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Thinking of everyone affected by the Southern California Wildfires, our hearts go out to all.

Dear VHOC Members,

We hope this message finds you and your loved ones safe. As we face the devastating fires in Southern California, the Valley Hills Obedience Club stands ready to support our community in any way we can.

We have a network of 100+ members, many of whom have indicated a desire to assist with transportation, food, clothing, or other means of support; if you need a temporary place for your pets, please let us know and we will put out a call to the membership to see if anyone can lodge and care for them.

Please contact us for any assistance you may need through Carole Hills at chills37@aol.com

Stay safe and take care.

Warm regards,

Carole Hills, VHOC—Corresponding Secretary

REMINDER

Remember to check the website

<http://www.vhoc.org>

for announcements, cancelled classes, upcoming events and other important club information.

If you know of a member who would appreciate receiving correspondence, such as a get-well card, sympathy card, etc., please email our Corresponding Secretary, Carole Hills, at chills37@aol.com

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**The updated VHOC Board of Directors
will be published in the February Newsette**

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)

Marilyn Braverman and her Whippet -Theo

Laurie Guay and her Leonberger - Ollie

Nancy Rogers and her Irish Wolfhounds - Sadie, Maebh, Rory and Tess

The wildfires are a harsh reminder that in Southern California we not only live in an earthquake prone environment, but we also have wildfires to be concerned with. The two current huge fires are a stark reminder that we should all have the basics of a to go bag for ourselves, our family and our pets ready. The list below is a sample of many lists that are available to help prepare.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION – ITEMS TO GATHER

No. of vehicles _____ Drivers _____ Trailers _____ Motorcycles _____

15-minute warning:

1. Wallet, purse, keys, glasses
2. Cell phone(s), charger(s)
3. Emergency cash, credit card
4. Pets, carriers, leashes, meds
5. Clothes, shoes, hats for season
6. Hearing aids, medications
7. Flashlights, extra batteries
8. Safety deposit box key(s)
9. Checkbooks, bills to pay
10. _____
11. _____

30-minute warning:

(The above, plus):

1. Pillows, sleeping bags, blankets
2. Address book, phone list
3. Jewelry & most-valuable personal possessions
4. Personal hygiene items
5. Other meds, supplements
6. First aid kit, medical items
7. Pet food, dishes, bedding, litter
8. Children’s items, toys, books
9. Battery radio, extra batteries
10. Toilet paper, hand wipes, soap
11. Clothing for 3 days, shoes
12. Computer, monitor, laptop
13. Gal. jugs of drinking water
14. _____
15. _____

1-hour warning:

1. Take or safeguard guns, ammo
2. Ice cooler w/ice, food, drinks
3. Genealogy records, files
4. 3 days food, special diet items
5. Gloves, dust mask for smoke
6. Paper plates, cups, utensils
7. School items, homework, pen, pencil, books, calculator, paper
8. Licenses, vehicle titles, deeds
9. Insurance, financial, medical data; Wills, Powers of Atty.
10. Personal property list, photos & appraisals, documentation
11. _____
12. _____

2-hour+ warning:

1. Albums, photos, home videos
2. Albums, photos, home videos
3. Family photos on display
4. Military decorations, records, mementoes, plaques
5. Luggage (packed)
6. Valuable items, cameras
7. Heirlooms, art, collections
8. Primary cosmetics
9. Secondary vehicles, RV
10. Camping equipment, tent
11. Journals, diaries, letters
12. _____

Needed Items and ways to help

Our hearts go out to everyone that has been affected by the LA wildfires. The last days have been terrifying in the devastation that wildfires can bring. The fact that we had two major wildfires that encompassed thousands of acres is inconceivable. There are many ways to help the fire victims. Donations through the Red Cross and other bonified disaster relief organizations as well as providing physical items needed by the victims are a few ways. Below is just one of the disaster relief efforts being organized. While this is in Santa Clarita, I am sure there are other efforts including the ones going on at Santa Anita and Pasadena parks.

List put together directly from a Fire Department Chief, Evacuee Response and Collection Center, and Experienced/Licensed Animal Rescue Organization.

