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**VHOC Dues
are Due
by December 31st
Renewal Form
on Page 5**



**Holiday Party
December 14th
Flyer on page 3**



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
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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)

Trudi Schoolhouse and her Standard Poodles - Sebastian, Simone and Sage

Cynthia Binder and her German Shepherd Dogs - Rhea, Sabine, Ukon, Yarra and Beyya

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
VHOC
Holiday Party

SATURDAY
DEC. 14 2-4PM

3676 Paseo de Nublado,
Thousand Oaks 91360

POTLUCK!
The club will be providing a main dish. BYOB.

If you'd like to participate in the festive Gift Exchange,
please bring a wrapped, dog-related gift of ~\$20 in value.

Please
RSVP
to Monica
w/ potluck item
by 12/9
nolanmilano@gmail.com



VHOC

Annual Agility Trial

December 6, 7 and 8th

VHOC Members and Friends,

We need volunteers for our annual AKC Agility Trials which will be held on Friday, Saturday & Sunday, December. 6,7 & 8, 2024 at Camarillo Community Center Park, 1605 East Burnley Street, Camarillo, CA.

Whether you are planning to enter the trial as a competitor or not, we would appreciate any help you can provide as a volunteer on any or all of the days.

We need bar setters, leash runners, timers, and scribes. No experience necessary—we will teach you any of the jobs on the spot!

If you can help, please contact the VHOC Club Trial Chair, Louise Brady at starweim@aol.com.

Thank you,

VHOC Trial Committee

Louise Brady, Michael Fields, Stephanie Schuster

The premium for the VHOC agility trials is located in 3 different places -

It can be found on the Wing Ding Weekday Agility Trials page:

<https://wwdat.us/upcoming-trials/pcsc-vhoc-december-5-6-7-8-2024-trial/>

Entries can be done online at the WingDing Agility Trial Website

It can be found through the VHOC home page:

<https://www.vhoc.org/>

And it can be found on the AKC Events page, Companion Events, Agility

You can also cut and paste this link in your browser— http://apps.akc.org/apps/eventplans/eventsearch/blocks/dsp_generate_pdf.cfm?KEY_BINARY_CONTENT=86899

ENTRIES CLOSE Monday, November 25, 2024 (VHOC) at 11:59 pm

Location: COMMUNITY CENTER PARK, 1605 E. BURNLEY ST
CAMARILLO, CA 93010

Judge: Cynthia Blanton



Valley Hills Obedience Club 2025 Membership Renewal

Dues must be received by December 31, 2024

Please complete the form below with your changes for the 2025 Membership Roster and return it with your 2025 membership dues (\$25 single and \$35 family).

Return to: Cynthia Casby
VHOC Membership Chair
237 S. Griffith Park Dr.
Burbank, CA 91506

OR Email form to: VHOC.membership@gmail.com

To pay your dues, please send a check to the above address, made out to VHOC

OR

You may pay by Zelle to my phone number: (626) 372-6428. DO NOT use the VHOC email above in Zelle, as that is not linked to the Zelle account. I am also happy to send you a Zelle request.

We do not currently take PayPal or Venmo for dues. If you want to pay in cash and are taking lessons please inquire with your instructor.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, St., Zip: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Dog (breeds): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Check this box to opt out of Electronic Communication: ☐

"Membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid thirty (30) days after the first day of January 2025"

Great Time At the October General Meeting

Shiro, Monica, Jane and Ann put on a great Halloween themed General meeting.

We had a great costume parade with some inventive costumes.

The first game of the day was musical hoops. Michele Goyette won that one with Ember .

Next up was the hot dog eating contest—Archer won hot dog bobbing at 4.89 secs, edging out Augie (5 secs)-2nd place, Rose-3rd (7 sec), and Panda (12 sec).

We had our new member Liat Siada and her daughter Ariel participating with there Border Collie Sunny and activated her membership.





**Lots of fun
The October General Meeting
at the Field**

AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Title

Currently, dogs that take an AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Class and pass the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy test receive an award certificate if the owner applies for it. This is not considered a title or listed on the dog's record. Staff recommends providing the owner an option to apply for a title certificate, and the suffix title of STR will be added to the dog's record.

