



# Newsette



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Happy Valentines Day to you and your  
4 legged friends.



## NEXT GENERAL MEETING—FRIDAY MARCH 20th—MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Have you been interested in finding out about Nose Work??

Come and see what all the excitement is about!

Our General Meeting on Friday March 20th will feature a presentation by **Michael McManus**.

Michael is a well known and respected Nose work and Treibball instructor.

Currently he has many students trialing and doing well in all levels of Nose Work.

The club will provide pizza dinner—please bring some sides to share.

Dogs are welcome.

We will start at 6:30 PM—meeting on the CPLS training field.

Please RSVP to Debbie Lang so we know how much pizza to order—[djlang@sbcglobal.net](mailto:djlang@sbcglobal.net)

### 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](mailto:ruby_mudpie@hotmail.com)

2015 Board and Standing Committees—elected positions ran unopposed.

### VHOC Board of Directors

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Cindi Malchose

**Trophies**

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Vita Allison

## 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)*

Serena Marshall and her Australian Shepherd - Wayne, Border Collie – Wynt and Shetland Sheepdog – Tru

Shirley Miller and her Poodle – Smudge, and her Shih Tzu – Annie

Lauren Donatoni and her Doberman Pinschers - Kaylin, Cori, Bugger, and Gunner

Debbie Rozum and her Doberman Pinscher - Portia

Dianna Santos and her Doberman Pinscher - Valer

# VHOC AWARDS BANQUET

VHOC had its Awards Banquet on Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup>. While we had a somewhat low turnout it was once again a well-planned and enjoyable evening. Our Banquet Committee out did themselves, we had a great Power Point awards presentation and the committee put together a photo slide show of many of our club members and their dogs in their glory, past and present. The slide show also recognized the clubs exploration of dog sports with our seminars, membership meetings and activities throughout the year. We had a very humorous and enlightening special tribute to Terry and Kim Simons. The food and service were excellent, each table was decorated and the party favors were wonderful.

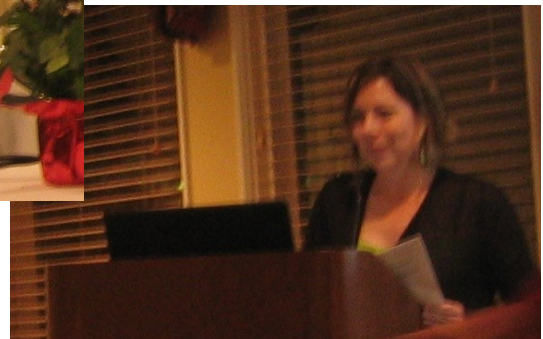
A huge Thank You to our Banquet Committee Kathy Spilos, Linda Brooks, Ann Hills, Jennifer Voogt, and Carole Hills.

We had several special awards—

- the Presidents Bowl was awarded to the VHOC Board for all of the hard work and dedication that has been put in over 2014.
- The Service Award was presented to Laurie Burnam—for all of her tireless work, and for stepping in at the last minute to once again be the Obedience Trial Chairperson when the others were unable to fulfill the duties.



**Banquet Fun—delicious food, great commentator, attentive audience.**



## Got News?

*Do you have a brag? Did you get a new puppy? Is your dog celebrating a birthday?  
Do you have other dog-related news, photos, articles, humor or upcoming events you'd like to share?*

*Do you have a canine product or service you'd like to promote?*

*Ads are only \$10.00 a month, or \$50.00 for an entire year.*

Email me for more information, or just send your stuff to:

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**Submission deadline is the 8th of each month**

