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## **Vet Expands Her Toolbox Beyond Western Medicine**

**Stephanie Darrow DVM, CVA**



Nowdays, vets are hard to come by in Bear Valley. So, many horse owners were very happy to hear that there was “a new vet in town.” Actually, Dr. Stephanie Darrow was not new to the area as she had owned Southern Kern Veterinary for 10 years. However, I gather not many equestrians or dog owners knew much about her or the business she owned until more recently. When several vets left the area, and with Dr. Darrow offering her horse, dog and cat services in Bear Valley people were more than happy to welcome her.

Dr. Darrow graduated from UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine in 2008. After vet school she took a job as an intern practicing at a large equine referral practice. She enjoyed equine medicine but jobs were scarce during that time so after she finished her internship she took a job at Quartz Hill Veterinary Clinic practicing small animal medicine. It was there she started to want to expand the tools in her tool box beyond Western medicine. She started by getting her certification in Acupuncture then added herbal medicine and food therapy soon after. As mentioned, in 2011 she purchased Southern Kern Veterinary and owned it for 10 years. This allowed her to continue to grow her Integrative medicine adding certification in Animal Chiropractic and offering therapeutic laser. In 2022 she sold Southern Kern and started a mobile only practice in Tehachapi seeing horses, dogs and cats. She says she has been enjoying changing to a slower pace and focusing more time on each individual pet.



**Members and guests are invited come to the meeting on TUESDAY March 12, in the Equestrian Center Lounge. Doors open for refreshments at 6:00 and the meeting is at 6:30.**

## President's Message - Pam Miller

# Snuggling is the BEST!!

Somedays I find myself feeling tired and overwhelmed. I was feeling that way when I read an article from Dr. Marty Goldstein, an Integrative Veterinarian, who you may know from ads on the internet about his dog chews for dogs or his other dog products. He suggested that if you need a pick-me-up to try this "mood booster." It turns out it is something I do many times a day because I love the feeling I get when I do it...I sit down on the couch and snuggle the heck out of my dog, Jazzy. As soon as I sit she jumps in my lap and wraps her paws around my neck and kisses the heck out of me. Well, I'm trying not to let her lick me anymore but I can kiss the heck out of her! And I roll her on her back and kiss her tummy and just generally give her lots of love and attention.

As it turns out, Dr Marty says, this is one of the best things you can do for your brain and body. Doggy snuggle time produces the "feel-good" compound, oxytocin... and Jazzy's body produces the same oxytocin in her! So we both feel less stress, and research says it can balance your heart rate and support healthy blood pressure. <sup>1</sup> I wish Nonni liked to be snuggled more because she has a bad heart and can benefit from snuggling. She doesn't resist my snuggling her, but she doesn't ask for it like Jazzy does. I do it to Nonni anyway because I know she really likes it!!

Dr. Marty says there are 3 BIG reasons why dogs love snuggling too:

### Reason #1: To be closer to their leader.

Although Nonni doesn't snuggle as much as Jazzy, she follows me all over the house, where ever I go - there she is. She may be sleeping in her bed next to my computer while I work and the minute I get up, even if it's only to pick something up in another part of the room and then back to my computer, she jumps up and follows me. I tend to think it's because she thinks I might be going to the kitchen where she might get food, but in any case, she clearly wants to be close to me!

### Reason #2: For warmth and comfort

Over time you and your dog create a special bond composed of feelings of safety, warmth and comfort. <sup>3</sup> When Jazzy was under a year old and felt scared or threatened she ran in circles and didn't know what to do. Now, by age 3, when she feels threatened, like when maybe a big dog is getting too friendly, she runs right to me and literally, jumps up into my arms. It's clear that she has learned I am her safe place.

### Reason #3: It just makes them happy too!

Snuggling with you can release your dog's "feel-good" oxytocin too<sup>4</sup> — This will also help them fight off any stress or anxiety they might be feeling. After snuggling with them my dogs seem to relax and go back to sleeping or playing. Most importantly, I think it strengthens our unique bond created by trust and care for each other.

