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Please help out the club, also a way to earn the attendance requirement for the VHOC Banquet Special Awards.

We need someone who will bring ice for the cooler, order and pickup lunches.

If you're not showing or already doing a job, or know of someone, please step forward.

Please contact Monica Nolan at nolanmilano@gmail.com if you can help the club.

Thank you!

Volunteers **still** needed for our September Obedience & Rally Trial

Support your club by volunteering at our upcoming September 18-19 trial at Stone Pony Ranch. We need help in the following areas:

- Site Setup/Take down - late Friday afternoon, early Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon.
- Stewards - Folks to work our three rings (2 Obedience, 1 Rally) on Saturday and Sunday. Prior experience would be great but not necessary. We've got training videos!
- Hospitality- Folks to obtain and hand out snacks, water and lunch to our volunteers and judges on Saturday and Sunday.
- Airport Taxi - one of our judges will need transportation from and to the airport - Friday afternoon and Sunday afternoon. (Burbank to Simi Valley)

Please contact Monica Nolan at nolanmilano@gmail.com to volunteer. Thank you!

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
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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:

Debbie Lang at
djlang@sbcglobal.net

Submission deadline is the 8th of each month

This is YOUR Newsette...make it great!

Stewarding and Beginning Judging Workshop

Presented by Pam Murphy

September 12, 2021

9am - 2pm

Hidden Valley Obedience Club's grounds
Escondido, Ca

Learn important elements of stewarding in all classes, Obedience
and Rally

Understand the process of becoming a judge and key features to
know to start judging informally

Bring your folding chair and lunch and lots of questions. Dogs are welcome
and might be used in the demos. Reserve a place so we know
how many handouts will be needed. (Non-members- donation of \$5 for the
handouts.) Contact pammurphy46@cox.net to reserve a spot.

VHOC Rally and Obedience Trials

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

For our September 18th and 19th

Day Time Trials

Being held at Stone Pony, Moorpark, CA

You can access the premium at Larry Ribbeck's Website—<http://www.lribbeck.com/trials.html>

The VHOC website—<https://www.vhoc.org/single-post/vhoc-s-annual-obedience-and-rally-trial>

Or this link—

http://www.lribbeck.com/uploads/4/9/4/1/4941464/vhoc_2021_o_r_premium.pdf

**Entries Close
September 10th**

MANY BENEFITS TO HOME TRIALING

Submitted by Allison Pobirs

- 1) Bitches in season
- 2) Reactive dogs
- 3) Nervous handlers
- 4) Live in remote locations
- 5) Builds skills in preparation for live trials
- 6) Supplements trial opportunity when accessible trials are infrequent

The list goes on - Agility is not intended to be a temperament test, agility is a test of connection, and skills related to navigating agility courses, building a relationship with your dog and honing your skills as a handler.

Several Organizations offer the opportunity to trial from home in agility and other sports.

USDAA Will Continue Agility and Rally @Home! Program

Jul 1, 2021

By: News Editor

As the pandemic is subsiding and live events are returning, agility and rally participants have been asking whether USDAA will continue operating the USDAA@Home!SM program. Launched in 2020, it provides an opportunity to practice and train skills, run your dog on fun and challenging courses, and earn titling qualifications, all from the convenience of one's home or local club. The answer is, "Yes – USDAA@Home! will continue!"

Heather Ferguson's story is one of many that illustrates the program's ongoing value.

The Ipswich, Mass., resident adopted a female Cattle Dog, Dahli, nearly eight years ago. The feral dog was in Heather's foster care after being born and trapped in the wild, and she was terrified of the world. One of the reasons Heather chose to keep her was because she couldn't afford to have three dogs in sports at that time, and she figured Dahli was "never going to be a sport dog." But Dahli proved her wrong.

A few years later, Dahli was getting championships in lure coursing and barn hunt. "Those were pretty easy to get because she definitely had prey drive. But, although we competed in agility, I never thought she would be able to get a USDAA championship. She was incredibly pressure sensitive, did not like to leave me, and was very poky in trials, but she loved to work and had fun doing it, so we gave it a try," she said.