VOLUNTEERS & ITEMS NEEDED

Saturday & Sunday January 18th & 19th
9am- 5pm, both days

360 EXECUTIVE SUITES SCV
WORK - HEALTH - COLLABORATION

25101 THE OLD RD, STEVENSON RANCH, CA

EMERGENCY NEEDED ITEMS



For the fighters



For the evacuees



For the animal rescues

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> toothbrush (singles) protein bars protein shakes bananas sunflower seeds chewing gum gatorade packets travel soap travel wipes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> dental items soap shampoos/conditioner lotions pads/Tampons Deodorant qtips nail clippers combs/brushes bug repellent mirrors scissors. jackets gloves sweatshirts bras/underwear (new) Diapers/Formula 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> jeans tshirts shoes socks (new) sleeping bag, Blankets, sheets Backpacks & Luggage Trash bags playing cards, game books vitamins First aid kits antiseptics, and pain relievers Flash lights Charged power banks batteries Gift cards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crates (All sizes) Bowls **attach to crates** Dog Food (All) Prescription dog food is *urgent** Cat Food (Wet) Water (Bottles or Jugs) Formula (puppy/kitten) Litter boxes/scoops lightweight litter) Pee Pads (any) Blankets Collars/leashes/harness
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Volunteers will be needed throughout the day to sort items, prepare bags, delivery of items, etc.

Item drop off is happening the same 2 days at the same address and during the same times.
For more info: makerspaceindustries@gmail.com or martha@homegirlcali.com
24 hour response time to inquiries

You're "corgially" invited!



VHOC



Awards Banquet

Sunday, March 30

6:00 PM



**RESTAURANT
BREWHOUSE**

**6424 Canoga Ave.
Woodland Hills**

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Please reserve your
SPOTS w/ Ann by
• **March 10** •
tonkanuki@aol.com

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Join us as we celebrate our 2024 accomplishments, welcome new members, see old friends, and enjoy a photo slideshow...and a pizookie!

\$25 per person. Send check (payable to VHOC)
c/o Ann Hills, 13689 De Garmo Ave., Sylmar 91342
- OR - via PayPal: Valley Hills Obedience Club@VHOC2020



VHOC Annual Awards Application Form

One form per dog. Please send applicable pages to Ann Hills at tonkanuki@aol.com or 13689 De Garmo Avenue, Sylmar, CA 91342. Alternatively, you may send info in an attached document or in the body of an email—please indicate each award by number. Contact Ann with any questions.

Your name: _____ Dog's call name: _____
 (as you wish it to appear on awards)

For the awards listed below, "current year" refers to the award period, 2024.

GENERAL AWARDS (No meeting/service requirement; see *Terms of Eligibility on Awards Descriptions* for more details)



#1 – Title Plaque

Provide the **ACRONYMS** for the titles you earned in the current year in the order in which you want them to appear on your plaque (e.g., CDX, NAJ, etc.); please look them up to verify that the acronyms are correct.



Did you earn your first **Championship** in a given dog sport this year? If so, acronym: _____



#2 – A-Team Award

Please provide the **acronyms** for any **Novice A** obedience, rally or agility titles you earned (any registry), the 3rd leg of which was earned in the current year (e.g., NAJ, etc.).



#3 – American Breed Championship Award

Did your dog earn a breed championship in the current year?




#4 – Outstanding Junior Handler Award


Please indicate if you are a junior handler and competed with your dog this year:


SPECIAL AWARDS


OBEDIENCE:


	5 highest scores in Utility (post-UDX) or Open (post-CDX) earned in the current year.					
		1	2	3	4	5
George Giswein (AKC)	Open					
	Utility					


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	Trial:
200 Award	Date:

	3 title leg scores of CD, CDX or UD; 3 rd leg earned in current year; <u>no failures bet. Qs</u>			
Ch. Maverick of Varagon	1	2	3	<i>In memory of Minna Mott</i>
	CD			
	CDX			
	UD			


	Highest combined scores in any regular obedience class; max. of 7, no min.						
Greenberg-Hochman	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

	Highest aggregate of Q or NQ scores, regular or non-regular classes, for those who don't qualify for awards 5-8 or 10-12; min. of 2 scores, no max.				
Okman-Tyzbir	1	2	3	4	5
	6	7	8	9	10 . . .

	Highest scores earned on the 3 legs of a Utility A title; 3 rd leg earned during the current year.		
Red Nadauld	1	2	3


	10 highest combined Q scores in Open B and Utility B, any combination.				
UDX (AKC)	1	2	3	4	5
	6	7	8	9	10

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	5 highest aggregate scores in any obedience class from any combination of non-AKC obedience registries, e.g.: UKC, ASCA, etc.				
Non-AKC	1	2	3	4	5


MULTI-SPORT:


Please indicate the different performance sports* (if more than one) in which you earned titles this year and the number of titles in each.


