

The Canine Post



Hollywood Dog Obedience Club

Training owners and dogs since 1949

April, 2011

HDOC Newsletter Traveling by e-mail

by Karen Saunders, editor

Welcome to HDOC's new format, as we test out our electronic newsletter. For those of you who don't have e-mail or computers, you will still be receiving *The Canine Post* as a snail mail hard copy newsletter. If you do have e-mail, but have not sent the information to our Membership Chair Mo Jones, and would like to receive *The Post* as an e-mail, please contact Karen Saunders, editor, at Finessa@jksfamily.org.

The changes are two-fold. First to save the club money in printing and postage and secondly to keep HDOC as an environmentally good citizen.

In the future we will be able to use color photos; if you have something you wish to share in the newsletter please send it to the editor. This is a learning process, so please excuse my mistakes and have patience. I hope to be able to link the table of contents at the left to pages, if not in this issue at least in the future.

As an incentive, the electronic version may have a bonus page if there is a long article not suitable for the hard copy version, but that could be invaluable to members.

Suggestions and ideas for the new and improved newspaper are appreciated.

[April 16](#)

Disaster Victims and Workers Need Therapy Dogs

TDI veteran evaluator and handler, Mary Argano will speak to members and guests at the April 16 general meeting about Therapy Dogs Internationals program to train and facilitate having therapy dogs at disaster sites.

Mary Arango has worked to train dogs to work in disaster areas. She will talk about her experiences as a trainer and as a handler for 15 years with TDI.

TDI had dogs at the Twin Towers after September 11 to help the men and women who worked to rescue victims and those rescued cope with the stress and depression.

The meeting will start after the Saturday novice class ends.

[Save the dates!](#)

Important Dates for HDOC

May TBA: General Meeting

Annual used book and video sale – don't miss out, there are bargains galore!

June 26: Annual Meeting: Election of officers and Installation. Held at Oxnard State Beach.

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All material or brags for *The Canine Post* must be received by the tenth of the month. Brags may be mailed, phoned or e-mailed to the editor.

Need Obedience Dog News?

<http://www.scdoc.org>

HDOC Board Meeting

When: Thursday May 5

Where: Holiday Inn, Burbank

Carousel Restaurant

150 E. Angeleno

Burbank

Park in garage, validated parking

7:00 pm dinner/7:30 pm meeting

Board members are asked to call the president if they are unable to attend the meeting. All members are welcome to attend.

President's Message

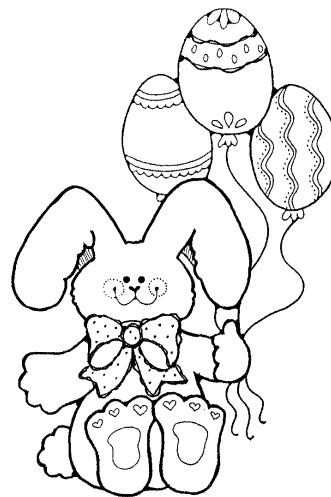
Don't Miss Out! Volunteer Now for HDOC Activities

The HDOC Board and membership are busy this month, preparing for our upcoming Rally and Obedience Trials on Sunday, May 8th at Newhall Park. The Agility Trial will also be held on both Saturday and Sunday, the 7th & 8th. Opportunities for volunteering at the Trials are still available and your support is welcome.

If you are a relatively new HDOC member and have not attended one of our annual trials, how about bringing a chair and coming out for the day as a spectator and enjoying the performances of the competitors in Agility, Rally, and Obedience? A fellow club member will surely be willing to give you an on the spot orientation regarding the competitions. You may find it inspiring and decide to compete next year!

For those of you who are 'tuning up' your dogs to compete, best wishes for a fun and successful Trial.

Jerry Werk



Class Starting Dates:

Puppy Classes – on going (can join at any time) Saturday morning at 9:00 am

Novice Classes

Tuesday nights –

June 7 7:30 pm

Saturday mornings –

June 18 9:00 am

Advanced Novice –
Next CGC:

May 14 8:00 am
TBA

HDOC All Stars

Erika Hopkins and Harley (Chocolate Lab) earned their second leg in Beginning Novice A and a second place with 191 at the Basset Hound Club in La Habra Heights on Saturday, March 26.

Erika Hopkins and Harley earned their Beginning Novice A title (the first obedience trial for either dog or handler) with a second place and a score of 194 at the Basset Hound Club in La Habra Heights on Sunday, March 27.

