

APRIL 2023



April Speaker:

Susie Basanda - Communication With Your Dogs



Have you ever wondered what special gifts you have to give to the world? Our next guest speaker believes we all come into this world with special gifts that assist us in living and serving others. These gifts come in all shapes and sizes: Gifts of expertise with numbers, the arts, sports, teaching, compassion, caregiving and friendship. Susie Basanda believes one of the gifts she received in this lifetime is the gift of animal communication. The main purpose of her gift is to assist humans in understanding their

animals and how to better live and work with them. She has written a book called, "Lifetimes Together," which is the story of her experience communicating with animals and learning about them, their kingdom, their afterlife and sometimes their return to their human owners.

Although some may be skeptical of what she has to say, I think we can all agree with what she has discovered - that domesticated animals serve their humans in a way of unconditional love, support, and perhaps in other ways that may surprise you.

Throughout time, humans have experienced animals as close companions either in work or as part of the family unit. Many people have strong connections to animals in their daily lives and have learned to understand them on many levels. Some levels of experience include teaching animals, learning from animals, how to train animals, what methods to use, what tools to use, what food to feed, to plain appreciation of their existence and to tuning into their world in inexplicable ways.

**Come to the meeting on April 10, in the Equestrian Lounge.
Doors open for refreshments at 6:00 and the meeting is at 6:30.**

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As a dog club, we welcome the opportunity to share the many facets of learning about dogs in order to become more responsible dog owners.

Please join us for what promises to be an interesting evening of delving into the world of dogs in a unique way with a unique person. We are very fortunate to have Susie living in Bear Valley Springs. To learn more about her go to www.basandaanimalcommunication.com.

Time and Love Knows No Boundaries. President's Message

Pam Miller

Jazzy is “kissing” me (yuck) licking me in the face, jumping up and wagging her tail. She is a bundle of young, vivacious energy. Then I turn to see Nonni, quietly laying next to me with her belly up, ready to be petted anytime I have the notion to pet her. In contrast to Jazzy, she exhibits old, wise, gentle energy.

Nonni and I have a long history of relationship that only time can create. The more time we spend together and the more things we do together, the more investment we have in keeping each other safe and loved. I feel that is true for the Tailwaggers. It is 6 years into its existence, and yet, we have a proven history of giving back to our community and a strong foundation built on love and service which is something all of our members can be very proud of. It was created with the kind of nurturing that only love for something can provide. The idea to help dogs through improving the owner's skills and knowledge is the idea upon which the club was conceived. This “dream” can only happen with time and the nurturing of it by the members.

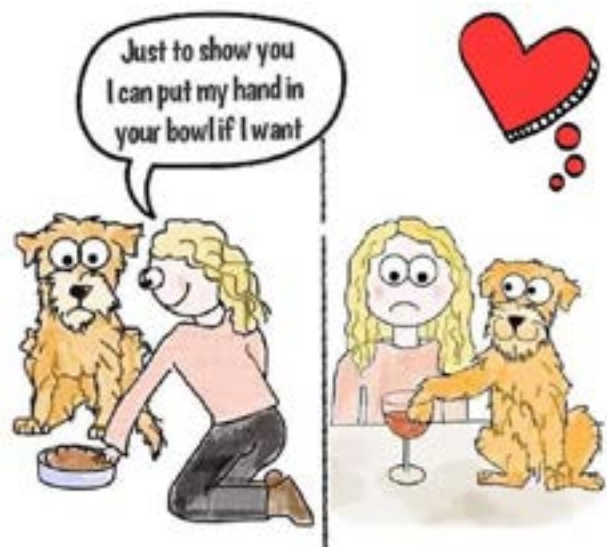
I am reminded of the story of the Velveteen Rabbit. As you might remember, a stuffed rabbit sewn from velveteen is given as a Christmas present to a small boy. The boy plays with his other new presents and forgets the velveteen rabbit for a time. These presents are modern and mechanical, and they snub the old-fashioned velveteen rabbit. The wisest and oldest toy in the nursery, the Skin Horse, which was owned by the boy's uncle, tells the rabbit about toys magically becoming real due to love from children: “Real isn't how you are made... It's a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but REALLY loves you, then you become real”.

The dogs in this club are well loved and they are very REAL. This club is also very real. It is exciting to think of what Tailwaggers will be with time and how cherished it is and will continue to be by its members.



Already we are on our way this year to raising \$7,000 for Have a Heart so that they can continue with their dream of bringing a spay and neuter service to Tehachapi. If you haven't bought your raffle tickets to win a portrait of your pet drawn by our own Tailwagger, Terry Albert, or Pam Wildermuth call any board member and we will get them to you. Yes, two winners, but you must buy a ticket to win! And, by the way, there is a terrific write up about Terry in the Tehachapi Life Magazine.

