



The Happy Heeler

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List of Club Officers and Trainers: Board of Directors meeting via Zoom Feb. 14. Scroll down to find your hard-working club members.



**SAN DIEGO LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB (SDLRC)
ALL BREED OBEDIENCE AND RALLY TRIALS*
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 & 20, 2022**

*These trials are accepting entries for Mixed Breed dogs enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners Program.

NEW LOCATION! HIDDEN VALLEY OBEDIENCE CLUB, Escondido, CA

[2022 FEB 19 & 20 SDLRC ESCONDIDO, CA | Dogzibit](#)

PREMIUM LIST
OBEDIENCE CLUB OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, INC.
92st OBEDIENCE TRIAL AND 28th RALLY TRIAL

EVENTS #2022178901
#2022178902



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB RULES & REGULATIONS GOVERN THIS SHOW AND TRIAL
THESE (A.K.C. LICENSED-UNBENCHED) TRIALS WILL BE HELD OUTDOORS ON

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2022

RALLY TRIAL

THE RITA WOLKIEWICZ RALLY CLASSIC – ALL CLASSES + NOVICE TEAM

OBEDIENCE TRIAL

*REGULAR CLASSES, PREFERRED CLASSES AND OPTIONAL TITLING CLASSES
PREFERRED CLASSES WILL BE SCHEDULED TO RUN BEFORE REGULAR CLASSES*

DEL MAR FAIRGROUNDS
2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd., Del Mar, CA

**These events are accepting entries for Mixed Breed Dogs
enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners Program*

THESE SHOWS WILL BE HELD INDOORS
Trial Hours: 7:00 a.m. to Close of Trial Each Day
Consult Judging Program for time of judging.
OBEDIENCE JUMP HEIGHTS WILL BE RUN HIGHEST TO LOWEST
RALLY JUMP HEIGHTS WILL BE RUN LOWEST TO HIGHEST

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Entries Close 6:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2022

Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego, Inc.: Feb. 25, 26, 27, 2022. Del Mar Fairgrounds. ENTRIES must be received by the Superintendent not later than NOON, Wed, February 9, 2022 PT. FIRST ENTRY of a dog at this show: \$38.00 Puppy Class (6-9 & 9-12): \$30.00 Junior Showmanship as an additional class: Free Each additional class for the same dog: \$30.00 Friday, Saturday, or Sunday Bichon Sweeps/Vet Sweeps: \$20.00 FSS Open Show: \$30.00 4-6 Months Beginner Puppy Sunday Only: \$20.00 [2022 premium list Jack Bradshaw - Dog Show Superintendents.pdf \(silverbaykc.com\)](#)



AKC Temperament Testing: ATT Testing on Feb. 21, begins at 6:30, practice session at 5:30, at the zoo parking lot. Entries close Feb. 18.

The ATT is a noncompetitive pass-fail test. In a test, a dog must pass 3 test items in each of the six categories (total of 18 test items). These are selected from a list of 24 possible test items. All dogs who pass the ATT twice under two different approved ATT Evaluators may earn the AKC Temperament Test (ATT) Title.

ENTRY METHOD: First 20
Entries open: 5 p.m. January 15, 2022
Entries close: 6 p.m. February 18, 2022 or when filled
All times listed in this premium refer to Pacific Time.

**PREMIUM LIST
ATT TEST
OCSDC**
(Licensed by the AKC)



February 21st, 2022
Event #s 2022178909 & 2022178910
2 ATT Tests
Entry limits: 20 entries each trial
San Diego Zoo Parking Lot, 2920 Zoo Drive, San Diego 92101
Trial Hours: 5 pm to 10 pm PDT

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Judges

Kaylene Hawthorne...Chula Vista Debbie Vachal...San Diego
Aly Deines...San Diego

DOGS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER

This test is open to all dogs ONE (1) year 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.

Dogs with disabilities such as those that are blind, deaf, or have three legs are eligible to enter provided in the opinion of the evaluator they display no signs of physical discomfort and can safely complete the test. However, if a dog has multiple disabilities such that it is unable to complete whole categories of the test (i.e.-hearing auditory stimuli and seeing visual stimuli), the dog would not earn the ATT title.

SAFETY, BEHAVIOR and LIABILITY

The safety of the dog is our primary concern. By entering this trial, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this test, and that their dogs are familiar and able to perform safely. It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs. All dogs must be on leash at all times. Dogs must wear slip collars that are on the dead ring, buckle collars, martingales, and body harnesses in the ATT. They may not wear prong collars, e-collars, head collars, or harnesses that restrict the movement of the dog. Leashes should be 4 ft. to 6 ft. long and should be made of fabric or leather.

