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Reminder — April General Meeting—

Friday April 17th

At CPLS—6:30 PM—Games night, with an Agility course set up.

Joyce Davis will be there to take photos in Spring setting.

If you have any garden equipment or garden props that you can loan Joyce for the photo shoot please contact her at joycedavis@mac.com

We will be having KFC, please bring a side to share

RSVP—Debbie Lang— djlang@sbcglobal.net



Victor Kiam

**Next General Meeting will be on
Friday May 15th**

REMINDER

Remember to check the website
<http://www.vhoc.org>

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

If you know of a member who would appreciate receiving correspondence, such as a get-well card, sympathy card, etc., please email our Corresponding Secretary, Melody Myers, at ruby_mudpie@hotmail.com

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We still need an Obedience Trial Chairperson—please contact Ann Hills if interested.

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)

Richard Lander and his White Swiss Shepherd - Tobey

AKC NEWS



Obedience & Rally



Mar 24, 2015

AKC BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVES OBEDIENCE REGULATION CHANGES Effective DECEMBER 1, 2015

In the summer of 2014, AKC Companion Events held Advisory Committee meetings to review more than 1,200 suggestions from the fancy for the improvement of the sport. After the meetings, a poll was released to the fancy/judges/clubs/Delegates for a review and vote. As a result of the polling and review by the staff, the recommendations for change were presented to the AKC Board of Directors for their review in February/March 2015.

The AKC Board has approved 75 changes/additions to the Obedience Regulations effective December 1, 2015.

To view the regulation changes, please click on the link below.

Obedience Regulation Changes

<http://emessage.akc.org/K0081QL00MW02zvEw0aB0F0>

The above link will take you to the AKC website where there are three documents posted:

1. Summary List - Identifying the 75 Regulation Changes, effective 12/01/2015.
2. Obedience Regulations & Judges Guidelines Changes – showing the items that were struck from and added to the regulations.
3. A Table of Contents for the Regulations – identifying the flow of how the new regulation booklet will be published.

In general, these regulation changes are meant to clarify and bring greater consistency to current judging practices and event requirements, modify administrative procedures to make events more enjoyable for participants and represent a balanced attempt to positively impact the sport. In general, these regulation changes are meant to clarify and bring greater consistency to current judging practices and event requirements, modify administrative procedures to make events more enjoyable for participants and represent a balanced attempt to positively impact the sport. Please share this information with the representatives responsible for the obedience events for your club.

Sincerely,
Pamela Manaton
Director of Obedience, Rally & Tracking

International Guide Dog Day 29th of April 2015

Every year the last Wednesday in April is International Guild Dog Day.



Guide dogs are amongst the most phenomenal animals on the planet, and the difference they make to the lives of those without sight simply cannot be overstated. It is impossible to feel anything but pure love and awe when you witness just how dedicated these guys are to their owners, or, it seems, best friends, and how precious and adorable the relationship the two of them have is. To celebrate these dogs and the patient and talented people who train them, and pay tribute to the important role they each play in our society, people across the world come together to partake in **International Guide Dogs Day**.

It isn't just those who need Guide Dogs that celebrate this special day, either. The crucial work they do is recognized by everyone, and on International Guide Dogs Day, lots of people like to go out of their way to honor and express their gratitude to these dogs who have impacted the lives of so many.

This is a day to celebrate the important role of guide dogs that help the blind and visually impaired remain safe and independently mobile day in and day out. Guide dogs are carefully trained to recognize obstacles, and to help guide their handlers around such things. They are trained to help handler's access public transportation, navigate public places and cross roads safely.

Guide dogs are legally allowed into all public places due to their handler's dependence on them for safety and mobility. Due to this fact however, guide dogs must have a special calm, quiet, non-aggressive and well-behaved temperament.

According to GuidedogsofAmerica.org the breeds most commonly used as guide dogs are as follows:

- 70% Labrador Retrievers
- 15% Golden Retrievers
- 15% German Shepherds



Guide dogs receive formal training which takes two years and costs around \$25,000.

After the two year training dogs are carefully matched with handlers based on the handler's lifestyle and environment. Consideration is also given to the size of the dog, the strength, pace of walk and energy levels. Each of these things is taken into consideration so to match dogs and humans to create the best relationship possible.