Dogs that have previously earned the S.T.A.R. Puppy certificate would be eligible for the S.T.A.R. Puppy title by applying and submitting the processing fee.

The Board VOTED to approve the Staff recommendation, and the S.T.A.R. titling option will be offered starting January 15, 2025.



Taken from page 13 of the October 2024 AKC Board Meeting Minutes.

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/cdn-origin-etr.akc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/14161310/Board-Minutes-October-2024-FINAL-PUBLISHED.pdf>

VHOC Members and Friends,

Exciting news! The Valley Hills Obedience Club is bringing back Scent Work classes!

Starting in early January 2025, the **Beginning Scent Work class** will be held on Wednesday evenings at a private horse boarding ranch in Moorpark. Led by Instructor Jinny Chow, an experienced AKC judge, CGC evaluator, and USCSS Administrative Director,

This 5-week series costs \$150, with payment due at registration on or before the first class.

Enroll now to secure your spot—class size is limited!

For more information or to reserve your place, please contact SW Registrar, Shiro Torquato, at drshiro2000@gmail.com.

Don't miss out!

VHOC **is High Scoring Obedience Team** **and** **High Scoring Rally Team**



Congratulations
to our
Top Dog
Obedience
and
Rally Teams



2024 VHOC Top Dog
Rally Team

VHOC Sweeps TOP DOG Competition!

Submitted by Monica Nolan

On Saturday November 9, Valley Hills sent six members to compete in Southern California Dog Obedience Council (SCDOC)'s Top Dog competition held at Pikes Peak Park, Norco. Five clubs participated: Lomita, SWOC, Santa Ana Valley, VHOC and NABOC.

VHOC members and their dogs included Laurie Burnam and Tesla, Gail Larman and Sage, Monica Nolan with Augie and Rose, Shiro Torquato and Archer, Flo Walberg and Ashley, and David Zelitsky with Rush. In addition to the above, TD rules allowed teams to pick up at large people the day of the trial to fill out their roster. Mary Kinsler, from Pasanita, joined our team with her two dogs Marley and Bianca.

Obedience

In Obedience, three team members competed per class, with the two best scores turned in for scoring. Here are the class teams and best scores:

Novice

Laurie Burnam & Tesla -197.5

Mary Kinsler & Marley – 196.5

Shiro Torquato & Archer

Open

Mary Kinsler & Bianca – 198.5

Gail Larman & Sage – 168

Monica Nolan & Rose

Utility

David Zelitsky & Rush – 197

Flo Walberg & Ashley – 196.5

Monica Nolan & Augie

Valley Hills took 1st place with a total score of 1154! Scores of the other clubs were:

2nd place -SWOC - 969.5

3rd place Santa Ana KC - 946.5

4th place NABOC - 920

In addition, VHOC took 1st place in each of the classes – Novice, Open and Utility! And Mary walked away with the HIT award. VHOC earned \$200 for the win.

VHOC Sweeps TOP DOG Competition! - Continued

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Rally

The Rally competition was new to Top Dog. Each club had a four-person team and competed as a relay – i.e. time started when the first member passed the Start sign and finished when the last member passed the Finish sign. Scores from the four members were added together and turned in with the total team time. Our Rally team:

Laurie & Tesla

Shiro & Archer

Monica & Rose

David & Rush.

VHOC came in first with an impressive score of 391 out of 400 – with both Tesla and Rose earning 100s! We also had the fastest time. VHOC received \$150 for the win.

Scores of the other teams were:

2nd place Santa Ana - 376

3rd place Lomita - 374

4th place Santa Ana – 372

All in all, a great day – perfect weather, friendly competition, great team comradery, and blue ribbons all around. And in the end, worth the drive!

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David
Zelitsky
and
Rush
Utility
And
Rally



Flo Walberg and Ashley—Utility



Monica
Nolan
and Augie
Utility





Mary Kinsler and Bianca in Open

We didn't have a picture of Mary Kinsler and Marley, who participated in Novice on behalf of VHOC.