	Agility	Obed.	Rally	Nose Work	Herding	Tricks	Lure Coursing	Field or Hunt	Tracking	Carting	Other
# of titles:											


*CGC(U/A) and Therapy Dog titles are included on title plaques but do *not* count toward this award.


RALLY:

	Highest scores from the 3 legs of a Rally Novice (A or B) title; 3rd leg earned during the current year.		
High Novice	1	2	3

	Highest scores from the 3 legs of a Rally Intermediate (A or B) title; 3rd leg earned during the current year.		
High Intermediate	1	2	3

	Highest scores from the 3 legs of a Rally Advanced (A or B) title; 3rd leg earned during the current year.		
High Adv.	1	2	3


	Highest scores from the 3 legs of a Rally Excellent (A or B) title; 3rd leg earned during the current year.		
High Excellent	1	2	3


	Highest scores from the 10 legs of their <u>first</u> Rally Master (A or B) title; 10 th leg earned during the current year.									
High Master	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10


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AGILITY:


Note: These awards are intended to recognize a handler & dog team's *first* titles in each level. A team that applied for AKC High Novice in a regular class, for example, is ineligible to re-apply in another year using their AKC Preferred Novice scores. The team may apply for the ASCA/NADAC High Novice Award, however, in the same or in a different year, according to when the last leg is earned.


	Highest scores from the 3 legs of NA & NAJ titles; 3rd leg earned during the current year.		
High Novice (AKC)	1	2	3
	4	5	6

	Highest scores from the 3 legs of OA & OAJ titles; 3rd leg earned during the current year.		
High Open (AKC)	1	2	3
	4	5	6

	Highest scores from the 3 legs of AX & AXJ titles; 3rd leg earned during the current year.		
High Excellent (AKC)	1	2	3
	4	5	6

	Highest scores from the 3 legs of Novice Std./Reg & 1 st 2 legs of Novice Jumpers titles; final leg of either earned during the current year.		
High Novice (ASCA/NADAC)	1	2	3
	4	5	RS-N/NAC & JS-N/NJC

	Highest scores from the 3 legs of Open Std./Reg & 1 st 2 legs of Open Jumpers titles; final leg of either earned during the current year.		
High Open (ASCA/NADAC)	1	2	3
	4	5	RS-O/OAC & JS-O/OJC

	Highest scores from the 3 legs of Elite Std./Reg & 1 st 2 legs of Elite Jumpers titles; final leg of either earned during the current year.		
High Elite (ASCA/NADAC)	1	2	3
	4	5	RS-E/EAC & JS-E/EJC



VALLEY HILLS OBEDIENCE CLUB

2024 Annual Awards

(celebrated in 2025)



This year's VHOC Annual Awards honor members' special accomplishments during 2024 (heretofore, the "current year"). Awards will be presented at our annual banquet on March 30, 2025 (see flyer for details); recipients may make alternate arrangements to pick up their awards.

Terms of Eligibility for Awards:

- All VHOC members whose dog(s) completed a title in 2024 are eligible to receive a title plaque.
- Awards #4-22 are open to those VHOC members who have attended at least 2 VHOC events in the current year, such as general membership or board meetings, the Annual Awards celebration, webinars/guest speaker events, and the VHOC trials. Members who worked at the VHOC trial will be given credit for attending two events per day.
- Perpetual awards will be kept by the recipient for one year and returned to VHOC by January 10 of the following year.
- "Registry" refers to the title-granting organization, e.g.: AKC, ASCA, NADAC, NACSW, UKC, etc.

General Awards

1. Title Plaques

VHOC offers a plaque to all members whose dog(s) completed a title in any performance sport from any registry, the final leg of which must have been earned in the current year. Non-sport titles such as those in Canine Good Citizen or Therapy Dog programs may also be included. ★No event attendance required!★

2. A-Team Recognition

In recognition of first-time achievement, VHOC offers a special gift to all members who earned a title in the current year in a performance sport in which they had never previously competed (i.e., new to you, not just to your dog!). ★No event attendance required!★

3. American Breed Championship Medallion

VHOC offers an award to all members whose dog(s) completed a breed championship, the finishing points of which must have been earned in the current year. ★No event attendance required!★

4. Outstanding Junior Handler Awards

In recognition of outstanding performance, Andy and Idelle Tyzbir, in memory of Minna Mott, offer an award to all junior handlers competing at licensed trials in any performance sport and any registry. Junior handlers are asked to submit a brief paragraph summarizing their accomplishments achieved during the current year.