International Guide Dog Day is intended to honor the dogs that are working hard to help their handlers as well as all the people who work very hard to train and match dogs with their owners, creating such important life-changing relationships.

Meet Guide Dogs of America

We are fortunate to have Guide Dogs of America right here in the LA area. One of our VHOC members Debbie Prince works with Guide Dogs of America and is a vital member of the puppy raising program. Many of you have seen her with Guide dog puppies at CPLS.

Meet Guide Dogs of America

Guide Dogs of America, an International Guiding Eyes Program, was founded in 1948 as a charitable, non-profit organization dedicated to providing guide dogs to qualified, visually impaired people.

The cost to breed, raise and train a guide dog is approximately \$42,000, which includes:

- the trained guide dog
- specially-designed harness
- disciplined and compassionate training of the blind person and dog at the GDA campus, and lifetime follow-up for both the student and the dog

All our services are provided free of charge to the blind person.

The school depends on the generosity of private contributors to carry out its work, as we do not receive any government support



How we Raise and Train a Guide Dog

More than 60 years ago, a retired member of the International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers (IAM) became blind and when no guide dog school would accept him because of his advancing age, he turned to the IAM. The union, resolute in its refusal to accept discrimination of any kind, established Guide Dogs of America. To this day, the IAM is a generous supporter and staunch advocate for the school's mission.

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Meet Guide Dogs of America - Continued

After training, the dogs are carefully matched with blind students, taking into consideration their lifestyles and environments. In addition, the personalities of the student and guide dog, size, strength, pace and energy levels are also matched to ensure a harmonious relationship. Each new team spends 28 days together at GDA's campus learning to live and work with one another. After the training period, a graduation is held for students, dogs, friends and family members. The graduates then return home with their new guide dog partners along with a renewed sense of freedom and independence.

Support a Guide Dog and Someone Striving for Independence

Located on 7 1/2 acres in Sylmar, California (25 miles from Los Angeles), the program at GDA begins with breeding Labrador Retrievers, Golden Retrievers and German Shepherds. At eight weeks of age, the puppies are placed with pre-screened, volunteer foster families who provide them with basic obedience skills, socialization, and most importantly, a lot of love. After 18 months, the dog is returned to GDA for evaluation. If the dog meets the criteria we look for, such as good health and an even temperament, the dog continues with formal guide dog training by licensed instructors at our campus for four to six months.

Thanks to generous individuals, businesses, foundations, clubs, organizations and bequests, Guide Dogs of America has been able to breed, raise and train exceptional guide dogs for blind people who understand the difference a guide dog can make in their lives. Your support helps us continue this legacy of trust, companionship, love and freedom.

Helping to pair a beautiful, intelligent, well-trained dog with a blind person who wants to live life to the fullest is an enormously gratifying endeavor. If you'd like to help, contact Guide Dogs of America at (818) 362-5834.

Website: <http://www.guidedogsofamerica.org/1/>

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Mandatory dog spay-and-neuter law is on its way in Long Beach

By [Eric Bradley](#), Press-Telegram

Posted: 03/10/15, 8:31 PM PDT |

LONG BEACH >> Pet owners in this city will soon be legally required to spay or neuter their dogs. The City Council voted 6-0 in favor of a first reading for a [mandatory spay-and-neuter ordinance](#) Tuesday. It would go into effect Oct. 1 and requires dogs to be altered at 6 months old. Long Beach already requires spaying and neutering cats at 4 months of age.

The law Vice Mayor Suja Lowenthal [proposed in November](#) includes exemptions for medical reasons, documented service animals and certified show dogs.

Since 2007, elected officials have acted to control the city's pet population by expanding low-cost spay and neuter services, mobile clinics, microchipping and introducing cat licensing.

"To not finish this narrative I think would really be a travesty," Lowenthal said.

According to the [Animal Care Services Bureau](#), 10,549 animals were impounded in 2013, the lowest in 25 years and the first time the figure has been under 11,000. That year, the city impounded about 4,440 dogs, or about 12 dogs each day. One in four were puppies, the majority unaltered. Sixty percent of the animals were returned to their owner, adopted or taken in by rescuers.

