with high risk of dog rabies into the United States, because rabies poses a public health risk. Rabies almost always causes death.

Further, USDA requires puppies to be healthy and at least 6 months old if imported for resale to help prevent the foreign fraudulent importation of sick and underage dogs. If dogs don't meet CDC's or USDA's importation requirements, they may be deported back to their countries of origin.



Puppies' true ages can be determined by examining their teeth, even though illegal importers may falsify the dogs' ages on their papers.

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USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) oversees animal welfare pertaining to the shipment of puppies. Shipping dogs in crates as cargo has its risks. Since Operation Dog Catcher's start at JFK, seven illegally imported underage puppies arrived dead in the United States. At higher risks for death are the popular French and English bulldogs (both brachycephalic breeds—their smooshed noses make it harder to breathe normally). Airlines in the United States have started banning these breeds from their flights, as do most airlines in Europe and Australia. In stressful, cramped conditions, they are especially prone to heat stroke and respiratory distress.

No matter how importers falsify puppies' ages on paper, their true age can be determined by examining their teeth.

Illegal importers' tricks

The motives behind illegal puppy importation are not immediately obvious. However, a closer look reveals a big business driven by profit at the expense of the health and welfare of the underage puppies. Importers aim to get around these regulations, because customers demand puppies as young as 8-weeks. Profits decline by the thousands with each month a puppy ages. The puppy-loving public creating the demand is part of the problem.

Many dogs are bred irresponsibly in large numbers in "puppy mills" overseas, where the risk of congenital abnormalities and disease is high. Importers then fly them as cargo in large batches, claiming them as "rescue" dogs, valued at \$0 on their paperwork, and allowing the importers to evade entry and broker fees.

If the illegal puppies enter the United States, they are marketed to the public through social media such as Facebook and Twitter, or even on legitimate-looking US breeder websites. Some international importers cheaply breed or board high-demand types of puppies in the United States, such as French and English bulldogs, and other small breeds like Yorkshire terriers and chihuahuas. The dogs are then sold to unsuspecting families as well-bred, American-born puppies at a cost of \$3,000 to 5,000 each. The potential profit is exponential.

Another ruse is to recruit a "flight parent," offering travelers a free flight in exchange for claiming the dogs as their own on their flight to the United States. The importers tell the unsuspecting flight parent they are helping to transport rescue dogs to meet their adoptive owners at the airport. They then give a description of the new families or transporters and a meeting point at the airport to make the exchange. The transaction between the flight parent and the puppy's new family leaves no paper trail.

Turning point for Operation Dog Catcher

In 2017, a Christmas-time shipment of dogs, including a 6-month-old Chihuahua puppy, marked a turning point for the strike team and Operation Dog Catcher. The puppy was one of five dogs in cargo on an arriving international [flight from Cairo, Egypt](#). They seemed to have proper paperwork and rabies vaccination certificates. All the dogs were permitted entry into the United States. As planned, the volunteer flight parents met with transporters to distribute the dogs for ultimate adoption in states widespread from Connecticut to Washington.

The Chihuahua, in particular, was markedly agitated on the flight and bit the flight parent at the airport. The next day, the Chihuahua bit a veterinary technician; then the puppy died on his second day in the United States. Lab results soon revealed the chihuahua had rabies. A collaborative effort between five state health departments, CDC, CBP, and APHIS contacted [all people exposed](#), from cargo handler to adoptive parent, to ensure they and the other dogs received anti-rabies postexposure treatment to help prevent the disease. None of the exposed people developed rabies.

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CDC and CBP officers suspected a fraudulent rabies vaccination certificate, sparking a new conversation at CBP about how to increase surveillance of dog imports and add procedures to better scrutinize puppies' paperwork. Because the rabid puppy slipped through surveillance at JFK airport, CBP now requires all puppy shipments from suspicious importers and high-risk countries for dog rabies to go to The ARK, where they receive a thorough physical exam and paperwork inspection.

The ARK

At the tarmac entrance of The ARK clinic, the steel exam table to the left gleams in front of cupboards filled with medical supplies. To the right are empty cat cages, stacked atop one another like bookshelves. Down the long hall, a few faint whines echo in the vast space of the spotless warehouse-like facility. The ARK's Managing Director Elizabeth Schuette explains they provide boarding, veterinary care, and quarantine, and facilitate air travel for animals from birds to horses.

