



Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club

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Club Business & Announcements

REMINDER

Our next General meeting is

September 6, 2016

7:00 PM

at

HemoPet

NOTE IT IS A WEEK EARLY !

Please join me in welcoming our newest member
that was voted in at the
July meeting :

Marti Simons (Bernese Mountain Dogs)



Meeting Minutes for both the Board and General Membership

meetings are chronologically filed on our website.

SAVKC's 2016-2017 Officers & Board of Directors

Officers

President.....Dean Langwiser
Vice President.....Jill Dominguez
Secretary.....Tammy Porter
TreasurerJolene Hicks
AKC Delegate.....Keith Hicks

Board of Directors

Awards & Programs.....Chris Porter
Communications.....Patty Rusko
Legislation.....Joe Berkau
Membership.....Burk Hughes
Performance.....Jill Hart

Sunshine Person

Bobbi Davis

Sergeant of Arms

Keith Hicks

Breeder Referral Contact

Dean Langwiser

Website

Jill Dominguez

Newsletter

Tammy Porter

Publicity

Jill Dominguez

2016 Show Chair

Joe Berkau

Welcome to our 2016-2017 Officer & Board of Directors

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Walk Your Dog

Even if you have a backyard,
let them see the rest of the world.

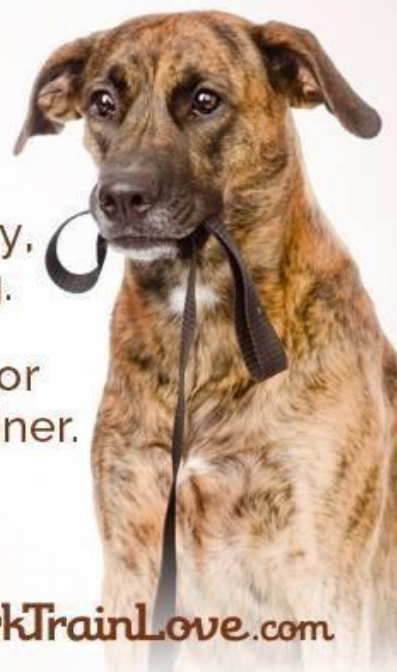
Even if they're 10 pounds and pad trained,
let them sniff the grass.

Even if they're older,
let them walk a little slower.

Whether you live in the country,
suburbs, or city, walk your dog.

If your dog pulls on the leash, or
is reactive, get help from a trainer.

**Then walk your dog
better, longer, happier.**



BarkTrainLove.com

New Point Schedule

Click [here](#) for the AKC's new point schedule effective May 11, 2016

Club T Shirts

We recently had some awesome club t shirts made. They are available at out meetings and events. Please check them out, there is a limited supply.

Silent Auction

Silent Auction Donations

We are collecting donations for our Silent Auction. This year at our 66th annual show we have partnered with two local non-profits and created

[The Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club Police K9 Blood Bank Fund](#)

(click link above for donation form)

Supporting the Orange County Police Canine Association in partnership with Hemopet Blood Bank

Our inaugural year of the fund is dedicated to Bruno the City of Anaheim K9 Officer that gave his life in the line of duty May 18th, 2016.

Suggested donation items include tickets to local sports games, concerts and special events, wine and fruit baskets, dog related gift baskets, specialized vet services gift certificates and even restaurant, spa and hotel stay gift certificates. If you would like to donate an item or would like to refer a company to donate an item or service please contact Jill Hart Silent Auction Chair at jahart48@yahoo.com.

Blanket Donations

Gwen Lattin will be collecting all blanket donations. Please bring them to meetings or to her day of show.

Bake the Lead Bake Sale Items

The club is hosting a "Bake the Lead" event to benefit Take the Lead. Please donate your favorite store purchased items or quality baked & wrapped items to this good cause

Vaccine Issues

You are cordially invited to join



Gateway Cities English Springer Spaniel Association

For an educational presentation

Topic of the Evening:

Vaccine Issues

Presented by

Dr. Jean Dodds, DVM

HEMOPET

Thursday, August 18, 2016

Dinner/Social time – 6:00pm

Program to begin – 7:00pm

At

Citrus Café

1481 Edinger Avenue

Tustin, CA 92780

RSVP mandatory – please send name and contact information for each attendee to

Veronica Barker – missvbark@netzero.net – 714-290-0320

There is no charge to attend the educational program, but the club does request you patronize Citrus Café by coming early for dinner, (you purchase your own) so they will continue to allow us to meet/hold programs without charge for their meeting room.