Take Care,
Pam



Tailwaggers Happy'ngs

General Meetings

April 10

Susie Basanda, Animal Communicator

“Communicating with Your Dogs”

May 8th

Rebecca Barocas, Nosework Trainer

“Let’s Get Nosey”

Rebecca has competed in nosework for over 10 years. Her current dog is at the NW2 level in NACSW trials.

June 12th

Monica Noland, superb dog trainer.

Well known for teaching “Dancing With Dogs”

July 10th

Rocco Spinelli, BVS Ranger

What Can a BVS Ranger Tell Us??

General Meetings are the second Monday of every month in the Equestrian Center lounge at 6:00 for refreshments and 6:30 for the meeting.

Agility Division

Agility Workshops: Postponed till April 15th.

Agility Playdays: 4/22; 5/20; 6/10; 9/23; 10/14

Contact Gary Hill, 480-216-8488, or Lucy Radike, 661-904-3379, for more information.



K9 Fitness Division

WalkAbouts

This is a weekly event on Fridays at 9:00. Meet at the Nature Path by the ball field. It’s a wonderful way to connect and meet new TW friends while socializing and exercising our dogs. You can join us with or without a dog.

HikeAbouts

Rona McKay and her dog Ginger takes Tailwaggers, as well as the BVS Trail Scouts, on fun hikes usually once a month. The March Hike was on the Sycamore Canyon Trail. Contact Rona at 310-367-2742 for more information.



Rescue Division

PICK ME

Call Have A Heart 661-822-5683



Training Division Events

NEW TRAININGS!

We will begin our NEW training series with the fabulous Meg Prior and Molly Mackin.

A six-week series will begin on Monday, May 15 and ending on June 19. Offerings will include AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy training, AKC Good Canine Citizen/ Obedience and Rally training. Text Molly Mackin, 818-512-9836, to sign up for classes after April 15.

NOSEWORK SERIES

Rebecca Barocas, Competitor and Trainer in Nosework for over 10 years.

Rebecca will be our speaker on May 8th. She will hold a 6- week training series in June. Call Molly Mackin to register for her training after May 8th.

FREESTYLE-TRICK TRAINING

MONICA NOLAN - Dancing with Dogs

Monica Nolan has done an amazing job of training teams in the sport of freestyle near L.A. over the past few years. Famous for teaching “Dancing with Dogs,” Monica will be with us as a speaker on June 12 and a hold one-day workshop on June 13.

DELIGHTFUL DOGS

Ashley Ohmet, Delightful Dogs Training. To enroll in her classes, go to Delightful-Dogs.com

- 1). Offering training on an individual basis at your own home.
- 3). General Obedience classes happening now.

Dog Park Division

Unfortunately, we have to postpone the agility workshops to April 15th, due to wet weather.



Rescue Division

HAVE A HEART FUNDRAISER

Tailwaggers is holding a fundraiser for Have A Heart to bring a SNIP Bus, (low cost spay/neuter service) up to Tehachapi. There will be two winners, each will win a portrait drawn by the well-known artists, Pamela Wildermuth or Terry Albert. Raffle Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The drawing will be held on May 6th at the Grummage Sale at Cub Lake at 12:00. To buy tickets, contact Pam Miller at 661-203-5725



or any TW board member. Tickets will also be sold at the Grummage Sale. Be sure to get yours before we run out and contribute to this very worthy cause. As Carol Larimore says, “When the number of puppies are born are fewer, we can focus on helping those already in need of forever homes.”

Therapy Dog Division

Happy Hounds and Friends Reading Program

Tailwaggers therapy dogs are reading to the kids in Whiting Center once a month. They are also going to the hospital and to senior homes in the area. This is a



terrific program and Nilly Smith, Lauren Jaimes, Mary Thompson, Joni Henschel, Guy Munday and Molly Mackin are doing a great service for the community.

Michael Landsford, Winner of the Early Membership Drawing



When Michael was contacted regarding his being the winner of the early membership drawing, before anything was said, his immediate response was, “Are you calling to tell me I won the PJ’s? Yay, I am so happy. I knew I would win!”

Jane Tanaka met Papa, an 11-year-old pit bull because his human dad, Mike, won the BVS Tailwaggers raffle, and she needed to measure Papa for a custom dog coat. “Papa is as gentle as any dog I’ve met” said Jane.