Special Awards: Obedience

5. George Giswein Memorial Trophy

A perpetual trophy presented to the member whose CDX or UD dog has the highest aggregate score for 5 separate shows during the current year, in either Open or Utility work, in any registry. The purpose of this award is to encourage the continued exhibition of dogs that have earned obedience titles. No scores earned before the dog earned their title will be acceptable toward the total scores for this trophy. Both CDX and UD dogs are eligible to compete, but the scores used must be in either Open or Utility, not a combination of the two. If a dog is shown in more than 5 shows, only the 5 highest scores apply.

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6. 200 Award
An award for a score of 200 earned at a licensed obedience trial of any registry during the current year.
7. Ch. Maveric of Varagon. CDX Memorial Trophy in Memory of Minna Mott
A perpetual award offered by Val and Ray Gonsor in memory of Minna Mott will be presented to the member whose dog completed a CD, CDX or UD title in any registry with the highest total score for three legs, with no failures before or between qualifying legs.
- Owner must be a member in good standing at the time each leg is earned. Date of membership will be the date on which the Club approved the application.
 - Handler must be the owner or a member of the owner's immediate family.
8. Greenberg-Hochman Memorial Trophy
A perpetual trophy offered by Ira and Loretta Greenberg and Ken and Susie Hochman in memory of Ch. Iralor's Bit of Gold, CD, Ch. Sebastian of Bel-Air, Golden Pride of Iralor CD and Rusnel's Joshua CD to the member whose dog has the highest aggregate scores in any regular obedience class from any registry, as follows:
- Owner must be a member of VHOC in good standing and for at least six months.
 - Scores used may be a combination of any regular classes and must be qualifying scores.
 - All scores must be earned between January 1 and December 31 of the current year.
 - A maximum of 7 scores will be considered (with no minimum number).
9. Highest Scoring VHOC Member Okman-Tyzbir Perpetual Trophy
Andy and Idelle Tyzbir offer a perpetual trophy to the member whose dog has the highest aggregate scores among qualifying or non-qualifying obedience scores from any regular or non-regular class and who does not qualify for any other obedience award in the current year, with the exception of a title plaque, A-Team Award or Championship Medallion. There is a minimum of 2 scores and no maximum; in the event of a tie, more weight will be given to scores from the regular classes.
10. The Red Nadauld Family Trophy
A perpetual trophy awarded to the member with the highest aggregate scores earned on the three legs of a Utility A title. The final leg must be earned during the current year.
11. UDX Award
An award offered to the member with the ten highest combined qualifying scores in Open B and Utility B.
12. Non-AKC Award
An award offered to the member with the five highest aggregate scores in any obedience class from any combination of non-AKC obedience registries, e.g.: UKC, ASCA, SCDOC, etc.

Special Awards: Multi-Sport

13. Multiple Sport Title Acknowledgment
Laurie Bumam offers a perpetual trophy to members who obtain 2 or more titles from different performance sports (i.e., obedience, agility, herding, lure coursing/Fast CAT, field, tracking, carting, or hunting), in any registry. All qualifiers' names will be listed by year; the trophy will be held for one year by the member with titles in the most sports. In the event of a tie, the trophy will be awarded to the handler with the most titles.

Special Awards: Rally

14. High Scoring Rally Novice Award
Sandy Walton offers a perpetual award to the member whose dog has the highest aggregate scores earned on the three legs of a Rally Novice title in any registry. The final leg must have been earned in the current year. Failures before or between legs are permitted. Title may be earned from the A or B class.

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15. High Scoring Rally Intermediate Award

Monica Nolan offers a perpetual award to the member whose dog has the highest aggregate scores earned on the three legs of a Rally Intermediate title in any registry. The final leg must have been earned in the current year. Failures before or between legs are permitted. Title may be earned from the A or B class.

16. High Scoring Rally Advanced Award

Carole Raschella offers a perpetual award to the member whose dog has the highest aggregate scores earned on the three legs of a Rally Advanced title in any registry. The final leg must have been earned in the current year. Failures before or between legs are permitted. Title may be earned from the A or B class.

