



Newsette



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**August is
National
Dog Month**



Dear VHOC club members,

We are looking for stewards to volunteer for our obedience/rally trial on September 16th/17th at Stone Pony Ranch in Moorpark.

We will have one Obedience ring and one Rally ring. The judges are Susie Osborne (Obedience) and Shannon Jones (Rally). Currently, I need one steward to work the Obedience ring on Sunday. I also need two Rally Stewards on Saturday and three on Sunday. We will also be having a warm up ring. Exhibitors can pay \$3 for five minutes in the grass ring to warm up their dogs. I need one steward to manage that ring by collecting money and keeping time (5 minutes per run through) between Noon and 2 or 3 pm. A club member will be managing this ring in the morning.

There will be a light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Please let me know if you are interested and available to volunteer for this trial.

You can email me privately at drshiro2000@gmail.com Shiro Torquato

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?

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Email me for more information, or just send your stuff to:

Debbie Lang at
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Submission deadline is the 8th of each month

This is YOUR Newsette...make it great!

Remember to Enter

VHOC Obedience/Rally Trial

Sat - Sept 16 and Sun - Sept 17

Entries are OPEN NOW



Judges:

Susie Osborne (Obedience)

Shannon Jones (Rally)

ENTRY FEES Separate Fee for Each Dog, Each Day

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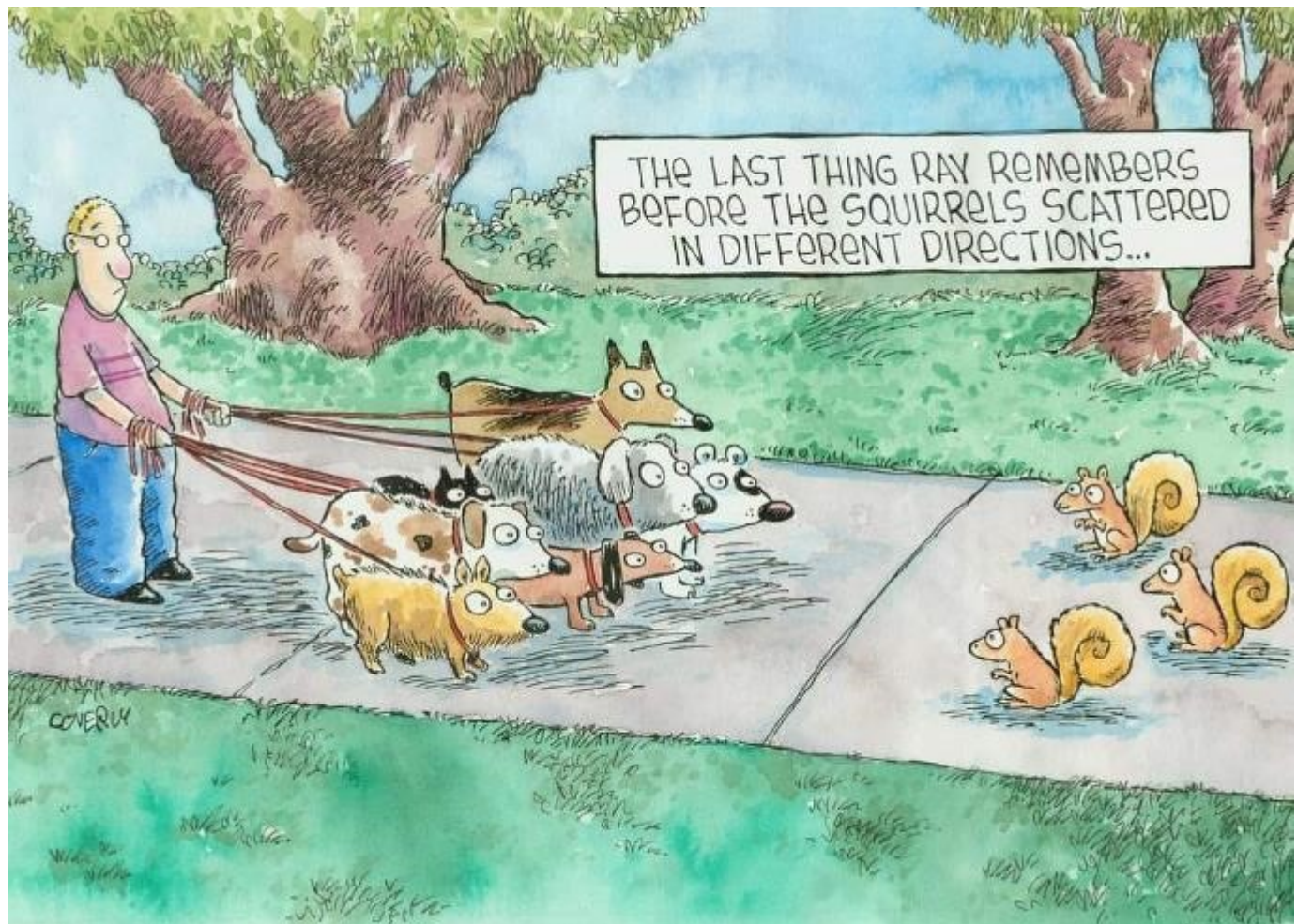
Premium is available on Larry Ribbeck's Website—