MANY BENEFITS TO HOME TRIALING

Continued



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Although they progressed to P3 in Jumpers and Snooker, they struggled to improve in other classes, not getting past P2. "Then COVID hit, and I thought for sure we would not progress and would lose whatever momentum we had. She was seven at the time, and we didn't know when we would be able to take classes again, never mind trial. I was pretty heartbroken," explained Heather.

During the pandemic Heather discovered the USDAA@Home! program. Not only did it let them "trial" in a setting she was used to, but they could practice skills doing actual trial courses and challenges that they needed to work on. "It was awesome! We could 'trial' every weekend and pick the classes we needed to keep moving forward. In real life I could never afford to trial every weekend because of travel and hotel expenses. But in my friend's yard, it was no problem," said Heather.

"We returned to live trials last month, and at our first trial back so many people commented on how much Dahli had improved. One agility friend even joked, 'I guess quarantine did Dahli good!'" On June 6 during the Canine Agility Training Society (CATS) trial in Swanzey, N.H., they earned Dahli's last needed Q, in Pairs.

Heather recently wrote to USDAA, "I know you guys realize this is a good program, but I do not think you fully realize just how much it has helped and benefited some of the 'marginal' dogs and their handlers. Thank you very much, from the bottom of my heart, for helping to make my little red feral dog achieve a goal I never thought would be possible -- agility champion."

Partial Article Taken from: Labrador Training HQ

<https://www.labradortraininghq.com/labrador-health-and-care/what-can-i-give-my-dog-for-pain/>

Can You Give a Dog Ibuprofen?

No. [Ibuprofen is considered toxic for dogs](#) and should never be used as a canine painkiller. Never give your dog Advil, Motrin, Midol or other drugs containing ibuprofen. Even small amounts can be life-threatening.

Symptoms of ibuprofen poisoning include:

- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Bloody feces
- Blood in vomit
- Nausea
- Lack of appetite
- Weight loss
- Increased thirst
- Increased urination
- Decreased or lack of urine
- Seizures
- Un-coordination
- Coma
- Death

If you think your dog may have ingested ibuprofen, please call your veterinarian immediately. This medicine will give them anything but pain relief.

Ibuprofen

Medications

ALTERNATE NAMES

Advil, Motrin, NSAIDs

Toxicity to pets

Information Taken from: Pet Poison Helpline

<https://www.petpoisonhelpline.com/poison/ibuprofen/>

Ibuprofen is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug ([NSAID](#)), a class of drug that is commonly used for the relief of pain and inflammation associated with arthritis, headaches, menstrual cramps, and for the relief of mild fevers. Though ibuprofen is used commonly by people, dogs and cats are very sensitive to this drug and its use is not recommended. Dog-specific NSAIDs include common brands such as [Rimadyl](#), [Dermaxx](#), [Previcox](#) and [Metacam](#). Currently, there are no NSAIDs designed for long-term use in cats. This class of drug is used sparingly in cats because it is poorly tolerated (it can result in severe kidney failure with overdose or repeated doses).

Pet owners should *never* give any medication to their dog or cat without consultation with their veterinarian. Some pet owners give NSAIDs, like ibuprofen, without realizing the dangers to their dog or cat. When pets ingest small doses of ibuprofen, it may result in severe stomach ulcers causing signs of vomiting, bloody vomitus, diarrhea, black-tarry stool, weakness, pale gums (a sign of anemia), abdominal pain, lethargy, and loss of appetite. With larger ingestions, kidney failure, liver failure and neurological problems (e.g., tremors, seizures) can develop.

If you think your dog or cat has ingested ibuprofen, call your veterinarian or Pet Poison Helpline immediately for life-saving treatment advice.

IBUPROFEN POISONING

Ibuprofen poisoning destroyed his liver. The dog had to be euthanized, after his owner gave him a daily Ibuprofen pill for 5 days because he had fought another dog and was sore. Unknowingly poisoned him. Not everything that is good for humans is good for pets, beware of medicating without veterinary prescription!