About 102,000 dogs live in Long Beach, officials said, and it is estimated only one-third are registered. Of those, approximately 3,000 are unaltered.

Owners of dogs licensed before Oct. 1 will be exempted from having to spay or neuter their pets, provided they maintain their permits, as part of an amendment Councilwoman Stacy Mungo suggested.

The amendment is a way to recover part of the estimated \$187,000 in lost revenue from the difference between the \$95 unaltered license fee and the \$20 altered license fee, Mungo said.

According to Long Beach Animal Care Services, there would also be implementation costs of \$56,000, including vouchers, marketing and enforcement. The costs would be offset by increasing various licensing fees.

Councilman Al Austin voiced misgivings about the ordinance, citing its potential impact on low-income residents.

"Any time you say mandatory, it becomes very, very intrusive, in my opinion," Austin said. Many members of the public spoke in support, saying it would decrease euthanasia rates in the city. Those who opposed the law supported altering pets, but on a voluntary basis.

An American Kennel Club representative said the organization would no longer consider [Long Beach as a location for its Eukanuba National Championship](#) — and an accompanying \$21 million in estimated economic benefit — if the law is instituted.

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Mandatory dog spay-and-neuter law is on its way in Long Beach—Continued

“Let us be a partner, and not an adversary,” said Carrie DeYoung, AKC director of agility.

Mungo said that wasn’t the story when the AKC contacted city officials prior to the meeting.

The ordinance also makes it illegal to sell dogs, cats or rabbits in any pet shop, retail business or other commercial establishment unless they were obtained from the city animal shelter, a humane society or nonprofit rescue organization or bred on the premises while possessing a proper permit.

Contact Eric Bradley at 562-499-1254.

This article was taken from <http://www.presstelegram.com/government-and-politics/20150310/mandatory-dog-spay-and-neuter-law-is-on-its-way-in-long-beach>—It is provided strictly for information purposes.

Sadly the Spay and Neuter legislation does not stop there. In February a bill was introduced that would cover the State of California. This information is from the AKC website—<http://www.akc.org/government-relations/legislative-alerts/statewide-spay-and-neuter-bill-introduced-in-california-legislature/>. There are links in the article to the complete text of the bill. *Excerpts of the AKC article are below:*

“California Assemblyman Lloyd Levine introduced the "California Healthy Pets Act" (AB 1634) on Friday, February 23rd. This proposed legislation will require that all cats and dogs over the age of four months must be spayed or neutered unless the owner acquires an intact animal permit. Failure to comply with the provisions of the bill carries a civil penalty of \$500 for each animal for which a violation occurs. “

“AB 1634 does not address the circumstance whereby local jurisdictions adopt stricter exemption requirements than those in the proposed legislation. Los Angeles (LA) County, CA, has a mandatory spay/neuter ordinance in place that limits exemptions for purebred dogs to "competition dogs", animals with titles from recognized registries, or dogs owned by individuals who are members of dog clubs with an enforceable code of ethics. LA County intact animal permit requirements are stricter than AB 1634 and the proposed legislation does not reconcile the issue as to whether such ordinances are allowable. This oversight negates the supposed leniency of AB 1634 in granting the option for an intact permit for any purebred dog registered with an acceptable registry. “

Currently, this bill has not been assigned to a committee, the AKC will continue to monitor the Bills progress.

Got News?

Do you have a brag? Did you get a new puppy? Is your dog celebrating a birthday?

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AKC Agility Nationals - Reno

We had quite a few of our members showing at the AKC Agility Nationals—congratulations to all of them for completing the Qualifications (a minimum of 5 Double Q's, 20 Q's, 500 MACH points for Regular classes or 500 PACH points for Preferred) earned between Dec 1, 2013 and Nov 30, 2014 and for competing in Reno.

