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Happy
Thanksgiving

VHOC Agility Trial Dec 9, 10 & 11 Entries Close December 1st



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
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Got News?

*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:

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Submission deadline is the 8th of each month

This is YOUR Newsette...make it great!

October General Membership meeting

At the General Membership Meeting on Oct. 21st, several members gathered at The Field with their dogs for Trick Dog and CGC Evaluations. Two club members, Monica Nolan and Kathy Spilos, who are AKC certified evaluators, graciously volunteered their time to conduct these evaluations. Eight dogs passed and earned their Trick Dog Novice titles and at least one earned Trick Dog Intermediate. Two dogs tested and earned their CGC titles, as well. The members shared a potluck dinner of fried chicken and sides. All the dogs and humans had a fun time, and made some lasting memories.

—Shiro Torquato—VHOC VP and General Meetings



Bowie TKN



Alias—TKN



Archer TKN



LYRIC CGC and TKN



HERMAN JO TKN



ROSIE CGC,
TKN and TKI



VHOC Agility Trial December 9, 10 and 11th

Judges -

Jan Skurzynski and Dale Mahoney

This is a two judge, two ring trial. The proposed run order is on Larry Ribbeck's website:

[http://www.lribbeck.com/uploads/4/9/4/1/4941464/
vhoc_december_2022_proposed_run_order.pdf](http://www.lribbeck.com/uploads/4/9/4/1/4941464/vhoc_december_2022_proposed_run_order.pdf)

Entries are open now—they will close on December 1st, 2022.

The premium is available on Larry Ribbeck's website :

[http://www.lribbeck.com/uploads/4/9/4/1/4941464/vhoc_premium_dec_9-
11_2022_rev1.pdf](http://www.lribbeck.com/uploads/4/9/4/1/4941464/vhoc_premium_dec_9-11_2022_rev1.pdf)

And VHOC is accepting online entries through the AKC

There is also a trial at Stone Pony the day before 12/8— Poodle Club of So Cal. Premium available at

[http://wwdat.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/20221208-PCSC-
Agility1208.pdf](http://wwdat.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/20221208-PCSC-Agility1208.pdf)



Please contact Nancy Giltner if you would like to help out the club with bar setting or leash running. We can always use the help.

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JUST A DOG -

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog," or "that's a lot of money for just a dog." They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a dog."

Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog." Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted.

Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise."

"Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure and unbridled joy.

"Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that makes me a better person.

Because of "just a dog," I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future. So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a dog," but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man." So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog," just smile--because they "just don't understand."

- Author: Richard A. Biby



This poem has been seen in a lot of places, and it so wonderfully puts into words the shared love we have with our dogs. This time of year brings back memories of all the wonderful dog friends and family we have all had. Thank you to Allison Pobirs for submitting it.

