



# Tattle Tails

VCDFA Newsletter

July 2016

Ventura County  
Dog Fanciers  
Association

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## Seaside Spectacular 2016



Thursday, June 30th—Specialties

Friday, July 1st—**Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association**

Saturday, July 2nd, - Burbank Kennel Club

Sunday, July 3rd - Burbank Kennel Club

**Ventura County Fairgrounds**

## Upcoming VCDF Meeting:

Wednesday, July 13  
7:30 PM  
Ventura County  
Animal Services  
in Camarillo



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<b>Historian:</b> Rhonda Todd	<b>Volunteer Coordinator:</b> Michele Flickinger
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## Show Committee Chairs

<b>Winterfest Chair:</b> Ron Lukins	<b>Seaside Spectacular Chair:</b> Peri Norman
<b>Assistant Winterfest Chair:</b> Peri Norman	<b>Assistant Seaside Spectacular Chair:</b> Linda Whisenhunt
<b>Show Grounds Chair:</b> Michael Lerchenmueller	

## Directions to VCDFA Club Meetings:

Ventura County Animal Shelter  
600 Aviation Dr, Camarillo, CA

101 Freeway, exit Las Posas Road, go south.

Turn Right on Pleasant Valley Road (the airport is on the right). Turn Right at Eubanks Rd. When this road dead ends turn Left. Animal Control will be on the left hand side.



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## Can You Answer this Tattle Tale Quiz?

Where are these Great Pyrenees? Hint: They are guarding musk ox!



See page 6 for answer

Question submitted by:

Tommy Dickey

Photo taken by:

Joanne Law

Do you have a question/photo for the Tattle Tale Quiz? If so, send it to the Tattle Tail editor at [mary.lukins@verizon.net](mailto:mary.lukins@verizon.net)

# Special Delivery



# New Arrivals!

Mike and Kathy Lerchenmuller announce babies~  
KAMI's Gone in a Flash by Foxen X KAMI's Yukon Queen of IROQ



Laura Thomas  
has a new  
addition~

"Dean"

Mar Haven's  
That's Amore

# Winners Circle



## **Karolaska Tres Jolie D'Arnault 'Jolie'**



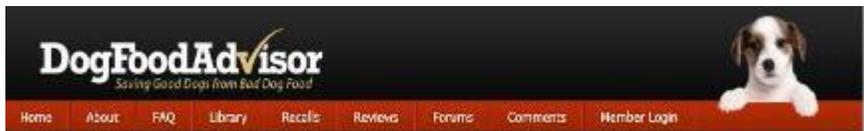
**Winning BOS in 4-6 mos puppy class at Great Pyrenees Specialty in Vallejo in May. Owner-handler Linda Whisenhunt**



# Achievement Arena



**Tommy Dickey and “Pyrfessor” Teddy presenting the PYRENEES EXPERIENCE AWARD to the president of the UCSB Geography Club**



**Blue Buffalo Dog Food Recall of May 2016**  
May 31, 2016—Blue Buffalo Company of Wilton, Connecticut, has confirmed that it is voluntarily recalling a limited batch of its Life Protection Formula Dog Food product due to the presence of excessive **moisture** and **mold**.  
Those with questions may call Blue Buffalo Customer Service at 855-201-4331 between 8 am and 5 pm ET, Monday through Friday.  
Submitted by~ Bobbe Jacobs

**Tattle Tail Quiz**

**These Great Pyrenees are guarding musk ox in Parker, Alaska**



## Ventura County Animal Services is offering the Following Summer

**Monday:** mixed-breed dogs for \$30.

**Tuesday:** Dogs and Cats (all ages) for \$20.

**Wednesday:** White Rabbits for \$40. bonded rabbit pair for \$70.

**Thursday:** throwback to 1992 adoption rates of \$22 for dogs and cats

**Friday:** Cats for \$15

**Saturday:** Large-breed dogs for \$25

**Sunday:** senior pets 5 years and older for \$25. Seniors age 55 and older will receive the discounted price

**For More Information Visit ~ [vcas.us](http://vcas.us)**

Submitted by ~ Bobbe Jacobs



## You Keep Your Glassware *Where?*

### Starting to Get Ready for "The Big One"

As a second generation Southern California native I've experienced several earthquakes and the thought of "THE BIG ONE" is a constant, looming threat. And, like all So Cal residents, I've heard more times than I can count that we need to get ready for when it happens. You would think that having spent 15 years working in Emergency Response I would have everything we are supposed to have, but aside from the most basic food, first aid and camping gear for family and pets "Getting Ready for an Emergency Event" has always been 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> from the top of my To Do List.

