



# RETRIEVER REVIEW

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## DOG SAFETY ON THE FOURTH OF JULY

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Summer – and the Fourth of July in particular – is a great time to invite friends over for a backyard barbecue and to spend time by the pool, but summer parties can pose potential threats to your dog. Follow these tips to help keep your dog safe during the summer and holiday fun:

**Food:** It may be tempting to give your dog table scraps during a summer barbecue but refrain from doing this. All the seasoning and sauces used on barbecue food can upset your dog's stomach and make him sick. There is also the potential for your dog to consume raw beef or chicken during a barbecue, which could result in *salmonella* poisoning. Likewise, consuming unattended alcoholic beverages, even in very small amounts, can cause health issues for your dog. So be sure to keep all food and beverages out of your dog's reach.

Keep trash in a closed container that your dog can not access. A common life-threatening emergency that veterinarians see after holidays is pancreatitis – usually caused by dogs raiding garbage cans.

While barbecuing, make sure any lighter fluid or matches are out of your dog's reach; these can be toxic to dogs.

**Guests:** If you are having a party, make sure that your guests know not to allow your dog to leave your yard – or your home, if you're restricting your dog to the indoors during any portion of the event. The action and unfamiliar faces at a party and – even more so – the blasts from fireworks in the air may cause some dogs to become disoriented and even frantic, and to react by running off and becoming lost. Let guests know the importance of not letting your dog out of his assigned area.

**Holiday Decorations:** While glow sticks are fun in the evening, they are not meant to be worn by your dog. The liquid contained in these and other light-up decorations and toys are toxic to dogs and can easily be chewed through. Candles should be kept well out of reach of dogs and their tails. They could easily be knocked over and become a fire hazard.

**Insect repellents:** Do not apply any insecticides or bug repellents (even the natural ones) to your dog that are not specifically labeled for use in

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**From the Membership Chair**  
**Celeste Young**  
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**WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING  
NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS!**

**Amanda Wong**  
**Ellie Larez-Brault**

**WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING  
NEW FULL MEMBERS!**  
(none)

The following people have applied for **Associate** membership with the LRCSC and have had their application read to the board:

**Cathy Banks**  
**Becky & Roger Pike**  
**Dale & Kathy Nelson**

The following people have applied for **Full** membership with the LRCSC and have had their application read to the board:  
(none)

*If you have any objection to the above mentioned persons joining the club, please voice your concern at the next Board meeting.*

**Lab Rescue Organizations:**

Fetching Companions, Inc.

[www.fetchingcompanions.org](http://www.fetchingcompanions.org)

FCRR Message line 888.412.3382

[www.sclrr.org](http://www.sclrr.org)

[sclrr@sclrr.org](mailto:sclrr@sclrr.org)

PO Box 4188

Irvine, CA 92616-4188

1.888. 55 .4.ALAB

Have you joined the LRCSC's email list at [yahoogroups.com](http://yahoogroups.com)?  
Share upcoming events and news with fellow LRCSC members via our own email list. This list is intended for the use of the members of the Labrador Retriever Club of Southern California. Please use this list to keep current members up-to-date on pertinent Dog News and Information.

It's easy to subscribe! Send an email to:

[LRCSC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:LRCSC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

Contact Ron Morelos at [ron.morelos@gmail.com](mailto:ron.morelos@gmail.com) for any questions



## *The Winner's Circle*

The Winner's Circle entries are any **1<sup>st</sup> place**, a **qualifying score or leg**, a **placement at a specialty or LRCSC supported entry** or a **new title** in the **last three (3) months**. Non AKC titles will only be listed in regular format, but no individual wins for non AKC events will be listed. Please only submit title, date, and location where the title was completed. Match wins are not eligible for publication in the Retriever Review, but may be listed if space is available. Entries are listed in alphabetical order by the dog's registered name.

### **Ch. Sure Shot Baloo**

(Hyspire Biscotti x Sure Shot Michele)

Owner Susan Eberhardt

2/21/2010 Best of Breed Veteran Class, SDLRC Specialty, Judge: Sally Bell

2/21/2010 Best Veteran in Sweeps, SDLRC Specialty, Judge: Cindy Skiba

4/30/2010 Best of Breed Veteran Class, LRCSC Specialty, Judge: Diane Pilbin

Best Veteran in Sweeps, LRCSC Specialty, Judge: Janet Schoonover

### **Saddlehill Late Knight Scramble**

(Ch. Shalane's Fly By Knight x Ch. Saddlehill Don't Be Late)

