

GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF GREATER LOS ANGELES

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February, 2025

Featuring our Obedience and Rally dogs



Winter Specialty 2025 - Indio, California

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Message From Our President

It was a great specialty! This issue, partly dedicated to our Jan. 2 show, will have results and photos, as well as brags, and words from our co-chairs. But I want to start with my own thoughts.

Paula Rowan and Sharyl Massey -- I can't say enough about the remarkable job you two did as first time specialty chairs. It is a daunting task to plan and implement a show of this size, with the collaborative work required to be part of a huge show cluster. You were ahead of the time-line always; you checked off every task while assuming that you were on the right track; and you built a beautiful event that brought many words of praise from exhibitors and attendees.

Paula and Sharyl will have their own thanks to members elsewhere in this issue. I just can't say enough: thank you ladies. Well done!

To all GRCGLA members: wishing you a 2025 that brings joy instead of sorrow, laughter instead of tears, hope instead of despair. 2024 was unkind to many of us, but the half full philosophy still wins. Fill your glasses! We have a chance to build joy with our gold dogs. I'll be giving it my best.

Nancy Talbott,
GRCGLA President

Announcements

Volunteers Needed

Our ByLaws and Standing Rules require two committees to be filled for the first half of 2025-2026. If you are a long time member, we need your experience! If you are relatively new and want to get involved in the club, consider raising your hand! Contact Nancy Talbott at belgoldnt@gmail.com, 661-547-9985 for more details, questions, or to volunteer.

— **Nominating Committee:** to select nominees for Board and Officer positions in the club. Committee initially meets (usually by Zoom) in April and must conclude the slate by early June. One year term. Nominating committee members cannot serve for two consecutive years.

— **Conformation Judges Selection Committee:** to select a ranked preferred judges' list for the 2026 specialties (including the GRCA Western Regional Specialty in March 2026). Committee members should have recent experience in the conformation ring. Committee meets (usually by Zoom) in June and generally concludes within three months. Members may serve more than one consecutive term.

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GRCGLA BOD Meeting: Feb 25, 2025 6:30 PM *Special Palm Springs Specialty Discussion*

GRCGLA Fun Day, General Meeting, Canyon RV Park: Mar 2, 2025 9:00 AM

GRCGLA BOD Meeting: Mar 11, 2025 7:00 PM

GRCGLA Specialty, (Obed/Rally Supported Entry with SLOKC) Bakersfield: Mar 29, 2025

GRCGLA BOD Meeting: Apr 15, 2025 7:00 PM

GRCGLA Specialty, City of Industry: Apr 19, 2025

GRCGLA Ice Cream Social, General Meeting: May 2025 TBD

GRCGLA BOD Meeting: May 13, 2025 7:00 PM

GRCGLA BOD Meeting: Jun 10, 2025 7:00 PM

GRCGLA BOD Meeting: JULY 8, 2025 7:00 PM

Grooming Seminar: August, (date/location to be determined)

GRCGLA Agility Trial Aug 29-Aug 31, 2025



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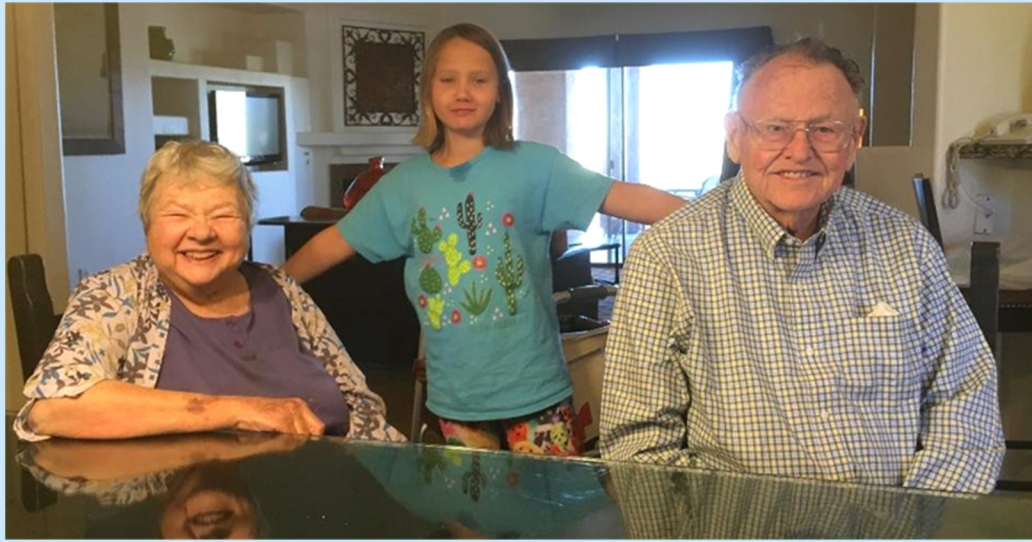
Editors

Watch for future Newsletter requests from your Corresponding Secretary/Editor for submission of brags, bios, fun photos, articles and items of interest. Please submit those directly to Andrea Mraz. Thank you!

Andrea Mraz, (Brags, bios, articles, and requestts)

Donna Lee, (Technical questions)

~In Memoriam~



Edward L. Smith, LIFETIME GRCGLA member

Edward L. Smith, 90, passed away peacefully at home in his sleep on November 24, 2024, after a brief illness. Born in Los Angeles, California in 1934 to Edward L. Smith, Jr., and Helen Smith, he lived in Los Angeles all his life. After graduating from Hollywood High, he attended UCLA where he met his future wife, Anne, in a bowling class. They were married in 1959 after he completed his engineering and MBA degrees. A summer job at Douglas Aircraft turned into an entire career—he stayed with the company providing long-range financial forecasting even after it became first McDonnell Douglas and then Boeing.

Ed was a lifelong avid hiker and fisher; his favorite place to spend summer vacations was Mammoth Lakes. He raised and trained numerous Golden Retrievers and, after retirement, enjoyed traveling through the Southwest collecting Native American baskets and pottery.

He is survived by Anne Smith, his wife of 65 years, his son Steve and his partner Kerry, his daughter Christy, son-in-law Bruce and granddaughter Amelia.



There will be no funeral services. We hope everyone will celebrate his memory in their own ways. Donations in his memory can be made to the West Los Angeles Obedience Training Club or the UCLA School of Engineering.