Info by Dr. Eduardo Nugra. Facebook page July 9, 2019

*note jaundicing - yellow gums in photo"

submitted by Allison Pobirs



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Leptospirosis in Dogs in Los Angeles County in 2021

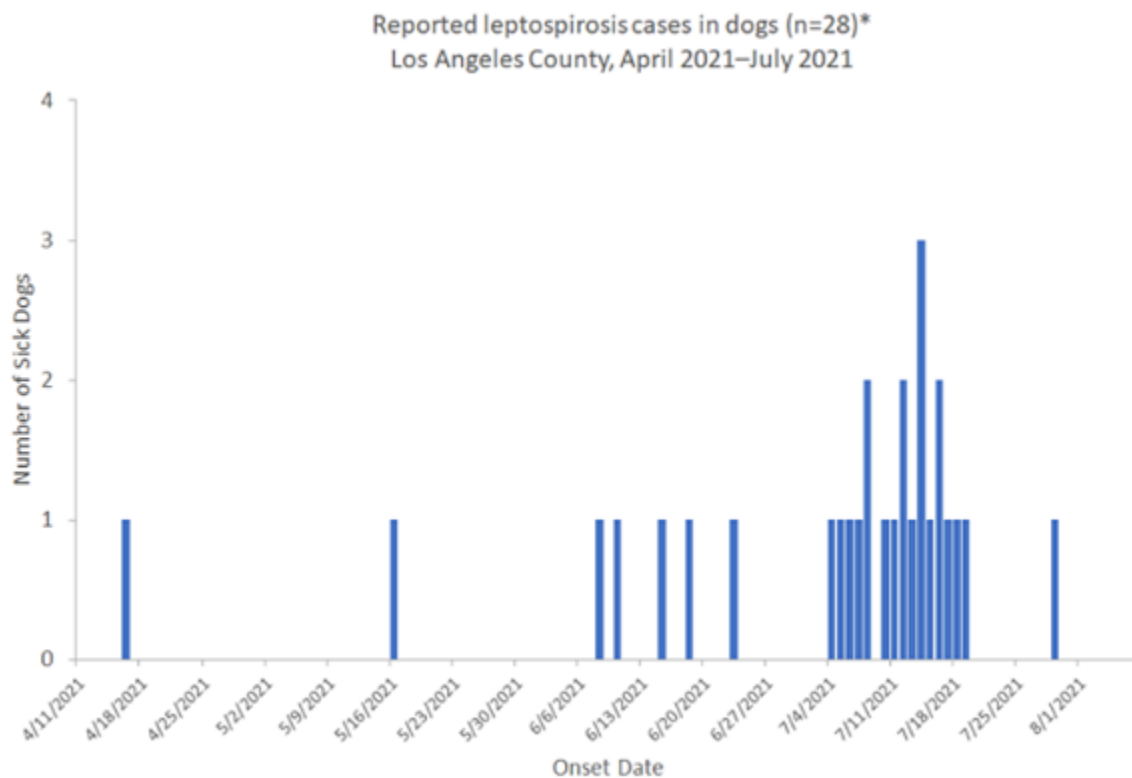
What is leptospirosis?

Leptospirosis (lepto) is a disease caused by a bacteria called *Leptospira interrogans*. These bacteria can infect multiple species of mammals, including humans, dogs, rats, mice, raccoons, skunks, opossums, cows and pigs. Both animals and people may have a wide variety of symptoms, from no symptoms at all to liver and kidney damage and even death. There are vaccines for dogs that may provide protection against this potentially serious infection. Contact your veterinarian if you have questions about your pet and leptospirosis.



