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Don't forget to RSVP to [chills37@aol.com](mailto:chills37@aol.com) if you want your dog CGC or TRICK

Tested—there are limited CGC slots.

**May 18th General Membership meeting**

At CPLC—6:30 PM

Don't forget to bring you special props and Trick form.

National Pet Week  
May 6—12

Be Kind to Animals Week  
May 6—12

National Animal Preparedness Day  
May 12

### 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](mailto:chills37@aol.com)

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*Welcome to our New Members!*

*(in order to activate membership, applicants need to attend one general meeting or volunteer to help at a VHOC event)*

**Ariana Purtee and her Border Collie - Legacy and her Pitbull Mix - Luna**

**Dr. Tommy Dickey and his Great Pryenees - Teddy, Linkin and Summer**



# May General Membership Meeting

## Friday May 18th

**VHOC Members join us for an evening of AKC Trick Dog & CGC Testing!**

Friday, May 18, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Canoga Park Lutheran Church.

**Trick Dog Program** - Tricks are fun to train and a great way to show off your dog's skills!

To test for a Trick Dog title, familiarize yourself with the requirements, and print the appropriate checklist, highlighting which tricks you'll be performing. (One level per dog, please.) Be sure to bring any necessary props (we will have tunnels and jumps available). Don't forget your checklist! We can't validate your performance without it! The checklists for Trick Dog can be found at: <http://www.akc.org/trick-Dog/trick-dog-applications/>



**CGC (Canine Good Citizen)** – The CGC Program is designed to reward dogs that have good manners at home and in the community. It lays the foundation for other AKC performance activities such as obedience and rally, and is a requirement for Therapy Dogs. The checklist for CGC can be found at: <http://www.akc.org/products-services/training-programs/canine-good-citizen/>

Our CGC and Trick Dog Evaluators are volunteering their services, so testing is free for members. However, AKC charges a processing fee of \$20 per title.

SPACE IS LIMITED! **RSVP by May 16 to [chills37@aol.com](mailto:chills37@aol.com)**. If testing for a Trick Dog title, be sure to indicate how many dogs you'd like evaluated. Handlers with multiple dogs will have individual dogs evaluated between other teams, not consecutively.

**Potluck appetizers and desserts welcomed!**

For questions, please email:

Monica Nolan at

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# Trick Dog Title Changes as of June 1, 2018

	BEFORE June 1, 2018	June 1, 2018 and AFTER
<b>Novice</b> Trick Dog	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 tricks</li> <li>• May use lures</li> <li>• May use food rewards</li> </ul>	No Changes
<b>Intermediate</b> Trick Dog	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 tricks</li> <li>• Lures only when specified</li> <li>• May use food reward</li> </ul>	No Changes
<b>Advanced</b> Trick Dog	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 tricks</li> </ul>	<b>NEW!</b> <b>* Must do 10 tricks</b>
<b>Trick Dog Performer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 tricks</li> <li>• Story is an option</li> <li>• Props and music allowed</li> <li>• Tricks can be Novice, Intermediate or Advanced</li> <li>• 2 must be Intermediate; 2 must be Advanced</li> <li>• Judged by CGC Evaluators</li> </ul>	<b>NEW!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 tricks</li> <li>• Story is still an option</li> <li>• Props and music allowed</li> <li>• Judged by CGC Evaluators</li> </ul>
<b>Trick Dog Elite Performer</b>	<b>NEW!</b>	<b>NEW!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tricks must be Intermediate, Advanced or Performer</li> <li>• At least 3 tricks must be Performer level</li> <li>• Props must be used for at least 3 of the 10 tricks</li> <li>• Agility and obedience equipment may not be used** (See below **)</li> </ul>
		<b>NEW!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MUST have a story/script</li> <li>• Handler may tell the story or an assistant may read it</li> <li>• 10 tricks from Advanced or Performer</li> <li>• At least 5 tricks must be from Performer</li> <li>• At least 5 tricks must have props</li> <li>• Agility and obedience equipment may not be used ** (See below**)</li> <li>• Video link sent to AKC for approval</li> </ul>

\*\* The goal of the Performer and Elite Performer levels is to put together a routine that can entertain others. While agility and obedience equipment may no longer be used in Performer and Elite Performer testing, the handler can design equipment that is functionally a jump or scent activity. For example, in a routine about Superman leaping over tall buildings, you can make a skyline (out of cardboard) that the dog jumps over. Rather than finding an obedience scent article, the dog can find a particular stuffed animal or clothing item that is a part of your story.