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



# VHOC Banquet Awards—35 Title Plaques

Vita Allison & Enzo CD CDX RN VERS  
 Laurie Burnam & Scusi CGCA PT BN RN RA RE ASCA-CD RN RNX RA RAX RE REX  
 RS-N JS-N-OP GS-N NJC TN-N BA JHD  
 Cynthia Casby & Peanut RN  
 Linda Coogan & Wiley CD AX AXP AJP OFP  
 Cathy Davis & Roxie AXP AJP MXP MJP  
 Joyce Davis & Caper OA NAJ RN RA  
 Joyce Davis & Sage OAP OJP  
 Janelle Farkas & Jeep NA NF  
 Sharon Farkas & Oscar NA NAJ NF OA OAJ OF RS-O JS-O GS-O  
 Michael Frumkin & Chip AKC-CD ASCA-CD  
 Shirley Frumkin & Oreo NW2  
 Yvonne Garst & Barbie BN  
 Yvonne Garst & Captain NW2  
 Ronda Harvey & Bam-Bam PACH  
 Ronda Harvey & Casper PACH  
 Ann Hills & Trace MXJ ECC GS-E-O XGT-N  
 Ann Hills & Trooper HTAD III-s HTAD III-ge  
 Carole Hills & Trinket AX GS-O NAC NJC HP-N OAC XGT-N  
 Carole Hills & Tucker NW1 NW2  
 Sue Ingham & Flynn NW1 NW2  
 Debbie Lang & Fable RE BN AXP MJP MFP THDN RNX CGCA  
 Debbie Lang & Lee ASCA-RN  
 Debbie Lang & Quila MACH 3 TQX MJB2 MXB2 HSAS NAJ OAC TN-N RA RAX JS-E-SP GS-E STDs  
 HTAD-1  
 Jane Nye & CH Gabe CD RE RA RN CGC NJP TDI  
 Karen Petersen & Ekko ANDD  
 Karen Petersen & Tink BN OJP AJP MDD BNDD HCT-S  
 Allison Pobirs & Ladd AKC-CD CDX UD ASCA-CD CDX  
 Bill Robi & Lilly NW1 NW2  
 Patti Rovtar & Chili UDX3 UDX4 OM4 OM5  
 Sheri Scott & Spike NW2  
 Marcia Siderow & Matisse MXP  
 Marcia Siderow & Remington CGC BA-1  
 Katherine Spilos & Caelia RA THDN  
 Nancy Sweaney & Golden Boy THDA  
 Dolores Tyneway-Robi & Star MACH 2  
 Sandy Walton & Glitzy OTCH OM2



# 2014 Awards Banquet

## THANK YOU

### Terry and Kim Simons

Thank you for your years of hard work and dedication to our Agility program and VHOC as a club. Ann Hills did our awards presentation at the banquet on Sunday Feb 8, and had many kind words to say about Terry and Kim, along with some fun slides.

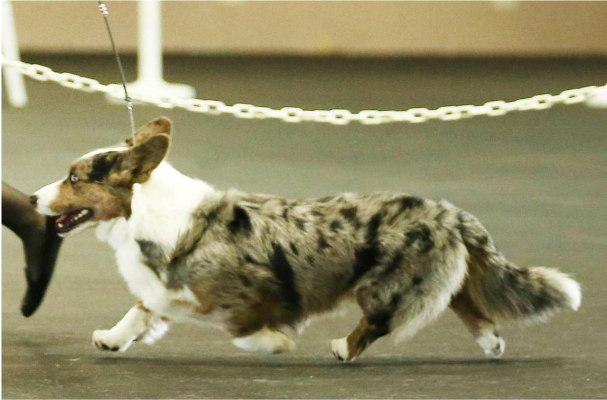
“As you know, Terry Simons, our agility instructor, is ending his 17 year run with VHOC as our agility instructor; both he and Kim will continue to be involved with VHOC as active members & advisors, and will assist us with our annual agility trials. Some members may not know that Kim actually preceded Terry as VHOC’s very first agility instructor. Laurie and Ann were in that first class out at Reseda Park.”

We thank them for their service and dedication to the club, the tireless hours they put in getting courses ready and taking the time to share their knowledge of agility and how to handle our dogs.



Terry and Kim Simons accepting their award of recognition for over 17 years of providing VHOC with knowledgeable and informative Agility instruction.

