



NOVEMBER 2023

## A Place Where Dogs Can Do the Zoomies!

Well, maybe not the zoomies with which most of us dog owners are familiar, but a ZOOM Room experience. See what we mean at our November 13th Tailwaggers meeting. We meet in the Equestrian Center Lounge at 6:00. "The Zoom Room is a revolutionary indoor dog training gym," says Jared Vaughan, who along with his wife, Ashley, own the business. Their philosophy is: "we do not train dogs, we train the people who love them!" They aim to provide a fun, social atmosphere for people to strengthen the bond of communication

with their beloved dogs. As life-long residents of Kern County and avid dog lovers, they jumped at the opportunity to bring a facility like this to our community. Their main offerings are puppy, obedience and agility training with a flexible schedule that will fit most peoples' schedules. Since opening in January of 2022, they have had the pleasure of meeting hundreds of Kern County residents and their dogs. They firmly believe that a well-trained dog makes for a happier, healthier and a more relaxed and confident best friend.



### Vote for Your Board Members

Voting for your Tailwaggers Board members will happen at this meeting! If you want to be on the Board, NOW is the time to let us know!



**Members and member guests are invited come to the meeting on November 13, in the Equestrian Lounge. Doors open for refreshments at 6:00 and the meeting is at 6:30.**

# President's Message

## Our Pets Make It Easy To Be Thankful

**Pam Miller**

I started thinking about being grateful for my dogs a month ago, and although I've had time to change my mind, I haven't. I guess during the month my dogs have had plenty of chances to be mad at me, and to want to punish me, and to want to yell at me, but they haven't. It doesn't seem to matter what has gone on, they still wag their tails when I get home and give me plenty of kisses and hugs. I am thankful to have such loving and forgiving beings in my life and in my heart.



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**Nancy Chefalo:**

I am thankful to Maya, Angie and Isis for their unconditional love. To Maya, thank you for your warm cuddles and lap hugs! To Angie, thank you for your hilariously cute smiles and shadowing us with your concern for our safety. To Isis, thank you for your beautiful blue eyes and your resilience during aging. Our home is filled with your spirits!!



Angie



Maya



Isis

# Our Pets Make It Easy To Be Thankful

**From Holly Bennett:**

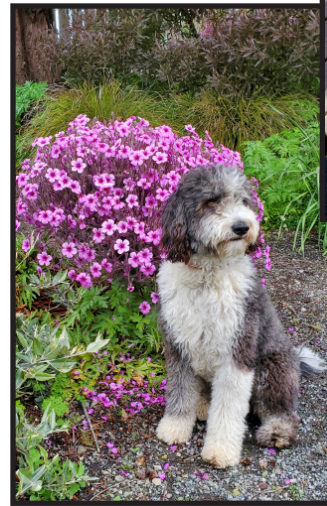
What I love the most about Reyna, my life companion for 11 years, is exactly that: Reyna has been with me through the good, bad, and so-so times. During all these times, she snuggles with me every night, gives me her rare kisses freely (especially if I have been drinking coffee), makes me laugh, and loves me unconditionally.

Paizlee loves me unconditionally also, although she shows it much differently. Her demonstrations include excessive kisses, cuddling, staying as close as possible, eliciting walks whether I feel like it or not, and her cute tail wagging often.

What I love about Reyna and Paizlee the most is who we are together: our own loving and unique family!!!



Reyna



Paizlee



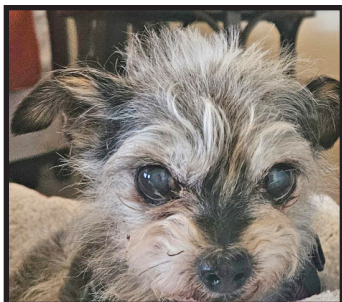
**From Terry Albert:**

I am thankful for Mollie the dachshund when she cuddles at my side, and how she makes me laugh when she's digging for gophers. She is the definition of unconditional love.

I am thankful for Pepper the sheltie, who my neighbor has christened "The bouncy one." His endless energy and intelligence keeps me sharp; his affection reminds me that even crazy dogs need love.

I am thankful for Treasure the collie who is everything Lassie should be. Sweet, gentle and calm, sincere and thoughtful, I feel he talks to me with his heart.