We ended up being short a person due to a last minute change in a team members plans. The TOP DOG rules allow for a club to pickup a non-member participant at the trial when they lose a team member within a specified period of time. Mary is a member of Pasanita which did not have a team in the TOP DOG competition but she was there to compete individually. We were extremely happy to have her join our team.

Thank you Mary!!



Gail
And Sage
Open



Monica Nolan
And Rose
Open
And Rally





Laurie Burnam
and
Tesla
Novice
And Rally



Shiro Torquato
And Archer
Novice
And Rally



Laurie Burnam
TOP DOG
Participant
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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 INSTRUCTORS FOR NEW CLASS START DATES

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

Agility - Skills & Drills -

Skills and Drills I (Novice/Intermediate) Wednesdays 6:30 pm, Reseda

Skills and Drills II (Intermediate/Advanced) Mondays 7:00 pm, Reseda

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

NEW Scent Work Classes

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

Contact Carole Hills for information—chills37@aol.com

Beginning Nose Work—Wednesday evenings in Moorpark

Contact Shiro Torquato for information—drshiro2000@gmail.com

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Laurie Burnam with Scusi and Tesla**ASCA 50th National Specialty**

Grand Island, Nebraska, October 12 to Oct 19, 2024

Agility

Scusi -

Elite Regular 5 Q 1st place

Elite Regular 10 Q 2nd place

Elite Regular 5 Q 2nd place

To achieve her ACE 2 Championship she needed 20 points in Regular and 40 points in Gamblers. Sweet, she got the needed regular points, but that 20' distant work in gamblers can be too challenging for a partially deaf 12 year senior dog, nonetheless she had a blast trying barking her silly way around the courses.

Tesla -

As for her sister Tesla, she still has not learned collection, only fast, fast, fast . Parts were awesome but one goof can eliminate you.

Elite Regular 5 Q

Tesla Obedience

Novice B 194 CD **Companion Dog title #68**

Novice B 195.5 extra leg

Her scores for all legs were 198.5, 192.5, 194, 195.5, with a 2nd place and a 3rd place, however those silly barks, leaps and darn a no sit finish on the last class, taking her out of the ribbons.

Can't say Tesla does not enjoy competing, so whatever the outcome it's a wild fun ride.

Tesla Rally

Excellent A 199 2nd place **RAX titles # 69 & 70**

Excellent A 198 1st place

Her scores for all legs were 198, 199, 199, 198 with 3 -1sts and 1-2nd.

Next is Top Dog doing obedience and rally in Norco. Buckle up!

P .S. Over 3000 mile drive on two lane highways going 80mph passing Semi Trucks was an intense experience. The scenery was the same throughout, desert or farmlands but no structures.

Brag



Yvonne Garst & Herman Jo

11/2 Air Hollywood, Valencia CA NACSW **new titles L1I, L1C**

11/9 Elks Lodge, Canoga Park Ca NACSW **New title NW1**



Braggs



Monica Nolan with Augie and Rose

At the October Pasanita Rally trial,

Augie picked up his 9th Q in Choice and

Rose got another triple Q toward her RACH title (99,98,97). She also earned her **first RAE title**.

(Didn't get any pics from the trial so here's one of doing parkour later in the week.)



Adrian Smith and Star

Congratulations Star and Adrian on getting her **NW2 title** today at the Paso Robles NACSW trials. They weren't going for speed, but she also got third place in the container run.

She's also moving forward with AKC scentwork where they are finishing off the remaining Excellent elements

Brags

Robyn Zelden and Crew

Crew It's now **certified with Alliance of Therapy Dogs**



Robyn Zelden and Lyric

Lyric earned her **NACSW LII Title** November 2 at the Pink Biscuit K9 Scentwork Trial



Debbie Lang with Max and Panda

USSCS Scent Work Trial,
Moorpark, CA

November 2, 2024

Max 1st legs in

Interiors—3rd place

Containers—2nd place

Panda 2nd legs in

Exterior—4th place

Vehicles— 3rd place





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**Don't forget
the VHOC
Holiday Party
December 14th,**



**our Agility Trials
December 6, 7 and 8
and**



**Please
Renew your
Membership**

Got News?

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