# VHOC Banquet Special Awards - several dogs won multiple awards



**Jane Nye and CH. Gabe**

#2 A Team Award

#3 Breed Championship Medallion

**Patti Rovtar and Chili**

#5 George Giswein Memorial Trophy

#8 Greenberg-Hochman Memorial Trophy

#11 UDX Award



**Allison Pobirs and Ladd**

#7 CH. Maveric of Varagon, CDX Memorial Trophy in Memory of Minna Mott

#10 The Red Nadauld Family Trophy

#12 Non-AKC Award



## #13 Multiple Sport Title Acknowledgment:

Laurie Burnam & Scusi - 20 titles in agility, herding, obedience & rally;



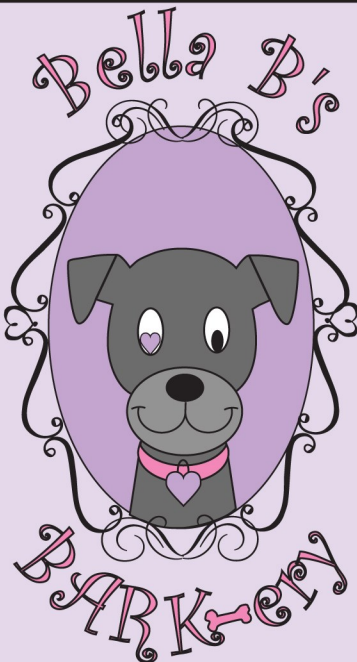
Debbie Lang & Fable - 8 titles in agility, obedience & rally;



Debbie Lang & Quila - 14 titles in agility, herding & rally;



Karen Petersen & Tink - 6 titles in agility, carting, herding and obedience



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## And even more Awards



Joyce Davis & Caper

**#14 Rally Novice Award**

**#15 Rally Advanced Award**

**#17 AKC Agility Novice Award**



Debbie Lang & Fable

**#16 Rally Excellent Award**

Joyce Davis & Sage

**#18 AKC Agility Open Award**



Carole Hills & Trinket

**#19 AKC Agility Excellent Award**

**#20 ASCA/NADAC Agility Novice Award**

**#21 ASCA/NADAC Agility Open Award**





# A few more Banquet Awards



Nancy Giltner and Boo

PACH 3



Sandy Walton and Glitzy

OTCH and OM 2



Debbie Lang and Quila

MACH 3





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# V HOC Agility, Obedience and Rally Trial

As many of you know we held our annual trial on December 6 and 7 this past year. Thank you to everyone who came out and volunteered at the trials, to all of those who gave generously to support the trophies we offer each year and the wonderful Raffle. At each trial we are always complemented on how efficiently the trial is run, the fantastic raffle and on our wonderful rosettes and class placement trophies. Each year we offer Special Awards that are sponsored by our members. Those award winners aren't listed on the AKC website so for those who wanted to know the winners here they are.

## SPECIAL AWARDS FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2014

Valley Hills Obedience Club, Inc. offers the RAYMOND MULLER MEMORIAL TROPHY, special rosette & \$100 cash prize (for competition at its Trials only) to the dog making the Highest Qualifying Score in the Regular classes. The name of the winning dog will be engraved on this trophy. 2014 Winner	Golden Retriever – OTCH MACH2 Gaylan's Thaleia VCD3 UDX6 OM9 RAE JH MXS MJG Owner: Vicki Chaney pts 199.5
Valley Hills Obedience Club, Inc. offers the MINNA MOTT MEMORIAL TROPHY, special rosette & \$50 cash prize (for competition at its Trials only) to the dog making the highest combined score in the Open B and Utility Classes. The name of the winning dog will be engraved on this trophy.	Flat-Coated Retriever – Grousemoor First Sign Of Spring UD OM1 GN Owner: Bonnie Behrmann/H Szostak
Jody Dushkes offers an award to the dog with the Highest Score in the Optional Titling classes.	Rottweiler – Jungersohn Just One Look V Esmond RN Owner: Patrick & Charlene De Mott pts 199.0
SPECIAL HIGH COMBINED AGILITY & OBEDIENCE SCORE: Debbie Lang offer a \$50 cash prize to the handler & dog team that earns the Highest Combined Scores in Agility Standard and Regular Obedience – not including Rally or Optional titling.	Golden Retriever – MACH Tanbark's Flash'N Thru Time CD RA MXG MJS MXF T2B3 Owner: Cindy Gray pts 196.0 and STD Q
Tink Ten Eyck offers a special rosette & \$50 cash prize to the Highest Combined Qualifying Score in the Rally Advanced B and Rally Excellent B Classes. This Rally High Combined prize will be a total of the scores from Advanced B and Excellent B. In case of a tie, the dog with the fastest combined time of both runs will win. If there continues to be a tie, a run-off will be run by the Rally Judge on the final course set-up for the day's Rally Judging (Excellent, Advanced or Novice per judging schedule) at the completion of all Rally judging.	Australian Cattle Dog – GCH CH Bar H Blue Bulldozer CD BN RE HSAd HSAsMcM NJP CGC Owner: Lisa & Jesse Hampton
Valley Hills Obedience Club, Inc. offers a special rosette to all dogs completing an obedience or rally title at its trials.	I don't have all the dog's names, but we gave out a lot of them.
Jennifer Voogt offers an engraved silver photo frame to the dog that earns a '200' score at its trials.	Sadly, no dog had a 200 score.



