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REMINDER

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

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Do you have other dog-related news, photos, articles, humor or upcoming events you'd like to share?*

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Debbie Lang at
djang@sbcglobal.net

Submission deadline is the 8th of each month

This is YOUR Newsette...make it great!

November 3rd VHOC General Meeting via Zoom

Thank you to Jane Nye for writing up a great article about our General Meeting. It was a very informative and interesting meeting.

On Friday, November 3, VHOC hosted Dr. Lori Hops as a guest for our General Meeting. Dr. Hops' topic was, **Winners Circle Tips for You and Your Dog: Mind and Body Skills to Reach Your Goals.**

Dr. Hops is a licensed clinical psychologist, who provides services to athletes, executives, and other professionals to improve their performance. She creates a unique menu of transformational methods to support growth and awareness, through energy systems, breath work, mindfulness, and/or intuitive skills, so each person and their dog(s) can upgrade their innate abilities to thrive and excel.

Dr. Hops started the meeting by asking the twenty VHOC members who were in attendance over Zoom, "How do you get into a winner's circle state with your dog?"

She recommended matching an alert/relaxed state – taking 5 deep breaths and having a vision of doing "this" (your performance goal) or something better.

She also recommended creating a vision board. I noted that I had done something like this once recently – when I was working to get my last leg of my CDX with my young dog, Henry, I bought a picture frame, added the letters CDX at the top and put it beside my bed so I looked at it every night – when I got my title, I would take a picture with the judge and finish the frame. At our next trial, we did it! Of course our success wasn't just due to the "vision frame," it was also a lot of coaching and training with Shiro and other dog training friends. But, Dr. Hops recommended this concept as a simple tool to help unblock a path for transformation.

Dr. Hops talked about using the right words stated positively – not, "I will train Henry to do his articles for Utility," but rather, "Henry does articles perfectly."

Even though the presentation was on a Friday night after a long work week, I felt energized after Dr. Hops' presentation!

I highly recommend Dr. Hops (and Dr. Shiro Torquato our club President) if you're looking for ways to enhance your wellbeing, health, and personal growth in the here and now. Both Dr. Hops and Dr. Torquato can offer some simple mind and body self-care practices to unblock paths for transformation in our training practices. They can help us learn to use words to create energy, balance our mind, and train our dogs more effectively.



Holistic Vet Blend has some great Blog articles—this one was submitted by Shiro Torquato—
 It is very informative, but a little long to include the entire article in the Newsette.

If you click on the Read Full article it will take you to the entire article.

Canine Lymphoma: A Pet Owner's Guide to Early Detection and Treatment

Eighty percent of dogs with lymphoma present with enlarged lymph nodes that are peripheral! If you have a breed that is overrepresented for lymphoma, it's important for you to know where these lymph nodes are so that you can detect them early. Lymphoma is typically very aggressive, so intervening early is critical. A majority of patients are becoming sick from their disease when lymphoma is found.

Typically, there is a significant wait time to see a specialist if your dog is diagnosed with lymphoma. Now, there is a treatment available for lymphoma in dogs that can be started early on when every day counts and for those who do not have access to a veterinary oncologist..

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Can pets join owners in stores? What to know



WITH A DOG in tow, Augustine Hurtado, 65, waits to pay for dog and cat food at a Smart & Final market in South Los Angeles. He feeds stray cats in his neighborhood and dispenses dog food to gulls in Santa Monica. (Mel Melcon Los Angeles Times)

By Karen Garcia (LA Times)

Whether perusing the aisles at Costco or grabbing a few things at Target, you most likely have come across a customer walking alongside his or her dog or perhaps pushing the animal around in a shopping cart.

It's a familiar sight in Southern California. One that might prompt the average shopper to ask: Is that pet allowed to be in the store?

If it's a service animal, the answer is yes.

