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Whippet



Whisperers

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*On the cover:*

*John and Bookie Joe Rufing. Photo by Maia Cook.*



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# President's Message:

Well, October has come and gone. Were you as busy as we were? Chase and I had a lot of fun. We had our 2<sup>nd</sup> dock diving lesson early in October and quite unexpectedly Chase got to show off his swimming skills in Colorado just a few days ago. I guess that is what you get when you teach something new to a Whippet.

The Whippet Extravaganza held in conjunction with the SCWA and AWC - Western was a big success. While I was only there for setup afternoon and GSDWA's specialty day, we had a wonderful crew of people helping in the absence of our usual show chair, Pam Magette, for Friday. The SCWA and AWC – Western looked to be very successful too. Thank you all! Onward to our Specialty in Indio (with the Inland Empire Hound Club and KC of Palm Springs) this January. Hope you all will be there.

And I also missed the Race Practice/Costume Party last weekend. That looked like fun... I hear that Nelson had some tough competition in Jake and Stirling in the Hot Dog Bobbing Contest, but he pulled it off for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row.

Mark your calendar for a couple fun and important items. Looking forward to November, our current board and next year's board nominees will be at Alesmith Brewery on the evening of November 9<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you all there! Dogs are welcome at Alesmith. And, finally, we have scheduled our holiday awards party for humans only at the Southwestern Yacht Club on the evening of December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Please tell any one of our board members or come out to Alesmith or Southwestern Yacht Club to share your ideas and wishes for 2023 activities.

*Deana Jaffe, President*





## ***Did your dog win a new title in 2022? If so, many congrats!!!***

Dear Members,

We are trying to get back to "normal" and have our awards ceremony in conjunction with our holiday party this December 16. So, if your dog achieved a new title(s) in 2022, please fill out the form below and email it to [CDStablesinc@aol.com](mailto:CDStablesinc@aol.com) by **November 16th**.

If you need additional time to fill out the form, please just let me know if you and your dog won any titles and the form can follow. Titles include all venues in which our dogs participate including Conformation, Race (all organizations), Fly Ball, Agility, Obedience, Rally, Scent Work, Nose Work, Dock Diving, Frisbee, etc.

### **SUBMISSION FORM:**

Registered Name:

Call name:

Age of dog:

New title(s) for 2022:

Owner(s):

A short paragraph about this dog to be read at the awards dinner:

A photo of the dog:

If you have any questions, please contact Christine at [CDStablesinc@aol.com](mailto:CDStablesinc@aol.com).



# 2022 Howl-o-Ween Party!















*Thanks to everyone for sending in all these fun photos!*







## *The Greater San Diego Whippet Association invites you and your whippets to our Annual Meeting and Social Event.*

**Wednesday, Nov. 9th**

**Alesmith Brewery**

9990 Alesmith Ct. (off Miramar Rd.)

[AleSmith Brewing Company](#)

Yappy Hour starts at 6pm. The food truck Artesano Taco will be there for eats and there are plenty of beer choices.

*At 7pm there will be a brief meeting to vote in the new slate of officers and board of directors for 2023 and to discuss any important club matters.*

Bring your well-behaved whippet(s) to have a fun time of socializing and enjoying food and drinks in the company of other whippet owners and friends. Goodie bags for every whippet who attends. We will be meeting on the outdoor patio so bring a mat for your dog(s) to lay on and a jacket if they get chilly. (The patio is heated, but you know whippets).





**GREATER SAN DIEGO  
WHIPPET ASSOCIATION**

General Meeting – October 12, 2022 Minutes

**Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm via Conference Call**

**Present:** Deana Jaffe, Debbey Bartos, Scott Mazer, John Zolezzi, Pam Magette, Maile Soon, Kim Tucker

**Absent:** Sandy Langely, Angela Song, Jo Rufing (rescue, race practice, hospitality) Christine DeClerk (Newsletter)

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** No report

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Minutes from September meeting were sent via email. Motion to approve by Pam Magette, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Zolezzi. Minutes approved as written.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** John Zolezzi submitted Treasurer's Report via email. John motioned and Debbey 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve Treasurer's report. Approved as submitted. Debbey requested \$175 for the prize baskets and food and dog treats for the Oct. 23 Halloween Costume party. Approved.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Two new members applied for membership. Karen and Mike Lucas & family, of Carlsbad and Jennifer and Daniel Curtis of El Cajon. Both have new whippet puppies and are eager to be involved. Unanimously approved. Debbey will send welcome packets and add them to the roster. Since joining in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter their membership is good through 2023.