## New Jersey Is Dealing With A Tick Species That Is New To America

Forbes Magazine

Bruce Y. Lee

*April 21, 2018*

Looks like a bunch of New Jersey residents survived the winter. But that is not really good news.

On Friday, the New Jersey Department of Agriculture announced the latest follow-up to what was described in a February 2018 publication in the Journal of Medical Entomology. The publication detailed an "uptick" in the New Jersey population that occurred last Summer. On August 1, 2017, after shearing a 12-year-old Icelandic sheep named Hannah, a farmer went to the Hunterdon County Health Office with some new companions. Thousands of them, in fact. No, she didn't form a flash mob. Instead, she had thousands of ticks covering her body. Yes, you can say ewe and ewwwww.

What was particularly disturbing about this situation (besides the fact that she was covered with thousands of ticks) was that this was a tick species not typically found in the United States. And it certainly wasn't one of the 5 tick species that were known to be present in New Jersey, which, of course, you know are *Ixodes scapularis*, *Amblyomma americanum*, *Dermacentor variabilis*, *Rhipicephalus sanguineus*, and *Ixodes cookei*.

Instead, it was the *Haemaphysalis longicornis* species, otherwise known as the East Asian or Longhorned tick. This tick is usually found in East Asia (Russia, Japan, China, and Korea), New Zealand, parts of Australia, and several Pacific islands (New Caledonia, Fiji, Western Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu). Hannah the sheep had not traveled internationally or even much outside Hunterdon County (presumably officials had checked the sheep's passport, frequent flier miles, and Instagram account). Therefore, officials are still not sure how the tick entered the United States.

Here's the description of what officials found when they investigated the Hunterdon property in early October:

The ticks in the paddock were so numerous that they crawled on investigators' pants soon after setting foot inside. The sheep was supporting hundreds of ticks, including all three active life stages (larva, nymph, adult). Although ticks were concentrated on the sheep's ears and face, engorged ticks of all stages were readily found all over its body, including areas beneath the animal's thick coat. In contrast, questing ticks recovered from the field were almost exclusively larvae.

Again, ewe and ewwwww. By the way, "questing" doesn't mean looking for the Holy Grail or traveling to Mordor to get rings and save the world. "Questing" is a position that ticks assume when they are waiting to climb on a person or animal. This was the first time that this tick was found to be breeding in the U.S. Oh, and by the way, these ticks don't need to have sex to multiply.

## New Jersey Is Dealing With A Tick Species That Is New To America– continued

Having a new tick on the block is concerning. Rarely, do you hear anyone say, "ticks, oh good." That's because ticks suck, literally and figuratively. A tick can attach to your skin, insert its feeding tube into your skin, use its saliva to numb the area so that you can't feel it, and then suck your blood for days. This can occur if you are a human or another mammal, depending on the species of tick. During feeding, a tick may pick up or deposit various microbes. Thus, ticks could serve as an Uber for disease-causing microbes between humans and other mammals.

As described in this publication in the journal Emerging Infectious Diseases (note that you usually do not want to catch any disease that's been featured in this journal), the *Haemaphysalis longicornis* tick has been spreading the virus that causes severe fever with thrombocytopenia syndrome (SFTS) in parts of China. SFTS is what it sounds like, a disease that results in fever and low platelets, so that you start bleeding. Oh, and you never want to catch a disease with the word "severe" in its name. Besides fever and low platelets, those infected with the SFTS virus can also develop gastrointestinal symptoms, low white blood cell counts, and elevated liver enzymes. Up to a 30% of people with SFTS die (usually from multi-organ failure) as indicated by this publication in the Journal of Virology.

The East Asian or Longhorned tick has also been known to spread *Rickettsia japonica*, which can cause Japanese spotted fever, and *Theileria orientalis*, which can cause theileriosis in cattle, and to carry other microbes such as *Anaplasma*, *Ehrlichia*, and *Borrelia* spp. Indeed, all of this should leave you ticked off. So far, health officials have not found the Longhorned ticks in New Jersey to be carrying any disease-causing microbes. But as they say, tick-tock, tick-tock, eventually they could.