Though California law prohibits dogs in facilities that sell packaged food, service dogs are exempt, according to the California Department of Public Health. Under federal law, these same animals are allowed in government offices, businesses and nonprofits that serve the public.

Since 2011, only dogs, of any breed and size, are recognized as service animals, according to the U.S. Department of Justice and Civil Rights.

By appearances alone, it's tricky to identify whether a dog is a service animal or not because legally it doesn't have to wear any type of identifying collar or vest. The owner or handler of the animal is also not required have any kind of identification proving it is a service animal, according to the ADA National Network.

If skeptical, ask yourself why you're questioning the dog's presence, said Jan Garrett, deputy director of ADA programs for the Pacific ADA Center.

"Are you just being nosy, or do you have a real reason for questioning" why the dog is in the store, she said.

There are ways you might be able to tell if the dog is a legitimate service animal, especially if it's exhibiting bad behavior, she said.

If you see a dog jumping around a meat counter and pulling food to the ground in a grocery store, this may be an indication that this is not a service animal, she said.

Service animals are always under control and well behaved, she said.

Can pets join owners in stores? What to know—Continued

If this is not the case, take your concerns to the store manager, Garrett said.

Here's what you need to know about identifying service animals and what you can do about it.

So what makes a dog a service animal?

A service animal differs from a pet dog because its trained to help their owner, or handler, who has a disability with physical tasks, Garrett said.

If an owner says their animal provides "comfort" or emotional support but does not identify a specific task that the animal does, that animal is an emotional support animal, not a service animal.

Certification of training isn't required. Often the handler is training the animal.

Handlers can pay for professional training from Canine Companions for Independence.

Professionally trained or not, the service animal needs to perform physical tasks for their handler.

For example, Garrett said, if the handler has anxiety, the service dog is probably trained to sense their handler is becoming anxious. The dog's task could be to lead the handler to a bench to sit down or lick their hand and nuzzle them until the handler's blood pressure and anxiety go down.

The work or task a dog has been trained to provide must be directly related to a person's disability (physical or mental), according to the U.S. Department of Justice and Civil Rights.

Other examples of tasks include providing guidance for people who are blind, alerting people who are deaf or calming a person with PTSD during an anxiety attack.

Where are service animals allowed?

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, service animals are allowed in state and local government offices as well as general businesses and nonprofit organizations that serve the public.

These facilities must allow service animals to accompany people with disabilities in all areas of the facility where the public is allowed to go.

There are limits to where a service animal can be, Garrett said. For example, if the handler is having surgery or in a burn unit (an infection control area), service dogs are not allowed there.

Handlers can take their service animal to the zoo. But there can be parts of the zoo where the animal would be considered a predator or prey to the animals that are contained in their habitats. Zoos, including the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens, offer a kennel to board the service animals if the handler wants to visit the restricted areas.

What can you do if a service animal is causing issues in a store?

Service dogs do not need to have any type of identifying tag or gear on them — so you wouldn't know if the dog is a service animal or not.

If a dog or service animal isn't behaving, according to the Americans with Disabilities Act, the individual in charge of the office or store is allowed to ask the handler only two questions:

Is the dog a service animal required because of a disability?

What tasks has the animal been trained to perform?

Can pets join owners in stores? What to know—Continued

If the handler refuses to answer the questions, Garrett said, it is up to the person in charge to decide what action to take. That person can either allow the animal to stay or simply say, “I’m sorry, you have to be able to answer the questions for us to allow the dog into our business or into our agency.”

Under federal law, a handler cannot be asked to remove their service animal from the premises unless the dog is out of control and the handler is unable to restrain the animal.

The Americans with Disabilities Act also states that when there is a legitimate reason to ask that a service animal be removed, the person with the disability must be offered the opportunity to obtain goods or services without the animal’s presence.

If a business is allowing non-service dogs into its store, patrons can call the Los Angeles County Public Health Department’s Customer Support Center at (888)700-9995.

