



# The Happy Heeler

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### **Awards/Holiday Party Dec. 18:**

Our club recognizes members and their dogs who've achieved AKC Titles. A celebration will be held outdoors, rain or shine, at the home of Kris Eitland and Tom Bedford, in Rancho Penasquitos, at 12455 Ragweed Street, San Diego, 92129, on Saturday, Dec.18, from 1 to 4 pm.

Award winners will collect their plaques with AKC titles and enjoy Italian food catered by Filippi's, soft drinks, coffee, and holiday sweets.

For those who desire stronger beverages, it's BYOB—Cheers! Zum wohl! Salud! Prost! Cin Cin!

Seating is limited. \$15 per member. \$10 for children 12 and under. Please RSVP to Audrey Aguilar at [audrey.aguilar48@gmail.com](mailto:audrey.aguilar48@gmail.com) no later than Dec. 13.



## Obedience and Rally Trial News:

Congratulations to everyone who competed at the Obedience and Rally trial, hosted by OCSDC, on Nov. 13, at Hidden Valley in Escondido. Many club members won new titles and legs, and it was perfect weather.



Full Moons Bodhi, with owner/handler Debbie Vachal, earned her first Novice Rally leg at the trial, Nov. 13. *Image Danielle Richards.*



The club presented special awards to long-time members Shelley Bakalis, Barbara Scott, and Betty Ribble for outstanding service. *Image by Danielle Richards.*

Hidden Valley's Rally Team1 took first place. OCSDC Teams 2 and 3 were close behind.

The family of Rita Wolkiewicz turned out to hear stories about her life and mentorship of many club members. Rita's famous pup Travis was there too.

## **Turkey Trot at Liberty Station:**



The AKC FIT DOG Turkey Trot is a 5K (3.1 miles) that people do with their dogs. This non-competitive 5K Turkey Trot can be done all at one time, or in smaller segments on multiple days so that everyone (people and dogs) can participate at their own pace.

This can be a walk or run activity. More information here: [Announcing the First Annual 2021 AKC FIT DOG Turkey Trot – American Kennel Club](#)





Club members Tom Bedford with son Derek, Danielle Richards, CJ and Audrey Aguilar, Debbie Vachal, Venus Zayas, Debbie Redondo, and Kris Eitland, did the Turkey Trot, on Nov. 14.

The pack trotted *more* than 5k, or 3.1 miles, around Liberty Station with their dogs. They posed in the shade of an old training ship and celebrated at Slater's 50/50, a dog friendly place with a tasty Thanksgiving turkey burger and sweet potato fries.

### **S.T.A.R. Puppy:**

#### **Inaugural July 2021 series OCSDC AKC STAR Puppy recipients:**

Erica Asbury Kuntz and Griffen

Monroe and Robbie Greer and Bella

Tina Kuus-Reichel and Stormy

Marge Lorang and Olive

Kara & Marilyn Ng and Minka

Jan Ford and Mara

Marilyn Fullen & Allison Kelly and Sally VIII

Hetal Solanki & Sarah Rice and Keela

Ashley Wong & Jeffrey Chen and Wildblue Holly Wong Gen

Edgar Romero and Ollie

**Sept. 2021 series OCSDC STAR Puppy recipients:**

Deen Elder and Kaimana

Tania Fletcher and Harlee

Diana Kulhanek and Oliver

Rose Malinow and Maybelle

Sarah Maloney and Auggie

Hannah Saddler and Rainier

Stephenie Steward and Indy

Vera Stofer and Nikka

Charlene Wolff and Caiden

Debbie Vachal and Jax

**--Jane Glickman (instructor)**

**Canine Good Citizen Results: – Bravo!**

**Intermediate Obedience classes had their CGC tests on Nov. 16 and 18.**

**Congratulations to the following club members for passing the CGC test with their dogs on Tuesday, Nov. 16th:**

Tamara Bell with her dog Jill (Lab)

Marisa Lue & Kevin Tse with their dog Tycho (Basenji)

Ellen Markey with her dog Parker (Lab)

Jeff Markey/Poindexter with his dog Otis (Lab)

Selah Marting with her dog Atte (Lab)

Kaitlyn Sacco with her dog Reid (Lab)

Beth Sullivan with her dog Bodhi (Am Staff)

Nicole Van Sickle with her dog Missy (Lab)

Noelle Orsinelli-Rivers with her dog Chai (Goldendoodle), passed her CGC test Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>.