Christy

A note from the Editors:

This GRCGLA Golden Gazette Edition focuses on our Rally and Obedience Competitors and their dogs, along with our January 2025 Specialty in Indio. Each month we ask our Members if they'd like to share a story and/or photos about their journey with their dogs related to the Newsletter theme. This Edition contains the stories and photos shared by Members, or that were retrieved as a part of our photo archives. For our next Edition we invite our Members to share their photos and stories for our focus on Hunt and Field. So dig deep into your memories and photo galleries to find great things to share!

Thank-you to all our Members for your support and participation! We had lots of submissions to our Brags and Special Moments Section this month. Keep them coming!
- Andrea and Donna

~ January Specialty ~

Golden Toast To 2025

What a wonderful way to bring in the new year and celebrate a "Golden Toast to 2025" at our January Specialty in Indio! The weather was wonderful, and the beautiful Empire Polo Club grounds made for a great venue to catch up with friends and watch our Goldens shine in the ring. We send a heartfelt thanks to all who attended and supported our club.

We had a strong entry of beautiful Goldens judged by Deborah Hubbard and Lauren Texter for sweepstakes and we were very pleased that eligible winners were able to earn 5 point majors. Winners were also awarded hand painted trophies by Jenny's Dog Art which were custom made for this year's theme: Golden Toast to 2025.

A special thank you to Bob and Chris Rubin for all their work in putting together the raffle which included a variety of great prizes. Raffle ticket sales totaled \$835.00, of which ninety percent of profits will go to support the GRCGLA Rescue. They say it takes a village to organize an event like this and we couldn't agree more. We are very grateful to all those who helped to make our first Specialty of the year a great day!

Extra special thanks to:

*Nancy Talbott
Dave Garges
Gerri Monohan
Lynn Feldner
Dave & Debbie Ramsey
Bob & Chris Rubin*

Sincerely,

*Paula Rowan (Chair)
Sharyl Massey (Co-Chair)*



GRCGLA January Specialty



GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB
OF GREATER LOS ANGELES



Specialty Raffle
With proceeds to the GRCGLA Rescue

\$20 for 25 tickets or \$1 per ticket

Thank you to our prize sponsors!

- Flying Pig pet dryers; flyingpigsgrooming.com
- Socal Vet Hospital; socalvethospital.com
- MJM Company West (#1 All Systems); mjmcompany.com
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- Wilson Creek Winery; wilsoncreekwinery.com
- Shear Delight; see their tent at this show

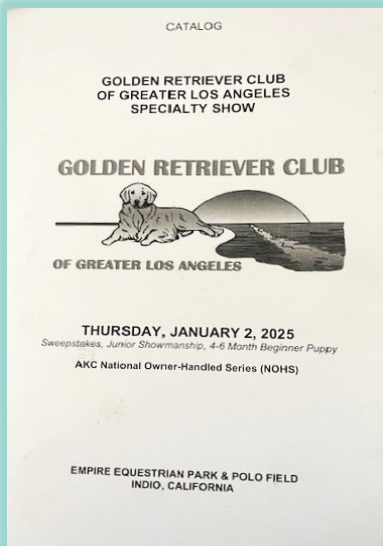
Drawing of prizes after the Specialty BOB



January Specialty



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January 2, 2025 Specialty Results



BOB- GCHS VERDORO'S THE BORDER IS CLOSED -Greenbank/Schultz/Meddaugh



BOS- GCH SMOKETREE'S COMIN' IN HOT -Honari



WB / BOW- LEONGOLDEN BE THE STAR -El Khorchi



WD- EVEREST'S WELCOME TO THE TOP SHELF -Uyeno/Ristau



RWD- 24KT FERRARI'S LIMITED EDITION -Burrows/Voss



RWB- DYNASTY'S PLAY TWO WIN AT SKYE -Miller/Reeves/Burke



BEST PUPPY- BRAELYNN'S HERE FOR A GOOD TIME -Brian



BOS PUPPY- CALICO'S MAKING A SCENE CGC TKN -Thompson



BOS VETERAN- GCH PULALI'S KISSED BY AN ANGEL AT PARKWOOD -Sage/Gearhart/Bostwick



SD- CH MYSTIC ZEN'S 7TH HEAVEN -Collands



SB / BOB NOHS- GCHB TRISTAR'S PAGE OF SECRETS RE BN SAR-W TKN CGCU -Price/Dominke/Rupert



BBE- ROSECREEK'S CHARMED AND DANGEROUS -Wilson/McCue

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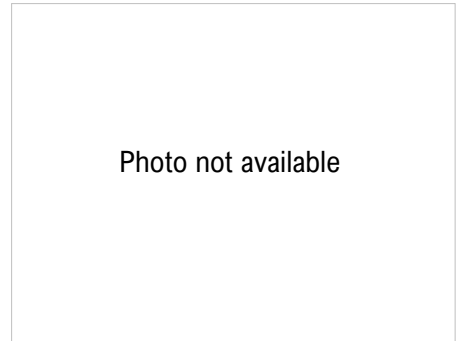
Sweepstakes



BEST IN SWEEPS- SHADALANE'S
LARKYN FLYING HIGH -Gunther/DeNevi



BEST VETERAN IN SWEEPS-
GCH WOODLAND SUNBEAM FOUR PLAY
OA OAJ -Shilkoff



BOS IN SWEEPS- BRAELYNN'S HERE
FOR A GOOD TIME -Brian

Golden Retriever Club of Greater Los Angeles
January 2, 2025 – Indio, CA
21 Dogs – 5 pts; 34 Bitches – 5 pts
5 Non-Regular and 13 Best of Breed
1 Junior Showmanship, 1 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy
16 Sweepstakes, 2 Veteran Sweepstakes
Show Chair: Paula Rowan and Sharyl Massey
Show Reporter: Nancy Talbott

SWEEPSTAKES/VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Ms. Lauren Texter

PUPPY DOGS, 6 months and under 9 months (3 competing)

1. BRAELYNN'S HERE FOR A GOOD TIME -- Brian
2. ANGEL'S VARSITY TEAM AT PULALI'S – Bostwick/Sage/Audette
3. SHADALANE'S ROLLING STONES – Gunther

