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September 12-13 VHOC
Obedience/Rally Trial at
Freedom Park, Camarillo

October 11 Fit Dog walk
details to follow

November looking for a
date for Fit Dog Walk

Dec 4,5,6 VHOC Agility
Trial in Camarillo

Holiday Party Sunday
December 13th at Monica's
home in Thousand Oaks

VHOC Obedience and Rally Trial Sept 12-13

Entries close August 26th

REMINDER

Remember to check the website
<http://www.vhoc.org>
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upcoming events and other important club information.

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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)

Suzanne Ecklund and her Shetland Sheepdog, Indy

VHOC Obedience and Rally Trial

Sept 12/13, 2026

GENERAL INFORMATION AND SHOW RULES

Entries must reach the Event Secretary, LYNN EHRENBURG by
Wednesday, August 26, 2026 – 11PM (PDT)
Mail to: 6562 Caliente Rd. PMB 208
Oak Hills, CA 92344
Email: spragility@gmail.com

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JUDGES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

DONNA MEADE

Utility B, Pref Utility, Utility A, Grad Open, Nov B, Nov A, Pref Nov

NANCY CRAIG

Open B, Pref Open, Open A, Versatility, Grad Nov, Beg Nov B, Beg Nov A

SHANNON JONES

All Rally Classes

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

DONNA MEADE

Open B, Pref Open, Open A, Versatility, Grad Nov, Beg Nov B, Beg Nov A

NANCY CRAIG

Utility B, Pref Utility, Utility A, Grad Open, Nov B, Nov A, Pref Nov

SHANNON JONES

All Rally Classes

Link to trial premium on VHOC website -

https://www.vhoc.org/_files/ugd/b0639f_e3975638893b41bfaa093af0105d1d6b.pdf

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Barbara Laffer/Mike B		
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Dianna Santos, Online Dog Training University, Inc	Rally - Intermediate	Rally - Advanced B
Dianna Santos, Online Dog Training University, Inc	Obed - Graduate Open	
Dianna Santos, Online Dog Training University, Inc	Obed - Beginner Novice B	
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Karla Spitzer	Obed - Graduate Novice	Obed - Open A
Ken Perlmutter	Obed - Preferred High in Trial	
Laurie Burnam	Rally - Advanced B	Rally - Choice
Laurie Burnam		Rally - Master
Laurie Burnam		Rally - Excellent A

Name	Saturday Sponsorships	Sunday Sponsorships
Lori Borenstein		Obed - Preferred High Combined
Louise Brady	Obed - 200 Score Award	
Louise Fox Meridith	Rally - Master	
Michael Fields and Stephanie Schuster	Obed - Utility A	
Monica Nolan		Rally - Intermediate
Monica Nolan		Obed - Graduate Novice
Morgan Betts-Wojtaszek, A Better Way Pet Care	Obed - Preferred Open	
Nancie Rogers		Rally - Novice A
Nancy Giltner	Rally - Advanced A	Obed - Preferred Novice
Nancy Rapoport	Rally - Choice	Obed - Utility A
Patricia Rovtar	Rally - Excellent A	
Robyn Zelden		Rally - Advanced A
Sharon Clarke	Obed - Open B	Obed - Open B
Sharon Shilkoff	Obed - Utility B	
Shirley Miller	Obed - Preferred High Combined	Obed - Versatility
Shirley Miller		Obed - Preferred Open
Shirley Miller		Obed - Preferred High in Trial
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Sue Rasmussen		Obed - Beginner Novice B
Yvonne Garst	Obed - Beginner Novice A	




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Hot Pavement and Dog Paws

Key Takeaways from <https://www.webvet.com/hot-pavement-and-dog-paws/>

1. The 7-second test: press the back of your hand flat on the pavement. If you cannot hold it there comfortably for 7 seconds, it is too hot for your dog's paws.
2. Pavement can burn paws at air temps as low as 77F (25C). At 87F (31C) air, asphalt can reach 143F (62C), hot enough to cause burns in under a minute.
3. Walk early morning or after dark, stick to grass and shade, and consider paw wax or dog boots for unavoidable hot surfaces.
4. Blisters, raw or peeling pads, limping, or refusing to walk are warning signs. Cool the paws with cool (not icy) water and call your vet.
5. Brachycephalic, senior, small, and recently groomed dogs are at higher risk, both for paw burns and for heatstroke.



What to Know About New World Screwworms and Dogs

By [Nandini Maharaj](#)

Updated: Jun 24, 2026 | 5 Minutes

With newly confirmed cases of the [New World screwworm](#) in the U.S., it's not just the cattle industry that's on high alert. Pet owners are wondering whether this flesh-eating parasite could harm them or their pets. Although current risk to people and dogs remains very low, infections can be serious and require immediate attention. Knowing what to watch for—and how to prevent exposure—can help protect your dog.

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What Is the New World Screwworm?

Despite the name, the [New World screwworm](#) (*Cochliomyia hominivora*) isn't a worm. "It's the larval stage of a fly, and it's actually a parasitic flesh-eating fly," Dr. Kate Elden, DVM and Chief Medical Officer at Dutch explains. "What makes it so dangerous is that these larvae feed on live tissue, not just dead tissue like most maggots we're familiar with."

Female screwworm flies are drawn to [open wounds](#), even [minor wounds](#). "The flies lay anywhere from 200 to 300 eggs right at the wound's edge," says Dr. Kelly Hood, DVM. "Within 12 hours, those eggs hatch into maggots that start actively feeding." These larvae burrow into tissue using sharp mouth hooks, enlarging wounds and causing significant damage.

As the infestation progresses, the wound deepens, increasing pain and the risk of secondary bacterial infection. Dr. Elden explains that the destruction of healthy tissue is the primary concern, followed by the possibility of infection spreading throughout the body.

How Does the Screwworm Spread to Dogs?

Although livestock are most commonly affected, screwworms can infest dogs, cats, birds, and wildlife. "A wound is the entry point, and if your dog has one, they have a higher risk of infestation," Dr. Hood says. Even a small scratch can attract a female fly.