Sandy Driscoll and Gunner [CH Dymon's Above the Law Winmar, ROM, CD, TDIAOV] (Dobe) won both the Veterans Class and Award of Merit in Las Vegas at the Doberman Specialties held by the Las Vegas Doberman Pinscher Club. Not bad for a nine year old dog.

Sandy Driscoll also noted that Gunner and Quatsch (owned by Karen Saunders) and their owners are in the Feb. 2011 issue of *Doberman Magazine* in the section on the AKC Nationals shown in the Meet the Breeds booth.

Needed: Trial Lunch Chefs

Our May 8 HDOC Trial is just around the corner!

Lucine Karapetyan and I are doing the Trial Luncheon once again this year and would appreciate your assistance.

If you are able to bring a potluck item to the Trial Lunch, I would love to hear from you. Please send me an email at lora@tazoo.org and let me know what you'll be bringing.

Lucy and I are getting deli platters from the local market and would like to supplement these breads, meats, and cheeses with salads and desserts.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Lora & Lucine

Need HDOC Logo Gear?

Contact Marsha Yaeger
Fastlane Graphics

<http://www.fastlanek9.com/>

or 909-591-7709 – Chino, California

Dual Purpose Tracking Test

First: to test the abilities of dogs/handlers to follow the tracks plotted by two judges and laid by tracklayers.

Second: to test the ability of club members/volunteers to fill the shoes of experts who were unexpectedly prevented from participating.

Our original judges booked for our tracking test on Sunday, March 6th were Ralph Swingle and Sally Diess. Ralph's health prevented his attendance and we were very grateful to Sally Nesbitt for stepping into the breach. Her expertise has never been in doubt, but her generosity in giving up her own plans for the weekend, and in providing all the equipment we needed (stakes, walkie talkies, even chairs) was incredibly gracious and much appreciated.

Pia Paulsen took over the role of Daphne Bell as Trial Secretary for this event, following Daphne's accident, and did a sterling job of keeping everyone involved on schedule and in the right place, and in providing a wonderful range of gifts for all the workers. She also provided a very significant chocolate cake (i.e. tracklayers who ate it ended up with qualifying teams!).

Lora Martinolich handled the role of Trial Chair most successfully, and in addition supplied snacks, drinks, homemade cakes, and lunch for the workers on Saturday. One of our non-club member volunteers, Sheri Scott, also brought chili for the lunch, which was much appreciated. A very special word of thanks to Lisa Runquist, who not only laid track but also offered the use of her RV for ice/heat for the food as well as overnight comfort for judge Sally Diess.

Other HDOC members who gave up their whole weekend for the test: Mo Jones and Linda Greco (and they don't even do tracking with their dogs!). Non-club members who laid track for us included Susan Bagley, Myrna Burton, Kim Dorgan, Kelly Greenwood, Karen Higgins and Sheri Scott. And we cannot forget Rhonda Hensley who came all the way from San Diego to man the park's front gate at 6 AM on Sunday to let everyone through safely.

Everyone did a wonderful job throughout the weekend. Saturday temperatures made some of us wilt, Sunday rising (to arrive at Prado Regional Park before sunrise) made most of us yawn, but there were no complaints. We ended up with two dogs getting their TDs (out of four) and one dog getting his TDX out of four – believe me, that is a very respectable ratio of success. Congratulations to everyone, workers and exhibitors alike.

Ann de Toth
First Vice President



Mo Jones. May 4
Judy Raskin.. . . . May 9
Lora Martinolich. May 11

Want to Share Your Dog?

On Sunday May, 22, HDOC has been asked if we can bring some dogs to visit the residents of Kingsley Manor, an assisted living facility in Hollywood. If you would like to go, contact Lora Martinolich (323/257-6505 or lora@tazoo.org) for details.

Snake Avoidance Clinics

Clinics will be held:
April 16-17
May 14-15
June 11-12

These will be held at Mint Canyon Community School, 16400 Sierra Highway, Canyon Country. Call 661/297-0876 or go to www.snakeavoidanceclass.com or write to dogclinics@scvquwf.com for more information. Price: \$65 per dog.

Advanced Novice Class

Sherron Corner will be offering an advanced class again starting on May 14. The class will cover: heeling, sit, down, figure 8, stand for examination, bonding more with your dog, attention/focus, tricks and games you can do with your dog. A brief discussion will focus on obedience and rally competition.

