

"Dancing With Your Dog"

JUNE 12th Speaker: Monica Noland



JUNE 2023

Speaker-Monica Noland: What is Canine Freestyle?

Canine Freestyle is a dog sport that incorporates obedience, agility, rally, tricks and dance. It's unique in that it allows for creative interaction between the dog and handler.



Monica Noland

Monica trains dogs for competition in agility, obedience, rally, tricks and freestyle. She has competed in twelve national freestyle events, and earned the title of Grand Champion Freestyler through Dogs Can Dance in 2018. She continues to compete in Freestyle with her two Australian Shepherds, Augie and Rose. In 2020 and 2021 she and Augie won DCD "Highest Scoring Performance" awards for

freestyle routines. Monica is both a Certified Freestyle Instructor and judge through Dogs Can Dance. She currently teaches freestyle in the San Fernando Valley and Thousand Oaks.

"My dogs and I love this sport because the movements are fun, the rules are simple, and it can be done anywhere, at almost any time."

To contact Monica about classes and training: nolanmilano@gmail.com



Contents

Speaker for June... Monica Noland - Canine Freestyle	Cover
Presidents Message	2
Featured Article	3
• My Dog is Driving Me Crazy	
Tailwaggers Happy'ngs	5
Have a Heart Fundraiser	7
Agility & Trainings Pics	9
As the Tale Wags	14
General Meeting Minutes	15
Treasure Report	16
Training Article - "Dad, I'm Telling You..."	
• What Do Dog Stares Mean ?	17
Ads & Mission Statement	18
Membership Forms	20 & 21



"Hey, Look...you knew when you married me that I was a nonworking breed."

**Come to the meeting on June 12, in the Equestrian Lounge.
Doors open for refreshments at 6:00 and the meeting is at 6:30.**

Considering my Priorities President's Message

Pam Miller

WOW, did I just give Jazzy a swat on the butt for barking? My little puppy that I can hardly stand to spend one night apart from? Yep, that happened. Why, I ask myself? And then I examine how I feel and I know exactly what happened. You know when you have too many things to do and not enough time? It's then that dogs (much like kids) feel so demanding. They need training and walks and breakfast and dinner, and play time and that's the last thing on my mind! Don't they understand I have other things to do? In fact, why did I ever get a puppy? Nonni and I were doing so well, all she ever did was sleep and eat. What was I thinking??

Then Jazzy jumps up on my lap, wraps her front paws around my neck and gives me puppy kisses. My heart melts and I know it's not her fault. It's just that my priorities got mixed up and that I am not taking enough time to enjoy what is really most important to me - those that I love. I take a deep breath and we go for a walk and everything feels better.



That's sort of what is happening now with the rescue division. We had a very busy time with the Have a Heart fundraiser and now we are resting

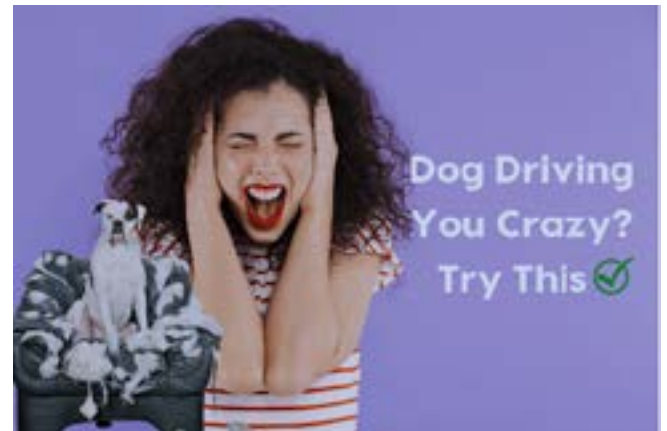
and enjoying having down time to be with those we love. HOWEVER, things are really picking up in other Tailwaggers divisions.

