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June General Membership Meeting

Come join us for a night of
Canine Freestyle

Friday, June 15th at 6:30 PM

At the CPLC

Appetizers and Dessert Welcome

Please RSVP to Carole Hills

At

chills37@aol.com

June is:

National Pet Preparedness Month

June 3—9 Pet Appreciation Week

June 18—22 Take your Pet to
Work Week

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
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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:

Debbie Lang at
djang@sbcglobal.net

Submission deadline is the 8th of each month

This is YOUR Newsette...make it great!

June General Membership Meeting

Friday June 15—At 6:30 PM—Being held at CPLC

Come out and check out Canine Freestyle

If you've been out to the training grounds on a Thursday night, you may have wondered about the music.

It's coming from VHOC's newest class - Canine Freestyle. This sport incorporates obedience, rally, and agility, tricks and dance.

Several of the students in the Thursday class are preparing for their first competition which involves choreographing their own dance.

We thought you might like to see what they've come up with. Afterwards, we'll open up the dance to anyone that wants to give it a try.

Please bring a Appetizer or Dessert to share.

Please join us Friday, June 15th at 6:30pm.

Dance On!!!

Monica Nolan, VHOC Freestyle Instructor

**RSVP to Carole Hills,
Corresponding Secretary
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS—VHOC General Meetings 2018

| <i>Month</i> | <i>Meeting Date</i> | <i>Activity/Topic</i> | <i>Coordinator(s)</i> |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JUNE | 6-15 | Freestyle Demo | Monica Nolan |
| JULY | 7-13 | Introduction to AKC Scent Work | Shiro Torquato |
| AUG | 8-17 | Treibball Intro/Demo | Carole Hills & Ann Hills |
| SEP | 9-21 | Agility | Debbie Lang & Nancy Giltner |
| OCT | 10-19 | Halloween Costumes and Games | Jen Voogt |



Do not leave your dogs, cats or kids in a car unsupervised in the heat.

Be careful walking your dogs in the heat, with our high temperatures, pads can easily be burned, trying walking without shoes, if you can't—*Don't expect your dog to.*





Dear Friends,

In two years, someone we haven't met yet will sit anxiously in his dorm room, waiting for a trainer to walk in with a trained guide dog picked especially for him. In two years, someone we haven't met yet will grasp the harness handle, take a deep breath, say, "Forward!" and take her first steps without a white cane or holding the arm of a friend. In two years, someone we haven't met yet will experience the overwhelming sense of freedom that comes from knowing their guide dog will help them safely find their way.

But not without you.

Volunteer puppy raisers are the cornerstone of our training program at Guide Dogs of America. They are the only reason we are able to fulfil our mission to empower people who are blind and visually impaired to live with increased independence, confidence and mobility, by providing expertly matched guide dog partners.

We need your help!

We are currently awaiting an abundance of puppies this summer! If you've ever considered raising a guide dog puppy, now is a WONDERFUL time to become involved! Our early enrichment program means our puppies confidently transition into homes, ready to learn, and our puppy classes and ongoing educational workshops teach you everything you need to know about how to raise a GDA puppy. We offer full "tech support" on our puppies!

If you're thinking, "I'd love to raise a guide dog puppy, but I could never give it up," here's what you should know: Raising a guide dog puppy and sending it off to "guide dog college" is not "giving it up" anymore than raising and sending a human child off to college is about giving them up. It's a win-win. If the dog you raise becomes a guide, you get the honor of knowing you played a pivotal role in making that happen, and you gain the eternal gratitude (and often, friendship!) of your dog's new partner. If the dog does not excel in guide work, you, as the puppy raiser, are given the opportunity to adopt the dog. If you choose not to adopt, we have a 7-year waitlist of wonderful families looking to adopt a "career change" dog from GDA.

We are proud of what we do here at Guide Dogs of America, and we'd love to tell you more about the program and welcome you into the fold as a volunteer puppy raiser.

Together, we can MAKE TEAMS COME TRUE!