Jazzy is beginning a new year, she just turned three today, February 21<sup>st</sup>. It is the beginning of lots of other things too, like the beginning of a new year, beginning of our club's meetings and events, and the beginning of another year with our dogs and our friends. I am going to do all that I can to make it a great year for me and I hope you do the same. See you at the next Tailwaggers event.

*When all else fails...  
Hug the Dog*

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# Tailwaggers Happy'ngs

## General Meetings - New Day - Tuesdays

Beginning in April, our General meetings will be on the **first Tuesday** of every month, unless notified differently. We meet in the Equestrian Center lounge at 6:00 for refreshments and 6:30 for the meeting.

**March 12, 2024**

Speaker: Dr. Stephanie Darrow, DMV, CVA

## Agility Division

**Agility Coaching/Workshops: April 13 & 27**

Contact Gary Hill, 480-216-8488, for more information.

## Dog Park Division

We gave back to the community a new tree, in place of the one that died at the dog park and refurbished the dog park signs that were in dire need of a new coat of varnish. Many thanks to John Corona for the great job he did on refurbishing the signs!



## Therapy Dog Division

### Happy Hounds and Friends Reading Program

For information about the Therapy Dog Program contact Mary Thompson at 661-972-0731 or Lauren Jaimes at 818-636-9443.



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## Training Division Events

### NEW TRAININGS!

The dates for the next series of classes will be announced in the spring. For more information, or to sign up for up-coming trainings, text/call Molly Mackin at 818-512-9836.

### NOSEWORK SERIES

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

Rebecca will be doing more classes for Tailwaggers in June. She is teaching Nosework classes now in Tehachapi and other locations. Contact Rebecca at 661-435-1194 to sign up or for more information.

## K9 Fitness Division

### WalkAbouts & HikeAbouts

Walkabouts and HikeAbouts on the Nature Trail and beyond will resume officially in the spring. 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.



## Fostered friendship

Animal services providers highlight the benefits of fostering animals

[By Taylor O'Connor](#)

This article was submitted by Katy Jacobson, a founder of Tailwaggers, who now lives in the Santa Barbara area.

Dori Villalon has fostered kittens, puppies, adult dogs, and other animals recovering from medical treatment or an injury to help get them ready for adoption while working with [Santa Barbara Humane](#).

“For me I always went in knowing that I’d give them the temporary love and care they need in order to move on,” said Villalon, chief operating officer of the nonprofit. “I’m just helping them get to the next stage in their life; it’s not forever—I’m going to raise you with love and let you go with love because I know there’s somebody else who will give you a forever home.”

Villalon’s coworkers also fostered animals—or temporarily taking animals home to get them out of the shelter for enrichment time, training assistance, healing from injury or trauma, or raising animals from babies to be ready for adoptions. Villalon adopted her own two kittens after a co-worker fostered them as babies.

“You’re so proud of them, and you see these animals progress and you know that you’ve provided them with a stable environment to grow and heal,” she said. “You’re proud of them and you’re proud of what you’ve done.”

Volunteering to foster not only helps the animal’s well-being, but it helps the shelters, specifically Santa Barbara County and other government-affiliated shelters that face overcrowding, Villalon said.

“If someone who’s doing animal care as part of their work and they are caring for a couple hundred animals a day, to take one of those animals and be personally involved in its pathway can be really satisfying,” she said. “We’re all in this business because we want these animals to succeed and make a positive impact.”

Santa Barbara County Animal Services has 639 animals in its three county shelters and partner agencies, and an additional 350 animals are in foster care as of Oct. 12, said Sarah Aguilar, director of Animal Services.

“I have an entire shelter-and-a-half worth of animals living in homes right now,” Aguilar said. “If we didn’t have those foster caretakers, we would definitely be euthanizing for space because [there’s zero capacity](#) to be sheltering an additional 350 animals currently.”

High community engagement and being in an animal-friendly community have kept Animal Services from making tough decisions around euthanasia to respond to overcrowding, but “it constantly feels like we could tip in that direction,” Aguilar said.

“On any given day we’re walking this really fine line of being full. We get anywhere from five to 20 animals every day, and anywhere from five to 20 leaving. On days where 20 come in and five leave, it’s tight,” she said. “That’s every day we’re seeing that.”