Congratulations to all who participated -

Amy Balchum and Pembroke Welsh Corgi—Oliver - #10 in 4" Preferred, 4th Place in JWW and 4th place in STD, in **Challengers Round**

Amy Balchum and Pembroke Welsh Corgi—Gidget

Teri Chang and Golden Retriever—Ryder—3 Clean Runs JWW, STD and Hybrid

Teri Chang and Golden Retriever—Edge

Nancy Gast and Australian Shepherd—Cannon

Nancy Giltner and Australian Shepherd—Boo—#7 in 16" Preferred, 3 Clean Runs JWW, STD and Hybrid

Nancy Giltner and Australian Shepherd—Weegie

Dixie Hambrick and Vizsla—Pico—3 Clean Runs JWW, STD and Hybrid

Jeff and Kathy Kogan and Shetland Sheepdog—Trixi

Jeff and Kathy Kogan and Shetland Sheepdog—Misty—#6 in 8" Preferred, in **Challengers Round**

Jeff and Kayth Kogan and Shetland Sheepdog—Jazzie

Debbie Lang and Australian Sheepdog—Quila

Amanda Prince and Border Collie—Cayenne

Kim Simons and Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever—Lizzie

Terry Simons and Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever—Thief—#13 in 16" after Round 3

Terry Simons and Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever—Ripper—**4th Place in NAC Finals 20" dogs**

Dody Tyneway and All American—Star



BRAGS

Debbie Lang and Quila—March 13, 2015 Golden Retriever Club of Greater LA, Camarillo CA:

Triple Q #11—qualifying scores in Master Standard, Jumpers and FAST

Debbie Lang and Quila—March 14, 2015 Golden Retriever Club of Greater LA, Camarillo CA:

Triple Q #12—qualifying scores in Master Standard, Jumpers and FAST

Jane Nye and Gabe—March 21, 2015 Hollywood Dog Obedience Club, Woodley CA:

Completed his OJP title and this also qualifies Gabe for his Versatile Cardigan (VC) title, given by the Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America!



Laurie Burnam and Scusi—March 21/22 2015, ASCSC Agility, Pikes Peak Norco CA:

Open Gamblers 10 Q 1st Place 3rd Leg GS-O Title - Title # 27

Open Jumpers 10 Q 1st Place 2nd Leg

Open Jumpers 10 Q 1st Place 3rd Leg JS-O Title - Title # 28

Open Regular 10 Q 1st Place 2nd Leg

Open Regular 5 Q 3rd Place 2 1/2 Leg

High in Trial Open Dog

This is from **Ginny Hoover**, a life member—a wonderful story about her two collies —

This has nothing to do with their sport or training. Last Thurs. March 19th, I had another surgery on my ankle. This makes several over the past year. On Fri, the gardeners came and my back door was open so the dogs could go in and out as it was very hard for me to get up and my husband was at the store. Both dogs went to the door and barked. They came when I called and they both came over in front of me and laid down so that no one would hurt me. These 2 collies, one 16 months “Lad” a sable and one 4 1/2 years “Macy” a tri took over what they were bred for, the protect. I was finally able to get up and then they quietly went about their own business. Just another thing they do. I am a wildlife rescuer, transporter, Macy loves to go along and Lad is learning. When I am able to get around again, they will both help save wildlife. I volunteer with Wildlife Care of So Cal.

Brags Cont. -



Terry Simons and Ripper—AKC Agility Nationals in Reno NV, March 28-29, 2015 -

4th Place—National Agility Championships Finals

Nancy Giltner and Boo— AKC Agility Nationals at Reno NV, March 28-29, 2015.

From Nancy

Boo had a great AKC National performance.

He placed 7th out of 88 in the preferred 16" class. Three clean runs.

So proud of my 11 year old Super Star!



Marcia Siderow and Remi—April 5, 2015, Tri-Valley Shetland Sheepdog of NW Los Angeles, Simi Valley, CA:

Novice Standard Q—and Remi turns 2 this Friday April 10

Marcia Siderow and Matisse—April 5, 2015, Tri-Valley Shetland Sheepdog of NW Los Angeles , Simi Valley, Ca:

Masters Standard Q

Even More Brags

Debbie Roxum and Portia—January 31, 2015, Sun Maid KC, Fresno, CA:

Rally Excellent A—1st Place—new **RE title**

Debbie Rozum and Portia - March 15, 2015, Del Sur Kennel Club, Valley Center, CA:

Beginner Novice A 1st Place—new **BN title**

Melody Meyers and Rocket—April 5, 2015, Shetland Sheepdog of NW Los Angeles, Simi, Valley CA:

Open JWW—1st place



Melody Meyers and Buster—April 5, 2015, Shetland Sheepdog of NW Los Angeles, Simi Valley, CA:

Novice JWW—1st place



Melody Meyers and Rocket—April 6, 2015, Shetland Sheepdog of NW Los Angeles, Simi Valley, CA:

Open JWW—1st place

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and the Brags kept coming -



Jane Nye and Gabe -

Gabe received his THD – AKC Therapy Dog title for completing 50 visits (plus this nice patch was sent to us by the AKC, which can be added to his working dog vest)



Gabe received his CA – Coursing Ability title from the Southern CA Ibizan Hound Club (SCIHC) on *Apr 4*

Louise Brady and Zanie—March 28, 2015 , Kern County KC, Bakersfield, CA:

My new Weimaraner puppy, Barrett N' Star's Under the Big Top, aka Zanie, competed in the **4-6 Month Puppy competition** at Kern County KC on March 28th for her first time in the conformation ring and earned **Best of Breed and Sporting Group 1st!** I can't wait for her first "real" shows later this month! She is a daughter of my Torque, which makes it all the sweeter.



Cynthia Malchose and Jenna—April 4-5, 2015 , Apple Valley KC, Victorville, CA:

April 4—Rally Novice B 99 first place third leg **RN title.**

April 5—Rally Advanced B. 97 second place first leg.

Braggs - even more



Laurie Burnam and Scusi—April 4 and 5, 2014—Australian Shepherd Club of So Cal, Fillmore, CA:

ASCA Agility

Open Regular	5 Q	1st Place	RS-O Title
Open Regular	10 Q	2nd Place	
Open Regular	10 Q	2nd Place	
Open Gamblers	10 Q	2nd Place	
Open Gamblers	10 Q	3rd Place	
Open Jumpers	10 Q	1st Place	



ASCA Rally -
Masters A 200 1st Place 1st leg High in Trial
Masters A 196 1st Place 2nd leg

CGC—CGCA Evaluator Update—

We have several members of our club that are CGC and CGCA Evaluator. However after our article last month Lindia Brown a VHOC Club Member sent me a brief note about herself being a CGC and CGCA Evaluator, with no charge for the evaluation.

Members need not search the AKC website for an evaluator. I have been one since 2002. I have performed group tests for the Club on several occasions; do individual tests for members and students; and have traveled to perform group tests for specialties. I never charge for doing this. If the Club decides to charge, I have always donated the proceeds back to the Club.

If you would like your dog to take either the CGC or CGCA, just contact me at either 818-884-1304 or lindialindia@sbcglobal.net.

Braggs again

Joyce Davis and Caper—

For Caper's third birthday, we took a trip up to the Bay area to trial in two AKC Hunt tests.

We qualified both days in challenging tests and now Caper has an AKC Junior Hunter title (JH) added to her name.

She loved it and we did too. What a fine birthday this was

Joyce Davis and Caper—

On Sat. April 4th. Caper and I showed in Open at the ASCA Obedience trial.

We got our first two ASCA Open legs and a HIT in the afternoon show. That was fun!



Dogs and Health

Since it is coming into that time of year again, and it has been a lot warmer than usual. Please watch out for snakes in the early morning and early evening. They will come out in moderate heat. If your dog is out in the field, you do a lot of hiking there are various articles recommending Rattlesnake avoidance training and Rattlesnake vaccines to help mitigate the exposure to the toxins. Even with a dog vaccinated with the Rattlesnake vaccine the bite should be treated as an emergency, you will not be able to tell by looking at the bite how much venom the snake has injected into your dog. The article below has information around snake bite, treatments and the Rattlesnake vaccination. The use of Rattlesnake avoidance training and/or Rattlesnake vaccinations is a personal decision and one to be made between you and your veterinarian.