Common entry points include:

- Open wounds

- Tick bites
- Scratches
- Hot spots
- Surgical incisions
- Newborn umbilicus (belly button)
- Skin folds or nasal folds
- Body openings such as eyes, ears, nose, mouth, and genitals

New World Screwworms - Continued

Young animals are more susceptible, while senior dogs may be at risk if wounds go unnoticed. Because screwworm flies resemble common houseflies, infestations can be difficult to spot early.

Human infections are rare. Dr. Elden explains that good hygiene and frequent wound care make infestation uncommon in people.

Signs of an Infestation

New World screwworm infestations are extremely painful. If your dog has a wound of any kind, Dr. Hood advises close monitoring. Is it healing or getting worse?

Any of the following signs warrant taking your dog to the vet immediately:

- A foul odor coming from a wound
- A wound that is growing larger
- Excessive drainage
- Swelling or irritation
- Visible movement of maggots
- Egg clusters in the wound
- Restlessness or distress
- Signs of pain
- Persistent licking or chewing at the area
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Early intervention can significantly reduce complications.

Diagnosis of a Screwworm Infection

If you suspect your dog has been infected by the screwworm, it's an emergency. The most telling sign of a screwworm infection is seeing the larvae directly in or around a wound.

"If we're unsure about the larvae, we can collect them and submit them for species identification," Dr. Hood says. "We also diagnose by reviewing travel history and what environment your dog has been in and whether they've been exposed to other animals, especially livestock."

Veterinarians will remove visible larvae, clean the wound, and may use sedation in severe cases. Antibiotics are often prescribed if infection is present.

Because screwworm affects livestock and the food supply, it is a [reportable disease in certain cases](#). Your veterinarian may recommend observation depending on the situation.

Treating Screwworm Infections

New World Screwworms - Continued

Treatment focuses on eliminating larvae, managing pain, and preventing infection. “In suspected cases of screwworm, Dr. Elden says the first line of treatment your vet will give is putting your dog on a monthly isoxazoline parasite preventative, if they’re not already on one.”

These oral medications help kill parasites and prevent further damage. Additional care may include fluids, pain relief, and wound management.

“Your vet will determine which medication is appropriate based on your dog’s specific situation,” Dr. Hood says.

“Screwworms are obligate parasites, meaning they have to get their food from live healthy tissue,” Dr. Elden says. “If they dig through enough tissue and cause a big enough wound that gets infected, that can cause an animal to be in a lot of pain.” In severe cases, infection can become systemic and life-threatening.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has [authorized several products specifically for New World screwworms](#) in dogs, including nitenpyram tablets (best known by brand names like [Capstar](#) or [CapAction](#)), [Credelio](#) (lotilaner) and [NexGard](#) (afoxolaner), Dr. Hood says.

How to Prevent an Infection

“The single best defense against the New World screwworm is keeping pets on routine, year-round prescription flea and tick preventatives like Credelio Quattro, [Simparica Trio](#), and NexGard Plus,” Dr. Elden says. “Any dog that is on a parasite preventative that’s in the isoxazoline class is not going to get screwworm.” In addition to clearing screwworm infestations, these products prevent flea and tick bites and reduce scratching that can lead to wounds, which then attract female flies.

Routine care should include inspecting your dog frequently for wounds, keeping injuries clean, and limiting exposure to high-risk environments when needed. In areas closer to reported cases, additional protective measures may be recommended by your veterinarian.

Some owners may consider adding topical repellents to help deter flies, but it’s essential to use products safely and only as directed. Certain ingredients can be toxic to cats and should never be shared between pets.

“If you’re in or near an affected area, I’d be extra vigilant about limiting outdoor exposure and monitoring your dog’s skin, as well as any behavior changes,” Dr. Hood says. “As with many conditions, the earlier you detect, the better.”

Healing and Recovery in Dogs

As for recovery, it depends on the location and duration of the screwworm infection. “If it’s just started and the tissue damage is relatively mild, then it would look like a small [wound healing](#),” Dr. Elden says. This can take weeks to heal. If the infestation is more severe or there’s a secondary infection, it’ll take a lot longer. Another delay with healing is how far down into the tissue the screwworm has gotten, which could even mean permanent damage.

What This Means for Dog Owners

New World Screwworms - Continued

There's no need to panic. However, we should be prepared for more cases to pop up. "We have eradicated screwworm in the U.S. before in the 1960s," Dr. Elden says. "We were able to get rid of it, but it takes time."

As a dog owner, the most important thing you can do right now is to be vigilant about wounds, especially if you live in an affected area, and get your dog on a prescription parasite preventative.

Key Takeaways

- New World screwworm larvae feed on living tissue and can cause serious infections
- Dogs are most at risk when they have open wounds or irritated skin
- Early signs include odor, swelling, drainage, and visible maggots
- Immediate veterinary care is essential for suspected cases
- Year-round parasite preventatives are the best defense

Frequently Asked Questions

What does a screwworm infection look like in a dog?

- It often appears as a worsening wound with swelling, drainage, a foul smell, or visible maggots. Dogs may also show pain or repeatedly lick the affected area.

Is screwworm common in dogs?

- No. Cases in dogs are rare, and the current overall risk is low, though isolated cases have been reported in the U.S.

Can humans get screwworm?

- It is possible but uncommon. As Dr. Hood notes, people can become infested through open wounds, though good hygiene makes this rare.

How quickly does screwworm develop?

- Eggs can hatch within 12 hours, and larvae begin feeding immediately, which is why early detection and treatment are critical.
- What should I do if I suspect screwworm?
Seek veterinary care immediately. Prompt treatment can prevent severe tissue damage and improve recovery outcomes.

