



THE HAPPY HEELER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our February trials are over and due to so many that volunteered, the trials went off without a hitch. We even had help from the Navy. Go Navy! Exhibitors commented on how much fun they had at our trials. The February Scent Work Trial filled within a couple of days. The OCSDC Friday, February 23rd trial had many exhibitors, nice judges, professional stewards, and motivated volunteers. The trophies were great and the ribbons were extraordinary. The exhibitors were very happy to receive a slice of our beautiful celebratory cakes. We also gave them a small token of our appreciation for them for participating in our 75th anniversary trial.

The OCSDC February obedience and rally trial was the kick off of celebrating this significant anniversary year with those who participate and contribute to this Club. We stand on the shoulders of those members and volunteers that founded this Club and we are trying to continue to encourage current and new members to maintain the sport of training and showing our dogs. From rescues to purebred dogs that need the knowledge of our experienced trainers, our Club is helping people learn skills to make their dogs great family members and public citizens. The trainers are true professionals that treat their students with kindness. This Club appreciates those members that take the time to share their knowledge to their students. Please take advantage of the drop in teachers that volunteer on Tuesdays for drop in conformation and the 2nd and 4th Thursdays for drop in obedience. These classes are free for members.

Many of our members have exceptional talents in training dogs. If any of these members want to help train other members of our Club, please reach out to the Board of Directors. Many members have shown interest in a tricks and/or focus class. What are you interested in? We want to know. Our members are important to this board of directors. We are constantly trying to make this Club better for you.

Sincerely,

Linda Greco

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following members that passed their CGC test on Tuesday, March 5th.

- Ruth MacPete/Henry Ferreyra with Doberman, Marley
- Ruth MacPete/Henry Ferreyra with Brussel Griffon, Jeff
- Sherri Mannello with German Shepherd, Hunter
- Dawn Martin with Mal/GSC mix, Rango
- Laurie Shandley with Labrador, Walter
- Tina Swim with Labrador, Luck

Instructor: Nancy Asbury

Thank you to the following volunteers that helped make the evening such a great success: Christine Barker, Robin Hoffman, Wendelin Miller, Siobhan Williams & Yuko Yamada

Thank you to the evaluators Marilyn Fullen & Lauren Haskin





Suggestions to Keep a Dog Safe

NO HARNESS

Martingale collars are a must! Harnesses come off 100% of the time in a panic due to body dynamics no matter what size, type or advertising claims. Think of a t-shirt or football jersey in a brawl. When the arms (legs) go vertical or the body ducks (dog goes backward sitting) it comes off. Standard collars, even if tight, will slip over the head and ears with enough force or wiggle.

NEW DOG

When you bring your new or foster dog home have it drag a leash in the home until the dog is approaching you comfortably. This allows you to gain control without undermining trust (grabbing the dog).

CRATE YOUR DOG

When no one is home or guests are over if leery of strangers or change. Crates don't kill, but cars do.

WINDOWS

NO open windows (dogs can lower a cracked window). Make sure the window lock is on.

LEASH

ALWAYS keep a new dog on a leash, including in the yard for several weeks. If your dog is a rescue or from a shelter **NEVER** leave them unattended in a yard or have them off leash in unfenced areas. You don't know the dog's history, including flight triggers. Instinct for flight will override training and recall 100% of the time if the dog thinks it's life is in danger.

IN THE CAR

Always tether or buckle a dog in the car.

STAY HOME

NO public outings until your dog is confident on leash, at home and in controlled settings.



The Obedience Club of San Diego County Inc.
General Meeting
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Monday, January 22, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:01PM by President Linda Greco.

Members Present:

Linda Greco, Wendy Miller, Sally Nesbitt, Michelle Garmer, Betsy Hartwig, Vickie Burke, Kathy Marmack, Ken Miller, Karen Ernest (by phone) Margaret Williamson (by phone).

Minutes of the last meeting: Minutes of the November 6 board meeting were read by Linda Greco. Linda called for any corrections and none were forthcoming. Motion by Michelle Garmer and second by Ken Miller to approve minutes as read. Motion carried.

Report of President Linda reported that members have until January 31st to renew memberships. Number of renewed members at around 150. Basic Obedience classes have started. Intermediate/advanced obedience to start next Thursday. We are working on volunteers for our February 10-11 scent work trial.

Report of the Vice President- No report

Recording Secretary—Question about delivery to members of Happy Heeler Newsletter. Some people did not receive it.