As Chris Sheldon wrote for NJ.com, officials have tried to eliminate the ticks by washing the sheep with chemicals, cutting tall grass in the area, and monitoring the spread of the ticks. They were hoping that the ticks may not have survived the winter. However, the New Jersey Department of Agriculture announced on Friday that despite the cold winter, this new tick species is still hanging around. Indeed, New Jerseyans can be tough, and unfortunately these new New Jersey residents may be so as well.

*Thank you to Carole Raschella for submitting this.*



The *Haemaphysalis longicornis* tick can carry the virus that causes severe fever with thrombocytopenia syndrome (SFTS). (Photo: Shutterstock)



## Having fun at the April General Meeting

We had a great meeting April 13th out at CPLC.

Tommy Dickey (now a new VHOC member) and Kathy Spilos had a slide show presentation for Love on a Leash Therapy Dogs. It was a very entertaining presentation. Tommy's Great Pyrenees was there and was a wonderful example of a Therapy Dog.

In addition to the presentation Kathy did Therapy Dog evaluations on five of our member dogs and they all passed.

Congratulations to: Marcia Siderow and Matisse (not pictured)

L to R ( Sharyn Jeter and Xena, Monica Nolan and Miko, Kathy Spilos, Shirley Miller and Smudge, Victoria Doering and Maizey



This is Teddy (Great Pyrenees)! He's 11 and the old man of the group. He and Lia were showing the two new younger dogs (2 years old) the finer points of therapy dog visits.

We're trying to rebuild the program at Kaiser LA - their flagship hospital. If anyone is interested, it's an awesome program and so needed! Let me know...we will certify you!



# Love on a Leash - Therapy Dog Visit



Monica Nolan's Australian Shepherd "Miko" and Shirley Miller's Poodle "Smudge" have made their first Therapy dog visit to CSUN during Finals.

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# Earthquake Safety Tips for Pets from RedRover.org

We encourage pet-owners in earthquake-prone areas to:

- **Identify all pets with an ID tag and microchip.** This is the single best way to make sure you are reunited with your pets if you are separated. Be sure the collar is secure, the tag is legible and your contact information is current. Include a secondary contact on the tag in case you lose telephone service. Keep the microchip registration up-to-date and include at least one emergency number of a friend or relative who lives out of your immediate area. Microchipping is essential since collars often come loose during powerful storms.

## Create an emergency kit for each pet.

- **If you are home – gather your pets and stay inside.** Seek shelter under a sturdy table away from windows and glass doors. Your pets will most likely find their own place to hide in the house and that is okay; wait until the shaking is over to find them and approach them carefully.
- **If you and your pet are outdoors – go to an open area** away from trees, buildings, walls and power lines and drop to the ground until the shaking passes.
- **If driving with your pet – be sure to pull over to the side of the road and stop.** Avoid parking near overpasses and power lines. Do not exit your car until the shaking is over.

**Create a plan for when you are not home** – have a trusted neighbor (who is familiar with your pets) take them and meet you at a designated location. Make sure to give them a key to your home and show them likely hiding places where they may find your pets, as well as where their emergency kit is kept.

Find more disaster tips at [RedRover.org/disastertips](https://redrover.org/disastertips)

“For both human and animal safety, people should never their pets behind when disaster strikes,” says RedRover president and CEO Nicole Forsyth. “Animals left to fend for themselves during earthquakes or other catastrophes suffer terribly, and evacuees can compound their own stress by worrying about the pets they left at home.”

