



OCTOBER 2023

**DR. NICOLE ELLER -  
VETERINARIAN EXTRAORDINAIRE  
SPEAKER FOR OCTOBER 9, 2023**



**Members and member guests are invited come to the meeting on October 9, in the Equestrian Lounge. Doors open for refreshments at 6:00 and the meeting is at 6:30.**

**DR. NICOLE ELLER**

Dr. Eller completed her veterinary degree at the University of Minnesota in 1999. After graduation, she worked in an equine and small animal practice, and ran a solo equine practice for 13 years. Throughout this time, she maintained an active presence in animal welfare and rescue work in Minnesota, and in 2013 began working towards a Master’s degree in Veterinary Forensics through the University of Florida. Dr. Eller began working with the ASPCA’s Field Investigations and Response (FIR) team in December of 2014. With the ASPCA she managed the medical care and forensic examination of thousands of animals, as well as being qualified as an expert witness in numerous cases and licensed in a dozen states. After leaving the ASPCA in 2019, Dr. Eller was active in caring for wild horses at several sanctuaries across the country, as well as assisting with animal care and welfare on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Dr. Eller served a 3-year term on the American Association of Equine Practitioners’ Equine Welfare and Public Policy Advisory Board. She came to California to work for Return to Freedom Wild Horse Conservancy in Lompoc and Lifesavers Wild Horse Rescue in Caliente. Upon moving to the area, she quickly realized the problems with companion animal overpopulation, and decided she needed to do whatever she could to help the animals. She is the veterinarian for the City of Bakersfield Animal Care Center, contracts with Kern County Animal Services when they need assistance, does spay/neuter through non-profits Together Spay It Forward and Em and Mal’s Animal Sanctuary, and continues to do some equine work through Twin Oaks Veterinary Services and the wild horse rescues.

Dr. Eller has lived in Twin Oaks/Caliente since March of 2022 with two Queensland Heelers, a Belgian Malinois, a McNabb shepherd, three tortoiseshell cats, a paint horse and four mustangs. Of course, all of them have been rescued in some way or another! They prefer to think THEY have rescued HER!

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## Taking Time to be Grateful. President's Message

**Pam Miller**

Next month is November and with it comes Thanksgiving. It's a nice holiday, and if you are lucky, all you have to do is go to friends or relatives for a great dinner. You may need to cook and have friends and relatives over, but even that is usually enjoyable. Another great tradition this holiday brings is thinking about what you are thankful for. For most dog owners their dogs make the list.

I am only going to mention two things, out of many, that make me grateful for my dogs. The first is they teach me patience. This is an obvious one if you have, or have had, a puppy. Jazzy helped me learn patience as I watched her grow up even though now it seems like it all happened so fast!

Nonni is the one who continually teaches me patience today. She is getting on in years, and has started doing odd things. She follows me all around the house with pleading eyes, wanting always to eat. If I am not on time (her time) to feed her she will even start barking at me. This behavior drives me crazy! As she grows older her patience seems to be growing shorter, while I have to become more and more patient.

I am grateful that both of my dogs continue to teach me patience. I think that is a good thing. It makes me think about what is important. Having my dogs always do things my way or in my time is not realistic - nor is that what happens to me in my everyday life. I have to relax and be more patient if I am going to be a happy person. My dogs help me practice those traits by sometimes making me put others' needs first.

Secondly, I am grateful that my dogs force me to slow down. Often I come home from doing jobs and go directly to my computer to work on something. That's when Jazzy says, "no you don't! Remember me? I'm the one who has waited all day for you to play with me!" She jumps on my lap and gives me

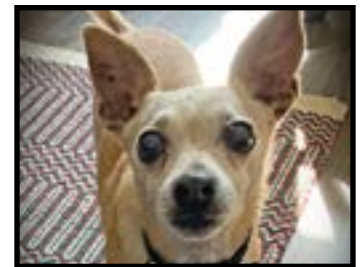
a big hug and then jumps down at the foot of my chair and invites me to play with her, presenting me with a toy. "Oh yeah girl, now I remember why I got you, to remind me of what is important."



**Jazzy, "Play Now?"**

Nonni doesn't let me get away with racing through life either. She takes me on the slowest, must smell every bush and pee on every weed, walks. At first I am impatient with her, till I realize this is what makes her happy and I relax and enjoy not having to plan where we are going, or how long we have to get there. We ARE there when we just stand there smelling or peeing.

