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Save the Date—July 17th our General Meeting will be at Nancy Giltner's home.

We will have a presentation by Dr. Dody Tyneway
The attached flyer has the address and RSVP information.

See page 14



Tentative August General Meeting—Friday August 21st

REMINDER

Remember to check the website
<http://www.vhoc.org>
for announcements, cancelled classes,
upcoming events and other important club information.

If you know of a member who would appreciate receiving correspondence, such as a get-well card, sympathy card, etc., please email our Corresponding Secretary, Melody Myers, at
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Welcome to our New Members!

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

Natasha Cohen and her Visla Woody

Taking Care of Your Dogs Pads During the Hot Summer Months

Taken from <http://vetmedicine.about.com/od/diseasesconditionsfaqs/qt/hotfeet.htm>

Dog's feet and pads are tough, right? Most people are aware that foot pads can be injured by stepping on something sharp, but what about something hot? Dangerously hot pavement and metal surfaces are hard to avoid in the heat of summer. Walking or running on hard pavement is tough on feet, too.

Pavement, metal or tar-coated asphalt get extremely hot in the summer sun. We remember to wear sandals, walk on the grass and not sit down on these surface in the heat of the day (most of the time -- I know that I have been surprised a time or two).

Harder to remember is summer heat and our dog's feet. Unlike the obvious wounds such as lacerations, foot infections (fungal, bacterial), or foreign bodies such as [cheat grass](#), burned pads may not be apparent to the eye, at least initially.

Signs of burned pads:

- limping or refusing to walk
- licking or chewing at the feet
- pads darker in color
- missing part of pad
- blisters or redness



Another Way to Injure Pads on Hot Pavement

A colleague and I presented at a wilderness first aid talk for people who love to be in the outdoors with their dogs. One of the audience members shared a story of what had happened to their dog and brought up a good point about foot pad health.

They had been swimming/floating in the river for about an hour and a half. When it was time to go, they walked along the road, but then their Labrador Retriever refused to go on. They figured that he was just exhausted from the swim. Turns out, his foot pads were bleeding and he was in pain. The time in the water has softened his pads up quite a bit and the hot road asphalt severely burned the pads.

Taking Care of Your Dogs Pads During the Hot Summer Months—continued

Burned Pad First Aid

It is important to keep the foot area cool and clean. As soon as you notice the problem (limping along on the road), flush with cool water or a cool compress if available. Get the dog to a grassy area or if possible, carry him.

At first chance, your vet should examine your dog for signs of deeper burns, blisters and possibility of infection. Your vet will determine if antibiotics or pain medication is needed.

Washing the feet with a gentle cleanser and keeping them clean is important. Bandaging can be difficult to do and to maintain (monitor and change often), but licking *must be kept to a minimum*. Some dogs will tolerate a sock to keep the area clean, but caution is advised for dogs that may [chew and ingest the sock](#). Lick deterrents (bitter sprays) may help reduce the damage *caused by* licking.

Prevention is Best

Best advice is to be mindful of hot surfaces -- asphalt and metal (i.e. boat dock, car or truck surfaces) -- and walk your dog on the cool side of the street or in the grass.

Another tip is to lay down a wet towel for your dog to stand on when grassy areas are not available. Good way to keep cool while loading up the car.

Please note: This article has been provided for informational purposes only. If your pet is showing any signs of illness, please consult a veterinarian as quickly as possible.

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Dogs and Health - Dog Food

Disclaimer: This information is taken from the Better Food for Dogs website – it is not the opinion of VHOC and VHOC does not endorse any specific brand over another. This information is taken from the website—Better Food For Dogs:

<http://betterfoodfordogs.com/>

TOP 10 BEST DOG FOODS, 2014 / 2015 – **These Best Dog Food Brands** are Natural, Grain Free, Holistic and have REAL MEAT – Human Grade, Organic, Dehydrated, Raw, Kibble and Canned available here.

TOP 10 BEST DOG FOOD BRANDS Updated for 2015. These **Top 10 Best Dog Foods** feature NATURAL, GRAIN FREE, HOLISTIC and/or ORGANIC ingredients. Human Grade, Dehydrated, Raw, Kibble and Canned available.

These top rated dog foods should be used as a comparative guide if your are looking to upgrade to a better quality dog food.

There are many excellent choices of dog food available today. Choose by process of elimination and decide by personal preference.

