



# Newslette



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Reminder—**March 20th General**

**Meeting** at CPLS—come and enjoy the fun.

This is our Nose Work presentation by Michael McManus.

Check out the flyer at the back of the Newsletter.

Mark your calendars for the

## April General Meeting

Friday April 17th.

This will be a games night, and in addition we will have a Agility course set up.

VHOC will provide dinner from KFC—please bring a side to share.

### 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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## Obedience Trial Chairperson (s) Needed

Anyone interested in being our 2015 VHOC Obedience Trial chair, or if you and a friend would like to be co-chairs for the 2015 trial please let Ann Hills know—her email is:

[tonkanuki@aol.com](mailto:tonkanuki@aol.com)

She can explain the duties and expectations of the position. Our club is made up of great volunteers, so if you are interested please do not hesitate to contact Ann.

# Our Two New Agility Instructors



Olga Chaiko is a world-class agility competitor, a highly skilled dog trainer and a wonderful instructor. She never fails to communicate her message to each student, making people feel comfortable and relaxed. Olga is famous for her sense of humor, her instruction is electrifying and lighthearted. Olga presents unique techniques and solutions that are devised and tailored to each individual dog/handler team.

Olga has been involved in agility for sixteen years. Olga is 2006 IFCS World Champion with her Border Collie, MACH6 ADCH Luz, LAA-Platinum. Olga's Border Collie, NAC MACH Yankee, won BCC European Championship in 2008 and AKC National Agility Championship in 2009. Olga lives in Los Angeles, California, and offers private lessons, seminars, and online instruction.



Anne Graumann—My first agility dog was a mixed-breed and she competed in USDAA up to Masters level, the only organization that allowed All-Americans to compete at that time. My second dog was an Aussie that achieved ATCH2, MACH, PDCH-Silver, LAA-Bronze. He made USDAA Top 10 Jumpers and Snooker in 2008, and Top 10 All-Around Jumpers, Standard, Snooker, and Gamblers in 2009. He was a USDAA Nationals 2008 P22" European Style Standard winner, P22" Performance Speed Jumping and P22" Performance Grand Prix Finalist. He has multiple Southwest Regionals Finals appearances and placements in PSJ and PGP between 2008 and 2010. He also qualified for USDAA Nationals in 2007, 2009, 2010. He qualified for AKC Nationals in 2010, and ASCA Nationals Veterans Finals in 2012 and 2013. I currently trial with my 2 Aussies. One is trialing at Masters levels in AKC, and Elite levels in ASCA. The other one is two years old and just getting ready to trial.

## Training Goals

My primary goal as a trainer is to help students learn how to set the most efficient lines for their dogs and to have sound technical skills. In the end, the best teamwork is developed through positive motivation. I have worked with a variety of dog breeds: Yorkies, Papillons, and Miniature Schnauzers to Shelties, Mini-Aussies, Shiba Inus, Goldens, Samoyeds, Border Collies, Standard Poodles, Belgian Tervurens, in addition to mixed breeds. In other words, I have trained most breeds and all jump heights.

I am well versed in teaching everything from foundation to international-style handling to distance skills, and anything in between.[an](http://www.between.an)



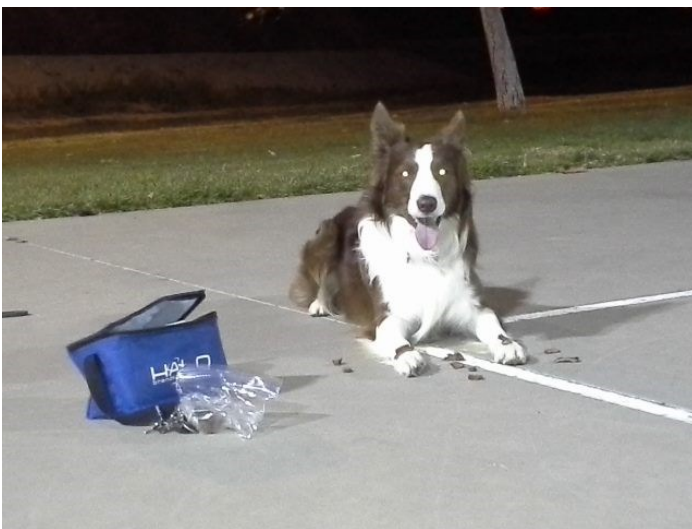
## CGC—CGCA—Good Citizen Titles

The AKC has titles that can be earned by your dog for just being a good citizen.