Both Pepper and Treasure are rescues from hoarding situations. I'm thankful they found me and make me a better person. Mollie was also a rescue, fat and sassy. She is the most loving animal I have ever known.



**From Jane Tanaka:**

I am grateful to our scruffy little Wally for teaching me about aging with grace.

**From Lori Frear:**

Thank you my "Amber" girl for taking care of my Mom, and being such a loving companion to her. Beautiful girl, you always wait for me, ever faithful, full of love, and bounding with joy! I am so grateful for you and treasure each day we have....

Love, Lori



Continued...

# Our Pets Make It Easy To Be Thankful

## From Lynn McNeely

I am grateful for my dog Sally who passed on Sept 12, 2023 for making me smile, for being the Queen and running the house, for keeping us safe from moles, for training Gipper from a young puppy, for always being ready for a ride in the truck, and for loving me and being a great friend.



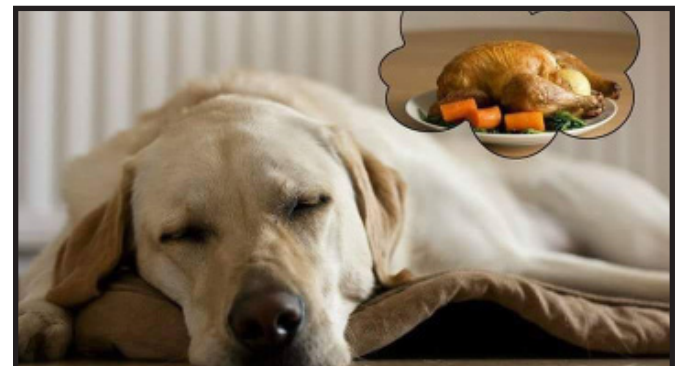
Sally



Gipper

I am grateful for my dog Gipper for also making me smile, for taking me for walks, for playing ball with me, for always being ready to try new things, for keeping me safe and warm, and for loving me and being a great friend.

I went to the shelter to get a cat but I left with a pair of best friends. This was their first night home.



I am thankful for....

- Pawprints on my floor
- Slobbery kisses on my face
- Nose prints on my windows
- Dog hair on my clothes
- No room in my bed
- For there will come a day when these things will be missed

# Tailwaggers Happy'ngs

## General Meetings

General meetings are the second Monday of every month, unless notified differently. We meet in the Equestrian Center lounge at 6:00 for refreshments and 6:30 for the meeting. We will hold Board elections at the November meeting.

### November 13 Speakers

#### The Zoom Room

We have a real treat at the November meeting. Trainers from the Zoom Room will share with us what their facility in Bakersfield has to offer. It promises to be a fun evening.

### December 11, Christmas Pot Luck!

## Special Events

### November 18

#### Christmas Pictures with Your Pups

Equestrian Center Lounge  
12:00 to 3:00 See flyer on page 8

## Agility Division

### This division held the Last Agility Playday this Year.

We look forward to beginning again next spring  
Contact Gary Hill, 480-216-8488, for more information.

## K9 Fitness Division

### WalkAbouts

This is a weekly event on Fridays at **9:00**. Meet at the Nature Path by the ball field. It's a wonderful way to connect and meet new TW friends while socializing and exercising our dogs. You can join us with or without a dog.

### HikeAbouts

Hiking the trails with our dogs will begin again in the spring. We are looking for volunteers to lead the HikeAbout along with Rona MacKay. Call Rona if you would like to help. 310-367-4742.

## Training Division Events

### NEW TRAININGS!

#### Meg and Molly's Training Academy

Offerings include AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy training, AKC Good Canine Citizen/Obedience and Rally training. The dates for the next series of classes will be announced soon. For more information, or to sign up for 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 the spring. She is teaching Nosework classes now in Tehachapi and other locations. Contact Rebecca at 661-435-1194 to sign up or for more information.