Article submitted by Laurie Burnam from

https://enewspaper.latimes.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=cf8c35dc-0a29-499b-a0e0-97ab6cf3e7f1



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October 24, 2023

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/ask-los-angeles-city-council-oppose-ban-breeding-intact-animal-ownership/>

Please forward to dog owners in Los Angeles, California:

Summary:

On Friday, October 20, the Los Angeles City Council directed that an ordinance be drafted to suspend the issuance of breeding permits in the city as a way to address shelter overpopulation concerns. Public comments from key officials indicate that this could also curtail the ability to own intact animals in the city. *Should this proposal be adopted, it would ban all breeding in the city and could prevent the ownership of intact animals.*

It is essential for the City Council to hear from constituents as soon as possible. Residents should contact your Los Angeles City Councilmember immediately to express your strong opposition to this proposal. Let them know that this will not address shelter population issues and it will punish responsible owners in the city.

Scroll down for background, contact information, and talking points.

Background:

On Friday, October 20, the Los Angeles City Council voted to direct the City Attorney's office and Department of Animal Services (DAS) to draft an ordinance within 15 days to suspend the issuance of new breeding permits until animal shelter occupancy rates fall below [75 percent for three consecutive months](#), as expected. **However, an additional provision was adopted, too; if the above ordinance is not drafted within 30 days, DAS, at the discretion of the General Manager can indefinitely limit the issuance of breeding permits.**

Throughout this process, there has been much confusion concerning intact animal permits and breeding permits. Under current law, city residents do NOT need an animal breeding permit to obtain an intact animal permit. In addition, current law provides that animals may remain intact so long as they meet certain qualifications, including the dog being registered with a national or international registry (with appropriate documentation), and the dog "must actively show or compete and shall have competed in at least one show or sporting competition hosted or staged by, or under the approval of, a national association, unless it is too young to compete." While AKC still has concerns regarding current law, we appreciate these important distinctions that allow certain intact animals in the city.

However, numerous public statements from local officials have conflated the two types of permits. As such, **AKC is very concerned that people are being required to purchase a breeding permit to obtain an intact animal permit.**

Ask Los Angeles City Council to Oppose Ban on Breeding and Intact Animal Ownership—continued

AKC believes that if the proposed ordinance passes, (in addition to punishing responsible breeders) it could impact the ability of city residents to obtain an intact animal permit at all – meaning they could not lawfully own an intact animal.

Talking Points:

Residents of Los Angeles are strongly urged to contact their Los Angeles City Councilmember to respectfully express strong opposition to this proposal. Keep your comments respectful and demonstrate that responsible breeders and owners of intact dogs are a value to the community. Some points to be sure to mention to your councilmember:

- Remind them that responsible breeders are not the reason for shelter population concerns. In fact, responsible licensed breeders are part of the solution – providing well-bred dogs to families and ensuring these dogs never end up in shelters.
- Ensure that the councilmembers understand the difference between an intact animal permit and a breeding permit and that under *current* law residents should not be forced to purchase a breeding permit simply to maintain an intact animal. Remind them that responsible owners of intact animals are not the reason for shelter population concerns.
- Ask your councilmember to consider adopting the same standards or similar standards for issuing an intact animal permit for issuing breeding permits, including allowing a permit for dogs registered with a national or international kennel club with appropriate documentation.
- In terms of addressing issues in Los Angeles’ animal shelter system, offer your councilmember the following steps which would have a much greater impact on shelter system than banning responsible breeding:
 - Ensure good data collection to determine where issues are originating and allow for arising problems to be adequately addresses.
 - Require all animals received in the shelter system to be checked for microchips so lost pets can be quickly reunited with their owners and don’t languish in shelter system taking up valuable space and resources.
 - Make sure low-cost spay and neuter funds are available to all who need it and ensure that program availability is widely known through community outreach.
 - [Statistics provided by the city](#) demonstrate that many of the dogs coming into the shelter system are owner surrender. It is highly unlikely this is all due to irresponsible breeders. Often, dogs are surrendered due to economical or other unforeseen circumstances, including housing. Consider offering tax credits or other programs to incentivize greater acceptance of pets in residential housing to address issue of pets ending up in shelter system only because of housing issues.
 - Develop a plan to manage “dangerous dogs” taken in and kept in the shelter system. Public comments by key officials have indicated that this is a significant concern for the city shelters.