Taken from AKC website – URL <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/health/new-world-screwworms-and-dogs/>

2026 AKC Show Events

Aug 29-30 Golden Retriever Club of Gtr LA – City of Industry – Agility – [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)

Aug 29 – Channel City KC – Santa Barbara – ATT Test - Janet Mitchell, Event Secretary, jviningmitchell@cox.net

Sept 5-6 – South Coast Vizsla Club – City of Industry – Agility – [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)

Sept 9-11 – Valley Hills Obedience Club – Camarillo – Agility - [Action Dog Sports |](#)

Sept 12-13 – Valley Hills Obedience Club – Camarillo – [Obedience/Rally](#) - Lynn Ehrenberg, Event Secretary

Sept 12-13 – Cocker Spaniel Club of Orange County – Norco – Agility – [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)

Sept 18-20 – Southern California Collie Club – Lake View Terrace – Agility – [Jump City Agility](#)

Sept 19-20 – Valley Hills Obedience Club – Acton – [Fast CAT](#) - [Action Dog Sports |](#)

Sept 19-20 – German Shepherd Dog Club of San Gabriel Valley – Camarillo – [Obedience/Rally](#) - Jennifer Gysler, Event Secretary, jennifergysler@gmail.com

Sept 25-27 – Santa Ana Valley KC – City of Industry – [Obedience/Rally](#) - Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows, Superintendent

Sept 25-27 – Moorpark KC – Camarillo – Agility – [Jump City Agility](#)

Oct 2 – Scent Work Club of the San Gabriel Foothills – Pasadena - [Scent Work Detective Class only](#)

Oct 3-4 – Scent Work Club of the San Gabriel Foothills -Azusa - [Scent Work Trial](#)

Oct 2-4 – Golden State Rottweiler Club – Camarillo – Agility – [Jump City Agility](#)

Oct 3-4 – Ventura county Scent Work Club – Acton - [Fast CAT](#) - [Action Dog Sports |](#)

Oct 9-11- Dash Agility Club of So Cal – Huntington Beach – Agility - Michele Morlang, Event Secretary

Oct 10 – AKC Judges Farm Dog Certified Test – [Farm Dog Certification](#) – Anaheim - Diane Matsuura, Event Secretary, dianematsuura@gmail.com

Oct 11 – Border Collie Club of Greater LA – [Farm Dog Certification](#) – Acton - Irene Charlton, Event Secretary, ilcharlton91342@gmail.com

Oct 10-11 – Inland Empire Herding Dog Association of CA – Chino – [Herding Trial](#) - Donna Downs, Event Secretary, dmdowns49@gmail.com

Oct 10-11 – Bakersfield Obedience Training Club – Bakersfield – [Obedience/Rally](#) – Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows, Margaret L Throne, Event Secretary

Oct 16-20 – Antelope Valle Stockdog Club – [Herding Trial](#) – Lancaster - Ms. Laura Bass, Event Secretary, lauraeb@umich.edu

Oct 17-18 – Cocker Spaniel Club of OC – City of Industry – Agility - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)

Oct 23-25 – Southland Weimaraner Club – Perris – [Fast CAT](#) - [Action Dog Sports |](#)

Oct 23-25 – Greater Los Angeles Scent Work Club – Perris – [Farm Dog Certification](#) - Action Dog Sports

Oct 23-25 – Hollywood Dog Obedience Club – Lake View Terrace – Agility - [Jump City Agility](#)

Oct 23 – Tri-Valley Working Dog Club of Pinon Hills – Perris - [Obedience/Rally](#) - Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows, Superintendent

Oct 24 – Kennel Club of Riverside – Perris – [Obedience/Rally](#) - Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows, Superintendent

Oct 25 – Pasanita Obedience Club – Pasadena – [Obedience/Rally](#) - Jennifer Gysler, Event Secretary

Oct 29 – South Bay KC – City of Industry - [Obedience/Rally](#) – Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows, Superintendent

Oct 30 – Long Beach KC – City of Industry – [Obedience/Rally](#) – Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows, Superintendent

Oct 30-Nov 1 – South Coast Vizsla Club – Norco – Agility - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)

Oct 31 – San Gabriel Valley KC – City of Industry – [Obedience/Rally](#) – Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows, Superintendent

Nov 1 – Antelope Valley KC – City of Industry – [Obedience/Rally](#) – Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows, Superintendent

Nov 7-8 – Chow Fancier Association of So Cal – Moreno Valley – [Fast CAT](#) - Elizabeth Kelly, Event Secretary, ekdogzibit@gmail.com

2026 AKC Show Events Continued

Nov 7-8 – Dog Agility Club of Ventura – Burbank – Agility – [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
 Nov 7-8 – Tri-Valley Shetland Sheepdog of NW LA – Burbank – Agility- [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
 Nov 8 – German Shepherd Dog Club of the San Gabriel Valley – Moorpark – **Rally** - Lynn Ehrenberg, Event Secretary
 Nov 11 – Valley Hills Obedience Club – Acton – Agility - [Action Dog Sports](#) |
 Nov 12-13 – Ventura County Scent Work Club – Acton – Agility - [Action Dog Sports](#) |
 Nov 14-15 – Greater San Diego Basset Hound Club – Anaheim – **Rally** - Lorraine Yu, Event Secretary, entries@dogzibit.com
 Nov 14-15 – Samoyed Club of LA – City of Industry – Agility - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
 Nov 20-22 – Buenaventura Dog Training Club – Camarillo – Agility - Jennifer Gysler, Event Secretary, jennifergysler@gmail.com
 Nov 21 – 22 – Southland Weimaraner Club – Acton – **Fast CAT** - [Action Dog Sports](#) |
 Nov 22 – Hollywood Dog Obedience Club – Carson – **VST Tracking Test** - Susan E Bagley, Event Secretary, sebbtp@msn.com
 Nov 28-29 – Keeshond Club of So Cal - City of Industry – Agility - [Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)
 Dec 3 – Poodle Club of So Cal – Camarillo – Agility - [Action Dog Sports](#) |
Dec 4-6 – Valley Hills Obedience Club – Camarillo – Agility - Lynn Ehernburg, Event Secretary, spragility@gmail.com

All Trial Dates were taken from the AKC Events Page, many of the Trials have Premiums associated with them on the event pages. [American Kennel Club - Event Search](#) The trials listed are within 100 miles of Santa Clarita, CA.