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## Fostered friendship, Con't

“There are times when we have to house dogs in crates temporarily; there are times where we have to drop these sliding doors in our kennels and cut the amount of space dogs have in half.”

Fostering gets the animals out of [high stress](#) situations and into a home environment that they're used to, she said.

“I don't know that the community understands that even just a day trip or a couple hours away from the shelter has such a huge impact,” Aguilar said. “Think about if you were at work all day, 24 hours a day and something was always due, that is the sort of stress shelter pets experience.”

While humans get the weekend or an afternoon to get lunch, the pets in the shelter don't get that break, she said. Studies have been done on shelter animals' cortisol levels, which have indicated that when they leave a shelter their stress levels go down and when they return it's not any higher than it was before.

“That time off gives them some relief without a worse experience upon return. For us, we think about human emotions and we feel anxiety about [what's to come]. Animals don't feel that,” Aguilar said. “They are more of an in-the-moment type, when they are in the shelters they are stressed, when they are out of the shelter they are not stressed.”

Through fostering, Animal Services can also learn more about an animal's behavior that they can't learn in a shelter environment—like if a dog knows how to use a dog door or if they get onto furniture, or if a cat is more independent or if they like to cuddle with their human, she said.

“The more we learn about a pet's personality at home, the more we can do about matching the pet for a family,” Aguilar said.

The best way for people to start fostering is by going to an Animal Services facility and talking

to an employee about their interest. The employees can then learn about the person's lifestyle and what level of commitment they want.

“Fostering is a great option for folks who travel for work or they're retired or only in one area for a couple of months because they can really help the shelter, help a pet out, and not have this lifetime commitment of providing care,” Aguilar said.

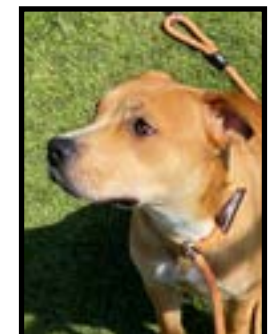
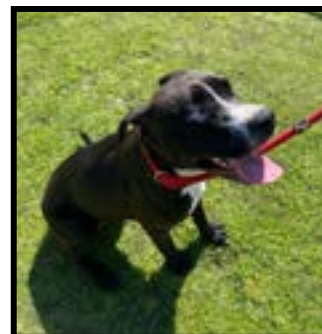
In the fall, Animal Services typically looks for help with puppies and large dogs, and in the spring the department needs kitten fosters, she added. Once people receive their foster animal, Animal Services provides the volunteer with the food, crates, medicine, and toys they'll need for the time of the animal's stay.

“One of the things we hear from folks is, ‘I couldn't take a pet to my house, my house is too small.’ I guarantee your house is bigger than a kennel,” Aguilar said.

They will also hear from residents that it's too hard to give up an animal after fostering, but Aguilar said understanding that there's an end date can be very helpful for people interested in fostering.



**Dogs at the Bakersfield Animal Shelter now. Tailwaggers members played with them on Feb 25. The Chi is 5yrs and the rest, 5mos.**



## Fostered friendship, Con't

“Going into it, you have this mindset that there’s an end and understanding the benefits of that short break from the stress of the shelter makes that experience beneficial,” she said.

After filling out some paperwork, people can get matched and leave the shelter with a pet for a few hours, a weekend, or for a few months and can continue increasing their commitment levels, she said.

“We try to make it as easy as possible; we believe people are the solution to the challenge of meeting pet needs,” Aguilar said. “We welcome anybody and everybody to be a part of the solution in the way they have the capacity.”

Reach Staff Writer Taylor O’Connor at [toconnor@santamariasun.com](mailto:toconnor@santamariasun.com).

## Rattlesnake Aversion Training

It is that time of year when we are ready to start sign-ups for the rattlesnake aversion training for dogs. The suggested process is for



dogs to go through the training for 3 years in a row and then have a follow-up after a year or two. If your dog has been through the training 3 or 4 times with Natural Solutions and the trainer suggested taking a year or more off please consider not training this year.

The date for the training will be Sunday, May 19 and Monday, May 20, 2024 at Meadowbrook Park, 21750 Westwood Blvd., Tehachapi. Please call or email for an appointment time.