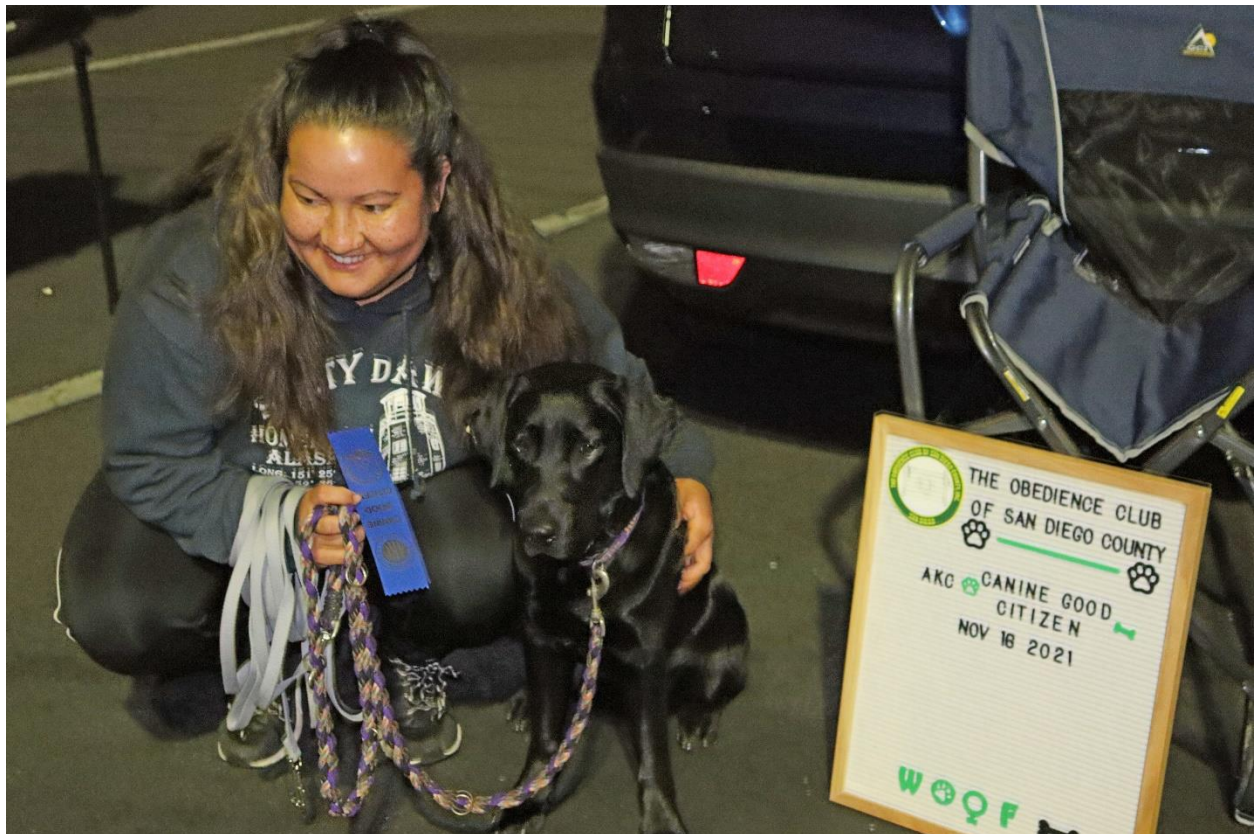
Thank you to evaluators Debbie Vachal and Shelley Bakalis, and the following volunteers: Ron Asbury, Tom Bedford, Catherine Cornell, Kris Eitland, Marilyn Fullen, Valerie Harrison, and Danielle Richards (Photography).