Ask Los Angeles City Council to Oppose Ban on Breeding and Intact Animal Ownership—continued

Visit [Breeding Regulations and Restrictions](#) in the AKC Legislative Action Center for more talking points and information.

Los Angeles City Council Contact Information:

Los Angeles residents are strongly encouraged to contact your councilmember (find your councilmember by clicking [here](#) and entering your address):

- District 1: Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez; councilmember.hernandez@lacity.org; (213) 473-7001
- District 2: Councilmember Paul Krekorian; councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org; (213) 473-7002
- District 3: Councilmember Bob Blumenfield; councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org; (213) 473-7003
- District 4: Councilmember Nithya Raman; contactCD4@lacity.org; (213) 473-7004
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- District 6: Councilmember Imelda Padilla; councilmember.padilla@lacity.org; (213) 473-7006
- District 7: Councilmember Monica Rodriguez; councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org; (213) 473-7007
- District 8: Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson; councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org; (213) 473-7008
- District 9: Councilmember Curren D. Price, Jr.; councilmember.price@lacity.org; (213) 473-7009
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- District 15: Councilmember Tim McOsker; councilmember.mcosker@lacity.org; 213 473-7015

AKC Government Relations will continue to monitor this proposal will provide updates. For questions or more information, contact AKC GR at doglaw@akc.org.

[View the alert here!](#)

Female dogs are judging you

Female dogs remember when people exhibit incompetent behavior, yet males don't seem to notice. That's the conclusion of a small new study in Japan, says *The Daily Telegraph* (U.K.). Researchers recruited 30 dogs and put each one in a room with two strangers holding a clear plastic box. In full view of the pup, but without ever looking at or interacting with it, the first person took the lid off the box with ease, while the second person struggled and failed.

The two people then repeated the task, but this time the boxes contained a treat. The male dogs had no preference between the "competent" and "incompetent" participants, but the female dogs ran over to the successful box opener 83 percent of the time. "These findings indicate that female dogs can gauge a human's competence and adjust their behavior based on their evaluation," write the authors, from Kyoto University. "Conceivably, they predicted that the competent person would open the baited container and get food." The reason for the gender divide remains unknown; the dogs' age and neuter status had no impact on their decision-making.

Laurie Burnam and Tesla

West Coast Australian Shepherd Club, ASCA Rally and Obedience, Canyon RV Park, Anaheim

Oct 14//2023 Rally

Rally Advanced A 200 1st place 2nd leg

Rally Advanced A 200 1st place 3rd leg titles **RA and RAX**

For Debbie #60 and #61

Oct 15/2023 Obedience

Obedience **Beginning Novice B** 200 1st place 3rd leg **title BN #62**

Obedience Novice B 198.5 2nd place 1st leg

Tesla was on fire, yahoo she was listening in training...

