



WAGGIN' TAILS

Newsletter of the
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Placerville, CA

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May 2019 CALENDAR:



- 4-5th Rattlesnake Avoidance
- 4th Western Slope Health
- 6th Boys and Girls Club Reading Program
- 10-12th HKC Agility Trial
- 11th Eskaton Village Placerville
- 14th General Membership meeting**
- 13th Boys and Girls Club Reading Program
- 25th Eskaton Cameron Park
- 20th Boys and Girls Club Reading Program
- 25-27th Hangtown-Sierra Cluster!

28th Board Meeting

CALLING ALL OBEDIENCE AND RALLY PEOPLE! WE NEED RINGSTEWARDS FOR THE SHOW FOR BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO WORK IN ONE OF THE RINGS BUT DON'T FEEL CONFIDENT IN YOUR SKILLS, NOT A PROBLEM! WE WILL MAKE SURE



MAY GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

7:00 pm

THE BREAKROOM RESTAURANT

SHINGLE SPRINGS, CA

Program will be details of Hangtown-Sierra Cluster Weekend

THAT YOU HAVE A MENTOR TO HELP YOU KEEP THE RING RUNNING SMOOTHLY AND THE COMPETITORS HAPPY (AT LEAST AS HAPPY AS THEY CAN BE AT A COMPETITION!) contact Mary or Melinda.

HKC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

Jane Andrew

Jane's lifelong love of dogs began very early on when her family, who lived in San Anselmo, California at the time, adopted a Shepherd mix "pound puppy". Jane was only about five years old but she vividly remembers being extremely upset when her parents returned the puppy for being too aggressive and "biting" the neighbor boy. In her mind, the boy probably deserved it! Shortly after that, they adopted an adorable little black female Cock-a-poo pup named "Cindy". Cindy lived with Jane's family for many years. The next dog in Jane's life was black lab "Kelly" who had some serious issues and eventually had to be euthanized.

In 4th grade, the family moved to Novato, where Jane joined 4-H and learned about the Guide Dogs for the Blind (GDB) puppy raising program. By 7th grade, she had managed to convince her parents to let her raise a puppy. Her first puppy was a Golden Retriever named "Yasko". Yasko was very spoiled and totally out of control. Believe it or not, Yasko almost succeeded as a Guide Dog. He made it through five months of training before he was finally deemed a "reject". After Yasko (who was kept as a family pet), Jane raised another Golden Retriever named "Yora". Yora was a beautiful, light-colored female who was very sweet and obedient. By that time Jane's mom had become the 4-H Guide Dog leader and she encouraged the 4-H raisers to take their pups to obedience training. That is when Jane first started actually training dogs. Jane and Yora easily won first place in the 4-H dog obedience competition that year and Yora went on to become a full-fledged Guide Dog for a blind woman from Portland, Oregon. The last Guide Dog puppy Jane raised (during her high school years) was a German Shepherd named "Velvet". Unfortunately, Velvet had hip dysplasia and was rejected. She joined Jane's family's pack... After graduating from UCD with a BS degree in Zoology, Jane married her high school sweetheart, Gary, who also attended UCD. Shortly after purchasing their first house in Sacramento, Jane and Gary decided to raise a dog for Canine Companions for Independence (CCI). He was a Border Collie named "PJ". Unfortunately, he was too "bonded" to Jane and Gary and after refusing to eat for two weeks back at the kennels, he came home to live as a pet. He unfortunately died shortly after his return. The loss was completely devastating to Jane and she wasn't sure she could ever own another dog. But, once a dog lover always a dog lover, and several months later they purchased Border Collie puppy "Josh" from a local ranch. Josh became Jane's first obedience and agility competition dog and to this day remains the most perfect, beloved dog Jane has ever owned. Jane joined a class being taught by Jeannie Dennard in Sacramento. It was Jeannie who inspired Jane to become interested in competition obedience. The training and mentorship that Jeannie provided led to Jane and Josh (and later, Australian Shepherd, "Maggie") to qualify and compete at three Western Regional "Gaine's" obedience competitions and the 1994 Classic (National) competition held in Pasadena, where

Josh won 9th place in Open and they got their picture taken with actor Lorenzo Lamas! Josh would go on to eventually earn his UD and several legs towards a UDX before he was retired. Although Josh was an accomplished obedience dog, his favorite activity by far was agility. As most Border Collies are, he was incredibly fast and Jane had a hard time keeping up with him (both mentally and physically) on the courses. He did earn titles in USDAA, NADAC and AKC agility. Maggie also earned her CDX and a few agility titles as well, but she did not have the drive and desire that Josh had for performance sports.

