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**Happy
Mother's
Day**

Just a reminder

Any member can request a copy of the Board Meeting minutes. They are not published in the Newsette or posted on our website as those are visible to non-members.

Please contact Sue Rasmussen, Recording Secretary with your request.
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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, Carole Hills, at chills37@aol.com

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*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!

You still have time, you can wish Marian a - Happy 100th Birthday

It will be Pam Basso's mom Marian Reiss 's 100th Birthday in May.
To surprise her she is asking for Birthday cards be sent to her home
for her Mom's Birthday.

Pam and a good friend want to collect 100 birthday cards for Marian.
It doesn't matter if she knows the sender, it's just the idea of people
acknowledging the 100 year milestone.

The more cards the better with a goal of at least 100 for her birthday.

Please help make this a special birthday and send Marian a card.

All cards should be sent to:

Pam Basso

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March General Meeting

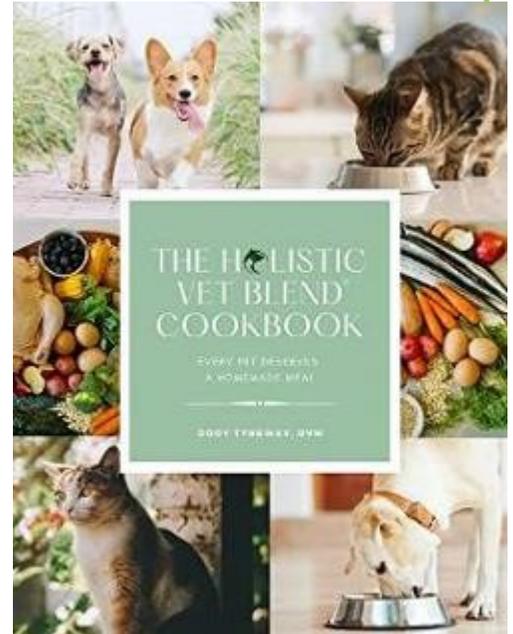
Thank you to Dr. Dody Tyneway for being our March General Meeting presenter.

She gave a great presentation on feeding our dogs Holistically. She shared different recipes and the link to her Holistic Cookbook for Dogs and Cats.

“The Holistic Vet Blend Cookbook is an extensive collection of fresh pet food recipes that any pet owner can easily make for their furry friends. Born out of the tainted manufactured pet food recall of 2007, Dr. Dody Tyneway knew there had to be a healthier solution for pet owners to provide homemade, highly nutritious meals for their pets at a reasonable price. Pivoting from store bought pet foods loaded with preservatives, fillers, meat by-products and grains does not have to be an arduous and expensive process. This comprehensive cookbook makes feeding your best friend fun and easy.” from Amazon website.

In case you missed it, came in late or would like to review the valuable information Dr. Tyneway shared with us, we are pleased to provide you with a link to the YouTube video recording.

<https://youtu.be/ZiR8En88Js8>



April General Meeting

Our General Meeting this Friday is being presented by April Vaillancourt, owner and operator of High Desert Dog Sports in Phelan. HDDS was the first sanctioned club in Southern California to put on North American Sport Dog Association (NASDA) Events. The next event in Phelan is April 24-25.

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Thank you to all of our members and friends that have sponsored awards or given to the General Fund

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Saturday, Sept 18 th	Special Awards	Sunday, Sept. 19th
Annette Ankele	Preferred High Score in Trial	Shirley Miller
Shirley Miller	Preferred High Combined in Trial	Ted E. Bear Dickey
Jennifer Voogt	"200" Score	Karen Ullman