**Nonni, "Eat Now?"**



Learning to be patient and slowing down is part of growing up. Growing up and maturing is what happens to adults when we accept responsibility for doing things we would rather not do, but do it anyway. Like stopping to play with my dogs or going on slow walks. Those are the kind of things that prepare me for volunteering to help out at Tailwaggers events or joining the board. There are many things I like doing and many things I am committed to do. Growing the bond between me and my dogs is one, helping others when they need my help is another and making this dog club something that people enjoy participating in is still another.

I am grateful that others in this club have their own reasons for participating and helping out when they see the need. People like Gary Hill, Lucy Radike and Jeannie Alvarado, taking the initiative to get the agility crew together and provide us with another Playday, for Carol Young and Jane Tanaka to make sure we have refreshments each month, and all the other members who volunteer to bring food. Thanks to Kathy Hidalgo, who donates so many gifts for our monthly door prizes. When everyone pitches in things happen almost effortlessly.

# 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.

### October 9 Speaker Nicole Eller, DVM

Dr. Eller has a tremendous amount of information and experiences to share with us. From being a small animal vet to actively working in animal welfare and with the ASPCA managing the medical care and forensic examination of thousands of animals, as well as being qualified as an expert witness in numerous cases and in a dozen states. She moved to California where she is the veterinarian for the City of Bakersfield Animal Care Center, contracts with Kern County Animal Services when they need assistance, does spay/neuter through non-profits and continues to do some equine work through Twin Oaks Veterinary Services and the wild horse rescues.

### 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.

## Special Events

### October 13 Club Fundraiser

#### Wine Tasting /Dinner and Silent Auction

Tehachapi Wine and Cattle Company

(See flyer for details, on page 8)

There is a limit of 60 people, so make your reservation now.

## Agility Division

### The Last Agility Playday this Year.

October 21

Contact Gary Hill, 480-216-8488, or Lucy Radike, 661-904-3379, to sign up or for more information.

## 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 at a later date. 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.



## Happy Hounds and Friends took a trip to the "Children's Day at the Museum."



**Our new fearless Therapy Dog Division leaders!**

Here Lauren Jaimes and Mary Thompson are pictured attending the "Children's Day at the Museum" event this past Sunday the 17th with therapy dogs Tesla and Dolly. It was a great success!



Tesla, doing what she loves to Do...having children pet her.



# Tailwaggers Agility Playday

This page: Photos by Lucy Radike

## By Gary Hill

Wow, another SPECTACULAR agility play day for the Tailwaggers is now history!! Thanks to the enthusiastic first-timers, those returning for more, and the die-hard regulars for enjoying part of this gorgeous first day of Autumn with all of us!

A HUGE shout out to my fellow board members for their help, especially Lucy Radike, who does so much behind the scenes and Jeannie Alvarado, who does the important job of collecting money and providing donuts! And, as always, these events would not happen without the sensational crew of volunteer coaches - I'm grateful to Rick Gibson, David McGuire, Donna McIntyre, and Kim Strong for all of their assistance today!

We have ONE MORE agility event this year: Saturday, October 21st. I hope anyone who has participated in the past will put this on your calendars - let's end the year in a BIG way! To get your name on the list, send either Lucy (lradike327@aol.com) or me a message (gwhill52@gmail.com) ASAP!!

Happy Autumn!!



Photos by Trista Maja Photography



***Elphie and Amber McGee***



***"Yikes, No, No!"  
Ed Bollard and Angie with help  
from Dave McGuire***



***Call Me - Kim Strong's dog***



***Angie, "Oh, that was a piece of cake!"  
Dave, "I told you."***



***Janet's Cinnamon***

*Continued...*



***Holly Bennett and Paizlee***

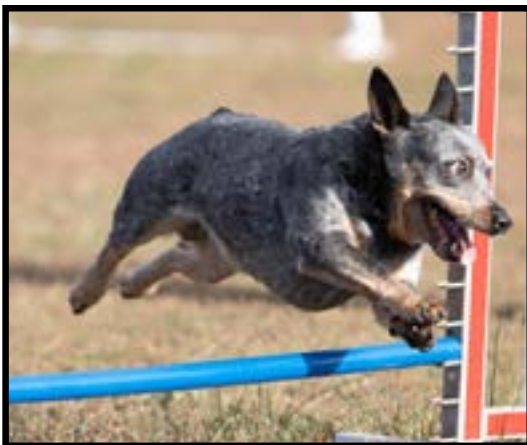


***Talk about flying around the course!  
Gary Hill's dog Blue***



***"Seriously Dave," says Hewey, "you want me to do what?"***

***Hewey's person, Kelly Steinback looks on laughing at this conversation.***



***Here I Come!!  
Kim Strong's dog, Spaz.***



# NoseWork

With Rebecca Barocus

Special thanks to Bob Tebbe for preparing the space for this event every week! It looked great!!