Leptospirosis in dogs in Los Angeles County in 2021

In July 2021, Veterinary Public Health noted a large increase in reported confirmed and suspected canine leptospirosis cases. Most of the affected dogs either live in or had exposures in locations on the west side of the county or the San Fernando Valley. A number of dogs may have been exposed at a boarding facility in Santa Monica, but others may have been exposed at dog parks or beaches. Many infected pets required hospitalization and extensive care. At this time, there have been no reports of people becoming ill after exposure to the infected dogs. With this recent increase in canine cases, it is very important for veterinarians to consider leptospirosis as a possible cause when dogs are seen at their veterinary facility with lethargy, loss of appetite, reluctance to move, increased thirst, increased urination, vomiting, or evidence of kidney or liver damage on bloodwork.



*This chart includes cases reported to Veterinary Public Health with onset date available. There are 12 cases without a reported onset date that are pending investigation and which are not included in this chart. Two asymptomatic cases are included, the lab confirmed date is used for those.

Leptospirosis - Continued

Findings on reported cases of leptospirosis in dogs in Los Angeles County from April-July 2021 (n=40)*:	
	Number of cases (total reported to VPH = 40)
Lab-confirmed	19
Suspect	21
Missing data	0
Asymptomatic	2
Symptomatic	24
Missing data	14
Any boarding/daycare reported	28
No boarding/daycare reported	6
Missing data	6
Dog park visit reported	8
No dog park visit reported	1
Missing data	31

*This is an ongoing investigation. As such, this data is preliminary and subject to change as more cases are reported and then subsequently investigated.

PETS AND LEPTOSPIROSIS**How common is leptospirosis in pets and animals Los Angeles County?**

From 2008-2020, 88 cases of leptospirosis in dogs were reported in Los Angeles County. However, since some dogs may be asymptomatic or have mild symptoms and may not be tested, we believe it is likely underdiagnosed and underreported, so the true local incidence in dogs is unknown. We believe most cases in Los Angeles County are contracted due to contact with infected wildlife or rodents, however other forms of transmission may be more likely when there is an increased incidence of disease. For example, dogs that are in congregate settings and exposed to large numbers of other dogs (boarding, daycare, training, dog parks, beaches, grooming, etc.), may be at increased risk of contracting the bacteria through direct contact or through contact with urine-contaminated surfaces or water sources.

How do dogs and other animals get lepto?

The bacteria are spread through the urine of infected animals which gets into water or soil and can survive there for weeks to months. Animals and humans become infected when they come into direct contact with the contaminated water or soil. The bacteria enters through cuts in the skin or through the eyes, nose or mouth (drinking contaminated water) or through inhalation. If your pet has become infected, it most likely came into contact with the bacteria in the environment or was exposed to infected animals including other dogs or wildlife. Your pet may have been drinking, swimming or walking through contaminated water. Since wildlife and rodent exposure is possible to pets even in suburban or urban environments, this means that pets in Los Angeles County could be exposed to infected wildlife or their urine from their backyards or around their residence, even without visiting a congregate setting such as a dog park or daycare. Cats are more resistant to infection but may show mild disease when infected.

How soon after exposure to lepto would my dog develop symptoms?

The time between exposure to the bacteria and the development of disease is usually 5 to 14 days, but can be as short as a few days or as long as 30 days or more.

Leptospirosis - Continued**What are the signs of lepto in pets?**

Contact your veterinarian if you suspect your pet may be showing signs of leptospirosis. Symptoms are variable and are most commonly associated with kidney damage which may include fever, lethargy, low appetite, vomiting and increased or decreased urination and thirst. Diarrhea and liver damage or yellowed mucus membranes (gums) may also be seen. Sometimes pets do not have any symptoms. Your veterinarian can perform tests to determine whether your pet has the disease.

Is lepto treatable in dogs?

Lepto is treatable with antibiotics. If an animal is treated early, it may recover more rapidly and any organ damage may be less severe. Other treatment methods such as hospitalization, fluids, or dialysis may be required.

Is there a vaccine available for leptospirosis?

Yes there are lepto vaccines available for dogs, however the vaccine does not provide 100% protection. This is because there are many strains (serovars) of lepto and the vaccines available do not provide immunity against all strains. Local data suggest that a variety of lepto strains may cause illness in dogs. Therefore the 4-way vaccines (protecting against 4 strains of the bacteria) are a better choice for protection than the 2-way vaccines. The 4-way *Leptospira* vaccine is recommended for dogs living in Los Angeles County. 2 doses of the vaccine are normally given 3-4 weeks apart, and should be boosted again every year. Schedule with your veterinarian to have your pet vaccinated against lepto.