These 10 best dog food brands are top ranked all natural dog foods (according to the Better Food for Dogs website)

All Natural Top 10 Best Dog Foods include:

1. Orijen,
2. Acana,
3. Dr. Harvey's,
4. Blue Wilderness,
5. Wellness Core,
6. Stella & Chewys,
7. The Honest Kitchen,
8. Nature's Variety,
9. Addiction
10. Taste of the Wild.

This top 10 list of best natural holistic dog food brands may change due to further recalls, changes in production or other criteria.”

According to the website this list is upgraded periodically. More information can be found at the URL: http://betterfoodfordogs.com/top_ten_dog_foods/

This site has information on Raw dogs food, Homemade dog foods and Commercial dog foods.

Dog and Health - Dog Food

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According to Better Food for Dogs they have listed their picks for the TOP 10 Worst Dog Food Brands for 2015 – URL: <http://betterfoodfordogs.com/worst-dog-food/>

“There is a huge difference between best and worst dog foods. From corn based to meat based, learn how to choose.

What are the top 10 worst dog foods on the market today?

Well there are many. First of all you must read and watch for various recalls. They are in the news daily recently, and certainly these should be eliminated without any thought.

Also eliminate dog foods that contain known imported ingredients from China.

Too many chemicals and cheap filler ingredients eaten regularly by our pets is the same as us eating a strictly over processed fast food diet daily for life.

Dogs need fresh meat, fruits and vegetables in their diets. Meat is the most important source of nutrition, as dogs are carnivores. Any foods containing corn or wheat or starch as the main ingredients is not what they are meant eat.

Of course, feeding this cheaper food regularly has been part of our culture for over 30 years, due to the big corporations making us believe this is the truth.

Also, any dog food that has **MENADIONE SODIUM BISULFITE** (Called Synthetic Vitamin K on the label), should be completely avoided. This is a cancer causing chemical”

This synthetic version of vitamin K has not been specifically approved for long term use, such as in pet food. It has been linked to many serious health issues. If you are not aware of this, it sounds like one of the healthy vitamins, but beware.

The MSDS guide for Menadione Sodium Bisulfite states:

- “Potential Chronic Health Effects:
- CARCINOGENIC EFFECTS: 3 (Not classifiable for humans) by IARC
- MUTAGENIC EFFECTS: Mutagenic for mammalian somatic cells.
- The substance is toxic to kidneys, lungs, liver, mucous membranes
- Repeated or prolonged exposure to the substance can produce target organs damage.”

The complete MSDS explanation is located at this URL address: <http://www.sciencelab.com/msds.php?msdsId=9924604>

Braggs -

Cynthia Casby and Peanut—June 21, 2015, *Southwest Obedience Club of Los Angeles, Gardena, CA:*

Beginner Novice— with a score of 190.5 2nd Leg for 3rd Place.

Sharon Clarke and Flynn— June 7, 2015 , *German Shepherd Dog Specialty, Claremont, CA:*

PM Trial—Utility B—2nd place with a score of 196+ having won the run off because of a tie for second place.

Sharon Clarke and Flynn—June 21, 2015, *Southwest Obedience Club of Los Angeles, Gardena, CA:*

Utility B—2nd place with a score of 195 and he earned 3 OTCH points for his efforts.



Sharon and Flynn



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Melody Meyers and Rocket— earned her Open Agility JWW Title in April with two 1st places.

Melody Meyers and Buster—earned his 1st Novice Agility JWW Q in April with a 1st place



Rocket



Rocket and Buster



Melody Meyers and Travelor won the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel of Southern CA club's Best Veteran in Sweepstakes in Long Beach on June 26th.

Travelor was 12 years and 32 days old on the day of the show.

We have plans to go back again next year.



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More Brags

Debbie Lang and Quila—3 Double Q's—(Qualifying in Standard and Jumpers both on the same day, you need 20 for a MACH or PACH—and 750 points)

Jun 20, 2015—Golden Retriever Club of Gtr. LA— City of Industry, CA.

June 26, 2015—Southern California Collie Club, Camarillo, CA.

July 3, 2015— Samoyed cCub of Los Angeles, City of Industry, CA.

Debbie Lang and Fable— *July 4, 2015, Samoyed Club of Los Angeles, City of Industry, CA:*

Master Standard Preferred—7th Q towards MXP title.