Saturday, Sept 18 th	Class	Sunday, Sept 19th
	Regular Obedience	
Zuma Dobermans, Gwen & Terry Lucoff	Novice A	Zuma Dobermans, Gwen & Terry Lucoff
Joyce Davis	Novice B	Lindia Brown & Tillie
Nancy Gast	Open A	Karla Spitzer & Scott Friedman, Harpo Boxers
Sharon Clarke	Open B	Nancy Rapoport
Michael Fields & Stephanie Schuster	Utility A	Roxanne Stevenson
Nancy Gast	Utility B	Cindi Malchose
	Alternative Titling	
Karen Ullman	Preferred Novice	Carol Karas
Trudi Schoolhouse	Preferred Open	Shirley Miller
Dianna Santos, Online Dog Training University, Inc.	Preferred Utility	Dianna Santos, Online Dog Training University, Inc.
	Optional Titling	
Yvonne Garst	Beginner Novice A	A. J. Listman
Cynthia Casby	Beginner Novice B	Joyce Davis
Trudi Schoolhouse	Graduate Novice	Lindia Brown & Tillie
Dianna Santos, Online Dog Training University, Inc.	Graduate Open	Jennifer Waagenaar
Barbara Laffer & Mike Brill	Versatility	Carol Karas
	Rally	
Sue Ingham	Novice A	Deborah Schuch
Laurie Burnam	Novice B	Daos Boonma
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Laurie Burnam	Advanced B	Dianna Santos, Online Dog Training University, Inc.
Patti Rovtar	Excellent A	Laurie Burnam
Carole Raschella, in loving memory of "Liam", Sunshine's Gift of Galway CD, RAE2, CGC	Excellent B	Carole Raschella, in loving memory of "Clooney", Roclyn In A Class Of His Own CGC TKI
Amy Balchum	Masters	Laurie Burnam

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NACSW Public Response—Oil Toxicity

March 27, 2014

The recent recirculation of an article published in late 2013 has prompted a lot of discussion and concern about the use of Birch Oil in the sport of Nose Work. We wanted to take a moment to address the issue and hopefully diminish the worry that this article has raised (Veterinary toxicology alert: Oils used in 'scent training' can harm dogs).

We encourage everyone to process information with a discerning eye. There are a few things in this article that raise questions as it relates to the validity of the issues discussed:

- 1) The assumption, without any reported cases that we are aware of, that dogs will start showing interest in Xylitol laced chewing gum. There are thousands and thousands of dogs that have become involved in K9NW around the country. We have heard of only one dog that may have had increased interest/ingestion of gum after becoming involved in K9NW.
- 2) The article neither noted nor referenced any research on the toxicity levels of the ingredients in question (see link below) in the amounts and way it is used for nose work training.
- 3) There is no mention of how the authors came to their conclusions as there is no substantial data on the number of dogs engaged in the sport of NW requiring medical attention due to engaging in the consumption of gum or drinking bottles of birch oil.
- 4) No apparent attempt on the authors' part to find out how the dogs are trained and the ways in which training aids are prepared.

We have an expectation that K9 Nose Work® Certified and Prospective Instructors have a sound understanding of how odor kits and supplies should be made and stored.

As with any canine activity, safe practices and common sense should always prevail and we strongly encourage such with the handling and use of K9 Nose Work oils. These oils are not intended for human or animal consumption. When preparing odor kits we use and recommend very little oil in relation to the number of Q-tips. The oil evaporates and what is left is vapor and that is what the dogs are searching for, or better the odor molecules contained within the vapor. We stay with the Q-tips as the mode of odor transport to further ensure that the context is clear for what we are asking the dogs to hunt for, Q-Tips + Odor = reward, not Q-Tips alone or Odor Alone or combined with other substances. Additionally, the dogs are ultimately trained to alert to the presence of odor to receive a reinforcement not to eat the odor.

You'll note that the toxicologist who was 3rd author on this article (see in bold below) has never seen a case of birch toxicity. That does not mean you should not use due diligence in the preparation of kits, storage of oils and general usage.



NACSW Public Response—Oil Toxicity—continued

>>>> Used with permission from Beth Bishop, CNWI: “This article was in a newsletter of the Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health, which is an off-shoot of the School of veterinary medicine at Michigan State University. After the article was published I mentioned it to a friend of mine, who is a vet that works there and she arranged for me to talk to the third author. He is a toxicologist. The second author is a vet student who was given this as a project (I know her, she has been an agility student of mine). She was not eager to write this but was assigned it. I spoke with John, the third author and shared my/our objections to the article. He told me that the article wasn't his idea, and he informed the first author that he had never seen a case of birch poisoning. He explained that his concern was people being careless with the oils. This comes from his experience with animal poisonings from people being careless with other things, pesticides, over the counter medication, foods. He told me that he just wanted people to be careful and he wasn't worried about trainers or people working with trainers, but rather with John Q. Public who would try it on their own (????). I explained to him how NACSW educates people on handling the odor and what a very small amount is used and how it is used. I told him that the article made it sound like dogs were eating Q-tips willy-nilly and people were regularly in contact with birch oil. He assured me that this was NOT the intent of the article and he asked me to help correct that impression.