TOP DOG

Top Dog competition this year will be
on November 12

at Rancho Tapo Park in Simi Valley.

More information to come on try outs

Dog Club Membership 101

Posted By Laura Reeves PHA

In [Dogs & People Learn! The Scene](#)

Wait, what? Join an all-breed club? Attend a meeting? Help at the show? Seriously?

Yes. Really. It's something every participant in the fancy really should do. Anyone who is not now or has not been an active member of a show-giving club, either an all-breed club or a national or regional breed club, has not earned the right to complain about shows, show sites, judges, or pretty much anything else.

I understand we're all busy. Trust me. I get it. I'm also the Hospitality Chair for my breed's National Events this year, which take place just a couple weeks before my all-breed club's show. And yes, I have a job and a couple side projects (like this column) and a family. And, even, every now and then, a life! The same goes for every active participant in the clubs to which I belong.

Certainly I'm not suggesting everyone over-commit the way I do (in fact, I strongly recommend against it!) but this sport rests on its people. I hear lots of complaining about how AKC doesn't do this or that club didn't do thus and so. Well, kids, who do you think is going to actually do the work? We are. You and me and Bobby McGee, figuratively speaking.

It's called giving back to the sport. And it's not just for the long-timers. Many of us are reaching critical mass in the burnout stage. We need new voices, new brains, new eyes, new (and younger) backs. Volunteering for a club introduces participants to the inner workings of the show. It helps people learn, meet new folks in the community, contribute new ideas and fresh blood (and sweat and tears). If you just acquired your first show dog (or obedience or agility or hunt test or field trial.... all the same principles apply outside of conformation) what better way to learn the ropes than by helping out?

You aren't liable to be enlisted as show chair at your first meeting. Hopefully, your club leadership will listen respectfully to all input, but your ideas may not be immediately implemented. That is not reason to give up. I can assure you, speaking as one who served a number of years as National Events Coordinator for my breed, the volunteer in charge of poop patrol and clean up at the end of the week (no experience required) was my VERY favorite person on the team.

Learning and growing in a club will inevitably bring you more opportunities, which will continue to progress depending on your skill set, your willingness and your dependability.

So, a few tips about how each and every person reading this can contribute to improving the state of the sport.

Join a club. Dues are rarely onerous. Unlike at work, the people you meet already share a passion. Either for the same breed or purebred dogs in general.

Volunteer for any one of the highly critical jobs at the show. Clean up. Or catalog sales. Or marking grooming spaces. Or judges transportation. Or hospitality. Or ring steward. Or trophy donations. Or media relations.

If you have a great idea for a fundraiser or other labor intensive project, volunteer to organize it. I have a standing rule - Anyone who complains about a problem, is automatically designated to find and implement a solution.

In larger clubs, offer to be on a committee and take a smaller bite of a larger task. Say, for example, on the hospitality committee, you could volunteer to be in charge of flowers or candy dishes or pushing the little carts with refreshments for the judges to each ring.

If you say you'll do something, for the love of all that's holy, DO it. In as timely and efficient a manner as possible with as little complaining as you can manage.

Old-timers, you folks need to be willing to let go of your fiefdoms a little. Training the replacement volunteer for your job is a tremendous gift to the fancy.

Club officers, especially for those Breed clubs with restricted membership, consider ways in which to grow your roster. Reaching out to new owners and instilling in them the love and fascination for your breed and ways they can contribute to its future health and well-being is a good thing.

Be realistic about your available time and don't bite off more than you can chew. This enables you to not become so stressed that the your volunteer time is taking a toll on your mental health.

Personalities, petty jealousies, cliques, ancient histories and axes to grind are all part and parcel of the gig. I have found that a smile and sincere compliment goes a long, long way toward accomplishing a goal. When all else fails, quit banging your head against the brick wall and go around it...

