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VCDFA Newsletter

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Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association

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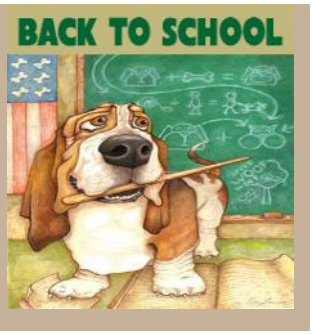

It's Time to Vote for our VCDFA Officials!

Upcoming VCDF Meeting:

Wednesday, September 14th

7:30 PM - General Meeting

Ventura Co Animal Services,
600 Aviation Drive, Camarillo,

Club Members will VOTE for:

- VCDF Board of Directors
- AKC Sportsmanship Award

VCDFA Board of Directors – Email Addresses

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VCDFA Committees

Awards: Lorraine Ebdon
BBQ: Larry Flickinger
Breed Referral: Ron Lukins
By-Laws & Policies: Bill Dumas
Christmas Party:- Bobbe Jacobs
Dinner Meetings: Maria Bokron-Nowlin
Disaster Trailer: Bill Dumas
Historian: Rhonda Todd
Membership: Mary Ann Welsh
Membership Directory: Rhonda Todd
Newsletter Editor: Mary Lukins
Obedience: Beverly Halpin
Programs: Bobbie Davis
Refreshments: Michele Flickinger
Sunshine: Bobbe Jacobs
Vote Counter: Larry Flickinger
Volunteer Coordinator: Michele Flickinger
Webmaster: Linda Whisenhunt

Show Committee Chairs

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

VCDFA Members Please Mark Your Calendars!!!

HOLIDAY PARTY

Wednesday December 14, 2016

No Host Bar 6 pm

Dinner 7 pm
Awards & Raffles

VCDFA Membership Dues needs to be PAID by December 1st for the Club to pay for members dinner. All guest will be $30 per person. RSVP due on December 1st.
Please remember that when you RSVP that you are coming - but do not show you will be charged the $30.

We are looking forward to seeing all members at the Party and their guests.

Please RSVP as soon as possible!

Contact: Bobbe Jacobs

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Your Dogs Know Your Face

Ever wonder if your dogs know you by your smell, your voice or even your feet? It turns out that your face is important to your dogs' recognition. To discover this, researchers at the University of Padua in Italy had each dog's owner and a stranger enter a room, walk patterns through the room, then leave through different doors. The researchers recorded how long each dog watched its owner versus the stranger. The researchers measured both the average length of gaze and the overall duration of visual orientation during the experiment. Next, the researchers covered the owners' and strangers' heads with hoods, leaving only the eyes visible. The dogs were much less attentive to their owners when they could not see their faces. Previous research indicates that dogs can recognize photographs of their owners and that dogs create an "internal representation of the owner's face when they hear the owner calling them," according to scientists at Azabu University in Japan, reports **World Science.ne**

Nominees – VCDFA Board of Directors 2016-2017

NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT — Linda Whisenhunt

My name is Linda Whisenhunt and I would like to continue as your VCDFA President. I started showing and breeding Great Pyrenees Dogs approximately 31 years ago when I was young, single and did not have children yet. I had ample time and energy to dedicate to doing my part to improve the breed. At that time I was a member of the Great Pyrenees Club of America and the Great Pyrenees Association of Southern California. I spent a considerable amount of my time working with the GPASC Recue by finding forever homes and being a Foster home for the rescued Great Pyrenees. In my mid 30's, I met my husband, got married and had 2 children. Having been out of the dog show world for approximately 11 years, I was now ready to become involved again! I have also been handling many additional breeds, as well as Great Pyrenees and working with Carlos Carrizo and other handlers! I am a member of the Great Pyrenees Alliance of the West as well as the Great Pyrenees Club of America and, have served as the VCDFA Vice President as well as President. I look forward to continue working with the VCDFA in promoting canine activities as well as public education Thank you for again considering me for the VCDFA position of President.

NOMINEE FOR VICE PRESIDENT — Lori Frost

I have been in dogs my entire life. I got my first dog for my 2nd birthday; a Cocker Spaniel.