## Dog Park Division



## Therapy Dog Division

### Happy Hounds and Friends Reading Program & Other Activities

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



## Wine Tasting and Silent Auction Fundraiser Was Just Plain Fun!

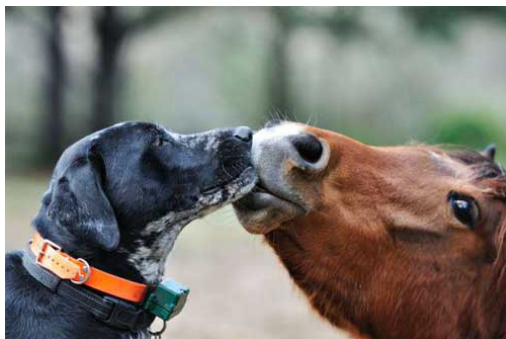


Everyone I talked to said they enjoyed the food, drinks, and friends. They even went home having gifts with which they were very happy.

After expenses, paying for the space and a drink for everyone, we made over \$900! This money will help us bring speakers to our meetings.

We sincerely thank all those who donated auction items. It's because of your generosity that we were able to hold this event. Thank you to all of you that attended the event and were willing to "play the game" and support Tailwaggers.

A huge thank you to **Jeannie Alvarado** and **Lucy Radike** for facilitating this event! Thank you to **Diana Munday** for all your help.



*Love and appreciation all the way around!*

## The Rescue Division Announces a New Project and a Special Event

Last year the Rescue Division focused on helping Have a Heart get a SNIP Bus up to Tehachapi to provide low cost spay and neutering of dogs. With everyone's help we reached our goal and gave Have A Heart \$8,000.

This year, with the vision and determination of Molly Mackin, we are going to focus on helping shelter dogs and shelter staff. Shelter workers are heroes for facing the crisis of too many dogs without homes. They are doing a great job while under tremendous stress and we are so grateful to them for their service. In light of what is happening in the overcrowded shelters we are starting a new project called Project HOPE.

We hope, through this project, we can relieve some of the burdens of the staff and give help to the dogs living there. We will be announcing Project Hope on Monday, November 13 at are next meeting and officially launching in February 2024.

We have a great group of people who have met together to make a difference. We believe more people will join us as we grow Project Hope. We are amazed at the outpouring of support already experienced. We live in this generous community where people really come together to help and where they can meet great new friends along the way!

Come to the meeting on Monday, Nov. 13th to hear the details!



# Project Hope



Tailwaggers Partner with Canine Creek to Give Hope and Service to Shelter Dogs



## DEAR VOLUNTEERS



### PHASE ONE:

- Donating needed supplies
- Walking Dogs (Call 818-512-9836 for more information).

**SHOP LOCAL – 20% DISCOUNT FOR ITEMS BOUGHT AT CANINE CREEK FOR PROJECT HOPE**

We Need You To Donate Blankets, Sheets, Towels And Kongs For The Mt. Vernon Shelter.

Please Call Molly Mackin, 818-512-9836 About Donating

## Canine Creek Partners with Project HOPE

We want to thank Canine Creek for partnering with the Rescue Division's Project HOPE. They are offering a 20% discount for all items donated to Project HOPE. Let's "Shop Local" and support Kelly Dudevoir, the owner of Canine Creek, for her generous offer!



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*Christmas Pictures with your Pups*  
*Take a Family Picture for your Christmas Card*

BVS  
Tailwaggers

<b>DATE:</b> November 18, 2023 <b>PLACE:</b> The Equestrian Center Lounge <b>TIME:</b> 12:00 - 3:00	<b>RSVP:</b> Contact Holly Bennett at 661-557-5313 to make your photo appointment between 12:00pm - 3:00pm	<b>COST:</b> Sitting fee and digital file \$25 Each additional picture, \$10 <i>You don't have to be in Tailwaggers.</i>
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## The Rescue Division Is At It Again!

