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Happy Halloween



I've got **O.D.D**
 (Obsessive DOG Disorder)

- ✓ YOU HAVE MORE THAN 1 DOG.
- ✓ YOUR DOG'S COMFORT COMES BEFORE YOURS!
- ✓ YOUR HOME IS LITTERED WITH DOG TOYS.
- ✓ YOU'D RATHER STAY HOME AND HANG OUT WITH YOUR DOGS THAN GO OUT.
- ✓ YOU GREET YOUR DOGS BEFORE YOUR SPOUSE.



October General Meeting

Friday October 16 at 6:30 PM at the CPLC training field

VHOC will provide KFC—please bring a side to share.

- Best Dog Costume Contest
- Best Trick Dog Contest
- Jumpers Agility Course

Please RSVP to Debbie Lang—djlang@sbcglobal.net

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, Melody Myers, at ruby_mudpie@hotmail.com

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*Do you have a brag? Did you get a new puppy? Is your dog celebrating a birthday?
Do you have other dog-related news, photos, articles, humor or upcoming events you'd like to share?*

*Do you have a canine product or service you'd like to promote?
Ads are only \$10.00 a month, or \$50.00 for an entire year.*

Email me for more information, or just send your stuff to:
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Submission deadline is the 8th of each month

This is YOUR Newsette...make it great!



REMINDERS



TOP DOG 2015

Pikes Peak Park, Norco CA —November 14th.

Please come out and support our members who will be representing VHOC.



VHOC Practice Match— December 4, 2015

Don't forget we will be having an Obedience and Rally Practice Match on the Friday before our trial.

Get out there and get some practice in.

If you are willing to help out at the Match please contact Shiro Torquato -
drshiro@sbcglobal.net

VHOC Agility Trial—

Three days of Agility December 4, 5 and 6. Entries are open now through November 19th, you can go to the AKC website events and enter Online, the premium is up on the VHOC website so you can also mail in your entries.

VHOC Obedience and Rally Trial-

A two day trial, December 5 and 6. Our Event Secretary is Sharon Licciardi, the Premium will be out in the next week or so, entries will close on November 18.



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Thank You

I want to thank everyone who has been so responsive and generous in supporting our VHOC Obedience/Rally trial Awards/Trophies.

Without all of you, our trial would not be nearly as good as it is.

Also, thank you for sending in your Brags to the Newsette, it is great to see so many teams having a great time.

September General Meeting

We had a wonderful turnout at our *General Meeting*, several of our new members came out to enjoy the fun. The food was great, so many wonderful salads and deserts to go with the chicken.

Everyone seemed to really like running the Tunnels and Jumps course that our President Ann Hills designed. Many of us experienced handlers got lost on it, some of us more than once. It was challenging and fun with some interesting backside handling for the Excellent/Masters dogs, and could also be run in parts as the handler desired.

Laurie Burnam set up a challenging Rally course with some of the newer signs. I guess I need to go back and brush up on them. We had quite a few dogs going through the course and working on their skills.

Hope to see you all at our next meeting October 16th 6:30PM at CPLC.

Happy Birthday Shirley

Shirley Indelicato turned 90 this year at the JTSAC ASCA Trial. Shirley was out there showing both of her Australian Shepherds, Bandit and Ranger. Shirley still judges at both AKC and ASCA trials and she has been a member of VHOC since 2005.

Shirley is an inspiration to many of us, with her kind words and willingness to share her knowledge.



July 2010 ASCA Obedience Group Awards photo: LF to RT Ann Hills, Shirley Indelicato, Laurie Burnam, Allison Pobirs, Rita Morneault (all VHOC members at time of photo)



Shirley in 2014 with Allison Pobirs and Ladd earning their first ASCA Utility Leg under Shirley.

Shirley last year with her BD cake.