**--Nancy Asbury (instructor)**

Scroll down for *images by Danielle Richards*.















**Congratulations to the following club members for passing the CGC test with their dogs on Thursday, Nov. 18th:**

Abby Algarin - Molly - Maltese mix -12 yrs old (older dogs really can learn to do new tricks!)

Felicia Bond - Merlin-Poodle

Shawn Cheney - Wally - Maltipoo mix

Jill Lopez - Watson - Cockapoo

David Simenski - Peekaboo - Bishon

David Simenski - Jellyroll - Bernerdoodle

Vicky Xu - Asuka - Akita

Sara Young - Vinny - Chihuahua/Terrier mix

Thank you to Kay Hawthorne, Debbie Vachal, Shelley Bakalis, Jane Glickman, Kris Eitland, and all the great volunteers who helped with the tests!

**-- Bobbi Prilaman (instructor)**







12-year-old Molly passed her Canine Good Citizen Test on Nov. 18.

So you *can* teach an old dog new tricks.



Thank you to all the trainers, CGC evaluators, volunteers, and

Frisco, our favorite friendly dog.



**Congratulations Thursday Beginning Obedience Class:**

Even in the dark and creepy fog, you and your brave dogs succeeded. Have fun in Jan. 2022 with Intermediate Class and CGC Testing. Look at the tiny grad hat.





## Scent Trial:


OCSDC club members and their sniffer dogs will do two trials in one day for the Premium Scent Work Master Interior & Detective Only Trial on Dec. 11, 2021. **Entries are now closed** but check out the entry form below for future planning. See more information here <https://ocsdc.org/trials>.

**ENTRY METHOD:** FIRST RECEIVED – no hand deliveries  
**ENTRIES OPEN:** Monday, November 1, 2021 at 9am PDT  
 All entries received before this date will be returned. If you need to send express mail, it must be sent with the "No Signature Required" waiver signed. No hand deliveries accepted.  
**ENTRIES CLOSE:** Saturday, November 27, 2021 at 5pm PST  
 after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, altered, or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. Envelopes containing entries for more than the ten (10) dog maximum and/or entries received prior to the opening date shall be treated as an invalid entry and shall be returned to the sender.  
 All times listed in this premium refer to Pacific Time

**PREMIUM LIST**

**AKC SCENT WORK**  
 American Kennel Club

**Obedience Club of San Diego County, Inc.**  
 (Licensed by the American Kennel Club)



**December 11, 2021**  
 Two Trials - One Day

**Master Interior & Detective Trial #1**  
 Event# 2021178904

**Master Interior & Detective Trial #2**  
 Event# 2021178905

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
 1430 Melody Lane, El Cajon, CA 92010

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**ENTRY LIMIT: 60 entries per trial**  
 To be held Indoors/Outdoors

Trial Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm PST  
 Check-in times and schedule will be determined after closing

**Judges:**  
 Linda Buchanan – Escondido, CA    Sally Nesbitt – Spring Valley, CA

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**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB**    **CERTIFICATION**  
 Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.    Gina DiNardo, Secretary

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Kay Hawthorne, Alyson Deines, Connie Chovan, Venus Zayas, Debbie Redondo and all present members of OCSDC, Inc.

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**CLASSES OFFERED AND JUDGING ASSIGNMENTS**

Master Interior	Linda Buchanan 102330
Detective	Sally Nesbitt 18574

**DOGS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER**

This trial is open to all dogs SIX (6) months of age or older that are registered with the American Kennel Club or that have AKC Limited Registration, Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP), an AKC Canine Partners listing number or approved Foundation Stock Service (FSS) breeds are eligible to participate.