<https://www.lribbeck.com/documents/VHOC%202023%20Premium.pdf>

And on the VHOC Website -

<https://www.vhoc.org/single-post/vhoc-s-annual-obedience-and-rally-trial-2023>

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10 Signs Your Dog is Overheated

Your gorgeous and freshly groomed pup is running around in the dog park. Frolicking with the best of them and having a great time with the other dogs. Even though it's hot out, it's a great day...until you notice your pup in the shade of a tree off to the side.

What could be going on? Maybe they found something to sniff and investigate, or they really want to mark some new territory. But while those are possibilities, it's important to keep overheating in mind as you check on your pup.

Here are 10 signs your dog might be overheated and what to keep an eye out for:

1. Seeking Shade

While your pup might just want to relax under a tree, if they are constantly trying to stay in a shady spot or seeking a cold spot on the concrete, they are trying to escape the heat.

2. Excessive Panting

You know your dog best and if you notice they're panting more than normal even after they've stopped playing, it could be a sign that they're unable to regulate their body temperature.

3. Won't Eat

Not eating a delicious treat? Turning away from it when they would usually be so excited for a little reward is another possible sign.

4. Hot to the Touch

Dogs usually have a temperature ranging from 100 to 102.5 degrees (that's another reason why they're so nice to cuddle), but if they feel too hot to the touch, it would be best to take their temperature once they're in a cooler spot.

5. Drinking Water in Excess

If you put out a cold bowl of water for your pup and you've never seen them lap up the water that fast, it may be an indicator of dehydration and their inability to regulate their temperature as usual.

Not only that, but no amount of water seems to quench their thirst. If you also notice that they aren't peeing after drinking so much water, it could be an indication that they're already dehydrated.

6. Rapid Pulse

Since a dog's pulse can vary depending on their size and breed type, it's important to know what the norm is for your pup. [Knowing their baseline will help you know when someone is amiss.](#)

7. Skin Elasticity

Again, another red flag of dehydration or overheating to be familiar with is your dog's skin elasticity. When they're hydrated, "gently hold some of the dog's skin near their shoulder blades, raise it up, and then let it go. Watch carefully as it falls back into place." If it springs back to its original position, that's a sign your dog is hydrated. But if it doesn't and the skin holds the position for much longer, it's a sign of dehydration.

8. Confused and Disoriented

If you've ever been dehydrated you can certainly sympathize with your pet if they become confused and disoriented from the heat.

10 Signs Your Dog is Overheated—Continued

9. Abnormally Aggressive

Another factor to remember is that if your pup is confused and disoriented, it could lead to an increased fear response resulting in aggression you'd normally never see from them. While you love your pup and they love you, be aware that in their confusion they might act out in an unexpected way.

10. GI Issues like Vomiting or Diarrhea

If your pup is vomiting and diarrhea is occurring, it might be too late to try certain methods of cooling them down and you'll need to go to a veterinarian immediately.

If you suspect your pup is overheated, you'll want to bring them to a cooler spot and wet them with cool water. But not ice cold because a rapid temperature change could be dangerous.

In the event that their symptoms continue even after attempting to cool them off, you'll want to call your veterinarian and let them know you believe your pup has overheated. They can provide further guidance on how to cool your pet off, or recommend that you come to their office directly.

Blog URL: <https://onyvadogspa.com/blog/10-signs-your-dog-is-overheated/>

A dog house in hot weather is NOT shade, it's a OVEN!!! Take your pets inside or atleast get them real shade, plenty of cold water and a baby pool if possible please....