RATTLESNAKE BITES IN CALIFORNIA –

Taken from the webpage at http://www.marvistavet.com/html/body_rattlesnake_bites_in_california.html last updated 7/2/2013

Rattlesnakes can be found in rural areas as well as suburban areas where there is sufficient natural habitat. In Northern California snakes will hibernate during cold months and are active March through September. In Southern California they are active all year round.

DOGS VS. SNAKES

Dogs encounter snakes during play or work in the snake's natural habitat. Most bites to dogs occur on the face or extremities. The rattlesnake bite is generally "hemotoxic" which means that it exerts its toxin by disrupting the integrity of the blood vessels. The swelling is often dramatic with up to 1/3 of the total blood circulation being lost into the tissues in a matter of hours. The toxin further disrupts normal blood clotting mechanisms leading to uncontrolled bleeding. This kind of blood loss induces shock and finally death. Facial bites are often more lethal as the swelling may occlude the throat or impair ability to breathe.

An exception would be the Mojave rattlesnake whose venom is "neurotoxic." The bite of this snake causes rapid paralysis. This includes paralysis of the respiratory muscles and suffocation.

How serious a snake bite is depends on two factors:

- The species of snake
- The size of the dog

The amount of venom injected (approximately 20-25% of bites are "dry" meaning no venom has been injected, 30% of bites are mild meaning they cause local pain and swelling in the bite area and no systemic symptoms, 40% of bites are severe with approximately 5% actually being fatal.

Western Diamondback Rattlesnake



Dogs and Health - cont.

TREATMENT

The faster the bite is recognized, the more effective the treatment is. Do not try to cut the bite wound open or suck out the poison. Seek veterinary care immediately for proper treatment.



Southern Pacific Rattlesnake

IV FLUIDS

Since the most common mechanism of death from rattlesnake bite is circulatory collapse, IV support and monitoring for signs of blood pressure drop are very important. Fluids may be started at a relatively slow rate if the patient is stable but should signs of impending trouble occur, circulatory volume replacement is as easy as opening a drip set valve. Twenty four hours of observation post-bite is a prudent observation time with IV fluid administration all the while.

ANTIVENIN

There are numerous misconceptions about antivenin. The first is simply the name of the product. It is not “anti-venom.” It is not a single injection that provides the antidote to snake bite venom. Antivenin is a biological product consisting of antibodies made by horses in response to exposure to four common Crotaline venoms. The antibody serum is reconstituted into an intravenous drip that is run into the patient over at least 30 minutes or so.

Antivenin is expensive (at least \$400 per vial) and a large dog with a severe bite is likely to require several vials. Because the product is of horse origin, often a scratch test to the ear flap is used to test for immunological sensitivity (i.e. to predict whether the patient is likely to have anaphylactic reaction to the antivenin once it is administered intravenously. The patient will likely always be sensitive to equine products after administration of antivenin which makes future snake bite treatment problematic.

A newer, more purified antivenin of sheep origin has recently been marketed (“Cro-Fab” antivenin) but this is even more expensive (approximately \$700 per vial).

Antivenin is very helpful in the inactivation of snake venom but there is a narrow window during which it must be used. After about 4 hours post-bite, antivenin is of minimal use.

A separate antivenin is available for coral snake venom but this is not an issue for California.

ANTIHISTAMINES

Injections of antihistamines may or may not be helpful with the inflammation from the actual snake bite but may be helpful in warding off anaphylactic reaction to the antivenin. Further, the sedating side effects of antihistamines help calm the patient. Antihistamine use is a common therapy used in the treatment of snake bites.

Corticosteroids seem like they would be helpful as they are universally anti-inflammatory; however, their use has been associated with higher mortality rates so they are not generally administered.

Dogs and Health - cont.

OTHER TREATMENTS

Blood transfusion may be necessary if life-threatening blood loss has occurred. Antibiotics are often used to control secondary infections. Medications to control pain are important to snake bite patients.

VACCINATION

Recently, Red Rock Biologics has released a vaccination against the venom of the Western Diamondback (*Crotalus atrox*). This vaccine also protects against the venom of six out of seven of the other California rattlesnakes (the Mojave Rattlesnake has significantly different venom such that it is not covered) and there is good cross-protection against numerous other venomous snakes native to areas outside California. At first this product was available for sale and use only in California; it has become available nationwide since December of 2004. Hiking dogs and dogs that live in rattlesnake areas are good candidates for this product.