If a trial application hasn't been submitted to the AKC the trial will not show up on the AKC Event Search.

Got News?

*Do you have a brag? Did you get a new puppy? Is your dog celebrating a birthday?
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What To Do for Puppy Car Sickness

Some possible explanations, and a lot of remedies, for dogs who get motion sickness.

By **Stephanie Colman** Published: May 19, 2015 Updated: July 10, 2026

Of the five motion sickness exercises described here, three involve movements that challenge the vestibular apparatus: holding the puppy so her head is up and tail is down; the reverse, where her tail is up and head is down; and holding the puppy on her back with her feet up. Photo courtesy of loyallabradors.com



Five magic words: “Wanna go for a ride?” These six simple syllables are enough to launch some dogs into a dizzying display of tail-wagging leaps and spins in eager anticipation of the fun to be found in a car buzzing along the open road. In contrast, though, are the dogs who find car rides as much fun as most humans do root canals. For some dogs, the dislike is physical; they experience motion sickness and battle with nausea, drooling, and vomiting. For others, it’s emotional, and the dog suffers from anxiety associated with riding in the car. Unfortunately, the two causes can overlap, where a dog initially experiences physical motion sickness and comes to associate the unpleasant feelings with the car, which leads to anxiety related to riding in the car.

Why Puppies Get Car Sick

It’s not uncommon for young puppies to experience physical motion sickness related to issues with the vestibular apparatus – the part of a mammal’s body that deals with balance and spatial orientation, explains Jennifer Jones Shults, DVM, CCRT, of Veterinary Rehabilitation and Pain Management Hospital in Cary, North Carolina. The vestibular apparatus is found in the inner ear, and consists of three fluid-filled semicircular canals. When the head moves, fluid within the canals shifts, stimulating the tiny hairs that line the canal to transmit information to the brain.

Can Puppies Outgrow Motion Sickness?

A young puppy’s body takes time to mature. For some dogs, motion sickness is the result of a vestibular system that is not yet fully developed—which is why many puppies seem to outgrow motion sickness caused by car rides as they get older.



“Young dogs with vestibular issues usually outgrow it by 5-6 months of age,” Dr. Shults says. “But bigger dogs can take longer. For example, a Great Dane isn’t considered fully mature until 2 years old, so his ear canals might take longer to reach full development than those of a Toy Poodle, who is usually fully grown somewhere between 9 to 12 months old.”

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Although it takes time for the ear canals and processing centers of the brain to fully develop, not all puppies experience motion sickness. Why Puppy A handles early car rides like a champ when Puppy B is consistently car sick is not yet fully understood.

“It could be as simple as a puppy’s ear canals or semicircular canals still being too small to handle the rapid shifts in direction or the acceleration of the car, or it could have to do with what the puppy was exposed to in his first eight weeks—like rolling play with littermates or being handled upside down, which cultivates the still-developing vestibular centers in the brain. Or it could be a combination of the two,” Dr. Shults says.

How to Help a Puppy with Car Sickness

Some people believe that early exposure to specific movements that challenge the vestibular apparatus can prove beneficial in protecting a puppy from experiencing motion sickness once he leaves the litter.

Heidi Mobley of Sanger, Texas, has bred Australian Shepherds for more than 25 years. She uses the Early Neurological Stimulation (ENS) or “Bio Sensor” protocol, first designed by the United States military as a way to help its working dogs grow up to reach their maximum potential. Mobley says very few of her puppies have gone on to develop motion sickness.

“I think it helps create heartier puppies by helping to get them used to different movements at a very early age,” she says.

The program consists of a series of five exercises that are done once daily between days 3 and 16. The mild stress, both as a result of being individually removed from the litter for a short time, and from the exercises themselves, stimulates the adrenal gland. It is thought that this strategic exposure to brief amounts of stress helps puppies respond better to stress later in life.

Of the five exercises, three involve specific movements that challenge the vestibular apparatus: holding the puppy so her head is up and tail is down; the reverse, where her tail is up and head is down; and holding the puppy on her back with her feet up.

“There’s a lot of research with babies that shows how early rolling movements can help the vestibular apparatus develop appropriately,” Dr. Shults says. “There aren’t any published studies showing that Early Neurological Stimulation will decrease vestibular disease in dogs, but the conduct is similar to what they recommend with children, and that has been studied in great detail. Anytime you’re upside down or on your back, the fluid in the semicircular canal has to shift, so it’s essentially like practice, and I think that makes sense.”

Tips To Reduce Puppy Car Anxiety

The question of nature versus nurture often comes into play when looking at animal behavior, and issues surrounding dog-related car trouble are no different. While some dogs experience motion

sickness stemming from a physical issue—the vestibular apparatus—for other dogs, the problem is emotional; it's literally all in their heads.

With that in mind, it's extremely important that a puppy's early exposure to the car be a positive experience. As a breeder, Mobley makes sure she's the first person to introduce her puppies to riding in the car. She schedules the first trip for sometime between 6 and 7 weeks old, and has the puppies travel together with their mother to help keep them relaxed and comfortable. Then she specifically avoids car rides until the puppies are 10 weeks old—which means her puppies don't typically leave for their new homes until that age.

“That's the clincher,” she says. “The puppies I see going home between 8 and 9 weeks old are leaving during the imprint stage; if they get sick during that time, that's when we end up with dogs who get car sick for the next two years or so. I've seen it happen again and again,” she adds, noting the especially strong potential for the lasting impact of negative experiences during that critical age.

Early Socialization Benefits for Puppy Car Sickness

Early, effective socialization plays a key role in helping puppies and young dogs develop a positive association with riding in the car. If the only time a dog rides in the car is when he's driven to the vet, the groomer, or the boarding kennel, there's a good chance he'll decide that car rides are something to be concerned about. When people get a new dog, one of the first car rides is usually to the vet for the initial wellness exam, which is often stressful.