Soft squeaks and whimpers beckon from two rows of dog runs on either side of the hallway. Here's where veterinarians care for imported underage puppies during their exam and paperwork inspection.

Three adjacent dog runs each house two velvety 7-week-old French bulldog puppies. The first two are spotted black and white, the next two are cream-colored, and the last two are the fashionable "lavender" color.

Once stateside, these lavender Frenchies could be worth \$10,000 to \$15,000 each in the US puppy market. The other four of different colors are less valuable, but still worth \$3,000 to 5,000 per pup.

Even from the opposite side of the cage door, each yawn and yip reveals their sparse, needle-like puppy teeth, indicating they can't be more than 8 weeks old.

The puppies chase and tumble over one another in their runs. Although they seem like playful, healthy puppies, The ARK staff warns the puppy mill dogs have lived in poor, filthy conditions their whole lives, in sometimes abusive conditions that make them fearful of people. One veterinarian proves his point by cracking open the cage door—the two puppies rush to the back corner of their run, quivering as one fuzzy mound, their eyes white saucers.

Down the hall, seven longhaired chihuahuas—all varying in size and age—were separated into individual cages after their arrival to the United States that morning. As with the French bulldog puppies, CBP flagged their shipment as suspicious and had them transported to The ARK for inspection. Two underage puppies could fit in the palm of your hand, and they lay curled like croissants on their blankets, looking exhausted and sick next to dishes full of uneaten food.

The ARK-affiliated veterinary staff had to syringe-feed them a nutrient-dense gruel to prevent their blood sugar from dropping. Young puppies like these are at risk for life-threateningly low blood sugar, as well as hypothermia and respiratory infections during the long plane ride. The stress of the trip weakens their young immune systems, and they may have other diseases like kennel cough and parvovirus. Illegal puppies are not deported back to their country of origin until they are well enough to travel.



Lavender French bulldog puppies command high prices.



ARK staff, CDC experts, and JFK veterinarians partner to investigate imported underage puppies.

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Public health implications

Linda Mittel, MSPH, DVM, a faculty veterinarian at Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine, works with The ARK on their biosecurity and standard operating procedures for horses. But since Operation Dog Catcher, she helps with the animal care procedures for dogs as well. While CDC's dog importation regulations only require dogs to be healthy on arrival and have rabies vaccinations to protect the public's health, Mittel explains rabies is not the only threat to human and animal health from these imported underage puppies. Parasitic diseases, such as tapeworm, roundworm, and *Giardia* infection, can spread quickly through dense populations of dogs and lead to disease in people. Skin infections, such as MRSA (methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, a drug-resistant bacterium), are known to be contagious between people and their pet dogs. Brucellosis (another disease caused by bacteria) is also a concern, particularly for American Kennel Club breeders and pet stores. At increased risk for these zoonotic (spread from animal to human) diseases are children, the elderly, and people on certain medications.

Cornell's veterinary diagnostic lab researches flu viruses. Mittel expressed concern that some illegal, underage puppies are coming from areas where dog flu is common, and shipments of "rescue" dogs from those areas have been traced as the source of recent outbreaks in the US pet population. Of even more concern is the potential for dog flu to transform into a more severe strain, possibly becoming contagious between dogs and humans. In 2016, transmission of bird flu from cats to a human was documented in a New York City animal shelter. Although the disease was mild, a more severe strain could emerge from the sick underage puppies imported into the United States.

A new tactic

At the very end of The ARK's hall of dog runs, a pot-bellied, longhaired chihuahua presses her nose between the bars of her cage door. She may represent the test of a new tactic by illegal dog importers: a pregnant female within hours of delivering her litter. She was smuggled into the United States in a small, cat-sized carrier with two other dogs, an attempted evasion of CBP surveillance. Upon inspection at The ARK, however, her pregnancy was discovered.

Stressed from her ordeal, she cowers in the front corner of her cage. If this pregnant dog were released to the importer, within hours or days, two or three puppies would be born in the United States with no way of following up on the sale of the puppies. If not caught, the importer is a mere 8 weeks away from making thousands of dollars on each puppy. According to CBP, corrupt importers are willing to take this gamble for the potential payoffs, and they constantly evolve their methods to stay one step ahead of port authorities.



