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## Smoke Signals

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CSKC Installation of Officers—2012

CSKC hosted its annual Dinner and Officer Installation on January 21, 2012 at the Canine Therapeutic Center. It was a festive and fun-filled evening. Our new board took their oath to serve for the next year. We want to thank them for their dedication and service to the club.



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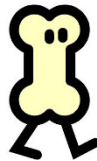


# Twas the Night Before the Dog Show

Twas the night before the dog show, when all through the house every creature was stirring, even the mice.

The crates were stacked by the door with care, in hopes that a Best in Show soon would be there.

The puppies were nestled all snug in their crates, while visions of greenies danced in their heads.



And mamma in her grooming smock, and I in my cap, had just finished packing the van for a long dog show trip.

When out in the garage there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my grooming to see what was the matter. Away to the garage I flew like a flash, tore open the doors and let out a gasp.

What to my wondering eyes should appear, but Dave and Roger, and eight trucks of gear. With little helpers, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be a trick.

More rapid than greyhounds his coursers they came, and he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name!

"Now Linda! Now Susan! Now Dena and Lester! On Jetta! On Karen! On Sharon and Michael! To the end of street! To the fairgrounds on tall! Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!"

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on wind, the panic and hysteria of each little voice. As I drew in my head, and was turning around, off came a tire which rolled round and round.



Dressed all in dog fur, from his head to his foot, and his clothes were all tarnished with hairballs and goop. A bundle of dog toys he had flung on his back, and he looked like a vendor, just opening his pack.

His eyes-how they drooped! His temples throbbing!  
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!  
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bone, and the beard of

his chin was as white as the snow. (I wonder who this is???)

He was cranky and tired, a right grumpy old elf, and I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself!

A twitch of his eye and a twist of his head, soon gave me to know I had everything to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And fixed the #s%& tire, then turned with a jerk. And laying his finger aside of his nose, and giving a nod, he got up with a groan!

He trudged to his truck, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the coat of a Saluki.

But I heard him exclaim, 'ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Show day to all, and to all a good-night!"





## Member of the Year—Jetta Mascon



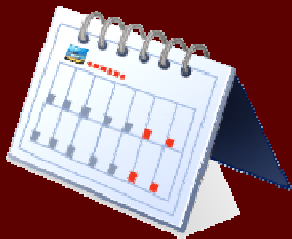
Caught by Surprise!

We also had the privilege of bestowing the Member of Year Award to Jetta Mascon! Jetta has worked hard to help the club at events, through our training classes, by offering to host many of our events and gives of herself without reserve. She is truly an asset to our club and we appreciate her kindness, dedication and friendship! Congratulations Jetta!



## Annual Dinner in Photographs





## CSKC Dog Show Work Party!

Work Party April 14, 2012 Saturday 9am  
Show Set Up April 20, Friday 9am



Members will be meeting at Jetta and Lester's on **Saturday, April 14th at 9am** for the annual pre-show work party. We will clean, scrub, repair and organize our gear in anticipation of the upcoming show on the 21st—22nd. Please lend a hand so we can knock out this chore quickly. After we will enjoy pizza and friendship! Look forward to seeing you there!

**Jetta and Lester's address:**  
7721 Hartley Rd.  
Vacaville, CA 95688



### Show Set Up

Set up will be Friday, April 20, 9AM, at the Fairgrounds. Please arrive as early as you can and help as long as you can. The club will provide lunch for the workers on Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Please arrive Saturday & Sunday as early as you can and help as long as you can. There will be a pot luck BBQ after the 'B' Match, Saturday, April 21, in the area where the club members RVs are parked (just down from the club equipment trailer. This year's entries:  
**Saturday -- 1235**  
**Sunday -- 1181.**

## Upcoming Events!

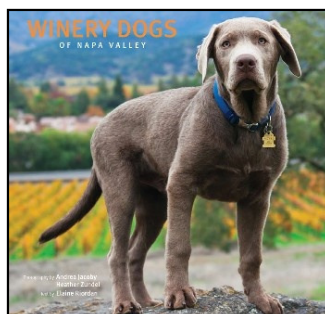
### **Winters Parade—Saturday April 28, 2012 9am**

Staging area is on Main St. Parade starts at 10am. For further information contact Cheryl Rubio At [ditzafter7@att.net](mailto:ditzafter7@att.net)

### **Bark for Your Heart Sacramento—Sunday May 6, 2012 9am**

at [Granite Bay Folsom Lake State Recreation Area](#), Folsom, CA. 5K/1K fun run with your dog. Register at <http://bark4yourheart-sac.eventbrite.com>. Family friendly, charity event.