He was not always this way. Per Mike, Papa, or Pop, came from a terrible background. “He was shifted between 3 homes during his normal life, but was not trained or allowed in the house. After his last caretaker passed, my sister made it her responsibility to place all the animals - horses, goats, chickens and other little dogs, as well as Pop. Pop went through three different foster homes and finally into the dog pound where he completely shut down. I have experience with pit bulls, so my sister told me it was either I tried with this dog or euthanasia. He was a bit trying at first, but he has since become a wonderful dog and friend! He is about 11 now, so we are getting old together. He is quite a comfort after losing my Love Dog Lola a year ago.”

Mike enjoys taking Papa on Tailwaggers walks. Here is a photo of Mike with Papa, warm in his new flannel and fleece coat.

As the Tale Wiggles On: Messages from Tailwaggers Afar

A “Hello” from Mike and Romelle Kemp

Mike and Romelle are still exploring the world, this time in India.



A “Hello” from Solveig Thompson



Solveig moved to the San Diego area a few years ago due to her husband’s health issues. Up until then, she was an active member of Tailwaggers, participating in mostly Agility and coming to our meetings. Here is a note from her to me after sending her the newsletter.

“Aaawh! Just enjoyed the letter with a cup of coffee and a home-made lemon bar. Maya and I still log at least 3 miles every day and now that we are exploring parks, she is ready to jump into the car to “go.”

I have been monitoring the snow and all-around weather and yes, I still would rather be in BVS! Snow and shoveling and being stuck on the mountain with time to play in the snow, watching clouds, birds and listening to the quiet. Forever grateful to have been there since 1979 and since 1984, full time. Pam, I hope you are well and have much joy! Thank you for all you do.
Love, Solveig”

As the Tale Wags

By Jane Tanaka



“WILLOW SIT!
WILLOW DOWN!”
Willow was VERY excited to meet me to pose for a photo with her human parents Dave and Belinda White. This gregarious 2 year old golden retriever has introduced them to at least 30 new friends on their daily neighborhood walks. “She is true to her breed: loyal, family friendly, sweet, gentle and

easy to train... and she absolutely loves the snow!” Although they would love advice on how to curtail the tremendous amount of hair she sheds, they are obviously in love with Willow.

Belinda and Dave, who moved from Lancaster in April of 2021, came to BVS to build their dream home after retiring. Belinda worked at the Los Angeles County Public Works Waterworks Division, and Dave worked at the Antelope Valley Hospital Bio Medical Department. They have been married 44 years and have two sons and two grandchildren. They looked at other mountain communities, but fell in love with BVS’s climate, location, residents, clubs and amenities.

They have had many dogs over the years, and moved to BVS with 14 year old rescue shepherd/queensland mix named Bear. Bear was the runt of the litter, and only 5 weeks old when Belinda and Dave adopted him from an animal shelter. Beloved Bear went to dog heaven in 2022. Willow, whom they are now raising, is named after their street “Willow Pass.” Since naming her, the Whites have learned that “Willow” is a popular name for other pets, at least 4 others, who live on their street.

As newly active members of the BVS Tailwaggers, Belinda and Dave plan to get involved in agility, training, and attending speaker meetings. They believe in the club’s mission statement and to provide support for local rescues in Kern County.

Snickers on the Job - Even when NOT on the Job!

Snickers is a Tailwagger Therapy dog. She is seen here giving Joni’s grandbaby doggie loves, or is she checking out the pacifier to see if she might like to take it?!



Adolescence is a time for patience, not push

The frontal cortex is still developing during adolescence and so a young dog’s ability to control their own behavior is not fully developed. This can be mistaken for naughtiness.



Raised By Wolves...Or The Magic of Children and Dogs

By Lauren Jaimes.

Lauren is part of the TW Therapy Team

The sight of little children and dogs together is undeniably adorable. As an experienced breeder of Golden Retrievers, I often hear parents say they want a puppy so that their child and the dog can grow up together. However, doing so is a situation that requires consistent training, love, and patience to raise a dog in a home with small children.

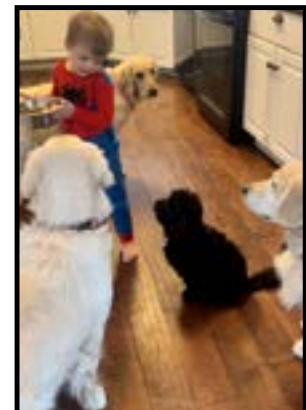
For me, two of life's greatest joys are my grandchildren and raising and training our 3 Golden Retrievers Tesla, Artemis, and Freya. One of my grandchildren, 3-year-old Ace, has been helping train the dogs since he was born. Or is it the other way around? We kept two puppies from a litter born when he was just one year old, they truly have grown up together. Though the situation presents challenges, I am amazed at the bond between Ace and our dogs. Our dogs and the puppies we bring into the world become therapy dogs, service animals, and wonderful family pets. Having a young child in the home while raising puppies is a golden nugget in their experiencing the world and an essential foundation in their training.