BASICS ABOUT THE VACCINE:

- Initial vaccination is given in 2 doses 3-6 weeks apart. Dogs over 100 lbs and dogs under 30 lbs in body weight need 3 doses 3-6 weeks apart.
- Annual boosters are best given approximately one month before snake season starts in the Spring. Dogs where snake season is year round or where they hike year round should have boosters every 6 months. If a vaccine is skipped, the initial vaccination protocol should be re-started.
- Vaccination is safe in pregnancy, lactation, and for puppies 4 months of age and older.
- Vaccination reactions occur in 0.27% of cases (27 per 10,000 doses given) and are largely limited to swelling at the vaccine site occurring 7-10 days after vaccination. This is particularly true for dogs with a past history of bee stings.



Vaccinated dogs typically develop protection comparable to 2-3 vials of antivenin.



**A snake bite should always be treated as an emergency even in a vaccinated dog.
If your dog is bitten by a rattlesnake, seek veterinary attention immediately.**

Sidewinder Rattlesnake



Valley Hills Obedience Club presents Beginning Nose Work Classes



What is K9 Nose Work?

K9 Nose Work® is an exciting sport for dogs and their owners, modeled after detection training for narcotics or bomb dogs. This sport provides many competitive and recreational opportunities for you and your dog. Nose Work competitions include container, vehicle, interior and exterior searches, where dogs search for target odors. Dogs' scent discrimination abilities are unrivaled and an outlet for these abilities provides important mental stimulation.

Who can do K9 Nose Work?

Any dog of any age can do Nose Work; no previous training required! If your dog likes treats or toys, they'll love Nose Work. Dogs with limitations, such as deafness or blindness, are able to thrive in an activity that doesn't require these senses. The dogs work individually, so even dogs who don't like other dogs can participate.



Lumi listens intently for Michael's instruction

Starting: Tuesday, May 19, 2015

Times: 6:15-7:15 & 7:30-8:30 pm

Location: CPLC, 7357 Jordan Ave,
Canoga Park, CA

Cost: \$150 per 6-week session
(payable in advance)

Limited Enrollment!

Contact Carole, VHOC
Nose Work Registrar
chills37@aol.com

VHOC March General Meeting

The VHOC General Meeting was held Friday March 20 on the school field.

For those that missed the General Meeting you missed a great time.

Michael McManus renowned Nose Work trainer, judge and competitor was our guest. He described the psychology of Nose Work, why it is so important that the dog be allowed to work out how to find the scents they are searching for. He was able to provide demonstrations with his dogs, Ghost a Border Collie and Lumi a Siberian Husky. Both dogs do Nose Work and other performance sports. He showed both a toy and food driven behavior.



Michael and Lumi



Michael and Lumi



VHOC March General Meeting

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Michael was thorough and a very personable speaker. Once he had described his initial way of training, club members were encouraged to bring their dogs up to give it a try. While all my pictures didn't turn out we did get a couple of good ones. Michael moved the pail with the food in it around allowing the dogs to search and find the treat through scent. He tried to fool the dogs and after couple of successful searches tried to make them think the treat was in the fourth pail, while putting it in the first one. Quite a few of the dog fell for the trick, believing the human and rushing over to the fourth pail and then going back and checking the others for the treat.

Nose Work is a great sport that can be done inside or outside and does not take a lot of extra equipment or special room.



VHOC has an Advanced Nose Work class on Tuesday's. Please contact Carole Hills at chills37@aol.com for more information.

