



Tattle Tails

VCDFA Newsletter

April 2017

**Ventura County
Dog Fanciers
Association**

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Upcoming VCDF Meetings:

Wednesday, April 5th

7:30—Board Meeting

Ventura County Animal Shelter,
600 Aviation Dr, Camarillo, CA

Wednesday, April 12th

6:30 Dinner Meeting

Yolanda's Restaurant in Camarillo
See Page 3 for details

VCDFA Board of Directors — Email Addresses

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VCDFA Committees

Audit: Open	Membership Directory: Rhonda Todd
Awards: Lorraine Ebdon	Newsletter: Mary Lukins
Breed Referral: Ron Lukins	Potluck/Picnic (June): Larry Flickinger
Budget: Shirley Welch	Programs: Lori Frost
By-Laws & Policies: Bill Dumas	Puppy Match: Beverly Halpin & Linda Whisenhunt
Christmas Award Dinner: Bobbe Jacobs	RDOD: Beverly Halpin & Linda Whisenhunt
Dinner Meeting (April): Maria Bokron-Nowlin	Refreshments -Board Meeting : Rhonda Todd
Donations: VCDFA Board of Directors	Refreshments -General Meeting Michele Flickinger
Grounds Chair: Mike Lerchenmuller	Sunshine: Bobbe Jacobs
Historian: Rhonda Todd	Web Master: Linda Whisenhunt



Show Committee Chairs



Seaside Spectacular Show Chair	Peri Norman
Seaside Spectacular Show Chair Assist	Linda Whisenhunt
Winterfest Show Chair	Linda Whisenhunt
Winterfest Show Chair Assist	Peri Norman
Obedience Chair	Beverly Halpin
Obedience Chair Assist	vacant
AKC Delegate	Bill Dumas (term ending 9/17)

VCDFA Member AKC Judges

Carl Anderson	Ron Lukins
Rosalie Anderson (retired)	Betty Michl
Mike Brophy	Peri Norman
Owen Derryberry	

VCDFA Member Professional Services

Carol Bernard	Animal Groomer
Bobbie & Don Davis	Dog and Dog Show Supplies
Robert Newman	Food For Thought Catering
Jean Raba	Professional Pet Sitter

April 12th Dinner Meeting at YOLANDA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT

Wednesday, April 12th
6:30 PM
 86 Daily Dr. in Camarillo
 \$18 cash at the door
 Everybody is to do their own tip

Please RSVP to Maria
 (805) 388-3646 or 805-388-3646
 or
maria_nowlin@yahoo.com



RSVP to Maria Nowlin by April 5th
 Maria will need a head count for the restaurant

We will order off the regular menu and receive individual checks with 18% tip + tax.

Directions: From freeway 101 exit at Las Posas Rd. (from the south turn right---from the north turn left) to Daily Dr., turn right to 86 E. Daily.

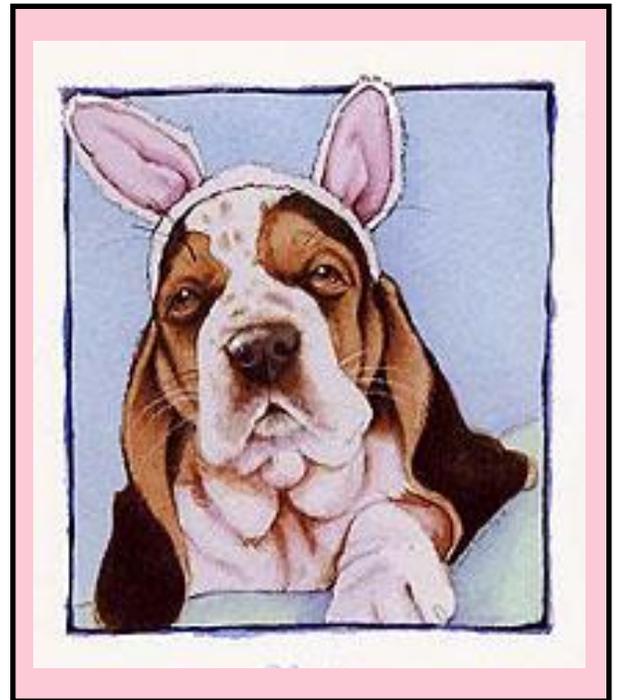
Come to dinner, bring a friend and have good food & good company!





