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## Sorry, No General Meeting in March

**We are planning a  
General Meeting for APRIL -**

This will be a Therapy Dog  
Presentation.

We will send out more information  
when all details are finalized.



### 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  
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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.*

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Debbie Lang at  
djlang@sbcglobal.net

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

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

# Upcoming changes to AKC Agility

**Effective May 1, 2018** the following changes have been approved by the AKC Board of Directors at the February, 2018 meeting. If you have any questions please contact your Rep.

## Chapter 4. General Course and Trial Requirements

**Section 6. Preparing a Ring for Agility.** The judge is allowed to send a diagram showing the positions of all the obstacles no more than 48 hours prior to the date of the trial to facilitate course building. This diagram may not show obstacle numbers, start and/or finish lines or the Send Line on the course. The judge may send an equipment list more than 48 hours ahead if requested by the club. The Judge may send a diagram more than 48 hours ahead showing position of the contact obstacles and a list of the other obstacles that may be grouped together (bunched) in different areas of the ring. Once the obstacles are set no dogs may train or practice on the obstacles.

## Chapter 5, Section 5 (removal of #6)

~~6. Leaving the table and engaging another obstacle prior to completion of the 5 second count.~~

Changes the judging of the table from a Failure (a non-qualifying fault) to a Wrong Course if the dog engages another obstacle then comes back to finish the table count. This makes the judging consistent with all other obstacles on the course and removes the unique judging for the table. This would also potentially allow Novice and Open teams to qualify since it changes this call from non-qualifying to a wrong course which on its own is not a non-qualifying call.

## Chapter 5, Section 5

9. Handler touching any obstacle prior to completion of the course.

This change clarifies that handlers will receive a non-qualifying score if they touch any piece of equipment during a run. It removes the subjectivity of if the handler touching any obstacle aided the dog's performance.

## Chapter 5, Section 6 (removal of #6)

~~6. Four Paw Rule. If a dog commits all four feet on any ascent portion of a contact obstacle and fails to negotiate the ascent side of that obstacle, the judge shall instruct the handler to move the dog on to the next obstacle. If the dog re-engages the obstacle with one or more paws, the dog shall be excused.~~

By removing this line dogs will be allowed to reattempt all contact obstacles if they initially had 4 feet (or less) on the upside of the contact and come off. Once they have started the descent they may not reattempt if they exit the obstacle prior to touching the down contact. Further judging information will be published in the blog and added to the Guidelines prior to May 1, 2018

Information can be found at—<https://akcagilityjudges.files.wordpress.com/2018/02/feb-board-mtg-agility-changes-v2.pdf>

### Revisions to the Regulations for Agility Trials

Effective June 1, 2018

This insert is issued as a supplement to the Regulations for Agility Trials Amended to April 1, 2017

#### CHAPTER 11 REGULATIONS FOR AGILITY TRIALS PREMIER CLASSES

Chapter 11 Section 2. Eligibility. **The Premier class has a single class level. Dogs Eligible to enter Novice, Open, Excellent or Master level classes may enter the Premier Class.**

### Reminder: Our first Wing Ding Agility Trial on March 30 will be closing on March 14.

VHOC is sponsoring several "Wing Ding" Agility Trials throughout the coming year at Stone Pony Ranch, 13650 Broadway Rd, Moorpark, Ca. The first one will be held on March 30; it opened on Feb. 2 and will close on Mar. 14. Here is a link to the online entry form:

<http://wwdat.us/upcoming-trials/atftc-vhoc-march-29-30-2018-trial/>

You can enter online or print the entry form and mail it in.