The Agility Playdays are on a roll and our training classes have started. This club, with it's 7 divisions, has something for everyone and is always busy. If you have not experienced participating in at least one division, you are missing out on a lot of fun with like-minded people and especially with doing something fun with your dog. Isn't that part of what life is about? Spending time with those you love? Let Tailwaggers help you do that!! It helps me remember how much I love my puppy!

Featured Article

My Dog Is Driving Me Crazy! Do These 3 Things Today

Pupford.com



Help, my dog is driving me crazy!
Dogs are challenging. No matter the age, breed, or size of your dog there will be situations and behaviors that will drive you absolutely crazy. And guess what, that's totally normal.

I have gone through the ups and downs of being a pup parent in many ways. My wife and I have raised two high-energy Labrador Retrievers, all alongside a Senior Puggle who recently passed away. No matter the age of our dogs, there have always been behaviors and situations that test our patience with our dogs!

My Dog Is Driving Me Crazy!

When moments pop up that test your patience with your pup, try out these 3 things to keep your sanity.

Here are 3 things to do when your puppy is stressing you out:

1. Get some space
2. Do something fun with your dog
3. Make a plan

Let's look at each one below.

#1- GET SOME SPACE

As with many things in life, if you try to "fix" a situation in the heat of the moment you'll likely not make the wisest decisions. Anger and frustration really can cloud our judgment and lead to us doing things we'll regret.

If your pup is starting to make you feel overly stressed and you can feel your patience running thin, take a break. Get yourself some physical distance between yourself and your pup and regroup.

This can be done by putting your dog into a crate (don't use it as a punishment though), in another room, or using a playpen or baby gate. If you need to leave the home for a few minutes, do that.

Taking a few moments away from your dog can help you reassess the situation and calm down.



#2- DO SOMETHING FUN

Once you've taken a moment or two of space away from your dog, re-engage with something fun.

You know your dog best, so do

something that you know both you and your pup will enjoy. It could be playing tug, throwing a ball, or even some fun (not structured) trick training.

For many of us as pup parents, we originally chose to get a dog because we envisioned the fun moments and memories that come with being a pup parent. So, finding a way to reconnect with that "goal" can be a great way to gain your sanity back with your dog.

Plus, taking part in a fun activity with your pup will help both your mood and outlook on the situation.

#3- MAKE A PLAN

This is the most important step. You have to make a plan on how you will improve the behaviors that are driving you up a wall.



If, for example, you get frustrated whenever you go on walks because your dog barks at other dogs then you can make a plan to combat that.

When will you train that behavior?

What resources will you use?

How often will you practice that training?

How long will you practice when you do the training?

The challenge with many "annoying" dog behaviors is that we often only think about them when they happen. But the truth is, you're not going to train out a problem behavior in the heat of the moment.

Instead, you need to practice the situations that lead to problem behaviors before it's really happening.

So if your dog always barks when people come to the door, don't think you can train that when a stranger knocks on the door. Instead, practice having someone (a neighbor, friend, etc.) come to the door while you are engaged in a training session with a specific plan.

If you're feeling stuck as to what your plan should be, then you should sign up for 30 Day Perfect Pup. It's a 100% free (no credit card required) online video class taught by Zak George that covers behaviors like leash walking, biting/nipping, potty training, and more. [Sign up here!](#)

PS (regretting you got a puppy?)

And remember, if you have moments where you regret getting a puppy, that is fine! It is a totally normal feeling!

Here are some things to do to help you when times are tough with your pup and you're feeling regret.

Find positives: write down some positive things about the situation, your pup's behavior, and your relationship with your dog!



Focus on the basics: Many of the challenges that lead us to regret being a pup parent are due to "problem behaviors" from our puppies. The basics of puppy training are often the key to seeing improvements in your pup's behavior! And often as your pup's behavior improves, those feelings of regret will decrease in frequency.



Find (or remember) your "why": When you originally decided to get a puppy, what was your reason? And if you don't have a "why" yet, find one! Having a solid purpose and "goal" for your life with your pup can help you stay at it when times get tough.