From

Sierra County Animal Rescue Society

Facebook page



VHOC Training Classes

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

PLEASE CHECK WITH OUR INSTUCTORS 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

THE THREE PROGRESSIVE STAGES OF HEAT-RELATED ILLNESS IN DOGS

Heat Related Illness (HRI) in dogs is serious and can result in significant injury, if not death. It occurs when a dog's core body temperature increases faster than he can dissipate the buildup of heat. While HRI can impact any dog in a hot, confined space with inadequate ventilation and cooling, exercise induced HRI is more prevalent.¹

A dog's normal core body temperature ranges between 99.5°F-102.5°F,² with that range accounting for variations in breed, size, weight, age, and condition. When a dog exercises, his body generates excessive physiological heat which causes his body temperature to rise.

Most of a dog's internal heat is dissipated through the skin. Some heat is released by perspiration through his paw pads and nose. Additional heat dissipates through panting. But when exercising in the summer heat where the air temperature meets or exceeds a dog's core body temperature, his natural methods of cooling become less effective. When he's unable to effectively dissipate the heat, the progressive stages of HRI may appear.

The three stages of HRI are heat stress, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. The chart below is a reference to help owners determine if their dog is dangerously overheating and what actions to take to help him.

STAGE 1 - HEAT STRESS

Clinical Signs

- Less animated behavior
- Visibly tired or moving at a slower pace
- Changes in the dog's focus or readiness
- Change in attitude (ie: seems apprehensive)
- Excessive panting
- Pasty saliva in the mouth
- Increased thirst
- Feels overly warm to the touch
- Tongue excessively protruding out with a flattened end
- Cheeks pulled back revealing the full arcade of the teeth including the molars
- Brick red mucous membranes
- Heat cramps or muscle spasms

Actions to Take

- Take a break from the activity at hand. Sit in a shady area with a cool breeze and provide your dog with lots of water.
- Apply cool water to his paw pads and underbelly.
- Rinse out his mouth to remove any pasty saliva from his gums and tongue.
- Dab rubbing alcohol-soaked pads to the pinnae of the ears, in his armpits and in the groin area. The alcohol placed in these areas will help cool the surface blood immediately.
- Do not start exercising your dog until he is fully recovered, but even then, it might be best to rest him until the next day.
- Consult your vet for additional instruction.

THE THREE PROGRESSIVE STAGES OF HEAT-RELATED ILLNESS IN DOGS-CONTINUED**STAGE 2 - HEAT EXHAUSTION****Clinical Signs**

Any of the signs from Stage 1 plus additional signs:

- Weakness or stumbling
- Mentally aware but too tired to react
- Excessive panting becomes uncontrollable
- Significant thirst
- Sunken, dry eyes
- Dry mouth, gums and nose
- Vomit or diarrhea
- Lack of skin elasticity
- Muscle tremors

Actions to Take

- Get your dog to the nearest vet immediately.
- Before heading to the vet, place a cool, wet towel on the bottom of his kennel.
- Be sure he is in a crate or other area large enough for him to lay on his side. It is important that your dog stretch out so there is maximum heat dissipation.
- Apply cool water to his paw pads and underbelly.
- Dab rubbing alcohol-soaked pads to the pinnae of the ears, in his armpits and in the groin area.
- If you have a fan on the cage door, turn it on.
- Absolutely do not put the dog in extremely cold water and never put ice on his skin. That extreme cold causes surface blood vessels to shrink and increases the risk of both dehydration and heatstroke.

STAGE 3 - HEAT STROKE**Clinical Signs**

Any of the signs from Stages 1 and 2, plus additional signs:

- Significant slowness or lack of coordination
- Weakness in the hind end
- Wobbly and unsteady
- Unresponsive or confused
- Incessant or noisy panting
- Dark urine or lack of urine
- Seizures
- Head tremors
- Shock
- Collapse
- Coma

Actions to Take

- Get your dog to the nearest vet immediately.
- Follow the before-mentioned actions from Stage 2 before you begin your drive to the nearest vet.

Dogs can react to heat and humidity very differently. If you believe your dog is showing clinical signs of HRI, contact your vet for further instruction.

To learn more about heat related illness (HRI) in dogs, visit Eukanuba.com/HRI.