Owner: Susan Eberhardt

4/30/2010 Reserve Winners Dog, 1<sup>st</sup> place 12-18 Dogs, LRCSC Specialty

5/23/2010 1<sup>st</sup> Place Bred By Exhibitor, WD and BOW, Mt. Palomar Kennel Club

### **New Title!**

### **CH Hunterleigh Tabatha Headline CDX, JH**

(CH Tabatha's Hunterleigh Gaudy x Can CH Hunterleigh Janie O'Tabatha)

Owner: Ron Morelos Breeder: Jane Wewer/Carol Heidl

Handler: Ron Morelos

4/30/10 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Open A, High Scoring Champion, LRCSC Specialty Judge: Ken Miller

5/1/10 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Open A, High Scoring Champion LRCSC Specialty Judge: Pam Murphy

5/28/10 1<sup>st</sup> Place Open A, San Gabriel KC, Judge: Bill Iwamoto TITLE!

### **CH Hunterleigh Stonewall Gabby, CGC**

(CH Borador's By George x Can CH Hunterleigh's Gracie)

Owner: Ron Morelos Breeder: Norbert Wewer

Handler: Kristina Cordiero

5/1/10 JAM, LRCSC Specialty, Judge: May Nasman

### **Stonewall's Twilight, WC**

(CH Windfall's New England Patriot x CH Hunterleigh's Stonewall Gabby)

Owner: Ron Morelos Breeder: Ron Morelos

Handler: Charlene and Kristina Cordiero

4/30/10 3<sup>rd</sup> 12-15 Sweepstakes, LRCSC Specialty, Judge: Janet Schoonover

4<sup>th</sup> 12-18 Bitches, LRCSC Specialty, Judge: Diane Pilbin

5/1/10 2<sup>nd</sup> 12-15 Sweepstakes, LRCSC Specialty, Judge: Bernadette Brown

1<sup>st</sup> 12-18 Bitches, LRCSC Specialty, Judge: May Nasman



## PUPULATION INCREASE

Only verifiable screening information will be listed and only certification numbers are provided. The following organizations will certify the certifications that they have issued. You must know either certification number of the dog or its AKC number. If no certification numbers are listed, it does not necessarily mean that the dog has not been screened. Prospective buyers should inquire for further information from the breeder of the litter.

### Canine Eye Registration (CERF)

317.494.8179      [www.vmdb.org/inquiry.html](http://www.vmdb.org/inquiry.html)

### Orthopedic Foundation of America (OFA)

573.442.428      [www.offa.org](http://www.offa.org)

### Optigen

607.257.0301      [www.optigen.com](http://www.optigen.com)

Note: These litter listings are provided as a service and information exchange for full members of the LRCSC. The listing will run in two (2) consecutive issues, only. One (1) extra month costs \$5.00, payable to LRCSC before the ad will run. No effort is made to verify the information provided, nor does the LRCSC as an organization enforce these litters. It is the responsibility of the consumer to certify information, ask questions, and evaluate guarantees and contracts as should be done before making any significant purchase.

### Black and Yellow pups due 6/24/10

Sire: CH Hunterleigh Tabatha Headline CDX, JH

OFA HIPS: LR-157370G24M - PI

OFA ELBOWS: LR-EL29704M24-PI

OFA HEART: LR-CA1439/12M/C- PI-ECHO

CERF: LR-42808 (CERF)

OPTIGEN: Normal/Clear

Dam: CH Hunterleigh's Stonewall Gabby, CGC

OFA HIPS: LR-177880E24F - PI

OFA ELBOWS: LR-EL41095F24-VPI

OFA HEART: LR-CA3152/21F/C- VPI-ECHO

CERF: LR-49748 (CERF)

OPTIGEN: Normal/Clear

Contact: Ron Morelos 714-437-1282

[ron.morelos@gmail.com](mailto:ron.morelos@gmail.com)

### Black & Yellow litter due July 15, 2010

Dam - Sidekick's Click Your Heels CD, SH, RN

OFA Hips - Good, OFA Elbows - Normal, Heart Clear,

Optigen A, Cerf, B(y)

Sire - BISS Am. Ch. Paradoxs Delians Scrubbing In

OFA Hips - Good, OFA Elbows - Normal, Eyes Clear -

Optigen Clear by Parentage, EIC Clear, Heart Clear,

B(y) - Full Dentition

Contact: Susie Terpstra (949) 586-2976 or e-mail

[h20polomom@aol.com](mailto:h20polomom@aol.com)