**SPECIAL AWARDS FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2014—Continued**

David Zelitzky offers an award to the Highest Scoring Dog in the "A" Classes (Novice A, Open A, or Utility A).	German Shepherd Dog – Driny Z Atarova Sadu CD CGCA Owner: Tine Ann Lamey & M Pendleton pts 192.5
Carol Karas offers an award to the Highest Scoring Champion of Record in Trial.	Weimaraner – GCH CH Silogram's Rolls Royce CDX Owner: Vickie & Bob Margolis pts 192.0
Laurie Burnam offers an award to the Highest Scoring ILP or PAL-registered dog (any breed) in Trial.	Belgian Sheepdog - Belle CD RN Owner: Harry Squires/S Squires pts 192.5
Carole Hills offers a \$25 cash award to the Highest Scoring Mixed Breed in Trial.	All American Dog - Levi Hoots RN Owner: Shari Medow-Hoots pts 186.0
SPORTING GROUP – Ira & Loretta Greenberg, in memory of "Alvin" Iralor's Woodland Wingshot, CD, offer an award to the Highest Scoring dog in the Sporting Group.	Golden Retriever - OTCH MACH2 Gaylan's Thaleia VCD3 UDX6 OM9 RAE JH MXS MJG Owner: Vicki Chaney pts 199.5
HOUND GROUP – Debbie Lang offers an award to the Highest Scoring dog in the Hound Group.	Greyhound - GCH CH Aragon Northern Lights RN TD JC AX MXJ OF Owner: Helen Ham- ilton DMV pts 190.5
WORKING GROUP – Patti Rovtar offers an award to the Highest Scoring dog in the Working Group.	No Qualifying Dogs
TERRIER GROUP – Annette Ankele offers an award to the Highest Scoring dog in the Terrier Group.	No Qualifying Dogs
TOY GROUP – J9sK9s Dog Training offers an award to the Highest Scoring dog in the Toy Group.	Miniature Pinscher - Minnie Mocha Latte CD RA Owner: Linda Cullen pts 189.0
NON SPORTING GROUP – Cathy Davis offers an award to the Highest Scoring dog in the Non Sporting Group.	Keeshond - GCH CH MACH12 Shoreline's Tuff Act To Follow VCD3 VER RAE2 MXG4 MJC4 MXF MFB TQX T2B Owner: Tawn Sinclair/J Sinclair pts 187.5
HERDING GROUP – Ann Hills offers an award to the Highest Scoring dog in the Herding Group.	Border Collie - Redtop The Wild Rose UDX OM2 Owner: Betty Cunningham/C Cunningham pts 197.0



## Obedience & Rally Matches

### 2nd Saturday of each month

Monthly obedience/rally matches held at Louise Park, Van Nuys, south-east corner of Louise Ave & Sherman Way, west of Balboa.

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## SPECIAL AWARDS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2014