You and your dog must have attended at least one other obedience class prior to this class.

For information contact Sherron Corner at 818/892-7905 or westelvr@verison.net.

Volunteers Needed for TDI Test

On Saturday, June 18, I am scheduling a Therapy Dog International test for up to 20 dogs. If you have a dog you wish to be tested, let me know so I can be sure to test member's dogs. Mary Arango, a veteran TDI evaluator will be testing the dogs with me, which is why we can do such a large number.

The test will be in two two-hour sessions and I would appreciate any volunteers who can help with this large test. We will start at 8:30 am and at 10:30 am.

We need two check in/out volunteers, two volunteers for appearance and grooming (one for each shift), and a distraction dog for each shift, and two to four people for supervised separation per shift. Everyone can be members of the crowd.

If you have the time and can help, please let me know at 818/244-1376 or Finessa@jksfamily.org.
Karen Saunders

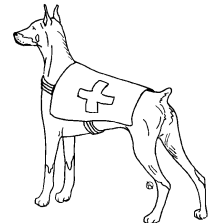
Volunteers Needed Agility May 7

On Saturday, May 7, we will need volunteers to work at the HDOC agility show in Newhall Park. If you are showing at this event or can help by volunteering, please contact Karen Saunders at Finessa@jksfamily.org.

Book Review

The Search

by Nora Roberts
Published July, 2010.



Nora Roberts tackled this mystery in Washington state with a tremendous knowledge about Labradors and dog training. While the story of Fiona Bristow and her encounter with a serial killer is dramatic and frightening, I enjoyed the solid writing about dog training. The book demonstrates the work involved in training a dog for obedience and search and rescue work. The book takes us on at least two search and rescue missions, letting the reader realize how complex this work is and how dedicated the volunteers who train their dogs to work as a team with them are.

The book also has some asides about how it is rarely the dog with the problem but the handler. I was beginning to wonder if Roberts was listening over our shoulders as we talked about HDOC classes. I highly recommend this as a fun read inspite of the typical Roberts compulsory romantic scenes.

Guide Dogs Baltic CD, RN, CGC, TDIEVA

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Losing a friend is always painful, as every dog owner knows. If you wish to read a remembrance of Baltic which I wrote for Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc., please go to <http://gdb-reflections.blogspot.com/> where GDB allowed me to write about her.

Since most of you knew Baltic, I would rather share what it was like living with this big-hearted German Shepherd, who I loved. Although she was a delight most times, she was not always easy to live with. Baltic had a taste for carpets...every rug in our house had a chewed spot. This caused me to take up some silk carpets and store them until now. Baltic also chewed my husband's six-foot bathrobe sash, which equaled about \$2,000 in surgeries when she was 12 years old. No trash basket was safe, so they were all placed on top of the toilet tank. In later life she also started chewing toilet paper rolls, so they, too, had to be moved to safer locations often not that convenient for the people who needed them.

Although she presented challenges, she was always fun and loving, which more than made up for her short comings. After finishing her meals she would always come and find me to give me a thank you kiss for her food. When I would take a bath, Baltic was always there standing near the tub to check on me as if to say she did not understand why anyone would sit in a water dish, but if I must persist in doing this odd behavior she would be my lifeguard. During the day and evening she usually slept across the front door sash, effectively blocking it from anyone entering or exiting, a very efficient doorstop.

Once when Baltic rode with Daphne to Starbucks after Saturday classes, I drove next to Daphne's car's back window where Baltic was standing. I opened my window and said hi to her, she totally ignored me, as if to say that I had that dumb Dobe in my car and she was riding with a superior person, Daphne.

Baltic is the only dog I have ever owned (my fourth GSD) who would bark at different levels to tell me if a family member, friend or stranger was at the front door, a very welcome alert system. And at the very end Baltic was looking out for the newest member of the family as she lay on the floor close to our new grandbaby while Michael was learning to stand, ready when he fell to act as his backstop before his head could hit the floor.

I will miss my backstop and bathtub lifeguard. I know others at HDOC will, too.

For Law Students With Everything, Dog Therapy for Stress

By Timothy Williams

Published: March 21, 2011, *New York Times*

Black's Law Dictionary? Check.

An Introduction to Legal Reasoning? Check.

Small, cute dog? Check.

Yale Law School, renowned for competitiveness and its Supreme Court justices, is embarking on a pilot program next week in which students can check out a "therapy dog" named Monty along with the library's collection of more than one million books.