### **AKC's Canine Good Citizen (CGC) program.**

The AKC CGC program started in 1989, the CGC Program is designed to reward dogs who have good manners at home and in the community. All dogs who pass the 10-step CGC test may receive a certificate from the American Kennel Club. The AKC has forms on its website to apply for this title, it is not automatically sent to the owner.

Many dog owners choose Canine Good Citizen training as the first step in training their dogs. The Canine Good Citizen Program lays the foundation for other AKC activities such as obedience, agility, tracking, and performance events. Some therapy dog groups use the CGC as a partial screening tool, and some 4-H groups around the country have been using the CGC as a beginning dog training program for children.



Allison Pobirs "Ladd" doing Food Refusal / Stay Work... some placed, some tossed in a sit and a down.  
(02/14/15)

State legislatures began recognizing the CGC program as a means of advocating responsible dog ownership and 34 states now have Canine Good Citizen resolutions.

All dogs, including both purebred and mixed breed dogs are welcome to participate in the AKC's Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Program. Dogs must be old enough to have received necessary immunizations such as rabies vaccines. Owners will sign the Responsible Dog Owners Pledge attesting to having the dog under the routine care of a veterinarian who will work with the owner to determine an appropriate plan and schedule for vaccines and other health care procedures.

Some dogs who are entered in CGC tests will have completed CGC classes or basic obedience classes. Owners who have trained their dogs themselves may also have their dogs tested. Clubs and training programs in almost every city can provide CGC training to owners and dogs who need to learn a few more skills before taking the test. (Cont.)



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# CGC—CGCA—Good Citizen Titles—Cont.

Below is a brief outline of the 10 items in the CGC Test, dog must pass all ten items for the CGC title:

- 1 Accepting a Friendly Stranger –  
This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to approach it and speak to the handler in a natural, everyday situation.
- 2 Sitting Politely for Petting -  
This test demonstrates that the dog will allow a friendly stranger to touch it while it is out with its handler.
- 3 Appearance and Grooming -  
This practical test demonstrates that the dog will welcome being groomed and examined and will permit a stranger. The Evaluator softly combs or brushes the dog and, in a natural manner, lightly examines the ears and gently picks up each front foot.
- 4 Out for a Walk (Walking on a Loose Leash)  
The dog is on a loose leash and the evaluator will provide a course where there must be a right turn, left turn, and about turn, with at least one stop in between and one at the end.
- 5 Walking Through A Crowd –  
The dog and handler walk around and pass close to several (at least three) people.
- 6 Sit and Down on Command/Staying in Place.  
The dog needs to 1) sit on command 2) and down on command 3) then, stay in a sit or down handler's choice. The dog will have on a 20 ft. leash and the handler will walk to the end of the leash and then return to the dog.
- 7 Coming When Called  
The dog is on a 20 foot line, the handler is 10 feet away and calls the dog. This is not a stay exercise.
- 8 Reaction to Another Dog  
Two handlers and their dogs approach each other from a distance of about 15 feet, stop, shake hands and exchange pleasantries, and continue on.
- 9 Reaction to Distractions  
This test demonstrated that the dog is confident at all times when faced with common distracting situations. The Evaluator will select two distractors, it is preferable to chose both a sound and a visual distraction – AKC provides a list of distractors.
- 10 Supervised Separation –  
Test demonstrates that the dog can be left with a trusted stranger with the owner out of site for 3 minutes. The dog does not have to stay in a specific position.

Complete CGC Guide can be located at <http://www.akc.org/pdfs/cgc/GK9GC9.pdf>



**AKC Community Canine (CGCA) is the advanced level of AKC's Canine Good Citizen (CGC) program.**

As with CGC, AKC Community Canine has a 10-step test of skills that dogs must pass to earn the official AKC Community Canine title.