JUNIOR DOGS, 15 months and under 18 months (1 competing)

1. PARADIGM DREAM ON AT TAPESTRY – Johnson/Ramsey

PUPPY BITCHES, 6 months and under 9 months (4 competing)

1. SMOKETREE'S DREAM A LITTLE DREAM OF ME – Honari
2. ROSECREEK'S FREE FALLIN' AT MUSICUR – Wilson
3. HI-TIDE'S SUN'S OUT BUNS OUT -- Jorden
4. SHADALANE'S JAZZ SWING N BLUES -- Gunther

PUPPY BITCHES, 9 months and under 12 months (4 competing)

1. SHADALANE'S LARKYN FLYING HIGH – Gunther/DeNevi
2. AYLER'S FINEST PEAK – Price/Dominke
3. CALICO'S MAKING A SCENE, CGC TKN – Thompson
4. SHADALANE'S MANDY YOUNG – Gunther/Young

JUNIOR BITCHES, 12 months and under 15 months (1 competing)

1. AMAZING LOVE ZOLOTAYA KHORTITSA – Harbuz

JUNIOR BITCHES, 15 months and under 18 months (3 competing)

1. SMOLD STONE'S THIRD TIME'S A CHARM – Stone
2. PROVIDENCE PSST! A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME @ BELMONT – Smith
3. MAIZEY'S RED HOPE OF IVYWOOD -- Jarvis

BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES – 9-12 month Bitch

SHADALANE'S LARKYN FLYING HIGH

(CH Summit's Donegal LaFata X Shyan's Hope For Shadalane)

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX IN SWEEPSTAKES – 6-9 month Dog

BRAELYNN'S HERE FOR A GOOD TIME

(GCHG Rush Hill's Brr-ing It On, CD RE FDC TKN - CH Braelynn's Here's to Us Here's to the Memories)

VETERAN BITCHES, 8 years and under 10 years (1 competing)

1. GCH PULALI'S KISSED BY AN ANGEL AT PARKWOOD – Sage/Gearhart/Bostwick

VETERAN BITCHES, 10 years and under 12 years (1 competing)

1. GCH WOODLAND SUNBEAM FOUR PLAY, OA OAJ – Shilkoff

BEST IN VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES – 10 years and under 12 years Bitch

GCH WOODLAND SUNBEAM FOUR PLAY, OA OAJ

(CH Sunbeam's Private Party X CH Woodland Take A Chance On Me)

4-6 MONTH BEGINNER PUPPY (1 competing)

Judge: Mrs. Deborah Hubbard

BEST OF BREED

WATERFRONT'S HELLUVA GOOD TIME – Greer

(CH Captivate's The Apple Doesn't Fall Far, RN JH X Waterfront's Rose By Any Other Name)

REGULAR CLASSES

Judge: Mrs. Deborah Hubbard

PUPPY DOGS, 6 months and under 9 months (3 competing)

1. BRAELYNN'S HERE FOR A GOOD TIME -- Brian
2. SHADALANE'S ROLLING STONES – Gunther
3. ANGEL'S VARSITY TEAM AT PULALI'S – Bostwick/Sage/Audette

PUPPY DOGS, 9 months and under 12 months (2 competing)

1. PREMIERE'S SINGING AND DANCING IN THE RAIN – Montague/Johnson
2. PREMIERE'S ENDLESS JOY – Texter/Daily

JUNIOR DOGS, 12 months and under 15 months (1 competing)

1. SUNCREST RUN RUN REINDEER AT POINTGOLD – Harper/Petrequin

JUNIOR DOGS, 15 months and under 18 months (2 competing)

1. BELMONT-PROVIDENCE LITTLE BIG DEAL – Belmont/Smith
2. PARADIGM DREAM ON AT TAPESTRY – Johnson/Ramsey

BRED BY EXHIBITOR ADULT DOGS (2 competing)

1. FIRE BURST FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD – Garges/Johnson
2. HI-TIDE'S FULLY LOADED – Levendoski/Jorden/Fukunaga

AMERICAN BRED DOGS (1 competing)

1. 24KT FERRARI LIMITED EDITION – Burrows/Voss

OPEN DOGS (10 competing)

1. EVEREST'S WELCOME TO THE TOP SHELF – Uyeno/Ristau
2. TEDDYBEAR'S DEALER'S CHOICE, JH CGC TKA – Cohen/Johnson-Siegle
3. COPPER CREEK'S GRAND SLAM SLUGGER – Thompson
4. FOREVER'S FUTURE RELIC OF RUSH HILL, RN TKI VHMA VHMP FITB -- Hoffman

WINNERS DOG -- Open

EVEREST'S WELCOME TO THE TOP SHELF

(Eureka Choose Wisely X Everest's Shots Fired)

RESERVE WINNERS DOG – American Bred

24KT FERRARI'S LIMITED EDITION

(CH Asterling's Hello My Name is Dalton X 24KT The Power of Magic)

PUPPY BITCHES, 6 months and under 9 months (2 competing)

1. ROSECREEK'S FREE FALLIN' AT MUSICUR – Wilson
2. SHADALANE'S JAZZ SWING N BLUES -- Gunther

PUPPY BITCHES, 9 months and under 12 months (4 competing)

1. CALICO'S MAKING A SCENE, CGC TKN – Thompson
2. SHADALANE'S MANDY YOUNG – Gunther/Young
3. SHADALANE'S LARKYN FLYING HIGH – Gunther/DeNevi
4. AYLER'S FINEST PEAK – Price/Dominke

JUNIOR BITCHES, 12 months and under 15 months (3 competing)

1. 24KT LIFE IN THE FAST LANE – Means/Voss
2. AMAZING LOVE ZOLOTAYA KHORTITSA – Harbuz
3. SUNCREST NAUGHTY AND NICE AT POINTGOLD – Weaver/Harper

JUNIOR BITCHES, 15 months and under 18 months (3 competing)

1. PARADIGM DREAM A LITTLE DREAM OF ME AT MASTERS – Masterson/Ramsey
2. PROVIDENCE PSST! A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME @ BELMONT – Smith
3. MAIZEY'S RED HOPE OF IVYWOOD -- Jarvis

NOVICE BITCH (1 competing)