Report of Treasurer— Michelle Garmer—The audit for the prior scent work trials that took place between August 2022 and December 2023 has been completed. The audit shows that out of 7 one day scent work trials, 4 of them had a net loss and 3 showed a profit. We can make money on one day events but we need to be cognizant of expenses.

The one day October 14, 2023 scent work trial donation that went to Southwest Search Dogs Search and Rescue organization was miscalculated and overpaid by \$1100.00. The Search and Rescue donation was based on total revenue and not on net profit, after expenses. Detective trial lost money. Advanced and Novice Scent Work were shown to be the biggest draw. In older records there was found to be lack of receipts for reimbursement of expenses to board members. All written checks to Kay Hawthorne, prior scent work trial chairman, did not include itemized receipts, so Michelle is unable to categorize expenses in Quickbooks. Reconciliations received from prior treasurer were written on scratch paper and back of envelopes and are hard to follow, without receipts.

Discussion about opening a police K-9 savings account. Police department has filled out the required paperwork to become involved in the AKC K-9 Police Dog Assistance Program. and is awaiting feedback. There were pledges from the Awards Banquet by club members and friends that need to be honored but before that can happen, the account needs to be opened.

Corresponding Secretary—Robin, who was unavailable for this meeting due to hospitalization, had previously reported that vouchers were sent to those members who had previous VIP points.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws Committee: Will meet in February timeframe. Standing Rules will follow bylaws changes.

February Obedience Trial: Trial Chairman Kathy Marmack gave a report. Discussion about possible need for van rental for hauling equipment to show site, box lunches to be ordered for judges and stewards for Thursday through Sunday (judges will be fed by Silver Bay during their portion of the shows). Trophies and ribbons are ready for our 75th Anniversary show, and volunteers needed for setup and breakdown as well as assistance in running the shows.

Unfinished Business: Bobbie Sevier—needs a \$1400 check to pay the school for use of their facilities for scent work. Monies will cover all events at the school for 2024.

Linda in contact with insurance, requesting coverage for our meetings and events.

New Business:

No new business

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion by Wendy Miller, second by Betsy Hartwig. Meeting adjourned at 7:58PM.

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CHECK WITH CLASS TRAINERS IF CLASSES ARE RESCHEDULED DUE TO WEATHER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Email Drop in Obedience to confirm attendance 2 nd & 4 th Thursdays Marilyn Fullen mfullen@cox.net		1	2
3	4	5 Beg. Obed. Class Int. Obed. Class (Members only) DROP IN Conformation 7PM	6 Beg. Obed. Class 6:30p	7	8	9
10	11 Board Meeting Marie Callendar's	12 (Members only) Drop in Conformation 7pm	13	14 NO DROP IN OBEDIENCE INSTRUCTOR UNAVAILABLE	15	16
17	18	19 CGCU 6:30p-8:30p Int. Obed 7:30 pm Puppy Class 6:30p Class Scentwork 6:15pm Class Int. Rally Signs (Members only) Drop in Conformation 7pm	20 Beg. Obed. Class 6:30p Beg Rally Signs 7:30p	21 Intro to Conformation 6pm	22	23
24	25 General Meeting 7pm St. John's Lutheran Church 1430 Melody Ln., El Cajon 92019	26 CGCU 6:30p-8:30p Class Int. Obed 7:30 pm Class Puppy Class 6:30p Class Scentwork 6:15pm Class Int. Rally Signs (Members only) Drop in Conformation 7pm	27 Beg. Obed. Class 6:30p Beg Rally Signs 7:30p	28 Intro to Conformation 6pm (Members only) DROP IN OBEDIENCE 7PM	29	30
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75 Anniversary Obedience and Rally Trial

Our 75th Anniversary Obedience and Rally Trial was a smashing success! The entries were high, ribbons and prizes were beautiful and everyone enjoyed our wonderful celebration cakes at the end of our events. Our most sincere thank you to all those who worked to make this the success that it was. Members of Hidden Valley Obedience Club went above and beyond and we really appreciate their effort and dedication. Without them, these trials would not have been the success that they were. We also appreciate the hard work and dedication of Kathy Marmack and Betty Ribble. Their work as well as that of Lauren Haskin, Robin Hoffman, Sally Nesbit and Nancy Asbury started long before the trials began when they formed a work detail to go to our storage and ready our equipment and prizes for our trial.



News from AKC...

