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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY


Annual Awards Info Coming Soon Save the date Sunday April 14th Keep an eye on your email for details!

## 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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## The resultis are in

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Thank you to everyone who voted in our election for the 2024 officers and committee chairs.
Thank you to Deborah Schuch for serving as our Hospitality Chair in 2022 and 2023.
Thank you to everyone who served on the Board in 2023, we appreciate all the efforts our Board and Committees have put into keeping our club active and trials fun for everyone.

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# K-9 Veteran's Day - March 13, 2024 

K-9 Veterans Day is celebrated on March 13. On this day, K-9 breeders and handlers honor the service of their furry companions. K-9s serve vital roles in the military and law enforcement. They get embedded in border patrol and customs, airports, the Coast Guard, the F.B.I., the police, and even the Secret Service. This holiday also recognizes other service dogs that help people with disabilities and support animals for those with mental health issues. Service dogs often risk their health and lives to accomplish their missions. It's only fair that we should celebrate their efforts at least once a year.

## HISTORY OF K-9 VETERANS DAY

Joe White, a Vietnam War veteran from Jacksonville, Florida, started K-9 Veterans Day. White was a dog handler who saw firsthand how valiantly K-9s served in the conflict and was disturbed by the (now abolished) euthanasia of working dogs at the end of their military service. To help raise awareness and honor the sacrifices of military working dogs, he came up with the idea of a holiday commemorating them.

The Greeks and Romans used the earliest military working dogs, favoring the monstrous Cane Corso. The Corso served as a guard dog due to its fearsome appearance. The Persians utilized leaner, sleeker breeds like the Saluki - the ancestor of the Greyhound - for hunting wild game. Mongolians had canine sentries in their armies. These massive dogs were ancestors of the modern-day Tibetan Mastiff. Legend has it that Genghis Khan led 50,000 of his war hounds to Western Europe, where they devoured the enemy in an unstoppable march. While this account is probably military propaganda, it shows the importance of the martial role dogs occupied in ancient times.

During WWI, dogs were used as messengers by European forces. They also hauled supply carts and machine guns, located wounded soldiers, and carried medical kits. In WWII, dogs served in various branches, acting as scouts, guarding supply posts and camps, and rescuing downed pilots. The Vietnam War marked the largest deployment of dogs in U.S. military history. Canines proved invaluable in the jungle environment of Southeast Asia, with the military greatly refining techniques for handlers and K-9s alike. Unfortunately, less than 200 military working dogs made it back home from the original 20,000. Today working dogs detect explosives and narcotics, and they have much better welfare thanks to the military learning from its past mistakes.

## K-9 VETERANS DAY TIMELINE

600 BC—Lydian War Dogs—Alyattes of Lydia uses war dogs to fight the Cimmerians.
434 A.D. - 453 A.D Late Antiquity Military Campaigns-Attila the Hun incorporates large Molosser dogs into his military campaigns.

1861-Sallie Ann Jarrett—Jarrett, a canine attached to the 11th Pennsylvania Infantry, becomes the mascot of the Union Army during the American Civil War.

1918-Sergeant Stubby's War-Sergeant Stubby begins his military service and becomes the most decorated military dog of World War I.
1942-The United States Canine Corps-The U.S. Canine Corps is established

URL: K-9 VETERANS DAY - March 13, 2024 - National Today


# Taking effect July 2025 Displaceable Obed/Rally Jumps 

## January 2024

## Displaceable High Jump - Obedience and Rally

The Board VOTED to modify the Obedience Regulations Chapter 1, Section 34 and the Rally Regulations Chapter 1, Section 36 to change the design and construction of the high jump to allow displaceable panels. In order to not cause an undue burden on event giving clubs, this transition must be completed by July 1, 2025. Clubs may use a high jump with displaceable panels before then, if they should choose to do so.

The revised regulation language is below, inserts will be provided once published.
Obedience Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 34. Jumps, Equipment, and Judge's Report. The superintendent and the officials of the club holding the obedience trial are responsible for providing rings and equipment that meet the requirements of these regulations. The club will provide jumps that are 5 feet wide. The judge must check both the ring and equipment before starting to judge.

For the safety and welfare of the dogs and exhibitors, the AKC is transitioning to high jump panels that are displaceable. To not cause an undue burden on event giving clubs, this transition must be completed by July 2025.

High Jump: The high jump will be designed and built so that the panels may be displaced without affecting the uprights. The jump will be 5 feet wide and constructed to be set at a height of 4 inches and adjustable at 2 -inch increments from 8 inches to 36 inches. The uprights of the high jump will be 4 feet high. The jump will include four 8 -inch panels, one 4 -inch panel and one 2 -inch panel. The jump will be a flat white. The height of each panel will be indicated in black 2-inch numbers.