While the law school is saying little so far about its dog-lending program, it has distributed a memo to students with the basics: that Monty will be available at the circulation desk to stressed-out students for 30 minutes at a time beginning Monday, for a three-day trial run.

"It is well documented that visits from therapy dogs have resulted in increased happiness, calmness and overall emotional well-being," Blair Kauffman, the law librarian, wrote in an e-mail to students.

The school is not saying what sort of dog Monty is; what happens to him when school is out of session; or how Monty himself may be kept from becoming overstressed with all his play dates.

Sebastian Swett, 26, a second-year student at the law school, said he had signed up for a session with the dog, but does not necessarily think that it will relieve all the pressures that come with being a student at Yale. "I don't think its going to solve anybody's anxiety problems, but it's certainly nice to play with a dog for half an hour."

Monty, according to the memo to students, is hypoallergenic and will be kept in a nonpublic space inside the library, presumably away from those who don't much like dogs.

"We will need your feedback and comments to help us decide if this will be a permanent ongoing program available during stressful periods of the semester, for example, during examinations," the note to students reads.

A handful of other universities offer similar services, including the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh.

Yale Law School has kept its dog-lending plan so quiet that some faculty members were not even aware of it.

"I'm surprised to hear of it," said John Witt, a professor who was awarded a Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship last year for a project on the laws of war through American history. "I've always found library books to be therapeutic. But maybe that's just me."

The New Leash of Life for Man and His Best Friend as Study Shows Walks Together Are Good for You

By Daily Mail Reporter
Last updated at 8:44 AM on 15th March 2011

Having a dog could be good for your health.

Dog owners tend to be fitter than people who do not have a pet because of the amount of walking they do with their animal, a study shows.

In fact, those who regularly exercise their four-legged friends are 34 per cent more likely to hit exercise targets, experts say.

Indeed, researcher Dr Matthew Reeves, from Michigan State University, believes promoting dog ownership may help people to lead healthier lifestyles.

‘There is no magic bullet in getting people to reach those benchmarks,’ he said. ‘But owning and walking a dog has a measurable impact.’

‘Walking is the most accessible form of physical activity available to people.’

‘So health campaigns promoting ownership of a dog and dog walking may be a logical way to increase physical activity.’

It is recommended we get at least 150 minutes of physical activity – such as walking, gardening or dancing – a week. Two thirds of dog owners walk their dogs regularly, researchers found.

And these people end up exercising for about an hour longer each week than those who own dogs but do not walk them.

In addition, the study found that those with larger dogs engage in more walking than those who own small breeds.

Dr Reeves told the *Journal of Physical Activity and Health*: ‘Obviously you would expect dog walkers to walk more, but we found people who walked their dog also had higher overall levels of both moderate and vigorous physical activities.’

‘There appears to be a strong link between owning and walking a dog and achieving higher levels of physical activity, even after accounting for the actual dog walking.’

He also pointed out that there are social and human/animal bond aspects of owning a dog that have been shown to have a positive impact on quality of life.

Helpful Tips

How to Decipher Your Dog's Bark

Have you ever wondered what Fido was trying to say to you when he began barking incessantly? Dogs use a variety of sounds—barking, howling, baying, and growling—to convey different things. Your pup may be barking for attention, or growling to protect his bone. Whatever noise Fido is making, he’s trying to tell you something. The American Kennel Club® offers the following tips on how to decipher your dog’s bark.

* Is anyone out there? Dogs can communicate with others far away by howling. When dogs travel in a pack and one gets separated, the lost dog will begin howling and wait for the others to respond. That way, he will know which way to travel to be reunited with his pack. Sometimes, dogs hear sounds such as a siren that they perceive to be another dog calling to them, and they’ll start howling in response.

* Stranger Beware! Fido will defend himself and his space against strangers by emitting a deep, explosive series of barks. This signals to the approaching person to stay away.

* Hey, I’m over here! Barking is also used to get attention. Smaller dogs that are doted on by their owners tend to bark more for attention, since they are used to being the center of everything. Attention barking consists of a long series of loud yaps. Once you give him what he’s looking for, he’ll stop. If you ignore him further, he will most likely

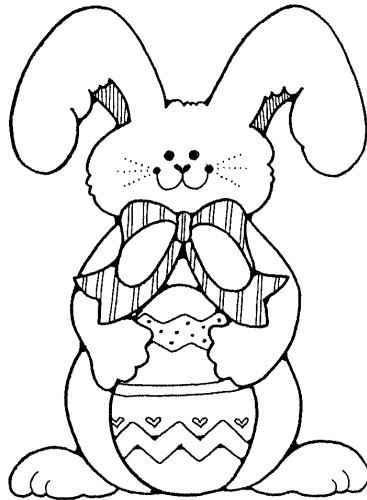
keep going!