Get support: This may be the most important thing to do when you regret getting a puppy. Get support! Find others who can understand your situation and let them be your support system! Get on Tailwaggers Facebook and seek out other people with puppies. Go to group trainings classes. Come to Tailwaggers meetings and talk with others who have had puppies.

Cultivate and focus on your relationship with your puppy

The relationship you can form with your puppy can be one of the most important relationships in your life! It takes time, effort, and patience, but raising a dog is worth all the challenges (in my opinion).



Stay positive, keep working at it, and certainly, things will get better!

Tailwaggers Happy'ngs

General Meetings

June 12th

Monica Noland, superb dog trainer.

Well known for teaching “Dancing With Your Dog”

July 10th

Rocco Spinelli, BVS Ranger

How to Take Care of Your Dog in a Disaster

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:

Last Agility Playday is June 17 until September. Contact Gary Hill, 480-216-8488, or Lucy Radike, 661-904-3379, to sign up!

K9 Fitness Division

WalkAbouts - New TIME

This is a weekly event on Fridays at 8:00. 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. Rona is going away in June and would like to know if anyone would lead the hike? Let her know if you do. Contact her at 310-367-2742. Rona & Ginger wish you Happy Trails!



Training Division Events

NEW TRAININGS!

NEW training series with the fabulous Meg Prior and Molly Mackin Start off Strong!

A six-week series began on Monday, May 15 and will end on June 19. Offerings included AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy training, AKC Good Canine Citizen/Obedience and Rally training. The dates for the next series of classes will be announced soon. For more information, or to sign up for training, text/call Molly Mackin at 818-512-9836.

FLUENT PET WORKSHOP

“Teach your dog to talk” workshop with Amber McGee, began on April 24th. A successful three week series finished with six potential “talking dogs.” More to come!

NOSEWORK SERIES

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

Rebecca will hold a 6- week training series beginning Friday, June 23rd. Call Molly Mackin, 818-512-9836 to register for her Training..

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 Your Dog,” She is also an AKC Evaluator in all the different disciplines. Monica will be with us as a speaker on June 12 th. There is a possibility of her doing a workshop with us in the future. Call Molly Mackin, 818-512-9836 if interested in this Training.



Therapy Dog Division
Happy Hounds and Friends
Reading Program

Tailwaggers therapy dogs reading to the kids in Whiting Center in May.



Joni Hensch and Snickers

Dog Park Division

You might have noticed a new addition just outside of the dog park. We have our very own TW Fire hydrant! We thank Tami Monahan for donating the fire hydrant and for Brandon Haynes and his crew for refurbishing it and John Corona for painting TW on it.



Pam and Jazzy Miller checking out the new fire hydrant. (“I couldn’t get her to do what dog’s do on a fire hydrant, but I’m sure many other dogs will!”)



Mary and Dolly

TAILWAGGERS RAISE \$8,860.00 FOR HAVE-A-HEART



Hannah drawing the winning tickets.

Tailwaggers RAISED \$8,860.00 for Have A Heart to bring a SNIP Bus, (low cost spay/neuter service) up to Tehachapi. The two winners who won a portrait drawn by the well-known artists, Pamela Wildermuth or Terry Albert were Belinda White and Mary Thompson. Terry Albert offered to draw another portrait for a third winner and the winner of that drawing was Kathy Carey. CONGRATULATIONS!!



Hanna Leigh, Pam Miller, Gary Hill, Jane Tanaka, Linda McDonaldd, Lucy Radike, Holly Bennett and Jeannie Alvarado (taking the picture) braved the cold and the fog to sell \$637 worth of baked goods and draw the winning tickets for the Have a Heart Fundraiser at the May 6th Grummage Sale.

The Winners!!

Kathy Carey, Terry Albert, Mary Thompson and Belinda White



Carol Larimore, Nilly Smith, Jeannie Alvarado Steve Huecker, Pam Miller, Lucy Radike and Cindy Lawler.