17. High Scoring Rally Excellent Award

Sarah Sykes offers a perpetual award to the member whose dog has the highest aggregate scores earned on the three legs of a Rally Excellent title in any registry. The final leg must have been earned in the current year. Failures before or between legs are permitted. Title may be earned from the A or B class.

18. High Scoring Rally Master Award

VHOC offers a perpetual award to the member whose dog has the highest ten scores from among the legs of their first AKC Rally Master title. The final leg must have been earned in the current year. Failures before or between legs are permitted. Title may be earned from the A or B class.

Special Awards: Agility

19. High Scoring AKC Agility Novice Award

VHOC offers a perpetual award to the member whose dog has the highest aggregate scores earned on the three legs of an AKC Novice Standard title and three legs of a Novice Jumpers titles (six titling scores in total). The final leg (from either the Standard or Jumpers class) must have been earned in the current year. Titles may be earned from the Regular or Preferred, A or B classes. In the event of a tie, handlers will be asked to submit their yards per second (YPS).

20. High Scoring AKC Agility Open Award

VHOC offers a perpetual award to the member whose dog has the highest aggregate scores earned on the three legs of an AKC Open Standard title and the three legs of an Open Jumpers title (six titling scores in total). The final leg (from either the Standard or Jumpers class) must have been earned in the current year. Titles may be earned from the Regular or Preferred, A or B classes. In the event of a tie, handlers will be asked to submit their yards per second (YPS).

21. High Scoring AKC Agility Excellent A Award

VHOC offers a perpetual award to the member whose dog has the highest aggregate scores earned on the three legs of an AKC Excellent A Standard title and the three legs of an Excellent A Jumpers title (six titling scores in total). The final leg (from the Standard or Jumpers class) must have been earned in the current year. Titles may be earned from the Regular or Preferred classes. In the event of a tie, handlers will be asked to submit their yards per second (YPS).

22. High Scoring NADAC/ASCA Agility Novice Award

Carole Hills offers a perpetual award to the member whose dog has the highest aggregate scores earned on the three legs of a NADAC or an ASCA Novice Standard title (NAC/RS-N) and the *first two* legs of a NADAC or an ASCA Novice Jumpers title (NJC/JS-N). Legs may come from the Proficient or Skilled category (NADAC) and the A or B class (ASCA). The final leg (from the Standard or Jumpers class) must have been earned in the current year. Members may submit their five scores for each registry; however, scores from the two registries cannot be combined. In the event of a tie, handlers will be asked to submit their yards per second (YPS).

23. High Scoring NADAC/ASCA Agility Open Award

Carole Hills offers a perpetual award to the member whose dog has the highest aggregate scores earned on the three legs of their NADAC or an ASCA Open Standard title (OAC/RS-O) and the *first two* legs of a NADAC or an ASCA Open Jumpers title (OJC/JS-O). Legs may come from Proficient or Skilled category

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(NADAC) and the A or B class (ASCA). The final leg (from the Standard or Jumpers class) must have been earned in the current year. Members may submit their five scores for each registry; however, scores from the two registries cannot be combined. In the event of a tie, handlers will be asked to submit their yards per second (YPS).

24. High Scoring NADAC/ASCA Agility Elite Award

Deborah Lang offers a perpetual award to the member whose dog has the highest aggregate scores earned on the three legs of a NADAC or an ASCA Elite Standard title (EAC/RS-E) and the *first two* legs of a NADAC or an ASCA Elite Jumpers title (EJC/JS-E). Legs may come from Proficient or Skilled category (NADAC) and the A or B class (ASCA). The final leg (from either the Standard or Jumpers class) must have been earned in the current year. Members may submit their five scores for each registry; however, scores from the two registries cannot be combined. In the event of a tie, handlers will be asked to submit their yards per second (YPS).

END OF AWARDS DESCRIPTIONS



Sunday, March 30
6:00 PM

Tired of training outside?

Preparing for that big, noisy indoor show?



Need to do some fine-tuning in front of a big mirror?

Come enjoy climate-controlled comfort at our Indoor Training Facility!

J9sK9s is located in the west San Fernando Valley near Sherman Way and Topanga Canyon Boulevard.

Boasting "Agiliflex" rubber flooring, our 1600+ square feet of space and 35 feet of mirror are waiting for you and your canine pal to come train in!