A pregnant longhaired chihuahua represents a new concern to the strike team.

"I wish we could be proactive," admitted Bowles, "but we're forced to be reactive."

Progress and port shopping

The first US port to recognize the rise in puppy importations was Miami International Airport. The airport developed a strike team to bust illegal importers. This apparently led the influx of dogs to shift north to JFK airport. Now that Operation Dog Catcher has streamlined CBP and CDC surveillance in New York, illegal importers have again felt the effects, and large shipments containing 20 to 40 dogs have slowed. But the underage puppies still keep coming.

Smaller shipments of 1 to 10 puppies have kept CDC's New York quarantine public health officers busy. Operation Dog Catcher takes the majority of their workday, even spilling over into off hours. Importers often attempt to ship puppies on overnight flights, seeing an opportunity for easier entry into the United States. But CDC's public health officers are on call day and night.

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CBP has generated a list of problem importers and countries on their radar. As soon as the plane wheels hit JFK's runway, officers are notified if the shipment seems suspicious. CDC continues tracking the puppies from cargo to The ARK, where USDA-accredited veterinarians examine them and determine their ages. The puppies' status updates come often, awakening the CDC on-duty officer three to four times per night. On a weekend, shipments may take 8 hours for CDC to process because of limited staff.

For the larger shipments, illegal importers now go port shopping, looking for the easiest entries into the United States that may not have veterinary staff on site to properly examine the puppies. Other airports, such as Dallas, Philadelphia, and Newark, report dogs coming in en masse.

Public awareness

"The only way we can stop this problem is to shut down demand," said CDC's Yonette Hercules, officer in charge of the New York Quarantine Station. "It's important to be a responsible dog owner and realize taking a puppy away from its mother too soon is not healthy and is creating inhumane conditions for their breeding and shipment." Make sure you know what you're buying. Be diligent in researching breeders and verifying their online advertisements. Locate ethical US dog breeders by visiting their facilities, and see how they raise puppies.

Purebreds and mixed-breed dogs of all ages are also available for adoption at credible animal shelters across the country. Many shelters conduct behavior testing to match adopters with their perfect companion. For those people looking to add a new pet to their family, seeking a rescue dog in the United States not only helps decrease our homeless pet population but also helps decrease demand for false rescue puppies sold illegally in the US market from international puppy mills. Once an educated public reduces demand, irresponsible overbreeding and fraudulent importation will hopefully cease.

Author Bio

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ARTICLE FROM THE CDC website—

<https://www.cdc.gov/importation/bringing-an-animal-into-the-united-states/operation-dog-catcher.html?fbclid=IwAR1BNneNJ1yrPNRsk9rpEXL3vHMghfOYWpZ3GJZI4ss5-SwNA-VeUxU0Mc>

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Content source: [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), [National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases \(NCEZID\)](#), [Division of Global Migration and Quarantine \(DGMQ\)](#)

It is that time of year

The 5 Second Rule

Before walking
your dog:

Place the back
of your hand
on the asphalt. If
you can't hold it there
for 5 seconds, it's too
hot to go for a walk.



GDA Puppy Raiser Recruitment

Hi, All!

At the heart of every successful guide dog team is a puppy raiser who first taught a puppy to feel safe and to succeed in this world! Guide Dogs of America can't make guide dogs without puppy raisers! As a longtime VHOC member (nearly 20 years!) and board member, I know our membership is comprised of some stellar dog handlers, and I'd LOVE to recruit a VHOC member or two (or more!) to raise a future guide dog for GDA! It's an amazing opportunity to change the life of a person who is blind or visually impaired.



Multiple dog households are fine, so long as resident dogs are appropriate with other dogs. Don't have a fenced yard? That's not a deal-breaker so long as you get out for walks. Work away from home? Ask your employer for permission to bring a guide dog puppy-in-training to work with you. (We can provide letters of support for your employer.) Got kids? Puppy raising is a great way to teach kids about empathy, service to others and the disability community. Recently retired? Puppy raising is a great "retirement sport." Empty nester? What a wonderful way to fill your days! All it takes to be the "perfect puppy raiser" is a desire to make a difference and the time to invest in the ongoing training and socialization of a future canine super hero!