Laurie Burnam and Scusi—*July 3, 4, and 5 2015, Summerfest, (Channel City KC, Santa Maria KC, Ventura County Dog Fanciers Assoc.) Ventura, CA:*

Rally Excellent B 99 88 91 with two 1st placements

Rally Advanced B 88 93 89 4th pl.

Not pretty but obtaining her **5th and 6th RAE legs**, 4 more to go.

Novice B Obedience 194 3rd pl **CD Title** #32 to date, tee hee.

Editors Note: Summerfest tends to be crowded with limited potty places for the dogs, and some of those are right near the Obedience and Rally rings. So it tends to be stinky and crowded. What an accomplishment to do so well under those conditions. Congratulations to everyone who qualified there.

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
djlang@sbcglobal.net

Submission deadline is the 8th of each month

This is YOUR Newsette...make it great!

Braggs -

Congratulations to Allison and Ladd

ON TARGET's WITHOUT QUESTION



LADD

June 2015 was a very busy month for us!

Ladd made his **AKC** Novice debut March 29th, 2014. In **June 2015** Ladd completed the following titles:

OM1 (Obedience Master) on June 6th, 2015 at San Bernardino-Riverside GSD Specialty

VER (Versatility) on June 20th, 2015 at SWOC

UDX (Utility Dog Excellent) on June 21, 2015 at SWOC

Ladd made his **ASCA** Novice debut January 11th, 2014. In **June 2015** Ladd completed the following title:

ASCA OTCH (Obedience Trial Champion) on June 13th, 2015 at TCASWA.



June General Meeting

We had a great time at the General Meeting—KFC chicken and a ton of side dishes from our members. It was a feast.

A big Thank you to Ann Hills for setting up the tunnels, barrels and hoops course. It was a fun course no matter what your dog's level was.

Another big Thank you to Laurie Burnam for setting up the Rally course. It was a great nested course and a lot of fun. We also had some Nose Work going on with Lindia Brown.



VHOC Classes

Monday—Master's Skills and Drills Agility with Olga Chaiko at a Private Location in Reseda .

For more information, please contact Olga at olgachaiko@att.net.

Tuesday -

Pet Obedience and Manners— 6:30 to 7:30 with Laurie Burnam,

Please contact Laurie at bellaluna@pacbell.net

Competitive Obedience—7:45 to 8:45 with Laurie Burnam, please contact Laurie at bellaluna@pacbell.net

Beginning Nose Work—7—8, instructor Michael McManus

Advanced Nose Work— 7—8:30, instructor Jill Marie O'Brien.

For more information on either Nose Work class, contact Carole Hills chills37@aol.com

NEW CLASS on TUESDAY - Introduction to Nose Work

Our current Nose Work class with Instructor Michael McManus has been so successful, the VHOC Board of Directors has approved an additional Nose Work class, "Introduction to Nose Work", for dogs not yet introduced to odor. The class will be held on Tuesdays, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the 4 Paws Resort & Spa, 21531 Strathern Street, Canoga Park, 91309.

The class will be taught by Natalie McManus, ANWI, who has trained and taught with VHOC Instructor Michael McManus for several years. Cost for the 6-week session is \$150 payable to VHOC in advance of the first class and is limited to eight dog/handler teams. Start date will be set as soon as we have received eight registration forms and fees.

Don't delay....send yours now!

Mail to Carole Hills, VHOC Nose Work Registrar, 13689 De Garmo Avenue, Sylmar, CA 91342

If you have any questions, contact me at chills37@aol.com



VHOC Classes

Wednesday—Beginning Competitive Obedience—7:45 to 8:45 with Sarah Sykes, please contact Sarah at sykess1@mac.com or (818) 702-0841

Thursday -

Foundation/Beginner's Agility Class—6:30 to 7:30 taught by Anne Graumann, please contact Anne at acepaws@ymail.com.

Intermediate and Master's Agility Class— 7:45 to 8:45 taught by Anne Graumann, please contact Anne at acepaws@ymail.com.

Rally Obedience—6:30 to 7:30 taught by Laurie Burnam, please contact Laurie at (818) 882-0443 or bellaluna@pacbell.net

Please check the VHOC website for more information on the classes that are being taught.
Share with your friends that Non-VHOC members can attend these classes.

<http://www.vhoc.org/>

The new VHOC banner was hung at the last General Meeting.