Recently, I have been taking a clicker training class with our 2-year-old pup, Artemis. The class discussed the importance of teaching dogs to wait at certain boundaries in the home or while out in the community. For example, to wait when the front door is opened. This lesson reminded me of a game we begin teaching and playing with our puppies at about 8 weeks old. They have to wait for their food and "earn" it by doing tricks or little jobs. Ace has grown up watching us play this game and has recently taken an interest in feeding the dogs according to this waiting or boundary game.

Recently, we were babysitting Twyla, a 1-year-old Shitzapoo. (Her family also plays the game at her own home.) Ace had to get all three Golden Retrievers and Twyla to wait their turn for feeding. Twyla added a little bit of a challenge during the waiting/boundary game. It took Ace a few tries to get each dog to wait their turn until called for feeding. At one point our dogs were all watching him closely while Twyla was in a hurry, trying to eat each time he set a bowl down. Ace looked at her and nodded to her food dish sitting on the counter and said, "No, not for you, you have one" in a patient and firm voice. Twyla sat down, now also watching him intently, starting to understand the game better. It took Ace 3 tries to get all the dogs lined up and eating at their own dishes politely. Then Ace did his gentle little happy dance around the kitchen smiling and said, "Now all the dogs are eating!" He was obviously proud of himself and the dogs looked proud and satisfied that they earned their meals. From one pup to another, that is a win-win if I've ever seen one!



Ace, starting to feed the dogs.



Twyla, impatient to wait for her turn.



All dogs waited patiently till Ace gave the signal to eat.



Ace, doing his happy dance, "Now all the dogs are eating!"

Canine Companions Show Off Their Stuff!



Melissa Billingsley with Puzzle, one of her young dogs in training.



Cathi Estes with Button



Everyone was enthralled with what they were hearing and seeing.



Krista Wookey with Sloane.



As a gift, Raffle tickets wrapped up in orchids, were given to Jane Tanaka for the time and money she put into making doggie coats for the SNIP bus fundraiser. Thank-you, Jane!!

How To Help Pets That Get Car Sick



AskAriel.com

Does your pet get sick every time you go in the car? While some pets love going for rides, others are not great road warriors and suffer from fear and anxiety. Many of the symptoms of car sickness are the same for both cats and dogs including, panting, lip licking, trembling, accidents in the car and unhappy vocalizations. Causes can be both physical and psychological:

Physical: Motion sickness is caused by a disrupted sense of balance. A pet uses the inner ear for balance and puppies and kittens are more likely to get car sick than adults because their ears aren't fully formed or mature. Some pets have sensitive tummies and the motion from a car ride can be just enough to cause them to throw up. Pets with acid reflux are especially susceptible.

Psychological: Pets may associate going in the car with a traumatic event (e.g. going to the vet) or just feel unsettled leaving the comfort of their home. Some pets just have a nervous temperament and car rides are something new to which they need to adjust.

Here are a few things you can try to make your pet's car ride more comfortable. For many pets, calming their anxiety along with stomach and digestive support before getting into the car often does the trick.

- Fresh air - Cracking a window can greatly help
- Happy Paws Drops - Give your pet our hemp extract drops about 20 minutes before you leave.
- Digestive Support - Give your pet a highly digestible snack an hour before along with Power Probiotic and Soothing Digestive Relief Gastro ULC (if your pet has acid reflux) to settle their stomach. Some snacks that work well for pets with car sickness: raw freeze-dried food and treats such as Vital Essentials Mini-Nibs, Stella & Chewy's or

Instinct. If your pet has a sensitive tummy, consider a novel protein like rabbit.

- Have treats on hand - Reward your pet during the ride.

If you want to explore further using homeopathic supplements to help your pet, go to AskAriel.com

Do the Dew(claws)?

M. Christine Zink DVM, PhD, DACVSMR

I am a vet that works exclusively with performance dogs, developing rehabilitation programs for injured dogs or dogs that have had surgery as a result of performance-related injuries. I have seen many dogs now, especially field trial/hunt test and agility dogs, that have had chronic carpal arthritis, frequently so severe that they have to be retired or at least carefully managed for the rest of their careers. Of the over 30 dogs I have seen with carpal arthritis, only one has had dewclaws. The others have all had them removed.

