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**Awards Banquet**  
**January 27, 2019**

**Get ready for an  
exciting 2019**

**Tracking Workshop in Feb  
and Awards Banquet  
this month !**

Our yearly

**Awards Banquet**

Is coming up.

Sunday January 27th. We will be holding the Banquet at a new location -

The Guide Dogs of America campus  
on Glenoaks in Sylmar.

**The awards Banquet dinner reservation  
forms ARE DUE BY January 21st.**

## 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)*

**Kaela Morris and her mixed breed - Jeter**



**Guide Dogs of America's  
Visitor and Education Center (VEC)**  
13479 Glenoaks Blvd., Sylmar, CA 91342

*Valley Hills Obedience Club*  
**Annual Banquet**  
**celebrating 2018!**

**Sunday, January 27, 2019**  
**6:30-9:00 PM**



**\$25.00 per person**

Catered by



Buffet dinner includes chicken breast, tri tip, vegetarian BBQ chopped salad, garlic mashed potatoes, breadsticks, fudge brownies, soft drinks & water.



**Please RSVP by MONDAY, JANUARY 21!**

Adherence to this date is greatly appreciated!

Questions? Email Ann at [tonkanuki@aol.com](mailto:tonkanuki@aol.com)

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**VHOC Annual Banquet RSVP**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact you: ☐ Phone ☐ Email (list below *if other than* what appears on the roster)

Payment in advance required. Please send this form with a check payable to VHOC by  
**Monday, January 21, to:**

Ann Hills  
13689 De Garmo Ave.  
Sylmar CA 91342

**IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID—DUES ARE NOW LATE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2019 AND LATE FEES APPLY**

## Valley Hills Obedience Club 2019 Membership Renewal

**Dues are due by December 31, 2018**

***Payments received after this date will be assessed a \$10.00 late fee.***

Please complete the form below with your changes and return it with your 2019 membership dues to:

**Carole Hills  
13689 De Garmo Avenue  
Sylmar, CA 91342**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, St., Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Dog (breeds): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

	<i>Received by December 31:</i>	<i>January 1-March 3:</i>	<i>After March 3</i>
Single membership	\$25	\$35	Membership terminated: must re-apply with application fee*
Family membership	\$35	\$45	
Junior membership	\$10	\$20	
Joined after October 1	-- Applied to following year		

*\*"Membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid sixty (60) days after the first day of the fiscal year" (Constitution & By-laws).*



**Valley Hills Obedience Club is pleased to announce we will be  
hosting an “Introduction to Tracking” workshop with Vita Allison.**

Saturday, February 16 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Canoga Park Lutheran Church, 7357 Jordan Avenue, Canoga Park, CA 91309



Vita Allison has enjoyed tracking with a number of dogs of various breeds, especially in Urban situations. She has titled over 30 dogs of different breeds in AKC and other venues, often achieving the highest awards and national rankings. She has written numerous articles to help people get started tracking, many of which were published in Dog Sport Magazine. Vita is fascinated by the science of scent and is always learning new training techniques. She would really enjoy introducing you and your dog to tracking!

**This workshop is for all dog enthusiasts who are interested in learning the basics of tracking. Some of the points covered will be:**

- Why tracking is a great sport for almost everyone
- Training a "deep nose" for a solid foundation
- Article indication
- Line handling
- Personalizing your training plan for success
- Plenty of time for questions



**What to bring:**

A chair for yourself and crate or pen for your dog, canopy if available, water bowl/water, plenty of small, soft treats, flat buckle collar or martingale & leash. You are welcome to bring any tracking equipment you have, but it is not at all necessary.

**Workshop pricing:**

- ◇ Working Spots – Priority registration by February 4: \$75/spot; \$85 after
- ◇ Unlimited Audit Spots – \$45/spot

Reserve your spot today! Reply now to [chills37@aol.com](mailto:chills37@aol.com)

Carole Hills, VHOC

Corresponding Secretary



# Xylitol Poisoning: Candy Canes Really Can Kill Your Pooch



Posted by **Christy Caplan**  
3 days



Can dogs get sick and even die from eating candy canes? The answer is yes. A pet owner in Texas shares a warning with a local news station after her dog, Harleigh, ate sugar-free candy canes and the next day passed away. She was limp and sick after ingesting Xylitol which causes liver failure and hypoglycemia.