We have obedience jumps, baby gates, crates and some agility equipment too. Available to rent to individuals for just \$25 an hour.

Also available for pre-approved events and small groups at an additional cost.

Call 818-832-9906 for more information
www.j9sk9s.com

VHOC Holiday Party

We had a great time at the VHOC 2024 Holiday Party.

Monica Nolan very graciously offered her home for our party and it was perfect.

The games started as soon as we walked in the door. We had a piece of paper placed to our backs and had to guess what dog related name was on the paper based on clues everyone was giving us. We also had a gift exchange game based on dice throws that had a fair amount of stealing of gifts going on. Once the gift game was over there was a lot of after the fact gift swapping. I think everyone left with something they could use.

The club provided the main course of several varieties of tamales and the club members brought lots of sides and desserts to enjoy. We had plenty of good food and good company.

Thank you to everyone who attended.



Chocolate Toxicity in Dogs

The information on Chocolate Toxicity is gathered from three different sources with URLs in the information

- VCA Animal Hospitals
- Merck Veterinary Manual
- Theobromine is the reason chocolate is poisonous to dogs. Wikipedia



In all instances if your dog has ingested chocolate it is always a good idea to contact your vet.

The two Chocolate Toxicity calculators below can give you an idea of how severe the toxicity is to your dog. In all instances the smaller your dog the greater chance of toxicity being more severe, including death. You can see the toxicity level by inputting your dogs weight and about how much chocolate was ingested.

[Clinical calculators - Merck Veterinary Manual](#)

[Dog Chocolate Toxicity Calculator](#)

Contact your veterinarian, the Pet Poison Helpline at (855) 764-7661 or ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center Phone Number: (888) 426-4435 (in either case a fee may apply) to see if a poisonous amount of chocolate has been ingested. If a toxic amount was ingested, immediate evaluation by a veterinarian will be recommended. The sooner treatment begins, the better your dog's prognosis and the less costly the treatment.

Some chocolate products to be cautious of:

- White Chocolate
- Milk chocolate
- Dark Chocolate
- Semi-sweet Chocolate
- Bakers Chocolate (unsweetened)
- Dry Cocoa Powder
- Instant Cocoa Powder
- Cocoa Beans
- Coffee Beans/Grinds (due to high Caffeine amount)
- Cocoa Bean Hulls/Mulch

How much chocolate is poisonous to a dog?

The amount of theobromine in chocolate varies with the type of chocolate, so the dose of theobromine is calculated using the amount and type of chocolate ingested. The darker and more bitter the chocolate, the more dangerous it is to dogs. Cocoa beans have the most theobromine, followed by unsweetened cocoa powder, then, in order from most to least, baked unsweetened dark/baking chocolate, semisweet chocolate, milk chocolate, and white chocolate with the least theobromine.

Even if the dose of theobromine is not toxic, dogs can still develop vomiting, diarrhea, or pancreatitis from the fat and sugar in chocolate.

URL—[Chocolate Poisoning in Dogs | VCA Animal Hospitals](#)

Chocolate Toxicity

Chocolate Toxicity—Continued

Toxic doses of theobromine are reported to be as low as 20 mg/kg. Signs include:

- agitation
- hyperactivity
- gastrointestinal signs
(such as drooling, vomiting, and diarrhea - all which may smell like chocolate)

At doses > 40 mg/kg, cardiac signs can be seen:

- tachycardia
- hypertension
- arrhythmias

At doses > 60 mg/kg, neurologic signs can be seen:

- muscle tremors
- twitching
- possible seizures

Fatalities have been seen at around 200 mg/kg (approximately 100 mg/lb).

Theobromine and caffeine LD50 = 100 to 200mg/kg

Incidence/Prevalence ■ ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center 2006: number 7 hazard encountered by pets
 ■ More common during the holiday season due to increased availability ■ Cocoa shell mulch; increasing in popularity for landscaping Systems Affected ■ Gastrointestinal—vomiting and diarrhea ■ Urologic—polyuria, polydipsia ■ Nervous—hyperactivity, CNS stimulation, seizures ■ Musculoskeletal—tremors, hyperreflexia ■ Cardiovascular—tachycardia, increased myocardial contractility

[Chocolate Toxicosis in Animals - Toxicology - Merck Veterinary Manual](#)

Contact your veterinarian, the Pet Poison Helpline at (855) 764-7661 or ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center Phone Number: (888) 426-4435 (in either case a fee may apply) to see if a poisonous amount of chocolate has been ingested.