If my dog had a lepto infection in the past, are they considered immune for life?

No. Infection with lepto does not guarantee that a pet is immune for life. It is important to get your pet vaccinated even if they become sick with lepto because your pet can become reinfected with a different strain of lepto later. Discuss with your veterinarian when your pet should be vaccinated after recovering from a recent infection.

Are vaccine reactions to the leptospirosis vaccine common?

Previously there has been concern about vaccine reactions from the *Leptospira* vaccine. However, current vaccines containing leptospiral antigen have not been shown to be more reactive than other vaccines for dogs. Speak to your veterinarian for more information about whether the lepto vaccine is recommended for your dog.

How do I prevent my dog from contracting lepto?

- Vaccinate your dog against lepto
- Keep dogs away from wildlife
- Do not attract wildlife to yards by keeping bushes and shrubbery trimmed and closing off outdoor crawl spaces
- Do not leave pet food or water bowls outside and routinely clean food and water bowls that may have been contaminated by wildlife
- Keep rodent problems under control; call an exterminator if needed
- Do not allow pets to drink from or enter contaminated bodies of water

If my dog had lepto, when can they return to their normal activities?

It is important to keep your dog at home and not go out to public areas until they have been treated with antibiotics. Generally, once your pet has completed the recommended antibiotic course and is no longer symptomatic, they are much less likely to release lepto in their urine and be contagious to others. However, some dogs may still release lepto in their urine intermittently for weeks to months. We recommend consulting with your veterinarian after your dog has been diagnosed and treated for lepto for their recommendation on when it is safe to resume normal activities or return to congregate facilities (daycare, boarding, grooming, dog parks, beaches, etc.).

PEOPLE AND LEPTOSPIROSIS**Can humans contract leptospirosis?**

Lepto is considered a zoonotic disease which means that it can be transmitted between people and animals. Humans are infected in similar ways as animals, such as through contact with contaminated urine (or other bodily fluids, except saliva), water, or soil. The bacteria can enter the body through the eyes, nose, mouth or skin, especially if the skin is broken from a cut or scratch. Normal daily activities with your pet will not put you at high risk for lepto infection. For humans, the most likely exposure to lepto is when a pet is sick and pet owners or veterinary staff have direct contact with their urine. It is especially important to practice good hand hygiene around a dog that is sick or recovering from lepto. Use gloves when cleaning up urine, spray the area with a disinfectant, and wash your hands immediately after removing gloves or after having contact with your pet or a pet you are caring for.

What are the signs of lepto in humans?

Symptoms are variable and may include fever, severe headache, and muscle aches. In severe cases, people may have yellowed mucous membranes (gums), kidney damage and respiratory distress. Click [here](#) to learn more about lepto in people. If you develop symptoms of lepto after exposure to an infected pet, see your physician immediately and discuss your exposure. Tests can be performed to see if you have this disease.

How do I stay safe around my dog if they have been diagnosed with lepto?

- Make sure that your infected pet takes all of their medicine and follow up with your veterinarian as needed
- Wear gloves when cleaning up waste, especially urine, or any contaminated bedding from your pet
- Wash your hands after removing your gloves and after any handling of your pet
- To disinfect a surface that was contaminated by pet waste or urine, use an antibacterial cleaning solution or a solution of 1 part household bleach in 9 parts water
- Consider having your pet urinate in sunny areas or areas that will dry completely rather than urinating in areas that will always stay wet
- Do not pressure wash areas where animals have urinated as this may cause the bacteria to aerosolize and it can then be inhaled
- As some dogs can release the bacteria in their urine intermittently for weeks to months after recovery, it is important to follow these precautions whenever you clean up pet waste and urine

LOS ANGELES COUNTY VETERINARIANS ARE ADVISED TO:

- Educate clients about leptospirosis and steps that may be taken to reduce risk, especially to rodents and wildlife
 - Discuss vaccination with each client and remind clients about recommended boosters
 - Educate clients and veterinary staff about the zoonotic potential of leptospirosis and the recommended ways to reduce exposure
 - ◊ Practice good hand hygiene around a dog that is sick or recovering from leptospirosis
 - ◊ Always use gloves when cleaning up urine
 - ◊ Veterinary staff should wear proper PPE when handling dogs suspected of having lepto and use good hygiene when disinfecting areas that may have had contact with urine
 - ◊ Properly disinfect areas inside and outside of the veterinary facility where infected dogs have urinated
 - Do not use pressure washing to clean urine contaminated areas as this may create aerosols
- Report all cases of confirmed or suspected leptospirosis in LA County to Veterinary Public Health using this [reporting form](#).

Leptospirosis - Continued

If you have questions about leptospirosis or wish to report a case, please call 213-288-7060 or email [vet@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:veter@ph.lacounty.gov).

Additional resources for leptospirosis:

[Los Angeles County Veterinary Public Health - Leptospirosis in Animals](#)

[Center for Food Security and Public Health Fast Facts Sheet for Clients - Leptospirosis](#)

[2010 ACVIM Small Animal Consensus Statement on Leptospirosis](#)

[Leptospirosis - CDC](#)

Last updated: August 2, 2021

[URL—http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/vet/Leptospirosis2021.htm](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/vet/Leptospirosis2021.htm)

Thank you to Cynthia Casby for providing the link to this information.

- Modes of exposure
 - ◊ Most cases exposed to wildlife, or water contaminated by wildlife, in or near the dog's home environment (such as backyard water bowls, fountains, and ponds)
 - ◊ The most common wildlife exposure in lepto cases in dogs included raccoons, rats or mice, opossums and skunks.
- Locations of cases
 - ◊ Areas throughout LA County, no clear geographic pattern
 - ◊ Due to the cost of testing, may be more likely to be diagnosed in dogs in higher income areas



[URL—http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/vet/Leptospirosis.htm](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/vet/Leptospirosis.htm)

Braggs



Sharon Clarke and Dash

Dash and I attended the Northern California Terrier Association obedience trials on July 8 & 9th which they had opened to all breeds. He earned a 2nd place in Utility with a score of 196.5 and 194.5 in Open earning a leg toward his 2nd UDX.

Held in the same location were the Sacramento Kennel Club Obedience trials on July 10, 11, and 12. Dash earned a 3rd place with a score of 196.5 in Utility on July 10. On July 11 he earned 196 in Utility and placed 2nd and with a score of 199 in Open we were tied for 1st place, but lost the run off, however his score earned him a **High Combined** win with a score of 395. July 12 Dash had a score of 195 in utility and 197.5 in open, both out of the placements, but we did get the UDX legs we were after.

Respectfully submitted by his VERY PROUD mom,
Sharon Clarke

July 11th High Combined in Trial

Sharon Clarke and Dash

Dash and I attended the Truckee Meadows Dog Training Club Obedience and Rally trials July 16 through July 18, 2021. The trials were held indoors in a convention facility at the Atlantis in Reno, Nevada.

We earned three UDX legs, one each day we showed. Dash earned his **UDX 2 title** with these shows. We also came home with a 3rd place in Open (we earned this placement via run-off) and a 4th place in Utility.

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Sharon Clarke and Dash

Braggs

Dash and I went to the Lompoc Kennel Club Obedience trial held Saturday July 31st and August 1st in Lompoc. We were on the hunt for UDX legs. On Saturday, Dash qualified in Utility B with a score of 196 and 3rd place. We lost the run off for 2nd place. Then came the Open B ring Dash decided to have some fun and provided comic relief for all of the spectators, guess he just couldn't help himself, so we didn't qualify. No UDX leg for us, but boy did he have some fun! (He found that damn book, "I've never done that before")



On Sunday, we qualified with 196 and a 2nd place in Utility. In the Open B ring, he managed to hold it together and pull off a 1st place score of 197.5 earning that UDX leg that we were seeking.