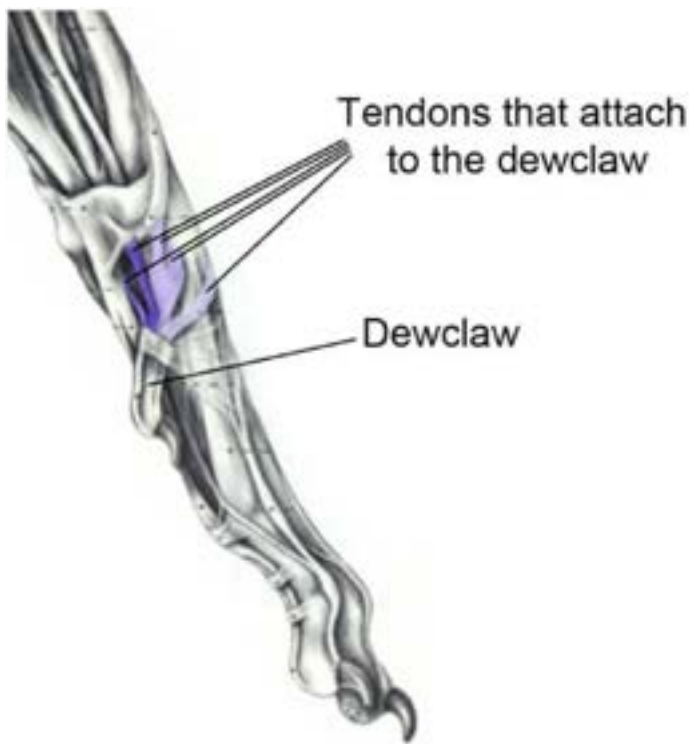
If you look at an anatomy book (Miller's Guide to the Anatomy of Dogs is an excellent one – see figure below) you will see that there are 5 tendons attached to the dewclaw. Of course, at the other end of a tendon is a muscle, and that means that if you cut off the dew claws, there are 5 muscle bundles that will become atrophied from disuse. Those muscles indicate that the dewclaws have a function. That function is to prevent torque on the leg. Each time the foot lands on the ground, particularly when the dog is cantering or galloping, the dewclaw is in touch with the ground. If the dog then needs to turn, the dewclaw digs into the ground to support the lower leg and prevent torque. If the dog doesn't have a dewclaw, the leg twists. A lifetime of that and the result can be carpal arthritis.

Remember: the dog is doing the activity regardless, and the pressures on the leg have to go somewhere. They can be absorbed by the dewclaw, or they will move up and down the leg to the toes, carpus, elbow, and shoulders. Perhaps you are thinking,

“I never have had one of my dogs have carpal pain or arthritis.” Well, we need to remember that dogs, by their very nature, do not tell us about mild to moderate pain. If a dog was to be asked by an emergency room nurse to give the level of his pain on a scale from 0 to 10, with 10 being the worst, their scale would be 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Most of our dogs, especially if they deal with pain that is of gradual onset, just deal with it and don’t complain unless it is excruciating. But when I palpate the carpal joints of older dogs without dewclaws, I almost always elicit pain with relatively minimal manipulation.

As to the possibility of injuries to dew claws. Most veterinarians will say that such injuries actually are not very common at all. And if they do occur, then they are dealt with like any other injury. In my opinion, it is far better to deal with an injury than to cut the dew claws off of all dogs “just in case.”

Anatomical diagram viewing the medial side of a dog’s left front leg demonstrating the five tendons that attach to the dewclaw.



Ava, A Cautionary Story

By Gina Haun



The day I chose my German Shepherd puppy I would describe as pure joy. It was difficult to know which one to choose from the litter until I held each pup in my arms and found that one little girl settled down, as if she was home. We chose each other, and I named her Ava because it meant “life.” On that day, I could not see the darkness ahead. At the

age of two years, she would contract and suffer from a monstrous disease, *Rickettsia rickettsii*, also known as Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. After suffering paralysis in a single back leg, I sought help from a regional veterinarian, but they did not properly diagnose her. Hoping that canine chiropractic out of Los Angeles would be the answer, I spent months and thousands of dollars traveling for laser treatments that helped little. But a different dog chiropractor in Lancaster, CA, pressed me to do blood work because



she suspected a tick-borne disease. So, I went to a new veterinarian to have blood work done and he rudely told me my beloved canine family member looked like a “train

wreck” and needed back surgery, and that if I did pursue blood work, I would find no tick-borne illness. Two weeks later, to his chagrin, the results positively showed RMSF, and I was shocked. Ava was put on doxycycline for several weeks, but too many months had gone by for her to be cured. Ava suffered leg paralysis, pain in her body, sores, and eye strain for

a year, and after a second round of doxycycline and a new set of blood tests that still showed RMSF, I decided to let her cross the Rainbow Bridge at the age of three into the arms of her Creator. All my research couldn't save her, but it can help others, so I'll share some important points to consider. Please do your own research. There is a wealth of information online.