Theobromine is the reason chocolate is poisonous to dogs. Dogs and other animals that metabolize theobromine (found in chocolate) more slowly[36] can succumb to theobromine poisoning from as little as 50 g (1.8 oz) of milk chocolate for a smaller dog and 400 g (14 oz), or around nine 44-gram (1.55 oz) small milk chocolate bars, for an average-sized dog. The concentration of theobromine in dark chocolates (about 10 g/kg (0.16 oz/lb)) is up to 10 times that of milk chocolate (1 to 5 g/kg (0.016 to 0.080 oz/lb)), meaning dark chocolate is far more toxic to dogs per unit weight or volume than milk chocolate.[citation needed]

The median lethal dose of theobromine for dogs is 100–200 mg/kg (0.0016–0.0032 oz/lb); therefore, a 10 kg (22 lb) dog would need to consume a minimum of 200 g (7.1 oz) of the most theobromine-rich (5 g/kg (0.080 oz/lb)) dark chocolate, or a maximum of 1 kg (2.2 lb) (of theobromine-rich milk chocolate), to have a 50% chance of receiving a lethal dose. However, even 40 g (1.4 oz) of milk chocolate may induce vomiting and diarrhea.[37]

The same risk is reported for cats as well,[38] although cats are less likely to ingest sweet food, as cats lack sweet taste receptors.[39] Complications include digestive issues, dehydration, excitability, and a slow heart rate. Later stages of theobromine poisoning include epileptic-like seizures and death. If caught early on, theobromine poisoning is treatable.

[40] Although not common, the effects of theobromine poisoning can be fatal.[39]

URL—[Theobromine - Wikipedia](#)



Thank you to Allison Pobirs for the Merck Chocolate Calculator

Which Products Contain Xylitol? Here's a List!

This list of 700+ products made with xylitol is not 100% comprehensive, but it's the best resource of its kind online. The dates next to the products are when they were either added to the list or were last verified to still have xylitol as an ingredient.

Search for a specific product in the list of product categories below.

This URL will take you to all of the categories that have Xylitol in their products :

<https://www.preventivevet.com/xylitol-products-toxic-for-dogs>

Thank you to Carole Raschella for the above article.

Make Sure to Read the Ingredient Label

If you're out grocery shopping, sharing a treat with your dog, or you've just noticed that your dog got into something they shouldn't have, from your bag, cupboard, or off the kitchen counter - check the ingredients right away! Xylitol is a natural sugar substitute and is being used more and more for its diabetic and dental benefits in people, but it's toxic and can be fatal to dogs.

Note that there are some common marketing “buzz” terms that you can look for on the front (promotional side) of the product packaging that might indicate that you'll find xylitol in the ingredient list:

- Sugar-Free
- Reduced Sugar
- All Natural – No Sugar Added
- No Artificial Sweeteners
- Naturally Sweetened
- 100% Natural
- Safe for Sugar-Controlled Diets
- Safe for Diabetics
- Aspartame-Free
- Sweetened with Birch Sugar
- Low Carb
- Low Cal
- Low Calorie
- Helps Fight Cavities
- Cavity Fighting
- Anti-Cavity
- Tooth Friendly

Other names for xylitol in product ingredient lists:

- Alcohol Sugar (this could include other sugar alcohols and not include xylitol)
- Birch Sugar
- Birch Bark Extract
- CHO
- E967
- Kabocha Extract (made from Kabocha pumpkins)

Xylitol—Continued

- Meso-Xylitol
- Méso-Xylitol
- Pentahydric alcohol
- Penta-hydroxy
- Pentane
- Sucre de Bouleau
- Wood Extract
- Xilitol
- Xylit
- Xylite
- Xylo-pentane-1,2,3,4,5-pentol

Sometimes, xylitol is listed in “inactive ingredients” or in the “other ingredients” list. These lists are not required to be itemized in order of quantity of the ingredient in the product, as it is in the main ingredient label. This, unfortunately, can cause people to incorrectly assume that there is a small amount of it in the product.

[Xylitol: A sugar-free sweetener your dog NEEDS you to know about](#)



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Sharon Shilkoff and Summer

"Summer" is now CH Woodland Hot Stuff. She completed her **Championship** at the Greater Clark County KC in Washington State.