How To Be Patient With Your New Puppy

By *Jan Reisen*
Jul 28, 2016 | 2 Minutes



Photo courtesy of Lori Toth, AKC Breeder of Merit

There is so much you're trying to teach your new puppy, that it can feel overwhelming: house-training, sleeping through the night, not to nip, not to chew, and all the other household rules you've established. Add to that a puppy's natural curiosity and energy, and you might start to feel as if he'll never get it. This is a learning process for both of you; he or she is eager to please you and understand what's expected of him or her, but you must also learn to be patient, calm, and consistent.

Dogs are sensitive to the moods of their owners. If you're anxious, frustrated, and impatient, your puppy senses that, and it may make it harder to get through to him. He'll respond best to you when you're calm, upbeat, and assertive. If you find yourself becoming frustrated or losing patience, take a deep breath and follow a few simple guidelines to get back on track.

- Try to see life from your puppy's perspective. He has a limited understanding of what you're asking of him; this new environment is still confusing, and he doesn't yet have much control over his behavior. If you respond to him in a loud, angry voice or with rough handling, he'll be less likely to trust you or respond positively.
- If you start to lose patience, take a break. You might need to step away and take some deep calming breaths. Or you can gently place him in his crate or gated area and give yourself time to relax and calm down.
- Understand the breed's behavioral traits and temperament. If you've done your homework about your puppy's breed, it will be easier to work with his natural tendencies than against them.
- Spend lots of time with your puppy. Creating a bond and building trust will make it easier for him to learn what your expectations are and might lower your frustration level.
- Practice *does* make perfect. He may not understand what you're teaching him the first time, or even the fifth time. But with patience and consistency, you're giving him the opportunity to succeed. And don't forget to praise him, even for small victories.

Bringing this adorable bundle of energy into your home is life changing and not always in expected ways. Keep in mind that you're trying to teach him good lifetime habits, and that won't happen overnight. Patience, consistency, and practice will help you be a good owner and your puppy a well-behaved canine family member.

Taken from AKC website—<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/dog-care/articles/how-to-be-patient-with-your-new-puppy>

Having fun at the May General Meeting

We had a great turnout at the May General meeting where we held Trick Dog and Canine Good Citizen Evaluations. A good time was had by all, particularly since everyone passed!

We had 23 dogs participate and earn 28 titles. 21 Trick Dog evaluations were done: 7 Novice, 11 Intermediate, 2 Advanced and 1 Performance. In addition, 6 CGC evaluations were given and one CGCA (Community Canine Good Citizen).

A big thanks to our Evaluators of the night - Kathy Spilos and Marcia Siderow for Trick Dog, and Lindia Brown for the CGCs.

If you missed out, don't worry. VHOC will be offering Trick Dog and CGC evaluations on December 7th, during its annual match.



Foxtail Grass: Awns of Destruction for Western Dogs

Foxtail awns present the most insidious threat to the health of dogs in the Western United States. Here is how to identify foxtails, get them off your property, and protect your dog.

By Nancy Kerns

In California, where I have spent all but one year of my life (so far) with dogs, there are two types of dog owners: those have spent a small fortune having veterinarians remove foxtails from some part of their dogs' bodies, and those who haven't – yet. I'm in the first group, and I would hazard a guess that the first group is far larger than the second.

If you live in the western United States (particularly California), are planning to visit with your dog, or have adopted a dog who spent any time in that part of the country, you should know all the ways that this plant can hurt your dog (and your bank account!). It doesn't matter if the exposure was recent or months ago. If the dog has been near foxtail grass, read on!



The bristling plumes in front of Cole are immature, green, soft foxtails - the reproductive structures of a grass that is commonly referred to by the same name. When the grass dries, these plumes dry up and become nearly adhesive, thanks to microscopic barbs on each one of those thread-like awns.

For those lucky folks in eastern North America who ask, “What are foxtails?”:

There are many plants in the grass family, *Hordeum* genus, that have fox tail-shaped reproductive structures, such as *Hordeum brachyantherum* (found all over western North America) and *Hordeum jubatum* (widespread in the United States and Canada). *Hordeum murinum* and *Hordeum marinum* (which appear across most of the western U.S.), though, are the grass species that cause the most harm to dogs (and other animals). Only botanists refer to these grasses by their scientific

Foxtails - continued

names, however; mostly, the grass is called by the common and descriptive name of its reproductive structure: foxtails, or foxtail grass.