### All Black Litter due 07/15/2010

Sire: BISS CH Gateway's Nothin' But Trouble (y) (CH

Julsby Hey Good Lookin' x CH Gateway's White

Dove) OFA Hips: LR-181558G24M Good Penn hip

percentile 0.33 left/0.30 right OFA Elbows: LR-

EL43424M24-VPI normal OFA Heart: LR:

CA3639/29MC-VPI-cardiologist echo

CERF: LR 542002/2009-23

PRA Normal, EIC clear

Dam: CH Hollyhill Password to Bidwell MH (BB)

(CH Visions Cain's Mutiny x WR BISS Ch.Hollyhill's

Wheel of Fortune JH, CGC)

CHIC#: 34863

OFA Hips: LR-162715G24F-PI

OFA Elbows: LR-EL32356F24-PI

Cerf: LR-46292/2010-68 (04/29/10)

Cardiac TVD clear - echo 05/04/2010

Optigen normal

Contact: Valerie Donahue 310.375.0261

Or email: [vgdonahue@gmail.com](mailto:vgdonahue@gmail.com)



# WHAT'S UP???

What fun things and new experiences have you and your dogs been up to? Send in photos and short write-ups to the editor at: FINNMARKSVIDDALABS@HOTMAIL.COM



***Surfer-girl Hailey!!***

Hi All,

I thought I would share a link that has a photo of my girl Hailey, Stonecreek's Temptation, at the Loews Coronado Surf Dog Competition last weekend. I'm so proud of her! She really did well for her first time. There are more surf dog competitions coming up in Sept and some scheduled practice days at the beach. I'll post more info so everyone can try this with their dog. It's really fun.

<http://www.foxnews.com/slideshow/scitech/2010/05/25/loews-surf-dog-competition/?test=faces#slide=12>

<http://loewssurfdog.blogspot.com/>

Diane Matsuura



## Heading West . . .

### The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. 2010 National Specialty Events Week

Prado Regional Park and Prado Dog Training Area, Chino, California (Southern California)

**October 9 through October 15, 2010**

Deadline for catalog advertising September 5, 2010.

Entries for Conformation, Companion Dog Events and the WC and CC close September 15, 2010.

Entries for the Hunting Retriever Test close September 29, 2010.

#### **Food and Entertainment with—**

- "Meet & Greet" Hospitality Night • Mexican Fiesta Night • On site Barbeque Night with Band

#### **A Hunting Retriever Test with—**

- TWO Juniors • TWO Seniors • A Master
- Working Certificate Test (WC) • Conformation Evaluation (CC)

#### **Tracking Test—**

- TD and TDX tracks.

#### **Workshops with—**

- Educational Seminars • Health Screening Clinics • Judges' Education Seminar

#### **Companion Events with—**

- TWO Agility Trials • TWO Obedience Trials • TWO Rally Trials

#### **Conformation Events—**

- TWO dog shows
- Sweepstakes • Jr. Showmanship

Host Hotel will be the **Doubletree**, Ontario, California.

*For the hotel reservations link, event details, judges and more information visit the LRC, Inc. web site at [www.thelabradorclub.com](http://www.thelabradorclub.com).*

*A very BIG THANK YOU to the members of the three regional Southern California clubs—the Labrador Retriever Club of Southern California, the San Diego Labrador Retriever Club and the High Desert Labrador Retriever Club—that have provided their support, recommendations and manpower to help make the 2010 National Specialty Event Week an enjoyable and rewarding experience.*

## Come Join the Fun!

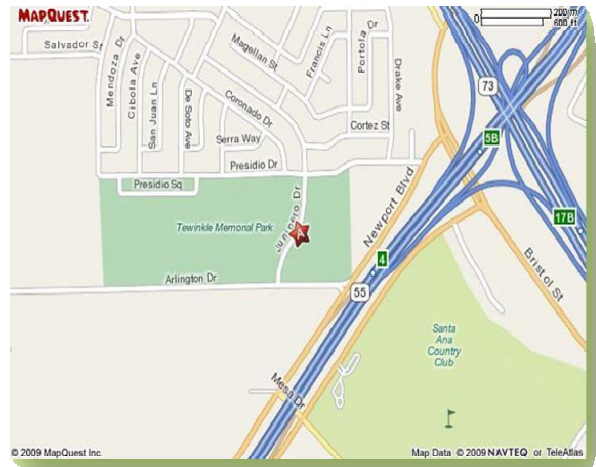
# The Labrador Retriever Club of Southern California

## AKC B-OB Match

### September 11, 2010

Tewinkle Park, 970 Arlington,  
Costa Mesa, CA

From the 405 fwy N or S, take the Fairview exit. Go to the west. Left at Arlington Dr. (just before the fairgrounds). Left at Junipero Dr. (cuts across the park). Turn right into the parking lot. The "Bowl" is the grassy area beside the parking lot.