VHOC Training Classes

PLEASE CHECK WITH OUR INSTRUCTORS FOR NEW CLASS START DATES

Obedience - Beginning Competitive - Thursday 6:30, Simi Valley

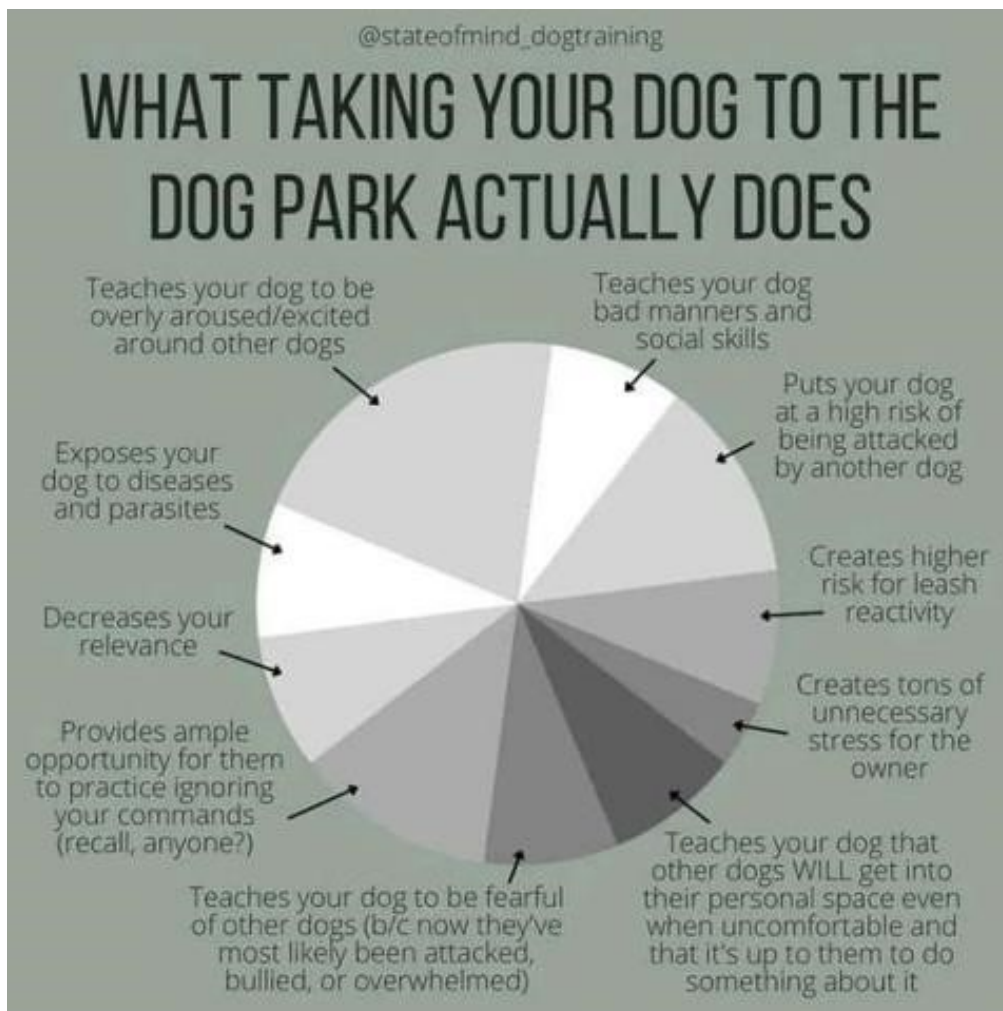
Obedience - Open / Utility Obedience—Thursday 7:45, Simi Valley

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

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

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

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



Just a different perspective—
Food for Thought

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Water — Fixing the Most Neglected Nutrient in Your Dog's Diet

Poor Water Quality Can Lead to Disease

Water is perhaps the most **neglected** nutrient in a dog's diet... Which is why it may also be the most overlooked cause of **diarrhea** and **soft stools** in pets.

That's because...

Dogs frequently drink water that's **contaminated** with disease-causing **bacteria** and **parasites**... from sources found in:

- Stagnant puddles
- Community water bowls in dog parks
- Polluted streams and ponds

And keep in mind...



Drinking Clean Water from a Stainless Steel Bowl

Dogs Pollute Their Own Drinking Water

The slow-motion **video** below shows how a dog contaminates its own drinking water.

Notice how the animal uses its tongue to scoop up the liquid... while germ-laden **saliva** drips back down into the bowl.

<https://youtu.be/jxQR0zyldYc>



Loaded with Disease-Causing Germs

No matter the **source**...

Polluted drinking water can contain massive colonies of **bacteria** and other dangerous organisms.¹

For example...

[Giardia](#) is a disease-causing **parasite** that can be found in shared water bowls at dog parks, restaurants and other public places.²

It can also be detected in suburban streams and ponds.

Unfortunately...

This common waterborne germ is capable of causing serious **digestive problems** in dogs.

Even worse...

In a process known as **cross contamination**...

Giardia can **spread** from one water bowl to another... which can lead to the infection of other dogs.

What's more...



Giardia parasite in water (CDC photo)

Water — Fixing the Most Neglected Nutrient in Your Dog's Diet—continued

A dog's water bowl can also be contaminated with even more **dangerous bacteria**, such as...³

- [E. coli](#)
- [Salmonella](#)
- [MRSA bacteria](#)

More Germs in Every Ounce

In addition to water removed from the bowl by your dog, the unceasing process of **evaporation** is also working to empty it.