Come to the VHOC July



General Meeting July 17th at 6:30PM



We will have a presentation by

Dr. Dody Tyneway on

**Dog Sports Medicine—Common Injuries and
Syndromes**

At Nancy Giltner's home

4744 Vista de Oro Avenue, Woodland Hills

Please—No Dogs at this meeting

You're Invited to a



We will be grilling hot dogs. If you want to grill something else bring it along—the grill will be open for you to cook as well.

When you RSVP to Nancy Giltner please let her know what you are bringing as a side—below are suggested items:

1. Potato salad or coleslaw
2. Chips and dip
3. Veggies and dip
4. Fruit
5. Green salad



Please RSVP to Nancy Giltner at ngiltner623@gmail.com

VHOC Annual Obedience, Rally and Agility Trial

December 4 (Agility Trial and Obed./Rally Match),

December 5 and 6, 2015 (Agility/Obed/Rally Trials)

The trial is fast approaching only 5 more months and it will be here. Many thanks to Nancy Giltner and Ann Hills for working with the AKC to get our information in on time and our judges lined up. The Agility, Obedience and Rally class and judge information has been posted on the AKC website.

Our judges for Agility are: Terry D Culley and Terry Le Clair. Entries open on October 5th and can be entered online through the AKC website. We will be having a 3 day agility trial. On Friday we will offer Excellent/Master level only, Jumpers, Standard, Premier (STD and JWW), and T2B. Saturday and Sunday, all levels. Saturday will be Jumpers, Standard, Premier (STD and JWW), T2B and FAST. Sunday will be Jumpers, Standard, Premier (STD and JWW), and T2B.

We will be one of the first clubs to offer the Premier STD and JWW classes. These classes were approved to be offered as titling classes on October 1, 2015. **These classes are separate** from the STD and JWW classes that are part of the MACH/PACH requirements. (See information on pages 16-18 in this Newsette)

Obedience Judges are Mr. Dorin J Ladd, Mr. Jams D. Thomson and Mrs. Dee Dee Anderson. In Obedience we will be offering the Preferred Classes, with a Trophy approved by our board for **High Preferred Dog in Trial and a Trophy for High Preferred Combined** (Pref. Open and Pref. Utility) in Trial. Our Event Secretary will once again be Sharon Licciardi.

Our Rally judge for both days will be Vita Allison.

We will be having our Obedience and Rally match on Friday Dec 4. If you are interested in volunteering to help please contact Shiro Torquato. We will need help with ring stewarding to keep the match moving.

The Raffle Committee (Allison Pobirs, Cindi Malchose, and Jan Racey) are accepting Raffle donations, so please get your items to them.

Requests for Trophy sponsorship will be going out early in August. Most of the sponsorships are \$25.00 for each class. You will be getting yet another email from me.

AKC announces New Premier Agility Class

June 18, 2015

We are excited to announce the newest AKC Agility class – Premier - starting October 1, 2015. This class will provide an opportunity for agility competitors to demonstrate different handling skills than those required for the Master Level Classes in Standard & Jumpers With Weaves. The Premier class will focus on handling the sequence or sequences of the day.

Premier is an optional class. Clubs may, but are not required to offer Premier Standard and Premier Jumpers with Weaves on the same day. Exhibitors may enter Premier and Master Standard and/or Jumpers With Weaves on the same day.

A club may add Premier to an already approved trial as long as the premium has not been published for the trial. The Trial Chairperson will need to send an email to the Companion Operations department to have it added. July 1, 2015 there will be the new trial application that will include the Premier classes as an option both for online applications and paper submissions.

Both Standard and JWW Premier courses will be Master level courses incorporating a number of elements that challenge the dog and handler in ways that are not seen on traditional AKC courses. These elements include sequences like threadles, back-side jumps, pull-throughs, layering, challenging weave pole entries, and longer running passes. One bi-directional jump or tunnel will be allowed to encourage handling strategies. Obstacle spacing on Premier courses may exceed the limits of those on Master courses.

Premier courses will use the same obstacles as the corresponding Master course. At the judge's discretion a viaduct may be used in place of the panel jump, there may be 3 tunnel passes and there will be no table. A Premier course will have 19 to 21 obstacles, 3 side switches, 4 Premier Elements and 5 Challenges. Courses will be judged using AKC Master scoring and hand signals.

Thank you for your support of the agility program.

If you have any questions regarding the Premier class please contact Carrie DeYoung, Director of Agility at cx22@akc.org.