Rally Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 36. Rally Signs, Equipment, and Jumps. Any jump, or combination of jumps (broad, high or bar) may be used, the jumps may be 4 to 5 feet wide. Various colors and decorations are allowed on the uprights; however, nothing may be hanging from the jumps or interfere with the jumping of the dog.

For the safety and welfare of the dogs and exhibitors, the AKC is transitioning to high jump panels that are displaceable. In order to not cause an undue burden on event giving clubs, this transition must be completed by July 2025.

High Jump: The high jump will be designed and built so that the panels may be displaced without affecting the uprights. The jump will be 4 to 5 feet wide and constructed to be set at a height of 4 inches. The uprights of the high jump will be 4 feet high. The jump will include two 8 -inch panels, one 4 -inch panel. The height of each panel will be indicated in black 2-inch numbers.

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## When a dog bites, it's probably because you weren't paying attention

## Bites are sending record numbers of Californians to the ER. But these incidents can be prevented.



By Melonie San Pietro

Dog bites are sending record numbers of Californians to the emergency room. A recent study from the Department of Health Care Access and Information found that in 2022, the state saw an all-time high of 48,596 emergency visits for dog bites, a $12 \%$ increase from the year before.

Nearly half of American households - about $45 \%$ - have at least one dog. Many puppies were adopted hastily during the pandemic, then improperly trained and socialized, so now they aren't functioning well. While these factors may be driving the increase in bites, most of these incidents can be prevented. Understanding dogs' body language, properly training your animals and not rushing to pet other people's dogs could go a long way toward reducing the likelihood of violent canine encounters.

Vicious attacks by aggressive dogs are outliers. Most bites result from animals being put under stress and humans not understanding their signals. Although dogs generally aren't dangerous, all of them - whether $\$ 1,000$-dollar labradoodles or shelter mutts - might bite if they are stressed enough. Of the 4.5 million dog bites reported in the U.S. each year, an estimated $80 \%$ happen at home, typically involving a dog and a human who have met before.

The human's story is often the same: The bite came out of nowhere. But there are almost always signs. We are just bad at reading them. Everyone knows to back away from a growl, but dogs usually communicate their discomfort long before reaching that point.

## When a dog bites, it's probably because you weren't paying attention -Continued

Dog aggression occurs on a ladder. Initial signs of discomfort might include lip-licking, looking away or yawning. Then dogs will escalate a step to behaviors such as stiffening up, staring or crouching with a tucked tail. When even the most conscientious dog owners don't recognize the signs, then, seemingly out of nowhere, the dog reaches the top of the ladder, feeling left with no choice but to bite that handsy toddler or overzealous house guest. A dog that is poorly socialized or in pain will escalate far faster than a welladjusted, healthy one.

Sometimes, though, there are no signs before a dog begins lunging and biting. That happens when the animal's attempts to communicate are repeatedly punished - common in aversive training, which penalizes bad behavior with physical tools such as collars that deliver electronic stimulation, prong collars that dig into the skin and choke chains that constrict the neck. While not backed by science, this approach is still used in the unregulated dog-training industry.

Aversive techniques seem to work, but that's deceptive. Fear-based learning can push dogs to stop engaging in any behavior, good or bad, because they are afraid to make a mistake and risk pain. This shutting down happens quickly and is easily mistaken for good behavior. But no growth has taken place, only intimidation and loss of trust, leaving a dog in the corner with no voice.

The consequences often surface through aggression, fear, anxiety and biting that seems to come out of nowhere if you've missed the signs. Fortunately, it is easy to recognize shut-down dogs: They are avoidant and disengaged, and appear stiff or cautious.

Effective techniques do not lean on physical punishment. Positive reinforcement training, the method backed by the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior, rewards dogs for what they do right, motivating good behavior via treats, toys, verbal praise and other options.

While you can teach basic commands like "sit" and "stay" in a day, solving more complex behavioral issues is a lifetime endeavor. The improvements may be too subtle to notice, unlike the seeming quick fixes of aversive training. But puppies that have proper training are better-adjusted throughout their lives.

And even good training is still only one-way communication through which dogs learn to listen to us. We also need to listen to them. On top of understanding the signals that lead to bites, it's wise to remove a dog from a situation where it is displaying signs of distress. Dogs need a safe space at home to escape to when overwhelmed, especially in households with young children.