Unfortunately...

As water evaporates...

The disease-causing "soup" remaining in the bowl becomes **more concentrated**.

Which means...

There are now **more germs** in every ounce of water.

The polluted water is now more potent. More dangerous.

And thus...

More likely to cause **diarrhea** and **soft stools** in your dog.

Dilution Is the Solution

The easiest way to combat the steady increase of germs in the water is to continuously **dilute it**.

Simply **add water** to the bowl every time you get a chance.

Which will make it less concentrated.

And weaken the "dose" of the germs.

Clean Water Served in a Large Stainless Steel Bowl

Keep Your Dog Hydrated

As you'd expect...

A dog needs **continuous access** to water to lower the risk of **dehydration**.

Which means...

Clean, fresh water must be available **on demand**... anytime the animal's natural urge to drink calls for it.



Choose a Safe Water Bowl

The biggest **mistake** dog owners make is choosing a water bowl that's **too small**... for any dog.

That's because...

Small bowls make it impossible to keep the number of germs in the basin sufficiently diluted... and your dog adequately hydrated.

Our **best advice**...

Regardless of your dog's size...

Serve your pet's water from the **largest bowl** you can find... which helps dilute the germ concentration in the basin.

What's more...

You'll be taking advantage of the powerful **dilution effect**.

Water — Fixing the Most Neglected Nutrient in Your Dog's Diet—continued

For Additional Protection

We **recommend** choosing a bowl that's made from high grade **stainless steel**. They're much easier to keep clean.

They hold up well over time.

And the better ones tend to resist corrosion and harsh dishwasher detergents.

Avoid bowls made from **plastic**.

That's because some of these synthetic bowls are known to leak dangerous, **cancer-causing chemicals** into the dog's drinking water.

And...

Many older "china" bowls can contain **lead** and leaded glazes... which can cause neurological (brain) disorders in dogs.

So, be sure to avoid those, too.

The Bottom Line

The following **recommendations** will help ensure your dog remains **hydrated** at all times...

1. Use an **oversize** bowl and keep it filled with fresh clean water
2. Change all water in the bowl at least **twice a day**
3. Wipe away any [slimy biofilm](#) from the inner surface of the bowl
4. Keep water bowls as clean as you keep your family's **glassware**
5. Never separate your dog from her drinking water... ever
6. Carry fresh water and serving bowls with you when **traveling**

For Extra Safety

We also recommend placing your dog's water bowl in the **dishwasher** for a thorough scrubbing... at least **once a week**.

They come out sparkling clean and ready to serve up a refreshing healthy drink.

And best of all...

You'll be one step closer to becoming your dog's **mealtime hero**.

Article Submitted by Allison Pobirs—Article URL:

https://www.dogfoodadvisor.com/canine-nutrition/water-most-neglected-canine-nutrient/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=water-diarrhea#



WHAT NOT TO FEED YOUR PETS ON THANKSGIVING

- ♥ TURKEY SKIN, DRIPPINGS + GRAVY
- ♥ TURKEY TWINE
- ♥ TURKEY BONES
- ♥ STUFFING
- ♥ SAGE
- ♥ RAISIN + GRAPES
- ♥ ONION + GARLIC
- ♥ NUTMEG
- ♥ NUTS
- ♥ MUSHROOMS
- ♥ FAT TRIMMINGS + FATTY FOODS
- ♥ CORN ON THE COB
- ♥ CHOCOLATE
- ♥ CANDIED YAMS
- ♥ BUTTER
- ♥ BREAD DOUGH
- ♥ ALCOHOL



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Sharon Clarke and Dash

October 15, 2022—Bakersfield Obedience Training Club

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OM7 BN RA FDC CAX CGC



Brag

Sharon Clarke with Dash and Leo

Dash, Leo and I attended our Standard Schnauzer Regional Specialty held in Santa Rosa, California on Saturday, October 22, 2022.