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever has been found in multiple states, and while only a small percentage of ticks carry this disease, it can be contracted by humans and animals. NEVER pick off a tick with bare hands, as this is a known method for human transmission, and tell children to never touch a tick. If the disease is suspected, doctors recommend that doxycycline be given to humans and animals immediately. Doctors and veterinarians should not wait two weeks for blood tests to come back, because for some, this will be too late. RMSF can be fatal for humans.

German Shepherds and other herding breeds have certain genes that cause RMSF to be more severe than in other breeds. Use whatever means of tick prevention you prefer, such as repellents, drops, a shot, sprays, medications, or holistic methods. I would not recommend any specific treatment to anyone, and your own research is key in protecting yourself and your pet. I give my rescue German Shepherd/Malinois two cloves of raw garlic daily and apply Frontline drops monthly. Many dog owners and veterinarians will point to a study that warns of toxicity in dogs when garlic is given in huge amounts, yet new research suggests, and some holistic veterinarians agree, that appropriate amounts are safe for canines. You will find both arguments presented online, so please make your own informed decision when it comes to garlic. For me, I avoid tall grasses in Tehachapi where I live, I use holistic sprays when I'm outside, and I eat whole black fermented garlic (which I found at the Whole Wheatery in Lancaster, CA). There is also helpful information online about horses and garlic.

Ava had the most beautiful soul, and in spite of her sickness and pain, her big heart continued to love me and my family every single day. I pray that ticks and

the diseases they carry will one day disappear from this planet, but until that happens, and I believe it is possible, do your research and take precautions. I chose to tell Ava's story to bring awareness.



As for Ava, she's free of illness and living a happy life in Heaven.

General Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 13, 2023

(The minutes appear in each issue of the Newsletter. If you have any additions for corrections, please email them to Pam Miller, pambvsprings@gmail.com).

The meeting started at 6:00 with refreshments.

At 6:30, there was presentation by Melissa Billingsley, Krista Wookey, Cathi Estes, and their dogs, on Canine Companions. They detailed how these special dogs are highly trained to assist individuals with a variety of disabilities. Melissa Billingsley's dog was trained to alert her of all kinds of noises, and her dog demonstrated that by letting Melissa know her phone was ringing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Refreshments

Thank you to Carol Young and Jeannie Alvarado for bringing refreshments tonight. We'll be passing around a refreshment sign-up sheet for future meetings.

Early Membership Contest

A huge thank you to Jane Tanaka for making the doggie coats and PJs for the early membership

drawing. An anonymous person bought 10 tickets for the board to donate, so we are so happy to be able to give those to Jane for all of her hard work, time and money that she donated to the SNIP bus fundraiser.

Congratulations to Michael Landsford on winning early membership drawing and winning the custom PJ's for his dog.

Speaker

The speaker for our next meeting is Susie Basanda. Susie believes one of the gifts she received in this lifetime is the gift of animal communication, and she will discuss the communication between humans and their animals.

Agility

Agility Dates were announced Lucy Radike.
Coaching Day: April 1
Play days: 4/22, 5/20, 6/10, 9/23, 10/14

Training

Training Opportunities were announced by Pam. Ashley Ohmet: Individual sessions are ongoing, as well as a basic obedience class being held in town.

Other Divisions Recognized

Nilly Smith was recognized for leading the Therapy Dog Division, Jeannie Alvarado, for being aware of the needs in the Dog Park and Rona Mackay and Donna Macintyre for leading the Fitness Division.

Next HikeAbout will be held March 29 on Sycamore Trail. We will meet at the Sycamore staging area, which is west of the condos and opposite side of the street, and will lead us back via Greenwater Dr. The trail starts out flat and then there are a roller coaster of hills. You do not have to complete the hike. You can turn around anytime . Be sure to wear good hiking shoes and make sure your dog is on a leash.

Rescue Division

In an effort to raise funds for Have a Heart, there's a raffle for two artists' renditions of your pet. Terry Albert and Pamela Wildermuth have graciously offered to draw the winners' pets. We are lucky to have two people who get the opportunity to win.

Raffle tickets were at the membership table. Door prizes were given away.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45
Respectfully Submitted by Nilly Smith

Treasurers' Year to Date Report
February Monthly Report - March 2023
By Jeannie Alvarado

Checking Account Beginning Balance	\$10,499.63
INCOME	
Membership	450.00
Ads	100.00
SNIP Fundraiser	815.00
Dog Coats	100.00
Have a Heart Raffle	715.00
Total	1,365.00
EXPENSES	
Flyers and Brochures	279.414
ENDING BALANCE	\$11,585.22
As of March 29, 23	
Allocated to - SNIP	5,801.00

What Does Socialization for Your Dog Really Mean?