This is a title that appears on the dog's title record at AKC. The CGCA title can only be earned after the dog has the CGC title recorded with the AKC.

Allison Pobirs "Ladd" doing Food Refusal / Stay Work... some placed, some tossed in a sit and a down.  
(02/14/15)

## CGC—CGCA Good Citizen Titles (continued)

Dogs must pass all 10 items of the test to receive the CGCA title.

1 Dog stands, sits or lies down and waits under control while the owner:

- sits at the registration table and fills out paperwork, or, if the test is done in the community, dog waits while the owner sits and has a snack or visits with another person (e.g., at a park)

2 Walks on a loose leash in a natural situation (not in a ring) -- does not pull.

- left turn, right turn, stop, fast and slow pace

3 Walks on loose leash through a crowd:

- at a show or in class, this item is tested in a real crowd, not in a ring, in the community, dog walks on sidewalk, through a crowd at a community fair, park, on a trail, through a busy hallway, etc.

4 Dog walks past distraction dogs present; does not pull. This item may be tested along with #3 if there are dogs in the crowd, etc.

- at a show or class, dog walks by dogs waiting in the crowd--dogs 2 ft. apart, in the community, dog walks by other dogs on a trail, sidewalk, in a hallway, etc.

5 Sit -- stay in small group (3 other people with dogs). Owners and dogs are in an informal circle/square while owners have a conversation. Dogs are all on the owner's left side, on leash; 3 ft. apart. (At least 30 seconds)

6 Dog allows person who is carrying something (backpack, computer bag, etc.) to approach and pet it. "May I pet your dog?" (Item is placed on floor/ground before the person pets the dog)

7 "Leave it." Dog walks by food and follows owner instructions, "Leave it." This can be food placed by the evaluator on the floor or ground in a food dish with a wire cover as in Rally.

8 Down or sit stay -- distance (owner's choice). Dog is on 20--ft. line, owner walks away with back to dog, picks up an item (e.g., backpack, training bag, clipboard, folder etc.) placed on the floor/chair/ground by the evaluator and returns to the dog.

9 Recall with distractions present (coming when called). Handler goes out 20--ft. \*\*(off center) and calls dog. Dog is on the 20--ft. line from #8 above.



10 Dog will sit or stand stay (owner's choice) while owner enters/exits a doorway or narrow passageway. Owner calls dog through door when ready. Owner may also choose to:

- send the dog through first and have the dog wait for the owner, or the owner may choose to have the dog go through the doorway at the owner's side. Whichever method is used, the dog must not pull the owner and must be under good control. Think of the handler having the leash in one hand and a cup of coffee in the other. Doorway or gate can be real or simulated with ring gates, two chairs, or a natural passageway (e.g., entrance to trail) in the community.

You can find an evaluator through the AKC website.



Just a reminder that we have a Skills and Drills class with Olga Chaiko—the first session started on February 2nd.

If you are interested in any of the upcoming sessions please contact Nancy Giltner at [ngiltner623@gmail.com](mailto:ngiltner623@gmail.com)



## **New Class Offering!**

**SKILLS & DRILLS  
WITH  
OLGA CHAIKO**

Valley Hills Obedience Club is pleased to present "Skills and Drills," an exciting new agility class offered by internationally renowned competitor and instructor **Olga Chaiko**.

The class will focus on drills for weaves, tight turns, contacts, dynamic jumping and much more, with individualized instruction tailored to each dog & handler team.

This is a 6-week, repeatable course. Working teams must be at the Excellent/Master level or approved by Olga (auditors, any level).