This changed after a recent conversation I had with a friend about, of all things, dinnerware. My friend was telling me about the special padding she had for her fine china and stemware.

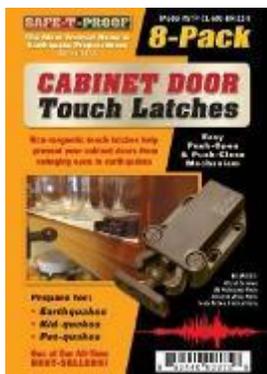


## You Keep Your Glassware *Where?* *continued . . .*

It seems that during the Northridge quake literally every bit of her glassware had been thrown out of the cupboards, leaving shattered glass 2 inches deep over her entire kitchen floor. My blood ran cold as I thought about this – all 4 of my dogs sleep in the kitchen! What's worse is that they are directly under the pantry cupboard, the highest part being where I store a half dozen very large glass serving and decorative platters. With the image of these platters literally becoming glass bombs raining down on my sleeping dogs I looked at my kitchen with new eyes. Glassware is everywhere – the mug tree, the giant Pyrex measuring cup I use when making the dogs meals, the red carnival glass bowl were I keep ripening fruit. Even the doggie treat jar is one of those heavy old fashioned glass candy jars. Not to mention all the dinnerware inside the cupboards. During even a minor quake any of this could shatter on or near my dogs.



Luckily the solution was not difficult, though it did take some determination. The first step was making decisions about what glassware to keep and where it is stored. A large box of outdated and rarely used glassware (including all but 2 of my platters) were donated to the Rescue Mission. Heavy items (including appliances like the crock pot) were moved to the bottom shelves or out of the kitchen completely ~ my platters are now under the bed in my guest room. I only use them twice a year, why do they have to be in the kitchen? Glassware was moved off the counters and I replaced my glass storage containers (including the doggie treat jar) with the very nice plastic ones from “Good Grips”.



Next came securing the cabinets – a quick check on the internet revealed a variety of latches that will hold cabinet doors tightly closed during an earthquake. I chose the “push and click” style which locks automatically and only takes a quick push on the door to unfasten. They are a bit more expensive than the child-proof fasteners sold at most hardware stores, but those require you to reach inside behind the cabinet door to release the safety latch every time you open the door.

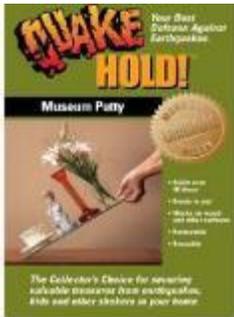
I installed all 16 of my latches using a screwdriver and hand drill -- it took me the better part of two days, but I did them all by myself.

Next came “Pad It”– things inside a cabinet (including canned and bottled goods) are less likely to shift and break when they have a padded gripping material beneath them. Rubberized matting

## You Keep Your Glassware *Where?* *continued . . .*

comes in different sizes and colors and is easy to cut with scissors. I lined all of my cabinet shelves and placed strips between stacked plates and bowls. I also cut pieces to size under the heavy salt glazed pottery, flower vases and decorative dog sculptures I have around the house.

And then came “Stick It”-- Is there a dog person out there who does not have a collection of figurines of your favorite breed? There are several types of earthquake adhesives available in putty, gel or wax that will hold smaller items in place. Most of these adhesives are removable, reusable and non-toxic and will stick to a variety of shelving surfaces. Just pinch off a bit and stick it to the bottom of the breakable item. I have been using it for years on my glass figurines but now just about everything, from dog show medallions to bookends, gets stuck down.



All of this, of course, was only the start. I am still working on getting completely prepared to keep my human and canine family safe and comfortable during and after an emergency event (our 55 gallon water barrels arrived last week).

I urge you to look around you – perhaps your dogs don’t come in the house so that is not an issue. But do they stay around cabinets and cupboards in a kennel room or garage? Can heavy items fall on them or shatter near them? Can these items fall and injure you? Earthquakes happen without warning anytime of the day or night. In the aftermath we have the ability of putting on shoes and gloves – our pets do not.

It was the fear I felt for my dogs that finally compelled me to get serious about preparing for “The Big One”. Knowing they were at risk brought the realization that the only thing worse than dealing with an earthquake was dealing with that earthquake AND with a dog (or dogs) who has been seriously injured— something that might have been avoided if I had been better prepared.

— submitted by Mary Lukins, Tattle Tails Editor

Be the **HERO** your dogs think you are!



# Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association Inc.

**This is YOUR Newsletter!**

Email your brags, crys, photos, litter announcements, dog stories, funny experiences, educational articles and anything else you think would be of interest to:



See you at the  
SEASIDE SPECTACULAR July 1st~3rd  
And at our Club Meeting on July 13th



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