In Obedience, Dash did very well; he was **High in Trial** for the Standard Schnauzers, **High Scoring in Utility and in Open which then gave him the High Combined**. And because he is a Bronze Grand Champion, he also got a ribbon for Obedience Champion.

Leo participated in the Breed Ring on Saturday and received an **Award of Merit**. He was also **First Place in the Stud Dog competition**, showing with two of his daughters.

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Brag

Cynthia Casby with Gryff and Mac

“**Gryffindor** (Fireside’s Mischief Managed PT RN BCAT FDC) earned his second leg towards his Herding Started Course A Sheep at the IEDHA trial in Chino last month, beautifully handled by Kirsten Cole, with a score of 93 and 3rd place in a large class! “



“**MacGyver** had a good time at the Western Doggie Roundup at City of Industry last weekend. We are still working through some issues in Rally after earning his RE last month, but Breed was better. On Saturday he was Winners Dog and on Sunday he was Winners Dog and Best of Winners! He added two more points on his title chase to his Championship, which is now 7 points with 1 major already earned. He has been shown very lightly in breed so I’m very proud of him.”

Monica Nolan with Augie and Rosie

Augie picked up a Masters JWW Q at the 10/28 HDAC Agility and a third Q and title in **Obedience Versatility** two days later at the 10/30 Pasanita Obedience trial. Definitely a versatile pup! **VER Title**



Rosie earned her Canine Good Citizen and two trick dog titles - Novice and Intermediate, at VHOC’s October General Meeting.

CGC, TKN and TKI

Brags

Flo Walberg and Ashley

Here's our picture from the Long Beach show over the weekend in City of Industry. Ashley got a 199.5 in Open B and **High in Trial**. The cooler was our big prize. It was a great event.



Yvonne Garst and Herman Jo

Herman Jo earned his **Trick Dog Novice (TKN)** Title at the VHOC October General Meeting.



Debbie Lang and Fable

October 21, 2022—Antelope Valley Stockdog Club—herding trial.

Fable earned her first qualifying score on Started A Course Ducks with a 3rd place.



Brag

Robyn Zeldon and Lyric

Lyric's first dog show

Lyric went 4-6 month Best puppy Rottweiler and puppy working group 4 at the Riverside KC on October 29, 2022 in Lake Perris

And then

Lyric went 4-6 month Best puppy Rottweiler and puppy working group 1 at the Riverside KC October 30, 2022 in Lake Perris

Twin Creeks Here Comes The Sun **CGC, TKN**, AKC S.T.A.R PUPPY, VHMP



One more brag. Lyric earned her **CGC and TKN** at 5 months old at the October VHOC meeting.





Scusi and Tesla with all their awards from the 2022 ASCA National—Bryon Texas

2022 ASCA Nationals Bryan, Texas
October 31 to November 4
Agility, Obedience and Rally



Scusi & Laurie Nov 2 & 3, ASCA Nationals Agility

Elite Regular 1 10 Q 5th place
Elite Regular 2 10 Q 3rd place
Elite Gamblers 1 10 Q 1st place

Tesla & Laurie

Oct 31 Amigos ASC

Novice Rally 199++ 1st place 1st leg

Had a faster time over two others with same score. First time in a live rally trial

Beginning Novice B Obedience 195 3rd place 1st leg

First time in a live or other obedience trial

Nov 1 Top Dog Performance NAASA Agility

Novice Jumpers 10 Q 1st place Novice Jumpers title JS-N #44

Novice Gamblers 10 Q 1st place Outstanding Performance GS-N-OP title #45

Novice Regular 10 Q 1st place

Novice Regular 10 Q 2nd place

Nov 2, 3, 4 ASCA Nationals Agility

Novice Gamblers 10 Q 4th place

Novice Regular 10 Q 1st place

Novice Jumpers 10 Q 1st place

Braggs



Brag



Nov 2 ASCA Nationals Rally

Novice Rally perfect 200++ 2nd leg out of 42 dogs. Once again beat out two other 200's by a faster time. High Scoring Novice Rally at Nationals recognition with a huge ribbon, metal boot sculpture and a photo ad in the Aussie Times.