It's important that puppies and dogs have ample opportunities to experience the car as a portal to fun. As a trainer, I challenge my students to schedule “cookie visits” at their vet's office, where they visit the office during a slow period simply to hang out in the waiting room, eat cookies, play with a toy if willing, schmooze with any available staff, and then go home.

Similarly, planning several short rides to fun places can help teach a dog that riding in the car is a good thing. Drive to the park for a fun walk. Drive to a friend's house for a play date. Or even drive to your favorite fast-food restaurant where your dog gets a small bite of food from the drive-through.

Treating Motion Sickness in Puppies and Dog & Preventing Car Anxiety

To help reduce the chance that your dog will experience motion sickness, or to help minimize its effects, both Dr. Shults and Mobley recommend positioning the puppy or dog in the car so that he's facing the direction of travel.

“The ocular center in a puppy's brain hasn't really developed enough for him to understand going backward; they understand going forward,” Shults says. Whether it's riding restrained via a seatbelt or inside a carrier, facing forward helps the brain make sense of what is going on, which can lessen the chance of motion sickness. “Basically, we're providing input through the eyes that helps the dog know which way is up,” Dr. Shults says.

Many dogs who suffer from motion sickness do better when the windows are open about three inches, to help equalize the air pressure in the car. Traveling on an empty stomach can help minimize the effects of motion sickness, and dogs who battle with motion sickness often do better if they've been well exercised a few hours before travel, to aid with their overall relaxation.

When riding with a dog who is getting car sick, it's important for the owner to remain calm. A negative or hysterical response to a dog throwing up in the car can easily add to a dog's anxiety.

Home Remedies for Car Sickness in Puppies and Dogs

There are also several natural and pharmaceutical approaches to treating motion sickness and its associated anxiety:

Homeopathic Cocculus 30c

Donna Kelleher, DVM, author of *The Last Chance Dog: True Stories of Holistic Animal Healing* and *The Proof is in the Poodle*, runs a holistic veterinary practice in Seattle, Washington, and offers a membership-based website designed to help teach people about natural treatments for a variety of chronic problems plaguing pets. She recommends a homeopathic treatment: one pellet of Cocculus, given shortly before travel.

Ginger

Ginger is widely regarded as an anti-nausea remedy. Dr. Kelleher recommends making a ginger tea by steeping two tablespoons of fresh grated ginger in one cup of water, and once cooled, spooning one tablespoon per 20 pounds of the dog's body weight into the dog the night before travel, and again an hour prior to departure.

Ginger can also be found in capsule form, and some people have reported success by sprinkling a small amount into the dog's food. Dr. Kelleher's preference is for fresh ginger, and if not using the tea, she would rather hide a tiny piece of fresh ginger in the dog's food than use capsule form.

Many people who have heard about the anti-nausea properties of ginger will reach for the ginger cookie; Mobley reports success with helping many client dogs overcome motion sickness through a combination of ginger cookies and behavior modification.

If trying cookies, be sure to look for a high-quality ginger snap. The "ginger cookie" in the cookie aisle of the typical mainstream grocery store is likely to be lower quality as compared to the ginger snap found in a higher-end market. For example, ginger is the seventh ingredient in a Nabisco Ginger Snap, versus the fourth ingredient in a Trader Joe's Triple Ginger Snap. However, both versions contain sugar and flour, which many holistic practitioners, including Dr. Kelleher, recommend avoiding.

Scullcap

Scutellaria Lateriflora is an herb that has been used for hundreds of years as a mild relaxant and as a therapy for anxiety and nervousness. Dr. Kelleher says it is safe to use with other drugs, and can be dosed at 1/2 of a capsule per 15 pounds of body weight, given one hour before travel. This won't address nausea, but can help relieve the anxiety (panting, shaking, etc.) often experienced by dogs who have motion sickness.

Medication for Dogs and Puppies With Motion Sickness

Conventional veterinarians have a number of prescription medications available to prescribe for dogs with serious motion sickness.

Meclizine

The drug is sold over the counter under the brand names Antivert, Bonine, and Dramamine Less Drowsy. Dr. Shults says the generally accepted dose is one tablet for big dogs and half of a tablet for small dogs. However, it's always wise to consult with your veterinarian before administering medications designed for human use.

Maropitant Citrate

Sold as Cerenia®, this is the first, and currently only, FDA-approved veterinary medication designed to prevent vomiting in dogs due to motion sickness, and based on how it works, can often be more effective than meclizine.

“Meclizine works on the chemo-receptor trigger zone and on the histamine receptors in the brain,” Dr. Shults explains. “Research is showing those parts of the brain aren't as involved in motion sickness as the substance-P receptors and the NK1 receptors, which is what Cerenia works on. That's why the meclizine products might work on some dogs, but might not be strong enough for all dogs.”

Anxitane® (L-Theanine)

Manufactured by Virbac Animal Health, this prescription product made with L-Theanine, an amino acid found in green tea leaves, can help reduce environmental stress in both dogs and cats, and is said to help dogs with mild-moderate anxiety related to fireworks, thunderstorms, car rides, social settings and geriatric issues. Like scullcap, Anxitane doesn't address the physical symptoms of motion sickness, but, when paired with a behavior modification plan, can help lessen the dog's resulting anxiety.

It's important to note that all of the approaches discussed thus far should complement, but not replace, a thoughtful behavior modification program. Helping your dog to consciously and

subconsciously feel happier and more confident near and in the car will increase the odds that any other approach will be successful in improving or eliminating his motion sickness.

Treating Dog and Puppy Car Sickness with Chiropractic Adjustment

Misalignment of vertebrae can create a variety of health and wellness issues in both people and pets, ranging from low energy and slow healing to headaches, irritability, balance issues and all levels of pain. Danielle Shelbourne of Urban Dog Training in Brisbane, Australia, has helped numerous animal clients find relief from motion sickness by working with a qualified animal chiropractor.