*The money we make will go for Project HOPE*

**Don't miss getting your Christmas family picture taken with your dogs.**

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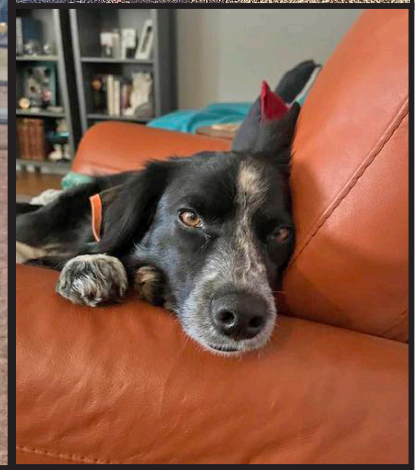
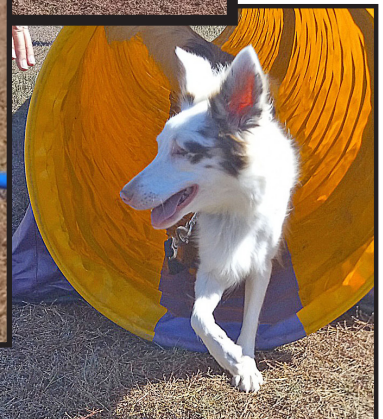
# Tailwaggers Agility Playday

**By Gary Hill  
Cheers!**

Wow! What a grand finale to our 2023 agility season!! On Saturday, October 21, we had a great turnout of “regulars,” many returning teams who were new this season, and some fabulous newcomers. The weather was perfect, the conversations stimulating, and the dogs, of course, all amazing!

None of this would be possible without the constant support of and help from our fantastic Board members - THANK YOU!! A special shout-out to the volunteer coaches, who each contributed to this season’s fun in various ways: Rick Gibson, Greg Lee, Dave McGuire, Donna McIntyre, and Kim Strong. Other Tailwaggers pitched in to help setup and tear down- thank you, as well!!

I look forward to next spring! Meanwhile, stay tuned for news about special opportunities between now and April - coaching days, possible workshops, etc.



Pawl is taking a Power Nap after agility today. He will be fully recharged in 10 minutes. He did so well, and is improving on weave too. Just a great, wonderful dog. **Erin Larkin-Rohrer.**

# General Meeting Minutes

By Diana Munday, Secretary  
Monday, October 9

The doors opened at 6:00 with refreshments.

Pam Miller opened the meeting at 6:30. Pam reminded everyone of our upcoming events:

Friday, Oct 13th is our dinner and silent auction at the winery. Tickets are still available.

Our last agility play day for the year is Oct 21st. Trista took pictures at the September play day. Pam will be forwarding pictures on to the dog owners. This time the pictures were free, but next time Trista will be charging for them.

Our therapy dogs went to the “Children’s Day at the Museum” last month. This was a new event coordinated by Mary Thompson and Lauren Jaimes. The therapy dogs and others participated in a “Tailwaggers Dog Show” at Cub Lake for a local school. Thank you to Molly Macklin for accepting the invitation by the school and facilitating the event.

The Board has made some changes to the by-laws. Pam let the members know that they will be getting a copy of changes via email within 7 days before the next meeting. They can remark/respond before and at the November meeting.

Our November speakers will be the Zoom Room from Bakersfield. It is an indoor playroom for dogs. We will also be having elections at the November meeting. Diana Munday will not be running, but Dot Ramirez will be running as Secretary in her place.

Dr. Nicole Eiller was our speaker tonight. She started her career as a horse vet but is currently working as Kern County Chief Vet Medical Officer since April 2022. She is an animal forensics specialist, working with large scale animal cruelty and natural disaster animal rescue.

## Treasurers’ Monthly Report

**October 2023**

By Jeannie Alvarado

**Checking Account Beginning Balance** \$5,753.33

**INCOME**

Donation	300.00
Agility	230.00
Advertisement	50.00
Wine/Auction Event	<u>276.50</u>

**Total** **3,342.00**

**EXPENSES**

Agility Equipment	119.98
Agility Photos	50.00
Dog Park Tree	302.00
Wine Event	2,125.88
Halloween Candy W.C.	<u>99.48</u>

**Total** 2,697.34

**ENDING BALANCE** **\$6,398.49**

**As of October 31, 2023**

She spoke about the problem with dog fighting in CA, and problems with horse rescues. She discussed sick and dead animals of every kind living without proper feed or medical care. Lots of pictures and horrible stories of poor defenseless animals.

Dr. Nicole also spoke about the problem with animal shelters; the overcrowding, employee shortage, sick dogs, temperature problems within buildings, and the euthanasia performed. These dogs come in with parvo, distemper, injuries, no grooming, and sometimes older dogs are just abandoned by owners. She was asking for volunteers to come in and walk the dogs, groom the dogs, or even foster a dog if possible. They are also in need of towels, sheets, treats, and toys. She would love to get into schools and educate our youth to the importance of spaying and neutering our pets.