Finally, we should set and observe boundaries around petting. Don't feel obligated to let other people pet your dog. Let's also stop obsessing over petting other people's dogs as soon as we meet them - and teach our children the same. Despite social media trends advising us to "pet all the dogs," many are barely tolerant of strangers' hands on them. Dogs that want your attention make it known, approaching with a wagging tail, soft eyes and a loose, wiggly body. If you're the one who has to initiate the interaction, a good rule of thumb is: Don't.

We love our dogs. We're also responsible for them. We should respect all dogs as individuals with their own history, personality and triggers. Get to know their limits, meet them where they are, and you won't give them a reason to send you to the ER.

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## Some Q and A

## I have had several questions asked of me recently, more having to do with Rally, but also effecting Obedience and Agility.

## 1 -Do we need two judges and three qualifying scores?

Answer-No-you just need three qualifying scores that can all be under the same judge. The AKC Board made this Covid ruling permanent at the end of 2022, and it is reflected under the description of titles:

COVID Provisions Set to Expire at Year-End 2022 The Board VOTED to make permanent the following provisions that are due to expire at the end of 2022:

Conformation By modification of Board Policy, allow for three opportunities for Championship points in a day.

## Companion 1) Remove the two-judge requirement to Title. Previously, the normal provision required a dog to receive three passes under two different judges.

2) Remove the date/mileage restrictions for judging assignments in Obedience and Rally and reduce the limitation for Agility from 30 days/200 miles to 30 days/ 100 miles.
3) Eliminate the restrictions on how many times an individual can judge a class at a cluster of Obedience and Rally events.
From Page 12 August Board Meeting Minutes-Board-Minutes-August-2022-FINAL-PUBLISHED.pdf

Example from the AKC Rally Regulations-Chapter 3, Section 4
Section 4. Rally Novice Title. The letters RN may be added after the name of each dog that has been certified to have received qualifying scores in Novice classes at three licensed or member rally trials. That dog will receive a Rally Novice certificate from the AKC.

2-Can I show my dog in Advanced A or Excellent A in Rally even though I've put titles on other dogs?

Answer-Yes, but the dog can have no obedience titles-that includes Beginner Novice or any Preferred Obedience titles.
Rally Advanced A and Excellent A eligibility
Handlers with previous experience in AKC obedience can enter the Advanced and Excellent A classes in rally as long as the dog they are exhibiting has not earned any AKC obedience titles. A handler's previous obedience experience only affects the rally Novice A class, no other class. After the Novice class, eligibility for the A classes is determined by the dog's obedience experience.

From URL: Obedience: Secretaries, Superintendents, and Committees - American Kennel Club (akc.org)

## Librela (Beransa) - Wonder Drug Or Disaster In The Making?



Dr Edward Bassingthwaighte
Last Updated: October 31, 2023
In the US, the FDA has recently approved Librela (bedinvetmab), a new arthritis drug for dogs ... but it's been available in Australia (under the name Beransa), Canada, the EU and UK for some time. It's a monoclonal antibody drug that's injected monthly to manage osteoarthritis pain.

There's some important information you need to know about Librela (or Berensa in Australia), how it works and the risk of side effects. First, let's look at what a monoclonal antibody is.

## What Are Monoclonal Antibodies?

Monoclonal Antibodies (mAb) have been used in human medicine since 1988, and there are quite a number of these kinds of medicines that have gained approval and are being used in the fields of oncology, inflammation, and autoimmunity. They are an artificially created antibody. In nature, antibodies are created by your dog's B-lymphocytes and are created as part of a natural immune response to foreign molecules on invading disease cells/viruses, or on cancer cells.

Natural antibodies are targeted to bind to these foreign or cancerous molecules, as part of the body defending itself. However, if the immune system becomes dysregulated, the body may create antibodies that bind to self-proteins. This causes the body to attack itself, and results in autoimmune diseases.

Key point: if antibodies bind to healthy proteins in the body, it often causes harm and upsets the homeostasis of the organism.

The mechanism of action in mAb's such as Librela for dogs is to block or down-regulate specific proteins or receptors that are involved in cascades of inflammatory, regulatory, and homeostatic mechanisms. These receptors are nearly always found throughout a broad range of tissues in the body. I'll explain why this is important a little later on.

Monoclonal antibodies also include Cytopoint, which is used to treat atopy/allergies. I wrote a separate article about why I don't recommend Cytopoint - click on the link below to read that.

## Librela (Beransa) - Wonder Drug Or Disaster In The Making? - Continued

## How Librela Works

Librela for dogs is a monoclonal antibody medicine designed to relieve arthritic pain by blocking the effects of Nerve Growth Factor

Librela acts by binding to and blocking a protein in your dog's body called nerve growth factor (NGF). Once this artificial antibody has bound to NGF, it prevents it from attaching to its receptors on nerve cells and interrupts the transmission of pain signals.