### Judges

Ms. Lauren Bullock – Conformation and Junior Showmanship  
TBD - Obedience

**Pre-entry deadline is September 4th.** Please send entries to:  
Irma Fox, 16535 Flower Glen Dr., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

Classes Offered:

**Conformation:** 4-6m. puppy, 6-9m. puppy, 9-12m. puppy, 12-18m., Bred by Exhibitor, Open Black, Open AOAC

**Obedience:** Sub-Novice, Novice A, Novice B, Open A, Open B, Utility, Grad Novice

**Junior Showmanship:** \$1.00 Ringside, classes divided as necessary

**Futurity:** No Futurity offered this year.

**Entry Costs:** Pre-entry \$6.00 per entry and \$4.00 additional class per dog

**Day of Match** \$8.00 per entry and \$5.00 additional class per dog

### Additional Information

**Judging will begin at 10:00a.m.** with Junior Showmanship and Obedience.

**Pot-Luck Picnic in the Park:** LRCSC will provide sandwich fixings and cold drinks. Please bring your favorite food to share.

Bring your own chairs and dog equipment (crate or x-pen) and shade.

**Reminder:** Professional handlers may show only their own dogs. Dogs with major points toward their Championship are not eligible for match entry.

**Only Labradors may be entered in this Match.**

To **VOLUNTEER** or **Match information** contact:  
Tania Brodowski, k9lablady@mac.com

## LRCSC Match Entry Form

Send pre-entries to: Irma Fox, 16535 Flower Glen Dr., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

**All Pre-entries due by September 4, 2010**

Entry number \_\_\_\_\_

AKC Name of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_

Color \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**First entry per dog \$6.00 Additional class per dog \$4.00**

**Breed Class** (circle one) 4-6m. 6-9m. 9-12m. 12-18m. BBE, Open Blk, Open AOAC

**Obedience Class** (circle one) Sub-nov, Nov A, Nov B, Open A, Open B, Utility, Grad Nov

I/We agree to hold the LRCSC, it's officers, members, and agents harmless for any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused to any person or thing while upon the match grounds.

Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Total Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Retriever Titles: What Do These Letters Mean?

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**NFC** National Field Champion - This title is awarded once yearly to the dog that wins the National Open. It is the most coveted of all retriever field titles.

**NAFC** National Amateur Field Champion - This title is awarded once yearly to the dog that wins the National Amateur. This competition is much like the National Open except that all handlers are amateurs.

**FC** Field Champion - This title is awarded to dogs that have won an Open at a licensed field trial and have acquired 5 additional Open points.

**AFC** Amateur Field Champion - This title is earned as above (FC) when handled by an amateur or by winning an Amateur stake at a field trial and acquiring 10 additional Amateur points.

**DC** Dual Champion - This title is awarded to dogs that have both a FC and have earned its' bench Ch. The only retriever breed that currently has a DC is the Chesapeake Bay Retriever.

*The above titles are reserved for only the best retrievers as they can only be earned by WINNING through competition. It is estimated that less than 1% of all retrievers have earned the FC/AFC title. These are the dogs to look for in your pedigree!*

**Hunt Test Titles** - Hunt Test titles can be earned thorough the AKC, UKC and NAHRA. Hunt Tests are Non-Competitive tests in which the dog (and handler) is measured against a standard. If the dog (and handler) meet the standard, a "pass" is earned. The AKC, UKC and NAHRA Hunt Tests are designed to resemble actually hunting. Each organization has different requirements yet is equally difficult and resemble different hunting scenarios. Hunt Tests are the most popular field events.

**JH** Junior Hunter - This is an AKC title that is earned by receiving 4 passes at the Junior level in a licensed Hunt Test. This is the beginning level in the AKC Hunt Test program.

**SH** Senior Hunter - This is an AKC title that is earned by receiving 5 passes at the Senior level in a licensed Hunt Test. This is the level at which most hunting retrievers run.

**MH** Master Hunter - This is an AKC title that is earned by receiving 6 passes at the Master level in a licensed Hunt Test. This is the highest possible Hunt Test title offered in the AKC.

The UKC offers a stake for beginning (Junior/Started) level dogs, but does not offer a title for this level. A started pass is worth 5 points.