## Some Nosework participants



**Bob Tebbe and Ben**



**Donna Macintyre and Gamble**



**Mel McDavid and Teddy**



**Mike Lansford and Papa**



**Dave McGuire and Dolly**



**Janine Severance and Jack**



**Pam Miller and Nonni**



**Sally Lyon and one of her many pups!**



**Sandy Criswell and Annie**



**Kelly Riley and Charlie**

# Tailwaggers Put on a Show for a Community School

Tailwaggers were asked by a local Charter School to share who we are and what we do. Molly Mackin rose to the occasion and wrote a program designed to give the 21 kids and their parents a taste of what our club is and what our dogs and handlers can do together. It was a lot of fun!



**The stage is set. Our Club House was built by David McGuire and the late Richard Smith. Pictured above is Guy Munday, Lauren Jaimes and Rick Bogart plus their pups.**



**Rick and Lauren show off their dogs as they do trick training for the kids.**



**Guy working the audience!**



**Dave McGuire and Dolly perform an agility act.**



**Molly as the MC for the event.**



**After our presentation the kids did crafts in the park.**

**Photography by Bob Tebbe. Set up by Molly Mackin.**

# As the Tale Wags with Cindy Marble

By Jane Tanaka



**Cindy and Bella**

***[Editor's note: You will not recognize Cindy from our meetings, but she has been a great supporter of Tailwaggers and we appreciate members like Cindy.]***

Three years ago, retired Hospice RN, Cindy Marble volunteered to foster a 6 year old Great Pyrenees mix dog who had a rough start as one of 40 hoarded pups. After several months she knew that it would be difficult to find Bella a permanent home. Bella had not bonded with any human and was not eager to please anyone. She was shy, aloof and defiant. House training took over 4 months, an in home trainer and 6 weeks to get a collar on her. Bella panicked wildly when leashing was attempted. Over time with patience, empathy and love, Bella gradually learned to trust Cindy and bonded with her. Bella also formed relationships with other critters in the house, first Hazel McSnickers (cat) then Sonny Crockett (pup) and now with Felix, her cat and Sassy Smurf her 1 1/2 year old Chi mix.

As many in the community know, Bella went missing while Cindy was vacationing in Alaska. Though reasonable arrangements for care had been made, Bella somehow managed to flee the day before Tropical Storm Hilary. Apparently wandering around Golden Hills, the storm pushed her further from home. In the meantime, Cindy cut her trip short and returned to Tehachapi to join in the search

her sister had begun on Facebook, Next Door and in the community. The search was on after each possible sighting, first Golden Hills then Bear Valley then Highline areas. Posters were everywhere, including vet offices, rescues within 50 then 100mi. Lots of ideas and help came from NextDoor friends. She knew that Bella's innate distrust of humans and strong flight response would lead to a difficult and prolonged retrieval. Cindy tried not to fear that Bella was lost to her forever. The community was so supportive. She told our very own Pam Miller, "you need to tell me when to stop, because I won't." Pam, with her usual compassion responded..."it hasn't even been a month yet!" More hope.

Dealing with loss was not new to Cindy. She had guided many hundred of hospice patients through their transitions and supported these patients' families through their loss. Cindy was there when her own husband suddenly went into cardiac arrest at home and could not revive him through CPR. His death occurred just 5 months after they had moved to BVS. Recovering from this took years and involved returning to Santa Margarita to work as a Hospice RN until her retirement and return to BVS.

Though describing herself as a "mess" during the arduous search for Bella, faith and determination prevailed.



Ultimately, a daughter and a mother who had been following separate threads of a lost dog on Facebook and Next Door connected the dots and contacted Cindy. There was the picture taken on Highline posted on Facebook in black and white which left friends skeptical but Cindy recognized a cowlick over her left front elbow and knew she was alive. Another charge of hope.

Thankfully, a kind woman made water and food available To Bella on her Jury St. Ranch. Bella returned there and was caught on the night cam several times triggering the gal to post on Facebook. This dog's behavior, so familiar to Cindy, skittering off to a safe spot in the hills (probably under a fallen tree or den of sorts) whenever the rancher got too close but could clearly see she had a collar and tag.

Cindy knew it was her and called for her dog. It only took a few minutes before Bella came racing down the mountain behind the woman's house towards her. And although she didn't jump in her arms (not her style), she came right to Cindy so she could pet her and give her love and eventually lift her into her car... ending up in her arms!

Bella was skinny, dirty and a beautiful site....that 26th day. Twenty five nights out, a 9 year old 55 pound dog, it was nothing short of miraculous. If Cindy ever had doubts that Bella loved and was bonded to her these doubts were erased.