Molly Mackin will be getting a group together to volunteer walking the sheltered dogs on a weekly schedule. This should be happening before the end of October. She will also be collecting towels, sheets, toys, and treats.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00

## Featured Articles



### FluentPet



## 5 Dog Facts That Put Most Of Us To Shame

### Super Smellers

Dogs' sense of smell is often used for odor identification with some studies reporting that their olfactory capabilities are "as much as 10,000 - 100,000 times" that of the average human.<sup>1</sup>

Talk about a sensitive nose!



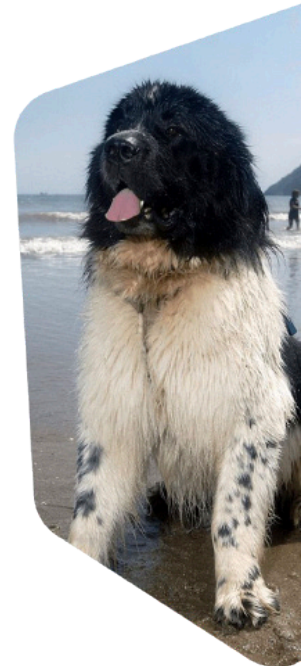
### Fantastic Jumpers

The highest jumping dog recorded by the Guinness world records is Feather, a female Greyhound from Maryland. Her record-setting jump was measured at a whopping 75.5 inches or about 3 times her own body

### Great Swimmers

The PDSA, a charity organization dedicated to helping pets in need, awarded Whizz their Order of Merit in 2016 for saving nine people and a dog from drowning during a ten-year water rescue career.

Newfoundland dogs (like Whizz) are fantastic swimmers due to their muscular build, thick double coat, and webbed paws.<sup>3</sup>



### Much Faster

Greyhounds make a second appearance here as they are considered some of the fastest, if not *the* fastest, dogs in the world. Built for agility, their top speed can exceed 40 mph.<sup>4</sup>

For comparison, Usain Bolt's world record 100m dash clocked in at about 28mph.

### Super Hearing

Did you know a dog's hearing is about 4x more sensitive than ours?

Their inner ear canals are longer than ours, allowing them to hear more accurately from farther away. With their 18 ear muscles (humans only have 6), dogs can adjust their ears to funnel sound more efficiently and triangulate where noises come from.



Quite impressive, right? Still, keen senses and athletic ability are expected from most predators. What truly amazes us are dogs' intelligence and social skills. Studies report that the average dog knows and can understand over 100 words. Additionally, scientists observed that dogs are quite adept at reading people - often better than chimpanzees.

If you're interested in achieving better communication and understanding with your learner, we have everything you'll need to get started in teaching them to talk!

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### Proposed Slate of Officers

**The volunteers to be next year's board members are:**

- Pam Miller, President
- Lucy Radike, Vice President
- Dot Ramirez, Secretary
- Jeannie Alvarez, Treasurer
- Gary Hill, Member at Large

**Thank you to these volunteers!**



# Dog Park Awareness

We are proud of our Dog Park and encourage our members to use it. However, dog parks are controversial and people have to be aware of the “dangers.” Here are a few suggestions to keep your dog safe and happy at the dog park.

## Dog Park Etiquette 101



### STAY HEALTHY

Before heading to the park, make sure that your dog is in good health. Are they up to date on vaccinations and medications? If not, it's better to skip the park for now. If your dog is still a puppy, check with your vet to see if they're old enough for the dog park.

I have observed a group of people who come to the Dog Park on a regular basis and at a regular time each day. Over a few years they have formed some good friendships and a lot of camaraderie. But best of all they know each others' dogs and take responsibility for their own dog's behavior. I have seen when a dog gets too aggressive and the owner does not stop the behavior, they all simply move to the other side of the dog park letting them know, even if in a passive way, that their dog's behavior is not tolerated. When my small dog comes with me, my friend who is part of that group, lets me know what dogs are safe and which ones will be too much for her. In this way I can determine if I want to take her in that day or not.