URL—<https://www.eukanuba.com/us/articles/the-three-progressive-stages-of-heat-related-illness---hri#:~:text=When%20he's%20unable%20to%20effectively,to%20take%20to%20help%20him>.

Summer of 2023 Dangers: Protect Your Companion Pets

June 29, 2023 / [General Health](#) / By Dodds

Every summer we seem to discuss some environmental anomaly whether it is bugs or the weather. Unfortunately, these anomalies such as [cyanotoxins in water](#) are no longer anomalies but are normalcies. Thus far in 2023, North America has experienced three distinct yet entwined anomalies that can affect your companion pet's health and will more than likely become normalcies. Topping it all off, the [Fourth of July celebrations](#) are a few days away.

Canadian and Other Wildfires

The Canadian wildfires of 2023 have been burning since early May and appear to be affecting air quality in waves across much of North America for longer periods of time. Now the smoky haze is settling over Europe as well.

Californian wildfires have affected air quality in several states in previous years. However, in those instances, the air quality appeared to be affected for only a few days or a week.

In fact, the air quality is so poor right now that the Michigan Department of Agriculture as well as several other states have issued an alert to companion pet parents on Tuesday, June 27, 2023. In part it reads:

“Today, the State Veterinarian's Office released the following statement due to the recent air quality alert issued for Michigan. The alert was issued because of elevated levels of fine particulate matter due to wildfire smoke from Canada.

‘Similar to humans, animals are also affected when there are issues with air quality, especially birds, animals with underlying respiratory and heart conditions, and other sensitive populations—such as young or senior animals,’ said Assistant State Veterinarian, Jennifer Calogero, DVM, PhD. ‘If animals are being negatively affected by breathing poor quality air, they could exhibit various signs of illness, including coughing, wheezing, having difficulties breathing, eye drainage, lethargy, changing the sound of their vocalization, decreased appetite, and thirst. For any concerns related to the health of your animals, please contact your veterinarian.’

To best protect animals from poor quality air, follow these three easy tips:

- Keeping animals indoors with doors and windows closed and limiting the amount of time they spend outdoors.
- Avoiding strenuous activities/exercise.
- Ensuring clean air flow when indoors by using fans, air conditioners, air purifiers, etc.

If you have additional questions related to the health of your animals, always be sure to contact your veterinarian.”

Please note: They are *not* recommending masking pets at this time.

The Canadian wildfires are not just affecting Great Lake States like Michigan, but many of the Midwestern States and are rolling over to the East Coast as well. Even if air quality improves in an area, it could become poor again in the future due to more fires.

Summer of 2023 Dangers: Protect Your Companion Pets—continued

Malaria

As of June 28, 2023, [five cases of malaria were identified in Florida and Texas](#).

While malaria itself is not uncommon in certain world places, malaria in the United States is an anomaly unless someone had contracted the disease in another country. The anomaly in this instance is that none of the five cases apparently were in people who travelled internationally. Indeed, the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) deemed malaria as eradicated in the United States in 1970.

What is malaria? Malaria is passed around by mosquitoes and is a parasite (but not the heartworm parasite).

Can companion dogs and cats catch malaria? Yes.

Will ivermectin (Heartgard) or other common heartworm preventatives protect my pet from malaria? Studies in Africa have shown that ivermectin may reduce malaria transmission. Other macrocyclic lactones like milbemycin oxime may also help, as could the currently popular flea and tick preventatives in the isoxazoline and spinosyn classes. [Please see our previous posts about documented safety concerns with these [flea and tick products](#).]

BUT!!! It is **not** recommended that you ingest your companion pet's heartworm preventative or flea and tick preventative, or purchase over-the-counter ivermectin to self-medicate against malaria.

It is also not a license to give your companion pet these to combat malaria. Yes; Dr. Dodds and Hemopet approve the use of monthly heartworm preventatives *against* heartworm. Protection against malaria may be an added bonus, but we still need to see and review confirmatory research studies.

The antiparasitic drug-malarial studies varied from simulations to mass drug administrations in different mammalian populations like cattle. So, the studies have been constructed differently than heartworm studies based on the mechanisms of drug action, administration, dosage, frequency, targeted parasite, etc.

Our point here is to go to your physician if you are experiencing fever, chills, headaches, muscle aches, fatigue, nausea and vomiting. In severe cases, you can experience unusual bleeding, jaundice and difficulty breathing. Prescription [antimalarial drugs](#) are available.