Nov 3 ASCA Nationals Rally

Team Advanced Rally "Tinseltown Goes Hollywood" 782 score with 4 on a team 3rd place out of 6 teams. It was Paddy w/Kippy the mom of Tesla w/Laurie, Ice w/Char and Rebel w/Rich. Fun seeing the siblings grown up.

Nov 4 ASCA Nationals Obedience

Beginning Novice Obedience 197+ 3rd place 2nd leg. Was in a run off for 3rd or 4th place so did the heeling pattern again and won it.

So proud of Little Tesla going on a 3 day cross country trip in hotels for the first time, in a huge venue, competing in some classes for the first time. She far exceeded my apprehension although I knew she was prepared for the actual elements of the different class exercises. I wasn't sure how she would work with her favorite breeder Paddy nearby, but as much as she trembled with excitement when she was around, time competing she buckled down, well a few leaps in the air while heeling but that's her natural personality. In every class she Q'd in she came away with a placement. Obedience Q'd 2 out of 2, rally Q'd 2 out of 2, and agility Q'd 7 out of 12. The NQ classes were just one dropped bar or one off course jump due to her being speedier than me. Speaking of, in three of the jumpers classes the standard course time was 31.67 seconds, she did it in 15.82 and 17.00 seconds and another course time was 36.00, she did it in 18.92 YIKES!

Scusi was a trooper and so thrilled to be visiting new places and meeting new people. She barked her head off in excitement and Q'd in 3 out of 4 agility classes. I felt bad how much time she had to stay alone in the stall while Tesla was competing but did find time to let her walk around.

This was a grueling trip but so much fun making memories with my two furry loves of my life. Can't wait till I get all the photos I purchased and share with friends.

Brags



Debbie Lang and Max

October 21, 2022—Antelope Valley Stockdog Club

Max finished his **Herding Started A Course Duck title HSAd** with a First place.



Debbie Lang and Panda

October 22, 2022—Antelope Valley Stockdog Club

Panda earned her first qualifying score in Herding Intermediate A Course Ducks with a Third place.



Shiro Torquato and Archer

Archer earned his Novice Trick Dog Title at the VHOC October General Meeting **TKN Title**



Karen Ullman and Bowie

Bowie earned his Novice trick dog title at the VHOC general meeting and trick dog testing. **TKN Title**



Debbie Lang with Panda and Morgan

November 2-3, 2022— Greater LA Scent Work Club Agility Trial, Stone Pony, Moorpark

Panda qualified in 5 out of 6 runs, and on Thursday she earned her 15th Preferred Double Q and her 10th Triple Q earning her **TQPX title**. (you need to qualify in all three classes Master STD, JWW and FAST on the same day and do it at ten different trials)

Morgan earned his first Excellent FAST leg with a 69 and 1st place.

Braggs



Karen Ullman and Kona

Kona qualified at her first Scent Work Club of the San Gabriel Foothills AKC Scent Work trial container, interior and exterior. She did a fantastic job!



Kelly Stover and Mia

Mia earned some bling with two new drafting titles.

She is now an **Advance Brace Novice Draft Dog** with the help of her partner (niece) Emmie.

She also earned her **Advanced Novice Draft Dog title**.

Both titles were earned with the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America.





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TO:

The AKC also warns pet owners to keep the trash out of reach as dogs are super smellers and could be tempted to get into the remains of your holiday meal.

The AKC advises pet owners to seek help immediately if their pet gets into something they shouldn't and a [Pet Poison Helpline](#) is available in the event of an emergency if local veterinarians do not offer weekend or after-hours services during the holidays.

Dog Friendly Thanksgiving	
Pet Poison Helpline: • 1-855-764-7661	
Dogs CAN have	Dogs CANT have
Carrots	Ham
Celery	Chocolate
Corn (no cob)	Garlic
Sweet Potatoes	Leeks
Green Beans	Onions
Apples (no core/seeds)	Grapes
Pumpkin	Raisins
Rice	Raw Potatoes
Quinoa	Mashed Potatoes
A little cheese	Raw Dough
Turkey (no skin, fat or bones)	Canned Cranberry
	Pre-made Desserts
	Pie Filling
	Stuffing

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