URL = <https://redrover.org/news/earthquake-safety-tips-pets/>



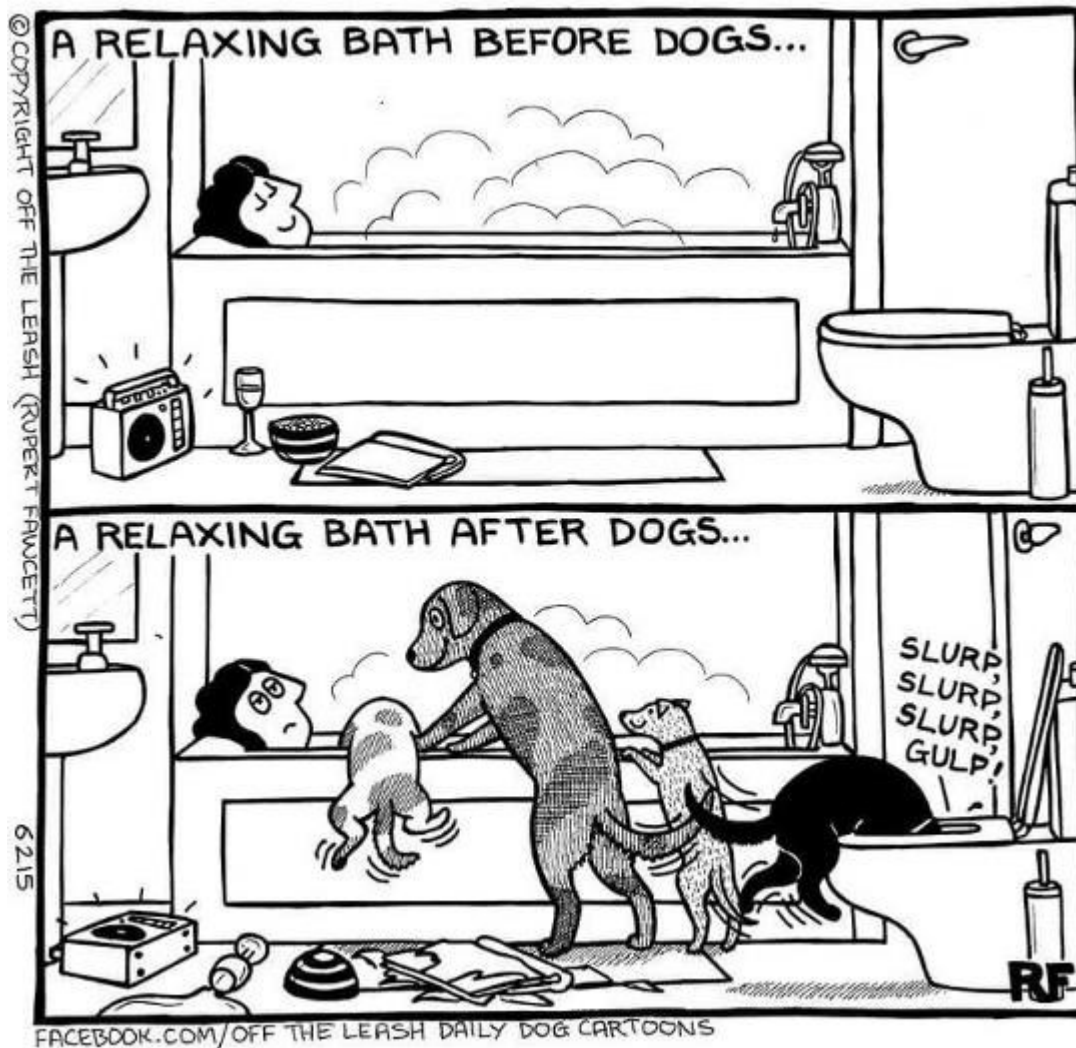
# Beware of Gorilla Glue

Skipper wasn't acting so chipper after she decided to chew on a bottle of Gorilla Glue. This 8-month old Australian Cattle Dog had to have emergency surgery by Dr. Kent Vince, DACVS and Dr. Stephen Stockdale to remove the glue that expanded and hardened to create a perfect mold of her stomach. Thankfully, she was able to go home the next day and has been doing well ever since.

Always be sure to keep your glue out of your dog's view to keep them from feeling blue!

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# UDX and OTCH Requirements from the AKC Rules and Regs

## UDX Title— Utility Dog Excellent Title -

### CHAPTER 6 UTILITY DOG EXCELLENT

**Section 1.** Dogs That May Compete. UDX scores will be recorded only for dogs that have earned Utility Dog titles. Dogs who already have the UDX title may continue to compete in Open B and Utility B. To earn a Utility Dog Excellent title the dog must have received qualifying scores in both Open B and Utility B at 10 separate licensed or member obedience trials.

**Section 2.** Utility Dog Excellent Title. The AKC will issue a Utility Dog Excellent certificate and will permit the use of the letters UDX following the name of each dog that meets these requirements. The letters UDX will be followed by a numeric designation indicating the number of times a dog has met the requirements of the UDX title as defined in the regulations. (UDX2 for 20 qualifying scores, UDX3 for 30 qualifying scores, UDX4 for 40 qualifying scores, etc.)

