



# The Happy Heeler

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**New March Classes Filling Fast:** The new session for beginning and intermediate obedience starts the week of March 14, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Remember that week #1 of beginning is without dogs. Intermediate includes dogs on first class. Trainers will send out welcome letters this week.

OCSDC also offers specialty classes.

**Bridging the Skills**, with trainer Kathy Marmack, is designed for handlers in between beginning and intermediate.

This class will focus on polishing up the beginning foundation skills such as better heeling, attention work and control. This is a great class for dogs that have taken beginning obedience but are not yet ready for the intermediate/CGC class. Collars required, no harnesses. No Aggressive Dogs Allowed

**Prerequisite:** Beginning obedience

**Class Length:** 5 weeks

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

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

**When:** Thursday, March 17 - April 14, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm



**Focus Games**, with trainer Shelley Bakalis, helps you develop better focus and a better relationship using fun games.

**Prerequisite:** Completion of the club's Star Puppy or Beginner Obedience class OR with instructor approval.

**Class Length:** 6 weeks

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

**Class Size:** Minimum of 4, maximum of 10 dogs

**Class Dates:** Thursday March 24th - April 28th, 7:30pm - **FULL!**

**\*\*\*\*\*Rally Classes Start Soon:**

**Rally Signs – March 24-April 28**

**Novice Rally – March 23-April 27**

**Int/Advanced – March 23-April 27**

**Master – none in March. Check back for April**

[Rally Obedience \(ocsdc.org\)](http://ocsdc.org)

All classes are held in the San Diego Zoo Parking Lot. Please review the [Dog Handling Policy | Obedience Club of San Diego County \(ocsdc.org\)](http://ocsdc.org)



**What is CGC Urban?** Urban CGC is a title in the Canine Good Citizen family of awards and titles that also include AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy, Canine Good Citizen and AKC Community Canine.

AKC Urban CGC requires that the dog demonstrate CGC skills and beyond in a setting that includes traffic, crowds, noises, smells, and other distractions that are present in a city or town. As with Canine Good Citizen, AKC Urban CGC is a 10-step test of skills that dogs must pass to earn the official AKC Urban CGC title. This is a title that appears on the dog's title record at AKC.

AKC Urban CGC is a test that demonstrates dogs are well-behaved and well-trained when in public settings. All skills are tested on leash. AKC Urban CGC should be administered in a place where there are cars, streets to be crossed, noises, elevator/public buildings, and distractions. This test is administered in the real world.

**Prerequisites:**

To participate in the Urban CGC (CGCU) class, dogs must meet the following two requirements:

- Must already have a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certificate or title on record at AKC.
- Must have an AKC number of one of 3 types (AKC registration number, Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) number, or AKC Canine Partners number). All dogs, including mixed breeds, can get an AKC number. The reason for the AKC number requirement is that this is how we create titles at AKC; we attach the titles to the dog's number.

**Class Length:** 4 weeks **Cost:** \$50 (current members only)

**Class Size:** Minimum of 5, maximum of 8 dogs

**When:** Thursdays, March 31 - April 21 (class times vary, see below)

**Where:** This class will meet in 4 locations to meet the requirements of the class:

- Night 1: Zoo parking lot (7:30 pm)
- Night 2: Shelter Island (7:30 pm)
- Night 3: Liberty Station (7:30 pm)
- Night 4: CGCU Evaluation- UTC shopping center (6:00 pm)

More information here: [About AKC Urban Canine Good Citizen – American Kennel Club](#)

Contact our training director, [Nancy Asbury](#), with any questions.

**Rally Drop-in moves to Tuesdays, 7 to 8pm:** The rally drop-in class is for members who have some experience in rally. A practice course includes all levels of signs, Novice through Master. Course maps are provided and questions answered. If you have issues with a particular skill, ask for help, polish your skills, and prepare for rally competition. An instructor will observe and offer suggestions. A leash is required. Positive reinforcement is acceptable (you can use food).

For those who are interested in rally but have no experience, you may come and observe. Please follow dog handling protocols. [Drop In Classes \(ocsdc.org\)](#)



**Obedience, Rally, and Scent Brags:** OCSDC members scored high at San Diego Labrador Retriever Club at Hidden Valley and Silver Bay at Del Mar Trials.



Congratulations Debbie Vachal and Full Moon's Bodhi for scoring 100 and earning a Novice Title at Hidden Valley.