Valley Hills Obedience Club, Inc. offers the RAYMOND MULLER MEMORIAL TROPHY, special rosette & \$100 cash prize (for competition at its Trials only) to the dog making the Highest Qualifying Score in the Regular classes. The name of the winning dog will be engraved on this trophy.	Golden Retriever – OTCH MACH2 Gaylan's Thaleia VCD3 UDX6 OM9 RAE JH MXS MJG Owner: Vicki Chaney pts 199.5
Valley Hills Obedience Club, Inc. offers the MINNA MOTT MEMORIAL TROPHY, special rosette & \$50 cash prize (for competition at its Trials only) to the dog making the highest combined score in the Open B and Utility Classes. The name of the winning dog will be engraved on this trophy.	Golden Retriever – OTCH MACH2 Gaylan's Thaleia VCD3 UDX6 OM9 RAE JH MXS MJG Owner: Vicki Chaney pts 199.5
Flo Walberg offers an award to the dog with the Highest Score in the Optional Titling classes.	Rottweiler – Jungersohn Just One Look V Esmond RN Owner: Patrick & Charlene De Mott pts 198.5
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Sarah Sykes offers a special rosette & \$50 cash prize to the Highest Combined Qualifying Score in the Rally Advanced B and Rally Excellent B Classes. This Rally High Combined prize will be a total of the scores from Advanced B and Excellent B. In case of a tie, the dog with the fastest combined time of both runs will win. If there continues to be a tie, a run-off will be run by the Rally Judge on the final course set-up for the day's Rally Judging (Excellent, Advanced or Novice per judging schedule) at the completion of all Rally judging.	Australian Shepherd – Jubilee's Caution-Red Hot! CD RE OAP NJP Owner: B Peters/E Peters-Pruitt
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Moira Cornell offers an engraved silver photo frame to the dog that earns a '200' score at its trials.	Sadly, no dog had a 200 score.
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Amy Balchum offers an award to the Highest Scoring Champion of Record in Trial.	Papillon – CH OTCH The Pines Gabriella Of Coquina UDX6 OGM GO RN Owner: H HUNTER pts 196.5
Laurie Burnam offers an award to the Highest Scoring ILP or PAL-registered dog (any breed) in Trial.	Labrador Retriever – Jane's Doublej-Piecesofmyheart RN OA AXJ Owner: J Furman pts 189.5
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WORKING GROUP – Karen Petersen offers an award to the Highest Scoring dog in the Working Group.	No Qualifying Dogs
TERRIER GROUP – Vita Allison offers an award to the Highest Scoring dog in the Terrier Group.	No Qualifying Dogs
TOY GROUP – Amanda Prince, in Memory of “Rogan”, offers an award to the Highest Scoring dog in the Toy Group.	Papillon – CH OTCH The Pines Gabriella Of Coquina UDX6 OGM GO RN Owner: H HUNTER pts 196.5
NON SPORTING GROUP – Cathy Davis offers an award to the Highest Scoring dog in the Non Sporting Group.	No Qualifying Dogs
HERDING GROUP – Ann Hills offers an award to the Highest Scoring dog in the Herding Group.	Border Collie – Redtop The Wild Rose UDX OM2 Owner: Betty Cunningham/C Cunningham pts 197.0



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# 2014 VHOC Seminars

In 2014 VHOC sponsored two wonderful Seminars. The Mike Omartian Distance Work seminar and the Bridget Carlsen Obedience Work Seminar. Both of these seminars were filled and the participants had a great time, learning new techniques and ways to interact with our dogs.

The Distance Agility seminar was a fun event, and a learning experience for some of us who don't do a lot of distance work. Mike's expertise was appreciated by all who attended. Below are some of the action shots and participants.





# 2014 VHOC Seminars Cont.

The Bridget Carlsen Seminar was filled to capacity between the working spots and over 50 audit spots. Sandy Walton did an amazing job leading this huge endeavor. She had people from all over the country and Canada flying in for this seminar. Those that attended were thrilled to work with Bridget and her motivational techniques. Below are some pictures of this event.



# Braggs



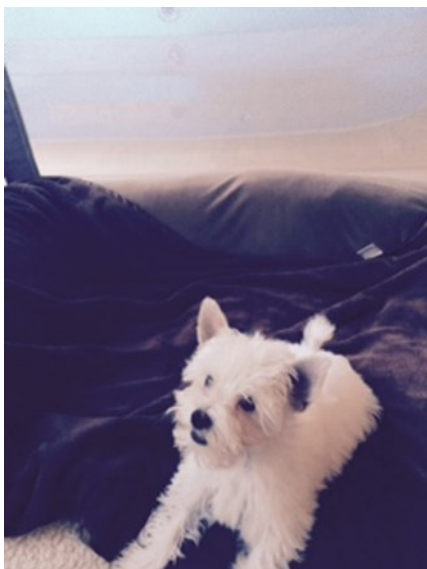
**“Kathy Spilos and Caelia:** *November 9, 2014, High Desert Labrador Specialty, CA -* Earned their **Rally Advanced** title with a first place win. That makes it three straight first place legs for team Kathy and Lia in Rally Advanced! Kathy says, ‘Way to go my *little* one, it’s such fun working with you!!’”