1. INSIGNIA CRAZY LITTLE THING CALLED LOVE – Discount/Coffee/Miller

BRED BY EXHIBITOR PUPPY BITCHES (2 competing)

1. SMOKETREE'S DREAM A LITTLE DREAM OF ME – Honari
2. HI-TIDE'S SUN'S OUT BUNS OUT -- Jorden

BRED BY EXHIBITOR ADULT BITCHES (4 competing)

1. ROSECREEK'S CHARMED AND DANGEROUS – Wilson/McCue
2. SMOLD STONE'S THIRD TIME'S A CHARM – Stone
3. CALICO'S THE PERFECT STORM, FDC DJ CGCA TKI FDN – Thompson
4. BIRNAM WOOD'S FOLLOW THE QUEEN -- Rumsey

AMERICAN BRED BITCHES (5 competing)

1. CALICO'S AN ÉCLAIR TO REMEMBER FOR WESTWOOD – Cooper/Thompson
2. AUTUMNWOOD'S 24K MAGIC – Labord
3. EVEREST'S MIDNIGHT SPELL – Uyeno/Leffingwell
4. MASTERS TEK GYPSY QUEEN – Masterson/Oliver

OPEN BITCHES (10 competing)

1. LEONGOLDEN BE THE STAR – El Khorch
2. DYNASTY'S PLAY TWO WIN AT SKYE – Miller/Reeves/Burke
3. CALICO'S SOME LIKE IT HOT, CGCA TKN – Feldner/Benzoni/Thompson
4. TANGLELOFT EMERY TUPELO HONEY – King/McDowell/Bischoff

WINNERS BITCH – Open

LEONGOLDEN BE THE STAR

(Leongolden Go With The Waves Bibis, CGC TKN X CH Leongolden Secretly Love Bridget)

RESERVE WINNERS BITCH – Open

DYNASTY'S PLAY TWO WIN AT SKYE

(GCHS Tamarack Oughtabe The Mayor X GCH Dynasty's Tickle Me Pink, DN CGC)

VETERAN DOGS, 8 years and under 10 years (1 competing)

1. CH RUSH HILL'S GET OFF MY CLOUD – Stone/Struble

VETERAN DOGS, 10 years and under 12 years (1 competing)

1. GCHS HI-TIDE'S ISLAND OF LOVE -- Farley

VETERAN BITCHES, 8 years and under 10 years (1 competing)

1. GCH PULALI'S KISSED BY AN ANGEL AT PARKWOOD – Sage/Gearhart/Bostwick

VETERAN BITCHES, 10 years and under 12 years (1 competing)

1. GCH WOODLAND SUNBEAM FOUR PLAY, OA OAJ – Shilkoff

VETERAN BITCHES, 12 years and over (1 competing)

1. MACH2 TROLLEYCAR'S DANGEROUS WHEN WET, CD RN JH MXB2 MJG MXP2 PADP MXF T2B CA TKN – Shannon

BEST OF BREED (13 competing)

GCHS VERDORO'S THE BORDER IS CLOSED – Greenbank/Schultz/Meddaugh

(GCH Kinderval's Building a Bridge with Pebwin X GCH Verdoro's Overcoming Obstacles)

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX

GCH SMOKETREE'S COMIN' IN HOT – Honari

(GCH Rush Hill Run'n Amuck At Abelard X GCHG Smoketree's Encore)

SELECT DOG

CH MYSTIC ZEN'S 7TH HEAVEN – Collands

(CH Summit's Ancey One Last Time Marshall X CH Summit's Crimson And Clover)

SELECT BITCH & BOB NOHS

GCHB TRISTAR'S PAGE OF SECRETS, RE BN SAR-W TKN CGCU – Price/Dominke/Rupert
(CH Colorbook's True North X GCH Tristar's It Takes A Village, RN JH DN)

JUDGES AWARD OF MERIT

CH RUSH HILL'S GET OFF MY CLOUD – Stone/Struble
GCH GEAX DOG'S CORONA CHICK – Leavitt/Hagstette

BEST VETERAN – 8-10 year Dog

CH RUSH HILL'S GET OFF MY CLOUD
(GCHS CH Rush Hill's See Q'Will To Golden Hills X CH Rush Hill's My Name In Brr-Write Lights)

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX VETERAN – 8-10 year Bitch

GCH PULALI'S KISSED BY AN ANGEL AT PARKWOOD
(CH Ginger's Firebrand Kiaran CD RA X Gold Sky's Journey To The Fireworks Finale)

BEST PUPPY -- 6-9 Months Dog

BRAELYNN'S HERE FOR A GOOD TIME
(GCHG Rush Hill's Brr-ing It On, CD RE FDC TKN - CH Braelynn's Here's to Us
Here's to the Memories)

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX PUPPY – 6-9 Months Bitch

CALICO'S MAKING A SCENE, CGC TKN
(CH Hi-Tide's I Can't Drive 55 - Calico's Kiss My Keyster CGC TKN)

BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR

ROSECREEK'S CHARMED AND DANGEROUS
(CH Emery's Star Baker X GCH Five Star Musicur's The Color Purple)

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Open Senior, Best Junior Handler

1. Karson Jarvis

A Judge's Golden Observations

Kelly Shuffelbottom, the Golden Sweepstakes judge for the Southern CA Sporting Dog show on Friday of our specialty weekend, gave some general thoughts on the entry. Kelly has been a Golden breeder and handler for over 30 years, and we appreciate her being willing to share her thoughts.

General critiques are valuable to all breeders as we seek to continue breeding dogs as close to the standard as possible! We hope you will find these useful.

From Kelly:

I truly enjoyed my time judging the Golden Sweepstakes at SCSDF in such a beautiful showground! Even the weather was perfect (compared to the snow I left in PA).

The positive things I found in my entry:

****Bites** — in general they were excellent in these puppies and teenagers. In many places in the country there are mouth problems becoming common, but I found only one dog with dropped incisors and none with missing teeth. Great job!

****Tail carriage** was amazing! Only one puppy had a high tail (12:30 - 1:00 if you are looking at it like a clock face — ideal is 2:30 - 3:00). Please continue to make this a priority, as it is much better in the west than in the east at the moment!

****There** were very few open coats. In general the coat texture was acceptable, with some puppy softness expected, but you could tell that a proper jacket was already coming in with most of the older classes.