Full Moon's Jackson earned his first leg in Novice Obedience the next weekend at Silver Bay and enjoyed his jackpot of treats.



Kris Eitland's Jem earned his Rally Intermediate Title and first leg in Advanced Rally at Hidden Valley. In between trials, Jem and his pal Cinnamon went boating and kayaking.



Tom Bedford and Cinnamon finally jumped to Intermediate at Silver Bay.



Also at Silver Bay, Helper earned her PCDX! She also came in first place, high scoring all American, and high preferred!

--Alyson Deines





Best Puppy x4, Best Opposite x4. At 11 months old, Iris (and her handler!) stepped in the Conformation ring for the first time. It was a wonderful learning experience for both of us. Thank you to members of the club who taught, encouraged, and supported us in this new adventure.

--Ellie Perry



Hannah Saddler and McKinley qualified in Rally Advanced A at the Labrador Retriever's trial in Hidden Valley. The sweet dog's jump height is 8".

Kathy Marmack and her three handsome shepherds, Cree, Mlilith, and Jory, brought home baskets of ribbons for both rally and obedience. Congratulations.

Kaylene Hawthorne and her dogs Oliver and Ffiona had successes in obedience and rally. They also soared in scent work.



Oliver was on fire. 9 QQQ's in a row. Earned his RAE and High Combined QQQ Feb 20, & a second High Combined QQQ at the OCSDC Silver Bay Rally trial Feb 25. Thank you to everyone who helps put on these events.



Puppy power! February started with the GRC Scent trial in Jamul. Ffi polished off all 4 elements- SIN, SEN, SCN & SBN to earn her SWN title. All in under 5 minutes. On to the LRC Rally trial at HVOC where she finished her RI title. Then we did the ATT test & picked up 2 CH points in Conformation at Silver Bay. Thank you to all the stewards, clubs, judges & trainers out there for making trials possible.

--Kay Hawthorne



Congratulations Debbie Redondo and dogs Lira and Rumble.

Rumble was awarded Best of Breed this month at the Kennel Club of [Beverly Hills Dog Show](#)! He also beat his 3rd Champion and now only needs 6 more points for his GCH.

CH Larcen's Head In The Clouds FDC BCAT SWN RATN DJ CGCA  
CGCU TKI ATT

“Rumble”

Rumble, Lira and I headed to Phoenix for 5 days (6 trials) of conformation shows during the first week of February. There were 12 Lagotto Romagnolo entered in the shows, so he had a pretty good chance of earning the last major needed to earn his Champion (CH) title. His first show was the morning of February 3<sup>rd</sup>, with the Sporting Dog Association of Arizona and he was awarded Best Opposite for a 3 major.

His success continued over the next 5 shows, with Rumble earning Best of Breed twice and Best Opposite 3 more times before the cluster of shows ended on Monday.



After all was said and done, not only did Rumble earn that CH title...but he is now only 6 points away from becoming a Grand Champion (GCH) and 5 points away from earning the Lagotto Romagnolo Club of America's Versatility Award.

We couldn't have done it without his most fabulous groomer (Alexis) and his handler at this show (Alex). It takes a team!