**HR** Hunting Retriever - This is a UKC title that is earned by acquiring 40 points. 30 of those points must be at the Seasoned or Finished level. An Seasoned pass is worth 10 points.

**HRCH** Hunting Retriever Champion - This is a UKC title that is earned by acquiring 100 points, 60 of which must be earned at the Finished level. A Finished pass is worth 15 points.

**GHRCH** Grand Hunting Retriever Champion - This is a UKC title that is earned by acquiring 220 points at the Finished level and 80 points from the HRC Grand Hunt. 1 Grand pass is worth 40 points. This is the highest possible hunt test title offered in the UKC.

**UH** Upland Hunter - This is a UKC title that is available for those that train their dogs for upland bird hunting. 40 points must be acquired. A pass is worth 10 points.

**SR** Started Retriever - This is the entry level NAHRA title. This title is earned by acquiring 10 points. At this level, a pass is worth 2.5 points.

**WR** Working Retriever - This is a NAHRA title that is earned by acquiring 20 points in the Intermediate level. At this level and higher, a pass is worth 5 points.

**MHR** Master Hunting Retriever - This is a NAHRA title that is earned by acquiring 100 points, 80 of which must be earned at the Senior level.

**GMHR** Grand Master Hunting Retriever - This is a NAHRA title which is earned by acquiring 300 points at the Senior level. This is the highest possible title offered by NAHRA.

Submitted by Joe Maher, Courtesy of Whack A Quack Kennels, Brad Smith, Owner/Trainer

## FIREWORKS FEAR IN DOGS

Courtesy of [www.superhappypets.com](http://www.superhappypets.com)

Many dogs have a fear of loud noises, and this is especially relevant on July Fourth, which may be filled with explosions and other loud sounds for extended periods of time. Follow the tips below to help your dog feel more calm and comfortable during the commotion that often occurs on this summer holiday.

**Provide a safe place to hide:** Most dogs will seek a hiding place after hearing the first crack of fireworks, so it's a good idea to set up a room beforehand that can serve as a refuge for your dog while the racket is going on outside. A good choice is a small room or crate since most dogs will try to hide in crowded spaces such as a closet or under the bed. The small quarters will be comforting to them and help them feel safe. Put your dog's bed and favorite toys in the room or crate so they have familiar items with them to help them feel calm. After setting up a safe room, play some [soothing music](#) or turn the TV on to mask some of the outside noise.

**Keep your dog safe and secure:** It is very important to keep your dog inside before, during and after the noise of fireworks. When dogs panic, they run, and as a result many dogs go missing on the Fourth of July. Putting your dog in the safe room at least an hour before you anticipate fireworks going off will give her time to adjust to the space and will ensure that you have her in a safe place before she finds a less suitable hiding place of her own. Check that your dog cannot harm herself while in the safe room. When some dogs panic they will do anything to escape, so it is imperative to remove anything your dog may try to chew or scratch through in an attempt to flee. Also make sure your dog is wearing her collar with her [identification information](#), just in case she does escape before you are able to get her to a safe room. While your dog is indoors, be sure to keep all fireworks out of her reach. Unlit fireworks contain chemicals that can be toxic to dogs if ingested.

**Leave your dog at home:** Since your dog is a member of the family, you may be tempted to bring her along to enjoy the fireworks. But if you have the slightest doubt about—or have never seen—how your dog reacts to fireworks, it is best to leave her at home. Fireworks can provoke so much fear and panic in dogs that they sometimes cause even the most well-behaved and mild-mannered dogs to go into a state of terror that is difficult to control.

**Reassure rather than reinforce:** When your dog is afraid of something that is not a true threat, it is natural to want to sit with her, talk to her in a sweet, loving voice, and tell her that everything will be ok. But this reaction may reinforce your dog's sense of fear. If your dog is hiding and out of sorts because of fireworks, it is better to treat her as you normally would—when there are no fireworks going off—than to baby her fears. You want to project calmness but avoid *enabling* your dog's anxieties.

**If necessary, remove your dog from the situation:** Some dogs have such an intense fear of fireworks that they may need to be temporarily relocated to a quiet area on July Fourth, and on other occasions during which fireworks are used. If your dog is in this category, take her to a family member's or friend's home that is far away from any fireworks activity, if that option is available, or to a relatively calm and quiet kennel.