Foxtail grass isn't present only in California, but the state is definitely ground zero for this injurious plant. It grows as well in pastures and lawns as it does in gravel driveways and cracks in the sidewalk. The seeds germinate in winter, and when the plant starts to grow in the late winter and early spring, it's actually lovely; it's a bright green, soft, fast-growing grass that many dogs find irresistible for chewing. As it begins to mature in mid-spring, it produces the structure that resembles a fox's tail: a thick, bristly spike that starts out green and soft. As spring temperatures increase and the rains end, the grass begins to dry out and the spikes turn yellow. The drier they get, the more brittle they become, and the plume-like "foxtail" starts to fall apart into individual segments, each tipped by a sharp seed and trailing those propulsive awns.

Our dogs and other animals carry the seeds far from the plants that shed them, helping spread them far and wide, but the journey of some seeds into our dogs has no purpose of propagation. The real purpose of the awns is to help the seeds work their way into the soil, where they bury themselves and wait for winter rainfall to germinate and start the cycle again.

Foxtails Are Designed to Penetrate Anything

The seeds of this nasty grass seem to have a special affinity for invading dogs' bodies. The three most common hazards are these: They get sniffed into dog noses, work their way into dog ears, and lodge between dog toes. Each of these sites is a mere port of entry for these sturdy seeds; once inside, they start a relentless crawl forward, traveling deeper into a dog's tissue with every passing hour. They are sometimes found in exploratory surgeries years afterward; the durable seed and awn fibers resist breaking down in the body as if they were made of plastic.

Those common jumping-off points for the foxtail's inner-dog journey are not the only ones, however. Foxtails can penetrate any part of your dog; all they need is a place to attach. In dogs with very short hair (like American Pit Bull Terriers, Vizslas, and Weimaraners), they need a fold in the skin of some kind (armpit, vagina, prepuce). To these bristly seeds, longer, thicker, or curly coats behave a little like the "loop" side of a Velcro-type hook-and-loop fastener; a foxtail can stick to the coat, and wherever it sticks, it will start to burrow, enabling the seeds to penetrate anywhere on the furry dogs' bodies.

How do they do that?! The seeds are very hard and tipped with a sharp point that is capable of puncturing your dog's skin and entering his body. Attached to the seed are long, fibrous awns, which are covered with microscopic bristles that are arranged in a single direction, like the teeth on a rasp or nail file. Any contact with these tiny bristles literally pushes the seed forward, trailing its awn behind it.



Foxtails - continued

If you push one of these seeds between your fingers, and then try to pull it out backward, you will begin to understand how they can pierce a dog's skin and begin to forge, arrow-like, in the dog's body: It's very difficult to pull the seed backward, against the "grain" of the tiny bristles. If you pull on the seeds (and awns) when they're fully dried and brittle (which occurs in late spring), the awn tends to break off (sort of like a captured lizard's tail). This frees the remaining parts of the foxtail, which continues its singularly forward travel with every movement of the dog.

If a foxtail incursion is detected immediately, they can usually be removed from the dog relatively quickly and easily. Once, I was taking an after-work walk with a good friend and our (combined) four dogs when I noticed that, after urinating and then standing up, her spayed Kelpie, Chaco, had a few drops of blood dripping from her vulva. My friend and I looked at each other and simultaneously said two words that start with the letter F, one of which was "Foxtail!"

We immediately turned around and quickened our pace in an effort to get back to my car and get to the closest veterinary clinic before it closed. The vet was able to use a speculum and alligator retractor and remove the foxtail from Chaco's vagina within two minutes; she spent a few more minutes making sure that not even a tiny segment of awn was left behind. The bill was less than \$100.

I hate to think of what would have happened if we had not happened to see the couple of drops of blood that tipped us off to the foxtail invasion of poor Chaco's nether end. Had it spent another day or two working its way into Chaco's vagina, it surely would have caused infection and localized tissue damage, and could have easily traveled anywhere else in her abdomen. Radiographs, ultrasound, and exploratory surgery to find it later would have costs thousands.