Also, if your companion pet is showing signs of disease or infection, promptly take him to your veterinarian.

To prevent or reduce the load of mosquitoes in your area, PetMD provides [suggestions](#) about chemical and natural preventatives as well as basic housekeeping.

The CDC provides other [tips](#) such as:

- Install or repair and use window and door screens.
- Close doors, including garage doors. Do not leave doors propped open.
- Use air conditioning when possible.

Heat Wave

Much of the South – particularly Texas – has been experiencing unrelenting heat for the past few weeks. The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) provides [excellent tips](#) on keeping your pet cool. The first tip from HSUS is not locking your pet in a hot car. Most of us know this, but please keep scrolling here for great ideas to avoid heat stroke.

Summer of 2023 Dangers: Protect Your Companion Pets—continued

The Theme

The theme that runs through each of these dangers (Air Quality, Malaria, and Heat Waves) and pet safety is to keep your companion pets indoors with the air conditioning or strong fan on.

A concern in Texas is the strain on the power grid due to the heat and subsequent air conditioning usage. However, Texas is not the only part of North America that could or does experience power outages.

If you are feeding food to your companion dogs that requires refrigeration, we urge you to have a backup bag of freeze-dried or dehydrated foods, canned foods or kibble. Please also have plenty of water on hand if your water supply becomes tainted this summer.

Our [post](#) titled, “The Importance of Practicality,” provides resources and tips on preparing for disasters with an emphasis on companion pet food.

P.S. Don’t forget to keep fresh water bountiful for your pet!

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- Take a photo of the snake, if possible
- Do not attempt to capture, kill, or transport the snake
- Remove collars, leashes, or harnesses
- Avoid excitement or strenuous activity

Do not administer any medications, especially NSAIDs
 Seek veterinary care immediately! If possible, call ahead to confirm antivenom is in stock.

IF NIGHT OR WEEKEND

24-hour specialty, critical care, or emergency hospital

IF OFFICE HOURS

Nearest veterinary hospital that can assess and stabilize your pet

Request a transfer if:

- Provider does not stock antivenom and opiates and/or does not have capability for monitoring overnight

-OR-

- Patient's condition is deteriorating

Keep in mind:

- After hours, do not waste valuable time trying to find a local veterinarian to treat your pet. Proceed to the nearest regional after-hour emergency clinics as soon as possible (even if it is several hours away).
- Antivenom is helpful as long as there are ongoing venom effects. Even if you do not find your injured pet until the next day, you should still take the above steps.
- Many practices can deliver excellent care during the day, but may need to transfer to a regional emergency clinic for overnight care.

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From : Sierra County Animal Rescue Society Facebook page

Upcoming - VHOC Agility Trials at Stone Pony, Moorpark:

Sept 14/15 - evening trial - Judge - Shannon Jones

Nov 14/15 - Judge - Barbara Bounds

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

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

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

How K-9 Noses Excelled During the COVID Pandemic and Are Promoting Medical Scent Dog Acceptance

Tommy Dickey

August 2023

There are stories, scientific papers, and even a book written about how dogs have identified people with diseases and medical conditions [1,2,3]. These include malaria, cancers, diabetes, epilepsy, and Parkinson's disease. However, trained scent dogs have largely remained as more of a curiosity to the medical community than a serious methodology for widespread use. However, this may be changing soon thanks to concerted scent dog research efforts necessitated by the recent COVID-19 pandemic.

My interest in medical scent dogs began with a program I created using my Great Pyrenees Linkin and Summer (see photo below) to teach Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) children about dog's amazing sense of smell [1]. With the onset of COVID, I researched the potential use of scent dogs for detecting, screening, and testing for COVID infections. This resulted in a peer-reviewed medical journal paper [2] and an educational video [4] with my co-author Heather Junqueira in 2021. Heather's medical scent dog interest was initiated when her father was diagnosed with cancer. She has subsequently done successful scent dog research on non-small cell lung cancer and is currently working on tuberculosis detection with her beagles (photo below). Our first paper [2] was based on only three peer-reviewed papers, but has been cited in about 60 national and international news outlets and peer-reviewed papers.

When the COVID pandemic began to wane at the beginning of this year (2023), Heather and I felt that it would be the perfect time to write a comprehensive follow-up peer-reviewed paper [3] to report how far COVID scent dog research had progressed. To our amazement, research efforts had increased by almost tenfold within a bit over two years and involved over 400 scientists using over 31,000 samples (including sniffings) from over 30 countries and that 29 peer reviewed papers had been published.

