

## Agenda NVDTC Training Meeting, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024


In attendance: Sandy, Mary, Cheryl, Sue, Donna A, Dena, Vange, Carol and Donna G      Absent: Linda L

- 1) **Opening Statement** – *Thank you for attending. Dena has completed her provisional as a trainer, she is approved for puppy, adolescent, GM1 and Rally. We need to look at different things we can offer. Build a class towards the pet dog person, after GM1, much discussion was held, and it was felt that people to have options with GM2. And that it is meeting the needs. It was also suggested by Dena to create a terminology list of what will be taught in class for them to review and to have a brief description of a hand touch, collar game, etc. Donna will work on this.*
- 2) **Platform work, discussion and work dogs** – *Dena, Carol, Vange and Cheryl brought dogs to work. Worked on basic exercise with the dogs, toss a treat and letting the dog come back to the platform, sitting in front position, and repeat. As dogs perfect this exercise the treat can be thrown to the right and left, working on the dog getting into front position, it also has a side effect of working on recalls. Other things that can be done with platforms was discussed, teaching stays, stands, backup putting the two rear feet on the platform, etc. Also talked about the size a dog should be using and how to best distribute in class.*
- 3) **Session 4 comments about changes to class outline** in puppy, adolescent and GM1 class-*talked about the new format of the puppy, adolescent, and GM1 classes and everyone thought the changes were good. People seem to be enjoying the platforms, and not having the same items taught in puppy and adolescent. Will continue to watch and see how it works out.*

- 4) Choose to Heel-*talked about how choose to heel was done, and everyone seems to be on the same page. Some discussion of where it is taught, now in GM1 as opposed to GM2, but the consensus was people enjoyed doing it, and it was fine in GM1.*
- 5) Handouts given out - *I asked for lists to be kept of handouts given out. The trainers are giving out handout as needed to people needing help with certain things, i.e. jumping, barking, separation anxiety, etc. I have asked them to continue noting what they are giving out so that we can be sure to have these on hand. Sandy stated that Marilane is willing to make the copies of items that are out and supplied updated articles as appropriate.*
- 6) Items that could be taught in a class geared to the pet dog-*discussed earlier*
- 7) What can we do as trainers to get more student to continue? -*not discussed at this meeting save for another day*
- 8) Handing out upcoming class schedules, will be done the week before registration opens-*instructions were given out to hand out the upcoming class schedule the week before registration opens. To be done by either the instructor or the assistant.*
- 9) CGC Instructors - Vange, *brought up the subject of using all the clubs certified CGC instructor for testing, to give everyone a chance. Mary stated in the past David has done the testing as well as Carol and Donna. Mary also stated how just 2 CGC classes a year were currently being done, and that she would 'use who I want to as the evaluator'*

- 10) **Approving New Classes – Vange**, *the approval process was attached to the notice for this meeting, I will attach to these minutes for reference.*
  
- 11) **Saturday Classes-Discussed for weekend puppy, adolescent and GM1 classes.** *Dena came up with the idea of doing workshops on Saturdays can this only requires one Saturday and not 6 weeks. The workshops could be on loose leash waking, recalls, a variety of subjects. This will be look at in future meetings.*
  
- 12) **Orientation-our current orientation was talked about.** *After discussing there were four options that were discussed,*
  - a. *Create a new video*
  - b. *Orientation on first day of class*
  - c. *Orientation on a different day, Saturdays making it mandatory*
  - d. *A written orientation*

*All of these have pluses and minuses. With the orientation returning to the first day of class, that only leaves 5 weeks for dogs to attend class, this seemed to be the most desired by some of the trainers. A committee was formed of Mary, Sandy and Dena to work on a new orientation to start in January 2025. This will be readdressed at the next meeting.*

Term	Description
Auto check ins	dog automatically checks in with you. Dog is off leash and when they get X feet from you they look back to check in
Attention Skills	dog applying attention to you
Choose to heel	Dog is off leash, handler is walking in a circle with left hand lowered with a cookie in. When dog come to heel position, gets the cookie and a party
Collar game	an added step to the name game - hand in collar, toss treat, dog get treat, call dog, when they get to you hand in the collar, other hand give cookie. Can be done with two people see name game just add hand in collar
Come fore	
Down	all four paws on ground, stomach also on ground
Figure 8	There are two posts placed about 8' apart. Dog circles one side and then the other making a figure 8 
Finish to left	dogs moves from front position to the handlers left side turning deep and coming into heel position
Front Position	dogs sits in front facing your legs, squared to you
Go to bed	send your dog to the crate or bed
Hand Touch	dog's nose touches the inside of your hand, should be done to both hands, dogs ALWAYS get a coolie for there nose hitting our hand
Leave it (Its Your Choice)	teaches the dogs to leave food on the floor alone, or on the counter top, dead things, etc.
Loose leash walking	dog walks nicely on lease with no tension on leash . NO pulling
Marker wound (word)	Most command marker word is "yes". A marker word tells the dog Yes, that want I want
Name game	this is a game to telp the dog learn its name and to come, toss cookie, call the dog, dog moes to you, give cookie, repeat. If two people call between each other giving the dog a treat at each person. If dogs starts to anticipate leaving one person for the other, ask for a sit and if needed hold on to the collar until the dog is released.
Platform work	dog get on elevated platform, 3 to x inches, can be used for many things stays, sits, down, stand
Recall	can be done same se the name game, calling your dog to you
Release Word	word used to release a dog from its pervious command Sit - break, Down - break

Right side finish	Dog is in front of you, goes around to your right to heel position which in on your left side
Side position (heel)	dog on your left side, their neck even with your leg. Referred to as heel position
Sit	butt hits the ground
Spin left/right	dog turns in a complete circle to the left or right
Stand	dogs goes from a sit or down position into a standing position
Take and give	Take a bone from my hand, and give it back to me (take anything, and give back to me)
Virtual Greeting	Dogs move from one dogs bed to another, getting to know the other dogs smell