“We’ve found that subluxations of the atlas (C1, the topmost vertebrae, which connects to the occipital bone at the top of the head) can cause pressure around the inner ear and cause motion sickness,” says Shelbourne. “In a dog, the atlas is a large butterfly-shaped bone that can misalign easily during normal activity. Some dogs are born with vertebral subluxations, or they can develop from such activities as pulling on the leash.”

Shelbourne says that dogs with a C1 subluxation often experience not only motion sickness, but also display thunderstorm phobia, are sensitive to handling, especially around the head and neck, and can be reactive and aggressive in a variety of settings.

“In our experience, if a dog has three of these issues, we would definitely recommend chiropractic treatment, and we’d be fairly confident that the dog’s outcome would be positive,” Shelbourne says, noting that, while an adjustment might resolve the physical issue, behavior modification might still be necessary to counter a learned negative association with car travel.

William Strickland, DC, of Rose City Veterinary Hospital in Pasadena, California, has been working with animals for nearly 17 years. Cervical subluxations and soft tissue abnormalities, he says, likely contribute to motion sickness indirectly by creating imbalance. While he’s not had a client visit him with the sole complaint of motion sickness, he has seen dogs with handling sensitivities and aggression issues who also suffer from motion sickness.

Subluxations are subtle but powerful. It’s not uncommon for animals (human or canine) to experience subluxations that don’t cause symptoms that are obvious to the untrained eye, yet still create imbalance in the body. Not only does the imbalance create its own issues, but it leads to compensatory problems as the dog navigates through life in a poorly aligned state.

“One of the biggest benefits of chiropractic is as a modality for restoring balance to the entire body—the soft tissue, bones, and joints,” says Dr. Strickland. In the case of a dog with motion sickness, he says the improvement is likely the result of the animal being in overall better balance. A body out of physiologic balance can also have a harder time *literally* balancing while in the car, which can contribute to motion sickness.

While some people mistakenly view animal chiropractic as a heavy-handed, bone-crunching technique, Dr. Strickland notes that qualified, experienced animal chiropractors follow a “less is more” mentality, and frequently use an activator adjusting instrument, a small, hand-held tool, to painlessly deliver a gentle impulse force to the spine.

“It’s effective on babies and the elderly,” he says. “If we can safely use it on a baby or a 97-year-old grandpa, it’s certainly safe for animals of all sizes.”

Dr. Strickland notes, however, that it is important to look for a practitioner who has advanced training and experience in animal chiropractic as a specialty and to always consult with your veterinarian first to rule out a more serious cause of dysfunction or disease.

Desensitization and Counter-Conditioning to Treat Dog Motion Sickness

The goal of a solid anxiety-reduction training plan is to alter a dog’s behavior patterns by changing the way he feels about a specific situation. This is more than just getting used to riding in the car—it’s about creating a situation where the dog can associate car travel with something good.

In developing a training plan, we must first evaluate where the desired behavior has broken down. Dogs who fear riding in the car might have already learned that when the owner holds the leash and stands by the door leading to the garage, that a car ride is imminent, and, as a result, the dog resists coming to the owner in that setting.

Think of the finished behavior (calmly riding in the car) as a series of behavioral puzzle pieces that must each be tackled individually. The owner’s job, often with the help of a qualified trainer, is to help the dog become comfortable with one puzzle piece before progressing to the next. Trying to skip steps can easily backfire, as it’s not only likely that some of the previous progress will be destroyed, but the dog can be left feeling distrustful of the owner.

Remember, the goal is not just for the dog to “appear fine,” but to take the time to build a positive association with each puzzle piece. If the dog is only ever just barely “fine” with a situation under normal circumstances (for any behavior) it’s far more likely that he will actively resist the same situation under times of stress. Taking the time to build positive associations is like creating emotional padding. He might not be as relaxed and happy about the situation in times of stress (for example, in the car along a windy road or in stop-and-go traffic) as he was during training. But with some “padding,” if his behavior degrades, it’s more likely that he’ll tolerate the situation and still be fine, rather than experience an emotional meltdown. Reducing an animal’s stress makes life more pleasant for him and you. And, it’s healthier! Repeated exposure to high amounts of stress has been proven to be unhealthy for both people and pets.

Desensitizing a Dog to Car Rides

Think about your dog; when does he start to show signs of anxiety? Identifying the activities or locations that trigger his anxiety is critical for mapping out his behavior modification plan. Your

desensitization and counter-conditioning plan should start in a place where the dog is “under threshold”—that is, has no apprehension and shows no sign of stress.

Let’s say your dog’s apprehension about being in a car starts with him balking at the sight of you holding his leash by the door. Start by picking up his leash somewhere else in the house, not anywhere near the “door of danger,” and then giving the dog some treats. When he willingly approaches (which he should do as long as you are far enough away from the place where he might otherwise feel concerned), ask him to sit, attach his leash, offer a treat or two, praise lavishly, and remove the leash.

Repeat 3 to 5 more times, then release your dog to return to his day. Repeat this simple training session randomly throughout the day, but never follow the training session with a scary car ride.

When your dog happily approaches at the sight of you holding the leash away from the “door of danger,” repeat the process a little closer to the door. The goal is to work at a level where the dog remains confident. If he looks at all concerned, you’ve progressed too quickly. Only begin the next piece of your puzzle once your dog can confidently handle the previous piece.

Throughout this process, ***do not try to trick the dog!*** The point is not to stand farther from the door in order to more easily “catch” the dog before you need to take him somewhere. In extreme cases, it’s best to avoid car rides altogether until some significant progress in these small steps been made. This can be frustrating for the owner, especially when the dog is our best hiking buddy or ribbon-winning agility partner, but it’s important to weigh the long-term benefits (years of lower-or no-stress travel) against a few weeks or months of leaving the dog at home while you work on this process.

The goal is to very gradually get closer to taking the dog for normal car rides. But the steps taken toward that goal should be very small; you’ll have the best chance of success if you refrain from moving to the next step until the dog is consistently confident at the preceding steps.