**RESCUE:** No report

**NEWSLETTER/FACEBOOK/WEBSITE:** No report

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**HOSPITALITY:** A card was sent to Sandy and Raisa Langley at the loss of Norm Langley.



**PROGRAMS:** Debbey announced Annual Christmas party will be on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at Southwestern Yacht Club. Annual meeting to be held at Alesmith Brewery either Nov 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> depending on availability. Debbey to confirm.

**SPECIALTY:** Pam Magette said everything is well organized for the Specialty on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> at Hidden Valley Obedience Club. Deana has the trophies, Scott has the equipment, Bo Bengtson will bring annuals for the gift bags, new member Caron Levine is taking care of lunches. Ribbons will be mailed to Deana, Debbey's getting ice, Scott's bringing waters, Laura Taylor supplying cooler, there will be a judges hospitality cooler and first aid kit. Marcie Brunner and Cheryl Grubaugh requested a puppy handling event after judging, however since no unentered dogs are allowed on site the request was denied. In the future we would need a Special Attraction permit to allow this. Pam appointed a show committee of: Scott Mazer, Maile Soon, John Zolezzi, Deana Jaffe and Debbey Bartos. The January Specialty with the Hound Club show has been approved and judges are approved.

**RACE EVENTS:** Debbey Bartos: Race Practice is Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Afterwards, there will be a Howloween Party with costume contest and games. The club will supply prizes and food. Kim Otero to do rosettes. There is a WRA/NOTRA race in Orange Co on Nov 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

**MISC:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Nominating committee has presented the slate of candidates for 2023. Voting will take place at the annual meeting in Nov.

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

Meeting **was adjourned at 7:35 pm**

Respectfully,

Debbey Bartos

Vice President, taking minutes in Secretary's absence.

# WHIPPET WEEKEND EXTRAVAGANZA!



GREATER SAN DIEGO  
WHIPPET ASSOCIATION



Southern California  
Whippet Association













# Brags

NUMBER 1 Whippet\*

NUMBER 6 Hound

Desiree

MULTI BEST IN SHOW & MULTI BEST IN SPECIALTY SHOW WINNER  
GCHP STARLINE WINDBORN CLASSIQUE

*Silhouette*  
is everything!

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*Owned by*  
JULIA TRUITT, JOHN ZOLEZZI & LORI WILSON-PAUST

*Bred by*  
LORI LAWRENCE & LORI WILSON-PAUST

# Brags

## Lovey

(GCHB CH Paragon's Love Wins at Windborn) is on a roll. She is number 10 in the Breed and All Breed Standings through September 30<sup>th</sup>. I'm very proud of this dark brindle beauty.



And gearing up for her turn in the spotlight is Idun (new CH Windborn in the Mirror). Coming soon!

~ Deana Jaffe



## Riley

Keeping things rolling, Riley earned a second place in Master Containers and a 6<sup>th</sup> place in Excellent Interiors at the last Obedience Club of San Diego trial. This time the weather cooperated; instead of 100 degrees, we got rain by the end of the trial. Luckily, the searches were indoors! Then, on Oct. 30 he completed his Excellent Interior tile. Good boy Riley!

## Bragg

## Kimchi & Roux

At OCSD, Kimchi earned the second leg of his Interior Novice search with a third place, and Roux qualified in both Advanced Interiors and Advanced Containers. At the SWCSGF, Kimchi completed his Advanced Buried title, and got a leg in Advanced Containers. Roux got legs in both Advanced Interior and Advanced Exterior. We received a lot of compliments; many people were very surprised to see sighthounds doing so well in Scent Work. Whippets can do anything!!!

~ Christine DeClerk





E:60 –

## Meet Spitfire, ‘the Michael Jordan of Dogs’

5,887,981 views Jan 12, 2020 There are certain icons of sport that are so transcendent, they change their respective sports forever—Jordan, Tiger, Serena. But there is one athlete you’ve probably never heard of who also belongs in that rarified air, one who can run faster and jump higher than all of them: His name is Spitfire, and he’s a 7-year-old Whippet. But what makes Spitfire so special is more than the fact that he has four legs, it’s the powerful bond he has with his trainer, a 15-year-old girl named Sydney. Together, they are rewriting the record books of the canine sports world. Mina Kimes brings you their unforgettable story.