What is Xylitol? It's the sugar-free sweetener often found in gum and peanut butter. According to the Preventive Vet, Xylitol poisons well over 6,000 dogs each year!

This is a warning for other pet owners as having food that contains Xylitol in the house is all too common. This Texas dog was brought into the clinic showing signs of Xylitol toxicity.

"Somehow I feel like I failed her by leaving candy canes on the table," Harleigh's owner, Darla Martinez, of Groves, Texas, told 12 News.

There are over 700 products that contain Xylitol. The categories range from gum, candies, and mints (lollipops!) to peanut and nut butters. We all fill Kongs with peanut butter, so this is a very important list to consider and review before shopping for toy fillers.

If you suspect your dog ingested candy or gum, immediately head to your veterinarian or emergency vet clinic. Symptoms can include:

## Xylitol Poisoning—continued

- Weakness or lethargy
- Walking drunk
- Depression
- Acute collapse
- Seizures
- Vomiting
- Racing heart rate
- Trembling or tremoring
- Jaundiced gums
- Diarrhea
- Black-tarry stool
- Bruising
- Clotting problems
- Abnormal mentation

## Our Best Advice?

Inducing vomiting is NOT always the right thing to do, so you need to call your vet first and ask about how best to proceed. Some items will do more harm if they are vomited so be careful!

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) tells us,

"Time is critical for successfully treating accidental poisoning. Pick up the phone and call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (1-888-426-4435; a consultation fee may apply). Be prepared to provide your pet's breed, age, weight and any symptoms. Keep the product container or plant sample with you to assist in identification so the appropriate treatment recommendations can be made."

Great resources include the AVMA's pet poison tips, an important **site** for pet parents. And the ASPCA Poison Control Center: **[www.aspca.org/apcc](http://www.aspca.org/apcc)**.

The pet poison helpline is a contact number you should have saved in your contact list!

Since xylitol toxicity can cause both low blood glucose and low potassium levels, the vet will do blood work to rule out a number of things. Signs of hypoglycemia and even severe hypoglycemia are common. It is important to share with your vet or dvm how much Xylitol they potentially got into it and what the food was they ingested. Was it sugar-free chewing gum like Trident, chewable vitamins, or breath mints? All of these have the potential to have toxic effects.

Your dog will require hospitalization for blood sugar monitoring, dextrose administration, iv fluids, liver protectants, and any other supportive care that may be needed. Your dog will likely need critical care. Write down the symptoms of xylitol poisoning you see and let your vet know immediately. Large amounts of vomiting and diarrhea are a vet emergency.

Xylitol ingestion is very serious! It doesn't matter what the body weight is of your dog and even large dogs can ingest enough to make them very sick.

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# Therapy Dogs

Please take a look at the link below and see Olivia, Kathy Spilos and Lia in a short video for Therapy Dogs on the AKC FB page.

“Are you Lia or Olive?”

<https://www.facebook.com/AmericanKennelClub/videos/133550347595858/>

In early December, we represented our AKC breeds (German Shepherd and Labrador Retriever) and therapy dogs (LOAL) at the event, "Pups n' Pints" sponsored by AKC which was held in Downtown Los Angeles at Angel City Brewery. They shot video throughout the evening and put together this cute segment that is featured on their AKC Face Book page.

Linda Brooks + Olive

Kathy Spilos + Lia

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# Brags



## CHAMPION TRACKER

### Eileen Kickish and Sandy -

Sandy earned her **Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX)** title at the Southwestern Rottweiler Club of San Diego tracking test at Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Preserve in Jamul, CA on January 2. Tracklayer was Laura Stadtmere. Judges were Sally Nesbitt and Roy E. Fair.