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

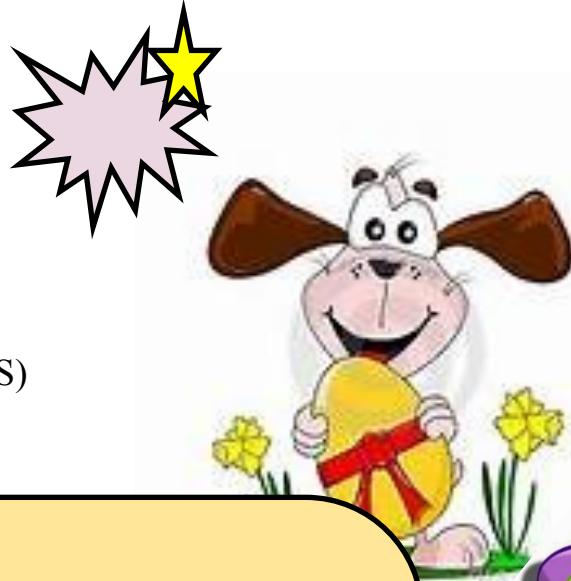
Help us celebrate Spring

FRIDAY APRIL 17TH—6:30 pm

At the training field—

CANOGA PARK LUTHERN SCHOOL (CPLS)

7357 Jordan Ave, Canoga Park



Come and enjoy the fun—this will be a games night with an agility course set up.

Joyce Davis will be at this meeting taking some of her wonderful pictures in a Spring type setting.

We will be providing KFC—so bring a side to share.

Remember to bring a chair for yourself and a crate /pen for your dog.



RSVP: djlang@sbcglobal.net

FYI - Rally/Obed Trial

ENTRIES CLOSE 6:00pm (PDT) WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2015

ALL-BREED OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIALS

Buenaventura Dog Training Club, Inc.
(Licensed by the American Kennel Club, inc)



SATURDAY, MAY 09, 2015

Event #2015675803, 2015675804

**NEW SITE *b* RANCHO TAPO COMMUNITY PARK ³
3700 Avenida Simi, Simi Valley, CA**

THESE TRIALS ARE ACCEPTING ENTRIES FOR MIXED BREED DOGS
ENROLLED IN THE AKC CANINE PARTNERS PROGRAM

(THERE WILL BE NO CLASSES OFFERED FOR POODLES AT THESE TRIALS)

For more information Please contact : EVENT SECRETARY Sharon Licciardi 38513 12th Street E., Palmdale, CA 93550

661-273-1240 , Fax: 661-224-1906 , motherhn@pacbell.net

UPCOMING MATCH-

April 19 LOTC, (Lomita Obedience Training Club) <http://lomitadogtraining.org/>
Rally, Obedience and Confirmation—enter by mail or online at LOTC webpage.

You can check the Southern California Dog Obedience Council (SCDOC) website for more Match and Trial information— <http://scdoc.org/>



The Newfoundland Club of
Southern California presents...**Training Outside the Box**
With Judi Adler

Author of **Water Work, Water Play, The Audible Nose, The Newfoundland Puppy: Early Care, Early Training**

May 17, 2015 9:00 – 4:00 pm
Long Beach, CA El Dorado Park

Join us on Sunday May 17, 2015 for a fun and engaging workshop presented by Judi Adler.

- Do you ever feel your dog does not keep his enthusiasm during training?
- Does your dog frequently show up at a trial with a poopy face on?
- Do you wish your foundation skills were stronger?
- Do you want to improve your bond with your dog?
- Do you want to learn to cope with unexpected distractions?

If you said yes to any of these questions, join us for a fun, **game filled** day at a workshop unlike any other you have attended before.

This workshop is open to dog & owners at all levels, including dogs and owners who are not pursuing titles. It is open to dogs of all ages, including puppies 4 months or older. The workshop is open to all breeds, however priority enrollment will be given to Newfoundland owners. Dogs will be working off leash at times, it is imperative your dog can work harmoniously in the presence of other dogs.

Register before May 11, 2015. **Full Registration \$80.00** (includes lunch and water.)

Auditor Registration (no dog) \$ 40.00 (Includes lunch and water)

Name _____

Dog's Name _____

Breed _____ Age _____

Address _____
number _____

email _____ phone _____

Checks payable to NCSC, mail check and registration to:

Deborah Rothwell 2161 Snowden Ave Long Beach CA 90815 grieffinspoint@msn.com (562) 936 1259

In case of cancellation: Full refund before May 11, 2015. 50% refund for cancellation received after May 11, 2015 (unless your reservation can be filled from the wait list, then there will be a full refund). Auditors accepted upon payment.

******Limit 20 dog and handler teams (working space full registration)******

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