I started showing in the 70's with Golden Retrievers then switched to owning Australian Cattle Dogs in 1982, and added Cardigan Welsh Corgis in 1999. I have been past Vice President for VCDFA for several terms. I enjoy ring stewarding and judging.

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NOMINEE FOR TREASURE — Shirley Welch

I have been a member of VCDFA for 18 years. I have served on the board, as a Director and am currently the treasurer of VCDFA and I am looking forward to continuing with the VCDFA. I have been showing and breeding dogs for about thirty one years in conformation and obedience and have had over fifty champion Saint Bernard's, Affenpinschers Toy Fox Terriers, and Tibbys. For 29 years I have also worked as the treasurer, bookkeeper and Secretary of Cal West Pruning Service, Inc.

NOMINEE FOR RECORDING SECETARY — Rhonda Todd

I joined VCDFA in 1970 and as a new member my first show job was blowing up balloons, at 5:30 am, before the show started. I bred and showed Toy Poodles at that time. I am a licensed Animal Care & Grooming Vocational Instructor with the State of California and taught a class at California Youth Authority for 19 years. I am a Past President (5 terms) and have served in every position on the Board of Directors and on most of the various committees that make Ventura County Dog Fanciers Assoc. a successful club. While I have been a member of VCDFA, I have worked at almost every Event the club has hosted. It will be my pleasure to serve VCDFA in any way that I can.

NOMINEE FOR RECORDING SECETARY — Michele

I am running for Recording Secretary and I have been in the club for thirty one years, and I was recording Secretary for 7 years so I do have experience. I have served as Committee Chair for catalogs sales for over 21 years, and I am meeting refreshments assistant. I am present at most of the meetings. I would appreciate your vote at the September 14, 2016 general meeting

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NOMINEE FOR CORRESPONDING SECRETARY — Mary Ann Welch

I am honored to be nominated by the committee as candidate for the position of Corresponding Secretary. I have worked as a Registered Nurse for 32 years, through that experience I have learned caring and problem solving. I know all these skills will be useful in any position I might hold for the Ventura County Dog Fancier. I have been a member of the VCDF for 16 years, have served on the Board of Directors, Membership Chair and, for the last 2 years as Corresponding Secretary. I also assist with ring Service and Education, have been Match Chair for several years, and have judged every group and Best In Match. I am involved in Conformation, Obedience and rescue. I belong to the Saint Bernard Club of America. The Affenpinscher Club of America and the Toy Fox Terrier Club. I look forward to again serving the VCDF as Corresponding Secretary.

NOMINEE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS (ONE YEAR) — Mike Lerchenmuler

I have been involved with dogs my entire life. From an early age I have known the pleasure and responsibility of owning and caring for many breeds of dogs. In 2001, I was introduced to the Bulldog breed as a couple came along with my marriage to Kathy. I have participated in breeding Bulldogs since then. In 2008, we took the plunge and I started showing Bulldogs in Conformation. My first show was at Summerfest. In 2011, we decided to add a little spice to our lives and purchased our first French Bulldog. We now actively breed and show French Bulldogs in Conformation also. Along the way I have been active in the Bulldog and French Bulldog clubs. I am an active member of the Pacific Coast Bulldog Club, the Bulldog Club of America, the French Bulldog Fanciers of Southern California, the French Bulldog Club of America and now the Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association. I have served in various capacities for all the clubs. I am the current Vice-President of the Bulldog Club of America Division III. I also served the club as Secretary for many years. I have served as chair for various committees in the clubs and helped run many Specialty shows. I am familiar with the AKC process for show applications and approvals. As a recent member of VCDFA, I worked Winterfest & Summerfest 2015 and 2016 as Grounds Committee Chair. Kathy and I joined VCDFA as it is a local AKC All Breed Club. We live in Camarillo, therefor it is very convenient for us to attend meetings, Board & Regular and participate in club events. I was asked to run for Director so I accepted the Nomination. I do feel I have the qualifications and experience to work with and assist the members of the Board. Being a Director is an excellent way to learn the "ropes" of the Club. I would consider it an honor to be elected.

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NOMINEE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS (THREE YEARS) — Connie Brown

Thank you for considering me for a Board of Director's role. I have been involved in the dog fancy since 1993, and a member of VCDFA since 1994. During my 22 years of membership, I have worked at almost every show as the Emergency Services Coordinator, as well as various other functions including Ring Steward, BBE Group Judge, and Trophy Presenter.