Since Sandy earned her VST title in November, this passing test also earned her the title of **Champion Tracker (CT)!**

**CONGRATULATIONS**



### Eileen Kickish and Sandy—**NEW TITLE**

Sandy earned her Excellent **Agility Jumper (AXJ)** title with qualifying scores at the Buena Ventura Dog Training Club trial on November 23, the Keeshond Club of Southern California trial on December 1, and the South Coast Vizsla Club trial on December 15.

# Braggs

**Laurie Burnam and Scusi**—December 29/30, 2018, High Desert Agility Club, Rancho Tapo Canyon Simi Valley, CA:

Master Std 100 Q 4th place 13 MACH points

Master Fast 100 Q 3rd place

Master JWW 100 Q 8 MACH points

Master Std 100 Q 3rd pl 13 MACH points

**8th QQ 6th QQQ 3rd QQQQ 418 MACH points to date**

**Cynthia Casby and MacGyver**

December 1, 2018—Golden Gate Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club, Newhall, CA:

MacGyver got his FDC (Farm Dog Certification) - **NEW TITLE**

December 2, 2018, High Desert Collie Club, Claremont, CA:

MacGyver was BOS to BOV for another point.

**Linda Brooks and Olivia -**

**New Therapy Dog Title! THD**

Windrose Olive You Need Is Love CGA CGU JH THD TKA WC

Happy New Year – Linda Brooks

**Joyce Davis and Caper**—January 3, 2018, Golden Retriever Club of Greater Los Angeles, Specialty show, Indio, CA:

We started off the New Year right with Caper going **High in Trial HIT** at the Golden Retriever Specialty in Palm Springs.



# Braggs

## Karen Ullman and Kona -

Kona got her AKC Urban, Trick Novice and AKC Achiever Dog Recognition in December. **NEW TITLES**



## Judith Lewis Mernit with Tabitha – January 4, 2019, Kennel Club of Palm Springs, Indio, CA:

—Tabitha finished her UDX on Friday at the Palm Springs show! She's had a lot of setbacks over the years, so I was thrilled to finally succeed with her. She kept up a running commentary all through Utility, but she still managed to pull off a Q. **NEW TITLE—UDX**

## Judith Lewis Mernit with Winston—January 3, 2019, Australian Terrier Club of America, Indio, CA:

Winston also had a good weekend in Novice B, winning **High in Trial** at the Australian Terrier Club's specialty on Thursday. I'm excited for what the future holds for this little beast



Please contact me for all your Real Estate Needs or Questions...



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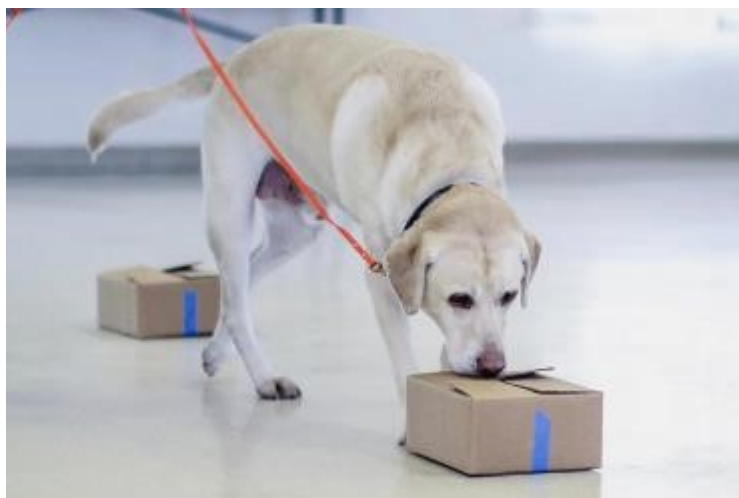
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# Braggs



## Robyn Zeldon and Barron -

Barron Q'd in all four elements (containers, buried, interiors and exteriors) in his first AKC scent work trial on December 28th in Acton.

## Robyn Zeldon and Luca

Luca earned her AKC S.T.A.R. Certificate in December 2018



## Monica Nolan and Augie– December VHOC Trial, Ventura, CA:

Augie did great at our December VHOC trial.