In the end, he understood where I was coming from and I understood his concern. Sounds like it was the first author who was the impetus for the article. Hopefully he will communicate some of these things to her. I hope that this info will help instructors when addressing students questions.”<<<

>>>Shared with permission Virginia Huxley, Ph.D., CNWI, The Merck Index, for example, is actually available free online (we have fat little books from different years in most of the 'old fashioned' labs because they are so useful): <http://www.rsc.org/merck-index/> but if you are not part of a university or a business that subscribes you may be asked to pay for the data. Good old Google though yields the following (exhaustive) comprehensive assessment of methyl salicylate as a food additive and insecticide from the EPA: http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/chem_search/reg_actions/reregistration/red_PC076601_9-Nov-05.pdf

It is extensively referenced and the toxicity values for different species are on page 5 of the document (page 7 of the pdf) with canine studies :(on page 7 of the document (page 9 of the pdf); human studies and projections begin on page 17. Please note that methyl salicylate is bad news if you are a pregnant rat or hamster being fed the material every day - but you will have noted from the table on page 7 that the toxic dose for rodents is much lower than for canines or humans!

In the end the EPA points out that the compound is used every day in the likes of Ben Gay with very little reported harm unless you happen to be an unfortunate who is sensitive to the compound. Amy did her homework - we just need to have Michigan publish another article and send it out to the vets who are good enough to read their literature.

<<< Please feel free to share this memo.

Thank you.



DO **NOT** ALLOW OFF LEADS TO APPROACH ON LEADS!



IF YOU SEE THIS

Dogs might be on lead because they don't like dogs, are in heat, are recovering from surgery or are under training.



AND YOU HAVE ONE OF THESE

Off lead dogs should have a great recall and come back to you. It is important for the safety of your dog and other dogs that you do not let them run up to on lead dogs.



YOU MIGHT CAUSE THIS

Fearful Response or potentially exacerbate existing pain in the dog, causing the dog to become worried by other dogs in the future.



OR THIS!

Not all dogs like other dogs and you risk causing a fight and serious injury to your dog and the other dog as well as extreme distress for the owners.

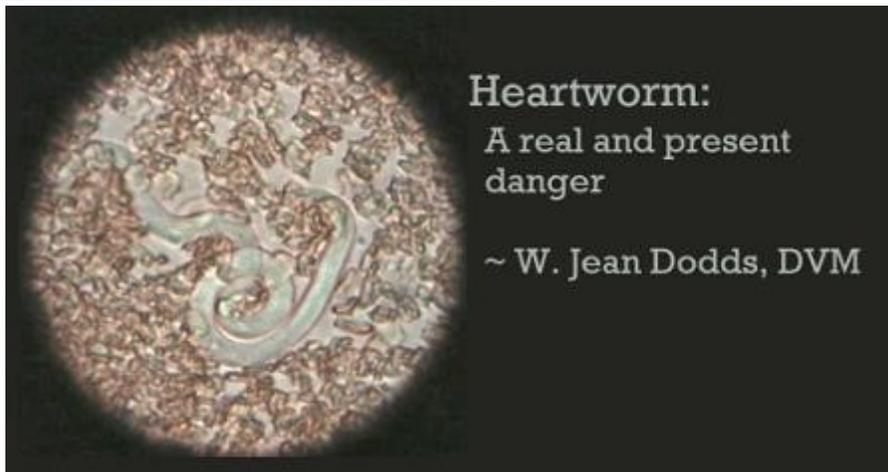


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Heartworm: A real and present danger



Thank you to Allison Pobirs for submitting this article. While from May 2015, Heartworm is a very real danger to our dogs and cases have increased over time in the LA area. You can check the increase over time at this URL.

<https://www.heartwormsociety.org/veterinary-resources/incidence-maps>

As a practicing veterinarian for over 50 years, I have witnessed the spread of heartworm disease and experienced dogs and cats who have succumbed to its harsh and unforgiving effects. I believe that the excellent public awareness campaign over the past 30 years about heartworm prevention and medication distribution have done great good, but have actually led pet caregivers to a false sense of security that their pets will not get heartworm and subsequently a backlash to prescription preventatives.

The reality is heartworm disease has not been eradicated but has actually mutated. If you have not heard of any cases recently in your area, speak to your local shelter or rescue about how real and present the danger is. These organizations are dealing with it on the frontlines because of lack of funding to give preventives or to test for the disease.