People often say, "I'd love to raise a puppy, but I could never give it up." But here's the thing: You aren't giving the dog up... you're giving it forward. And when the dog graduates and we introduce you to the recipient of the dog you raised as a puppy, you gain a life-long friend who is forever grateful, and who loves the dog just as much as you do. If the dog graduates, you get to feel like a rock star because your role in that dog's early life played a major role in its success! If the dog is career changed, you have the first right of refusal on adopting the dog. When you look at it that way, it's a total win-win!

If it's something you've ever considered, I'd strongly encourage you to come to the graduation ceremony for our current class. **We will publicly celebrate nine new dog-handler teams on Saturday, May 18 at 10 a.m. in the Visitor Education Center, located at 13479 Glenoaks Blvd., in Sylmar.** It's very impactful to hear from the graduates themselves, about how life-changing it is to navigate life with a trained guide dog by their side. As a person who is sighted, it's so easy to underestimate the challenges of navigating a sighted world without being able to see. Graduates, especially those who lost their vision over time, regularly talk about how they largely withdrew from life, having lost their confidence, until a guide dog restored their ability to travel safely, independently and confidently.

GDA Puppy Raiser Recruitment - Continued

Attending an info session is another great way to learn about the program and get questions answered in real-time. The next two info sessions are May 11 at 10:30 a.m. and June 15 at 10:30 a.m. We are currently preparing to place a plethora of puppies throughout June and July, so now is a great time to jump into the application process in anticipation of a summer puppy! We're also hosting a Community Open House on June 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It's a day of campus tours, guide dog demos, puppy trials, puppy kisses and much more.

To learn more, visit www.guidedogsofamerica.org and look for the "Puppy Raising" link on the "GDA Programs" page. You can also contact me directly via email at smcolman@guidedogsofamerica.org or by calling (818) 833-6447.

Thanks for helping GDA "make teams come true!" We can't make guide dogs without puppy raisers like you!

Kindly,

Stephanie Colman

Puppy Program Coordinator (and VHOC member!)

Guide Dogs of America



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Kathy and Dean Spilos and Lia welcomed a new addition to the family! Meet Votan who arrived at home just in time for Kathy's new decade birthday! Life is always more fun and exciting with a puppy! He's looking forward to meeting everyone soon!



Braggs



Robyn Zeldon—

Luca and Barron have a new baby brother.
Ebony's Hearts Desire King Chaos
He is now 11 weeks old and 30lbs.

Laurie Burnam welcomes a new family member -

There is a new kid in town, meet Scusi's little sister, Tinseltown Electric Speedster, aka Tesla, formerly Cindy Crawford, born March 1, 2019.

Black Tri Australian Shepherd, what else...



Elizabeth Patterson and Mimosa

Mimosa competed in the April 27 nose work 1 trial in Rancho Cucamonga, hosted by Agile Paws Dog Sports. We won our NW1 title, 2nd place in Interiors, 1st place in Exteriors and 1st place overall.

NW1 Title



Monica Nolan and Augie—

AKC GSD 4/20/19 Obedience Trial - 1st place and

CDX Title

AKC Hollywood 5/5/19 Rally Trial - 1st place and 1st leg in Master's (97pts)

Double Q in Excellent & Advanced and 1st leg toward RAE

Braggs

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Trudi Schoolhouse with Simone and Sage—May 5, 2019, Hollywood Dog Obedience Club, Camarillo, CA:

Simone got her first leg with a first place in Beginning Novice

And Sage got his first leg in Rally Novice with a first place.

Braggs



Sage



Simone

Debbie Lang and Panda and Quila—May 2, 2019, American Toy Fox Terrier Club, Stone Pony, Moorpark, Ca,

Panda—Double Q #14, 3rd place 20" JWW, 3rd place 20" STD.

Quila—Master FAST Preferred 16" - 1st place—Preferred FAST Q #75 for her

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Debbie Lang and Panda— RALLY TRIALS

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May 5—Hollywood Dog Obedience Club, Camarillo, CA:

Master and Triple Q#4, Excellent B-2nd place, Advanced B 3rd place for RAE #5.

Debbie Lang and Max -

April 21, 2018—Southwest Obedience Club of LA, AM and PM Trials, Gardena, CA:

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