For the dog who became apprehensive when the owner picked up his leash by the door, but was confident and happy when the owner picked up the leash elsewhere in the house, the next steps might be:

- Seeing the owner with the leash or harness near the exit point of the house leading to the car.
- Seeing the car in the garage or driveway from a distance.
- Standing next to the car.
- Being asked to enter the car (or asked to enter the carrier in his car, which might be an extra puzzle piece).
- Being in the car when it’s not running.
- Being in the car when it’s idling, but not moving.
- Being in the car when it’s moving.
- Going for a very short ride up the street.
- Going for a ride around the block.
- Going for a slightly longer ride to a *really* fun destination.

How quickly you progress through the steps will depend on the dog.

Remember, throughout this process, it's critical that you remain calm. Avoid getting frustrated or angry at a dog who isn't progressing as quickly as you'd like. This holds true for a dog who is getting physically sick, too; even the owner's panicked exclamation of "Oh no! Gross!" can compound the dog's emotional reaction.

While it can be frustrating to deal with a dog who has "car trouble," understanding what's behind the issue is an important first step in seeking relief. Developing a thoughtful plan of action – coupled with time and patience – will help put your dog on the road to recovery.

From Whole Dog Journal Submitted by Allison Pobirs – article written by VHOC member Stephanie Colman URL –

<https://www.whole-dog-journal.com/care/what-to-do-if-your-dog-gets-motion-sickness>

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Brags



Kathy Spilos with Brontay and Votan

Brontay and Votan have brags! Some of you know, we've been training of late in a new (for us) performance venue - Scent Work! At the end of June we attended an NACSW trial and earned our **ORT-BAC (Odor Recognition Test - Birch-Anise-Clove) title!** This actually was our second trial — at the first one last fall, the human messed up and called “alert” seconds into Brontay’s run. They Q’d on anise and clove. This time the human knew better, and Team Brontay nailed birch for the title. Best of all Votan was also able to participate for real (not FEO) and he did so with flying colors, so the human was 3 for 3 on all the odors participating with both dogs and Votan is now **ORT-AC**, with a birch run coming up soon!

Debbie Lang and Morgan

Morgan had a great time at Fast CAT on July 18th and 19th, in Acton Park. Daneen and Julie put on a great trial. He qualified in all four runs with decent times for the 80-degree heat. We ran early so missed the hotter temperatures.



VHOC – Obedience Rally Trial 9/12-13 – entries close August 26th. Premium URL - https://www.vhoc.org/_files/ugd/b0639f_e3975638893b41bfaa093af0105d1d6b.pdf

GSDCSGV – Obedience and Rally Trial 9/19-20 – entries close Sept 2nd. Premium URL

https://www.apps.akc.org/apps/eventplans/eventsearch/blocks/dsp_generate_pdf.cfm?KEY_BINARY_CONTENT=104826

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Get those entries in

Laurie Burnam and Tesla

Moorpark Kennel Club AKC, Jump City
Agility Camarillo, July 31, Aug 1 & 2

Master Fast - 77 pts 2nd pl - 27th Q
Time 2 Beat 4 points 2nd pl
Time 2 Beat 6 points 4th pl
6th Q 41 points to T2B2

Master JWW 100 Q and 10 MACH pts
Master JWW 100 Q and 5 MACH pts

Master JWW. 100 Q and 8 MACH pts
Master Std 100 Q and 12 MACH pts
3rd Double Q with 281 MACH points

Good girl Q'd 7 out of 10 classes with
just a dropped bar in the NQs.
The heat and humidity must be working
for us.

Braggs



Love on a Leash Visit



We had a good Love on a Leash representation at LAJ Health in Reseda the other day — 4 certified teams and two veteran handlers certifying dogs. The residents have our visits on their calendars, and most of the time call the dogs by name! That plus all the stories of days gone by they share with us — just priceless!

From left to right (back row): Joyce Greenberg with River, **Kathy Spilos and Votan**, **Debbie Lang with Morgan**, Joyce Grant with Una, Sue Brody with Deeks, and in front Deborah Stern with her new “pup” Mochi.

Congratulations on Your New Puppy Brags

Cynthia Casby and Qubit

A new puppy has arrived at Fireside!

We are all so pleased to welcome “Qubit” (Savoy Mtside Quantum Leap to Fireside) to our home. She is a sable smooth Collie born May 23 in Tennessee.

Her mother, Mistletoe, is one of only 5 Collie triple Champions (Conformation, Herding and Tracking). She has also titled in Agility, and Obedience. At only 6, with this being her 3rd litter, she has earned all these honors quickly! Dad, Avacyn, is a Champion Herding titled dog titled in herding and Fast Cat.



Above: Qubit,

Below - Left: Qubit and Potter, Middle: Mom Mistletoe and her litter, Right: Dad, Avacyn



Volunteers Needed for the September 12 -13 Valley Hills Obedience Trial
For VHOC Members this counts towards the meeting requirements for the
yearly club Annual Awards.

Please Contact – Shiro Torquato for information and if you would like to
volunteer at drshiro2000@gmail.com



Marcia Siderow and Pippin

After a very long effort, Pippin finally got out of **Open preferred JWW and Open preferred Standard** in the last few weeks. He's now officially in Excellent Preferred Standard and Excellent Preferred JWW. He was already in Excellent Preferred Fast.

No more waiting all day or coming late just to do open!

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Monica Nolan with Augie and Rose

Due to circumstances beyond their control, Augie's & Rose are enjoying a Staycation this summer - no competing, just walks and swims. Rose did take time out from doing nothing to earn her AKC **Performance Trick Dog** title. Here's a link to her tricks:

https://youtu.be/XBwBnKTFdR0?is=siit1WA6noKIun_r

AKC - 5 TRICK DOG TITLES: <https://www.akc.org/sports/trick-dog/about-trick-dog/>

- Novice Trick Dog (TKN) - The dog performs 10 skills from the Novice list. If a dog has a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certificate or title on record at AKC, it can do 5 Novice tricks (CGC + 5) to earn the Novice title.
- 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 tricks from the Advanced list.
- **Trick Dog Performer (TKP) - In this title, handlers perform a short routine with at least 10 tricks previously learned.**
- Trick Dog Elite Performer (TKE) - Testing of this truly elite trick dog level requires the dog to perform 10 tricks with at least 5 props and there must be a story.