BUT - and it's a very big but! - NGF has many other functions in many other tissues throughout your dog's body. It's not only involved in pain signaling, but it's very important for the growth, maintenance, and survival of nerve cells in the central and peripheral nervous system.

It regulates the growth and differentiation of B-lymphocytes and in the maturation of T cells in the face of infection. It has an important role in the regulation of your dog's immune system. It's involved in the maintenance and survival of pancreatic beta cells (insulin production). And it's probably involved in other processes that science has not yet elucidated.

## Librela Can Reduce Arthritic Pain In Dogs - But At What Cost?

So yes, it does reduce arthritic pain, with a $60-70 \%$ chance of significant positive effects. But it does so by blocking a protein that has multiple other regulatory effects throughout multiple body systems, including your dog's immune system. It binds NGF everywhere. Not only in the painful area, where there is too much of it, but in all the places it's needed for optimal health and vitality.

I see this as a bit like trying to slow down or speed up a mechanical watch by putting some very fine grains of sand into the mechanical works that affect one cog in the way that's desired, but that clog up all sorts of other cogs that are critically important. Sometimes it'll work. Other times you damage or break the watch!

## Librela For Dogs Side Effects

There is a $10-20 \%$ chance of minimal positive effects and no negative effects. And a $2-10 \%$ chance of adverse effects. Some adverse effects are significant, including a "small" chance of irreversible injury that could lead to death, or need for euthanasia before the medicine has worn off. Librela has a variable half life, with an average of 19 days. That means $50 \%$ is gone in 19 days, $75 \%$ is gone in 38 days, and so on.

The problem here is that if your dog is more sensitive to the bad effects of this medicine, once it's injected into his body, it's there for a long time. And it'll keep causing harm until the body slowly clears it out. Adverse effects tend to wear off over days to several weeks.

The listed side effects on the Canadian insert for this medicine (much more comprehensive than in other countries!) include:

- Swelling at the injection site
- Systemic disorders: lack of efficacy, polydipsia, death, lethargy, anorexia
- Renal and urinary tract disorders: poluria, urinary incontinence
- Digestive tract disorders: diarrhea, vomiting
- Neurological disorders: ataxia, seizure


## Librela (Beransa) - Wonder Drug Or Disaster In The Making? - Continued

The US prescribing information lists the most common adverse reactions as ...

- Urinary tract infection
- Bacterial skin infection
- Dermatitis
- Dermal mass
- Erythema
- Dermal cyst(s)
- Pain on injection
- Inappropriate urination
- Histiocytoma

These are ugly lists. Not to mention that many elderly animals already have compromise or disease in multiple organ systems. So this medicine may be the straw that breaks a whole lot of camel's back in your dog's system.

It's proposed that propentofylline (Vivitonin, Karsivan) may be of some value in aiding dogs with adverse effects, as it increases NGF. Discuss this with your vet if your dog experiences side effects.

My view is that if you shut down any pathway in your pet's body, the chances of unintended harmful consequences are significant. I believe that these kinds of medications tend to become less effective with repeated treatment, and more likely to cause harm with repeated treatment.

## Real Life Side Effects

Although there often isn't proof that these side effects are linked to Librela, there is much anecdotal experience with adverse symptoms after Librela/Berensa injections. Sometimes these appear within a few days of the first injection. Other times it may be after several months' injections.

There's no question that for some dogs it's proven life-saving or life-extending, reducing pain so they regain activity and are able to run and play again, while experiencing minimal side effects. The reported improvement in quality of life in these dogs is significant.

However, many dogs, even those who do well on Librela, show lesser side effects like increased panting, thirst and urination.

Other owners (in the Librela Experiences Facebook group) report much more serious adverse effects, including...

- Lethargy
- Drooling, shaking
- Change in behavior, acting scared, hiding
- Urinary incontinence
- Refusing food or water
- Diarrhea, vomiting
- Ataxia, staggering, falling over
- Hind end weakness, unable to get up
- Kidney or liver damage
- Seizures (new or increased)


## Librela (Beransa) - Wonder Drug Or Disaster In The Making? - Continued

While some dogs are able to hang on until the drug wears off and their condition improves, others don't survive because the symptoms are too severe and require euthanasia.

It's also noteworthy that many veterinarians reassure their clients that there are no side effects with Librela. So you need to do your own research before deciding to use it.