EMERGENCY VET DIRECTIONS - Banfield Pet Hospital 877 E H St, Chula Vista, CA 91910

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS-PLEASE READ

Based on the mandates of the State of California, we will be following these guidelines to keep the trial safe for everyone. Masks or face coverings must be worn at all times. Social distancing of six feet will be in place. Spectators are not allowed - only the handler, their dog and the officials are allowed during a test.

Download premium here... [Events Calendar \(ocsdcc.org\)](https://www.ocsdcc.org/events)

More information and a video are available on the AKC website. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Hawthorne. (949)246-3114 or tutu619@yahoo.com.

Drop-in Classes Help Competitors: If you need a tune up for obedience and/or rally, do a drop-in class. No charge for club members. [Drop-in Classes | Obedience Club of San Diego County \(ocsdcc.org\)](https://www.ocsdcc.org/drop-in-classes)

Obedience drop-in 1st and 3rd Thursday from 7-8 pm

Rally drop-in Thursdays from 6:30-8 pm. Orangutan 1. Novice, Int. Adv. Ex. Master. Questions and requests? Contact Tom Bedford. 858-888-5782.

Weather orange

DOG'S CATALOG# 104 Alt. (D)TDX/VST TRACK# 7 TOTAL YARDS 450 VEG NONVEG

Chart the track in solid line; the dog's course in broken line in the area below.

Tree

Post

Pump Shed

20 end

60

50

170

50

20

90

20

10 start

Tree

Pass

Passed or Failed Pass
(if failed, state reason)

Tracklayer Started 7:58

X-Tracklayer Started _____

Dog's Starting Time 8:39

Dog's Finishing Time 8:38

Ground Conditions 2/38 Grass field

Weather Conditions Sunny Cool Wind

Wind Speed _____

Articles: 1. Scarf 2. Gloves
3. _____ 4. _____

Obstacles: 1. _____ 2. _____
Surfaces: 3. _____ 4. _____

C-Concrete B-Blacktop G-Grass
D-Dirt GR-Gravel Other _____

Breed/Sex: Cardigan Welsh Corgi female

AKC Regis. DW45246103

If dog is absent, mark "absent" on the page

I hereby certify that I have judged the above dog after having read the instructions on the cover of this book and followed them out to the best of my ability.

Date 1/5/2022 Event Number 2022449311 Judge's Signature Stuart H. Lease 100467

Ref. No: G 37211368

Impressive Scent and Tracking Titles: Super Sniffer dogs and handlers earned top scent titles and are super photographic too. Congratulations Spica, Lira, Fiona, and Poppy.



Spica sprinted his TDX. Six turns, 800 yards, two articles and a glove in 5 minutes! Dec. 8, 2021.

Important part: thank you so much to judges Sally and Stuart! Extra thanks to Kay Hawthorne for laying a super stinky track, getting us into the sport, and all the cold and wet early mornings training!

--Alyson Deines



**PCK Worth Her Weight in Gold RAE TD FDC BCAT SWN SCA SEA SBA
RATO DS DJ CGCA CGCU TKA ATT “Lira”**

Lira and I participated in our very first Tracking trial on January 12th, hosted by the Golden Retriever Club of San Diego County. We were trying for our **Tracking Dog (TD)** title...and we passed! Our track layer, Maria, must have laid super stinky 445-yard 3 turn track, because Lira was able to complete in about 15 minutes. We couldn't have done it without the excellent training and guidance from both Kay Hawthorne and Alyson Dienes. A huge thanks to Judge Sally and Judge Stuart as well. It takes a village to put these trials on, and we are so grateful!

This new title also earns Lira 4 more points towards the Versatility Certificate awarded by the Lagotto Romagnolo Club of America. These additional 4 points brings Lira's total points to 50 which means she's earned her **Versatility Champion** certificate. This is the highest Versatility award given by our breed club, and Lira is the very first female EVER to earn this recognition. I look forward to continuing our tracking journey with the hopes of earning her TDX and VST.

--Debbie Redondo



Elyan Visacardi TD, RN, CGCA, CGCU, TKA, aka "Fiona," earned her AKC Tracking Dog title Jan 5. Thank you, Southwestern Rottweiler Club, Judges Stewart and Steven, tracklayer Heather.