## OTCH Title— Obedience Trial Champion Title

### CHAPTER 8 OBEDIENCE TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

**Section 1.** Dogs that May Compete. Obedience Trial Championship points will be recorded for dogs that have earned the Utility Dog title. When a dog earns the Obedience Trial Champion title, it may continue to compete and earn points.

**Section 2.** Championship Points. Obedience Trial Championship points will be recorded for those dogs that have earned a first, second, third or fourth place ribbon competing in the Open B or Utility B class, according to the schedule of points established by the AKC Board of Directors. When counting the number of eligible dogs in competition, a dog that is disqualified or excused from the ring by the judge will not be included.

Requirements for the Obedience Trial Champion are as follows:

The dog must have won

1. 100 points
2. A first place in Utility B with at least three dogs in competition
3. A first place in Open B with at least six dogs in competition
4. An additional first place under the conditions of 2 or 3 above
5. All three first places under three different judges Only one of the required first places may have been won at a specialty show.

**Section 3.** Obedience Trial Champion Title. The AKC will issue an Obedience Trial Champion certificate and will permit the use of the letters OTCH preceding the name of each dog that meets the requirements.

# Agility Grand Championship Requirements

## Agility Grand Champion (AGCH) Title

The Agility Grand Champion (AGCH) recognizes dogs that show consistency and versatility across all classes of the AKC agility program.

To earn the AGCH title, the following number of qualifying scores must be earned at the highest level (MASTER) in each of these classes:

Standard—100

Jumper with Weaves – 100;

Fast– 75

Time 2 Beat – 75

Premier Standard—50

Premier JWW – 50.

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# Agility Grand Champion



Dixie Hambrick and Pico—April 13, 2018

New **Agility Grand Champion**



## Braggs



April 21 Pico-licious, **MACH 14!!!**

Love her to pieces and words are never enough ❤️ ❤️ ❤️ Thank you, Debby Wheeler for great courses, Scott Klar for a fabulous photo, and Laura Turner and Lori Barbee for getting her attention 😊 cheese and squeaks helped!





# Agility Grand Champion

**Debbie Lang and Quila**—April 28, 2018—Quila completed the last requirement for the

## Agility Grand Champion Title

by completing her 50th Premier Standard Q and she earned her **Silver Premier Standard Title**

# Braggs



**Debbie Lang and Quila**—May 5, 2018—*Central Valley ASC—ASCA Rally, Hanford, CA:*

AM Trial Rally Master A Class—191—Final Leg  
PM Trial Rally Master A Class—194—Insurance Leg

**ASCA**

**Rally Master (RM) title**



# Brags

Joyce Davis and Caper—

Caper and I finished off the last weekend of the “old” AKC Open exercises in style. She earned her UDX title on Saturday. On Sunday we had a score of 198.5 for 2nd place, a really nice way to polish off the old.

We will see about the new Open exercises this Sunday.

## New UDX Title

**Laurie & Scusi**—*April 29, 2018, Lake Mathews KC, Prado Regional Park, Chino, CA:*

AKC Obedience

Utility B. 195.5. 12 OM points

Open B. 196.5. 12 OM points

51 OM points to date, need 200

2nd UDX double Q, need 10 for title

### Cynthia Casby and Potter

Potter earned her breed Championship at Angeles Canyon.

She is now—

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at Fireside HT RN CA NA NAJ CGC  
FDC TKN**





# Braggs



Debbie Lang and Panda

*Saturday—April 21, 2018, Claremont, CA:*

*AM Trial—German Shepherd Dog Club of SGV*

Rally Advanced A (Barbara Arnie) 92 - 1st place 2nd leg

Beginner Novice B (Nancy Grimm) 197 - 1st place 1st leg

*PM Trial—German Shepherd Dog Club of Long Beach*

Rally Advanced A (Barbara Arnie) **RA title** 91 - 1st place

*Sunday—April 22, 2018, Southwest Obedience Club of LA, Gardena, CA:*

AM Trial- 1st in Rally Advanced A with a 96 2nd in Beginner Novice B with a 192.

PM Trial - we only entered Rally Advanced A and she took 1st with a 97.



**Debbie Lang and Panda—April 27—29, 2018 AKC Agility, Samoyed Club of LA, City of Industry, CA:**

Over the 3 day weekend she qualified in 5 runs, earned her Master Standard **(MX) title**, placed 3rd in Master FAST and earned Double Q #5.