The take-home point: If your dog has been anywhere near foxtails, and has any sort of abnormal sign of discomfort or irritation – shaking her head, an uncharacteristic squint, repetitively licking her paw or other part of her body, sneezing, coughing, gagging – call your vet and make an appointment as soon as possible.

Foxtail Dog Damage Horror Stories

Foxtails - continued

Twice in as many years, I've seen one of the puppies that I was fostering pawing at his or her face and found and removed a foxtail that had just gotten lodged under the pup's eyelid. Each time, I thanked my stars that I was right there when it happened and that I noticed the puppy's discomfort right away.

I'm even more grateful for this now, since I asked friends and followers of WDJ's Facebook page for foxtail horror stories and was told by two different people that their dog had to have an eye surgically removed after being damaged by a foxtail. ACK!

I'm going to share more anecdotes from people who responded to my request for their "worst foxtail story" – not for the shock value, but so you can be alert to the variety of ways that these freaky seeds can invade your dog and wreak havoc:

- "I know someone who lost two of her working dogs to foxtails in one year. One of them ended up with a foxtail in his lungs; the other was female and the foxtail entered through her vagina and into internal organs."
- "One of our dogs started coughing up specks of blood. We had to have her 'scoped (with the dog fully anesthetized, an endoscopic camera is passed down the dog's throat and into the lungs). The vet found a foxtail lodged in the lining of our dog's lung and extracted it. That was the most expensive video we ever bought!"
- "My Belgian Sheepdog, Bing, got one in his throat. His airway partially closed. It took an emergency trip to our local vet and then an emergency trip to Penn Vet and an entire team of specialists to do exploratory surgery. Four weeks of prednisone and antibiotics followed. Treatment was particularly challenging because he was a biter, so no evaluations could be done with him awake. The event was a total life-changer for him, and not in a good way."
- "At one time I owned a Redbone hound who got a foxtail between her toes that quickly moved up her leg. The vet operated but could not find the foxtail. A month later she abscessed on her side and the vet operated again, and again he couldn't find it. She had two more surgeries with no luck. I couldn't afford more operations even though she was a good hunting dog and valuable. I gave her to a man who had her operated on two more times and finally got the foxtail. The dog recovered but was covered with scars. The one foxtail cost thousands of dollars and over a year to take care of."
- "My one-year-old Golden inhaled a foxtail that traveled through her lung and created an infection in the space next to her heart. She needed open heart surgery to remove the mass and part of her lung. The cost was more than \$10,000. Although she nearly died several times that month, she recovered completely. Unfortunately, the scar tissue weakened her heart over time and eventually caused its failure at just eight years old."
- "Teala was my heart and soul. She was the first dog I ever purchased insurance for, back in 2008. Because of this experience, I have sworn to always keep all of my dogs on medical insurance for their entire lives. I never want to have to make a medical or emotional decision because of finances."
- "When Bailey was just a puppy, she got a couple in her paws and one in her ear the first summer we moved to California from Texas. Foxtails don't exist in Texas, and we had absolutely no idea whatsoever that they were a hazard – and our backyard was full of them! Now we pull em like crazy, and they are all but gone from the yard."

Foxtails - continued

Foxtail Hazard Reduction

The Outfox foxtail protection mask for dogs.



In the stories above, you may have gleaned a few helpful hints about how to reduce the odds that your dog will be invaded by one of these evil awns – and if she is, what you should do. Here are more:

- **If you walk or hike in foxtail country**, consider the only effective protective gear made to prevent the awns from being swallowed, sniffed, or lodged in your dog's ears: the [Outfox Field Guard](#). This is essentially a net that your dog wears over his whole head. He can see through it, pant, drink, and even carry toys while wearing it, but he can't get a foxtail anywhere on his face while wearing it.
- **Check your dog after every exposure to the weeds, especially between his toes.** If he has the kind of coat that attracts foxtails, brush or comb him thoroughly, daily.
- **Pull up the foxtail plant by the roots as soon as it begins to produce its signature plumes in the spring.** Before the plumes appear, it's hard to tell which grass is foxtail grass and which is not. Dispose of the whole plants in your yard-waste bin or bag them securely and send them to the landfill. The seeds often survive even intense composting; I wouldn't even try it.
- **Don't use a string trimmer** on them if you can help it. String trimmers actually help disperse the seeds widely.
- **If you must mow the grass, use a grass-catcher** and dispose of the clippings in the manner described above. But understand that as long as there is any moisture in the ground and the plant is still alive, after mowing, it will begin to produce the plumes right at ground level.
- **I have heard reports that a propane-torch "weed burner" can help control the weeds.** I just bought one. I will get back to you on its efficacy. I can't wait to go burn some foxtails. I might be happy to burn them even if it doesn't help me control their population on my property.
- **I HATE to ever recommend the use of Roundup or any other type of herbicide...** But we know people who could not eliminate foxtail grass from their property any other way. If you haven't been able to prevent your dog from getting foxtails in his body every year and the grass is all over your property, we wouldn't blame you for resorting to this.

Foxtails - continued

■ It bears repeating: **If your dog exhibits any sign or abnormal behavior after being exposed to foxtails, go to a veterinary clinic.** Of particular note: excessive blinking or pawing at the eyes, sneezing, coughing, gagging, head-shaking, paw-licking (or any targeted licking, especially if you see a raw, red bump), or pain or discomfort while or after urinating.

■ **Maintain a health savings account or [health insurance](#) for your dog.** If you live in foxtail country, whether you have them in your yard or encounter them on your dog walks, you should be prepared to pay for an expensive vet visit or three at some point.

Nancy Kerns is WDJ's editor.

Article from – https://www.whole-dog-journal.com/issues/21_6/features/Foxtail-Grass-Awns-and-Dogs_21852-1.html

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Cynthia Casby and Mac

Finally got the official results from the May FAST CAT at Chino. Mac is the second fastest collie in the country (by 0.01 seconds) and Potter is the 4th. Results are in the AKC website by Breed and year! I knew he was fast but wow!

Paula Geigle and Lexie

New Title

May 10, 2018—VHOC Agility Trial, Stone Pony, Moorpark, CA;

Lexie completed her AKC Open Jumper agility title with a 1st place.

May 12, 2018—Buenaventura DTC, Simi Valley, CA:

Lexie earned her first Rally Novice leg with a 97, second place.

Laurie Burnam and Scusi—May 26-28, 2018 Australian Shepherd Club of SoCal, ASCA Agility - Juniper Hills, Ca

Elite Regular 10 Q 2nd place

Elite Regular 5 Q 4th place

Elite Gamblers 10 Q 2nd place

Elite Gamblers 10 Q 3rd place

Elite Gamblers 10 Q 3rd place

Elite Jumpers 10 Q 4th place

Elite Jumpers 10 Q 5th place

Elite Jumpers 10 Q 5th place

Elite Jumpers 10 Q 5th place

Laurie Burnam and Scusi—June 2-3, 2018, Australian Shepherd Club of So Cal, ASCA Agility - Juniper Hills, Ca

Elite Regular 10 Q 2nd place

Elite Gamblers 10 Q 1st place

Elite Jumpers 10 Q 2nd place

New Title

Brags

Tommy Dickey and Teddy

Theodore Nansen RE CD THDD CGCA CGCU TKN FDC (Teddy) received his Pet Therapy Advanced Degree for Young Adults: Education (ThD ya:ed) from the Love on a Leash Therapy Dog Organization. He is shown here at a UCSB therapy Dog day.



Tommy Dickey and Linkin

GCH Hot Rod Linkin RE BN THDD CGCA CGCU TKN (Linkin) received his Pet Therapy Advanced Degree for Elderly Social Visits (ThD e:sv) from the Love on a Leash Therapy Dog Organization. He is shown here with Alice, his 99 year old friend.