Many thanks to her handlers Christian Rutten and Megan Honari who got the job done! Summer was bred and owned by Sharon Shilkoff.

New Champion



Cynthia Casby with Potter and MacGyver

Potter earned her **AKC Temperament Test certificate** at The Kennel Club of Palm Springs test in January.

At the same trial MacGyver

happily got his first Rally Master's points - thanks to handling by his dear friend Sally Mobraaten, who was not as nervous as mom so Mac could perform his best!

Potter



Braggs

Several of our VHOC dogs tested for and earned their CGCU's in December. Late one afternoon we three CGC Evaluators, Kathy Spilos, Monica Nolan and Cynthia Binder all gathered not only to certify some of their own dogs - **Monica's Augie and Rose, Cynthia's Yarra and Beyya and Kathy's Brontay** — but many others joined in the group. We had quite the party and attracted not only attention, but help from some of the passersby and shoppers who were more than willing to interact with and assist in the testing of a very well behaved group of Canine Good “Urban” Citizens.

It was getting dark and cold, so no photos that night — but all in all fifteen dogs passed with flying colors!

CGC - Urban



Kathy Spilos and Brontay: CGC-Urban

Monica Nolan with Augie and Rose

Augie and Rose had a great holiday vacation in the mountains - frolicking in the snow, chasing snowballs and making yellow snow. They returned home to find mail from AKC - four title certificates! In December, both Rose and Augie earned their **CGC Urban**. Augie also received his **Rally Choice and Agility Master FAST Excellent** titles. The last was a total surprise as I thought he was only half way there.



Braggs

Laurie Burnam and Tesla

Golden State Rottweiler Club, Camarillo community center. Jan 10, 11, 12

Master Fast 2nd pl. 17th Q

Master Fast 3rd pl. 18th Q

Time 2 Beat 2nd pl 8 points 16th Q 106 points **New T2B title #71**

Time 2 Beat 2nd pl 9 points and 1st Q for T2B2

Master JWW 1st pl 7th Q

11 Mach points

Debbie Lang and Max

Scent Work Club of the San Gabriel Foothills—Jan 11, 2025

Qualifying in his first AKC trial in

Novice—Exteriors

Novice—Interiors

Novice Buried



Upcoming herding trial

German Shepherd Dog Club of the San Gabriel Valley—February 15/16 in Lancaster. Entries close Monday February 3rd.

Premium Is available on the AKC Events page—[dsp_generate_pdf.cfm](#)

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 of 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](#)

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

USDAA—[Home | USDAA](#)

Jump City Agility —[Jump City Agility](#)

Lynda Tjarks Agility—[Home - Lynda Tjarks Agility Production](#)

Weekday Wing Ding Dog Agility Trials (Stone Pony, Action Dog Sports)—[Upcoming Trials – Weekday Wing Ding Agility Trials \(wwdat.us\)](#)

Jack Bradshaw - Dog Show Superintendents—[Jack Bradshaw - Dog Show Superintendents \(jbradshaw.com\)](#)

Barn Hunt—[Barn Hunt Association](#)

National Association of Canine Scent Work—[NACSW | NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CANINE SCENT WORK](#)

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

CPE—Canine Performance Events—[CPE | CPE DOG Canine Performance Events Home - Canine Performance Events](#)

UKC—United Kennel Club—[Home | United Kennel Club \(UKC\) \(ukcdogs.com\)](#)

USCSS—United States Canine Scent Sports—[USCSS \(uscaninescentsports.com\)](#)

World Canine Freestyle Organization (Dance)—[The World Canine Freestyle Organization – WCFO, Inc.](#)

Dogs Can Dance—[DogsCanDance.com](#)

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

International Dog Parkour Association—[Home | International Dog Parkour Association](#)

Love on a Leash—Therapy Dog—[Love On A Leash® – Volunteer pet therapy certification](#)



VHOC Training Classes

Obedience - Beginning Competitive - Thursday 6:30, Simi Valley

Obedience - Open / Utility Obedience—Thursday 7:45, Simi Valley

Instructor: Patti Rovtar, For more information, please contact Patti Rovtar at pattirovtar@gmail.com

PLEASE CHECK WITH OUR INSTUCTORS FOR NEW CLASS START DATES

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

Agility - Skills & Drills -

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