Just like we learned in kindergarten... Play nice in the sandbox. Share your toys. Don't bite.

Upcoming Events

August 13 & 14 South Bay KC AB/Obed/Rally

August 20 Agility Pay & Play - [Click for flyer](#)

VHOC will be hosting its first Agility Pay & Play (Match) on Saturday, August 20. Whether you're just getting started or are an advanced handler, we invite you to join us for some agility fun. Run a course or just practice your startline/stay around distractions.

This event is also open to non-members, so spread the word and bring your friends!

RSVP to Nancy at ngiltner623@gmail.com or reply to this email and we'll forward it along. See attached flyer for more information.

Sept 3 & 4 Grass Valley KC

Sept 10 & 11 SAVKC AB/S/Obed/Rally - [Click for premium List](#)

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Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club's Website....For club news and archives

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

Before & after Pokemon

DOGS

BEFORE



AFTER



Outfoxing the Foxtail

Outfoxing the Foxtail

Posted By Christy Corp-Minamiji D.V.M.

In [Canine Health](#)

Folks who live in the strange lands where rain falls year round may not have met this diabolical tool of evil, but for those of us living in the lands of gold(en brown), foxtails are a summertime menace.

This harmless appearing plant awn looks like the lovechild of a Victorian fan and a Robin Hood arrow. However, its aerodynamic design and delicate barbs are a front for its true nature as an instrument of irritation, infection, and death.



Photo courtesy of Dr. Colin Chaves This incredibly large foxtail (dubbed "King Foxtail") was brought into the clinic in a lab's ear. Dr. Chaves says the pain goes away quickly once the foxtail is removed. Usually there is no treatment after removal from an ear or nose, but antibiotics are prescribed if there is an abscess in the foot, and if it was in the eye and caused a corneal ulcer, topic antibiotics are used

Since humans lack fur, frequently wear shoes, and rarely snuffle face-first through the weeds, foxtails are nothing more than a sock-infesting nuisance for us. But for non-human animals - well, mammals at least - foxtails act like tissue-destroying missiles, burrowing through skin and trailing bacteria in their wake.

I grew up in foxtail country. Our golden retriever was sent to the veterinarian for more than one excavation of ears, nose, and toes. Still, I never thought of foxtails as particularly serious until I was a veterinary student.

During my senior year, it was a running joke that any patient I was assigned had pus lurking somewhere in its body. Tetris was no exception. A vastly underweight whippet (picture a skeleton with pointy nose and white and fawn fur), Tetris had been rescued from a reportedly disastrous kennel situation - mud, weeds, you name it. He was malnourished and had bed sores, but by the time I rotated onto

the clinic, he *should* have been improving. His bloodwork was horrible and his attitude left a lot to be desired. However, we couldn't find the source of infection. Several days onto my rotation, Tetris became inflamed along both sides of his spine. The resident and I did an ultrasound on his back, and sure enough, Tetris was developing massive abscesses. A couple of days later, the less than 30-pound dog poured out about a gallon of pus. In the oozy goo? Foxtails. Many of them.

As close as we could guess, the poor guy had been sitting and lying in a literal bed of thorns (well, stickers). Presumably the foxtails had entered his skin where it was compromised by matted feces (sorry folks). They had then gone marching north, all the way to his shoulders, leaving their wake of bacteria. Once we were done with the painful bits of flushing and he got used to me loving on him, his attitude improved.

He went from having a bite tag on his cage to barreling across the lobby to see me and leap in my lap when he returned for a recheck.

Because it takes time for the body to summon its defenses and muster up legions of white blood cells, abscesses don't form immediately. First the area becomes inflamed, and then as the white cells move in and start the war in earnest, the pus forms.

Most animals will show early signs of foxtail incursion: shaking, rubbing, or licking of the affected area; redness of the skin or eye; a wound that won't heal. If the foxtail isn't removed, those signs will progress to more obvious signs of infection: discharge and a terrible smell. While it's rare to have a full-body impact like Tetris had, there are still plenty of instances of dogs developing ascending foxtail infections that penetrate from the toes all the way to the chest wall or nose to lungs.