**Laurie Burnam and Scusi:** *November 2014 –* Just got a title certificate from ASCA for Scusi JS-N-OP Novice Jumpers Outstanding Performance, for getting 5 additional Q's after the Novice Title. *Title #21, Woo Hoo.*



One of our new members Ronda Harvey has had a very busy year, PACH 1 on Bam-Bam, PACH 1 on Casper, and she has a new puppy Flasher.

Bam-Bam PACH 1  
10-4-2014



Flasher born 7-14-14



Casper PACH 1  
7-19-2014



# More Brags

**Karen Petersen and Tink:** *December 7, 2014 Valley Hills Obedience Club, Woodley Park*  
**NEW TITLE** – Excellent Agility Jumpers Preferred (**AJP**)

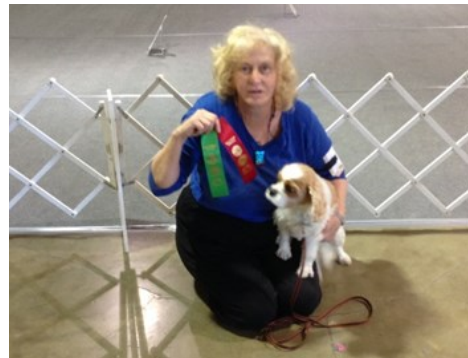
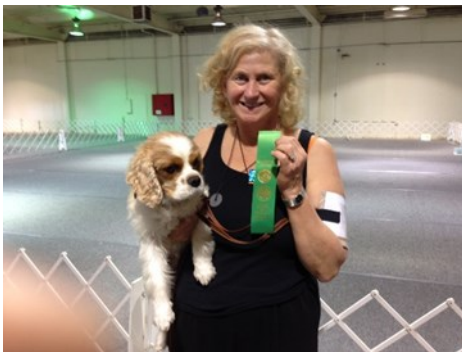
**Karen Petersen and Tink:** *December 30, 2014 Keeshond Club of Southern California, City of Industry*  
 MJP (Master Jumpers Preferred) – qualifying run and 1 PACH point, and she hasn't even entered a trail in Standard yet.

**Karen Petersen and Tink:** *January 17, 2015, Grand Canyon State Bernese Mountain Dog Club, Scottsdale AZ*  
 Continuing her quest towards Grand Master Draft Dog, Tink earned her **Brace Draft Dog (BDD)** title with her Aunt Shasta  
 Wagontale's A Little Pixie Magic BN RN AJP CAA CGC ANDD MDD BNDD BDD HCT-s

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**Sheri Scott and Spikey:** *January 17, 2015 San Fernando Kennel Club, Ventura, CA.*

**NEW TITLE** - Beginner Novice B



**NEW TITLE** Rally Advanced A with a second place.

“As we are pretty inexperienced I was delighted with his high scores, happy attitude and my lack of serious mistakes. Thanks to all those who helped us.” Sheri

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**Sharon Clarke and Flynn:** *January 2 – 4, 2015, Kennel Club of Palm Springs, Indio, CA:*

Flynn earned 2 of his 3 legs toward his Utility Dog title this weekend in Palm Springs.

Jan 2 - Friday under Judge Rick Garvin he earned a 192 for his first leg and was the only qualifier in Utility A for the day.

Jan 3 - Saturday, we tried but messed up on the moving stand for exam.

Jan 4 – On Sunday we qualified under Judge Michelle Isles with a score of 194.5 for our second leg.