Dogs with a Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP) or an AKC Canine Partners listing number must be spayed or neutered in order to compete. Wherever the word "dog" is used in these regulations it includes both sexes.

Condition of the Dog. Dogs with physical challenges (including amputees) are eligible to participate provided that, in the opinion of the judge, they display no signs of physical discomfort and can safely complete the search. Dogs with bandages, sutures, or visible wounds are not eligible. Deaf dogs and blind dogs are allowed to enter. Dogs that are both deaf and blind are able to participate so long as the handler is in control of the dog at all times, the dog can complete the requirements of the class, and the dog does not appear to be under undue stress in the opinion of the judge.

**All exhibitors should download a copy of the Regulations for Scent Work Trials from [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)**





### **Farm Dog Certification Test:**

What is Farm Dog? Club members will find out on Dec. 12.

Open to all breeds of dogs, this test involves your dog performing a series of 12 exercises that are typical for a farm environment such as being near livestock (who are always penned to avoid any altercations); jumping and staying on hay/straw bales; walking on unusual terrain; and jumping over logs. [There is no herding involved.](#) Instead, the goal is to assess aptitude as a working farm dog by exhibiting self-control, confidence and trust with you or handler.

The test is held at Action K9 Sports in Escondido. Be there before **8:00 am** for sign in. Entries close Dec. 4 at midnight.

[Farm DogCertified Test – American Kennel Club \(akc.org\)](http://akc.org)

PREMIUM LIST  
Event # 2021700310, 2021700320, 2021700321, 2021700322



## Farm Dog Certification Test

Sunday, December 12, 2021

AKC LICENSED FARM DOG CERTIFICATION TEST

**One day with Four Tests;**

**Four Judges: Jamie Dixon, Nancy Vollmer, Steve Kilgore & Rich Godfrey**

**25 Runs Per Judge**

(2 legs available to obtain your title in one day)

The FDC test is open to all dogs at least 9 months of age that are individually registered with the AKC, recorded in the FSS program, dogs with PAL numbers, or dogs enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners Program.

**Test held outside at Action K9 Sports,  
15671 Old Milky Way, Escondido, CA 92027**

**Katherine Hammond, Trial Secretary, [kat.p.hammond@gmail.com](mailto:kat.p.hammond@gmail.com)**

**3950 Arroyo Sorrento Road, San Diego CA 92130**

Online Entries: <https://forms.gle/NEk4KaYupCTBNXBA>

**ENTRIES CLOSE: December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at midnight**

Certification: APPROVED by The American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.  
Gina M. DiNardo, Executive Secretary



## **Braggs:**



Basset Hound, “Vinnie,” “GCH CH CT Legend’s Blazing Saddles of Wild West, BN, RM, RAE, SWN, CGCA, CGCU, TKA, ATT” closed out the 2021 titling season by earning his Scent Work Interior Novice and Buried Novice titles completing the overall Scent Work Novice title (SWN) at the Rottweiler Club Trials on Nov. 6 & 7, 2021.

And there’s more about this Hot Dog. On Nov. 13, at the Basset Hound Club of Southern California Field Trial, (Brace on Rabbit or Hare), Vinnie endured 3+ hours in 95° heat and placed 4th earning his first Field Trial Points!

--John Schwartz





Our seven-month-old Poppy (Windmill's Princess Poppy) had a big weekend at the Pacific Coast Bulldog Club/Bulldog Club of America Div 3 Specialties in September and brought home a lot of swag. Friday BCA Div 3 show under Judge Mrs. Elizabeth C. Hugo-Milam: 1st in 6-to-9 month puppy bitch class and Best Puppy.