Mark your calendar for the dates for future 2018 Wing Ding Agility trials sponsored by VHOC at Stone Pony Ranch:

March 30

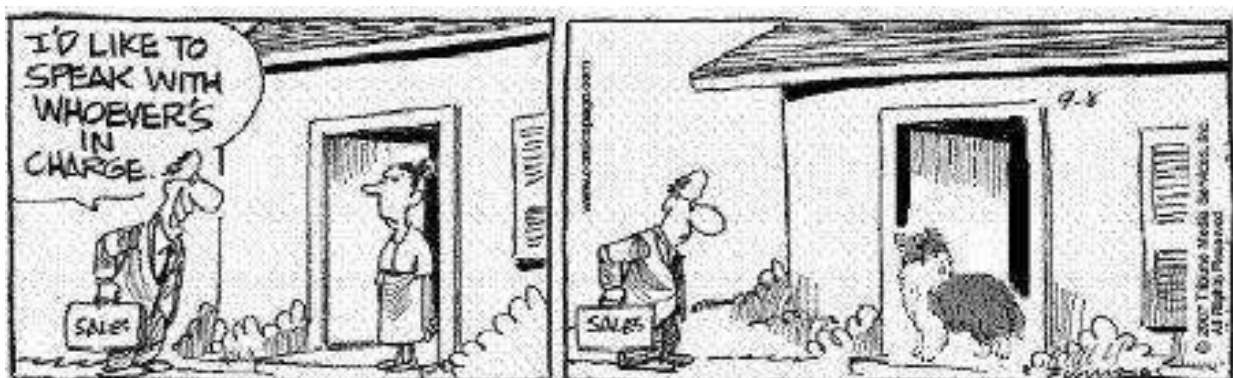
May 10-11

July 26-27

August 2

September 13-14

November 16





# LEASHES: A DIFFERENT VIEW



**“...Think of the leash itself as your Emergency Backup Plan, not your main means of communicating with or controlling your dog. If your leash is your primary means of communication and control, then your dog knows that you have no control once the leash is off. Even if you never plan to walk your dog off leash, your dog should think the leash is irrelevant. The connection should be between YOU and your dog, not the leash and your dog.”**

From : Sue Brown in Juvenile Delinquent Dogs (2012, The Light of Dog)  
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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/138106032889353/permalink/1906469806052958/>

From Dawn Gilmour's post in Agililitynet

*Please contact me for all your Real Estate Needs or Questions...*



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# Journey of the Chip Bag

## Where Bags Were Found When Pets Suffocated:



In or near the garbage	29%
On a coffee or side table	21%
On the counter	11%
Outside/In the yard	7%
On the kitchen/dining table	5%
In or near the recycling bin	4%
Other (e.g., backpack, car, pantry)	3%
Don't know	20%



## A PET CAN LOSE THEIR LIFE IN UNDER 5 MINUTES

42% of people were HOME when it happened  
Of those who were out, 21% were gone less than 15 minutes.

Bag  
TIGHTENS  
when pet  
inhales



### MYTH BUSTER:

**Doesn't Only Happen to Small Pets**

More than 50% of the dogs who suffocated weighed OVER 30 lbs.  
15% weighed OVER 60 lbs!

DOGS and CATS suffocated in:

Chip (snack) bags 69%  
Pet food/treat bags 13%  
Cereal box liners 8%  
Bread bags, plastic containers, and more 10%



### Store in plastic containers

with an opening that your pet  
can't stick their head into



### CUT all bags TWICE

It'll save your pets – AND strays and wildlife, too!


## SOLUTIONS

[PreventiveVet.com/pet-suffocation](http://PreventiveVet.com/pet-suffocation)



### Serve snacks in a bowl

Never eat out of a bag

 Share

### SHARE!!!

90% of pet owners didn't know about the dangers of suffocation in food bags and containers until it happened to their pet. This has happened to experienced, loving pet owners.

Source: Preventive Vet Suffocation Survey 2014-2015 (1,027 respondents)

 Preventive Vet

# BRAGS

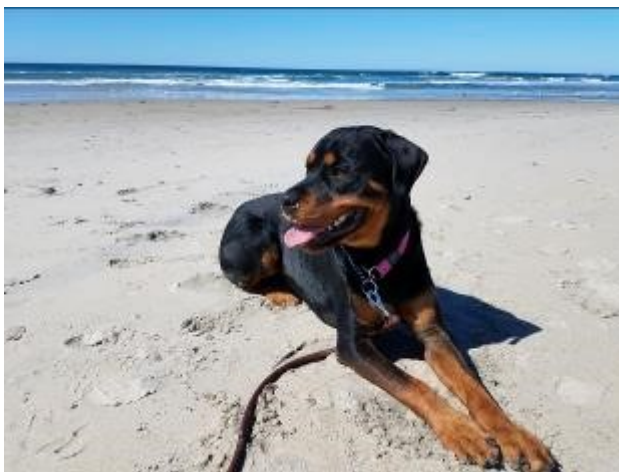
**Karla Spitzer/Scott Friedman and Henry**—Feb 17, 2018—Contact Point Agility Club of Los Angeles, Stone Pony—Moorpark, CA:

Henry with his 2 qualifying ribbons. Open standard and open jumper's with weaves. Henry is a serious guy, and NEVER smiles for the camera.