**Mondays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

**18560 Lanark St., Reseda, CA 91335**

**\$125 working spot; \$50 auditors**



## **1st Session Feb. 2**

***Class space is limited! Reserve your spot now by emailing Nancy Giltner at [ngiltner623@gmail.com](mailto:ngiltner623@gmail.com).***

# BRAGS

**Michael and Shirley Frumkin**—February 15, 2015 — Congratulations to Chinese Crested



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**Laurie Burnam and Scusi**—*ASCSC ASCA Agility, Gabrielino Park, CA, Feb 21/22, 2015:*

Open Gamblers 10 Q 1st Place 1st leg

Open Gamblers 10 Q 1st Place 2nd leg

Open Regular 10 Q 1st Place 1st leg

Open Jumpers 10 Q 1st Place 1st leg



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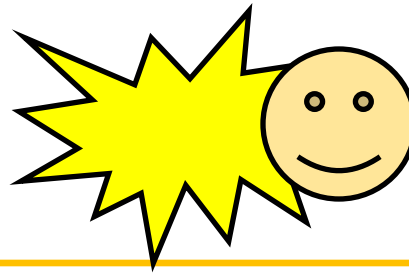
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## CONGRATULATIONS to Jeff Kogen and Trixie

Jeff was at the Westminster Masters Agility Championships out in New York on February 13th.

Jeff and Trixie took 4th place in Masters STD and 7th place overall for their 12 inch jump height.

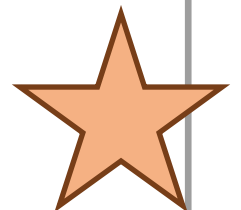
Congratulations are also in order for Jeff—he is a provisional Agility judge. His next assignment is at the Simi Valley Kennel Club Agility trial in May 2015.



**Monica Nolan and Mikko**— *Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association, Ventura CA, January 18, 2015:*

Rally Excellent A—2nd place

Mikko completed his Rally Excellent Title.



**Send in Your Brags by the 8th of the Month to be included in the Newsette**



# Braggs - cont.

## Joyce Davis and Caper—

At the UKC Prado Basin Hunting Retriever Club trial on Feb 28 and March 01.

Caper earned two legs on her UKC Started title.

She needs one more leg for the title.

Caper is

Gaylan's You Had Me From Hello BN, RA, OA, NAJ, WC



## CONGRATULATIONS KIM AND LIZZY MACH 2 AND CDX

**Kim Simons and Lizzie**— Dog Agility Club of Ventura Camarillo CA, January 24, 2015:

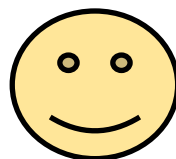
Earned MACH 2

**Kim Simons and Lizzie**—Sun Maid Kennel Club, Fresno CA, January 31, 2015:

Finished her CDX



# More Brags



**Cathy Davis and Roxie**—*Papillion Club of Southern California, Moorpark (Stone Pony), CA, February 19, 2015:*  
Double Q, 1st place in Std, 2nd place in JWW

**Debbie Lang and Fable**: *Contact Point Agility of Gtr LA, Camarillo, CA. February 15, 2015:*  
Qualifying Standard run for MXP #6 and 8 PACH points.

**Debbie Lang and Quila**—*Papillion Club of Southern California, Moorpark (Stone Pony), CA, February 19, 2015:*  
Double Q, 4th place in STD, 3rd place in JWW

**Debbie Lang and Quila**—*Papillion Club of Southern California, Moorpark (Stone Pony), Ca February 20, 2015:*  
Double Q, 4th place in STD, 4th place in JWW

**Debbie Lang and Quila**—*Belgian Tervuren Club of Southern California, Pomona, CA February 27, 2015:*  
Master FAST qualifying score #25 to earn her MFB (Master Fast Bronze) Title.— Quila didn't have a great beginning in FAST—she was the ultimate Velcro dog, and still tends to work close to me. So proud that she earned 25 qualifying Master FAST Qs.

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# VHOC has a new Agility instructor— Anne Graumann has joined our fantastic instructors.

**VHOC** is proud to offer  
**2 New  
Agility  
Classes**  
*with Anne Graumann!*

Visit [www.whoc.org](http://www.whoc.org) for Anne's bio!

Stays &  
recalls

Use of  
toy & food  
rewards

Handling  
basics

Intro to  
contact  
obstacles

**BEGINNING/  
FOUNDATION CLASS\***  
Thursdays 6:30-7:30 PM  
6 sessions: \$100 VHOC;  
\$125 non-members  
*Begins March 5*

\*Beginning dogs should have basic obedience skills (come, stay, etc.)