Saturday December 8th, finished up **Rally Advanced NEW TITLE**

Sunday December 9th, He received his first leg in Obedience Open with a second place ribbon, , and got a first leg in Rally Excellent.

Couldn't of asked for more, except not bolting to join the agility dogs while being judged in the ring! ☐



# Braggs

## New S.T.A.R. Puppies

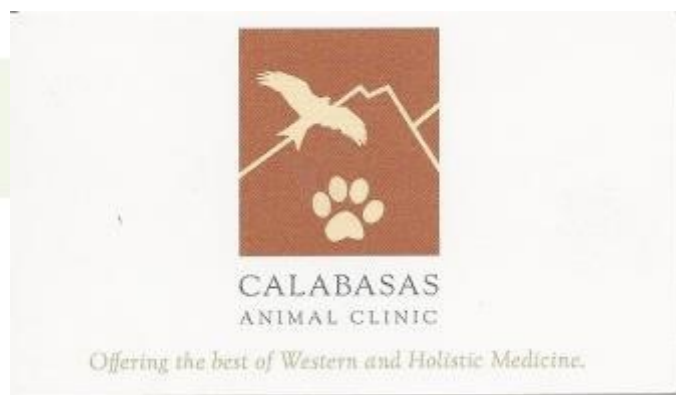
Congratulations to Luca and Ellen, owned by Robyn Zeldon and Dody Tyneway. Both pups earned their STAR Puppy certificates in December. In addition to meeting all the pre-CGC requirements, these six month olds learned basic freestyle moves. Next stop - Dancing w the Stars!!!



**Monica Nolan and Mikko**—helping students with stress. Sometimes it's not all about titles. Mikko has found his passion doing therapy work with the SF Valley chapter of Love on a Leash. Here he is at Pierce College helping students relax before their term finals.

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**Debbie Lang and Panda**—December 15, 2018, South Coast Vizsla Club, City of Industry, CA:

Qualifying in Master STD, Master JWW, Master FAST—**Double Q # 10, Triple Q #3**

**Debbie Lang and Quila**—12-15-2018

Master FAST Q #70—2nd place—working towards Master FAST Preferred Gold Title—just 5 more qualifying runs needed.

**Brag**

**Debbie Lang and Panda**—December 22/23, 2018, South Coast Vizsla Club, City of Industry, CA:

12/22—Premier JWW—Qualifying run—1st place Top 25% Q

12/23— Qualifying in Master STD, Master JWW, Master FAST—**Double Q #11, Triple Q #4**

**Debbie Lang and Quila**—12/23/2018

Master FAST Q #71—2nd place—working towards Master FAST Preferred Gold Title—just 4 more qualifying runs needed.

**Debbie Lang and Panda**—December 27, 2018, Keeshond, Club of Southern Ca, City of Industry, CA:

Panda had a day she probably won't surpass for quite a while—she qualified in all six of the classes she was entered in -