Now, home Bella is recovering well and so happy to be with Cindy, Felix and Sassy.



**Sassy and Bella**

## In Memory of Gamble



**Condolences to Donna Macintyre. Many Tailwaggers will miss Gamble. We can all "try not to cry because he is gone, but smile because he was here."**



# General Meeting Minutes

By Diana Munday, Secretary  
Monday, September 11, 2023

The doors opened at 6:00 with refreshments. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by our President, Pam Miller. She opened with reminders to sign up for our upcoming agility day on Sept 23rd, and our dinner and silent auction on October 13th, which will include a tri-tip sandwich, salad, chips, cookie, and a glass of wine for only \$30. We have limited space so early sign-ups are recommended.

She gave a shout out and a beautiful bouquet of flowers to Carol Young for her continuous beautiful refreshment table month after month.

Pam let everyone know elections will be coming up. Even if you are not sure you want to be on the board you might want to shadow someone for next year's election. Elections will be at the November meeting, with the installation at the December meeting.

She finished with letting us know that October's speaker will be Nicole Eiller, DVM. Dr Eller is very knowledgeable about dogs and their situation today and will have a lot to share.

Our speaker was Sherry Buchbinder, accompanied by her service dog, Kidd. Kidd is the Ambassador for Make a Wish Foundation.

Kidd is third generation service/therapy for Sherry. His grandfather, Barker was a rescue dog who Sherry started training a hobby. Only by chance did she discover he was acting as a service dog. And it was through this encounter that she was able to make connections to get him certified as a service dog and therapy dog. With Barker at her side she was able to make several connections with other non-profit organizations and travels nationally supporting all of these organizations.

Sherry was most helpful in educating us on the hazards of travel with a dog. She has learned, through her many years, that dogs are not always treated gently or fairly. Many people in the travel industry are not educated properly in how to handle dogs and she makes sure when she comes upon them she educates them properly for their own safety and the safety of the dog.

## Treasurers' Monthly Report

September 2023

By Jeannie Alvarado

<b>Checking Account Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$5,574.13</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Donation	100.00
Agility	160.00
Dog Coats	50.00
Wine/Auction Event	390.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>700.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Guest Speaker Meals/supplies	170.80
Newsletter expenses (Oct)	150.00
Wine/Auction Event Deposit	200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>520.80</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$5,753.33</b>
<b>As of September 30, 2023</b>	

## Proposed Slate of Officers

**The Volunteers for next year's board are:**

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



**Thank you to these volunteers!**



***Congratulations Molly Mackin!***

After lots of hard work and being hunkered down in her office for months, Molly received her credentials, VSA-CDT, from the prestigious Victoria Stillwell Academy of Dog Training and Behavior, as a star student!

## Featured Article



# 12 - REASONS TO BE GRATEFUL FOR DOGS

### 1. THEY KEEP YOU ACTIVE

You might not think much of your daily walk with your dog, but think of it this way -- a 30 minute stroll around your neighborhood means you spend the equivalent of more than 7.5 DAYS per year walking. Even on days where you're tempted to stay comfy on the couch, your dog(s) get you up and moving. It's no wonder that families with dogs exercise more on average than families without.

### 2. THEY HELP YOU RELIEVE STRESS

Whether it be getting you up and moving, having cuddles to look forward to at the end of the day, or distracting you with their favorite toy, dogs provide major stress relief. Multiple studies have even shown that humans with dogs have lower blood pressure than those without dogs.

Next time you are feeling stressed out or overwhelmed, play a game with your dog or give them some long belly rubs. Win-win.

### 3. THEY LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY

In your dogs' eyes you are everything. You give them food, shelter, protection, direction, toys, lots and lots of treats -- everything they need for a healthy and happy life. So why wouldn't they love you unconditionally?

Your dog doesn't care if you have a fancy car, what your job is, or how many friends you have. They love you because you are you with absolutely no judgment... what more could you ever ask for?

### 4. THEY TEACH YOU PATIENCE

If you've ever been through potty training or the dreaded "teenager phase" with your dog, you've probably summoned more patience than you thought your body could possess.

Raising a dog forces you to take a deep breath, take each moment as it comes, and be patient. This is a very valuable skill that some are blessed with at birth while others can completely thank their dog for bringing to them.

### 5. LIFE WITH THEM IS NEVER BORING

Learning a new skill, doing something silly, hitting milestones -- every day is an adventure with a dog. Even just knowing their wagging tails are waiting for you when you get home is enough to keep each day exciting.