Bragg - CONGRATULATIONS



Robyn Zelden and Luca

Luca earned her AKC **Therapy Dog Supreme (THDS)** title. It's the highest tier of recognition awarded to therapy dogs. She has completed over 600 documented visits.

Luca loves everyone and loves to work and I love being on the end of her leash

**Therapy Dog Supreme
600 visits**

The AKC had a Therapy Dog recognition program the below information is from the AKC.

The moment a volunteer with a therapy dog walks into a room, you can instantly feel a change in mood. All eyes focus on them, as smiles spread across everyone's faces. Therapy dogs are NOT service dogs. Service dogs are dogs who are specifically trained to perform a task or tasks to assist a person with a disability or impairment. A service dog must be with their person at all times and has special access privileges in public places.

Whether they're working with a child who is learning to read, visiting a patient in a hospital or a senior in assisted living, therapy dogs and their owners work together as a team to improve the lives of other people. A dog can provide a valuable sense of reassurance, joy, or calmness to people experiencing stressful, lonely or depressing situations or general times in their life.

600 visits to earn the AKC Therapy Dog Supreme (THDS) title.

400 visits to earn the AKC Therapy Dog Distinguished (THDD) title.

200 visits to earn the AKC Therapy Dog Excellent (THDX) title.

100 visits to earn the AKC Therapy Dog Advanced (THDA) title.

50 visits to earn the AKC Therapy Dog (THD) title.

10 visits to earn the AKC Therapy Dog Novice (THDN) title.

<https://www.akc.org/sports/title-recognition-program/therapy-dog-program/>

Cheri Preciado with RoxC, Faith, Stone and Mercy

May 3 Mercy earned her **DCAT**.

May 24 Faith earned her **DCAT** and RoxC earned her **BCAT** along with filling out her Novice Veteran Agility titles in **ASCA RV-N, JV-N, GV-N** (She has also completed her NAP, NJP, NFP in AKC).

June 21 (my birthday) my dogs didn't disappoint. All qualified for their **ASCA RM titles**, with Faith besting them with her **RMX** as well.

June 27 Faith completed her **Open Agility titles in ASCA** and is now concentrating on Rally and Obedience.

We got in a little practice before Nationals and went to AZ with Stone and RoxC to see where I need to concentrate on for late/mid-September in Scent Work and Rally. Both came home with QQ's in REM twice in two days. Both kind of bombed their Scent Work on Friday but made up for it on Saturday. Stone Q'd in Vehicles and Interior both in 5th place in just shy of 20 competing. RoxC Q'd in Exteriors and Containers. 11th in Containers because I didn't catch her signaling which cost us time. I got my act together and she placed first in Exteriors. With all the help I've had and am receiving in both Scent Work and Rally, I'm confident going to our Nationals in Greeley, CO next month.

Dogs left to right, RoxC, Faith, Stone, and Mercy.



Braggs

Different Dog Organizations

Now days there are so many things we can do with our dogs. There is just too much going on to be able to list all the events or the superintendents.

Below are links to different organizations, the list isn't comprehensive and I'm sure I've missed some that people have been associated with. But it is a start.

AKC—[American Kennel Club - Event Search \(akc.org\)](http://akc.org)

ASCA (Australian Shepherd Club of America) —[Events Calendar– ASCA](http://ascadog.org)

NADAC—[The North American Dog Agility Council \(nadac.com\)](http://nadac.com)

USDAA—[Home | USDAA](http://usdaa.com)

Jump City Agility —[Jump City Agility](http://jumpcityagility.com)

Lynda Tjarks Agility—[Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](http://lyndatjarks.com)

Action Dog Sports (Agility, Fast Cat) —[ADS Upcoming Events Table | Action Dog Sports](http://adsports.com)

Jack Bradshaw - Dog Show Superintendents—[Jack Bradshaw - Dog Show Superintendents \(jbradshaw.com\)](http://jbradshaw.com)

Barn Hunt—[Barn Hunt Association](http://barnhunt.org)

National Association of Canine Scent Work—[NACSW | NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CANINE SCENT WORK](http://nacswork.com)

AHBA—American Herding Breed Association—[Home - American Herding Breed Association \(ahba-herding.org\)](http://ahba-herding.org)

CPE—Canine Performance Events—[CPE | CPE DOG Canine Performance Events Home - Canine Performance Events](http://cpe-dog.com)

UKC—United Kennel Club—[Home | United Kennel Club \(UKC\) \(ukcdogs.com\)](http://ukcdogs.com)

USCSS—United States Canine Scent Sports—[USCSS \(uscaninescentsports.com\)](http://uscaninescentsports.com)

World Canine Freestyle Organization (Dance)—[The World Canine Freestyle Organization – WCFO, Inc.](http://wcfo.com)

Dogs Can Dance—[DogsCanDance.com](http://dogscandance.com)

NASDA—North American Sport Dog Association—[North American Sport Dog Association – Celebrating Canine Versatility \(nasda.dog\)](http://nasda.dog)

International Dog Parkour Association—[Home | International Dog Parkour Association](http://idpa.com)

Love on a Leash—Therapy Dog—[Love On A Leash® – Volunteer pet therapy certification](http://loveonaleash.com)



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

Agility - Novice—Advanced

Mondays 6:00—7 pm, Reseda and Mondays 7:00—8 pm, Reseda

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

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

Nose Work / Scent Work Classes

Continuing Nose Work (Intermediate—Advanced) - Mondays 6:30-7:30 Chatsworth

Contact Carole Hills for information—chills37@aol.com

Beginning Scent Work—Tuesday evenings in Moorpark 6 to 7:30 PM

Advanced Scent Work - Wednesday evenings in Moorpark 6 to 7:30 PM

Contact Shiro Torquato for information— drshiro2000@gmail.com