Classes will be held at  
VHOC's site:

7357 Jordan Avenue,  
Canoga Park, CA 91303



Anne & Ace



Contact NANCY at  
[ngiltner@gmail.com](mailto:ngiltner@gmail.com) for more info  
and to reserve your spot today!

Set  
the line

Cue  
those  
turns

Weave  
entries

Obstacle  
discrimi-  
nations

**INTERMEDIATE-  
ADVANCED CLASS\*\***  
Thursdays 7:45-8:45 PM  
6 sessions: \$100 VHOC;  
\$125 non-members  
*Begins March 5*

\*\*Dogs should be familiar w/ all equipment; handlers,  
with basic handling (front & rear crosses, etc.)

# DOGS and HEALTH—Poisoning Information

(The information below is taken from the About Home website, URL <http://vetmedicine.about.com/od/toxicology/a/petpoisoning2.htm> )

Each year during the month of March is National Poison Control Week. National Poison Control Week is a great time for veterinary and animal care professionals to create awareness about common household toxins and seasonal dangers such as antifreeze leakage or spills (i.e. when doing the spring car tune up!).

Also, [flea](#) and [tick](#) products can pose health risks if used improperly. Please read all labels carefully prior to purchasing to make sure that it is the right product for your pet. Follow directions thoroughly when using on your pet, and to know the proper way to store the chemicals.

## **Help! My pet may have been poisoned.**

Poisons can be eaten, absorbed through the skin, and inhaled. Poisonings can mimic many things. Some poisons act immediately, some take days to appear, potentially making diagnosis difficult.

## **What are some common signs seen with poisoning?**

1. Muscle tremors or seizures
2. Vomiting and or diarrhea, sometimes with blood
3. Excessive salivation - drooling or foaming
4. Redness of skin, ears, eyes
5. Mental depression or excitement (may be easily excitable)
6. Bleeding (as with rat poison ingestion)
7. Ulceration or blisters of the mouth or skin
8. Excessive pawing at the mouth, excessive licking
9. Swelling (i.e. of a limb or face, commonly seen with insect bites and stings)
10. Elevated or depressed body temperature (elevations usually due to increased muscle activity -- tremors, seizures)

## **What should I do if I suspect a poisoning?**

**Call your veterinarian or veterinary emergency clinic immediately.** Have the following information ready:

1. Exact name of toxin ingested, inhaled, or absorbed.
2. Approximately how much of the toxin was ingested.
3. How long ago you suspect that your pet may have been poisoned
4. Approximate weight of your pet.
5. What signs your pet is showing -- vomiting, tremors, salivation, etc., and general observations -- such as color of the gums (capillary refill time), respiratory rate, heart rate, and if possible, body temperature.

## DOGS and HEALTH—Poisoning Information—cont.

If the poison is known, take the box or package with you. Do NOT induce vomiting without consulting your veterinarian or Poison Control center first. Some toxins are caustic, and vomiting will only increase damage. Some toxins need to be neutralized with activated charcoal, others need to be expelled by vomiting, and still others have antidotes. Topical toxins need to be rinsed (skin, eye) with copious amounts of water. An excellent resource for emergency poison consultation (in addition to your veterinarian) is your local Poison Control, and the [National Animal Poison Control Center](#).

### What are some common household poisons that I should be aware of?

Here is a list of common household poisons, in no particular order:

Antifreeze (Ethylene glycol) Note: there is a non-toxic alternative available, [Propylene Glycol](#)

- Slug/Snail bait
  - Prescription medications
  - Mouse and Rat poison
  - Some plants (indoor and outdoor), shrubs, and trees Check with your veterinarian for help in finding information on native plants in your area that are toxic to pets.
  - Flea and Tick treatments *Using more or not following product recommendations is NOT the way to kill more fleas and ticks!*
  - Lawn fertilizers, weed killers
- Household cleaners and chemicals

### Any specific pet poison-proofing tips?

Some of the potential toxins above may seem obvious, but think again. Poisons such as rat, slug, snail, mice, and ant baits are *baits*, they are made to be attractive and tasty, even to the curious pet. Don't count on how well you hide these baits, either. Make sure that they are safely out of pet's reach (and that the pet isn't able to chew through something to get at them).