If you're raising a puppy from a young age you know all too well that every day will keep you on your toes, but even adult dogs keep things interesting!

### 6. BUT THEY DO FORCE YOU TO SLOW DOWN SOMETIMES

Have you ever had a huge to-do list hanging over your head, but your dog is so comfy on your lap that you dare not disturb them? Yes, life with a dog is exciting, but sometimes they help you to slow down and live in the moment when you need it most.

Next time your dog stops to smell the flowers (and the grass, and the fire hydrant, and every leaf on the sidewalk...) thank them for getting you to pause and enjoy your surroundings.

### **7. THEY GIVE YOU PURPOSE AND MOTIVATION**

For various reasons, we all have days where we lack motivation or feel like we don't have a purpose. But knowing we have to care for a living being other than ourselves can be the spark that fires us up and gets us out of a funk.

Remember, if you put in the time and effort to meet your dog's physical and mental needs today, you did GREAT.

### **8. THEY IMPROVE YOUR SOCIAL LIFE**

Odds are you're not the only "dog person" in your life. In fact, many dog parents make new friends just because of their dog. Your dogs introduces you to new people and places that make your life so much better.

Whether you see the same people and pups on your daily walks, participating in group training, meet new friends at the park, or join an online community for your dog's breed or interests, having a dog in your life can introduce you to people around the world who share the same love for dogs as you do.

### **9. THEY PROVIDE EMOTIONAL SUPPORT**

You're not imagining it when you feel your dog snuggle you a little closer when you're upset. Your dog is in tune with your emotions and has likely been right by your side during your toughest moments.

Having a source of love and comfort in your home is a fantastic source of emotional support. Many people have said their dog has gotten them through times of depression, anxiety, heartbreak, and grief. Just knowing your dog will be there for you during hard days is comforting.

### **10. THEY MAKE YOU LAUGH**

"I wish I knew what was going through your mind

right now." - Me, to my dog every day.

Sometimes dogs do the silliest things -- and sometimes they do them on purpose. From letting you dress them up in ridiculous outfits to wiggling their butts when they get excited to the ever-amusing zoomies, the list goes on and on.

Your dog(s) love to see you happy and never fail to make you laugh on a daily basis. You can't ask for a better friend to have around than one who makes you laugh!

### **11. THEY MAKE YOU FEEL SAFE**

Even if your dog(s) reacts more to the fridge opening than a stranger coming into the house, they can make you feel safer at home regardless. Just having another set of eyes and ears in the house is comforting.

Even if the most your dog protects you from is the plastic bag blowing down the street, you know that when you're with your dog, you're never alone.

### **12. THEY'RE A BUILT-IN BEST FRIEND**

They provide love, lend a listening ear, offer comfort, and are always up for an adventure. By definition, your dog is a best friend! And they view you as their best friend too. So enjoy every minute you have together!

### **HOW TO THANK YOUR DOG FOR ALL THEY DO**

Since your dog can't read, showing them this article won't do too much good in terms of expressing your gratitude. But you can head over to our shop and pick up a bag of their favorite treats or chews, or add a new enrichment toy to their collection. What better way to show how thankful you are?!

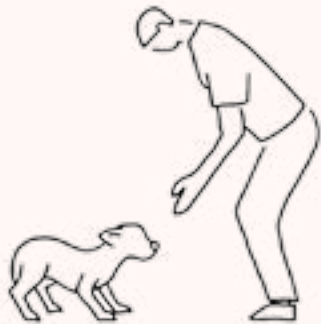
#### **Send me what you are grateful for:**

I would love to put a sentence or paragraph of why you are grateful for your dog in the next newsletter. Send me your thoughts by October 20th! It doesn't take long to write a sentence or two and the time it takes to think about your dog will be well spent.

# HOW TO GREET A DOG



- No eye contact
- Let the dog approach when he wants
- Keep side or back non-threatening position
- Pet him on the side of his body or face
- Stroke him on his back



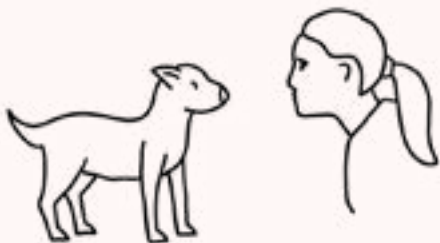
Lean over, stick your hand in his face



Lean over, stick your hand on top of head



Grab or hug him



Stare him in the eye



Squeal/shout in his face



Grab his head and kiss it



# 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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## 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.

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

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

ALL adult family club members must sign.

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

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

(Parents must sign for minor child)

Tailwaggers Office Use Only

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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_