Qualifying in Master STD, Master JWW, Master FAST—**Double Q # 12, Triple Q #5**

T2B Qualifying run 1st place—10 point Q

Premier Standard—qualifying run—3rd place

Premier JWW—qualifying run—1st place—Top 25% Q

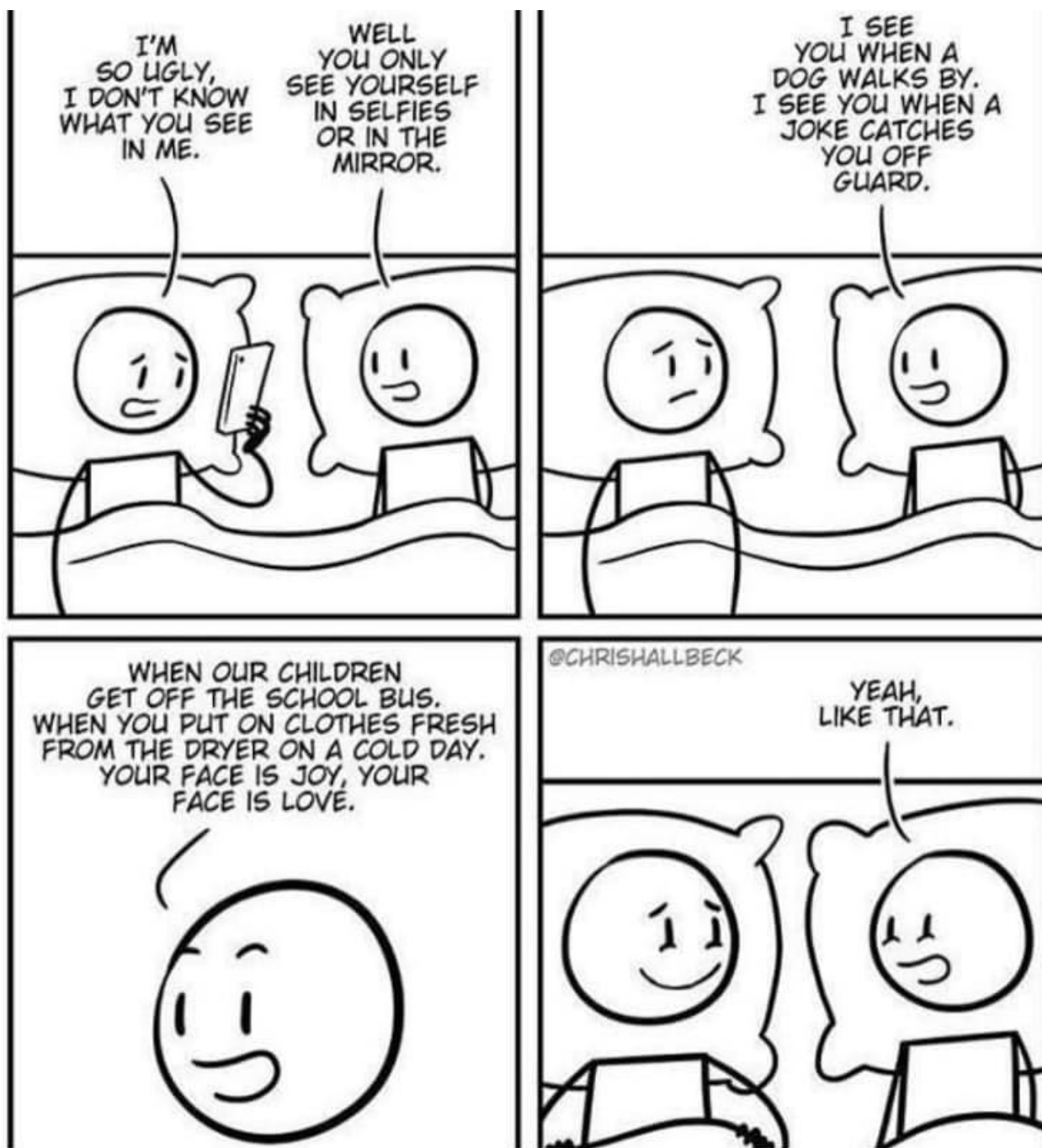
**Debbie Lang and Quila**— January 6, 2019, West Coast Cocker Spaniel Club, City of Industry, CA:

Master FAST Q#72— 4th place-working towards Master FAST Preferred Gold Title—just 3 more qualifying runs needed.



Taken from a FB post—While this doesn't have a dog, you can easily see where one could be inserted.

Always see yourself in a positive light. I guarantee you—your dog does.







**FEB. 9, 2019**  
**ANNUAL**  
**ALL-BREED**  
**EYE CLINIC**

**9 AM – 3 PM**

ACVO Eye Exams by  
Dr. Michael Chang

**Appointments Only -- No Drop Ins, Please.**

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Administrative fee  
payable to HDLRC

**To Schedule an  
Appointment**

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# Newsette

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TO:

## Got News?

*Do you have a brag? Did you get a new puppy? Is your dog celebrating a birthday?  
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**Submission deadline is the 8th of each month**

**This is YOUR Newsette...make it great!**