# Brags

**Melody Myers and Rocket**—April 28th and 29th, 2018,

Mel's Rhythm N Blues Rocket went 5 out of 6 qualifying searches at the Ventura County Scent Work Club's first AKC Scent Work trial in Simi Valley on April 28th and 29th. On Saturday, Rocket placed 3rd in Containers under judge Elaine Booker, 3rd in Interiors under judge Donna Soderstrom, and qualified in Exteriors under judge Jeri Embrey. On Sunday, Rocket placed 2nd in Containers under judge Donna Soderstrom and 3rd in Exteriors under judge Jeri Embrey.

Thank you to Ventura County Scent Work Club for a great trial.



**Monica Nolan and Augie**—

SWOC Trial - Augie was a Superstar! Two firsts and a title (Beg Nov B) in Obedience and two more Qs, with ribbons, in Rally Nov B.

Hollywood Trial - Augie earned his third leg and a Rally Novice B title, plus got his first leg in Obedience Novice B, despite the heat, gophers and first time off leash at a trial!

**Marcia Siderow and Matisse -**

My wonderful poodle Matisse has qualified to be a therapy dog. At 11 1/2 he is still a happy, playful boy. We will be with Love on a Leash, and doing therapy at CSUN. Also, I'm retiring from CSUN at the end of this semester. I guess I'll be around there one way or another.

# Brags

**Karen Ullman and Kona**—May 2018, Hollywood Dog Obedience Club, Rally Trial, Woodley Park, Van Nuys, CA:

Kona Qed for her first leg of Rally Advanced



**Tommy Dickey and Summer**—

Summer had a great week at the Great Pyrenees National Specialty in Colorado Springs. She placed first in Rally Novice and second in Rally Intermediate. She finished her Rally Novice Title and was awarded her Advanced Canine Good Citizen title as well. She now has 8 AKC titles bringing our family (including Teddy and Linkin) total to 30.

**Laurie Burnam and Scusi** – May 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 2018, Hollywood Dog Obedience Club, Woodley Park, Van Nuys, CA:

## AGILITY

Master FAST 73 (Q) 2nd Place  
Master Standard 100 (Q) 11 MACH Pts

Master FAST 71 (Q) 4th Place **MF Title**  
Master Standard 100 (Q) 12 MACH Points  
Master JWW 100 (Q) 8 MACH Points  
Time 2 Beat 8 Points 2nd Place **T2B Title**

**4th Double Q 3rd Triple Q 2nd Quadruple Q**

## OBEDIENCE

Utility B - 193.5 9 OM Points

## Linda Zimmerman and Angel

Feb 15. Woodley Park Fun Run, Van Nuys, CA

AKC CGCA **Title**  
 AKC Tricks Novice **Title**  
 AKC Tricks Intermediate **Title**

AKC GLASWC Scent Work Club Trial March 10, Moorpark, CA

Interior. Q 1st leg  
 Exterior. Q 1st leg  
 Buried. Q 1st leg  
 Containers. Q 1st leg

AKC Poodle Club of So. CA Scent Work Club Trial April 15 Acton, CA

Interior. Q 2nd leg  
 Exterior. Q 2nd leg  
 Buried. Q 2nd leg  
 Containers. Q 2nd leg  
 Handler Discretion Q 1st leg

# Braggs



AKC Ventura County Scent Work Club Trial April 29, Simi Valley, CA

Interior. Q 3rd leg. **New Title**  
 Exterior. Q 3rd leg **New Title**  
 Buried. Q 3rd leg. **New Title**  
 Containers. Q 3rd leg. **New Title**  
 Handler Discrimination 2nd leg

NACSW K9 Nose Work - Huntington Beach CA, April 6

Level 1 Element Specialty Trial  
**L1E Exterior Title. New Title**

NACSW K9 Nose Work Trial, March 24 Las Vegas, NV

**NW3-V Vehicle Search Title. New Title**  
**NW3-E. Exterior Search Title New Title**



# Braggs

**Patti Rovtar and Pippi**—May 6, 2018 HDOC,  
Woodley Park, Van Nuys, CA:

**Utility B 200 - yes, TWO HUNDRED!!!**

Open B 192 UDX2, leg 2, and HIT!!

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