****Most** of the entry had good rears moving away — converging toward the center and not cow hocked.

****Toplines** were mostly level when moving. It is best to train your puppy to free stack with head forward, not looking up at you; or learn to hand stack with a level topline. When you bait too high or ask your puppy to pull forward and reach for the bait, they will slope their backs. I saw this in many puppies who then showed me that their backs were level when they moved. No sagging toplines at all.

Some concerns that showed up more than once:



**Several puppies stood east/west (toeing out) not because of immature chest, but with an actual curve in the forearm or pastern (like a fiddle front). This is a weakness in the skeletal structure and will cause potential injury in the field or when jumping.

**Rolling back lines, sometimes from loose skin in a puppy, but also from not being in condition or having poor shoulder construction. Don't excuse extreme rolling backs just because they are puppies!

**Backbrushing the front legs (trying to disguise faults or "build bone") — this practice was common 20 years ago, but is not attractive. Please at least smooth down the hair if you are going to backbrush legs so that they look natural, not like a bottlebrush.

**Heads — this was probably the most common concern that I saw. Puppies may go through strange stages with their heads, but by a year of age they should start to come back. In the puppies over 12 months I saw heads that were too narrow or (the opposite) were too heavy in flews with thick skin and ear leather. Be careful also of light eyes — they give a harsh expression.

** As has been the problem in the breed for many years, very few had good return of elbow with a long upper arm. You should be able to barely fit your flat hand between the elbow and ribs.

It was a pleasure to judge your puppies, and every exhibitor was kind and clearly having a good time. Have a great 2025.

Kelly Shuffelbottom



March 2, 2025

GRCGLCA

Spring Golden Fun Day

Canyon RV Park, Anaheim CA

Goldens only Obedience Ring

First Entry \$10, Additional entry, Same Dog \$5

Goldens Only Rally Ring

Unlimited Runs \$10

Sporting Dogs Conformation Handling \$10

Sign ups 9-10 AM

Rings Start at 10AM

CGC Testing 9-11 AM \$15.00

Goldens Order of the Egg 11:30 AM

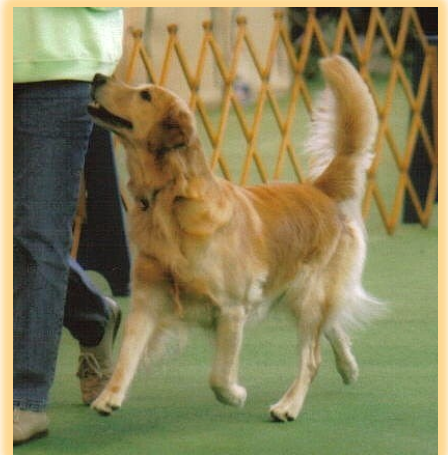
General Meeting to follow order of egg

Questions? Contact Andrea at 562-677-4897
and Mindy Smith at 562-810-8015

Area C-1, Parking Entry: \$5.00

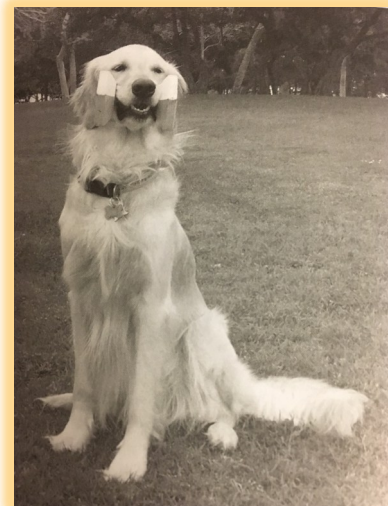


GRCGLA Goldens In Obedience

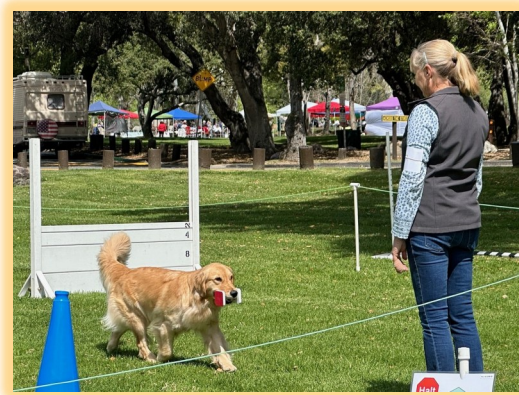


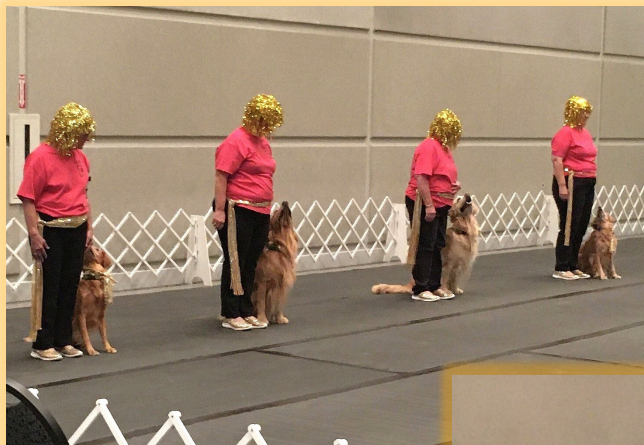
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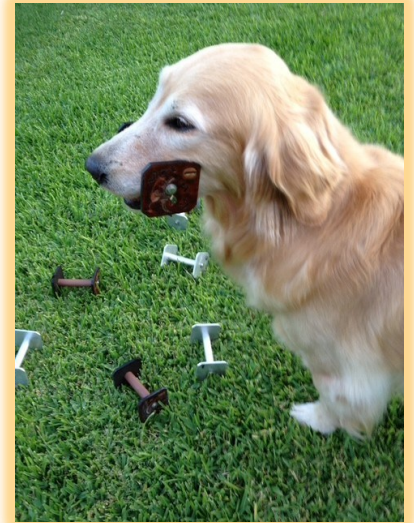
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Goldens In Obedience