The available times will be:

**Sunday** from 8:00 am - 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm - 6:00 pm

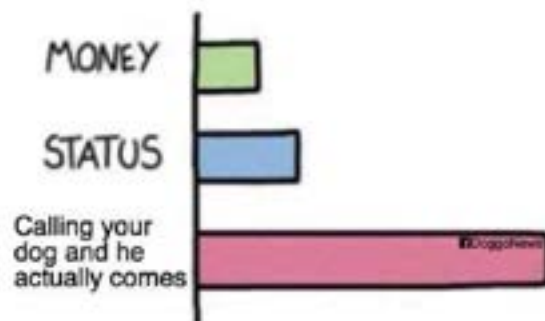
**Monday** from 8:00 am – 12:30 pm and 1:30 – 5:00 pm

Contact Donna Dieterle at 661-822-5226 or [Rattlesnakeaversion24@gmail.com](mailto:Rattlesnakeaversion24@gmail.com) for training information and the protocols to follow for that day. When you email or call, please let her know the approximate time and which day you would like.

### Treasurers’ Year End Report February Financial Report - 2024 By Jeannie Alvarado

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|---|--------------------|
| <b>Checking Account Beginning Balance</b> | <b>\$5,746.57</b>  |
| <b>INCOME</b>                             |                    |
| Membership                                | 570.00             |
| Magnet                                    | 10.00              |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>580.00</b>      |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                           |                    |
| Insurance                                 | 500.00             |
| Newsletters                               | 150.00             |
| Project Hope - Shelter                    | 100.00             |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>\$23,295.32</b> |
| <b>Ending Balance</b>                     |                    |
| <b>As of Feb 29, 2024</b>                 | <b>\$5,576.57</b>  |

### WHAT GIVES PEOPLE FEELINGS OF POWER



# What is Addison's Disease?

Hello, I'm Matt Bryant and something to know about me is I have a dog with Addison's disease. Last week was Addison's disease awareness week. I want to share this with as many dog and cat owners as possible.

Visit Canine Addison's Resources & Education (CARE) page to get additional information on Addison's, the most misdiagnosed disease in dogs.

Our Chloe (picture in the flyer) was diagnosed May 2023. It took over two months getting the diagnosis because it mimic's symptoms of many different illnesses. The experts at C.A.R.E have dedicated the last 10 years educating dog owners experiencing Addison's with their dogs.



**Canine Addison's Awareness Week**  
**February 25th-March 2nd**

My dog, Chloe, is thriving despite having Addison's disease.

Prior to diagnosis and treatment, symptoms may include the following:  
Lethargy, Loss of Appetite, Vomiting, Diarrhea, Trembling, Dehydration, Hind End Weakness, Low Heart Rate, Collapse, and more.

Join us on Facebook at Canine Addison's Resources & Education (CARE)



## Membership Drive

### This Year's Early Membership Winner Is Deborah Cianca-Mayer

This year, everyone who paid the membership dues by the end of February was entered into a drawing for a free membership next year.

**Congratulations to Deb!**

## BVS Tailwagger Minutes

### Date: 2/13/24

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 by President Pam Miller

#### Purpose of Meeting:

#### Get to know our club

- Know your members
- Know the club perks
- Highlight the past year
- A look into the future

**1. Know your members:** The first activity of the meeting was for members to share in small groups a memory with their dog or a lesson learned.

**2. Know your perks:** Pam presented the Tailwagger website highlighting some of the information that can be found on the website like the various club divisions, past newsletters, advertisers, and how to access Facebook from the website.

**3. Highlights of the past year:** Pam presented a power point on the club's accomplishments over the past year beginning with the club's mission statement and the rewards of bonding with our dogs through activities like: dog therapy, agility, nature walks and the various dog classes offered through our club.

Pam talked about the beginning of "Project Hope." The club raised money for various shelter needs for the City of Bakersfield Animal Care

Center. The rescue division also began going to the shelter weekly to support the shelter by walking dogs, decorating for holidays and highlighting adoptable at-risk dogs.

**4. A look into the future:** The members completed a questionnaire as to what they would like to take part in, what talents they have and what they want to get out of the club.