**Ventura County Dog Fanciers Assoc.
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 8, 2017
Camarillo Airport Animal Services**

Club Minutes Removed





Ventura County Dog Fanciers Assoc.
General Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2017 ~ Continued

Club Minutes Removed



Corrections to 2017 Membership Directory

New Address, Phone & Email

Kelly Thornburn:

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Langley, BC, Canada V3A 9J5

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Camarillo, CA 93010

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New Phone:

Maxine Pauling

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Add cell phone- 805-444-2495



Winners Circle

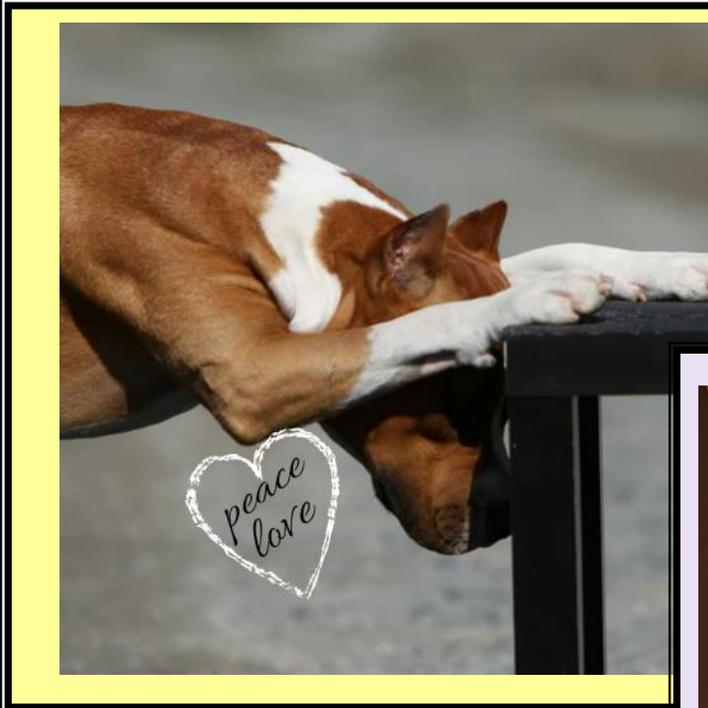
GCHB Euzkalzale Mont Valier CGC won BOB at the Beverly Hills KC show & was in the Working Group which will be televised on Easter Sunday 4/17 at 8:00 pm on the USA channel. Very proud of Valor ♥
Owner-Handler~ Linda Wisenhunt



Favorite Photo

Here is **Rush** doing his "Prayer with Amen Release" one of 4 **Trick Titles** now offered by the AKC— contact AKC for details.

Rush is Owned and Loved by Betty Michl



New Addition!

This is Maria Bokron-Nowlin with her 6 week old Ragdoll kitten. He is still with his mother for 2 or 3 more weeks and his name is "Kingsley"



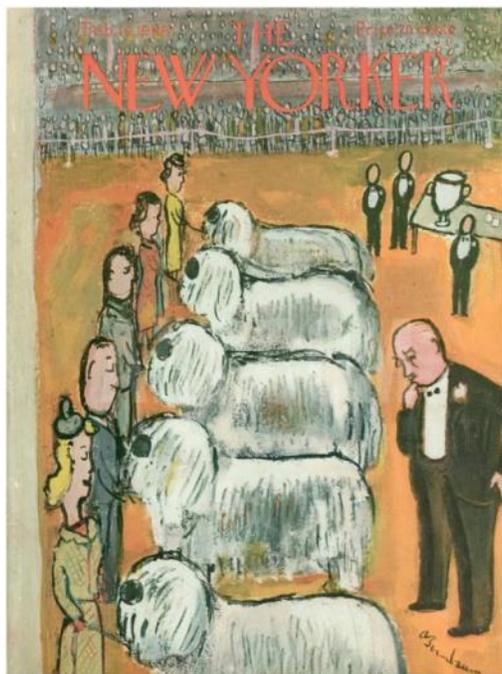
The Glue That Binds Us - reprinted from *Dogs in Review*

After a good number of years in the dog fancy (I'll concede only that it's more than 30 years but less than 100), I am convinced that the glue binding fanciers together isn't our success stories, but the anecdotes of mishap and mayhem that ultimately end well, or, at least better than they might have. Acts of God, manmade tempests or quirks of human nature are at the root of the stories we share with each other in hospitality rooms, hotel bars and grooming areas. We reminisce with the people who were there when it happened, inspire wide-eyed newbies to silently wonder just what kind of sport they've gotten themselves into, and share an oral history that proves that whether we are seasoned veterans or sophomores in the sport, "stuff happens" to all of us.