History of Heartworm Disease and Prevention

The 1970's saw heartworm disease spread from the Southeastern portion of the United States to the rest of the Continental United States, Hawaii and Canada. During the 1980's and 1990's, ivermectin (Heartgard) and milbemycin oxide (Interceptor) for dogs were introduced to the market, respectively. **These preventatives – which have been through clinical trials – have kept this disease from reaching epidemic proportions.** I understand the angst surrounding recent controversy regarding some preventatives. Please remember that pharmaceutical companies have years of respected reputation behind them with shareholders expecting them to be responsible. With that being said, everything we put in or on our bodies and our companion animal bodies can produce positive and negative effects from medications to food to water to topicals. Clinical trials allow us to measure the degree of the positive effects versus the negative. The negative effects are highly scrutinized. Before a drug is released, the negative effects are more than likely proportionately low compared to the positive. This is not a statement that all heartworm preventatives work for all companion animals or that a level of caution should not be exercised particularly for pets with autoimmune diseases.

Heartworm Disease Cause, Spread and Effects

Heartworm Disease is *indirectly* spread between animals via mosquitoes. A mosquito bites a “host” animal. Within 14 days, the microflaria molts in the mosquito who then passes it through another bite to another animal. Once the larvae reach the immature L5 stage in the animal, they will arrive in the heart’s right ventricle and neighboring blood vessels. The artery lining is damaged. The animal’s bodily response is inflammation of the artery, called endarteritis, and other inflammation in the area to try to heal the damage. Blood clots, aneurysms, and complete blockage of small blood vessels can occur. The blood tries to find a way to get to around the wormed areas, which results in complete and partial blockage of blood vessels, causing fluid to accumulate around these blood vessels in the lungs and reducing the effectiveness of the lungs’ ability to oxygenate the blood.

Heartworm Positive Diagnosis & Treatment in Dogs

Heartworm antigen tests and other tests have improved greatly over the past several years to detect the presence of heartworm earlier. However, it usually is 5-7 months before heartworm is detected after a dog is bitten.

Heartworm disease is directly related to how many worms are living inside the dog, the length of infection, the activity level of the dog, and the dog’s bodily response to heartworms. Oddly, highly active dogs will more than likely have a heavier burden of heartworms than less active dogs.

There are four classes (i.e. stages) of heartworm disease. The higher the class, the worse the disease and the more obvious the symptoms.

Class 1: No symptoms or mild symptoms such as an occasional cough.

Class 2: Mild to moderate symptoms such as an occasional cough and tiredness after moderate activity.

Class 3: General loss of body condition, a persistent cough, and tiredness after mild activity. Trouble breathing and signs of heart failure are common. For class 2 and 3 heartworm disease, heart and lung changes are usually seen on chest x-rays.

Class 4: Caval syndrome – a heavy worm burden that blood flows back to the heart is physically blocked by a large mass of worms. Caval syndrome is life-threatening and quick surgical removal of the heartworms from the pet’s heart is the only treatment option. ***The surgery is invasive and risky. Even with surgery, most dogs with caval syndrome die.***

Not all dogs with heartworm disease develop caval syndrome. If left untreated, heartworm disease will progress and damage the dog’s heart, lungs, liver, and kidneys, eventually causing death. In essence, it is death by strangulation and complete organ failure.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved two drugs for the treatment of heartworm disease in dogs. Both drugs contain **arsenic** and are effective at killing adult heartworms. Caparsolate Sodium (arsenamide sodium) is not currently manufactured or marketed in the United States. Immiticide (melfarsomine hydrochloride) is given by a deep injection into the back muscles to treat dogs with stabilized class 1, 2, and 3 heartworm disease.

One drug, Advantage Multi for Dogs (imidacloprid and moxidectin), is FDA-approved to get rid of microfilariae in the bloodstream of heartworm-positive dogs.

Heartworm disease treatment can be potentially **toxic** to a dog's body and can cause serious complications, such as life-threatening blood clots to the dog's lungs. Treatment requires multiple visits to the veterinarian, bloodwork, x-rays, hospitalization, and a series of injections with Immiticide.