#### Announcements:

**Gary Hill** spoke about upcoming agility events and **Lucy Radike** gave agility dates along with two coaching dates: April 13th & 28th.

**Lucy Radike** passed around 2 signup sheets one for refreshments and one to help with the agility events.

**Lucy:** Friday morning walks will resume as weather permits.

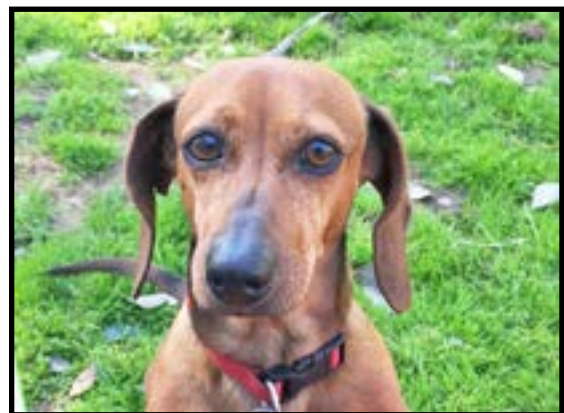
Door prizes were given out.

Pam acknowledged several new members before adjourning the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dot Ramirez*

## In Memory of Molly



**Condolences to Terry Albert. Molly was a great little dog, partner and friend.**



## Feature Article



### 10 Things to Stop Doing to Improve Relationship with Your Dog

Pupford.com

What are your goals when it comes to your relationship with your dog?

It's a pretty safe bet that they include having a great relationship – after all, you are reading an article from a website that's dedicated to having a happy, healthy pup.

But we are humans after all, and sometimes even with the best of intentions we do things that can negatively impact the relationship we have with our pups.

Here we'll take a look at some common things you may be doing that you should stop if you're looking to have a happier, healthier relationship with your dog – and the alternatives we recommend.

### TEN THINGS TO STOP DOING SO YOU CAN HAVE A BETTER RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR DOG



So if you want to have the best possible relationship with your pup, you should stop...

#### 1. NEGLECTING TRAINING SESSIONS

Training sessions are some of the most impactful and meaningful moments you spend with your dog in their whole day. They help keep your dog's routine, grow your dog's confidence by learning new skills, and strengthen your bond.

But what if your dog has already mastered the basics and successfully learned advanced behaviors? Is there a point to continuing training sessions?

YES!

Keeping training sessions in your dog's routine, even if you're practicing skills they already know, helps keep their behaviors sharp. It also sets your dog up for a lot of wins. Wins = **positive reinforcement** = happiness and confidence = your dog responds better to you – repeat the cycle!

Just remember to not get overwhelmed by training sessions. Training sessions can be short and sweet and still be very effective!

#### 2. PUNISHING YOUR DOG FOR UNWANTED BEHAVIOR

Unfortunately there's an approach to dog behavior modification that believes punishing a dog will teach them what not to do, and therefore lead to the right behavior.

But all this does is confuse your dog and cause potential stress and fear. Happy and healthy relationships with our dogs don't involve being the cause for negative emotions!

Instead, utilize **positive reinforcement** to reward your dog for wanted behavior. Not only will they learn what to do, they'll learn that good things (AKA **yummy treats**) happen when YOU'RE around.

#### 3. CONFUSING YOUR DOG

*Continued...*

## 10 Things...

Isn't it so frustrating to have to work closely with someone who is unclear, says one thing and means something else, or keeps referring to your project by different names without clarifying?

You probably wouldn't want to work with them again right?

Well, your dog may be feeling the same thing if you are making one of these key mistakes:

- ❑ Calling a behavior by different names (ex: down vs. lie down)
- ❑ Having an inconsistent [routine](#)
- ❑ Picking and choosing when to enforce household rules
- ❑ Having different family members hold different roles and rules

[Consistency](#) is SO important for our dogs and can make a big impact on the entire family dynamic.



### 4. PUSHING YOUR DOG PAST THEIR THRESHOLDS

If your dog is [reactive](#) or fearful of something, you may utilize [desensitization and counterconditioning](#) to help them overcome it.