# More Brags

**Debbie Lang and Quila:** *November 3, 2014, Heart of Texas Aust Shepherd Club, Bryan TX.*  
Rally Advanced B – 197 – 2<sup>nd</sup> place – **ASCA RA Title**

**Debbie Lang and Quila:** *November 5 and 6, 2014, Aust. Shepherd Club of America, Bryan, TX.*  
Rally Advanced B – 198 – **ASCA RAX Title**  
Agility new **Jumper – Elite – Superior Title**



**Debbie Lang and Quila:** *January 23, 2015, OC Rhodesian Ridgeback Club, City of Industry, CA*  
Double Q in Master Jumpers and Standard – 26 MACH points

**Debbie Lang and Fable:** *January 3, 2015, West Coast Cocker Spaniel Club, City of Industry, CA*  
Master Standard Q #5 and 9 PACH points.

**Debbie Lang and Fable:** *January 17, 2015 – San Fernando KC, Ventura CA*  
Novice B Obedience – 3<sup>rd</sup> Leg **CD Title**

**Debbie Lang and Lee:** *December 6, 2014, VHOC Obedience-Rally Trial, Woodley Park, CA*  
Rally Novice B – qualifying score – Leg 1

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## DOGS and HEALTH

I would like to highlight the health concerns for our dogs every so often in the Newsette. I came across the AKC Canine Health Foundation website and was amazed at the amount of grants they have given for a variety of different dog related studies.

We have heard so much about different diseases in dogs. Some breeds are more prone to one disease or another. Each breed is unique, yet there are some diseases that potentially can affect any dog. A lot of us give generously to our own canine charities or research. Within our own club we have Terry and Kim Simons with the CLEAR organization, which is doing amazing things in raising awareness for Canine Lymphoma. CLEAR is one of so many deserving groups working to improve our dog's lives. Within the dog community there is also the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation, Inc. The AKC set up this charitable organization in 1995. This foundation is dedicated to advancing the health of all dogs and their owners by funding sound scientific research and supporting the dissemination of health information to prevent, treat, and cure canine disease. The foundation provides grants each year, each grant is rigorously reviewed for scientific merit, potential impact on the field of study, and the potential to help the most dogs. The grant described below is just one of the hundreds that the AKC Canine Health Foundation has on file.

Grant - 02071: Development of a Therapeutic Brain Tumor Vaccine

Grant Status: Open

Grant Amount: \$130,572

Dr. Grace Elizabeth Pluhar, DVM, PhD, University of Minnesota

January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2015

Sponsor(s): Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America

Breed(s): -All Dogs

Disease(s): Brain Tumors

Research Program Area: Oncology

### **Abstract**

Meningiomas are the most common primary brain tumor in dogs that affects more than 10,000 dogs in the U.S. annually. These tumors occur most frequently in older dogs and in certain breeds -- Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, Boxers, German Shepherd Dogs and Collies -- causing uncontrolled generalized grand mal seizures in most cases. Although the biological behavior of these tumors is generally considered benign, most meningiomas recur less than one year after either surgery or radiation therapy. Furthermore, radiation therapy is expensive, involves many, repeated episodes of general anesthesia, and cause severe adverse effects. Longer survival times can be achieved through special techniques, but most dogs treated undergo more standard surgical removal and/or radiation therapy. Clearly, there is an urgent need for novel therapies to prevent tumor recurrence and increase survival time after surgery. Dr. Pluhar has developed immunotherapy protocols for dogs with gliomas, and recently assessed this strategy in a pilot study treating meningiomas with tumor lysate vaccines. Her data for six dogs showed this approach was safe, feasible and effective. Dr. Pluhar now proposes a larger clinical trial treating 30 dogs with meningioma by surgery alone or surgery followed by vaccines. They expect to see a specific immune response to the vaccines that prevents tumor recurrence. The data from the proposed study will provide further proof of safety and efficacy of vaccine-based therapy to support: 1) more widespread use in dogs and 2) initiation of a Phase I trial for high grade and recurrent meningioma in humans.

This information is taken from the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation, Inc. website (<http://www.akcchf.org/>)

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Saturday, Feb. 28, 2015, 9 AM – 3 PM

ACVO Eye Exams by Dr. Michael Chang



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Additional clinic fee: \$2 per dog payable to HDLRC



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**No drop-ins, please.**

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***HDLRC Annual Meeting*** 12 Noon – 1 PM

***Election of 2015 – 2016 Officers & Board.*** Ballots will be available from 10 AM – 3 PM.

***Potluck lunch at 12 Noon.*** RSVP to Diane Curry if you are bringing a dish. Members and non-members welcome. Email:

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