Jane joined Hangtown Kennel Club shortly after moving to El Dorado in 1994 and began working at Marshall Hospital's medical staff office in quality/risk management. Jane began assisting and teaching obedience classes for HKC, and also served on the board. In the late 90's Jane and Gary raised another puppy for CCI – this time a yellow Lab/Golden cross named "Wiyot". Wiyot went to work with Jane at Marshall every day and was very popular with the hospital staff. Unfortunately, Wiyot was also diagnosed with hip dysplasia and became a career-changed pet dog for Gary's sister's family in the Bay Area where he lived a very happy life with three young boys.

In 2000, Jane gave birth to daughter Lauryn and quit working to be a stay-at-home mom. By that time, Lauryn was ready to start kindergarten, Jane had returned to work part time for Marshall Hospital and was starting to miss dog obedience competition. Thinking she didn't have time to keep a Border Collie entertained, she decided to try a new breed and purchased a Miniature Poodle from well-known breeder and obedience competitor Janet Collins. Janco's El Dorado Sunrise (aka "Sonny") was a quick study and earned both his CD and RN titles by the time he was about two years old, and won High in Trial at his very first show! Around 2007, a fire (caused by an impaired driver) ripped through the neighborhood and burned down three houses. The fire served as a wake up call to Jane that their overgrown eight acres desperately needed some clearing. She found a herd of seven goats for sale in Shingle Springs and with the help of a friend who had a horse trailer, loaded them up and brought them home. Well, one thing led to another, and pretty soon Anatolian Shepherd "Shana" was added to the growing farm family as a livestock guardian dog to protect the goats from the neighbor's dog.

In 2014, Jane decided it was time to raise another service dog, and suggested to Lauryn that she could raise a Guide Dog puppy as a 4-H project. Lauryn ecstatically agreed, and after joining the El Dorado Second Sight Guide Dog Puppy club and meeting the requirements for the volunteer program, yellow Lab/Golden cross "Fortune" was brought into their home for 13 months of training and socializing. After her "recall" back to GDB, Fortune became a breeder instead of a Guide (only the "cream of the crop" become breeders). Jane and Lauryn went on to raise Lab/Golden cross "Kalana" and "Darling" (Fortune's one and only daughter as she was retired after her first litter). Both Kalana and Darling are now Guides living in London, Ontario, Canada with their blind partners. After Darling, they

raised Golden Retriever "Gladys" who is now being evaluated as a breeder, and current puppy black Lab "Cecilia" joined the ranks in March. In 2016 Jane began taking classes again, this time with previous HKC member Kathryn Miele in Shingle Springs. By spring of 2017, Jane began showing Sonny in Preferred Open (lower jump heights for a now 12 year old dog), and he earned is Preferred CDX title that summer.

Because by this time, Jane was certifiably dog crazy, and since guardian dog Shana was getting near retirement age, she decided they needed to add new Anatolian Shepherd puppy AKC-registered Gerlach's Sierra Vista ("Sierra") to the farm in early 2018.

Along the way, Jane, now a lifetime member of HKC, has continued her involvement in the club by being obedience equipment caretaker, occasional obedience instructor's assistant and CGC evaluator, obedience/rally show and match chair, current board member, and as of last year, HKC's website and Google groups email administrator. While Jane has enjoyed being an active participant in club activities, she is looking forward to pursuing other interests when Lauryn heads off to college in the fall of this year... while continuing to raise at least one more Guide Dog puppy, of course!

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Got some spare time? Need something to do?

