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Horsing Around Just a Little Bit



Photo Andy Scheck

Corey Nelson of Moraga stands with a miniature horse during last year's Moraga Horsemen's Association open house. This year's open house, scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 6 on East Bay Municipal Utility District land off Canyon Road between Moraga and Canyon, will include demonstrations such as member games on horseback and hoof trimming. Visitors can take part in face painting, pony petting, and chili and pie contests. MHA is a family-oriented club founded in 1956 with both junior and senior divisions. The event is free and open to the public. Lunch is available for \$5; root beer floats are \$2. Parking is available on the MHA pasture adjacent to the fire road. For details, visit



Corey Nelson

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The Dog Who (Still) Doesn't Listen

By Cathy Dausman



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Midas doesn't listen – that much is clear. Aside from ignoring his human owners, the golden retriever has thoroughly disregarded the life expectancy of a dog diagnosed with osteosarcoma. Eighteen months after diagnosis and 10 months after we reported on his condition (www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue0612/Alternative-Medicine-for-Pets-A-Personal-Look.html) Midas' quality of life is good. The steady, minimal dose of painkillers he's given takes the edge off his limp, allowing him to walk for half a mile in comfort. He still eagerly retrieves the Lamorinda Weekly from the driveway, and still throws his 90 pounds around in a game of roughhouse. And as sore fingers can attest, his appetite and zeal for meals, kitchen scraps and dog biscuits persist. Veterinarian Jamie Peyton shakes her head in wonder when Midas visits for his twice monthly acupuncture treatments. "He has beaten the odds in several ways," she says, noting that even with limb amputation, the median survival rate for a dog with OSA is just three to five months. With palliative care only, the expected survival time drops to about half. "He has actually shown marked improvement in his lameness and [affected leg] muscle mass over time," Peyton says. It might just be time for Midas to buy a lottery ticket...

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One conclusion he intends readers to draw from the history is that the meaning of Tourette's is different for everyone.

"Reading and listening to the experiences of hundreds of other people with the same underlying condition convinced me that, as people with disabilities, our situations might give us an understanding of life that many may never come to know," he says. "Our conditions often force us to explore very deep into our minds, emotions, and critical aspects of life."

VanHole considers sympathy towards someone with Tourette's to be an "unnecessary sentiment." He says his parents, sisters, wife, in-laws and friends played an integral role in shaping who he is today.

"Their indifference towards my tics and symptoms carries a sense of beauty that is genuine and pure," he says. "Even while very young, my parents trusted me with my own decisions regarding how I handled my Tourette's. Through their guidance they gave me the

tools to handle any situation in life to the best of my ability, and Tourette's was simply treated as another situation – a unique one, to be sure, but just another situation nevertheless.

"For this, and so much more, I consider myself an extremely fortunate person."

"*Shared Consciousness: A Social History of Tourette Syndrome and its Treatments*," can be viewed online at www.disabilityhistory.org/PDFs/VanHole_Nicholas_Thesis.pdf.

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