The arrow shape of a foxtail means that like an arrow, it can only go one direction with ease: further in.

Dogs, probably due to their inability to leave ANYTHING alone, seem to be the worst off. Foxtails are frequent visitors to canine feet, ears, eyes, and noses. Cats can also be impacted but seem to be more resistant, probably due to a lack of compulsory weed-snuffling.

Horses and cattle, while protected by their hooves and wide nostrils, love to collect foxtails under their eyelids, especially tucked in behind the third eyelid. Whenever I saw a horse or cow in the summer with a swollen, oozing, mostly closed eye, I knew there was a good chance that with a little sedation (for the patient) and a steady hand, I was going to get to look like a hero. I think my record was five foxtails from one cow's eye.

You can take some steps to outfox the foxtail. Mowing, weed-whacking, or sending out the goats before the grasses develop seed heads and dry out is the best start.

Keeping known problem children - aka those dogs with vacuums at the ends of their snouts - out of the deep weeds can be a pain, but unless your dog really needs to be one with the wilderness (for instance, a hunting dog), you may want to restrict the summer evening walk to nicely manicured lands. Keeping a dog's feet clipped can help.

A fly mask may help protect equine eyes, but make sure you are removing said mask a couple of times per day to get a good look at your horse's baby blues or browns. Few things will make you feel worse than taking off a fly mask to find it has been hiding a painful, infected eye.

Whatever you do, remember that the foxtail is a more wily and dangerous opponent than he seems!

[VetzInsight](#) (formerly ANIMALicious) seeks to educate pet owners in a lighthearted, sometimes poignant manner by taking a sideways look at companion animal issues. Rather than explain what occurs in a disease process and how to treat it - which is what our sister site Veterinary Partner does - our goal is not only to inform on larger issues but to tap into the numerous emotions at play within the human-animal bond. We're here to learn and have fun.

Additionally, VetzInsight seeks to facilitate the notion that communication between veterinarians and pet owners is not only okay, it is essential. To provide the best care for your pet, you and your veterinarian need to listen to and understand what the other is saying.

A cooperative effort from the Veterinary Information Network (VIN), an online community for the veterinary profession, VetzInsight is brought to you by the same folks who offer Veterinary Partner, a trusted source for pet lovers since 2002. VIN is the largest community of veterinarians in the world, and is committed to the well being of companion animals

Whittier, California Declared AKC Dog Friendly City

Posted By AKC

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The California Federation of Dog Clubs presented the American Kennel Club's Dog Friendly City Award to the Whittier Mayor and Council at the new Whittier Dog Park.

From left to right: CFoDC Director Carol Raschella, CFoDC President Chuck Bridges, CFoDC Vice-President Judythe Coffman, CFoDC Director Connie Koehler, Councilman Fernando Dutra, Mayor Joe Vinatieri, AKC Sr. Legislative Analyst Sarah Sprouse, Councilman Josue Alvarado. CFoDC Team Members not pictured: CFoDC Director Carol Hamilton, Whittier resident and President of the Irish Setter Club of Southern California Nancy Fenoglio and Whittier Resident Dr. Dennis Voorheis.

The American Kennel Club (AKC) is pleased to announce that Whittier, California has been awarded the AKC's Dog Friendly City Award in recognition of their support of responsible dog owners and breeders in the city. The California Federation of Dog Clubs was able to formally present this award to Mayor Vinatieri as well as Councilmembers Fernando Dutra and Josue Alvarado at the city's new dog park.

The Whittier City Council worked closely with the American Kennel Club's federation, the California Federation of Dog Clubs (CFoDC), in 2015 to approve an ordinance which protects responsible dog owners.

"We were very impressed by the information compiled and presented [by the California Federation of Dog Clubs]. They truly did their homework and were polite and respectful in their presentation to the council. They took the time to educate us and to involve local Whittier residents which really meant a lot to us," said Mayor Joe Vinatieri.