Dalmatians are my breed of choice. I actively participate in the conformation ring and have participated in performance events in the past to include obedience, agility, road trial and lure coursing. I have purposefully bred, for the improvement and sustainability of the Dalmatian breed, 6 litters producing over 10 Champions. I am an active member of the Dalmatian Club of America (DCA) and the Dalmatian Club of Southern California (DCSC), serving the DCSC in various capacities to include multiple terms as Vice President, Treasure and member of the Board of Directors. If elected, I look forward to serving and contributing to the positive welfare of the VCDFA. Cheers!

NOMINEE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS (THREE YEARS) — Joe Majzel

I joined VCDFA in 1982 and immediately started ring stewarding and eventually became chief Conformation Ring steward for many of the shows. Bobbie Diehl and I taught many ring stewarding classes over the years. I served as VCDFA chairperson of the hotel -motel committee. I was VCDFA match chairperson for three years (1990-92) and was the show chairperson and served as a Director for the Southern California Beagle Club and the Los Angeles County German Shepherd Dog Club numerous times. I am currently a member of the German Shepherd Dog Club of the San Gabriel Valley. I am currently serving as a director for the Los Angeles Pet Memorial Park and have held that position since 2008. I am the person who in 1992 initiated the red Club jacket/blazer program. I made the initial contact with our first sponsor, Pedigree and worked with VCDFA club member Bill Bergum who negotiated and signed the first contract. I have served as a VCDFA director in the past (1989-2008) and also as VCDFA parliamentarian (2007-2012). I am a member of the Channel Islands Unit of Parliamentarians.

Winners Circle

GCH SPOTHAVEN WAKE UP THE ECHOS OWNERS: CONNIE & LAUREN BROWN

"MONTANA" WENT

BEST IN SHOW

OWNER HANDLED

AT THE CHANNEL CITIES KC SHOW ON JULY 8, 2016

HE IS THE ONLY DALMATIAN TO HAVE BOTH A

BEST IN SHOW

AND A

BEST IN SHOW

OWNER HANDLED

SO COOL! WE ARE VERY PROUD OF HIM!

Separation Anxiety in Dogs Can Be A Reality When The Kids Go Back To School

In September, as the kids head back to school, did you consider that your dog may have to adjust to the changes in the family routine just like everyone else? During the summer, your children and the family dog can develop a strong bond. Now there's suddenly an empty and quiet house. This change in routine can cause your dog to suffer from separation anxiety or depression—to actually miss your kids—and even follow them to school.

Signs of Separation Anxiety

Your dog may experience the effects of the loss of extra playtime and the friendship developed with your children by exhibiting signs of separation through destructive behaviors such as:

- Chewing furniture
- Ripping the stuffing out of pillows
- Shredding paper
- Obsessive barking/whining for extended periods of time
- House soiling

Separation anxiety is a serious condition that can be managed with structure and patience. NEVER punish your dog for exhibiting this behavior, as it will make him more fearful and potentially aggressive.

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Separation Anxiety in Dogs Can Be A Reality When The Kids Go Back To School (continued)

Managing Anxiety

Tips to manage anxiety:

- Start with leaving your dog at home for very short periods of time to get him used to being alone
- Avoid emotional departures and greetings
- Have your belongings prepared so that your departure from home is calm
- Consider doggie daycare for prolonged absences
- Teach the kids to avoid over stimulating the dog with departures and arrivals
- Exercising your dog before leaving the house in the morning is a good idea so he'll be relaxed when you return and be set for when you're away.
- Leave some sturdy, interactive toys for your dog to help keep him from being bored.

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"I've seen a look in dogs' eyes, a quickly vanishing look of amazed contempt, and I am convinced that basically dogs think humans are nuts."

-John Steinbeck

Help Wanted!

We need a Volunteer to Chair **Responsible Dog Ownership Day** next September. If you are interested, please contact Linda Whisenhunt at:

jacobsonwhiz@roadrunner.com

Or come to club meeting!

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:

You don't want to miss the September 14th meeting.
We will be voting for Club Officers!

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