

Napa Valley Dog Training Club
Training Committee Meeting

August 18, 2010

Meeting called to order by Teresa Russell at 6:35pm

Attending: Marlene Soldavini, Lynda Rhyno, Katherine Rhyno, Kelly Finn, Lea Ronald, Laura Ecklin, Sandy Bonifield, Deassa Binstock, Marilane Bergfelt, Mary Ash, Linda Luchsinger, Joy-Joy Woods, and Barry Gordon.

Old Business:

Updating Registration Form - No one could confirm if our current class application / sign up sheet(s) have been updated (per information below). Teresa offered to contact Sue directly ASAP to ensure that is done before 2011 classes.

*DISCOUNTS: Junior Handler is 10 – 17 years of age
Senior Handler is 60 and older
“Rescue” is a one time only discount*

Class Updates:

- STAR Puppy:
Laura gave a report of the trial run of this class in Session 4. She shared the reviews from clients, plus concerns from instructors – most notably the lengthy administration of the class to meet AKC guidelines. An extensive discussion followed, with a few concerns arising, most notably the difficulty to continue to meet required guidelines with the planned 6-week sessions in 2011.

The class will continue to be taught in its current form through 2010. Laura will continue to oversee the class, while other instructors try the format. Later in the year the committee will take a serious look on how successful this class has been for adolescent dogs, and what changes (if any) are needed.

- Puppy:
Kelly and Deassa have done serious work on revamping the Puppy Class curriculum. They presented the committee with a quick overview of a 3-week format that focuses on socialization. Marilane tried several of the new ideas in the Friday night Puppy class, Session 4 and enhanced the activities with new handouts. These pieces were provided to the committee.

Much discussion followed, with an agreement that the concepts were very workable. Later in the year the committee will take a serious look on how to implement this program and what updates to class handouts might be needed.

- Saturday Training Class:
The currently scheduled Saturday Good Manners 1 class will have to be cancelled due to double-booking of the building. Clients were contacted before the meeting, and only a few could not participate in evening classes. This GM1 class will be moved back to Friday night with Teresa instructing, and clients will be contacted ASAP.

New Business:

Provisional Instructors / Assistants:

- Katherine Rhyno was recommended to instruct all levels of agility. Committee agreed.
- Jim Spiva was recommended to teach GM1. A motion was made and seconded that Jim be made a Provisional Instructor on Tuesday night, Session 6 with Lea. Some of the current trainers have not had the opportunity to see Jim in classes or how he works with students – therefore all current trainers are encouraged to attend his class during this time.

Provisional Instructors / Assistants (continued):

- Joann Bird and Barry Gordon have offered to help assist Puppy and Good Manners 1 classes. Committee agreed that both ladies should shadow some senior / seasoned assistants before starting as provisional.
- Sue Ingalls, Stephanie Meinhardt and Beth Schutz have voiced an interest in assisting agility classes. A motion was made and seconded that all three ladies, plus a reconfirmation of Marilane Bergfelt, be made assistants for agility.

These ideas will be sent to Board (via email from Teresa) ASAP.

2011 Class Sessions: All sessions are 6-weeks.

Session 1	Jan 3 thru Feb 11	<i>break week of Feb 14</i>
Session 2	Feb 21 thru April 1	<i>break week of April 4</i>
Session 3	April 11 thru May 20	<i>break week of May 23</i>
Session 4	May 30 thru July 8	<i>break week of July 11</i>
Session 5	July 18 thru Aug 26	<i>break week of Aug 29</i>
Session 6	Sept 5 thru Oct. 14	<i>break week of Oct 17</i>
Session 7	Oct 24 thru Dec 9	<i>[week off Nov. 21 thru 25]</i>

Next meeting planned for October 13th at 6:30pm.

Meeting was adjourned 8:40pm.

Submitted by,
Marilane Bergfelt
(Meeting Recorder to the Stars)

Session 6 October 18 through December 10, 2010

Monday (10-18 to 12-6):

6:00pm Conformation with Michelle
(every other week)

Tuesday (10-19 to 12-7):

5:00pm Good Manners 1 with Lea & Jim
6:00pm Puppy (ages 0 – 6 months) with Kelly
7:00pm Good Manners 1 with Linda L.
8:00pm STAR Puppy (ages 6 – 12 months) with Laura & Linda L.

Wednesday (10-20 to 12-8):

9:00am Canine Good Citizen / Novice with Marlene
10:00am Good Manners 1 with Marlene
11:00am Good Manners 2 with Marlene

6:00pm Advanced Agility with Joy
7:00pm Intermediate Agility with Joy
7:00pm Jumpers with Laura & Katherine

Thursday (10-21 to 12-9):

9:00am Intro to Rally with Mar
10:30am 8:00pm Rally Classes TBA with Mary

Friday (10-22 to 12-10):

5:30pm Competition Obedience with Teresa
6:30pm Puppy (ages 0 – 6 months) with Lynda R.
7:30pm Good Manners 1 with Lynda R.

Note: No GM2 or CGC classes offered in the evenings this session.

[Club is closed the week of Thanksgiving - November 22nd through 26th]