The CFoDC members were impressed with the council's attention to detail and their quest to educate themselves about an issue that affects the quality of life of many Whittier residents. The city had originally considered adopting the same mandatory spay/neuter ordinance as

Los Angeles County but when presented with information about the negative health effects of early spay/neuter, the corresponding decrease in licensing compliance and the way in which these policies disproportionately impact low-income pet owners, the city reversed course on that portion of the proposal.

"CFODC lent critical support to local dog fanciers with our extensive knowledge base, our organizing experience, and our 'boots on the ground.' We were pleased that Mayor Viniatieri and Council Member Dutra reiterated their gratitude to our team for giving them the tools with which to make an informed decision to benefit their city. Having the Whittier community come together - the council members and the dog-owning citizens - was truly gratifying. I can't think of a better way of celebrating this win-win for Whittier than presenting this award at the city's new dog park," said CFODC President Chuck Bridges.

Whittier is only the second city to receive this prestigious honor. The recent opening of the Whittier Dog Park further exemplifies the city's commitment to providing recreation and socialization opportunities for the canine members of the community and their owners. In recognition of their dedication to making Whittier a wonderful community for dogs and their owners, the American Kennel Club is pleased to present the city with the AKC Dog Friendly City Award.

Brag

"Adele"



MBISS GCHS Livewire Rumor Has It @ Britestar "Adele"
This wonderful girl has yet again won the

Camino Real Siberian Husky Club 2016
for the second year in a row!
We are looking forward to many more successes with the amazing
Heritage Show Dogs Team on the other side of the lead.

"Buzz"





Magic Berners To Infinity and Beyond HT, CGC was awarded
Ventura KC Friday - Working Group 1
Channel City KC Saturday - Best Opposite Sex (over1 special)
Channel City KC Sunday Best of Breed (Over 2 specials)

"Sahara"



Sahara (BISS MRBIS, UCI CACIB, UR01 UKC GRCH, ARBA/KCUSA SUPREME GRCH, ISWS CH Allagante Sahara Starfyre, ISWS Lure Courser of Merit, ISWS Expert Courser, ISWS Straight Racing Ch Excellent, American Sighthound Field Assn Field Ch, LGRA Gazehound Racing Ch, ASCA Rally Advanced, CD, ITD, CGC) went to Canada to visit her family there. While she was there she competed in agility in Niagara, Ontario, and had two no fault runs and earned a first place in her class. The following day at straight racing in Codrington, Ontario Canada she won the race meet. She is the leading veteran straight racing Silken Windhound in Canada and 1/3 of the way to her Canadian straight racing championship. She came in second at ovals in California the following weekend. She is just learning ovals at 7 years of age and watch out Khan, she just figured out the NASCAR left turn! It was a different skill to learn since she has 94 lure courses with qualifying scores. Sahara is also the #11 Lifetime ASFA lure coursing Silken Windhound. Sahara is spoiled rotten by Jolene & Keith Hicks.

"Celeste"



Celeste (Allagante Celestial Starfyre) was awarded Best Puppy in Show at the Silken Windhound National Specialty at SouthFork Ranch in Texas at 7 months of age. Celeste is co-owned by Jolene & Keith Hicks with Karen & Paul Sanders of Allagante Silken Windhounds. Her first racing meet was also in Tehachapi running ovals, where she broke from the boxes like a pro and came in 3rd place. She is pictured here on the left with her littermate sister, Feather, at the San Diego Pier. Photo by Kim Wilson (Feather's mom).

"Khan"



Khan won at oval racing this month in Tehachapi, California. Khan (Ch Starfyre Gold Zircon, ASFA Field Ch, NOTRA Jr. Oval Racer, ISWS Expert Courser, ITD, CGC) is currently tied as #7 oval racing Silken Windhound in the U.S. and is also presently the #2 American Sighthound Field Assn. Silken Windhound lure courser. Khan's servants are Keith & Jolene Hicks.

Congrats to all of you and those who forgot to brag !

Please remember to send in your brags.
Each of you and your dog work hard to earn them,
so why not be proud and share them with your club ?

From The Editor

Our shows are next
month so if you are free and can possibly
volunteer we can always use the help !

As always have fun and good luck !



Tammy