



Dog Dance Teams

To find out which teams are performing, review the event agenda.



Etta & Jennifer Bradley

After escaping from an unhealthy environment, Etta found herself at a rescue organization in need of some serious TLC. That is where she met Jenny. It was love at first sight. The two of them have been inseparable ever since. They both enjoy long walks in the park, lazy summer days by the pool, and learning new things together, such as dancing.

Tillie & Lindia Brown

I have been "training" the family dogs for as long as I can remember. What started as a childhood hobby now keeps my life balanced. Tillie was rescued from a Kern County shelter and found her way into my home. She is two years old and has now earned her Canine Good Citizen designation. Tillie found confidence through dancing while teaching me to freestyle since she was about four months old. We look forward to many more years of dancing together.



Coach & Angela Fernandez

Coach and Angela fell in love with dancing during playtime while listening to their favorite 80s music. The dynamic duo quickly outgrew house parties and backyard jams, and Coach shined in front of the crowd performing at Bow Wow Meow in 2008. Now, Coach is back for his Dancing with the Dogs events after his partner was off the circuit to become a first time mother. Coach -- always an overachiever -- works with Angela on their routines day and night. In spite of only having two legs and being on a brief hiatus, Coach believes his partner Angela will be able to keep up.

"Angela and Coach dedicate their performances to the one entertainer who has always inspired them to get up and dance."

Caesar the Poodle & Kim Kane

Kim started doing freestyle with Caesar, a 4 year old poodle, because she thought it would help with his lack of focus. Training the precision moves used in freestyle forces him to pay attention. During a performance, however, he still likes to check out the audience! He also competes in Rally Obedience and will start agility in the fall.



Sierra & Kris Donna Mack



Sierra is not a typical female 10 year old Golden Retriever. She is a very high drive dog and has a “spicy” personality. She loves to run with me and we end our run by running up the driveway with her short, pink leash in her mouth. Her high spirited ways bring joy to my life. She has earned her advanced, utility and rally dog obedience titles and loves to do agility. This is our first experience at freestyle dancing. She immediately found her favorite song, “Spanish Coffee” to dance to. The song has a fast

pace which fits her upbeat personality. She loves to spin so I was sure to incorporate this move into our routine.

Dexter, Piper and Laura McCormac

Laura McCormac and her two Welsh Cardigan Corgi dogs have fun in agility and they are beginners in doggie dancing. Corgis are known as being two dogs long and half a dog high. Dexter, the male, is 5yrs.old and he's a big teddy bear. Piper, the athlete, is 3yrs old. She'd rather chase a ball than eat. Dexter is Piper's great uncle, although they look like litter mates. Being herding dogs, they both aim to please and they make quite a spectacle dancing side by side as a brace.



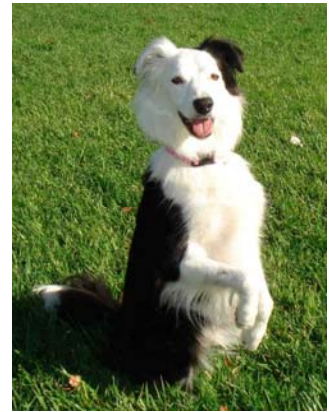
Cinna & Monica Nolan



Cinna is a rescue Aussie who spent her early years doing Agility. After earning several titles, weak hips on both partners caused a premature retirement from that sport. Cinna loves to remain “busy”, so freestyle is just the thing to keep her happy, active and out of trouble.

Jess & Linda Provenzano

Linda adopted Jess at 10 mo. old, from an unstable puppyhood. Jess soon learned basic training and loves to play ball. Being affectionate and having an unusually calm side for a Border Collie, she became certified with Delta Society as a therapy dog. Jess' specialty is laying in the bed or on a couch with hospice patients, visiting about 3 times a week. Linda and Jess discovered dancing together and are having lots of fun doing it. Their goal is to perform for the enjoyment of seniors.