New Title

Tommy Dickey with Teddy and Summer— May 13, 2018, Pleasant Valley Stockdog club, Am and PM Trials, Ventura, CA:

CH R Pyr Strongsky All Summer Long! RN THD CGCA CGCU TKN (Summer)

R Pyr Theodore Nansen CD BN RE THDD CGCA CGCU TKN (Teddy)

Farm Dog Certified Titles



New Title

Allison Pobirs and Ladd— May 26-28, 2018—ASCA Agility, ASCSC—Juniper Hills, CA:

This was a memorable Memorial Day weekend for Ladd and I. We hung out with friends, shared meals, and agility with our dogs and friends. Ladd went home with 7 Qs, and other great runs (despite a bobble or two). Ladd even completed a couple of titles!!

This past weekend assuming my calculations are correct, we completed our Elite Gamblers, Elite Jumpers and Open Standard titles with placements: (4) 1st, (2) 2nds, (1) 4th



New Title



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Braggs

Monica Nolan with Mikko and Augie

My boys had a busy month.

Mikko got his Intermediate Trick Dog Title and Community Canine Good Citizen (CCGC), plus went on his first two Therapy Dog visits. He loved it!

Augie also got his Intermediate Trick Dog, passed his Instinct Herding test with flying colors (and sore paws), and got his first Intermediate Rally leg (2nd place - 93) at the Pasadena Trial.

Augie received his Achiever Dog Certificate from the AKC.



New Title

Trudi Schoolhouse and Simone—June 3, 2018—Pasadena KC, Pasadena, CA:

Simone got her Rally Novice Title with a second place.

New Title

Trudi Schoolhouse and Sebastian

Sebastian got his Achiever Dog award from the AKC.



Cynthia Casby with Potter and MacGyver at the May VHOC General Membership Meeting
Potter got her TKI and MacGyver got a TKN at the club meeting May 18

New Title

Carole Raschella with Branson (Irish Setter) and Gilty (Gordon Setter)

BRANSON—Three days after he turned six months, at the Irish Setter Club of Southern California Specialty on April 27, Branson (Galewinns Seventh Precious Gift) took Reserve Winners Dog out of the 6-9 month puppy class, and two days later, at the Lake Mathews show, he was Winners Dog for his first point. Two weeks later, we went to the at the Ventura Kennel Club show, just for experience as he was the only dog, so technically he went Winners Dog again, though there were no points. Finally, at the Sporting Dog Specialty in Pomona on May 24, he went Best of Breed in Sweepstakes.

The two biggest accomplishments of his busy schedule, however, were keeping all four feet on the ground while the judges went over him, and using those same four feet to go around the ring smoothly when required, without breaking into a happy dance on the way. He even stood still long enough to get a couple of photos. I was so proud of him!



Braggs

GILTY—In addition, for the first time in three years, Gilty (Bit O' Gold Gilt of Strathleven CGC TKN) finally got back in the ring at the Antelope Valley Kennel Club show on May 27. He remembered what to do and went Winners Dog, which, due to the lack of Gordon Setters in southern California, gives him a grand total of six points. Not that we care. He's been perfectly happy doing his thing in freestyle. To the tune of "Scotland, The Brave," naturally.

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Roxanne Stevenson and Gibson -

On the first weekend in April, PACH Trolley-car's A Little Night Music (Gibson) earned his Novice Draft Dog title at the Bernese Mountain Dog Draft Dog Test in Costa Mesa. It's my understanding that Gibson is only the second Golden Retriever to earn a draft dog title. I'm pleased to say that he passed the obedience test easily, hauled his weighted cart handily up the hill and completely ignored the squirrels and ducks along the way.



New Title

Robyn Zeldon and Lux

Lux Q'd in Novice exteriors, interiors, buried and containers.

She got a 3rd place in containers, she titled in exteriors and buried. They ran out of title ribbons.

This was at the AKC Scentwork Trial in Pomona on May 27th.

New Title



Debbie Lang and Fable—

Fable passed her Herding Instinct Certification on May 12

Pictured working with Robin at On the Lamb Herding.



Sharon Clarke and Dash—

On Friday, May 25, 2018 Dash earned his CD title with a score of 197.5 He was also high in trial at the Standard Schnauzer Specialty.