Canine Growth Plate Closure

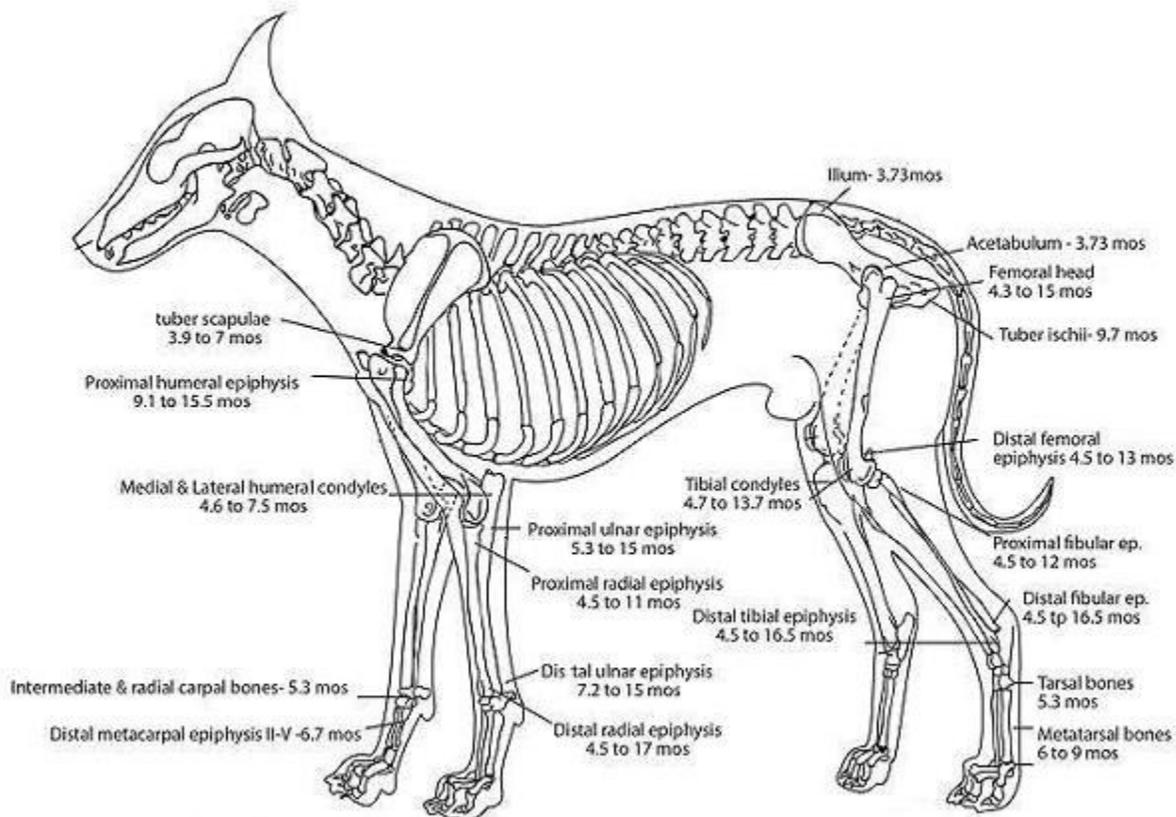
With so many of us getting puppies, I know we are looking at their training and getting them ready for all different kinds of performance competitions. It is always important to remember that they are puppies, with puppy brains and puppy bodies that need to grow. The puppies are always wanting to please us and it is our responsibility to take our time and be safe in their training.

Taken from the Norwegian Elkhound FB page—

Saw this floating around the internet, but could not trace the source, so Dr. Deb Gross had it redone and verified the closure times. This is an average with the lower end being small dogs and the upper end large --and some closures in giant breeds don't occur until 20+ months.

Something to think about when considering agility training/competition or other high impact activities for our breed at a young age...

CANINE GROWTH PLATE CLOSURE - AVERAGE TIME



October Adopt-A-Dog Month

Taken from American Humane Association website—<http://www.americanhumane.org/animals/programs/special-initiatives/adopt-a-dog-month/>

October is American Humane Association's Adopt-A-Dog Month

What Can An Adopted Dog Bring To Your Life?

There are a million good reasons to consider adopting a dog during American Humane Association's yearly "Adopt-a-Dog Month®" in October – in fact, it's a lot more than that. Each year, an estimated 3-4 million animals waiting in shelters for someone to give them a safe, loving home never find a hero to adopt them and, tragically, are euthanized.

If you're thinking about getting a dog, be a hero and consider adopting a rescue animal or a dog from your local shelter. You'll be saving a life and greatly improving yours. Dogs are amazing, supportive, and heroic companions who can make a huge difference in your world as a best friend, an exercise buddy, someone who can be trained to provide animal-assisted therapy and help those with challenges they may face, or simply be a fuzzy face to greet you after a hard day at work.