Medications made for humans may have coatings on them that are tasty to pets, enticing ingestion. Ethylene glycol antifreeze is known to be sweet-tasting, a danger to pets and children.

Unknowingly playing fetch or encouraging your dog to chew on plants or trees that are poisonous could have disastrous effects.

Dogs love to chew... that spray bottle, can, or other container may be viewed as a toy by a curious dog... until the container is punctured and contents leak out!

Finally, please carefully read all directions for use of chemicals; those intended for pets and those intended for other purposes (yard, house) and follow directions carefully.

### Pet Poison Hotlines (for pet owners and veterinarians):

[ASPCA - Animal Control Poison Center](#)



# Come to the General Meeting!!

## Friday—March 20th

### 6:30 PM



### **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 know and respected Nose work and Treibball instructor.

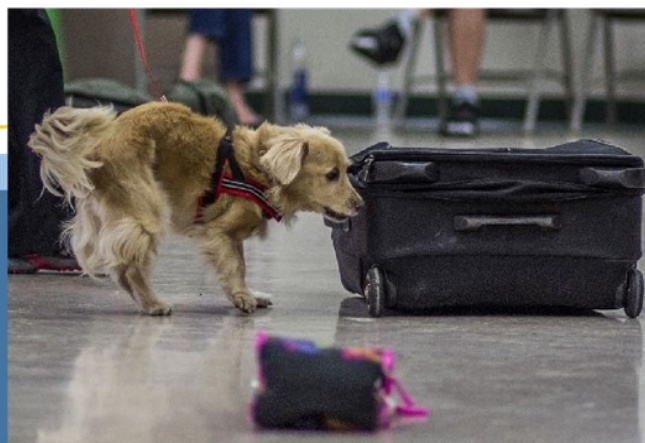
Currently he has many students trialing and doing well in all levels of Nose work.

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

Dogs are welcome.

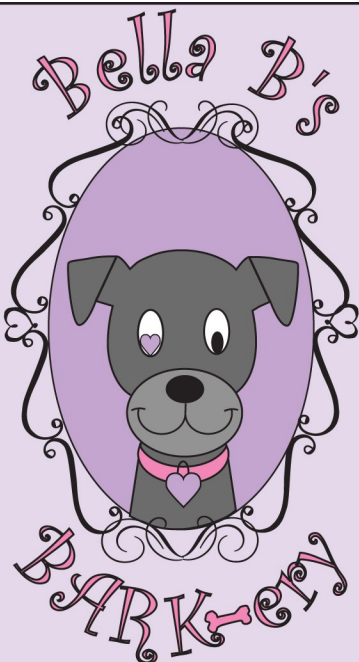
We will start at 6:30 PM—meeting on the CPLS training field.

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





Send in Your Brags by the 8th of the Month to be included in the Newsette



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# Southern California Dog Obedience Council

## News

Thank you to our representative Vita Allison for keeping us updated and attending the SCDOC meetings. At the last meeting the Top Dog trial date and Judges were shared. There are 3 upcoming obedience club matches.

**2015 Top Dog Competition** will be held Nov. 14

Judges are:

Novice- Pam Regan & Dorin Ladd

Open- Nancy Craig & Alvin Eng

Utility- James Thompson & Betty Ribble

Stays & Run-offs- Shirley Indelecato

Upcoming matches:

April 4 SWOC, <https://southwestoc.wordpress.com/>

**Annual AKC Approved OC Match – 2015**

April 4, 2015 Arthur Lee Johnson Park, Gardena, CA

Arthur Johnson Park 1200 W 170th St, Gardena, CA 90247

April 14 LOTC, (Lomita Obedience Training Club) <http://lomitadogtraining.org/>

May 10 OEDC (Orange Empire Dog Club) <http://orangeempiredogclub.com/history.html>

# WE ARE ON FACEBOOK

## WE ARE ON FACEBOOK

Just a reminder that **VHOC** has a Facebook page. Please check it out if you haven't already.

<https://www.facebook.com/valley.hills.obedience.club>







# *Newsette*

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