THANK YOU



CONTRIBUTORS TO THE SNIP BUS

BRONZE

SILVER

GOLD

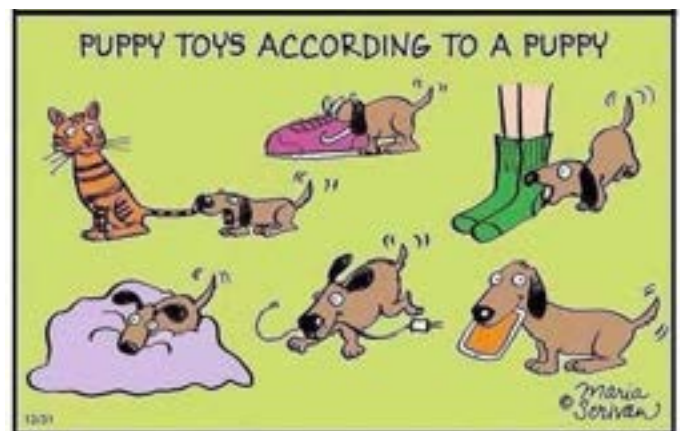
Thank you to everyone who contributed up to \$99.

Every ticket sold made a difference in the amount of money we were able to give Have A Heart!

Those who contributed \$100 to \$299:

- Laura Baker
- Shirley Beasom
- Holly Bennett
- Cathy Carey
- Trista Hidalgo
- Cindy Marble

A special thank you to Lois Kane and Jane Tanaka for their generous donations.



May 20, Agility PlayDay

Thanks to everyone who helped make this playday possible including Gary Hill, Rick Gipson, Greg Lee, Dave McGuire, Donna Macintyre, Kim Strong, Mary Thompson, Erin Larkin-Rohrer, Nance Chefalo, Lucy Radike, and Jeannie Alvarado.



Touraine Stillman and Willow



Willow, "Hey, Wow, it's high up here!"



Carol Thorpe with Merlin



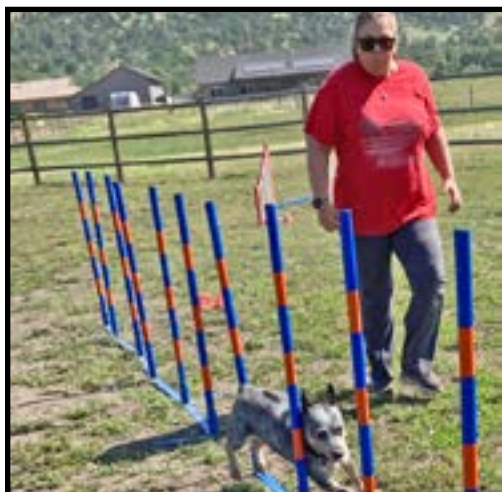
Merlin



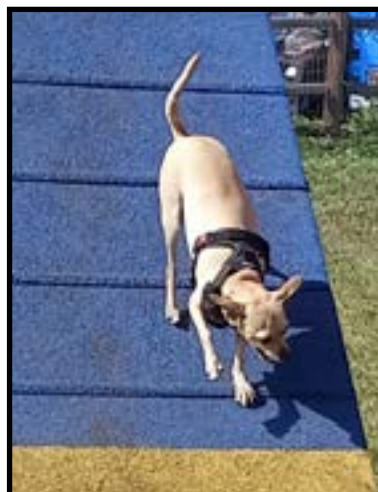
Margarita Cuellar with Briggs



Gary Hill and Blue



Kim Strong with Spaz



Jazzy on her way down.



This always happen at least once!