Henry finished both his **OPEN Standard (P) and OPEN JWW (P) TITLES**

....both in first place

**NEW TITLES**



**Karen Ullman and Kona**—February 24/25, 2018 Silver Bay KC of San Diego—Del Mar, CA:

2/24 Rally Intermediate 3rd place—94

2/25 Rally Intermediate—4th place—83

**NEW TITLE**



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# BRAGS



**Laurie and Scusi** - Feb 17/18 2018—*Australian Shepherd Club of S. Calif., ASCA agility, Juniper Hills, CA:*

Elite Jumpers 10 Q 3rd place

Elite Jumpers 10 Q 5th place

Elite Jumpers 10 Q 5th place

Elite Jumpers 10 Q 6th place

Elite Regular 10 Q 4th place

Elite Regular 10 Q 4th place

Elite Regular 10 Q 4th place



**Debbie and Quila**—Feb 17/18 2018, *Australian Shepherd Club of So. Cal., ASCA Agility, Juniper Hills, CA:*

In ASCA there is a program called ACE which is similar to AKC Preferred where any dog can jump 4 inches below their normal jump height. Additionally in ACE there is a Senior Dog division for dogs over 10 years old. So a 20 inch dog would jump 12 inches. I decided to move Quila to the Senior Dog Division since she is 11.5 years old. She qualified in 8 out of 12 runs, because she was the only one in her class, she was first in all of her classes.

ASCA also lets you enter Elite and if you don't have your Novice or Open titles they apply your Qs to earning those titles from the Elite class. So while Quila was running Elite she was earning Qs for the lower levels.

Elite Jumpers 10 Q 1st

Elite Jumper 10 Q 1st—**ACE Senior Dog Novice Jumpers Title**

Elite Jumpers 10 Q 1st

Elite Jumpers 10 Q 1st—**ACE Senior Dog Open Jumpers Title**

Elite Regular 10 Q—1st

Elite Regular 10 Q—1st

Elite Regular 10 Q—1st—**ACE Senior Dog Novice Regular Title**

Elite Gamblers 10 -Q 1st

**NEW TITLES**

**Debbie and Panda**—Feb 17/18 2018, Australian Shepherd Club of So. Cal., ASCA Agility, Juniper Hills, CA:

Open Jumpers 10 Q 1st—**Jumpers Open Outstanding Title**

Open Jumper 10 Q 1st

Open Regular 10 Q—1st

Open Regular 10 Q—1st

Open Regular 10 Q—1st—**Open Regular Title**

Novice Gamblers 10 –Q 2nd

Novice Gamblers 10 Q 1st

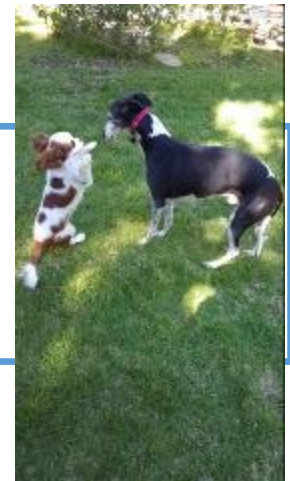
Novice Gamblers 10 Q 2nd

# BRAGS

**NEW TITLE**



Shari Sisson has and new family member and her name is "Rain". She is a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel



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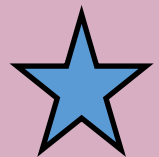
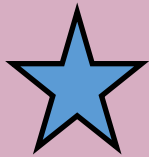
# BRAGS



## Joyce Davis and Caper—

Caper went High in Trial at the Golden Retriever sanctioned match on March 11th.

We had fun and the weather was perfect.