AKC Regulations - NEW Chapter 11 Premier Class

Section 1. Purpose. These optional titling classes are designed to challenge dogs and handlers at an increased speed and skill level above those set for the Master level classes. Handlers/dogs will need to negotiate courses that require varied approach angles, spacing, and obstacle discriminations to be successful in these classes. These classes are offered as separate titling tracks and are not part of the MACH/PACH Championships.

Premier may be offered once per day as an additional class or classes. Clubs may, but are not required to offer Premier Standard and Premier Jumpers with Weaves on the same day.

AKC Regulations - NEW Chapter 11 Premier Class (cont.)

Section 2. Eligibility. Dogs with an AX title are eligible to enter Premier Standard Regular. Dogs with an AX or AXP title are eligible to enter Premier Standard Preferred. Dogs with an AXJ title are eligible to enter Premier Jumpers with Weaves Regular. Dogs with an AXJ or AJP title are eligible to enter Premier Jumpers with Weaves Preferred. Dogs with Regular titles may crossover to the Premier Preferred level as noted above.

Section 3. Performance Standards

Minimum allowable score required to qualify = 100.

The course must be completed before the dog reaches the Maximum Course Time (MCT).

Additional Non-Qualifying faults (beyond those listed in Chapter 5, Sections 5 and 6).

Any Course Fault

Maximum Course Times (MCT) Premier Standard Regular:

55 seconds for the 20 and 26 inch Regular jump heights.

60 seconds for the 16 and 24 inch Regular jump heights. -

65 seconds for the 8 and 12 inch Regular jump heights.

Preferred:

60 seconds for 16 inch Preferred jump height.

65 seconds for 12 and 20 inch Preferred jump heights.

70 seconds for 4 and 8 inch Preferred jump heights.

Note: For timing purposes all Premier Standard classes may have timer set for MCT of 70 seconds.

Premier Jumpers With Weaves Regular:

40 seconds for 20 and 26 inch Regular jump heights.

45 seconds for the 16 and 24 inch Regular jump heights. -

48 seconds for the 8 and 12 inch Regular jump heights.

Preferred:

45 seconds for 16 inch Preferred jump height.

50 seconds for 12 and 20 inch Preferred jump heights.

53 seconds for 4 and 8 inch Preferred jump heights.

Note: For timing purposes all Premier Jumpers With Weaves classes may have timer set for MCT of 53 seconds.

AKC Regulations - NEW Chapter 11 Premier Class (cont.)

Minimum Obstacle Requirements:

Quantity = 19-21

Obstacles required, allowed, and not allowed will be the same as the Master level courses as noted in Chapter 6, Section 5 for Standard; and Chapter 7, Section 5 for Jumpers With Weaves, except that both classes will have a maximum of three tunnel passes and Standard will not have a table.

In both classes the viaduct jumps, as described in Chapter 13, Section 9, can be substituted for the panel jump or a spread jump, as long as the viaduct jump can be set for all heights.

Section 4. Obstacle and Jump Positions. Shall generally follow the requirements set forth in Chapter 4, Section 4, with the following exceptions:

A Distance of 25 – 30 feet between two obstacles may be approved up to two times on a course.

Distances of greater than 30 feet between obstacles may be approved to allow for turns between obstacles as necessary.

There may be one bi-directional tunnel or bar/single bar jump on the course.

Section 5. Approach Angles. Shall generally follow what is stated in Chapter 4, Section 5, except as detailed in the AKC Agility Judges Guidelines for the Premier Class.

Section 6. Titles. To earn the Premier Agility Dog (PAD), Premier Agility Dog Preferred (PADP), Premier Jumpers Dog (PJD) or Premier Jumpers Dog Preferred (PJDP) titles, a dog must earn 25 qualifying scores with five qualifying scores earned for placing in the top 25% of the dogs that competed in their jump height.

Dogs that are absent or withdrawn will not count toward the number of dogs competing in the jump height. The 25% calculation will be rounded to determine the number of 25% placements in each jump height. In the case of a tie both dogs will receive the top 25% placement. If a class has two or three dogs competing, the 1st place dog will be awarded a top 25% placement qualifying score. If only one dog competes in the jump height, there will be no top 25% placement earned in that jump height.

Lifetime Achievement titles (bronze, silver, gold and century) will be awarded for each additional 25 qualifying scores earned in the Premier class.



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