The California legislative session has begun, and AKC Government Relations (AKC GR) is tracking several bills of interest to dog owners. We also are closely watching for any amendments or other actions, as animal activists have made public comments indicating their desire to regulate breeders.

Be sure to be checking the AKC Legislative Action Center at www.akcgr.org for the latest information, and also ensure your club has appointed a Legislative Liaison and their contact information has been provided to AKC GR so you can be sure to get timely updates throughout the session. Contact AKC GR at doglaw@akc.org for questions or more information.

The following are key bills introduced to date that AKC is following, and no action is needed at this time. Specific information on hearings, etc. will be provided as they become available:

- **Assembly Bill 2012 – Rabies control data.***Status:* Referred to Assembly Business and Professions Committee*Summary:* This bill would require animal shelters in cities and counties to report various rabies control program data to the state. This restores the protocol that lapsed during the Brown administration and will provide a uniform and objective set of data when evaluating the conditions of animal shelters.
- **Assembly Bill 2216 – Tenancy: common household pets***Status:* Awaiting committee referral.*Summary:* This “placeholder” bill looks to expand access to people with pets being able to access rental housing. The bill is awaiting formal legislative language.
- **Assembly Bill 2248 – Contracts: sales of dogs and cats.***Status:* Referred to Assembly Committee on Judiciary *Summary:* This bill states that a contract to transfer ownership of a dog or cat is void if all of the following are satisfied:
 - The buyer is in California.
 - The contract requires a nonrefundable deposit.
 - The contract does not identify the original source of the dog or cat, including, but not limited to, the breeder.
- **Assembly Bill 2042 – Law enforcement: police canines.***Status:* Awaiting committee referral.*Summary:* This bill is an updated version of AB 742 from 2023 and would direct the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to regulate the use of police canines for the purpose of arrest, apprehension, or any form of crowd control.
- **Assembly Bill 3241 – Law enforcement: police canines.***Status:* Awaiting committee referral.*Summary:* This bill would increase data reporting requirements for police departments concerning the use of police canines and direct the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to develop new training standards and deployment guidelines.

AKC Continued...

- **Senate Bill 921 – Animal Welfare** *Status:* Referred to the Senate Committee on Public Safety
Summary: This proposal rewrites animal cruelty law to make causing an animal to suffer “needless suffering” a crime.
- **Senate Bill 922 – Animal Cruelty** *Status:* Referred to the Senate Committee on Public Safety
Summary: This bill would enhance the fines for leaving an animal in an unattended vehicle during dangerous weather conditions, including hot weather. It would also provide for counseling and education to people cited under this statute.
- **Assembly Bill 1988 – Stray animals: Availability for adoption or release.** *Status:* Referred to Assembly Business and Professions Committee
Summary: This bill would allow animal shelters to immediately adopt out puppies and kittens in the narrow instance of owner surrenders.
- **Assembly Bill 2133 – Veterinary medicine: registered veterinary technicians.**
Status: Referred to the Assembly Business and Professions Committee. *Summary:* This bill would authorize a registered veterinarian technician to perform neuter surgery on a male domestic cat under the direct supervision of a California-licensed veterinarian. As introduced, this would not apply to dogs.

About Dog Food

The Human-Grade Standard With "humane grade" certification found on some dog food packages, each ingredient must pass the higher standards needed for human consumption and the food must be made in a USDA-inspected human-grade facility that is also registered as both an FDA animal food facility and an FDA human food facility.

Lab Safety Batch Testing: Testing the food for pathogens like E.coli, listeria, and salmonella is a very important step for food safety. Some companies test each batch they produce, some perform random testing every few months, and some don't test at all. One way is rapid swab testing can be done during each production run, with every batch tested by a third-party lab."

Hold-Release Program To prevent a problem before it becomes one, companies can implement a hold-release program, where each batch of food doesn't leave their facility until they receive negative test results. If a batch tests positive for pathogens, it can be disposed of before it leaves their facility and, more importantly, before any dog eats it.

Nutritional Analysis Testing While it's important to make sure the food you're feeding your dog is made as safely as possible, it's also important to know that the food contains the nutrients necessary to meet AAFCO's standards for a complete & balanced diet. While most dog foods are formulated using computer software that contains the nutritional data of each ingredient to balance the recipes, some companies go a step further and do nutritional analysis testing on their finished product to prove that their formulation method works.

Transparency: Transparency breeds trust, but it also makes brands raise standards. If dog food companies are going to be open about their ingredients and lab results, then they need to be of the highest quality.

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