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and  
is now part of Holistic Veterinary Center.**

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**Ellen Zuckerman and Sandy -**

Sandy earned her **THDN Therapy Dog title** and we will work with Love On a Leash.

**NEW TITLE**



**BRAGS**



**Monica Nolan with Augie and Mikko— Feb. 25, 2018—**  
*Silver Bay KC of San Diego, Del Mar, CA:*

Augie & Mikko got their **Novice Trick Dog Titles** and Augie picked up another Q in Beginner Novice and 4th place.

And I got to visit with my kids and their dogs who live in San Diego. Super weekend!

**NEW TITLE**

**Robyn Zeldon and Lux—March 10, 2018—AKC Scent Work Trial—Greater Los Angeles Scent Work Club, Moorpark, CA:**

Lux Q'ed in containers, interiors, exteriors and buried hides at the AKC nose work trial March 10th at Stone Pony.

She also got her **Intermediate and Advanced Trick titles**.

**NEW TITLE**





# BRAGS

**Diane Schlesinger and Apple**—*March 10, 2018, Greater Los Angeles Scent Work Club, Moorpark, CA:*

Apple earned **3 AKC Novice Scent Work titles** (buried hides, interiors and exteriors-SBN, SIN and SEN) .

**NEW TITLE**



**Linda Zimmerman and Angel**

2/15/18 CGCA Advanced Canine Good Citizen **NEW TITLE**

2/15/18 TKN Tricks Title Novice **NEW TITLE**

2/15/18. TKI Tricks Title Intermediate. **NEW TITLE**

AKC Nose Work

3/10/18 Greater LA Scent Work Club Moorpark CA

Q. 1st Leg Container Search

Q. 1st Leg Interior Search

Q. 1st Leg. Exterior Search

Q 1st Leg. Buried Search



**Sue Ingham and Flame**

Flame (JavaHills Happy Redhot Flame) completed his AKC **Novice Scent work title** on February 4.

He took **Novice High in Trial** with a total time over four searches (Containers, Interiors, Exteriors and Buried Hides) of 49.24 seconds. His time for the Buried Hide was 3.22 seconds -- which was second place.

**NEW TITLE**



# Lomita Obedience Training Club

## Annual Obedience, Rally & Conformation Match

**Sunday, April 15, 2018**

Lomita Park at 24428 Eshelman Ave, Lomita CA 90717

### Schedule & Classes

**Entry table is open: 8:00 to 10:00 A.M.**

- **OBEDIENCE - 9:00 A.M. New/Old Rules** Beginner Novice A&B, Novice A&B, Open A&B, Utility (Chain Ring or Baby Gates, A or B).
- **RALLY - 9:00 A.M.:** Masters followed by Excellent, Advanced, Intermediate, & Novice in that order.
- **MOVEMENT & HANDLING- 10:00 A.M.** practice and instruction
- **CONFORMATION - 11:00 A.M.:** 3 to 6 • 6 to 9 • 9 to 12 • Open.  
(Champions from any registry may be shown for exhibition only.)  
All in a ring dedicated to and set up for conformation with a table, a ramp, & a wicket for measuring height.

### Entries

**Enter online** or use convenient **entry form on the back** for match day.

**Pre-entry by mail** if postmarked before April 7, 2018

Show order, for all, will be by sign-in with the ring table stewards the day of the event. 1st run in any class will be on a "Priority Sheet". All additional runs in that same class will be scheduled on a 2nd sheet. Dogs not present for their run will be moved to the bottom of that sheet.

### Fees

**One Run \$8, all additional runs (any class) \$4**

### Directions

From the **405** exit on Crenshaw. South on Crenshaw to Lomita Boulevard. East (left) on Lomita to Eshelman. North (left) on Eshelman a short distance to the park on the right.

From the **110** exit on Sepulveda. West on Sepulveda to Western. South (left) on Western to Lomita Boulevard. West (right) on Lomita to Eshelman. North (right) on Eshelman a short distance to the park on the right.

**Please note: Training and competing should be fun and positive! Abusive or harsh corrections to any dog on the Match Grounds will not be tolerated--you will be asked to leave. All awards to be at dog's current AKC level.**  
**Come and have a nice time. Lomita Obedience**

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in their  
current  
AKC level

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Drawing at noon!