Another caution owners mention is that Librela manages pain and stiffness, but doesn't improve the underlying osteoarthritis. Some suggest controling activity for some dogs who suddenly become much more active after taking the drug. Dogs who suddenly feel pain-free are reportedly inclined to overdo things, which may result in further joint damage.

## Is There Any Place For Librela In The Treatment Of Arthritis In Dogs?

In my professional opinion, there is no way that Librela should ever be considered as a first treatment or intervention for arthritis in dogs.

You should always start with high dose essential fatty acids (omegas), green-lipped mussel extract, +/- turmeric $+/$ - epitalis $+/-$ rosehip $+/$ - homeopathy $+/-$ physical therapies. I'd think of this as stage one of arthritis treatment.

Stage two for me would include the addition of $\mathrm{CBD}+/-$ western or TCM herbal medicine $+/$ - acupuncture or acupressure $+/$ - laser $+/$ - hyperbaric alongside regular physical therapies.

Stage three is when all the holistic options are not enough, and breakthrough pain becomes an issue. Here's where I stop worrying too much about side effects, and focus on palliative care for quality of life. I'd then escalate to pulsed (bad days as needed) and then continuous treatment with prescription pain relief like NSAIDS +/- Gabapentin +/- amantadine or ketamine injections.

Stage four for me is when we throw the kitchen sink at the dog because we are only focused on quality of life, and keeping him going in as much comfort as possible for as long as possible. I'd include opiate drugs and Librela in this stage. I might also consider Librela in late stage 3 if all other options have been exhausted.

## My Recommendation: Avoid mAB Medicines Unless They Are Your Final Option ...

I believe that these monoclonal antibody medicines (Librela/Beransa, Cytopoint) carry a significant risk of harm and injury that may be temporary or permanent. As mentioned earlier, I'm seeing a large number of people anecdotally reporting side effects after treatment with these drugs. You'll find a number of Facebook groups.

And - as a few of my colleagues shared at a holistic/integrative veterinary conference I attended last week Librela/Beransa can be a highly effective medicine that can be incredibly helpful for some dogs. So it may be worth considering if you are running out of options, but you need to be aware of the very real risk so you can make a truly informed decision.

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## Flo Walberg and Ashley

Well, we had a great time in February at the Fresno dog show up north. We finished up with 2 first places, one second place, one third and one fourth. Wound up picking up 18 more OTCH points. She's such a good girl!!!

## Laurie Burnam with Scusi and Tesla

ASCSC/MAC ASCA Agility, Juniper Hills, March 9, 2024

## Scusi \& Laurie

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## Karen Ullman and Kona

Kona got the first leg in Advanced Interior at the Scent work Club of the San Gabriel Valley on March 10.

## Kathy and Dean Spilos Welcome Brontay

Votan, along with his humans Kathy and Dean Spilos, would like to introduce the newest member of the family: Brontay vom Binderhaus!!! Votan's taking raising "his" puppy properly quite seriously. She's a good girlie, a quick study, and makes us all smile. We couldn't have asked for a better teacher, babysitter, and of course guardian of all! He makes bringing a "baby" home oh so much easier!


## Robyn Zeldon and Lyric

Lyric Q'ed in Advanced Exteriors and Buired and finished her Advanced Scentwork title at the SWCSGF Scentwork trial March 10, 2024


## Robyn Zeldon and Crew

Crew passed his CGC and TKN on March 10,2024 . He is $51 / 2$ months old.


## Robyn Zeldon and Crew

Crew's first dog show at Silver Bay Kennel Club February 25, 2024.

He was BOB Puppy and a Group 1st.
LuBeaux's A Moment To Last Forever


## Brags

## Robyn Zeldon and Lyric

Lyric loved doing Fast Cat on March 3, 2024. Even though the lure wasn't working she still ran super fast. Her first run 9.1 seconds/ 22.70 MPH and the second run 8.78 seconds/23.27 MPH


## Debbie Lang and Morgan

Morgan passed his first Herding Test class at the Australian Cattle Dog Herding Trial on March 10th, in Chino, CA.

He needs one more passing score for the title.



## Annual Awards are coming

 Save the date of
## Sunday-April 14th

More information will be coming in your email.


## VHOC Training Classes

| Obedience - Beginning Competitive - Thursday 6:30, Simi Valley |
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| 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 - Mondays 6:30 and 7:30, Reseda |
| Instructor: Olga Chaiko, For more information, please contact Ann at tonkanuki@aol.com |


[^0]:    Rally News and Updates (akc.org)

[^1]:    Librela (Beransa) - Wonder Drug Or Disaster In The Making? - Dogs Naturally (dogsnaturallymagazine.com)