### **Winery Dogs of Napa Valley– 2nd Edition**



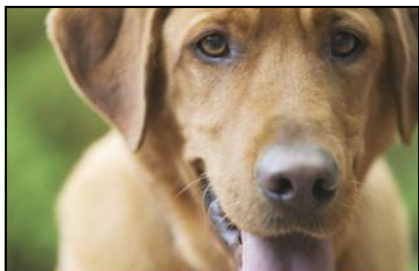
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Winery dogs are greeters, grape tasters, entertainers, herders, healers, protectors, hunters, celebrities and sales enhancers. Whatever their job at the winery, dogs bring out the best in people and then people give their best selves to the wine. How can the winemaking process not be positively influenced by these loving dogs? Some dogs have even earned their own wine label! On every page it is easy to see why winery dogs are the luckiest dogs in the world. **Available at Amazon.com**



# A Beginning Guide to Confirmation (Part 3 of 3)



## How Do I Get Started Showing My Dog?

The best place to start is by joining a local kennel club, whether an all-breed kennel club or a breed-specific specialty club. A listing of clubs by state can be found on the AKC Club Search page or through their customer service department by calling (919) 233-9767.

Local clubs will have information on training classes for the show ring, and for obedience and agility classes. Even if the show ring is not your ultimate goal, the relationship that training forms between you and your dog will be very rewarding to you both. Local clubs also have "Matches" where you and your dog can test your skill in the ring.

Handling your dog is an exceptional and enjoyable experience. From the grooming table to the show ring, you and your dog will develop a bond. While training classes offer the best hands-on way to practice for the show ring, attending shows and observing your breed is also a great way to gain understanding of what judges and other competitors do.

If you do not wish to handle your dog yourself, or have a friend or family member do it, you may contact a professional handler who charges a fee for showing your dog.

You're on your way! You are entering a sport that will bring many hours of enjoyment and education to every member of your family. You will make many friends in the sport, and will enjoy your dog and your new hobby for many years to come.

## Junior Showmanship

The AKC offers children 9 to 18 years

of age the opportunity to compete with others their own age at various AKC events. Juniors competing in conformation events are judged on how they present their dogs.

## Tips for the First-Time Exhibitor

- Make sure your dog is registered with the AKC.
- Be sure your dog is current on all inoculations.
- Learn the proper techniques for grooming and for presenting your dog in the ring.
- Join your breed's Parent Club, or a Local Specialty and/or All-Breed club in your area. Become familiar with the AKC rules and regulations for dog shows.
- Attend some dog shows to observe your breed being judged and how others present your breed. Get a Judging Program at the show to find out ring number and judging time.
- Use the knowledge of your breeder.
- Don't be afraid to ask questions. Attend handling classes with your dog.

## Tips for the First-Time Spectator

- If the grooming area is open to spectators, visit it and talk with professional groomers to get tips on keeping your dog looking his best. However tempting, do not pet a dog without asking for permission first. The dog may have just been groomed in preparation for being judged.



## Ribbons

Each dog that receives an award is given a ribbon by the judge. The color of the ribbon indicates the type of award the dog has won.

**Blue** - awarded for first place in any regular class. Also awarded to the winner of each group competition, usually in the form of a "rosette".

**Red** - awarded for second place in each class. Also awarded for second place in each group competition, usually in the form of a "rosette".

**Yellow** - awarded for third place in each class. Also awarded for third place in each group competition, usually in the form of a "rosette".

**White** - awarded for fourth place in each class. Also awarded for fourth place of each group competition, usually in the form of a "rosette".

**Purple** - awarded to the winners of the Winners Dog and Winners Bitch classes. Since these are the classes in which championship points are earned, these ribbons are highly coveted.

**Purple and White** - awarded to the Reserve Winners; that is, the runners-up to the winner of the Winners Dog and Winners Bitch classes.

**Blue and White** - awarded to the dog that wins Best of Winners; that is, the better of the Winners Dog and Winners Bitch winners.

**Purple and Gold** - awarded to the dog judged "Best of Breed" in each breed competition. This is highly coveted because it allows advancement to the Group competition.

**Red and White** - awarded to the Best of Opposite Sex. This means the best dog of the breed that is the opposite sex of the Best of Breed winner.

**Red, White and Blue** - only one of these is awarded, at the end of each show. It is given to the ultimate award winner, the Best In Show.

*Courtesy of AKC.org*