# Lomita Obedience Training Club—continued

Training Club **2018** Match Entry Form      **Armband #** \_\_\_\_\_

Dog Name		Breed	
Owner Name		Ph #	(      )
Street Address		Email	
City		Zip	

# of Runs	Class	\$	1 Run \$8 additional runs any class \$4 ea.			
	Beginner Novice A		I / We the undersigned will not hold Lomita Obedience Training Club, Inc. or any of its officers and directors or the Lomita Park or the City Of Lomita responsible for any loss or damage to dogs or property at these show grounds, or for any injury suffered by any person or dog attending this match.  Date ____/____/____  Signature _____  Signature _____			
	Beginner Novice B					
	Novice A					
	Novice B					
	Open A					
	Open B					
	Utility Chain Ring					
	Utility Baby Gates					
	Rally Masters					
	Rally Excellent					
	Rally Advanced					
	Rally Intermediate					
	Rally Novice					
	Movement & Handling Instruction					
	Conformation	M      F				
<input type="checkbox"/> 3-6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-9	<input type="checkbox"/> 9-12	<input type="checkbox"/> Open	<input type="checkbox"/> Champion.	Grand Total	<b>Checks Payable to L.O.T.C.</b>

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 You may only duplicate this form for multiple entries or for your friends.

Sunday, April 15, 2018

Lomita Park at 24428 Eshelman Ave, Lomita CA 90717

Entry table 8 to 10. RALLY and OBEDIENCE at 9, MOVEMENT & HANDLING Class 10, CONFORMATION at 11:00

Show order by sign in with ring table stewards.

1<sup>st</sup> runs on a Priority sheet Additional runs on a 2<sup>nd</sup> sheet.

Mail pre-entries to:      Jack Thourot  
                                  Match Chairman  
                                  7 Flying Mane Rd  
                                  Rolling Hills, CA 90274.

Entries postmarked before **April 7, 2018** and  
**online** entries can be picked up at the pre-entry table.  
 You may then go to ring table stewards to sign up for  
 show order.

Keep this half of the flyer. It contains all of the important information for the match. Please be sure to give us ANY comments about how we can improve our program. We will only use your personal information to try to understand how we are doing and possibly to send you an entry form and flyer for our match next year.

Lomita Obedience Training Club

Match Chair

Jack Thourot

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# HEALTH CLINIC

**Sunday, March 25**

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Dr. Sarah Zimmerman DVM: OFA Hearts - \$35.00 \*\*\*

Dr. Brian Marchione DVM: OFA Eyes - \$40.00 \*\*\*

Dr. Terrie Johnson DVM:

OFA Patellas - \$15.00 \*\*\*

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Heartworm Antigen Test - \$22.00

Distemper / Parvovirus Titer - \$140.00

Rabies Titer - \$160.00

OFA Thyroid - \$100.00

MSU Standard Thyroid - \$90.00

T4 Test - \$60.00

Brucellosis Test - \$65.00

AKC DNA Draw - \$55.00

Vaccines - \$12.00 each

Influenza (flu) vaccine, both strains - \$20.00

\*\*\* Submission Extra Charge

**BRING YOUR DOG'S AKC REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE TO THE CLINIC!**

### **YOU MUST MAKE AN APPOINTMENT AND PAY IN ADVANCE**

To sign up for the Health Clinic, please call Cheryl Johnson at 562-867-3985 and leave a message, or email her at Goldenk9z@msn.com.

**DEADLINE: 6 p.m. MARCH 18**

**Be prepared to tell her how many dogs, time preference, and which tests you want.**

**THERE IS A \$5 REGISTRATION FEE PER DOG**

**After the appointment is made, she will email you a Reservation Form to fill out and send with the check, made payable to GRCGLA, to Dave Garges at 12679 7th Street, Yucaipa CA 92399**

**Directions to Dill Veterinary Hospital:** From the 118 Fwy (between the 5 Fwy and the 210 Fwy) exit San Fernando Rd. and proceed NW a short distance to 11207 San Fernando Rd. on the left.



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DAY!