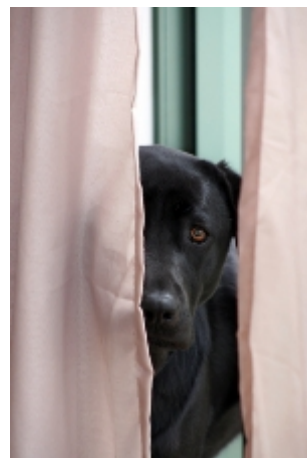
### ***Therapies to Calm Your Dog***

**D.A.P.:** D.A.P. is a "dog appeasing" pheromone that will help calm your dog's nerves. This pheromone is similar to the one mother dogs use to soothe their new born puppies. That familiar scent may create a sense of safety and relieve any stress that fireworks and other loud noises (such as thunder) may cause.

D.A.P. is available in a [spray](#) or [diffuser](#) that is perfect to use in the crate or safe room where you'll contain your dog in anticipation of fireworks. You can also buy an extended-use [collar version](#) of the product.

**Rescue Remedy:** Bach Flower Remedies has an all-natural [Rescue Remedy](#) product for pets that you can apply directly to their skin or add to their drinking water or food to help soothe them through stressful situations. Rescue Remedy can be used in conjunction with other therapies.

**Anti-anxiety medication:** For extreme cases, anti-anxiety medication may be needed. You should consult with your veterinarian to determine if anti-anxiety medication is appropriate for your dog.



## Is Camping With A Dog A Good Idea?

Courtesy of <http://pet-articles.blogspot.com>

Anywhere that you go outdoors is completely appropriate for your [dog](#) as well, right? While many pet owners believe that as long as they are not going onto someone else's property or indoors where pets are not welcome, that it is completely appropriate to bring their dog along. While this is not always true, taking your dog camping with you is a great idea for many reasons.

### Physical Exercise

Dogs need to stay active just as much as humans do. Right now we are facing an obesity epidemic, not just with the human population but with the domesticated dog population as well. More and more pets are becoming overweight and struggling with many of the same health problems that humans face as a result of carrying too much excess fat stores on their body. The best way to combat this and ensure your dog isn't one the unlucky who suffer from obesity is to get them outdoors and moving around on a consistent basis.

Camping trips are excellent sources of physical activity because you are outdoors and have access to a wide variety of recreations. You can take your dog on hikes in the nearby woods or for strolls around the camping site. You may also be able to find them a grassy area to just run around or play fetch and Frisbee. If there is a stream or creek on the campgrounds, your dog may enjoy swimming or splashing around on a hot day as well.

### Bonding Time

When you get out in the wilderness with your [dog](#), you will bond with them in ways that just can't happen at home sitting on the couch. Camping offers a lot of uninterrupted time to pet and love on your dog as well as some time to sit and enjoy looking around at the beautiful scenery together.

Of course, all of those physical activities are great for bonding and enjoying one another as well!

### Protection

Your dog can also offer an extra source of protection for you and your family. Sleeping outdoors in an area you aren't completely familiar with and around people who you don't really know can present some dangers, though you should look into the safety ahead of time. Dogs can alert you to others walking onto your campsite and provide a real sense of protection when it comes time to sack up for the night.

### Training Opportunities

If you have a smaller puppy or a dog that is still being trained on skills such as socializing with others, camping is a great opportunity to challenge their new skills and see how much progress they are making. For instance, a dog that is being trained to stay by your side and not chase after [birds](#), squirrels, and other passing creatures and objects will have tons of opportunity to master this skill in an active campground environment!

There are tons of benefits for your dog if you take them along for a camping adventure! They will enjoy just being outdoors and getting some fresh air, but they will cherish the time with you even more. Dogs live for attention and the positive feedback they get from their owners when they do something right. Taking them on a camping trip rather than leaving them behind will do a world of good for your relationship with them, as long as you select a dog-friendly campsite.

Article by Kelly Marshall of [Oh My Dog Supplies](#), check out our selection of [large dog beds](#) online.

## **BENEFITS OF DOG AGILITY TRAINING**

Courtesy of <http://pet-articles.blogspot.com>

Aside from entertainment purposes, dog agility training makes your dog vigorous and alert. This fun-filled activity even sharpens his mind and teaches him to make his own strategy on how to finish the course efficiently.

Agility training will also allow your dogs to perform obstacles. With this kind of training, dogs can improve coordination through the basic training exercises used to teach jumping and ramp work.

More importantly, you and your dog will build a better bond. This training teamwork nurtures a good communication between the pet owner and the dog which improves their working relationship.

In line with that, there are different kinds of dog agility equipment such as [dog training crates](#) and [dog exercise pens](#) that will complete your dog's obstacle training course. Every piece of equipment provides excellent improvement to your dog's whole being and attitude.