--Debbie Redondo



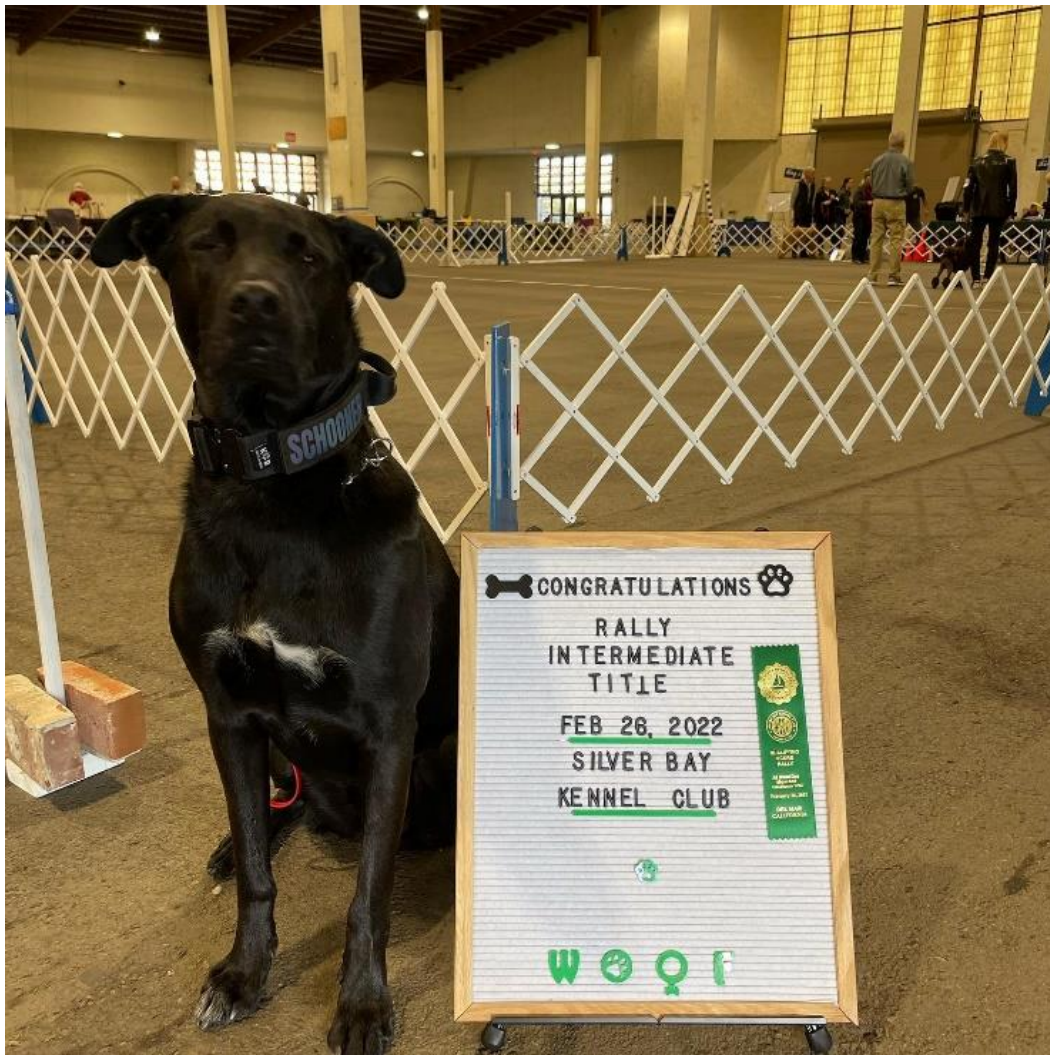
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Tracking Dog Excellent! PCK Worth Her Weight in Gold RAE TD TDX FDC BCAT SWN SCA SEA SBA RATO DS DJ CGCA CGCU TKA ATT "Lira" Lira and I participated in the Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX) trial on February 9th, hosted by the Agility Club of San Diego County. This was our first attempt at the

TDX title...and we passed! Our track layer was Kay Hawthorne, who laid a challenging but fun, 805-yard 4 turn track. Lira got hung up a little on some critter smells, but overall did a fabulous job of following the track and finding all 4 articles. A huge thanks to Judge Sally and Judge Steven, as well as our trainers Kay and Aly for all of the practice tracks they laid down for us! Lira needs to pass one more test (Variable Surface Track (VST)) in order to become a Tracking Champion. Fingers crossed that she can get in to a trial this season, and is successful on her hunt for those articles!

--Debbie Redondo



Congratulations Danielle Richards and giant sweet Schooner!



Delta had an amazing weekend at the Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego Rally Trial. She received her last two legs for Rally Intermediate earning her title. Day 1 she earned 97, Day 2 she earned 100, winning 2nd and 1st place. Day 3 she earned her first leg for Rally Advanced with a 94! So very proud of this amazing dog!

--Venus Zayas

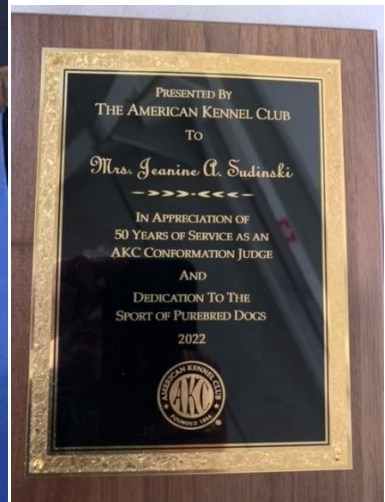




Fire earned his 4th Master Rally leg with a score of 96 and a second place!  
--Shelley Bakalis



Jeep earned his final leg for Rally Intermediate! He and Ezra also earned their CGCA while at the Silver Bay show. – Denise Miesner



On 2/27/22 at the Silver Bay Kennel Club, I excepted for my mom, Jeanine Sudinski, the award from the AKC Field Rep for 50 Years of Service as an AKC Conformation judge and dedication to the sport of purebred dogs 2022.