### PAY ATTENTION

Make sure to keep an eye on your pup. It's easy to get distracted while chatting with other pet parents, but it's important to supervise your pup at all times. Some Pet Parents opt to keep their pups on a leash during their first few park visits. Either way, you should ensure their collar is on at all times.

### PLAY NICE

Consider your dog's temperament and make sure they're ready for the excitement of a dog park. Dog parks are a great place for your pup to socialize, but make sure they mind their manners. If it's your dog's first time at the park, supervise interactions closely.

### BE PREPARED

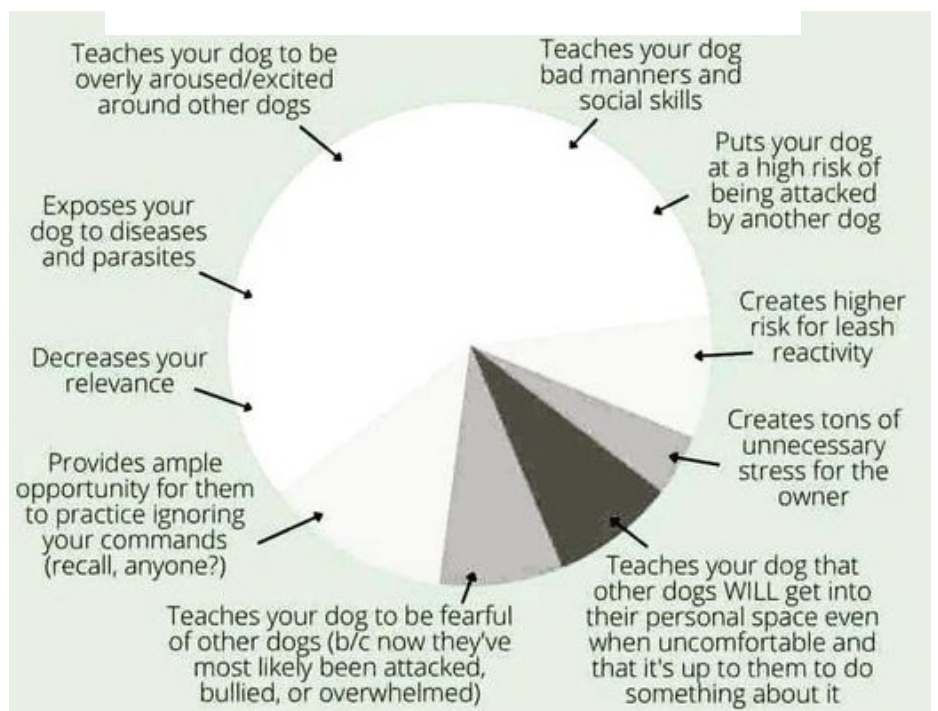
It's helpful to make sure your dog is good at some key commands like recall. You should study up too – before going to a new dog park, do some research into park rules, fees, and other important info.

### CLEAN UP

Always pick up after your dog – our easy-dispensing Poop Bags make it simple! Make sure not to leave any garbage behind, either.

## Dog Parks Can Do This:

This is what COULD HAPPEN... Choose carefully who you let your dog play with in the dog park.



# 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.



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# 2023 BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Mail to: Tailwaggers Dog Club,  
29800 Jamaica Dunes Dr.,  
Tehachapi, Ca 93561

Annual Dues: \$30.00. Make checks payable to: BVS Tailwaggers Dog Club.

Please print

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Tract & Lot \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address(s): \_\_\_\_\_

May we publish your name, phone numbers and e-mail address for club use? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide family members' names. Give the current ages and birth dates of your children who may be participating in Tailwaggers' activities. \*\*All minors must be accompanied by and under the supervision of a parent or parent-designated adult (in writing) while attending or participating in Tailwaggers' activities.

The BVS Tailwaggers Dog Club exists to represent canine interests in BVS, to promote responsible, informed dog ownership, and good fellowship of dog owners and BVS residents, to promote fun dog-related activities, including training, to improve and maintain dog-related facilities within BVS, and to support local canine rescues. Membership is open to adult property owners and residents in good standing with the Bear Valley Springs Association (BVSA).