Nineteen different breeds were used in the studies. Labrador Retrievers, Belgian Malinois, and German Shepherds were most commonly used. These breeds were often chosen because they had been used extensively in scent detection work for several purposes. Other breeds, such as Heather's beagles, have been used quite successfully as well. No obvious preference based on performance has been noted by breed, age, gender, or even previous training for scent work. Previously untrained dogs have the advantage that they are not as prone to indicating on scents other than the COVID-19 associated scents. Typical training periods dedicated to COVID scent detection were typically only a few weeks.

The collective results described in our review paper are quite impressive. For example, the accuracy of the trained scent dog method is comparable to or in some cases superior to the realtime reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) test and the antigen test. In fact, one study found that their scent dogs had a smell sensitivity 1000 times better than the best scientific instruments. For illustration, these dogs could detect one drop of odorous substance dissolved in a volume equivalent of over 10 Olympic size swimming pools. They can detect variants of COVID along with asymptomatic, pre-symptomatic, and Long COVID as well as symptomatic COVID even in the presence of other respiratory viruses. Furthermore, trained scent dogs have been effectively used to directly sniff individuals to provide quick (seconds to minutes), non-intrusive, and accurate results in public settings including schools, airports, metros, and concerts, thus reducing the spread of COVID. They offer a cheaper, simpler, and more environmentally friendly option as well. One peer-reviewed paper cited in our paper [3] has described the scent dog screening method as the new "Gold Standard" replacing the RT-PCR test, which has generally held that distinction.

How K-9 Noses Excelled During the COVID Pandemic and Are Promoting Medical Scent Dog Acceptance—continued

Conclusions

Based on our comprehensive review, we concluded that medical scent dogs deserve their place as a serious diagnostic methodology that could be particularly useful during pandemics, potentially as part of rapid health screenings in public spaces. More trained dogs will be needed for wide-spread, large-scale scent dog screening and testing. The training and field use of scent dogs may benefit from the recruitment of dog owners who are already involved in recreational scent work under the auspices of the American Kennel Club and other organizations worldwide.

Our most recent review paper [3] received well over 40 citations in the first day after its publication in national and numerous international news outlets including medical newsletters. This attention suggests that there is considerable public and professional interest in the future worldwide use of medical scent dogs. The impressive international COVID scent dog research described in our paper, perhaps for the first time, demonstrates that medical scent dogs are ready for mainstream medical applications and will be useful in detecting a wide variety of diseases in the future.

Footnote

Our in-person library ‘reading-to-a-dog’ program with the Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) was curtailed because of COVID closures in 2021. However, a zoom reading program was created by LAPL librarians so that we could still do our therapy dog visits remotely. Through this program, we even read with children as far away as Texas, Florida, Chile, and Japan. Summer was featured in the Los Angeles Times for her zoom reading activity. COVID also prevented our routine hospital visits. However, Summer and Linkin entered 250 U.S. children’s hospitals virtually as we donated our therapy dog books about them (5,6,7) to the hospitals. We have received many thank you notes and letters, including from some people who told us that Great Pyrenees therapy dogs had visited their hospitals. Although the COVID pandemic created some obstacles, our Great Pyrenees outreach continued on!

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How K-9 Noses Excelled During the COVID Pandemic and Are Promoting Medical Scent Dog Acceptance—continued

Left. The author’s Great Pyrenees Summer (standing) and Linkin (sitting) demonstrate the three cup sniffing game which they always win by tipping over the cup with a hidden treat (photo credit Todd Dickey). Right. One of Heather’s beagles sniffing a test canister during scent training (photo credit Heather Junqueira). Heather’s dogs have done several thousand successful COVID screenings of individuals at concerts, festivals, and other public events.



Submitted by Allison Pobirs

Laurie Burnam with Scusi and Tesla

TCASWA ASCA Agility, Huntington Beach, MUCH COOLER THERE!!! , July 22/23, 2023

Scusi & Laurie

Elite Regular 10 Q 2nd place

Scusi



Tesla & Laurie

Elite Jumpers 10 Q 1st place

Elite Jumpers 10 Q 3rd place

Elite Regular 10 Q 2nd place

Elite Regular 10 Q 3rd place



Tesla

Bragg



Jane Nye and Henry

Torlan's Spirit Path (Henry) achieved his **CDX** at the South Bay Kennel Club show on Saturday, Aug 5.