<https://youtu.be/zh76f7oHjYE>

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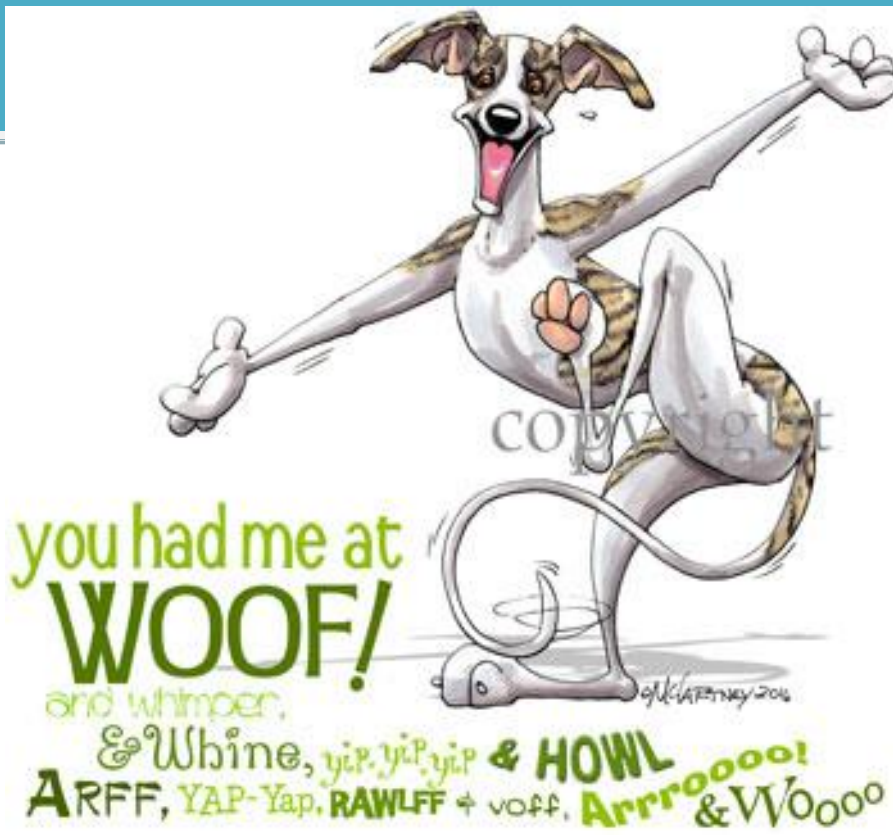


# Dr. Susan Yanoff on "To Spay or Not To Spay?: That is the Question"

150 views Oct 6, 2022

Hosted by Great Barrington Kennel Club

[https://youtu.be/alRVP\\_jHQ4](https://youtu.be/alRVP_jHQ4)



## *Race Practice Report...*

FUN, FUN, FUN!!! OMG what a good time we had at race practice today. We ran 23 dogs from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. with much success. It was a perfectly cool day for running the dogs with overcast skies and a cool breeze. Deb Bartos expertly ran the board and all the owners were johnny-on-the-spot getting their dogs ready on time. There was also plenty of help to go around with everybody willing to help one another. And then the real fun began! The Halloween Party was a resounding success. The dog costumes were really creative, funny and cute! We were blessed to get Kim Otero rosettes for the winners (NO ONE does them better!) and Deb and her sister, Shirley, provided wonderful prize buckets and food for the dogs and their humans. The contests were a riot! I'm pretty sure there are folks already thinking about what costumes they will come up with for next years costume event and perhaps even trying to train their pups for the hot dog bobbing. The socializing and comradery made the whole event one that will stay in memory for a long time.

For those looking for pictures from the photographer, Clark Kranz, please go to [agiledogs@smugmug.com](mailto:agiledogs@smugmug.com) or agiledogsphotography on Facebook.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING! See you at our next practice Sunday, November 27. This will be the last practice for 2022 and we are looking for a really good turn out of dogs and the humans they own.

*Jo Rufing, Race Coordinator*

**Flying Bookie Joe!**



*This month's race practice photos can be found: [Oct 2022 - agiledogs \(smugmug.com\)](https://smugmug.com/agiledogs)*



# Race Practice Info...

Dear Members,

As always, we depend on our trusty volunteers to help get the field cleared and the equipment set up starting at 7:00 a.m. **YES**, we will have the two-hole practice starting box with us this year. Kim Grant kindly donated a wonderful trailer to GSDCWA for our race equipment!! We can train box operators and lure operators - please volunteer to learn how. We look forward to seeing a lot of members and their wonderful Whippets. The boxes are ready for those ready to box train their dogs so check with the Race Coordinator when you come, and we'll get you set up if your dogs are lure trained enough (TBD) to give it a try.

