

# Napa Valley Dog Training Club Training Committee Meeting

October 15, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:40pm by Sandy Bonifield (who also provided refreshments – thank you again !)

Attending: *Mary Ash, Marilane Bergfelt, Laura Ecklin, Maria Giaccio, Heather Kearn, Linda Luchsinger, Lynda Rhino, Lea Ronald, Teresa Russell, and Jim Spiva.*

## OLD BUSINESS

### **Non-NVDTC Trainers:**

Marilane has continued to speak with outside instructors per our last committee meeting. Information has changed very little:

- Judy Gamet (Dogs Can Dance) is interested in offering freestyle classes in the evenings. She will be available Tuesdays starting 2013. She would like to offer a beginning class, with the hope of expanding if successful. (*See class schedules - attached.*)
- Linda Chwistek is a trainer with BadRap and is a certified Nose Works instructor. She is interested in teaching a Nose Works class but ML has not been able to find out which evenings she is available. (*See class schedules - attached.*)

Marilane was asked to continue to communicate with these trainers, and Sandy and Linda L. will be part of those communications.

### **Saturday Workshop:**

Reliable Recall workshop slated for Sunday, December 2. Committee suggested a cost of \$20 for 1.5 – 2 hours. Club members and students would be invited. Kelly and Linda will work out details of PR, cost, liability / release, information to be covered / provided.

Sandy will contact Kelly before October 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting. It would be nice to have some information in writing so other instructors/workshops can use as a guideline.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **CGC – Title:**

American Kennel Club will be offering Canine Good Citizen as a title starting in January 2013. There are options for dogs who received the certificate before that time. Check the AKC website for details.

### **NVDTC Instructors & Assistants Workshop:**

Deassa suggested (via email) that our instructors and assistants meet and hold a workshop to share information. Subjects to cover: How to fit equipment; how skills are taught; etc. Lea suggested a bullet point be created beforehand to ensure key class items are covered.

Committee agreed (especially Linda) and set a date of: November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Sandy to email ALL instructors and assistants prior to the event. No one offered to review our class outlines or make a list of subjects to be covered. However everyone agreed the workshop should be kept positive.

### **Seminar:**

“Structure in Action” is planned for January 12, 2013 in Oakland, hosted by Doberman Pinscher Club of Northern California. Cost is \$75 – pre-registration; \$90 (day-of-registration) Speakers are:

- Pat Hastings – educator, author and AKC judge. Well known for her Puppy Puzzle DVD.
- Dr. Wendy Wallace, DVM, cVA – specialist in canine sport medicine.

Flyer is posted at the club – OR – email Paula Estill at [irishdobe@yahoo.com](mailto:irishdobe@yahoo.com)

### **Non-NVDTC Instructor – New Contact:**

Marsha Barkly (not sure of the spelling of her name) contacted the club and offered to teach Treibball at our site on weekends.

Most of the committee had not heard of this sport but were interested in learning more. Sandy will contact Marsha and see about: a) demoing the sport at a club meeting in 2013; and b) discuss holding a seminar to build interest.

### **Scheduling 2013 Classes:**

Attached are the proposed schedules for the first 2 sessions of the year. Exact class titles of rally and agility are not included. It was suggested that our website / flyers include clarification about the minimum number of students needed for a class plus the maximum number of students allowed. No one made any suggestions for that specific wording.

Lots of discussions about offering classes like Good Manners 2 at good times, since that seems to be where we loose students. Also, ML mentioned she would like to see a CGC offered in the evenings 2x each year in a good slot - so students have something to work toward.

Current and potential clients need the opportunity to plan ahead and adjust so they can participate. Most agreed that creating schedules several sessions in advance will help fill classes.

**Next Training Committee Meeting planned for Monday, November 19 at 6:30pm.** At that time we will meet and have a Workshop on equipment, skills, etc. All instructor and assistants are invited.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,

*Marilane Bergfelt (Meeting Recorder to the Stars)*

## Proposed Session 1, 2013 Class Schedule

### Monday (Jan 7 – Feb 11)

*No classes held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month*

daytime:	Rally	Mary
5:00pm	Rally	Mary
6:00pm	Rally	Mary
7:00pm	Agility	Laura
8:00pm	Agility	Laura

### Tuesday (Jan 8 – Feb 12)

4:30pm	Dogs Can Dance	Judy
<i>(current daytime class might move to this slot – TBA)</i>		
5:30pm	Beginning Freestyle	Judy
6:30pm	Advanced Obedience	Teresa
7:30pm	Good Manners 2	Teresa

### Wednesday (Jan 9 – Feb 13)

9:00am	Canine Good Citizen	Jim
10:00am	Good Manners 1	Jim
11:00am	Good Manners 2	Jim
5:30pm	Puppy	Marilane
6:30pm	Adolescent Dog	Marilane
7:30pm	Puppy	Lynda R.

### Thursday (Jan 10 – Feb 14)

5:30pm	Adolescent Dog	Sandy
6:30pm	Puppy	Lea
7:30pm	Good Manner 1	Lea

### Friday (Jan 11 – Feb 15)

*NO CLASSES booked for this evening.*

*\*\* ML will see if Nose Works might be available. \*\**

## Proposed Session 2, 2013 Class Schedule

### Monday (Feb 25 – April 1)

*No classes held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month*

daytime:	Rally	Mary
5:00pm	Rally	Mary
6:00pm	Rally	Mary
7:00pm	Agility	Laura
8:00pm	Agility	Laura

### Tuesday (Feb 26 – April 2)

4:30pm	Dogs Can Dance	Judy
<i>(current daytime class might move to this slot – TBA)</i>		
5:30pm	Beginning Freestyle	Judy
6:30pm	Good Manners 2	Teresa
7:30pm	Advanced Obedience	Teresa

### Wednesday (Feb 27 – April 3)

9:00am	Canine Good Citizen	Jim
10:00am	Good Manners 1	Jim
11:00am	Good Manners 2	Jim
5:30pm	Puppy	Marilane
6:30pm	Adolescent Dog	Marilane
7:30pm	Puppy	Lynda R.

### Thursday (Feb 28 – April 4)

5:30pm	Good Manners 1	Sandy
6:30pm	Puppy	Lea
7:30pm	Adolescent Dog	Lea

### Friday (Feb 29 – April 5)

6:30pm	Adolescent Dog	Lynda R.
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*\*\* Nose Works ? \*\**