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Good boy, good girl and good dog was heard as praise from many SoCal members at our first training day of the 2012 training season. The training day was scheduled a month early so members could get a jump start to their training for a spring test set for April. There seemed to be a good showing of young dogs for this training day with handlers using check cords to reinforce commands and drags laid down to start these young students learning how to track. There was even a voyage made out to “Falco Island” to get one young student to swim on his own.

Training was kept to the basics as showing these students how much fun it is to be a hunting dog was the overall theme. This is an important time in a young dog’s life and as stated by Professional trainer Rick Smith, “Let your puppy have a childhood full of leadership, learning and fun, and your final product will be a dog that thinks but has energy channeled into working within a successful pack, with you as the leader. The genetics are pre-programmed into our pups, but we are solely responsible for the rest”.

I’m looking forward to our next training day set for February 19th. when all those hunters, that missed training day, are due to show up with their stories and bird counts. I hope to see you there.



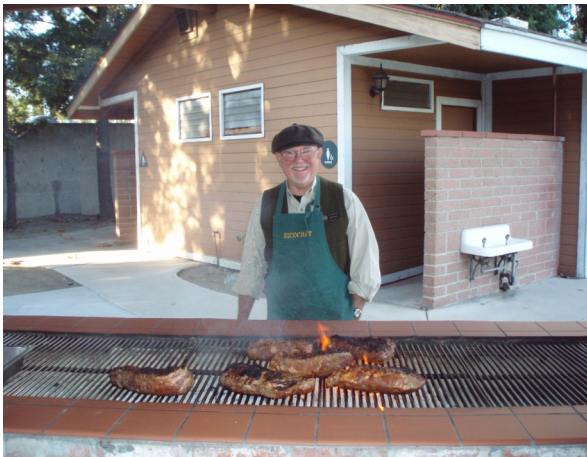
SoCal members Kim Gentner with *Shelby*
and
Irene Fradella with *Falco*

TRAINING DAY PHOTOS



SoCal HOLIDAY PARTY

Thanks to SoCal member Jon Vesely, also a member of the Compton Hunting and Fishing Club, we were able to use this historic site for our holiday party. The club founded just after World War II was a treasure chest of mounted game animals and photos of great hunts and fishing trips. The surrounding club grounds with its park setting and barbecue facility along with a great kitchen was the perfect spot for the event. Donated raffle prizes, holiday beverage and a great dinner made for a festive SoCal NAVHDA evening.



NAVHDA ANNUAL MEETING

This years annual meeting hosted by the San Diego Chapter was a great success. The San Diego Chapter members all pulled together and gave the attending visitors a great experience. The three day event at the Dana Hotel on San Diego's Mission Bay started with an open forum with the NAVHDA Executive Council on Friday and followed with a Delegates meeting in the Mission Bay Ballroom.

Saturdays events started with the Hall of Delegates meeting and then two speakers at the top of there respective fields, Dr. Katie Kangas spoke on holistic & homeopathic medicine, and Dr. Brook Niemic spoke on Veterinary Dentistry. Both speakers were very informative and interesting. After a short break Stan Landaess gave turkey calling instructions with Joe Nunez following with how to make a quail call and use it. A late entry into the program was a young lady that twice had performed on the Jay Leno show. She "brought the house down with laughter" as she performed perfect bird calls of just about any bird you could think of. The day's meeting closed with visiting attendees making their way to the evening's "Banquet Awards Dinner" where, among others, Guido presented awards pins to SoCal NAVHDA members that had taken their dogs to the Invitational and received passing VC titles.



Guido and Annamarie
making their quail calls

Sunday's programming started with Dr. Brian Denny who spoke on Veterinary Chiropractic Care. Dr. Denny performed his care on dogs that were brought in by San Diego NAVHDA members and physical corrections could be seen taking effect as relaxed dogs left the stage.

Thanks to Purina, a NAVHDA sponsor, professional trainer Rick Smith and his " Silent Command System" was the meeting's last speaker. Rick spoke of the importance of a training foundation that is the solid base as the first formal step to building a good bird dog. Rick showed attendees how to use the "Command lead (also known as the Delmar Smith wonder lead)" that many NAVHDA chapter members use. Rick said "I'm here to answer your questions as long as it takes" and it did take some time. San Diego Chapter member Bob Smith had to inform the meeting that the hotel needed the room, so we took the program outside where the back drop of moored yachts was added to Ricks instructions.