Saturday morning Puppy Sweeps under Judge Leslie DeHass: 1st in 6-9 month puppy bitch class. Then 6 to 9 month puppy bitch class 1st under Judge Marco Antonio Pindter Flores. That afternoon Poppy was awarded her first major! Our little wild girl stood pretty still and very strong. Judge Brett Duncan awarded her 1st in the 6-9 month class, then Winners Bitch, and then Best of Winners for a 5 point major! We are so honored as there were so many deserving Bulldogs competing and Breeder Judges all weekend. Also awarded Best Puppy that afternoon!

Sunday 1st in 6-9 months and then Reserve Winners Bitch by Judge Makeyia Dawn Heidelmeier. Also Best Puppy

We are so proud of our first home-bred show girl. Thank you to ALL the great Conformation Instructors in the club for all of your help. She is a wild one. I have to hold on tight. Can't wait for classes in 2022.

--Rosie Verdugo and Stewart Tulledge

## **New Website:**

Explore and enjoy our new website <https://ocsdc.org> to find important information about joining the club, classes, and the people involved. Find news about Rally, Obedience, and Scent Work trials.

Complete your membership and class applications online, make secured PayPal payments, access trial premiums, all on a members-only portal. Members can now enroll in classes, view our newsletter, general meeting information, member highlights, and best of all, brags.



**January Classes Announced at <https://ocsdc.org>:**

**Beginning and Intermediate Obedience Classes start Jan. 11 and 13, 2022.**

### **Beginning Obedience:**

For dogs 4 months and older. Obedience behaviors are taught so the dog learns more acceptable behaviors when heeling and better control at home. Using positive methods of learning, this class will teach you how to reward good behaviors and discourage less desirable ones. Learn the basics such as heel, sit, down, come, stay, stand and finish. Class is 8 weeks of instruction, including an orientation **without dogs**.

**Cost:** \$100 for non-members, \$80 for members. **Class Size:** Minimum of 8, maximum of 12 dogs (additional classes may be added as needed).



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**Intermediate Obedience:**

If you've completed Beginning Obedience and want to continue your training, step right up! This class is geared towards the CGC test.

**Class Length:** 8 weeks

**Cost:** \$100 for non-members, \$80 for members

**Class Size:** Minimum of 8, maximum of 12 dogs

All classes are at the San Diego Zoo Parking Lot.

Students who have received approval from their OCSDC Beginning Obedience instructor are eligible. Applicants who have taken a beginner obedience class outside of OCSDC may ask to be reviewed for eligibility prior to the start of the class.

This class will consist of 7 weeks of instruction and class members may participate in the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test. The CGC test is typically scheduled upon conclusion of this class (weather permitting).





### **S.T.A.R. Puppy Class starts Jan. 13, 2022.**

**Description:** For puppies 4 to 6 months of age. S.T.A.R puppy class provides one orientation and 7 organized training sessions that include socialization tools and obstacles.

**Class Length:** 8 weeks

**Cost:** \$100 for non-members, \$80 for members

**Class Size:** Minimum of 8, maximum of 10 puppies

All classes are held at the San Diego Zoo Parking Lot. Classes fill up quickly. Additional class may be added as needed.

### **Obedience Club of San Diego County (OCSDC) Mission**

The Obedience Club of San Diego County's mission is to provide high quality instruction for both pet and competitive dog owners at a reasonable price. We welcome *all* dogs whether they need basic training or are dogs ready for competition.

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- Shelley Bakalis
- Randi Boysen-Carl
- Debbie Redondo
- John Schwartz
- Debbie Vachal
- Rita Wolkiewicz - posthumous

### **Obedience Trainers:**

- Nancy Asbury
- Randi Boysen-Carl
- Catherine Cornell
- Alyson Deines-Schartz
- Kris Eitland
- Jane Glickman
- Kathy Marmack
- Bobbi Prilaman
- John Schwartz
- Rita Wolkiewicz - posthumous

### **Scent Work Trainers:**

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- Debbie Redondo

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Deadline for Jan. 2022 newsletter submissions is **Dec. 29, 2021.**

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