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Few of us remember which dogs won Best of Breed at Westminster in 2006, but no one forgets the blizzard that dropped a record-breaking 27 inches of snow on the weekend before the show. Montgomery weekend has always inspired epic mud stories—shoes lost in muck, RVs towed, and handlers and dogs jumping over puddles. Be it snow or mud, everyone at both shows had a tale to tell of horrible weather that came at the worst time and impacted everyone.



A power outage plunges a show into darkness, a fire alarm sends everyone into the street (unless it's a tornado alarm; then it's everyone into the nearest restroom). The edges of a hurricane force an outdoor show to go indoors, often into a structure never intended for a "down and back." A Superintendent's truck is stolen the night before a show, and everything needed to hold the show is in it. The narratives are endless.

Occasionally, a story becomes dog show lore. Even fanciers who weren't at Westminster that year heard about Walter Goodman carrying his Skye Terrier over his shoulders in a horrendous snow storm en route to the Garden, his aging mother barely able to keep up in the deep snow. Asked why he didn't carry his mother and let the dog walk, he replied, "I'm not showing my mother!" His Skye won Best in Show the next night, and we laugh because humor is rooted in truth, and fanciers understand the significance of showing at Westminster.

We giggle at hearing about a rabbit that ran across a ring filled with Borzoi ready to sprint, or of the Pointer that spotted pigeons in the corner of the breed ring and slammed on point only to have every other Pointer in the ring honor the point.

We chuckle not so much because the situations are funny (though they are), but because the predictability of behavior rooted in breed type is an affirmation of why we love our breeds.

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The Glue that Binds Us - Dogs in Review *continued* . .

Lessons learned in the trenches need not be a group experience to resonate with a spectrum of exhibitors or draw groan of sympathy: The car has been packed to the roof and we're several hours into the trip to a dog show before realizing that we've forgotten the dog. Maybe we remembered the dog but left the only thing we had to wear into the ring. Our "lucky" slip falls to our ankles while gaiting the dog, or the entire 4 minutes we spent in the Group ring was with our pants zipper down, flaps open. We walk into a tent pole during a "triangle" or trip over a floor mat and end up sprawled on the floor with our skirt over our head.

Anecdotal evidence of our "humanness" isn't limited to exhibitors. Ask the judge who has ever awarded Winner Dog to a bitch, forgotten which dogs he really liked in a huge entry, or failed to table or ramp a breed that should have been. It happens.



Certain breeds lend themselves to potential disaster: White dogs attract children with orange drinks, and black ones are often assigned a grooming spot next to chalked breeds. Coated breeds show on wet grass, giant breeds get small rings and toy breeds get huge ones. Some call this "Murphy's Law - whatever can go wrong will go wrong — but I think it's what earn us our dog show "chops." Who wants to sit next to someone at a dinner table for whom everything has gone swimmingly well? Aren't we more attracted to and learn more from the people who have seen it and can talk about it with a twinkle in their eye?

What are we to learn from the moments that go awry? Are we to become control freaks compelled to orchestrate the in-between moments of showing a dog? No, but when it still does happen (and it will), as long as no one is hurt, it can't hurt to find the humor of the situation and share it.

When a torrential downpour sent Herding Group exhibitors and their dogs to seek shelter under one small awning of an outdoor show, water that had collected in the fabric burst over the frame and completely drenched the Bearded Collie who was a serious contender to win the Group. Well-meaning competitors shared what towels they had with the horrified handler but when the towels ran out, a disembodied voice called out "use the Pulli!" The laughter that erupted carried over into the Group ring, and the judging commenced with a merry group of handlers who remember the incident to this day.

The Beardie did win the Group, by the way.



More Dog Food Recalls:

Blue Buffalo is voluntarily recalling two of its canned dog food products

For additional information Google: [Blue Buffalo Dog Food Recall of March 2017](#)

Submitted by: Bobbe Jackobs

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:



Make your RSVP's NOW for the April 12th Dinner Meeting!



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