Quick Guide to Heartworm Preventives

- Prescription preventatives are preferred.
- Alternative, over-the-counter, non-prescriptive products **OR** unconventional approaches to heartworm prevention. The issue remains as follows: a negative heartworm test results does not prove that the alternative products work effectively, whereas only a positive heartworm infection result proves that they don't work adequately.
- At the time of this writing, I do not support preventative, 6-month shots.
- Southeastern U.S. state residents should give preventatives year-round.
- Heartworm preventatives do not actually prevent mosquitoes from infecting your dog with heartworm larvae. These preventatives actually kill different stages of heartworm larvae that already have infected your dog. This is why we recommend giving heartworm during autumn months.
- Dogs, cats and ferrets should be tested annually for heartworm disease. If you live in a state that experiences cold weather months and choose to adopt a 6 month protocol, it is especially important to have your pet tested before the start of the heartworm preventative season.
- Overall, the temperature needs to be above 57 degrees for approximately two weeks and mosquitoes are prevalent.
- You can administer heartworm preventive every 45 days instead of every 30 days, but only if this interval is strictly adhered to. If it's difficult to keep track with a reminder calendar, then your dog may need to stay on the medication every month.
- Half-doses are not recommended. Give the full prescription amount.
- Animals that have been taking monthly preventives for a relatively long time may develop subsequent product intolerance. Other preventatives should be sought out or rotated.
- Dogs affected with autoimmune diseases and their immediate relatives should receive only plain daily heartworm preventive (Dimmitrol = diethylcarmbazine). This drug can be found in Canada. For more information about dogs who have autoimmune diseases, chronic thyroid or liver conditions, please visit my blog post, "General Recommendations for Heartworm Preventives".
- Trifexis is an oral preventative for fleas and heartworm. Trifexis contains spinosads which are contraindicated in epileptic or seizure prone dogs and should not be given to these dogs. Unfortunately, this is generally unknown and should be shared with your veterinarian, friends and family.
- Plain milbemycin oxime (Interceptor) is preferable as a heartworm preventive for certain groups of dogs, like sighthounds, smaller white breed dogs and those prone to seizures.
- Most Importantly: Discuss the right prescription preventative with your veterinarian.

W. Jean Dodds, DVM

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Stealth xylitol poisonings on the rise

Tony McReynolds - 3/25/2021



Article URL:

https://www.aaha.org/publications/newstat/articles/2021-03/stealth-xylitol-poisonings-on-the-rise/?fbclid=IwAR0iyeZKJ-9xETPYcJLIXaPkFT9k_hRf1csF7pvXQ-Z_sUCGTKneUXoSa18

“We’ve seen a massive jump in the number of xylitol calls that we’re getting,” said Ahna Brutlag, DVM, MS, DABT, DABVT, of the [Pet Poison Helpline](#): they’ve doubled over the last five years. “Calls about chocolate poisoning are still number one, but xylitol has moved into that number-two spot.”

Brutlag is the Pet Poison Helpline’s director of veterinary services and senior veterinary toxicologist.

A lower-calorie sugar substitute with a low glycemic index, [xylitol](#)’s been on veterinarians’ radar for years because of its toxicity to dogs. But lately, it’s getting trickier to spot. “We’re seeing it show up in all sorts of products,” Brutlag told *NEWStat*. “Products that aren’t even edible.”

Products like deodorant, face gels, hair care products, and baby wipes. Baby wipes? Yes, baby wipes.

“Xylitol produces a nice cooling sensation, so it can be really soothing on the skin,” Brutlag explained. It’s also a humectant, which means it can help maintain moisture in a product, which also helps explain the baby wipes. Brutlag can’t quite believe it herself: “Who would have thought that if a dog ate a baby wipe, we might have to think of xylitol as a potential risk factor, versus whatever else might be in the baby wipe?”

She said that’s why the Pet Poison Helpline is working to get the word on Xylitol out to veterinarians during [Pet Poison Prevention Month](#): “They’d have no reason to be thinking of xylitol being in products other than food or medications, because that’s where they’re used to seeing it.”

Brutlag said low blood sugar is the number one tipoff that a dog who ate a baby wipe (or face gel, or deodorant) might have xylitol poisoning. “If that dog came into the hospital and emergency bloodwork shows he’s hypoglycemic, xylitol would be one of the first things you’d want to ask the pet owner about.”

Diagnosing xylitol poisoning can get even trickier than bringing up baby wipes.