“Dad, I’m
telling
you...”



How Aging Can Affect Your Pet’s Brain And Behavior

AskAriel.com, Pet Nutritionist



Dementia In Pets: What You Need To Know

It’s so hard to watch our pets grow old. We all know that pets slow down with age. They sleep more, act less playful and may even have difficulty getting around. But did you know that aging can also affect your pet’s brain and behavior?

As your pet ages, there is a higher risk of developing neurological or cognitive disorders. This is because the brain is highly susceptible to free radical damage (oxidative stress) due to its high oxygen use, high-fat content and metabolic activity. Free radicals are reactive oxygen-containing byproducts of metabolism and can cause damage to cell membranes. Damage to the brain’s cells can affect your pet’s behavior, energy level and motor coordination.

Dogs can have “doggie dementia” (referred to as Canine Cognitive Dysfunction) with symptoms similar to the human disease Alzheimer’s.

What Is Canine Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome (Dog Dementia)?

Canine cognitive dysfunction syndrome (CCDS), also referred to as dog dementia or “doggie Alzheimer’s” is a slow, degenerative, progressive condition in our aging dogs. It is heartbreaking to watch our pets start to lose awareness, become less responsive to their loved ones and show increased anxiety and restlessness.

Note: Some medical problems like blindness, deafness, urinary tract infections, kidney disease, arthritis or seizures/strokes can also cause behavioral changes but dementia is different. The signs of dementia develop gradually and get worse over time. More than 50% of dogs over the age of 10 experience some symptoms of doggie dementia. Since hearing loss is so common in older dogs, that especially can contribute to an older dog’s anxiety and behaviors.

Signs of Dementia In Pets

- Sundowner Syndrome - Changes in sleep patterns (up at night and sleeping during the day)
- Reduced responsiveness--dog seems “deaf” but isn’t
- Change in behavior
- Standing in corners or facing walls
- Barking at nothing
- Wandering aimlessly
- Accidents and loss of bladder or bowel control
- Confusion and disorientation and bumping into things
- Sundowner’s Syndrome

Sundowner’s syndrome, or sundowning, involves episodes of confusion, agitation and increased activity from the late afternoon through the night. Does your dog sleep during the day and then pace at night? Does your dog have trouble going to sleep at night? Is he having accidents during the night?

Doggie dementia affects sleep patterns. Many dogs will sleep during the day and then become anxious and confused at night. Dogs with Sundowner’s tend to pace or circle all night long and may ignore or not recognize normal commands.

Natural supplements can help to calm dogs with Sundowner’s syndrome. PSY-stabil is a gentle, calming anxiety treatment that helps to relieve restlessness and nervousness. When used with Dog Brain Booster, it can help to regulate your dog’s sleep cycle.

If you want more information on this topic and natural remedies for dementia in dogs go to [AskAriel](http://AskAriel.com).

RATTLESNAKE AVERSION TRAINING FOR DOGS

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Meadowbrook Park

21750 Westwood Blvd., (corner of Red Apple & Westwood)

Tehachapi, CA

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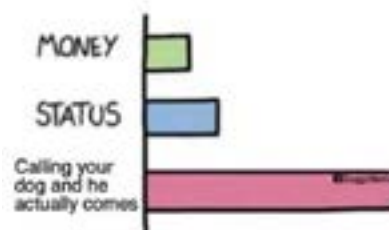
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The BVS Tailwaggers Dog Club is dedicated to responsible dog ownership/guardianship. We are a body of people who care about their dogs and want to be with like-minded responsible people who feel the same. We are committed to sharing and learning. The club will provide experiences through education, training, fun events and social activities. It is designed to improve handler skills and be an information center for owners presenting issues and subjects based on our members' needs.

The club will provide support for local rescues in Kern County.



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**2023 BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

**Mail to: Tailwaggers Dog Club,
29800 Jamaica Dunes Dr.,
Tehachapi, Ca 93561**

Annual Dues: \$30.00. Make checks payable to: BVS Tailwaggers Dog Club.

Please print

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Street Address: _____ Tract & Lot _____

Cell Phone #(s) _____

Mailing Address (if different from above): _____

E-mail address(s): _____

May we publish your name, phone numbers and e-mail address for club use? Yes _____ No _____

Please provide family members' names. Give the current ages and birth dates of your children who may be participating in Tailwaggers' activities. ****All minors must be accompanied by and under the supervision of a parent or parent-designated adult (in writing) while attending or participating in Tailwaggers' activities.**

The BVS Tailwaggers Dog Club exists to represent canine interests in BVS, to promote responsible, informed dog ownership, and good fellowship of dog owners and BVS residents, to promote fun dog-related activities, including training, to improve and maintain dog-related facilities within BVS, and to support local canine rescues. Membership is open to adult property owners and residents in good standing with the Bear Valley Springs Association (BVSA).