**ACCIDENT RELEASE:** My signature below hereby releases the Bear Valley Springs Tailwaggers Dog Club and the BVSA and all persons connected with these aforementioned groups from any liability/responsibility for any loss/injury/damage to either myself, my family, my dog(s)/or my equipment while I am/we are participating in, assisting with, or working on any event/activity sponsored by the BVS Tailwaggers Dog Club. Pursuant to Section 305 of the BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB By-laws, all adult family club members signing below hereby agree: (a) to take physical and financial responsibility for any dog under my custody or control; (b) that if participating in any BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB event with a dog that is not my own, they shall be liable for damage or injury inflicted by any such dog(s); and (c) that the Board of Directors or designated Event Coordinator or Trainer of BVS Tailwaggers Dog Club has the right to exclude any aggressive, unruly, or unmanageable dog and their handler from any BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB event. All adult family club members signing below further agree to sign and maintain on file with BVS Tailwaggers Dog Club a current year's Waiver, Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk form.

ALL adult family club members must sign.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Parents must sign for minor child)

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Liability release/waiver signed: Yes\_\_ No\_\_



## BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB

### WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK TO BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY EVERY CLUB MEMBER

All club members must sign this form. Please read and be certain you understand the implications of signing. In consideration of my participation in activities arranged by BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB (BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB), I hereby release and covenant not to sue BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB, its owners, shareholders, directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents, and lessees and their successors from any and all present and future claims whatsoever, which the undersigned and any of them and the heirs, representatives, executors and administrators thereof, or any other persons acting in behalf, or on behalf of their respective agents, have or may have resulting from ordinary negligence and inherent risk of my participation in any activities or arrangements and the use of the facilities and equipment of BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB and Bear Valley Springs Association (BVSA) and Bear Valley Community Services District (BVSCSD), including but not limited to any loss, injury, damage, illness, sickness, or liability sustained by me while on or about the premises of the BVSA, the BVSCSD, or the BVS TAILWAGGERS DOB CLUB.

Express Assumption of Risk Associated with CANINE-RELATED ACTIVITIES. I, whose name and signature appear below, do hereby affirm and acknowledge that I have been fully informed of the inherent hazards and risks associated with canine activities and sports, including training, showing, competitions, exhibitions, events, meetings, play days and other activities. Inherent hazards and risks include but are not limited to:

1. Risk of injury from the activity and equipment utilized in canine activities of all kinds is significant including the potential for permanent disability and death.
2. Possible equipment failure and/ or the malfunction of my own or other's equipment.
3. My own negligence and/or the negligence of all others, including employees, agents, independent contractors or representatives of the BVSA, BVSCSD, and BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB, including but not limited to operator error.
4. The propensity of a canine (dog) to behave in dangerous ways that may result in injury or death to the participant or others or their dog(s) regardless of the dog's previous training and past performance.
5. The inability to predict a dog's reaction to sound, movements, unfamiliar environment, objects, persons, or animals.
6. Propensity for a dog to bite, fight, run, scratch, make unpredictable movements, jump, push or shove without warning or apparent cause.
7. Collars, harnesses, leashes and other equipment may loosen or break, which may result in accident, injury or death.
8. The domesticated animal may also react in a dangerous manner when condition or treatment is considered hazardous to the welfare of the animal.
9. The potential for a participant or others to fail to exercise reasonable care, or take adequate control when engaging in a domesticated animal activity, including failing to maintain reasonable control of the animal or failing to act in a manner consistent with the person's abilities.
10. Broken bones or severe injuries which may result in severe impairment or even death.
11. Pursuant to Section 305 of the BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB By-laws, I agree to take physical and financial responsibility for any dog under my custody or control; that if I am participating in any BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB event with a dog that is not my own, I shall be liable for damage or injury inflicted by any such dog; and that the Board of Directors or designated Event Coordinator or Trainer of BVS Tailwaggers Dog Club has the right to exclude any aggressive, unruly, or unmanageable dog and their handler from any BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB event.

I understand the description of these risks is not complete and that unknown or unanticipated risks may result in injury, illness, or death. I agree that immediately prior to participation in any activity arranged for me by BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB I will inspect the facilities and equipment to be used and if any defect is apparent I will not use the facility or equipment and I will notify the management of the BVS TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB of the defect.

I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE WAIVER, RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING THIS WAIVER, RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_