Brutlag said the Helpline recently had a call from a pet owner whose dog—Pickles, a 12-year-old female mixed breed with diabetes—got into his cannabis-infused breath mints: “So we’ve got this dog who ate breath mints that had tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in them, which is toxic to dogs. *And* they were sweetened with xylitol,” Brutlag says. “Now it’s a double-whammy of potential poisoning.”

Each mint contained 3 mg cannabinol, 2 mg THC, 1 mg melatonin, and an unlabeled amount of xylitol. Pickles ate 30 of them. “At the time of the owner’s call to us, he noted that Pickles was very sluggish and seemed easily startled,” Brutlag said. “Due to the dog’s signs, the amount of THC ingested, and the unknown amount of xylitol in the product, we advised Pickles be seen in the ER.” Helpline staff also contacted the mint manufacturer to find out how much xylitol the mints contained.

Stealth xylitol poisonings on the rise—continued

When Pickles arrived in the ER, Helpline staff spoke with the veterinarian on duty, who reported she was disoriented and ataxic but ambulatory. Her vitals were normal. “We discussed the expected clinical signs from the THC, melatonin, and xylitol, and provided treatment and lab testing recommendations,” Brutlag said. “They immediately drew blood to check blood glucose, liver enzymes, and other parameters. She was also administered a dose of activated charcoal.”

The call to the mint maker revealed that each mint contained around 700 mg of xylitol--which meant Pickles ingested a high enough dose to cause hepatic damage.

Brutlag said Pickles was hospitalized and her blood glucose and liver values were closely monitored for 24 hours, during which Helpline staff spoke with the treating veterinarian multiple times to help them assess her lab results and tailor her treatment regimen.

“Pickles actually experienced hyperglycemia, which is uncommon following xylitol ingestion in dogs,” Brutlag said. “We expect hypoglycemia secondary to release of insulin release due to xylitol—but attributed this to her underlying diabetes.” Pickles was started on hepatoprotectants.

Within 24 hours, her clinical signs resolved and she was discharged with instructions to continue having her liver values closely monitored by her regular veterinarian.

“Thankfully,” Brutlag added, “Pickles’ story ended on a happy note.”

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VHOC Freestylers

Submitted by Monica Nolan,
Freestyle Instructor

Congratulations to the VHOC Freestylers who just finished taping their Spring dances for entry into the Dogs Can Dance quarterly Challenge Competition. Each team choreographed their own dance which included selecting music to compliment the dog, developing a routine within the division's guidelines and training their dogs to moves that were in sync with the music.

Be sure and click on the links to see these wonderful dogs and handlers doing Freestyle



Yvonne Garst & Barbie -

This is their first freestyle competition. They're entered in the Classic Freestyle Division, Beginning Level, Open

<https://youtu.be/j4c03-Btuiw>

Shirley Miller & Smudge -

Shirley had foot surgery in February and couldn't walk but still wanted to do a routine. Just goes to show that Freestyle means exactly that! They're entered in the Entertainment Division, Opening Act, Honors.

<https://youtu.be/naQzYDSxk-I>



Trudi Schoolhouse & Sebastian -

Every class has its clown so Trudi just goes along with it and has fun. They're entered in the Entertainment Division, Feature Presentation, Honors. This is the only class that allows (and encourages) video editing of the performance. Just up Sebastian's alley!

<https://youtu.be/RVaZo1LjAfE>



Braggs

Debbie Lang and Fable

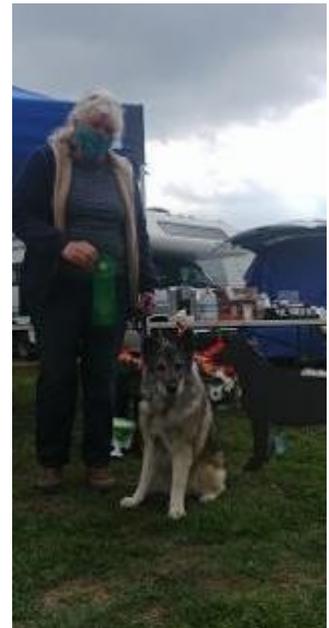
Fable was entered at the Australian Cattle Dog of Gtr LA herding trials at Diamond Dogs, Chino CA

Sat 3-13—Judge Rusty Jeffers

Started A Sheep—qualifying leg—Score of 86 for 6th in the class out of 23

Sun 3-14—Judge Cappy Pruitt

Started A Sheep—qualifying leg—Score of 80.50—tied for 5th place out of 22



Cynthia Casby and MacGyver

MacGyver earned his 3rd leg and **title in Novice JWW Preferred** at the Poodle trial today at Stone Pony!