Please remember the safety requirements we have in place:

- 1) All dogs must have a snug fitting collar (one they cannot back out of - preferably a Martingale)
- 2) Owners need to bring two leashes. One leash for the dog and one leash for the catcher.
- 3) We prefer that all dogs be crated in between their races. This is for the safety of the dog and lets the owner have free hands to help other attendees.
- 4) For your own safety, NEVER grab the lure line at the end of a race. It can cut to the bone if a dog takes off with the lure. Step on it instead.
- 5) Owners must keep their hand through the leash loop at all times when their dogs are not running on the lure. See item #6
- 6) Beginning last year and going forward, the owner any dog who gets loose from the owner (not on the track chasing the lure at the time) will be fined \$20. This rule was instated because a loose dog who runs onto the track and is not engaged in chasing the lure is very dangerous to the dogs running the lure at the time. The dogs on the track are running at speeds up to 30 mph and a dog who interferes can cause great bodily injury to themselves and the other dog(s).

These rules will be reiterated at the beginning of each practice.

## **FUTURE RACE PRACTICE DATES:**

November 27

## Emergency Whippet Care...

Dear Members,

In the past year we have had a number of emergency situations occur in California that affected some of our members...

First came the fires in our back country, as well as the fires up North of us. Members had to quickly evacuate their homes as they were ordered by fire officials to get out asap with fire approaching. This meant getting themselves and their dogs to safety. They questioned whether the place they needed to go would allow their dogs and for how long. Most evacuation resources do not allow animals.

Second was the Covid-19 pandemic. Members worried that if they became ill, they may have had to place their dog(s) somewhere for a short period of time until they were well enough to take care of them again or return from a hospital stay. Fortunately, this didn't affect our members to that extent, but the need was in the forefront of most of our minds at some point during the long year of isolation.

For these two reasons, I suggested to our Board of Directors that we begin a list of members who would be willing to take a dog or dogs into their home on a short-term basis until the affected party's issues are resolved. Of course, these dogs would have to be up-to-date on their vaccinations and be socialized enough to get along with other dogs. In the 30+ years of doing rescue work I have found that most Whippets adapt very quickly. In addition, your home needs to be able to contain a Whippet and have a crate, if needed, for separation from your own dogs. Crates can be made available if you don't have an extra.

This is just the beginning of the proposed project. I have recently heard that Southern CA Whippet Association (SCWA) is also starting a list. If both Southern CA Whippet clubs, GSDCWA and SCWA, can have a list of available short-term homes that will cover most of the south end of the state. What a blessing for those who may have an emergency need for their Whippets.

Please consider volunteering your home for short-term care should the need arise. I can be reached at [jorufing@yahoo.com](mailto:jorufing@yahoo.com) or 619-755-7330. I will need your specifications including how many dogs you now have in your home, how many you would be willing to take in, how you would care for the new dog and what you would need to be able to participate.

I thank you in advance for your consideration.

*Jo Rufing*



## Member Web Sites

- Martingale Collars & Whippet Accessories by Debbey Bartos  
New website: [www.whippetgoods.com](http://www.whippetgoods.com)
- [Mischief Whippets](http://www.mischiefwhippets.com)
- [Nysa Hill Dog Resort - Conditioning, Training, Hydrotherapy & Massage](http://www.nysahilldogresort.com)

## Links

- [AmericanWhippetClub.net](http://www.americanwhippetclub.net)
- Canine Physical Therapy: [www.cuttingedgek9.com](http://www.cuttingedgek9.com)
- EWhippetZine: <http://www.ewhippetzine.com/>
- Greater San Diego Whippet Association, rescue, breeder referral, race practice info, newsletter: [SanDiegoWhippets.com](http://www.sandiegowhippets.com)
- K9 Neckwear: [www.olive-drab.com/k9neckwear/](http://www.olive-drab.com/k9neckwear/)
- Karlie Bug's K9 Kollars: [www.karliebugskloset.com](http://www.karliebugskloset.com)
- Lure Coursing [Socalcoursing.org](http://www.socalcoursing.org)
- Pet Hotel & Campground Info: [www.petswelcome.com](http://www.petswelcome.com)
- Racing Information
- Southern California Whippet Association, straight and oval racing: [SoCalWhippets.com](http://www.socalwhippets.com)
- Whippet Rescue and Placement [Whippet-rescue.org](http://www.whippet-rescue.org)
- [Whippet Review.com](http://www.whippetreview.com)
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## HOUSEHOLD MEDICATIONS FOR PETS