PS, my mom enjoyed watching the video of me excepting her award.

-- Mechelle Stall



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**Temperament Testing Goes on Despite Wild Weather:** The ATT tests how a dog reacts to a variety of stimuli. Desirable traits are that the dog will be emotionally stable, inquisitive, cooperative, appropriately social for its breed, biddable and demonstrates the ability to recover from a startling situation in a reasonable amount of time.

Undesirable traits are fear, shyness, lack of cooperation and an inability to recover from unfamiliar or unexpected situations. Examples of undesirable behaviors include being afraid of friendly strangers or unfamiliar stimuli, obsessive barking, and aggression.

In the ATT, dogs are tested in 6 categories of stimuli that include:

1. Social
2. Auditory
3. Visual
4. Tactile
5. Proprioceptive (motion)
6. Unexpected stimulus

Our group on Feb. 21 had to endure weird noises and surprises (umbrella opening, vacuum cleaner, man in big hat, child in a blanket, and walking on metal fencing and an air mattress. Many dogs are trained to not go on beds and thought it was a prank. After some coaching, they pranced over it.



Full Moon's Tiger, and his daughter Cinnamon, were part of a large group of dogs that earned ATT Titles.

Bobbie Sevier's Maris also earned the ATT Title.

Congratulations to the dogs and handlers who did two tests on a stormy night. Thank you ATT team: Trial secretary Danielle Richards; Evaluators Alyson Deines, Debbie Vachal, and Kay Hawthorne; and volunteers Shelley Bakalis, Bobbi Prilaman, Tom Bedford, Audrey Aguilar, Willie and little Hannah Moreno, Hannah Saddler, and Kris Eitland.



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**Canine Good Citizen Results – Bravo!** Intermediate Obedience classes had their CGC tests this month. Congratulations to the following club members for passing the CGC test with their dogs on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>:

Rehza Baraichi with Sophie (Cattle Dog)

Cecilia Lewis with Kona (Parson Russell Terrier)

Craig Lewis with Piper (Parson Russell Terrier)

Danielle Mannweiler with Murphy (Labrador)

Stacie Mauer with Binx (Labrador)

Jo McClenny with Mo (Great Pyrenees)

Kate Morrison with Bodhi (Golden Retriever)

Lukas Pickering with Bear (Golden Retriever)

Sophia Pickering with Lola (Golden Retriever)

Ed Silverman with Cinco (Labrador)

Georgia Williams with Daisy (Cocker Spaniel)

Thank you to evaluators Shelley Bakalis & Debbie Vachal and the following volunteers that helped with the test: Ron Asbury, Tom Bedford, Kris Eitland, Marilyn Fullen, Luki Gubach, Charlene Wolff and Yuko Yamada.

**--Nancy Asbury (instructor)**

Congratulations to the following club members for passing the CGC test with their dogs on Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, a really cold, windy night.

Mike/Leslie Adams with Valoo (Yellow Lab)

Vicki Brown with Roger (Mix)

Jan Ford with Mara (Yellow Lab)

Marilyn Fullen with Sally (Black Lab)

Hanna Saddler with Ranier (Pointer)

Jeanne Taylor with Liberty (Black Lab)

Bobbie Sevier with Maris (Golden Retriever)

Thanks also to the evaluators, Debbie Vachal, Jane Glickman, and Shelley Bakalis and are awesome volunteers that helped, we could not have done it without you: Allison Morris, Hanna Saddler, and Cynthia Hamberg.