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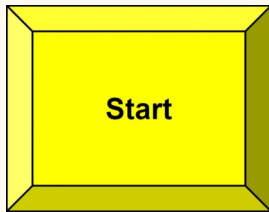
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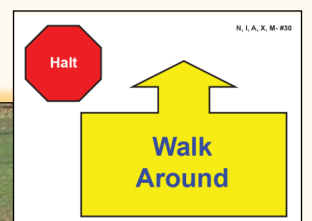
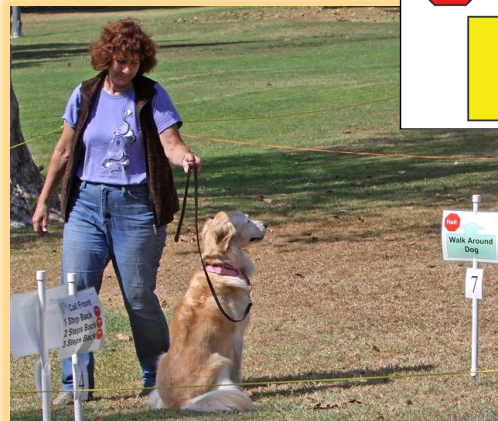
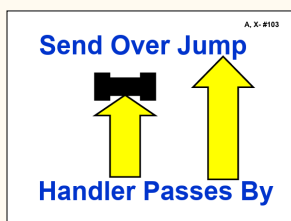
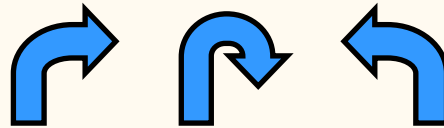


JUMP!





~ Rally ~



In the Ribbons!



~ Training Tales ~

From our members

“Trust Your Dog”

My first obedience trial— I entered my first obedience trial at our speciality when they were held in May. I decided to enter Novice A as I had been training for several months and knew my dog Reggie could do the exercises. I was a very green Novice A obedience person and I had not gone to any matches. I was so nervous and half way through the exercises the judge asked me if I was alright. Of course I said ok and must have looked as green as the grass we were on. I thought I was going to toss my cookies. I made it out of the ring and instantly felt relief. Thanks for my Golden who held me together and qualified with a first place.

Lesson learned... trust your dog.

-Gerri Monohan



~ Training Tales ~

From our members

My Novice A Obedience Journey with my Golden Girl, Baylee

We all have “that” dog that gets us started on some journeys. Baylee was my Golden that got me started down this unexpected road of competition obedience, a road that had never been previously traveled. The road I took with Baylee was full of rocky moments but, ultimately, Baylee became a confident, sweet and loving girl, who achieved goals beyond my expectations. Here is her story:

Before I knew anything about Obedience competition, and Rally was not a sport at the time, I had a Golden named “Baylee”. To say she was a handful, and a bit of a challenge, is an understatement. She was a young dog that came packaged with a multitude of behavioral quirks that made her a difficult pet. None of my prior dogs, nor those that have come after Baylee, presented such challenges, and taught me so much. Her insecurities and quick flash of attitude, with even the slightest distress, complicated her everyday life. If Baylee saw another dog in the distance she would crawl and hover on the ground. Certainly, this was not the stuff that competition dogs are made of!

It was with the help and guidance of various behaviorists and trainers that I first addressed her temperament complexities. I also joined the West Los Angeles Obedience Training Club where I became acquainted with the wonderful world of Obedience competition and gathered suggestions from the many experienced competitors who belonged to the Club.

Working to overcome Baylee’s fears proved to be a formidable task. There were days when she had difficulty getting out of the car, and could not be around crates and other dogs. To enter a practice ring for training was beyond her abilities at that point, as fearful insecurity was the hallmark of her world. Over the years I sought out methods of building confidence from a variety of resources and studied canine body language, such as presented by Turid Rugaas to better understand Baylee’s world. Gradually, with lots of reinforcement from friends and club members, and a game changer seminar by dog trainer Shirley Chong, Baylee began to change. Her confidence and our ability to work as a team grew gradually, though not without many moments of thinking we were attempting an impossible goal of competing in Obedience trials.



Amazingly, with the help and dedication of many, Baylee became a sweet, more confident dog, and developed the skills of being a dog in the strange world of competition obedience. After eight long years, our persistence earned her CDX, which included the 3 and 5 minutes, out of sight stays (Whew! Those were real nail biters!). She was trained through Utility and, though she could complete the Utility exercises among friends, competition settings proved to be too much of a challenge before her age and elbow dysplasia interfered with her jumping, and prompted her Obedience career retirement. She subsequently enjoyed Rally, during its formative stages, and earned her RN when it became a titling sport. As a fitting moment, my friends and I threw her a retirement “pink” party to celebrate the spirit of my lovely girl and her achievements. Baylee enjoyed life, sharing her world among friends, while living to the age of almost 15 years .



As much as Baylee changed, she also changed me. I learned more about dogs, dog health issues that impact Goldens, the world of dog sports, and about persistence and patience because of my girl, Baylee. She also opened a whole new world of fun and friends to me that is absolutely priceless. I wanted to share this journey with you because sometimes our goals may seem impossible, and our journey is filled with many challenges, but each experience builds more knowledge and becomes a part of our “tool box” for future endeavors. I truly believe in enjoying those journeys wherever it takes us.

Thank-you Baylee, “Baylee Golden Butterfly Wings CDX RN CGC ASCA CD”, for being a special part of this journey, called life.

-Andrea Mraz

OBEDIENCE AND RALLY RESOURCES

Below are some resources for competition obedience and rally. As a disclaimer, our club does not endorse nor promote these individuals. These are trainers who have had success in the areas of competitive Obedience and/or Rally, using varied methods. Many offer free and/or paid, online suggestions and programs to assist in your competition endeavors. There are as many trainers with different styles and techniques, as there are types of dogs, so consider your goals and the type of training that may be best suited for you and your dog. This list is provided to help guide your research. There are many other programs and resources to consider.

A great way to learn about dog sports is to attend a trial, observe and ask questions or, even better, **volunteer to steward**, which is a great way to be up close and learn the process and see the skills of many of the competitors. Typically, no experience is necessary to steward at your local obedience trials and clubs so give it a try!

One other consideration, as a Physical Therapist of humankind, it is important to ensure your dog is fit and ready to embark on the sports you play. As a PT I encountered many “weekend warrior” type strains and injuries and we certainly want to avoid that in our canine athletes. Some canine trainers also offer conditioning programs for your dog and other resources are listed below.