* Keep away! Growling is designed to keep opponents away, especially if your pooch has a treat he is protecting. He will let out a deep growl that signals to anyone coming close that it is dangerous to approach.

* The hunt is on! Baying is a deep, prolonged sound that dogs would let out during the hunt to signal that the quarry is near. This sound is unique to most hounds.

You can learn more about the different sounds your dog makes and what he is trying to say at www.meetthebreeds.com.

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HDOC Meetings & Events

- 4/16 HDOC General Meeting: Disaster Therapy Dogs, see page 1.
5/5 HDOC Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, Holiday Inn, see page 2.
5/TBA HDOC General Meeting: Used Book and Video Sale
5/22 Visit to Assisted Living Kingsley Manor in Hollywood, see page 4.
6/2 HDOC Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, Holiday Inn.
6/26 HDOC Annual Meeting and Election, Oxnard State Beach.

Obedience Trials

- 4/30-5/1 Lake Mathews Kennel Club, Chino [Supt., info at mail@jbradshaw.com] Closes 4/13
5/7 Rio Hondo Kennel Club, Pomona [Supt., info at mail@jbradshaw.com] Closes 4/20
5/8 **Hollywood Dog Obedience Club, Newhall Park [D. Bell, 323/256-8932]** **Closes 4/20**
5/27 San Fernando Kennel Club, Pomona [Supt., info at mail@jbradshaw.com] Closes 5/11
5/28 San Gabriel Valley Kennel Club, Pomona [Supt., info at mail@jbradshaw.com] Closes 5/11
5/29 Los Encinos Kennel Club, Pomona [Supt., info at mail@jbradshaw.com] Closes 5/11
5/30 Antelope Valley Kennel Club, Pomona [Supt., info at mail@jbradshaw.com] Closes 5/11
6/4-5 Kennel Club of Pasadena, Pasadena [Supt., info at mail@jbradshaw.com] Closes 5/18
6/18-19 Bahia Sur Kennel Club of Chula Vista, Chula Vista [Supt., info at mail@jbradshaw.com] Closes 6/1

Obedience Matches and Show and Go's, Other Noteworthy Events

Please go to www.scdoc.org, click on 'Calendar' for event information

Agility

- 4/15 West Coast Cocker Spaniel, Walnut [L Tjarks, jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com] Closes 3/30
4/16-17 Dog Agility Club of Ventura, Walnut [L Tjarks, jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com] Closes 3/30
4/23-24 SoCal Portuguese Water Dog Club, Walnut [L Tjarks, jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com] Closes 4/6
4/29 Orange Coast Rhodesian Ridgeback Club, Industry [L Tjarks, jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com] Closes 4/13
4/30-5/1 Border Terrier Club of SoCal, Industry [L Tjarks, jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com] Closes 4/13
5/7-8 **Hollywood Dog Obedience Club, Newhall Park [J O'Neill, jmo@earthlink.net]** **Closes 4/22**
5/14-15 Dog Agility Club of Chino, Ontario [L Dewey, vapordog@earthlink.net] Closes 4/29
5/21-22 Simi Valley Kennel Club, Lakeview Terrace, [J.O'Neill, jmo@earthlink.net] Closes 5/6
5/26 San Gabriel Valley Kennel Club, Pomona [L Tjarks, jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com] Closes 5/11
5/27-30 SoCal Portuguese Water Dog Club, Pomona [L Tjarks, jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com] Closes 5/11
6/4-5 Kennel Club of Pasadena, Pasadena [L Tjarks, jumpnfunagility@yahoo.com] Closes 5/18
6/11-12 Hi Desert Agility Club, Lakeview Terrace [J.O'Neill, jmo@earthlink.net] Closes 5/27

Tracking & Earthdog (No Earthdog events through May in Southern California)

- 5/1 VST Agility Club of San Diego, La Jolla [M. Cook, m.k.cook@cox.net] Closes 4/5
6/27-28 ED Great Western Terrier Association, Anaheim [J. Dorris, jjdorris@charter.net] No closing date



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