Your local shelter is the perfect place to find dogs of every type, size, age and personality -- all waiting for a loving home. Or if you prefer a particular breed that isn't currently available at a shelter, go online to find a legitimate breed-specific rescue group in need of adopters like you. In fact, why not help build momentum and spread the word by adding your name to our [pledge](#) to make your next pet a rescue or shelter animal and "like" us on Facebook and Twitter.

Find out what a shelter or rescue dog can bring to your life this October during Adopt-A-Dog Month. Here are some resources to get you started:

- [Adoption Center For Dog Adopters & Dog Owners](#) Visit our virtual Adoption Center to learn about dog adoption, behavior and care.

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October is American Humane Association's Adopt-A-Dog Month—continued

Shelters & Rescue Groups Get free resources to help you promote Adopt-A-Dog Month and increase dog adoptions.

Educators Download our free lesson plans to teach your students about [choosing a dog](#), [caring for a dog](#), and [pet identification](#).

American Humane Association established Adopt-A-Dog Month® in October 1981 as an annual event to encourage people to save lives and enhance their own lives by adopting a dog from a shelter or rescue group. Thirty-two years later, that message is as strong, true and important as ever, as millions of dogs in shelters await adoption every year.

“If you haven’t yet experienced that remarkable power of the human-animal bond, American Humane Association encourages you to consider adopting a dog and finding out just how life-changing it can be,” says Dr. Robin Ganzert, president and CEO of American Humane Association. “With so many dogs in shelters all across our country available for adoption — and many of them never finding a safe, loving, forever home — adopting a dog will make you a hero, too.”

Here are a variety of ways to celebrate Adopt-A-Dog Month:

- **Adopt from a shelter or rescue group** When you’re ready to open your heart and home to a new best friend, adopt from your local animal shelter or rescue group. Talk with shelter staff to find the perfect dog for you and your lifestyle, and remember that older dogs make excellent pets too.
- **Spay or neuter your dog** Have your dog spayed or neutered, thus preventing the possibility of unexpected, and potentially unwanted, puppies. Spayed and neutered animals have been shown to lead longer, healthier lives and have fewer of certain behavioral problems than animals who have not been spayed or neutered.
- **ID your pet** By putting identification on your dog, either in the form of a tag, a microchip or both, you will reduce the possibility that your pet will become one of the presumably “homeless” dogs that end up at your local shelter. Only 15-20 percent of dogs who enter a shelter are reunited with their owners. Make sure your dog is one of the fortunate few by outfitting him with proper identification!
- **Support your local shelter** Show the pets at your local shelter or rescue group that you care by donating time, money or supplies like pet food, leashes, beds and toys. Call the shelter to see what supplies or services are needed most. Even the smallest effort can make a difference.

Reminder—Daylight savings time is Sunday November 1st this year. Set your clocks back and get that extra hour of sleep we all so richly deserve.

I THINK THERE SHOULD
BE AN ALARM CLOCK
SOUND OF A DOG
PUKING...
NOTHING GETS ME UP
AND OUT OF BED FASTER
THAN THE SOUND
OF MY DOG PUKING!

Braggs

Allison Pobirs and Ladd—September 12, 2015, Australian Shepherd Club of So. Cal, ASCA trial, Fillmore, CA:

ASCA UDX Leg # 5

Utility B—1st Place

Open B—3rd Place

High Combined in Trial



Flo Walberg and Kelly—September 20, 2015, German Shepherd Dog Club of LA County, West Covina, CA:

First time in utility and Kelly got her first leg and first place with a 199.5 and HIT. It was vey hot there that day - 105!

Flo had a fan and Kelly had one of her own. Trying to keep cool.



Melody Myers and Olga—September 26, 2015, Joshua Tree ASC, Palmdale, CA:

Olga earned her last 2 Qs at the Joshua Tree ASC Rally trial in Palmdale for her ASCA Rally Novice B Title.

Braggs

Kathy Spilos and Caelia—September 20, 2015, German Shepherd Dog Club of LA County, West Covina, CA:

They earned their first leg in Novice B with a third place finish and a second place competing in Rally Excellent for RE leg #2 at their breed specialty club's (German Shepherd Dog Club of the San Gabriel Valley) trials in September.



Kathy and Caelia celebrating their first CD leg!