Not only that but we were **HIGH IN TRIAL** for the day and as it turned out we were also **HIGH COMBINED!** Wow! What a day! He now has the 3 first place finishes required to complete his OTCH and more points toward that end.



Respectfully submitted by his very happy and proud mom.

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Robyn Zeldon and Luca

Luca earned her NW1 at the Pink Biscuit Nosework Trial on July 25, 2021

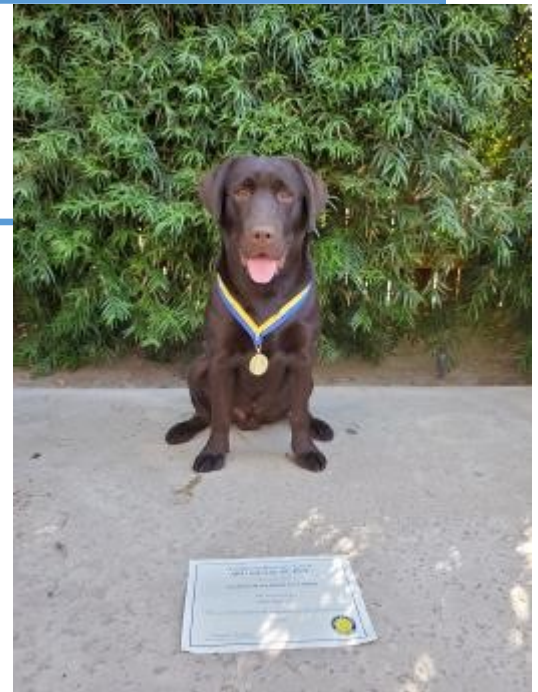
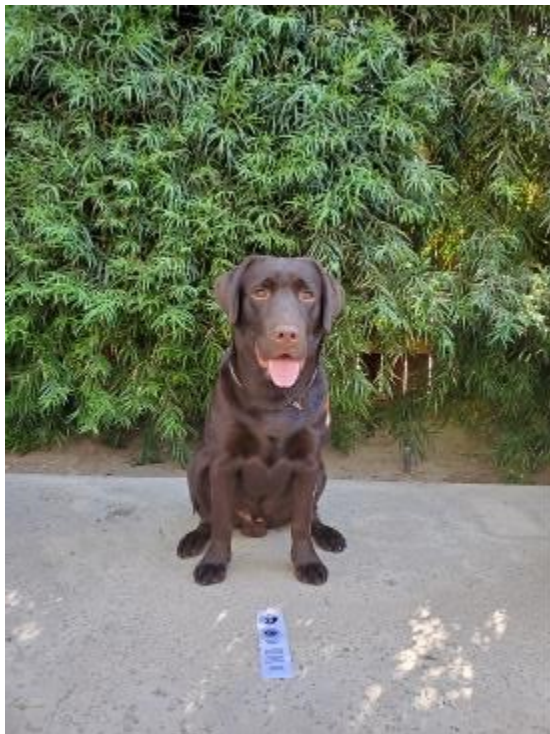
NW1 Title

Brag



Shiro Torquato and Archer

Archer earned his **AKC S.T.A.R. puppy title** on June 20, 2021 after completing a class with My Best Friend Obedience.



Archer debuted in the conformation ring at the South Bay Kennel Club All Breed Show in Torrance on August 7, 2021. He earned 4th place in the 9-12 month Labrador puppy class.