Why not volunteer to work at one of these upcoming events:

Rattlesnake Avoidance Training – Contact Cathy Keeler or Cheryl Tibbals

May Show – Contact Sherry Howard for Conformation; Mary Clark for Obedience; and , Melinda Grosch for Rally

Agility Trials (multiple dates) Contact Raine Johnson

Obedience Classes – Contact Cheryl Tibbals

Conformation Classes – Contact Patty Skinner

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Editor's Corner

Spring is here and it is time for Rattlesnake Avoidance training, our Agility trial and our Hangtown-Sierra Cluster weekend! This is the time of year where we all have to pitch in and help make our events a success. We are known for our hospitality to our participants and for having extremely well run shows. It takes everyone to make these events LOOK easy! So, if you have not done so, please volunteer to do something for the events coming up. Contact Sherry Howard, Cheryl Tibbals, Melinda Grosch (Rally), Mary Clark (Obedience) or Patty Skinner (Conformation) Raine Johnson (Agility)

If you missed the last meeting, you missed a great presentation by Renee Badger from the Sclar Large Animal Emergency Evacuation group. This was an interesting presentation and I believe they were able to recruit one of our members (Colton) as a radio operator! If you are interested in talking to Renee about joining their

group (you don't need to know anything about large animals), her contact number is 916-599-0097.

On a personal note, thank you to all for your cards and condolences on the loss of my mom on April 3rd. It has been a difficult year for us. We also lost my brother's father in law (a dear friend of our family) just 5 days prior to losing Mom. For those who have asked, my dad is doing well and his health is improving all the time. He is an amazing 90 year old!



Mary Clark, Editor

Upcoming Seminars and Matches:

June 22-23 - Dr. Carmen Battaglia Seminar- Breeding Dogs to Win! American River College, Sacramento . See Flier for details(sent in Feb. if you need another copy let me know)...A MUST ATTEND for anyone thinking about becoming a breeder of quality purebred dogs!

Oct 5-6 Vicki Ronchette sponsored by HKC! Details to follow! Save the date all of you who have been asking for a conformation/handling workshop!

Matches: Golden Gate LRC

Hayward, CA Sunday, June 2, 2019 Obedience and Rally show and go— see attached flyer.

A really old joke:

“What do you call your dog?”

“Stock Market”

“What a peculiar name. Any particular reason?”

“ I should say so. Most unreliable dog you ever saw. You can never tell what he's going to do next!”



BRAGS:

Dennis and Michelle Collingwood bragged Darci (Gold Rush’s Yes, Yes, Yes I Am) has been busy learning to be a show dog. At the Kennel Club of California Sierras Sanction B Match she earned a BOB and Group 1 placement in the puppy competition. At the Oakland Kennel Club Dog Show 4-6 month puppy competition she earned a BOB and Group 1 placement. Lastly, at the Sacramento Kennel Club Dog show Day 2 Darci was awarded Winners Bitch from the Bred By Exhibitor Class for a 3 point major!

DeeDee (GCHS Rock N Gold Rush Double Dipped Delight) has also been busy. At the Sacramento Kennel Club Dog Show Day 1 she earned BOS, OHBOB and NOHS Group 3. On Day 2 of the same show circuit she earned BOB and NOHS BOB.

Donna Afflerbach bragged Gordon Setter Angus – Best of Winners for a 4 point major at Oakland Kennel Club

Colton Meyer bragged that his work as a track layer was successful for 1 out of 2 for T.D.; and for 5 out of 5 dogs earning their TDX! This was for the San Joaquin Dog Training Club's tracking event.

Linda Johnson bragged that her Harrier, Lucy, was given an Award of Merit at the Harrier Nationals!



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Upcoming Classes:

Session 3: June 6-27 Shingle Springs Community Center

Conformation

Puppy Kindergarten

Beginner

Beginner Novice Competition

Session 4: July 11-August 15 Fairgrounds

Conformation

Puppy Kindergarten

Beginner

Leash Manners

Tricks

Session 5: September 5-Oct.10 Fairgrounds

Conformation

Puppy Kindergarten

Beginner

Rally Novice

CGC

Classes are subject to change based upon instructor availability

Upcoming event! Yes, we will have a picnic this year or at least if someone would like to plan it we will! The Board will be picking a date and a place so if you have a suggestion, contact Dorris Wiglesworth...



NOTES:

2019 Membership list will be available soon for download from the Website. Please print a copy and keep it handy for all that volunteering you plan to do this year!

Member Shirley Carnett is having a tough time with her health right now. Send her some good thoughts!

Please welcome new member Linda Kelly to our club!

