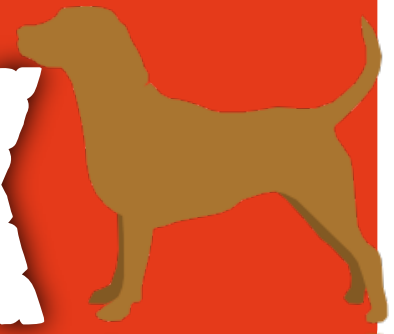


April 2012

# DOG TALK



Service Dog Eye Exams

Working Canine Critical Care Clinic

Kudos to...

US&R Calendar

In memory of...Charlie

Vet Advisory Group clarification

## SERVICE DOG EYE EXAMS

These eye exams are also available for search dogs....



The American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists® (ACVO)® will host its fifth public service event providing free eye exams to Service Animals, May, 2012. Approximately 200 ACVO® board certified veterinary ophthalmologists will donate their services to provide complimentary screening eye examinations to animals across America and Canada. It is anticipated that through these efforts, Service Animal health can be improved and potential disease averted for thousands.

Please share this important information with your Service Animal clients.



**Dr. Catherine Nunnery at  
VCA Veterinary Referral Associates  
will donate her services Mondays and Thursdays in May.**

Qualification information and  
registration available at:

[www.ACVOEyeExam.org](http://www.ACVOEyeExam.org)



Registration is open April 2012  
Complimentary eye screenings take place May 2012

For more information about Dr. Nunnery please see [www.vcavra.com](http://www.vcavra.com).



## **2012 Working Canine Critical Care Clinic**

*Cost: \$150 (Course is limited to 20 working spots)*

**Dates:** September 22 & 23

**Location:** Calamityville

*506 E. Xenia Dr. Fairborn, Ohio 45324*

### **This is a hands-on two day course**

- Students are responsible for care and clean-up of their K9 and will keep them on lead at all times.
- Hotel Accomodations:  
Baymont Inn and Suites, Wright Patterson AFB  
730 East Xenia Drive  
Fairborn, OH 45324  
937-754-9109  
K9 partners are welcome; \$80 per night per double room.  
Reference Room Block: Calamityville
- Spots are limited. Interested persons should complete the registration form and e-mail it to:

[info@ohiodisastersearchdogs.org](mailto:info@ohiodisastersearchdogs.org)

A follow up email will confirm your registration with instructions on where to mail payment.

Please direct any questions to:

Athena Haus @ 937-604-9725 or [athena@k9karma.org](mailto:athena@k9karma.org)



# Ohio Disaster Search Dogs

## WORKING CANINE CRITICAL CARE CLINIC REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT # (PRIMARY): \_\_\_\_\_ (SECONDARY): \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIALTY & EXPERIENCE:

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I WILL BE BRINGING MY K9 PARTNER TO THE COURSE?

YES  NO

*IF YES PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING:*

K9 NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ BREED: \_\_\_\_\_

DISCIPLINES: \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

**ODSD**  
2451 Periwinkle Drive  
Bellbrook, Ohio 45305

# KUDOS TO....

**DOGTALK is pleased to announce that the following Canine Search Teams have recently gained certification (or re-certification) as FEMA US&R Canine Search Specialists.**



## FEBRUARY 2012 Miami, Florida

HANDLER	CANINE	TASKFORCE
Julie Padelford	Lilly-Belle	FL-TF2
Roger Picard	Cinder	FL-TF2
Anthony Jacobs	Storm	NY-TF1
Deborah Burnett	Chipper	TN-TF1
Sue McManus	Ben	TN-TF1
Heather Wilkinson	Sarge	TN-TF1
James Spence	Louie	TN-TF1
Darrell Wilkerson	Zap	TN-TF1
Christine Harrison	Aleko	VA-TF1
Erin Venable	Pic	MO-TF1
Lynn Ballard	Daisy	MO-TF1
Elaine Smith	Chico	VA-TF2
Gary Hay	Eddie	IN-TF1
Kathy Petrere	Chick	IN-TF1
Anne Dottore	Ranger	IN-TF1
Bill Monohan	Hunter	CA-TF2
Dennis Clark	Rugby	CA-TF2
Andrew Olvera	Stetson	CA-TF2





## FEBRUARY 2012 Mira Loma, CA

HANDLER	CANINE	TASKFORCE
Carol Carlucci	Sonny	CA-TF6
Sally Timms	Echo	CA-TF6
John Redd	Nash	NV-TF1
Margaret Stewart	Bo	CA-TF1
Justin Evans	Blackjack	NV-TF1
David Vershal	Jack	NV-TF6
Mark Lepino	Baylee	NV-TF1
Patrick Cox	Cooper	WA-TF1
Peter Gross	Angus	CA-TF3
Chuck Wong	Kino	CA-TF4
Kyle Thomas	Leila	CA-TF7
Steve Swaney	Tank	CA-TF8
Shawn Kelly	Dually	AZ-TF1
Dana Medlin	Hoss	AZ-TF1





# Charlie



Picture this, handler (enter Erin Venable) has been looking and looking for her next partner. After many let downs from various breeders and brokers, she finds herself at the local shelter. She is walking up and down the aisles bouncing a tennis ball, seeing if it sparks any interest. The door to the play yard opens, a beagle-looking mix (enter Charlie) is being led in by a volunteer. Then it happens-Charlie spies the bouncing tennis ball! He almost rips the volunteers arm out of the socket trying to get to the ball. Erin says "You adopting that dog?". The volunteer (with a look of are-you-crazy-lady on his face) says "No, all yours". And the rest is history. Named after the award winning bargain wine "Two Buck Chuck", he became a well-known face around MO-TF1.

Charlie was the best first partner anyone could ask for. He taught Erin and our team so much. Known for his laid back demeanor but ferocious love of tennis balls, he will be remembered by many across the system as "that dog from CSS with TWO tennis balls in his mouth". He cruised through his deployment at Hurricane Katrina like a champ. In addition to being prepared to help save lives, he kept team spirits up learning to "play poker" with some of our rescue guys. (I think he even won a hand or two). Charlie's skills did not stop there. He took his retirement very seriously and became the Venable boy's guardian, playmate, snuggler, and best friend.

There will never be another one like him.

Charlie-you will be missed. We hope your Rainbow Bridge comes equipped with a tennis ball launcher.

Erin-

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

-Your Team



# SOME PHOTOS FROM CP, MARCH, FLORIDA



## USAR VET GROUP

There has been an on-going investigation into the cause of illness in dogs associated with feeding them chicken jerky treats produced in China. Other foods may be involved. Signs and symptoms include decreased appetite, decreased activity, vomiting, diarrhea, sometimes with blood, increased water consumption and/or increased urination. These may occur within hours of feeding the contaminated food.

Be aware that not all packaging labels include where the product was produced. Some labels indicate the packaging or distribution location as the US, but the product originated from China. Without a specific production location, assume China or another unknown location to be the source and avoid feeding to your dog.

For more information and to report a problem the FDA link is:

<http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/NewsEvents/CVMUpdates/ucm280586.htm>

Please forward any news, scheduled events, letters to the editor, or other info you want disseminated via **DOGTALK**, the underground canine newsletter to Anne McCurdy: [amccurdy@iuhealth.org](mailto:amccurdy@iuhealth.org)