Liam & Carole Raschella

Liam was born to show off and born to dance, but until Judy came to southern California, classes were not available, so after strutting his stuff in the show ring and earning his CD obedience title, he turned to Rally as the closest alternative to dancing.

Despite the sometimes irresistible temptation to "entertain" his audience in always that did not earn points with the judge, Liam was the first Rally Novice Irish Setter on the west coast, and the first in the country to receive a Rally Excellent. The highest Rally title offered is the RAE, and Liam has two of them, with five of the ten legs required for his third.

Carole is a professional artist, specializing in portrait commissions, and at twelve weeks old, Liam demonstrated his vocal abilities while serving as the model for her first piece, "The Pipes Are Calling" (<http://www.raschella.com/NewFiles/ThePipes.html>).

In addition to Rally and his new dance studies, Liam takes the occasional "acting" job, and appeared in last year's commercial for the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship show. He is thrilled to be able to pursue his dream career at last, and delighted to be performing at this event, both with his team mates and as a solo artiste.

Tina & Larry Ribbeck

Tina and Larry have teamed up to participate in AKC Agility, AKC Obedience, AKC Hunt Tests and most recently Dog Dancing, after her "rescue" from an Animal Control Shelter. You might recognize the breed by the wonderful photographs taken by William Wegman. Weimaraners are bred to be personal hunting companions, retrievers and tracking dogs. The attached photo shows what Tina loves best - finding and pointing a game bird in the field.





Harvey & Sandi Rust

Harvey is a 2 years old Cattle Dog mix. At 5 months old he was an owner surrender to the shelter. At 7 months old Sandi rescued and fostered him for Molly's Mutts and Meows. Harvey, true to his breed, is a high energy dog and soon showed himself to be quite an athlete. He would rather run than walk or play than rest. As any herding breed owner knows these guys need a "job" so he went with Sandi as her demo dog when she teaches obedience classes.

Over time with no "forever" home in his future Harvey bonded deeply with Sandi, her husband, Jim and their other dog, Snow. What else was there to do but adopt him and so in May of 2009 Harvey joined the Rust household. He is quirky, playful dog and loves every member of his adoptive family, including the cat. Harvey likes to settle next to Snow on a pillow and groom her and when they cuddle they become so entwined they resemble a two headed dog.

Using what he learned in obedience class makes Harvey very dependable off leash which lends itself to Canine Freestyle. Luckily Sandi was already teaching dog dancing their other dog Snow. Harvey improves With each event that they attend.

Because of his athleticism Sandi anticipates having Harvey try his "paw" at other sports such as Splash Dog which is diving off a dock to fetch an item thrown in the water - and K9 Nose Work which teaches companion dogs scent techniques formerly reserved for "bomb" detection dogs.

Snow & Sandi Rust

In England the Staffordshire Bull Terrier, or Staffie as they lovingly refer to the breed, is known as "The Nanny Dog" due to its dedication to humans and gentleness with children. Snow is a 6 y.o. pedigree Staffie and is registered in both the American and Australian Kennel Clubs. Snow is a people dog and at heart must think she is 1/2 her 30 lbs. as she LOVES to snuggle. "Pet Improvement" is Sandi's dog training business and Snow is Sandi's demo dog at obedience training classes. Snow is also a mentor to the Molly's Mutts and Meows rescue group foster dogs that Sandi cares for until adopted by their own forever family.



Training a dog requires that you discover what drives them. Some dogs love toys and some love treats. Snow is a treat dog. Her best behaviors are to bring to Sandi, by request, anything dropped on the floor and closing the refrigerator door - well any door for that matter. Snow and Sandi have worked in agility and obedience and are now trying their hand (and paw) at free style.



Java & Cathy Schmidt

Cathy and Java have been busy training in Canine Freestyle for almost two years. Java is still quite new to the sport and is learning how to stay focused and perform in front of a crowd. Java also enjoys the sport of Agility and is currently getting ready for competition.