Lia posing with her ribbons

This was also the teams first competition in 100+ degree heat and humidity. Though they love hanging out together, both Kathy and Lia say they'll most certainly rethink repeating that "hot and stifling" adventure again! Here they are trying to cool off beneath a tree:



BRAGS

Gwen Fiorito and Jada (Rottweiler) - Titles Jada won in September

Registered Name: American/Canadian GCH CH Neu-Rodes Most Valuable Player, RN CS CI CGCA



AKC Grand Champion Title with a Best of Breed



Canadian Kennel Club "CKC" Champion Title



Carting Intermediate "CI" Title.

1st Place with Reserve High in Score. With a score of 200



Rally Novice B "RN Title

with 4 back to back 1st place wins and scores of "100" all four days

Jada Passed evaluation and became a certified BARK Therapy Dog

Gwen Fiorito and Destry (Australian Shepherd)

Registered Name: Old West Destry Rides Again, CD RA THD CGCA

AKC Therapy Dog Title "THD"



Braggs -

Laurie Burnam and Scusi—September 26/27 2015, AM and PM Trials, Joshua Tree Australian Shepherd Club, ASCA Rally and Obedience, Fin and Feather Park, Palmdale:

Saturday

AM

Rally Masters A 200+ 1st Place 3rd leg RM and RMX Titles (X for three scores above 195)
 High Scoring Aussie and High in Trial. Tied for High in Trial with a Border Collie but had the faster time so got it, yippee. She got High Other Breed

PM

Rally Masters B 193 3rd Place
 Rally Excellent B 199+ 1st Place 1st double Q for REM (need 5 double Q's)
 High Scoring Aussie and High in Trial. Tied for High in Trial with one of my students who was in the Advanced class, therefore we both had to do the novice course. Funny the judge said we both made the same mistake on the same sign, gee did I teach her wrong! She got High Other Breed, I was a proud teacher.

Sunday AM

Open A Obedience 195.5 3rd leg CDX Title Now up to 36 titles, fun to keep tally.
 High Scoring Aussie



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Braggs

Debbie Lang and Quila—*October 2-3, 2015, Hollywood Dog Obedience Club, Woodley Park, CA:*

Quila has a great two days qualifying in 5 out of 6 run in the 16 inch Preferred class.

Oct 2—Qualifying in FAST and Standard

Oct 3—Qualifying in FAST, Standard and Jumpers for a Double Q and a Triple Q.

She finished her Master Standard Preferred Title—MXP



Sheri Scott with Spike and Bubba—*September 11-13, Gambler's Agility Club of Greater Las Vegas Rally and Obedience Trial, Las Vegas NV:*

Great weekend at Gambler's Agility Rally & Obedience Trial in Las Vegas. We had the only Cavaliers at the show.

Bubba, with us now 4 months from Rescue was very social and I was thrilled, he was brave and confident in 3/4 classes. Bubba was awesome for his first show, all his scores were over 187 even got a 193, titling in Beginner Novice, for a dog who knew only "sit" 4 months ago that impressed me. I was very proud and credit our Laurie & Susan Garrett.

Spike got legs in all his classes and titled in Novice Obedience and Rally Excellent. It was a small indoor show, so we had no feather distractions to deal with, thank goodness. Spike was a hard worker as usual. I got to steward for several classes, learned a lot and got to see old friends.

Both boys were happy all weekend. Videos show wagging tails all the time they were in the ring. We got legs in 10 /11 classes. Total was 3 titles, 3 blue, 1 red, 3 white & 2 yellow ribbons. I love small shows and beginner classes.

My Cavaliers rock!!!!



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General Meeting

Friday October 16
at 6:30 PM

We will have a Best Dog Costume Contest

So get those Costumes ready.

We will also have a Dog Tricks Contest.

Start practicing—I know a lot of you have done some trick training with your dogs.

We will also have an agility course set up for some practice.



- The General Meeting will be at Canoga Park Lutheran Church (CPLC), 7357 Jordan Avenue, Canoga Park
- VHOC will provide the KFC for dinner.
- Please bring a side to share.

Please RSVP to Debbie Lang at djlang@sbcglobal.net

ALL DONATIONS FOR OUR VHOC TRIAL RAFFLE GREATLY APPRECIATED

We cannot make it happen without our generous member-
ship donations

T-H-A-N-K Y-O-U!



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Gift certificates/cards for cash for shops or services



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