--Kay Hawthorne



Sally Nesbitt and Poppy with Scent Work Detective Title Ribbon

Long-time OCSDC member and dog trainer Sally Nesbitt and Poppy earned an AKC Scent Work Detective Title, the first ever in San Diego County! This was an amazing accomplishment on Saturday December 11, 2021, during the OCSDC Scent Work Trial at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Congratulations Sally and Poppy. "Finish"

What is Scent Work? AKC Scent Work is a sport that mimics the task of working detection dogs. We will train your dog to locate an odor and communicate to the handler that the scent has been found. Scent Work is a positive, challenging activity that allows dogs the opportunity to use their strongest natural sense in a way that is fun, engaging, and that builds and strengthens a foundation of trust between the handler and dog. ALL dogs of all ages and physical limitations may participate. Learn more here... [AKC Scent Work | Intro to Dog Sports - YouTube](#)



What is Tracking? You work hard to teach your dog good manners. There's one area, though, where you probably won't have much success: Asking them to "stop being so nose-y!" It won't work because your dog's keen sense of smell – which is 100,000 times stronger than humans – makes him naturally "nose-y," and thus innately ideal for the sport of Tracking. In the world of working dogs, these skills are put to incredible use for emergency [search-and-rescue](#). [Tracking – American Kennel Club \(akc.org\)](#)



Hide the chocolate, nuts, flowers, sugar-free treats: Although harmless to humans, chocolate contains both caffeine and theobromine which can cause serious and potentially fatal health issues in dogs.

These substances affect a dog's heart and central nervous system, and the more they ingest, the more serious the consequences.

Beware of sugar-free gum, ice cream, and baked goods too. They may contain xylitol, a class of sweetener known as sugar alcohol.

Read more... [Valentine's Safety Tips for Your Dog – American Kennel Club \(akc.org\)](https://www.akc.org/valentines-safety-tips-for-your-dog/)



Registration for March Classes Opens Feb. 7: Check <https://ocsdc.org> for obedience, rally, S.T.A.R. Puppy, scent, and more. The next session begins Mar. 17, and registration opens after 5 pm on Feb. 7. All classes are held at the zoo parking lot, so get moving on renewing your membership and getting a slot.

There has been an overwhelming response, especially for beginning obedience classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Three classes in the Jan. session filled quickly, so we added a fourth session. Two intermediate/CGC classes also filled.

We offer many levels for rally obedience, and we encourage all members to give it a try. Rally develops better teamwork between you and your dog and sharpens your dog's obedience skills and behavior, both at home and in public. Rally encourages you to use voice commands as well as hand signals to help your dog learn. These voice and hand signals are also used during a trial. This is an exciting and fun way to teach your dog new skills. ([Current AKC Rally Rules](#))

— **Training level required for Novice Rally:** CGC title, including the following basic obedience skills: sit, down, come, finish and heeling reasonably well at owner's side.

— **Training level required for Intermediate, Advanced, Excellent & Masters:** Completion of previous rally class.

If you have questions about the best class for you and your dog, please contact your previous instructor, or training director Nancy Asbury. nasbury@cox.net. **Scroll down to find more information about upcoming classes and requirements.**

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.



March Classes Announced at <https://ocsdc.org>:

New Beginning and Intermediate Obedience Classes start week of March 14, 2022. Registration opens Feb. 7 after 5 pm.

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 class 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 Mar. 17, 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.



New Year Requires Dog Handling Protocol Refresher: It's a new year and we are starting it off with a record number of classes down at the zoo! With all the new people and dogs, we thought it would be useful to have a refresher on the club protocols. If you've been with the club for a while, and especially if your dog is in a higher-level class, it's easy to forget we have these policies. It's up to those who've been in the club to set a good example for all the new members. Our club protocols can also be found on our website: <https://ocsdc.org/dog-handling-policy>

-- Aly Deines, Club Pres.

Important Dog Handling Protocols

- 1. Do not allow your dog to interact with other dogs or people during classes.** Dogs should be six feet apart at all times during classes, unless directed by an instructor.
- 2. Pay attention to your dog.** If you cannot give full attention to your dog, crate your dog or put your dog in your car.

3. **Dogs must be crated or contained when not actively training.** Instructors may ask for dogs to be crated or put in cars during portions of classes. No loose dogs in the car if the windows are open. If the car windows are open, the dog must be crated in the car. Dogs need ventilation but must not be able to get out of the car. This applies to all drop-in classes as well.

4. In case of dog attacks and/or bites (to either another dog or to a person), OCSDC will follow AKC protocols. The dog will not be allowed to attend any club events or training classes until recent documentation of stability training is provided and all parties involved in the incident and the club training director deem the dog suitable for reinstatement. **All incidents must be reported to the instructor.**

5. No uncontrolled, uncontrollable or disruptive dogs are allowed in classes. **Participation in a class is at the discretion of the trainer.** Dogs and handlers may be dismissed from classes, drop-in classes, and club activities if not following the above rules. If a trainer is not comfortable with a dog, the training director will work with the trainer and the dog's owner to find a resolution.

Attendance at classes and club events indicates that you have read and agree with the OCSDC's club protocols on dog handling.

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- Debbie Redondo
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- Rita Wolkiewicz - posthumous

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