He got 1st place with a score of 194 under judge Donna Meade. Henry is a young dog who just turned 2 years old.

Thanks to Shiro Torquato who took a huge amount of time to help me and Henry enjoy our time together!

We would not have gotten our CDX without her kindness and expertise! Thank you, Shiro!

In Rally, Henry completed his **RAE** and now has 9 legs towards his RM.

He also got QQQs on Saturday and Sunday.

Henry is owned and loved by Jane Nye.

NEW CDX and RAE Titles



Braggs

Jane Nye and Greyson

Torlan's Born to be King (Greyson) is Mr. March in Pawprints 2024 Corgi Calendar!

Thank you to Pamela Marks for the awesome photo shoot and beautiful photos!



Robyn Zelden and Lyric

Lyric had a fantastic weekend at the Harvest Cluster Dog Show at Bates Nut Farm. She was BOW on July 21st, WB and BOS on July 22nd and WB on July 23rd



Laurie Burnam and Tesla

Simi Valley Kennel Club, AKC Agility, Camarillo, Aug 4/5/6, 2023

- Novice Fast 100 Q 1st place **NF title**
- Time 2 Beat 10 points 1st place
- Time 2 Beat 6 points
- Excellent JWW 100 Q 1st place 1st leg
- Excellent JWW 100 Q 1st place 2nd leg



Brag

Monica Nolan with Augie and Rose

Greetings from the mountains! Mom gave us July and August off from trialing so we can frolic in the Sierras. Since she forgot to send in our brags from last month, here's what we did before we went on vacation.

Augie

6/14/23 ASCA Agility - 3 Elite Qs (Gamblers - 1st place, Regulars 1&2 - 2nd place)

6/25/23 AKC Agility - **First double Q in Masters** - Yeah!

Rose

6/14/23 ASCA Agility - 3 Novice Qs (Jumpers and 2 Regulars) - All 1st place!

Rose also received her **AKC Therapy Dog Novice title** this month after completing ten therapy visits.



Allison Pobirs and Claire have a puppy brag!

Claire got to meet VHOC member Michelle Goyette, and entertained Michelle with her bag of tricks.

After completing the CGC exercises, Claire performed 5 Novice tricks, 10 Intermediate tricks and 10 Advanced tricks. **New Titles CGC, TKN, TKI, TKA**



Introducing TBC Claire CGC TKA

The AKC has a Trick Dog Competition open to dogs that have earned the Trick Dog Elite title. The 2023 competition is open now for submissions -

<https://www.akc.org/sports/trick-dog/announce-virtual-trick-dog-competition/>

Take a look at the AKC Trick Dog Competition Winners and Outstanding Performances

<https://www.akc.org/sports/trick-dog/akc-trick-dog-2022-competition-winners/>



AKC 5 TRICK DOG TITLES:

Novice Trick Dog (TKN)

The dog performs *10 skills from the Novice list*. (see link below for to “Application” below for lists of skills possible for each title, in a progressive titling program).

If, however, a dog has a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certificate or title on record at AKC, which require the dog to be evaluated it can do *5 Novice tricks (CGC + 5)* to earn the Novice title.

CGC test items

- Test 1 : Accepting a friendly stranger
- Test 2 : Sitting politely for petting
- Test 3 : Appearance and grooming
- Test 4: Out for a walk (walking on a loose lead)
- Test 5: Walking through a crowd
- Test 6: Sit and down on cue and stay in place
- Test 7: Coming when called
- Test 8: Reaction to another dog
- Test 9: Reaction to distraction
- Test 10: Supervised separation

Intermediate Trick Dog (TKI)

The dog must have the Novice title, plus perform *10 Intermediate tricks*.

Advanced Trick Dog (TKA)

The dog must have the Intermediate title, plus perform 10 Advanced tricks.

Trick Dog Performer (TKP)

In this title, handlers perform a short routine with at least *10 tricks* with at least 3 tricks using props.

Trick Dog Elite Performer (TKE)

In the highest level of Trick Dog, the Elite Performers perform a routine that has a story/script. At least 5 props are used.

Link to AKC Trick Dog titling applications with list of possible tricks at each level

<https://www.akc.org/sports/trick-dog/resources/trick-dog-applications/>