He also Q'd in Novice Std Preferred- his first Std leg in only his second time in Std.

So unofficial a double Q. Great time!

NEW TITLES



Monica Nolan and Augie

Augie picked up his third Q in Novice B Fast at the Tri-Valley Shetland Sheepdog agility trial on April 11th, earning him his first **FAST title**. He took a moment to pose for this photo between victory laps in the pool!



Braggs

Laurie Burnam and Scusi

AKC National Agility Championships, Tulsa, Oklahoma March 26 to 28, 2021

We qualified for this event in 2020, but the show was cancelled due to Covid-19. We got an automatic invite for the 2021 event and also qualified for it as well. You need a certain amount of double Q's and MACH points.

Warm up run we ran clean

Jumpers run we just knocked a bar, thus 95 out of 100

Standard run another knocked bar, 95 out of 100

Hybrid run ran clean, 100

Grand total 290 out of 300, thus earning 93rd out of 244 - 20" dogs that ran.

I am so proud of 9 year old Scusi running so well amongst the best of the best, who most were very competitive. It was a wild trip in a rented RV, a first for me, going through all sorts of weather, wind, rain, sleet, snow and a 17 truck pile up, all were ok, but scary nonetheless. A lot of work with RV's but an experience I will never forget.



Braggs

Robyn Zeldon and Luca

Luca earned her **Advanced Containers Title** today at the San Gabriel Foothills AKC Scentwork trial on March 21, 2022



NEW TITLES

Robyn Zeldon and Chaos

Chaos Q'ed in Novice Buried and Containers and he **titled in Novice Buried** at the San Gabriel Foothills AKC Scentwork trial on March 22, 2021.



Debbie Lang and Panda

4-4-21—ASCA Agility Trial—ASCSC, Juniper Hills, CA

Elite Gamblers Round 1—10 Pt Q 5th place

Gamblers Elite Title GS-E

Elite Regular Round 1—10 Pt Q—2nd place

Elite Regular Round 2— 5 Pt Q—4th place

Braggs

What FAST Fun for Ladd and Allison!

April 9th 2021, Poodle Club of Southern California, Judge: Dale Mahoney' At: Stone Pony Ranch, in Moorpark, CA

With this run Ladd earned his 25th qualifying score completing the requirements for MFB (Masters FAST Bronze).



NEW TITLE



Marcia Siderow with Remi and Pride

Remi, Remington Steele, got a double Q in Masters Standard Preferred and Masters Jumpers Preferred on Sunday April 11th at the Tri Valley trial at Stone Pony. This was the day after his 8th birthday.

Also, although he didn't Q, Pride ran in his first AKC trial. I'm very proud of my poodle boys.

Remi



Pride



Braggs

Carol Karas and Sam

On Sunday, March 28, Vorberg Calaveras V Stardust TKN completed her **Novice Barn Hunt** title.

On Monday April 5th she became a mother to 7 puppies.

Quincy is the dad of course.

NEW TITLE



Sharon Clarke and Dash

April 10, 2021—Apple Valley KC, Victorville, CA:

Judge—Ms. Carol Riback

High Combined Score in Trial

Utility B and Open B



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Sharon Clarke and Leo

Leo attended his first obedience trial this past weekend. It was a 3 day trial April 9, 10, and 11, 2021 in Victorville, put on by the Apple Valley Kennel Club.

There were many dogs in attendance and it was a very WARM weekend. It was Leo's first foray into the world of obedience and he is less than 18 months of age.

On Friday, we finally got into the ring later in the afternoon and he qualified with a score of 180, not bad for his VERY first time in the ring.

On Saturday, we showed before lunch, but it was still hot and he qualified with a score of 186.5, better and there was improvement. I was happy with the improvement in his performance and score.

On Sunday, we showed just slightly earlier in the day and he qualified with a score of 197.5, placing 2nd and earning his **new title** !! A thrilling event for both Leo and me because he now has titles in front and at the end of his name: GCH Goldwynn's King Leo, BN



Braggs

David Zelitzky and Rush

At the Apple Valley Kennel Club Rush finished his CDX on Friday with a 198 and second place. Then on Saturday and Sunday he again won second place (winning a runoff) with a 197 and another 198.



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