Blue, "Here I come Dad"



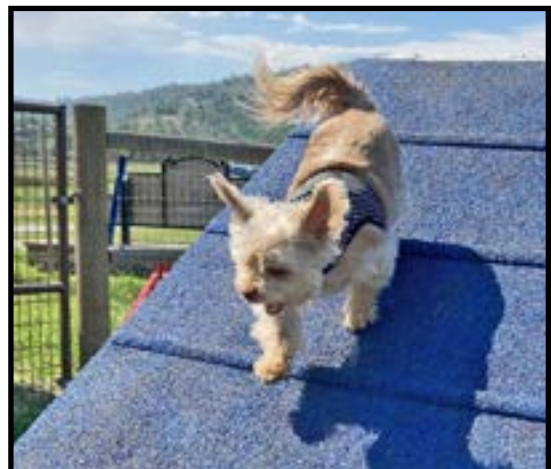
"Do WHAT??" Briggs and Margarita Cuellar



First jump for Alphaie and Amber McGee
(Lower Picture) How is it in there Alphaie?



Whee, Mary Thompson and Bubba



Coda has his marching orders!



Donna Macintyre and Gamble



What's next dad? Blue and Gary Hill



There are some disadvantages to having a small dog! Jill Wylie and Sophie



Greg Lee and Fannie



Meg and Molly's K-9 Academy

Spring Session 5/15 - 6/19/2023



Check-in time



Jan Bentley and Rocky



Jeff Kermode and Ellie



Ed Bullard and Angie with Molly



Pam, with Jazzy who is ready to get to work!



Kelly Riley and Charlie



Marla Derry and Shylo

Nilly Smith and Ranger, "I'll do whatever you want mom."



Vickie Raush and Teddy



Melanie McDavid and Teddy

As the Tale Wags with Vickie Rausch

By Jane Tanaka



Vickie Rausch's grief, just five months after the sudden death of her husband Lynn, has been overwhelming, and she was a bit tearful talking about her loss. This interview, which was to focus on her dogs and joining BVS Tailwaggers recently, was not easy for her.

After a cardiovascular event unexpectedly struck down Lynn, whom she had been with for nearly 40 years, she became concerned not only for herself, but also for Lady, her 7-year-old "foo-foo cattle dog," who clearly missed Lynn. Lady was mopey and despondent. "No use in two of us being sad," she thought, so on Christmas eve, Vickie went to the Lancaster animal shelter. Vickie adopted Teddy, a goldendoodle puppy. She felt as though Teddy was "sent

from heaven." Teddy was the only puppy who stayed calm at the front of the kennel to be close to Vickie, as all the other dogs jumped up and down on him. Teddy and Lady have bonded, with Lady showing Teddy the ropes in his new home. Teddy follows Vickie everywhere.

Vickie recently joined BVS Tailwaggers, in part to receive behavioral training from Meg and Molly for Teddy. Teddy is responding quickly and well, as evidenced by his patience and good behavior, as he waited with Lady, for Mom to finish her breakfast and 90-minute-long interview with me at the Mulligan Room patio. Teddy, with his innocent furry bear like face, did raise himself up to the table to peek at Mom's ham and egg scramble, but sat right back down with just a prompt. Lady, who got to sit on Mom's lap for a few minutes, showed off by kissing Mom in response to the question, "Lady, are you a chihuahua?" Lady's ears perked up anytime the word "chihuahua" was mentioned. (Lady is part chihuahua, but also part cattle dog, poodle, bichon frise, pomeranian, pekinese and shih tzu, although she looks like the spaniel from "Lady and the Tramp".)



Teddy, when first seen at the animal shelter

Vickie, who has had dogs almost all her life, is adamant about dogs receiving POSITIVE reinforcement training.

She expresses regret that one of her previous dogs, a Doberman mix, was “ruined” by aggressive choke collar training, especially because her dog was “made an example of” in the class. She wants Teddy to retain his friendly, sweet personality. Lady was already an adult dog when Vickie adopted her from the Brittany Foundation in Acton. Lady, “just came this way,” a calm but funny dog who likes to herd, true to her cattle dog genes.