But if you consistently push your dog past their thresholds and cause them to feel uncomfortable, they could form a negative association with their interactions with you.

Instead, take a gradual approach to threshold training to slowly expose your dog to their

trigger over time, causing them the least amount of stress possible.

### 5. IGNORING YOUR DOG'S BODY LANGUAGE

Dogs tell us almost everything we need to know through their postures, faces, and tails. If you ignore their individual [body language](#) cues, you could be missing [signs of stress](#) until it's too late. If that happens, your dog may not fully trust your ability to advocate for them which can potentially impact their trust.

It's important to learn dog body language so you can properly interpret what your dog is trying to tell you – and make changes to the environment to keep them happy and comfortable.



### 6. BEING IMPATIENT WHEN YOUR DOG IS LEARNING SOMETHING

Even in ideal conditions, learning takes time. Now add in distractions, new environments, busy schedules, etc. – learning something new can be really challenging for your dog!

If you move too quickly through the steps of training or get frustrated that your dog isn't picking it up as quickly as you'd like, your dog will soon share that frustration.

On the other hand, if you are patient and positive with your dog during training, they will get the repetitions they need to grasp the behavior and the confidence they need to better [engage with their training](#).

## 10 Things...

Dogs feed off our energy and look to us for guidance through many challenges, especially when learning something brand new.

### 7. NOT MAKING THE MOST OF THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO YOU



There are so many great resources that exist out there for new and seasoned dog families. Not to toot our own horns, but we'd consider ourselves one of them!

If you don't take advantage of the plethora of [information](#), [tips](#), and [resources](#) out there, you could be missing out on opportunities to strengthen your relationship with your dog.

Just be sure that whatever resources you find are fact-based and either created or reviewed by veterinarians, certified dog trainers, or dog behavior specialists. Unfortunately, there are a lot of not-so-great resources out there too.

### 8. NOT ASKING FOR HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT

You may think that because you're your pup's human, you know what's best for them and can do it all yourself. While you likely do know what's best for them, it's okay if what's best is getting help from an expert!

Your dog needing to see a trainer to improve their skills and behaviors is the same as taking them to the vet to improve their health – it's nothing to be hesitant or embarrassed about.

You can also get help from online resources like the [Pupford Academy](#) that are led by professionals, but allow you to implement programs yourself at your own pace.

### 9. TRYING TO CONTROL EVERYTHING

We can have the best of intentions, have the right tools on hand, and follow the proper steps – and sometimes things don't go according to plan anyway.

And guess what? That's okay! If we try to control every aspect of our dog's life, it can be overwhelming for us and frustrating for them.

Once you let go and switch your mindset to one of just trying your best and loving your dog unconditionally, you'll be able to enjoy more moments together – even the ones that are nothing at all like you planned.

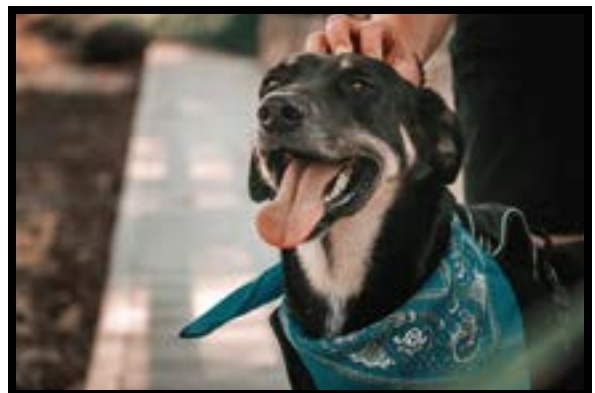
### 10. DOING SOMETHING JUST BECAUSE EVERYONE ELSE IS

“Comparison is the thief of joy.”

This saying is true when it comes to joy in your relationship with your dog, too! Rather than caring what everyone else thinks about how you raise your pup, or doing something just because everyone else is, we want you to focus on one thing:

[Train the dog in front of you.](#)

What this means is accepting your dog for who they are and meeting them where they're at – they will learn to do the same to you!



# 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**

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**2024 BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

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.**

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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)

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

**Tailwaggers Office Use Only**

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

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 one of these forms. 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: \_\_\_\_\_