Most of all enjoy your journey with your companion. Many of these sports take time, repetition, and a ton of patience to develop the expertise needed for success. Enjoy the journey!

Obedience/Rally Resources:

Obedience Training Clubs: Some of these clubs may offer progressive obedience/rally competition classes and other sports programs. Please contact the clubs directly for details.

- BDTC-Buenaventura Dog Training Club (Camarillo)
- DDOG-Downey Dog Obedience Group (Downey)
- HVOC-Hidden Valley Obedience Club (Escondido)
- LOTC-Lomita Obedience Training Club (Long Beach)
- NABOC-Norco All Breed Obedience Club (Norco)
- POC-Pasanita Obedience Club (Pasadena)
- SAVKC-Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club (Santa Ana)
- SWOC-Southwest Obedience Club (Gardena)
- VHOC-Valley Hills Obedience Club (North LA/Valley)
- WLAOTC-West Los Angeles Obedience Training Club (West Los Angeles)

Non-Club Resources:

- K9IQ (Rally, Puppy obedience, Agility) (Yorba Linda CA)
- SpcaLA (Rally, Basic Obedience) (Long Beach/Los Angeles)
- Wags and Wiggles (Rally, Obedience) (Tustin and Rancho Santa Margarita)
- Zoom Room (some locations offer basic obedience) (Multiple Locations)

Online Resources/Trainers (Many have books, YouTube videos and free materials):

- Catherine Zinsky (Get To ready) (Free training articles and YouTube videos)
- Connie Cleveland (Online Obedience Training) (Obedience Road)
- Janice Gunn (TNT Training Center) (Online Programs and Free videos)
- Petra Ford (Petra's dog resource center)
- Debbie Quigley (Debbie Quigley Dog Training)
- Terri Arnold (Steppin' Up Dog Dog training Complex)
- Diane Bauman
- Bridget Carlson
- Matthew Twitty (Start To Finish Dog Training)
- Michael Ellis (The Michael Ellis School for Dog Trainers)
- Denise Fenzi (Online classes) (Denise Fenzi Dog Sports Academy)
- Adele Yunck

Local Competition Coaches/Trainers:

- Kathy Klein (Escondido)
- Kathy Moore (Norco)
- Catherine Zinsky (San Diego)
- David Zelitzky (Los Angeles) - GRCGLA Member

Dog Sports Conditioning:

- Dr Chris Zink DVM PHD DACVP DACVSMR CCRT CVSMT CVA

Sports Medicine Veterinarian who offers free, and paid, online articles, webinars, seminars, customized conditioning programs and books on conditioning and jump training. Website: ForActiveDogs.com, FB page: 4caninesports (Canine Sports Productions)

- Local and online Canine Conditioning Programs
- Sports Medicine Veterinarians for canine rehabilitation needs

Canine Sports Obedience and Rally Rules and Regulations.

The following organizations have obedience and rally programs for all breeds:

- AKC (American Kennel Club): AKC.org
- ASCA (Australian Shepherd Kennel Club): ASCA.org
- UKC (United Kennel Club) UKC.org
- YouTube videos: AKC and others provide YouTube videos on the proper performance of Rally signs

We hope you find this list helpful. Have fun with your canine companions!

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SUPERINTENDENT: BRADSHAW

JUDGES:

OBEDIENCE: MARGARET CHANDLER

AND GINA GRISSOM

RALLY: NANCY CRAIG

Four Days of Obedience and
Rally SLOKC and KCKC

Location: Kern County
Fairgrounds, Bakersfield CA

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April 18, 2025

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JUDGES:
SWEEPS: ADRIENNE HILL
REGULAR: COLLETTE JAYNES

SUPT: JACK BRADSHAW

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Summer, Ch Woodland Hot Stuff

She's now Ch Woodland Hot Stuff, "Summer", finishing her championship at the Greater Clark County KC in Richfield, Washington. Along the way to her championship, she managed to garner a BOB over some lovely specials. Summer was expertly handled by both Megan Honari and Christian Rutten for whom I am forever grateful. Summer (Verdoro's National Treasure ex Woodland the Stuff that Dreams are Made of) is bred and owned by Sharon Shilkoff. What's in store for Summer---some agility, scent work and just maybe some field work (who knows)....as she does love those dead ducks in my freezer!

-Sharon Shilkoff



**Monroe, Calico's Some Like It Hot FDC
CGCU CGCA TKN FTN**

Monroe recently earned the titles of Farm Dog Certification and Canine Good Citizen Urban as well as graduated from Pawsitive Teams Therapy Dog Prep School, and passed the Scripps Hospital Therapy Dog Evaluation. Mary, Joe and I are so proud of Monroe as she moves forward with the goal of future therapy work.

-Lynn Feldner



**Monroe, Calico's Some Like It Hot FDC
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Team Monroe was on a roll at the Desert Southwest Cluster in Yuma with Reserve Winners under Ms. Lee Whittier, Winners Bitch under Ms. Linda L. Robley and Best of Winners under Ms. Sulie Greendale-Pavez. A big thank you to Maddie McCue who presented Monroe beautifully. Monroe is owned and loved by me, my husband, Joe Benzoni, and breeder, Mary Thompson.

-Lynn Feldner

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Adele, Stellar's Amazing Starfall

Adele, Stellar's Amazing Starfall, was awarded WB, BOW under judge, Honey Glendinning, for 2 points at Canada Del Oro Kennel Club in November. We are so proud of Adele! Gael and I are so grateful to Maddie McCue for showing Adele to perfection and for her care of our special girl.

-Julia Wolfe and Gael Parks



Boomer, Copper Creek's Coupe Ka Boom

Meet Boomer, Copper Creek's Coupe Ka Boom, the newest addition to our Golden family having his one and only peaceful moment with Grandpa Toby.

-Leah Thompson



Maple Cider

Introducing Maple Cider, my four-month old golden retriever puppy. True to her name, she is sweet like maple syrup and tangy like cider. She has already begun training scentwork and is quite confident on her skateboard.