**\*\*The following is a list of common household human medications that can be used on pets.**

**\*\*These medications can be extremely useful if you cant reach a veterinarian immediately.**

Product	Common Usage	Canine Dosage	Feline Dosage
Benadryl	Treats Allergies, Itching, etc.	½-1 mg per lb. Every 8 Hours Maximum Dosage 2mg per lb.	½ mg per lb. Every 8 Hours Can cause Excitability
Buffered Aspirin (Ascriptin)	Pain Relief Anti-inflammatory	5 mg per lb. Every 12 Hours	NOT RECOMMENDED!
Dramamine	Reduced motion sickness	12 ½ -50 mg Every 8 hours	12.5 mg Every 8 hours
Hydrogen Peroxide 3 %	Used to induce vomiting after accidental ingestion of poisons.	10 ml by mouth. Repeat in 15 minutes if not vomiting (do not exceed 3 times)	10 ml by mouth. Repeat in 15 minutes if not vomiting (do not exceed 3 times)
Imodium AD (liquid or tablet)	Relieves diarrhea	1 ml per lb.or 1mg per 20 lb Every 8 hours	NOT RECOMMENDED!
Kaopectate	Relieves Diarrhea	1 ml per lb. Every 2 hours	1 ml per lb. Every 2 hours
Mineral Oil	Eliminates Constipation	Up to 4 Tbs daily	Up to 2 Tbs Daily
Canned Pumpkin	Eliminates Constipation	2-3 tsp Every 8- 12 Hours	1-2 tsp. Every 8 -12 Hours
Pepto Bismol	Diarrhea, anti-vomiting, gas	1 tsp per 5 lbs or 1 caplet per 20 lbs Ever 6 hours	NOT RECOMMENDED!
Robitussin DM	Coughing, Hacking	1 tsp per 20 lb. Every 8-12 hours	NOT RECOMMENDED
Ibuprofen & Tylenol	DO NOT USE!!!!	DO NOT USE!!!!	DO NOT USE!!!!

From: <https://growls.org/over-the-counter-medications-that-are-safe-for-dogs-and-how-much-to-give/over-the-counter-medications/>

**Find a complete list of poisonous plants for dogs here:** [https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/home-living/protect-your-pooch-from-poisonous-plants/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_campaign=20220426\\_nibble\\_general](https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/home-living/protect-your-pooch-from-poisonous-plants/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=20220426_nibble_general)



# Ever wonder how hot it is inside your car??

[Hot Car Calculator | Time to Heatstroke \(omnicalculator.com\)](http://omnicalculator.com/HotCar)

## Parked cars get dangerously hot, even on cool days, Stanford study finds

July 5, 2005

**Researchers advise parents: 'Take your child with you'**

STANFORD, Calif. – Even on a relatively cool day, the temperature inside a parked car can quickly spike to life-threatening levels if the sun is out, researchers at the Stanford University School of Medicine have found. They hope their findings will put to rest the misconception that a parked car can be a safe place for a child or pet in mild weather.

"There are cases of children dying on days as cool as 70 degrees Fahrenheit," said lead author Catherine McLaren, MD, clinical instructor in emergency medicine. Though past research has documented the temperature spike inside a car on extremely hot days, this is the first time anyone has looked at cooler days, she added.

McLaren collaborated with James Quinn, MD, associate professor of emergency medicine, and Jan Null, an independent certified consulting meteorologist, to measure the temperature rise inside a parked car on sunny days with highs ranging from 72 to 96 degrees F. Their results, published in the July issue of the journal *Pediatrics*, showed that a car's interior can heat up by an average of 40 degrees F within an hour, regardless of ambient temperature. Eighty percent of the temperature rise occurred within the first half-hour.

"On a cool day, you don't feel hot so you believe it will be OK," Quinn said. "But ambient temperature doesn't matter; it's whether it's sunny out." Much like the sun can warm a greenhouse in winter, it can also warm a parked car on cool days. In both cases, the sun heats up a mass of air trapped under glass.