**--Bobbi Prilaman (instructor)**



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

The following students completed the requirements for their STAR Puppy Award:

Cheri Gase and Endal

Kim Dembinski and Ruth

Jack Farris and Frodo

Marci Plant and Elle

Tom Heger and Eugene

Brian McLaughlin and Maple

Delaney Rhodes and Bender

Gil Loredo & Chris Finn and Appa

**--Jane Glickman (instructor)**



**Virtual Scent Work Test:** Did you know you can earn a scent work title at home?

The Virtual Scent Work Test (VSWT) provides dogs and owners a way to engage in an activity which utilizes a dog's natural ability to detect search items from the comfort of a home environment. This test is a basic way for owners to bond with their dog or to help get started in Scent Work. Teams can work incrementally at their own pace while developing skills and confidence. When a team is ready, they can demonstrate basic competency in locating an item based on scent by taking the VSWT.

**Can my dog earn a title?**

Yes! The VSWT consists of three levels – Beginner (VSWB), Intermediate (VSWI) and Experienced (VSWE). Each level has its own set of testing [criteria](#) and titles must be earned in order. It takes two passes to earn a title at each level. **More information and guidelines here** [Virtual Scent Work Test \(VSWT\) – American Kennel Club \(akc.org\)](#)

**When to stop treating:** We've all found old kibble and wrappers in our pockets. When will it end? [https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/training/when-can-i-stop-treating/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_campaign=20220225\\_nibble-general](https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/training/when-can-i-stop-treating/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=20220225_nibble-general)



**Daylight Saving Time Begins March 13:** That gives us more daylight for dog walks and classes. [Tips for How to Prepare Your Body for Daylight Saving Time This March \(msn.com\)](https://www.msn.com)

**Is Your Dog in Pain?** Many behaviors and physical changes can indicate that a dog is in pain. Learn how to recognize the signs of pain in dogs, what causes it, what you can do to help and how to discuss your concerns with your vet. [https://www.petmd.com/dog/care/evr\\_dg\\_managing\\_pain\\_in\\_dogs](https://www.petmd.com/dog/care/evr_dg_managing_pain_in_dogs)



Dogs show pain in ways we don't always understand.  
Learn the signs that indicate your dog may have pain.

# Signs of pain in dogs



Dr Edward Bassingthwaighe BVSC(hons) (The Healing Vet)



Whole Energy  
Body Balance



- ✓ Knowing that something undefinable simply 'isn't right' with your dog.
- ✓ Depression.  
Behavioural changes – your dog becoming grumpy or snappy, not wanting to be touched, not wanting to be near humans, becoming distant or disconnected, avoiding other dogs and children, not wanting to play.
- ✓ Tremors, trembling, shaking.
- ✓ Slow to get up and down from lying – stiff and awkward. Often their eyes will be wide open and worried looking as they do this.
- ✓ Flickering and twitching of the skin when patting or stroking your dog.
- ✓ Warm or hot areas along the spine or anywhere on the body.
- ✓ Your dog reacts uncomfortably to being touched in certain areas.
- ✓ Sensitivity to touch and/or movement from people or other dogs (possibly also unexpected or out of character aggression).
- ✓ Not wanting to play at all (or as much as usual).
- ✓ Being stiff and slow after play and/or exercise.
- ✓ Seeming to not want to eat or drink (sometimes they will eat and drink happily if you put their bowls up on a low bench - this is because it hurts to bend their head down so far).
- ✓ Having trouble going to the toilet (which may lead to constipation and/or urinary tract infections).
- ✓ Lameness – if your pet has a chronic limp and x-rays etc can't find a problem, it may be neuro-fascial pain.
- ✓ Tail held down low in an unusual position, not wagging the tail, guarding the tail from being touched.
- ✓ Not shaking from the head all the way down to the tip of the tail (this is an important one!).
- ✓ Not stretching regularly.
- ✓ Changes in posture, holding their body differently (e.g. hunched back).
- ✓ Reluctant or unable to jump on the couch/bed or into the car like they used to.
- ✓ And finally - tension in the facial muscles – the 'pain grimace' – this will become noticeable with moderate pain, and becomes more pronounced the worse the pain gets.

**The following signs indicate a serious problem, if you see them get to a vet ASAP!**



**Obvious lameness or a mild lameness that lasts longer than a week.**

**Won't or can't get up at all.**

**Aggressive when you touch or try to move them.**

**Yelping or moaning when moving or when touched.**

**Wobbly, weak, unable to walk properly, may fall over.**

**Dragging a foot or feet.**

**Collapse, unable to rise. Knuckling over of a foot or feet, progressing to not noticing when this is happening.**

**Paralysis of limbs, possibly of the whole back end.**



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