Buenaventura Dog Training Club, Agility Trial, Camarillo July 23/24, 2021

Scusi & Laurie

Master Standard 100 Q 4th place 13 MACH points

Master Jumpers 100 Q 4th place 8 MACH points 4th QQ

Master Jumpers 100 Q 5th place 7 MACH points

Brag

VHOC, Stone Pony, Moorpark July 29, 2021—Agility

Scusi & Laurie

Master Standard 100 Q 4th place 17 MACH points

Master Jumpers 100 Q 3rd place 12 MACH points 5th QQ

Tesla & Laurie

Novice Preferred Fast 100 Q 1st place 2nd leg

Simi Valley Agility Club Camarillo August 7/8, 2021

Scusi & Laurie

Master Jumpers 100 Q 5th place 9 MACH points

Bummer she got a bee sting in rear paw so scratched standard class

Tesla & Laurie

Novice Preferred Fast 100 Q 1st place 3rd leg

Title #24 NFP NEW TITLE

Novice Preferred Standard 95 Q 1st place 1st leg

Novice Preferred Fast 100 Q 1st place extra leg

Novice Preferred Standard 100 Q 1st place 2nd leg

Novice Preferred Jumpers 100 Q 1st place 1st leg

The last two classes showed so much improvement in Tesla's performance, especially the last jumpers run, she was wicked fast and focused ahead to the next obstacles.

What fun but I need to step up my speed and directions. She is gaining distance work as well. Weeeee!!!



Debbie Lang with Max (Aussie) and Morgan (Elkhound)

Max and Morgan both earned their Novice Agility (Standard) **NA Title**

July 16, 2021—Ventura County Scent Work Club Agility Trial, Stone Pony, Moorpark, CA:

Both earned a 100 Max 1st place, Morgan 2nd place



Braggs

**Jane Nye and Henry**

I have a new Cardigan Welsh Corgi puppy (12 wks) – Torlan's Spirit Path, call name Henry.

Jane Nye and Grey

- Grey got his **CD** on Saturday at Lompoc. At 22 months and a Covid baby – Grey is Torlan's Born to be King BN CD RE NJP NAP CGC TKA BN-V CD-V
- Grey got his first Conformation point on Saturday at Lompoc, winning BOB over a Special
- Grey also got his first Conformation 3-pt Major on Sunday at South Bay, winning BOB from the classes over Specials.

(Photo courtesy of Pamela Marks)



Kathy Spilos and Votan—Our Day Filled with Firsts!

On August first, Kathy Spilos and Votan enjoyed what turned out to be a day filled with “firsts” at the Lompoc Valley Kennel Club’s rally and obedience trials.

Early in the morning we showed in Rally Excellent where Votan earned his title with a first place finish under judge Laura Cox. **RE Title**

Then the team waited all day to enter “real” obedience for the first time in Beginner Novice. Votan turned in a magnificent performance with a score of 193.5+/200 — yup, he earned first place in a run-off for his first leg once again under judge Laura Cox!

There was one more first - we tested the “Dean factor” and what do you know, Votan did all this with his “human dad” watching and taking photos!



Votan earns his **Rally Excellent Title!**



Votan and I celebrating our first leg and first place finish in Beginner Novice with fellow VHOC member, Amy Balchum, who was ring-side cheering for team Votan!



It was a family affair - Lia, who turns 9 next week, offered her special brand of encouragement to her younger “brother,” but really enjoyed venturing off for some shopping and exploring the breed rings with me in-between classes:

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Just in case you were looking for something to do in September—we have 4 days of agility and 4 days of Rally and Obedience trials coming up.

All at Stone Pony in Moorpark

Sept 16 and 17—VHOC agility trials (Evening trial)—Premiums and Online entry available at Weekday Wing Ding Agility Trials <http://wwdat.us/upcoming-trials/>

Sept 18 and 19—VHOC Rally and Obedience Trials (Daytime trial)—Premiums available on VHOC Website and Larry Ribbeck's website—<http://www.lribbeck.com/trials.html>

Sept 22 and 23—German Shepherd Dog Club of the San Gabriel Valley (GSDCSGV) - Agility Trial (Evening Trial)—Online entry available at Weekday Wing Ding Agility Trials— <http://wwdat.us/upcoming-trials/>

Sept 25 and 26—German Shepherd Dog Club of the San Gabriel Valley Obedience and Rally Trial (Daytime Trial) - Premium available on Larry Ribbeck's website—<http://www.lribbeck.com/trials.html>