Below is a list of benefits that you and your dog can get from agility training.

### **Benefits to Dogs:**

- Keep your dog healthy.
- Allow your dog to perform his needed exercise.
- Establishes trust and confidence to you as their friend and owner
- Learning to follow basic obedience and instructions
- Develop flexibility
- Sharpens your dog's mind
- Increases your dog's endurance and confidence
- Develops your dog's speed and accuracy
- Improves his communication skills
- Allows your dog to form his own strategies

### **Benefits to Pet Owners:**

- Keep you in shape, healthy and alert
- Develop flexibility
- Helps to lose unwanted fats and gain muscle
- Increase your perseverance

Indeed, agility training gives your dog a great and exciting bonding time with you and other members of the family. Including it in your daily or weekly activities will surely strengthen your relationship with your dogs.

**(“Dog Safety” cont’d from front page)**

dogs. They may contain ingredients that are toxic to your dog. Candles and sprays containing bug deterrents may also be toxic to dogs and should remain out of their reach so they cannot be ingested.

**Fireworks:** Many dogs become very anxious and scared when the firework celebrations begin. It is important to make sure your dog is comfortable, contained, and safe while fireworks are going off. Keeping your dog secure inside your home with comfort items such as his bed and favorite toy may help calm his nerves. Playing [classical music](#) to dull the noise outside may also be soothing. If music is not an option, leaving the TV on may help. Be sure that the room or crate in which you leave your dog is a safe place where he cannot harm himself. Many dogs – even if otherwise mild-mannered or confident – will scratch and chew to try to escape from the firework noise, and end up injuring themselves in the process.

There is an increase in the number of lost dogs around the Fourth of July. The reason? Dogs who are fearful of the noise from nearby fireworks may try to seek safety by running away from the source of the noise; but since fireworks explosions can be heard from quite a distance, and there may be a number of places in the neighborhood setting off fireworks, a dog trying to get out of earshot of the explosions may end up far from home and be unsure how to get back. The best way to avoid such a fate is to keep your dog safely confined inside your home, perhaps in a crate if he is crate-trained. Alternatively, if it is not too noisy or hectic outside and your dog seems comfortable in the yard during the festivities, keep him securely tethered, via a leash, to you or a person who is trusted by both you and your dog. Be prepared to bring him inside at the first sign of fear or panic. Do not tie him up; a responsible person needs to be on the other end of his leash!

Unlit fireworks within the home are also dangerous. Fireworks contain chemicals that can be toxic to dogs if consumed, so keep all fireworks in a safe place, out of your dog's reach.

Click [here](#) for a more in-depth article on dogs and fireworks anxiety.

**Heat:** During the hot summer months it is essential to take the following precautions:

- Provide your dog with an extra water bowl.
- Keep an eye out for overexertion during walks in the heat
- Never leave your dog in your car. Even with the window down in the shade, your dog could overheat and die from heat exhaustion. Cars can heat up very quickly, and that quick trip into the store could turn fatal for your dog in a matter of minutes.

**Pool Safety:** Having a pool can pose a threat to your dog. Make sure your guests know not to put your dog in your pool, even if your dog is a great swimmer. The commotion of being in a people-filled pool could overwhelm your dog and cause him to panic and not be able to find an [escape route](#) quickly. As dogs age, so do their swimming abilities, so do not assume that your dog will always be able to keep afloat. Having a fence around your pool or keeping your dog on a leash, under your control, is your best bet to avoid any water hazards. (*Note: We'll have more articles on dogs and water safety in the near future.*)

**Note:** This list of potential dangers around the house during summer holidays is not exhaustive – that would be impossible. Keeping your home safe for your furry family members is an ongoing process that requires knowledge, awareness of your dog, attention to detail, commitment, and common sense. However, this article does point out common hazards that your dog is likely to face during summer holidays, special occasions, and major get-togethers.

If you suspect that your dog has ingested something poisonous, please do not hesitate to call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at 888-4ANI-HELP (888-426-4435). If you have general concerns that something in your dog's environment is impacting his or her health or well-being, please consult with your veterinarian.