-Diane Schlesinger

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Enzo, 24KT Ferrari Limited Edition

Garnering a beautiful 5 point major RWD at the GRCGLA Specialty in Palm Springs. Many thanks to respected judge Deborah A Hubbard for finding this young boy in an outstanding line up. This was a great weekend for Enzo finishing with two 5 point RWD and One 4 point RWD. Always presented beautifully by Janice Hayes. Big congratulations to Enzo's loving mom and Dad, Susan and Alan Burrows. I'm a proud breeder!

-Judi Voss



Breezy, GCH Ch Sweet Days of Summer RN NA XF FitB CCA

WOW! Team Breezy had a whirlwind few months as he was awarded BOB and Select at the Western Round-up Shows for 5 and 3 point majors! He then started 2025 with BOS, awarded by esteemed breeder judge Geri Gerstner Hart at the Sporting Dog Specialty for a 5 pt major that finished his GCH! I am beyond thrilled! A huge thank-you to KayCee Klang for her beautiful handling, to the judges who recognized Breezy, and to Dana and Theresa Douglas for entrusting Breezy with me. We are looking forward to a bright future as we focus on our sports. Go Breezy!

-Andrea Mraz



Jester

I am thrilled to have finished a ridiculous travel schedule and brought my puppy Jester home. His basic training was fabulous with the Daverns, and I am now happily finding time to field train with Danette Weich. It is a challenge to learn the simple tasks of keeping the whistle in my mouth, while holding the tab on his collar, while being sure he is lined up correctly — and then as he returns with the bird, standing still, giving his come-in whistle, and not overtalking!!! Walking, chewing gum while carrying a tray of glasses, anyone? Luckily Jester loves the work, despite his flailing owner.

-Nancy Talbott

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Dawn, Mystic Zens Marshalling in the Scarlet Dawn

Our little girl, MYSTIC ZENS MARSHALLING IN THE SCARLET DAWN (Dawn), has been enjoying being a pretty girl earning a group 3 earlier this summer and finishing her grand championship on November 1st. We are looking forward to her new career of being a momma dog. She is expecting puppies in February!

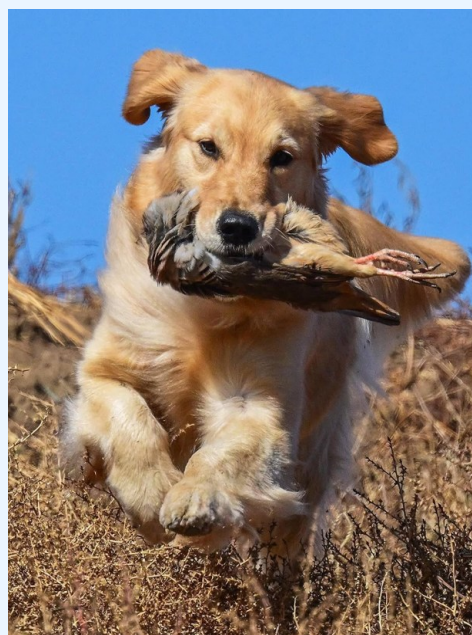
-Kimmie Easterling



Gracie, ElkCreek on Cloud Nine

Gracie celebrates her 6th birthday on January 11th with her family, Lynn Feldner, Joe Benzoni, and Golden besties, Graham and Monroe.

-Lynn Feldner



Cali, Jazzin's Upland Girl CDX BN RN TD JH MHUA MHU12 CGCU TKN ATT WC VC CCA

Cali earned her Master Hunter Upland Advanced title. She also earned her Master Hunter Lifetime Achievement Title which is awarded to dogs that have earned 12 Master Hunter legs. Cali is an MHU12 and every time she earns another leg, AKC will add it to this title. She earned this title on her 3rd birthday!

-Jennifer Darcy

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Oliver, CH Copper Creek's Grand Slam Slugger

Oliver is now CH Copper Creek's Grand Slam Slugger, getting those last championship points in whopping style with a 5-point major at the January Sporting Dog Fanciers Show at the KCPS shows. Special thanks to breeder judge Geri Gerstner Hart for selecting him as WD from a lovely line up of Goldens. A HUGE thank-you to Robert Scott for beginning the journey, and to Maddie McCue for the spectacular ending...Special thanks to KayCee Klang and Ashley for standing in when your handling expertise was needed. What a remarkable group! I am so very grateful to all of you ❤️🐾❤️ (Official photo by Bob Kohler)

-Leah Thompson

Oz, Fire Burst Follow The Yellow Brick Road

David and Oz had a good time in Arizona in November taking Best in Sweepstakes both days at the Palo Verde Golden Retriever club show. They also had fun at Palm Springs winning Bred By Exhibitor 3 out of 4 days. We sure are proud how this guy is maturing.

-Dave and Kathi Garges



Devyn, Rosecreeks Free Fallin' At Musicur

I got a very special birthday present at the SoCal Sporting Dog Fanciers Specialty at the lovely Palm Springs venue. My 6 month old puppy, Rosecreeks Free Fallin' At Musicur won Best in Sweepstakes! This was "Devyn's" first show (except for her 4-6 class wins) and she was the youngest puppy in competition. We thank Kelly Shufflebottom for this awesome win. Devyn is bred by Sharon & Lauryn Wilson, Star Beckwith and myself, Suzanne Wilson, with whom she lives!

-Suzanne Wilson

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ENZO, 24KT Ferrari Limited Edition

ENZO, 24KT Ferrari Limited Edition picks up a nice 3 point major at the Sahiaro Kennel club in Arizona. Enzo needs just one more major to complete his championship! Enzo is always presented by the guiding hands of Janice Hayes. Enzo is loved and owned by Alan and Susan Burrows and Judi Voss. We are all so proud of of this young boy

-Judi Voss



Posy, 24KT The Fast and Furious

Posy, 24KT The Fast and Furious, wins a nice 2 points the first time in the show ring. Taking her first trip with her handler, Kaycee Klang, to Arizona at the Kachina Kennel club. We are all proud of our sweet girl. Posy is owned and loved by Dan and Kumiko McNair and Judi Voss.

-Judi Voss



Shelby, 24KT Life In The Fast Lane

Shelby, 24KT Life In The Fast Lane, wins an impressive WB / BOW / BOS in Arizona for a nice 4 point major. Shelby is beautifully handled by the lovely Tara Schultz

Shelby is owned and loved by Dr. Karen Means, Sarah Means and myself, Judi Voss. Shelby has a bright future ahead!

-Judi Voss