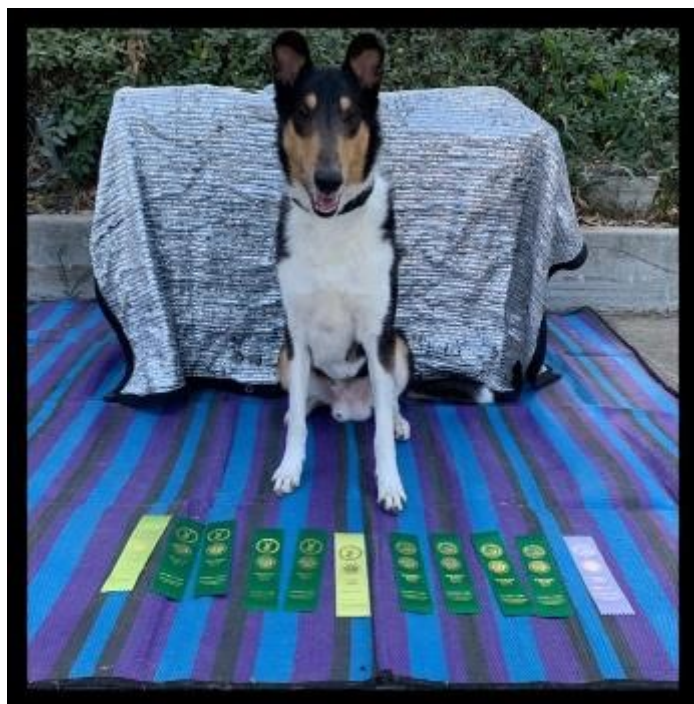
Braggs

Laurie Burnam and Tesla

Hollywood Dog Obedience Club, Freedom Park, Camarillo, Oct 27, 28, 2023

Excellent Standard 100 Q 1st leg 1st place

Excellent Fast 100 Q 1st leg 2nd place



Cynthia Casby and Mac

At the Western Doggie Roundup at City of Industry, MacGyver made a comeback after the last relapse of his Valley Fever.

It was warm but we had 2 good days -

2 Rally Choice legs,

2 Masters legs (#7-#8 you need 10 for the title)

2 RAE legs (#7-#8 you need 10 for the title),

2 more triple Qs (#7-#8/ you need 20 for the Rally Championship) and

11 more points towards our Rally Championship.

8 Qs total made for a good time!



Robyn Zeldon and Lyric

Lyric went **WB//BOW for 2 points** at the AM show, and she went **WB for another 2 points** at the PM Show at the TriValley Working Dog Club Show on October 27, 2023 in Lake Perris

INT CH Twin Creeks Here Comes The Sun CGCA, CGCU, TKA, RN, ATT, SWN, FDC

Robyn Zeldon and Lyric

Lyric earned her **Farm Dog Certified Title** on October 27, 2023 in Lake Perris



Braggs

Robyn Zeldon and Lyric

Lyric Q'ed in Advanced Buried with a 1st place, and Q'ed in Advanced Exteriors with a 2nd place, on October 28, 2023 at the VCSWC Scent Work Trial in Lake Perris

Braggs



Robyn Zeldon and Lyric

Lyric Q'ed in Novice Buried and Containers to finish her **Novice Scent Work Title** at the Scent Work Club of the San Gabriel Foothills trial on October 21, 2023

Robyn Zeldon and Luca

Luca Q'ed in Masters Buried and Containers at the Scent Work Club of the San Gabriel Foothills trial on October 21, 2023



Debbie Lang and Max

Ventura County Scent Work Cub Agility Trial, October 18th, Stone Pony in Moorpark, Judge LaVar Griffin
T2B—10 point Q 39.10 sec on the 50 second course

Braggs



Monica Nolan and Augie

Augie earned his second Q in Utility A at the October 29th Pasanita trial.

I was thrilled. He was more interested in the after party treats!

Flo Walberg and Ashley

Well, we had a great day at the Long Beach show in City of Industry.

Ashley got 1st place in utility B and picked up about 17 OTCH points. Got a few points from the other classes.

Was a great weekend. This was an awesome judge. She was here last year and I hope she comes back next year! Her name is Kathy Caballero. She's from Texas.





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The trial is being held at Stone Pony in Moorpark, come out and support our club.



There is also a **trial on December 7th**—Poodle Club of So Cal being held at Stone Pony, Moorpark with judge Cynthia Blanton.

This trial can also be entered online at the WWDAT website.