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# ANNUAL PRACTICE MATCH

SATURDAY— JULY 17, 2010

APOLLO PARK, DOWNEY

**ENTRIES FROM 5:00 P.M. — 7:00 P.M. JUDGING STARTS AT 6:30 P.M.**

**ENTRY FEE: \$6.00 — EACH ADDITIONAL ENTRY \$4.00 (same dog)**

**RAFFLE**  
 Prizes galore!!!  
 All to be awarded

**HOTDOG DINNER**  
 STARTS 6:00 P.M.  
 ADULTS \$5.00  
 CHILD (UNDER 10) \$2.50  
 INCLUDES: HOTDOG, BAKED BEANS  
 CHOICE OF 2 HOMEMADE SALADS,  
 HOMEMADE CAKE & BEVERAGE

Homemade cake \$ .50

Beverage \$ 1.00

Abusive training on grounds will not be allowed (no electronic collars)

BEGINNING NOVICE, NOVICE A, NOVICE, OPEN, UTILITY  
 RALLY — NOVICE A, NOVICE, ADVANCED, EXCELLENT  
 TROPHIES 1ST TO 6TH IN BEGINNING NOVICE  
 TROPHIES 1ST TO 4TH IN NOVICE A & RALLY NOVICE A ONLY

Qualifying scores required

\* Beginning Novice \* Novice A \* Rally - Novice A

ALL OTHER CLASSES WILL BE "SHOW N GO".

SEPARATE GROUP RING

"ADDITIONAL GROUPS" \$1.00 AT RING SIDE

APOLLO PARK, 12544 Rives — CORNER OF RIVES & IMPERIAL HWY.

**DIRECTIONS:**

Santa Ana Fwy (5) — to Paramount Blvd., south on Paramount to Imperial, turn right go 1 block.

San Gabriel Fwy (605) — to Imperial, west on Imperial to 1 block past Paramount.

Long Beach Fwy (710) — to Imperial, east on Imperial to Rives, 1 block before Paramount.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### July

- 8 Papillon Club of America: All breed obedience & rally in the afternoon, Ventura County Fairgrounds  
 9 - 11 Channel City KC, Santa Maria KC, Ventura County Dog Fanciers Assoc – Seaside Park, Ventura  
 10 *Health Clinic: OFA Heart auscultation, hips, elbow, shoulder, patella luxation, thyroid blood test & microchip – Ventura, CA Contact: [www.showdogmed.com](http://www.showdogmed.com)*  
**10 LRCSC Board Meeting – Denny's in Brea 6:00p**  
 15 – 18 Splash Dogs at the California State Fair Cal Expo - Sacramento  
**16 Deadline for Retriever Review submissions**  
 17 Downey Dog Obedience Group – Obedience and Rally Practice Match – Apollo Park  
 27 – Aug. 8 Splash Dogs at the Sonoma County Fair – Santa Rosa  
 28 *CERF Eye Clinic – Upland. Contact: 909.949.9200*  
 31 Lompoc Valley KC – Ryon Park, Lompoc

### August

- 7 WLAOTC Obedience & Rally Practice Match – Cheviot Hills Rec Center  
 11 - 15 Splash Dogs at Sierra Plumas County Fair – Quincy, CA  
**14 LRCSC Board Meeting – Denny's in Brea 6:00p**  
 14 SWOC Obedience & Rally Trial, South Park, Gardena  
 14 & 15 South Bay KC All Breed show, North High School, Torrance  
**20 Deadline for Retriever Review submissions**  
 21 & 22 *Health Clinic: OFA Heart auscultation, hips, elbow, shoulder, patella luxation, thyroid blood test & microchip – Reno, NV Contact: [www.showdogmed.com](http://www.showdogmed.com)*  
 25-29 Splash Dogs at the NV State Fair – Reno, NV  
 28 & 29 Santa Barbara KC, Earl Warren Showgrounds

### September

- 11 LRCSC Board Meeting – Denny's in Brea 6:00p**  
 14 SWOC Obedience & Rally Trial, South Park, Gardena  
 14 & 15 South Bay KC All Breed show, North High School, Torrance  
**17 Deadline for Retriever Review submissions**  
 25 Santa Ana Valley, KC – Cerritos  
 28 & 29 Santa Barbara KC, Earl Warren Showgrounds

### October

- 2 & 3 Burbank KC, Van Nuys  
 9 – 17 LRC Nationals – Prado Regional Park  
 16 & 17 Cabrillo KC, Del Mar  
 Black Mountain KC, Primm, NV  
 17 Obedience Club of San Diego County, Markim Pet Resort  
**15 Deadline for Retriever Review submissions**  
 23 & 24 Hidden Valley OC, All breed Obedience & Rally Trial, Escondido  
 30 & 31 KC of Riverside, Perris

## Interested in TRACKING??

Volunteer to be a tracklayer at the  
LRC Nationals in October!

Contact Celeste at  
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