"Cars get hot, we know this intuitively," Null said. "But this study tells us that cars get hot very fast." McLaren, Quinn and Null hope their work will help educate parents and caretakers about the risk associated with leaving a child or pet in a parked car. Null said a substantial number of caretakers intentionally leave children behind because they mistakenly think conditions are safe.

In such cases, the caretaker sometimes takes certain precautions, such as cracking a window or running the air conditioner prior to parking the car. But the researchers found that such measures are inadequate: a cracked window had an insignificant effect on both the rate of heating and the final temperature after an hour, and the air conditioner trick only delayed the temperature spike by about five minutes.

"If more people knew the danger of leaving their children in the car, they probably wouldn't do it," McLaren said. The solution is simple, she added: take your child with you when you park the car.

Null said he would like to investigate other variables, such as the car's color, the shape and size of the interior, or the effect of tinted windows. But he is satisfied with the outcome of this study on its own. "One reviewer made the comment that this paper will save lives," Null said. "That's just about the best comment you can get."

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### **VSH – Sorrento Valley & San Marcos**

We take our dogs to [VSH](#) in Sorrento Valley for emergencies. They are just off the 805 at Sorrento Valley Rd. The huge pluses of VSH are that they have almost every possible diagnostic tool in-house, as well as 24x7 staffing. So, if your dog is seriously ill, they could be admitted and stay in the same facility for treatment - you would not need to transport your dog back to your regular vet for business hours, then back to the ER for after hours and weekends. Their staff is very friendly, helpful, and compassionate. They may not be budget-friendly, but for us the peace of mind is worth it. ~ Stephanie M.

I wanted to add to Stephanie's recommendation that VSH has a San Marcos location. I've used them and found them to have almost all the facilities/tools that the Sorrento Valley group has. ~ Nancy M.

### **West Coast Animal Hospital – near Fiesta Island**

5267 Linda Vista Rd  
San Diego, Ca 92110  
[westcoast.vet](http://westcoast.vet)

They are open 7 days a week. I have not been to them as I have been using my vet for the last 13 years, but I do know them and know people that go to them and are very happy. They also have a 5 star rating. You may put this in or not but it is good to know there is a vet that close to Fiesta Island (where my dogs have been injured more than once from their silly antics, not other dogs) that is open on Sundays.  
~ Barbara

### **CoastView Veterinary Hospital – Dr. Kelly Pizzo**

When I'm unable to get in to my favorite vet at Governor Animal Clinic I have a new back up vet, Dr. Kelly Pizzo of CoastView Veterinary Hospital. Kelly is a personal friend of mine and I can vouch for her knowledge, integrity and sweet, sweet spirit with both animals and people. CoastView offers not only a full service animal hospital but mobile veterinary services as well and are reasonably priced. They are conveniently located in Clairemont and all 3 vets are Fear Free Certified.  
[Coastviewvet.com](http://Coastviewvet.com)

~Debbey Bartos



# Veterinary Recommendations

*If you have a great vet, please share!*

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## **Animal Ambulance in San Diego County**

San Diego's companion animals can now get life-saving services usually reserved for people. Animal Ambulance has arrived in San Diego County to help transport pets in need of critical medical support. When a pet needs oxygen, fluids and first aid, Animal Ambulance can be counted on to provide these services, and transport an injured or ill pet to a veterinarian. Animal Ambulance can easily transport pets that are non-ambulatory, severely injured or in respiratory distress directly and safely to the hospital. They also offer home euthanasia services. Pet owners or Vets can call and book appointments, and the Ambulance service is also available for emergencies 24 hours a day! Disabled pet owners, those who own or work with service dogs, military personnel and senior citizens always receive a discount. To learn more, log onto **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** or call 760-738-6156. Information provided from San Diego Pets magazine.

## **Companion Pet Clinic**

<https://www.companionpcvet.com/>

You can't imagine how much I miss my vet in San Diego. Wonderful guy and very professional personnel.  
Eva Engvall

## **Country Pet Clinic**

**Chamkaur S. Brar, D.V.M.**

2525 Alpine Boulevard

Alpine, CA 91901

Phone: (619) 445-9815 On call 24hours

Rachel and I have been taking our dogs to Dr. Brar since 1998 when we moved to the Alpine area and have been most satisfied with his care and concern. His home is adjacent to the clinic and he has made himself available day and night. He has a very caring staff that we have grown to consider as friends. He treats a number of whippets in addition to our "posse" plus other sight hounds in the area. We feel that you will receive the type of care that you desire for your animals. -- Henry and Rachel