ACCIDENT RELEASE: My signature below hereby releases the Bear Valley Springs Tailwaggers Dog Club and the BVSA and all persons connected with these aforementioned groups from any liability/responsibility for any loss/injury/damage to either myself, my family, my dog(s)/or my equipment while I am/we are participating in, assisting with, or working on any event/activity sponsored by the BVS Tailwaggers Dog Club. Pursuant to Section 305 of the BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB By-laws, all adult family club members signing below hereby agree: (a) to take physical and financial responsibility for any dog under my custody or control; (b) that if participating in any BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB event with a dog that is not my own, they shall be liable for damage or injury inflicted by any such dog(s); and (c) that the Board of Directors or designated Event Coordinator or Trainer of BVS Tailwaggers Dog Club has the right to exclude any aggressive, unruly, or unmanageable dog and their handler from any BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB event. All adult family club members signing below further agree to sign and maintain on file with BVS Tailwaggers Dog Club a current year's Waiver, Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk form.

ALL adult family club members must sign.

Name: _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Name: _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB

WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK TO BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY EVERY CLUB MEMBER

All club members must sign this form. Please read and be certain you understand the implications of signing. In consideration of my participation in activities arranged by BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB (BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB), I hereby release and covenant not to sue BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB, its owners, shareholders, directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents, and lessees and their successors from any and all present and future claims whatsoever, which the undersigned and any of them and the heirs, representatives, executors and administrators thereof, or any other persons acting in behalf, or on behalf of their respective agents, have or may have resulting from ordinary negligence and inherent risk of my participation in any activities or arrangements and the use of the facilities and equipment of BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB and Bear Valley Springs Association (BVSA) and Bear Valley Community Services District (BVSCSD), including but not limited to any loss, injury, damage, illness, sickness, or liability sustained by me while on or about the premises of the BVSA, the BVSCSD, or the BVS TAILWAGGERS DOB CLUB.

Express Assumption of Risk Associated with CANINE-RELATED ACTIVITIES. I, whose name and signature appear below, do hereby affirm and acknowledge that I have been fully informed of the inherent hazards and risks associated with canine activities and sports, including training, showing, competitions, exhibitions, events, meetings, play days and other activities. Inherent hazards and risks include but are not limited to:

1. Risk of injury from the activity and equipment utilized in canine activities of all kinds is significant including the potential for permanent disability and death.
2. Possible equipment failure and/ or the malfunction of my own or other's equipment.
3. My own negligence and/or the negligence of all others, including employees, agents, independent contractors or representatives of the BVSA, BVSCSD, and BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB, including but not limited to operator error.
4. The propensity of a canine (dog) to behave in dangerous ways that may result in injury or death to the participant or others or their dog(s) regardless of the dog's previous training and past performance.
5. The inability to predict a dog's reaction to sound, movements, unfamiliar environment, objects, persons, or animals.
6. Propensity for a dog to bite, fight, run, scratch, make unpredictable movements, jump, push or shove without warning or apparent cause.
7. Collars, harnesses, leashes and other equipment may loosen or break, which may result in accident, injury or death.
8. The domesticated animal may also react in a dangerous manner when condition or treatment is considered hazardous to the welfare of the animal.
9. The potential for a participant or others to fail to exercise reasonable care, or take adequate control when engaging in a domesticated animal activity, including failing to maintain reasonable control of the animal or failing to act in a manner consistent with the person's abilities.
10. Broken bones or severe injuries which may result in severe impairment or even death.
11. Pursuant to Section 305 of the BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB By-laws, I agree to take physical and financial responsibility for any dog under my custody or control; that if I am participating in any BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB event with a dog that is not my own, I shall be liable for damage or injury inflicted by any such dog; and that the Board of Directors or designated Event Coordinator or Trainer of BVS Tailwaggers Dog Club has the right to exclude any aggressive, unruly, or unmanageable dog and their handler from any BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB event.

I understand the description of these risks is not complete and that unknown or unanticipated risks may result in injury, illness, or death. I agree that immediately prior to participation in any activity arranged for me by BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB I will inspect the facilities and equipment to be used and if any defect is apparent I will not use the facility or equipment and I will notify the management of the BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB of the defect.

I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE WAIVER, RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING THIS WAIVER, RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

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Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____