New Title

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Allison Pobirs and Ladd—*June 9, 2019, High Desert Agility Club trial, Simi Valley, CA:*

Excellent JWW Q 1st

Judge: Kylie Bourke



New Title

Ronda Harvey—*May 24, 2018 , San Gabriel Valley KC, Pomona, CA:*

BamBam PACH 10

New Title

Ronda Harvey—*May 31, 2018—Poodle Club of So Cal, Stone Pony, Moorpark, CA:*

Casper PACH 9



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Yvonne Garst—Captain and Barbie

Yvonne and Captain NACSW 1/27/18 Element Specialty Trial, Woodland Hills, CA New Title L1E

Yvonne and Captain NACSW 5/06/18 Element Specialty Trial, Rancho Cucamonga, CA. New Title L1C

Yvonne and Captain VHOC 5/18/18 Trick Testing, New Title TKI

Yvonne and Barbie VHOC 5/18/18 Trick Testing, New Title TKI

Yvonne and Captain NACSW 5/27/18 NW3 Nose Work Trial, Santa Paula, CA, New Title NW3

Yvonne and Captain NACSW 5/27/18 NW3 Nose Work Trial, Santa Paula, CA, New Title NW3-C



Congratulations on all the New Titles

Captain NW 3 Title

Marcia Siderow and Matisse—Matisse got his intermediate tricks title and did his first therapy dog visit at CSUN.

Marcia Siderow and Remi—Remi got his intermediate tricks title and Q'd twice in excellent jumpers, once in excellent standard, time to beat, and twice in masters fast. He also Q'd in masters snooker.

Marcia Siderow and Pride—Pride, at under 5 months, got his novice tricks title. Great puppy!



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Intro to Tracking Workshop

"Introduction to Tracking Workshop", presented by Vita Allison at Jump Start Dog Sports in Yorba Linda on **Saturday, June 16, 2018** from 9 a.m.- 12 pm.

This workshop is open to all dog enthusiasts who are interested in learning the basics of tracking and will cover the following topics:

- * 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
- * And of course plenty of Q & A

What to bring:

- * Canopy and chair (all participants)
- * Dog crate/dog, water bowl/water, plenty of small, soft treats, flat buckle collar or martingale, leash (working spots only). Note: for working spots, you are welcome to bring any tracking equipment you have, but it is not at all necessary
- * We will provide coffee and pastries

Workshop pricing:

- * 9 Working Spots – \$75/spot
- * Unlimited Audit Spots – \$45/spot

Be sure to reserve your spot today by signing up online or in person at our Jump Start Office (open M-Th, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 4-8 p.m.). For more information please call our office staff at 714-985-1555.

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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 & your dog to tracking!!

Hope to see you there!

Pets for Vets Fundraiser



Coming Soon to Freedom Park, Camarillo
Southern California Collie Club June 30th

This is our Saturday special events trial with
10 for 90 runs
\$5 hot dog & hamburger BBQ Live Music

ALL proceeds will benefit Pets For Vets, Antelope Valley Chapter

DETAILS:

\$10 FOR 90 - Just for fun - practice contacts, weave poles, run the course or make up your own. \$10 for 90 seconds on one of the last courses of the day. Dog doesn't have to be entered in the trial but must be at least 15 months old and agility trained.

\$5 hot dog & hamburger BBQ Will take place after the trial on Saturday around 5pm. Will include sides, drinks and dessert.

Live Music This year we will have Leslie and Terry Raegan of "Queens of Heart & The Ace" playing fun bluegrass music as a duo with their multi-instrumental talents.

Pets For Vets is a non-profit National Organization that matches shelter dogs with veterans suffering from PTSD. The dogs are trained to be emotional support for these veterans, saving the lives of veterans and dogs, and giving both a chance for a new beginning. I'm proud to be a trainer for the newly formed Antelope Valley Chapter. www.petsforvets.com

Thanks to you, in past years this event has raised hundreds of dollars for this organization and I hope this year will continue the tradition. If you can't make the trial or stay for the fun on Saturday, please feel free to send a donation via check made payable to Pets for Vets to me at P.O. Box 752, Leona Valley, CA 93551 See you there!

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