Vickie is also busy taking care of the property she and her husband purchased here in BVS several years ago. It is a LOT of work. Her husband Lynn was a painting and general contractor, and his standards were high in maintaining their BVS and Lake Havasu homes. Weed clearance, repainting the house, keeping the house relatively fur-free, have been time consuming, but perhaps a good distraction for Vickie. She also is a consultant for the Antelope Valley Water Conservation District. One of her projects is a soil stabilization and re-vegetation study. Vickie is a retired air quality engineer for the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District, and previously worked as a dental hygienist. Their two adult daughters live in the area, and helped Vickie hold a Celebration of Life for Lynn in mid-April, having to wait for warm enough weather for guests to travel to Bear Valley Springs after a long winter.

Holding the celebration for Lynn has helped. She is also immensely grateful for the support and love from her daughters, and old friends. She has also made friends here in Bear Valley Springs through yoga, swimming, and training for triathlons. Vickie jokes about placing first . . . and last, in her first triathlon as she was the only participant in her class. She is currently training for her next triathlon in July at Solana Beach.

Also, Vickie is in awe of how much the companionship of Lady and Teddy have helped her cope with her grief. “RESCUES ARE THE BEST!”

General Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 8, 2023

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

The doors opened at 6:00 with refreshments.

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 by the president, Pam Miller. She announced general thank you’s to the board members who set up the room and the members who brought refreshments for the meeting. Special thank you to Carol Young and Jane Tanaka for setting up the refreshment table.

She then talked about the success of our bake sale fundraiser where we made over \$600.00. She thanked Nilly, Jeannie, Lucy and Jane and Greg Tanaka for manning the booth all day in the fog.

Pam then went over all of our new members of which we now have 90 members in 67 households.

She talked about our speaker for next month who will be Monica Nolan at our June 12th meeting who does “Dancing with your Dog,” she a AKC Evaluator and excellent trainer.

Pam went over the new training programs and that Molly is adding another obedience class. She then talked about the Rescue Division and the winners for our Have a heart fund raiser. Mary Thompson won the free portrait by Pamela Wildermuth and Belinda and Dave White won the portrait by Terry Albert who also offered another 3rd portrait for free. We drew another ticket and Kathy Carey won the third portrait.

Nancy Chefalo gave a recap of the Police Committee Meeting she attended representing the Tailwaggers Club.

And, finally, Rebecca Barocas gave a wonderful and informative talk about nose work for dogs. She went over the advantages and benefits of working your dog in nose work. It builds a great bond between you and your dog and teaches you to let the dog ‘Work on his Own’ which builds the dog’s self confidence.

Rebecca will be back to do a series of 6 workshops beginning June 23rd. Call Molly to register, 818-512-9836.



Rebecca Barocas, speaking about Nosework



Treasurers' Monthly Report

May 2023

By Jeannie Alvarado

Checking Account Beginning Balance \$15,087.64
INCOME

Membership	180.00
Donation	10.00
Agility	105.00
Magnets	10.00
Bake Sale	637.00
SNIP Fundraiser	230.00
(Have a Heart Raffle)	

Total 1,172.00

EXPENSES

Newsletter	300.00
Agility Equipment	742.00
Flyer for Bake Sale	46.97
Have A Heart	8,860.00
Hotel for June Speaker	182.52
Office Supplies	118.25
Locksmith (shed)	130.00

Total 10,380.58

ENDING BALANCE \$5,879.06
As of May 30, 2023



What does it Mean that My Dog Stares At Me?

Pawsafe.com

Have you ever wondered why your dog stares at you? Staring at humans is a typical doggy behavior that can mean the following:

1. Your dog is trying to understand you

Eye contact between dogs can be a sign of aggression, so they rarely stare at each other. But to your dog, you are their whole world, and understanding you is vital to their survival. Suppose you behave in an interesting or confusing way, such as making funny noises or putting on your walking shoes. In this case, you usually have your dog's full attention.



This means they may be staring at you to figure out what you want or will do next. Does getting your car keys mean you are leaving? Does a high-pitched vocal tone mean you are upset? Whatever you're doing, your dog will be watching to try to figure you out and anticipate your signals.

2. Your dog is communicating with you.

Dogs use body language to talk to each other, but humans are notoriously lousy at dog-speak. So they need to resort to behaviors like staring to try to tell you something.