## **The Drake Center in Encinitas**

<https://www.thedrakecenter.com/>

(760) 753-9393

Dr. Shotwell

Been going there for 20 years and still go even though we now live 30 minutes away...that's how awesome they are.  
Candace Verrello

## **Governor Animal Clinic**

**Dr. Kirk Feinberg**

3240 Governor Drive

San Diego CA 92122

Phone: (858) 453-6312

<http://www.governoranimalclinic.com/>

In over 20 years of owning dogs, Dr. Feinberg is by far the best vet we have encountered. A graduate of UC Davis, he uses both western medicine and naturopathic remedies to treat his animal patients. He has spayed both of our girls and is very aware of the special anesthesia requirements for whippets as well as all of the other aspects of the breed. He has been a guest speaker at one of our whippet club meetings on the topic of over vaccination and titer testing and he is always on top of the latest techniques and treatments. In addition, he has the greatest bedside manner. He's gentle and caring with our dogs and we never feel rushed or leave with unanswered questions. Governor Animal Clinic is a full- service clinic, the office staff is great, and there's even a painting of whippets on one

of the walls when you walk in. There are 3 other vets in the office, but if you want the best care for your whips... ask for Dr. Feinberg. -- Debbey Bartos

### **Harmony Animal Hospital**

#### **Dr Candy Lewis**

3994 Park Blvd (SW corner of Park & Lincoln)

San Diego, CA 92103

(619) 293-7600

Just want to add my 2¢ about Dr. Lewis & Harmony Animal Hosp. Dazzle gashed open her wrist at Fiesta Island. Our regular vet, Dr. Feinberg was not in so we took Brooke's recommendation and tried Harmony Animal Hosp. What a pleasant surprise. There was a greyhound in the waiting room which made Dazzle feel right at home. Dr. Lewis knew what she was doing and treated Dazzle so sweetly. They had to put her to sleep in order to clean the wound and close it, but thankfully no bones were broken, just a real deep tear down to the joint capsule. I really liked Dr. Lewis, she's very down to earth and to the point and definitely knows sighthounds. The cost didn't kill us either like it would have at the ER. It was a good experience and I'm glad to have a wonderful back-up now. -- Debbey Bartos

Dr Lewis has been fantastic through Cat's recovery. She's also the vet for the Greyhound rescue of SD so is very familiar with treating sight hounds. -- Brooke Carlson

### **Judy Veterinary**

1764 N 2nd St, El Cajon, CA 92021

<https://www.judyvetclinicca.com/>

In East County we use Judy Veterinary, 1764 N 2nd St, El Cajon, CA 92021. We have been using the vets there for over 35 years. We like them very much and trust them in the care of all our animals. Jo Rufing

### **Lindsey Vet Care**

7740 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, San Diego, CA 92111

(858) 459-1516

<https://www.lindseyvetcare.com/>

I really love Dr. Bruce Lindsey. He is a good listener and is aware of the special needs of whippets regarding anesthesia. ~ Val Pearson

### **Mohnacky Animal Hospital Carlsbad - Small Animal Reproductive Services**

#### **Dr. Samantha Souther, DVM, DACT**

[www.mohnackycarlsbad.com](http://www.mohnackycarlsbad.com)

### **Sunset Cliff Animal Hospital**

4862 Santa Monica Ave. San Diego, CA 92107

Phone: (619) 224-0773

<http://www.sunsetcliffsanimalhospital.com/>

"Our vet we had used for years sold his business and we wanted someone close to our house. I had heard lots of good things about them and scheduled appointments with a few vets and we were happy with them right off the bat. They are a husband wife team, Dr. Christy Berg who grew up in Bonita and her husband Dr. Eduardo Acosta, who grew up in Puerto Rico. They are a very special team that knows sighthounds and make you feel like you have the BEST dogs in the world. They are also sensitive to the rips and tears we get from running our many dogs at Fiesta Island and always manage to fit them in spur of the moment. Did it help that we told them we would make their house payment for them when we first met them? Who knows, at any rate, they take very good care of our dogs. When we had our last litter (C-section I might add), Dr. Berg was wonderful about coming to our house to check on them and give them their shots. They are also very in tune with behavioral issues, which we do have as a pack. We are very comfortable recommending them to any other whippet owners." -- Sonny and Barbara Wakefield; Sonara Whippets