Professional Dog Trainer Rick Smith
2012 NAVHDA
Annual Meeting

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Lynda Franklin VHD 2010:

Never train when you are in a hurry, and always keep a positive attitude. Remember what is in your heart goes down the leash and into your dog. Enjoy yourself.

DOGS OF FAITH

<http://www.dogwork.com/prybrme8/>

Reinforcement

Honey I'm getting tired of that dog whining, can't we do something? Have you checked on him lately? No he's not whining.



Voyage to "Falco Island"

GOLDEN COLLAR AWARD HEATS UP

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Best in show: Blackie vs. Uggie

Martin Scorsese

WHILE I have been extremely heartened by the reception of my movie "Hugo," I feel that there is one area where we've been severely slighted.

I have been cautioned against speaking out on this issue lest I create the appearance of churlishness. Well, I'm going to have to risk it.

One recent morning, I turned on the television, and imagine my surprise when I heard the nominations for the first Golden Collar Awards for Best Dog in a Theatrical Film. After all, we had Blackie the Doberman in our movie. How could she *not* be nominated?

I listened in vain for Blackie's name to be called, and then to all the hullabaloo over a certain Jack Russell terrier named Uggie. Actually, Uggie is so adorable that he received two nominations for two separate pictures. Well done.

OK, let's lay all our cards on the table. Jack Russell terriers are small and cute. Dobermans are enormous and — handsome. More tellingly, Uggie plays a nice little mascot who does tricks and saves his master's life in one of the films, while Blackie gives an uncompromising performance as a ferocious guard dog who terrorizes children. I'm sure you can see what I'm driving at.

We all have fond memories of Rin Tin Tin and Lassie, the big stars, the *heroes*, but what about

the *antiheroes*? We have learned to accept the human antihero, but when it comes to dogs, I guess we still have a long way to go.

I'm proud of Blackie, who laid it on the line and dared to risk the sympathy of her audience. Let's just say that on the set, she had a fitting nickname: Citizen Canine. The bath scene alone is a masterpiece of underplaying, with Blackie's wonderfully aquiline face accentuated by the 3-D.

I detect another, more deep-seated prejudice at work. Jack Russell terriers were bred in the 19th century for the purposes of fox hunting by an Englishman, the Rev. John Russell. Dobermans were bred by a German tax collector who was afraid of being bludgeoned to death by the citizenry. But does that mean we must condemn the entire breed? Must we forget the magnificent physical achievements of such legendary Dobermans as Bingo von Ellendonk (who achieved a perfect score in the storied Schutzhund competition), Borong the Warlock, Baracuda Liborium or Caravelle Drillbit?

In short, I protest the omission of Blackie the Doberman from the first Golden Collar nominations. Moreover, I encourage all Times readers to make their preference known to the editors of Dog News Daily by write-in ballot and give Blackie the nomination she so richly deserves.

MARTIN SCORSESE is the director of "Hugo."

'Hugo' pooch collars votes

Blackie, the canine star of Martin Scorsese's "Hugo," was granted a late nomination in the Golden Collar Awards following a write-in campaign sparked by the film's director, Martin Scorsese.

In an op-ed article in The Times Sunday, Scorsese argued that the Doberman was deserving as an antihero. That prompted Dog News Daily, the organizer of the awards, to promise Blackie a spot as a sixth nominee if the pooch garnered 500 write-ins on Facebook, a milestone achieved Monday morning.

Blackie's nomination pits her squarely against Uggie, the winsome Jack Russell terrier nominated for roles both in "The Artist" and "Water for Elephants." The other nominees are Cosmo from "Beginners," Denver from "50/50" and Hummer from "Young Adult." The winners will be announced Feb. 13.

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Training Days Guidelines & Procedures

- (1) Please keep your dog under control at all times, particularly when he/she is not working on a drill.
- (2) Everyone in the field must wear blaze orange hat, t-shirt or vest and have completed a hunter safety class or have a hunting license.
- (3) Children are to be supervised and remain in the designated parking area at all times.



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