Maybe they want to go for a walk, or it's near dinner time, and they're hungry. We are all familiar with dogs staring while we eat, and this is their clearest way of saying, "Hey! Give me some of that!".



A soft but intent stare is often a way of telling you they want something like going outside. But hard eye contact and stiff body can mean aggression.

3. Your dog loves you

Cuddling on the couch with your best friend can come with a loving, deep stare. While they will never do this with other dogs, this kind of eye contact means "I love you." It's a sign of deep attachment.



So why do you think your dog stares at you? Do you notice them doing most when you're eating or when they want to go for a walk?

Send me a message of your dog staring at you for our next newsletter and a picture of that particular look.

pambvsprings@gmail.com

Mission Statement

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.



Board Members

President

Pam Miller
661-203-5725

Treasurer

Jeannie Alvarado
661-917-1915

Vice President

Lucy Radike
661-904-3379

Secretary

Diana Munday
951-733-3909

Members at Large

Nilly Smith 818-519-8383
Gary Hill 480-216-8488

Newsletter Editor/Communications

Pam Miller 661-203-5725
pambvsprings@gmail.com

Support Our Advertisers.....They Support US



Beth Hall
BROKER ASSOCIATE
DRE 01453499




661 699 2855
661-822-8888
beth@bethhallrealestate.com
BethHall.remax.com

MLS 1001 W Tehachapi Blvd #A400
Tehachapi, CA 93561
Each Office Independently Owned and Operated

Snip
LOW COST MOBIL SPAY AND NEUTER
CALL OR TEXT
925-967-1001

TERRY ALBERT
pet portraits and animal art
www.terryalbert.com



858-748-9863
albertsark@gmail.com

Overnight Pet Sitting



Pam Miller
661-203-5725

Will stay overnight or feed daily at your home.

What you get is...
peace of mind.

pambvsprings@gmail.com

AIRBRUSH TANNING



Before & after
TANNING

JUDY

661-619-1706

Holistic Hearts Massage Studio
21030 Mission Street. Unit A

Serving Tehachapi since 1987!



When experience matters!

WORK WITH THE BEST



661-331-1514 phone/text

Call Kathy for all of your real estate needs!

**For those members with horses:
Call for Horse Services Only**



*Twin Oaks
Veterinary Services*

Christian Comeau, DVM
Matt Elliott, DVM

(661) 867-2554
Twinoaksvet98@gmail.com

**I'm Haulin'
For You!**

**ONE CALL, AND WE
HAUL IT ALL!**



- ✓ Weekly Trash Collection
- ✓ Recycle Collection*
- ✓ Real Estate Clean up/haul off
- ✓ Full Service household/junk removal
- ✓ Manure pick up/hauling

*We currently provide Recycle Collection Services on behalf of the Bear Valley Springs Veterans Association.

Call for further details

Billy Curtis 661 345-0971
billycurtis37@yahoo.com



CANINE CREEK

PET WASH & BOUTIQUE

Kellie Dudevoir
Owner
Kellie@CanineCreek.com

 Canine Creek Boutique

798 Tucker Rd. Suite #5
Tehachapi, CA 93561
(661) 822-0307
CanineCreek.com



Stephanie

Hair Artist/Extensionist
TEL: 818 699 4213

Elevate your Look & Book Now!



The Snake Guys
Preserving the BVS Ecosystem
A Volunteer Series

Snake Relocation
Small Wildlife Rescue
Facebook: Bear Valley Springs Snake Guys

Text or Call

Ron Hoyton	661-203-4468	Debbie Swinars	805-405-6010
Chris Budge	661-972-4320	Craig Swinars	661 821-0968
Key Budge	661-972-4320		

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 _____

(Parents must sign for minor child)

Tailwaggers Office Use Only

Dues Paid \$ _____ Date Paid: _____ Cash/Check# _____

1 of 2

Liability release/waiver signed: Yes__ No__

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: _____

Any person under the age of 18 years must have a parent or guardian co-sign this form.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____