

APRIL 2011

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club newsletter



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April's Meeting Features K-9 Presentation!

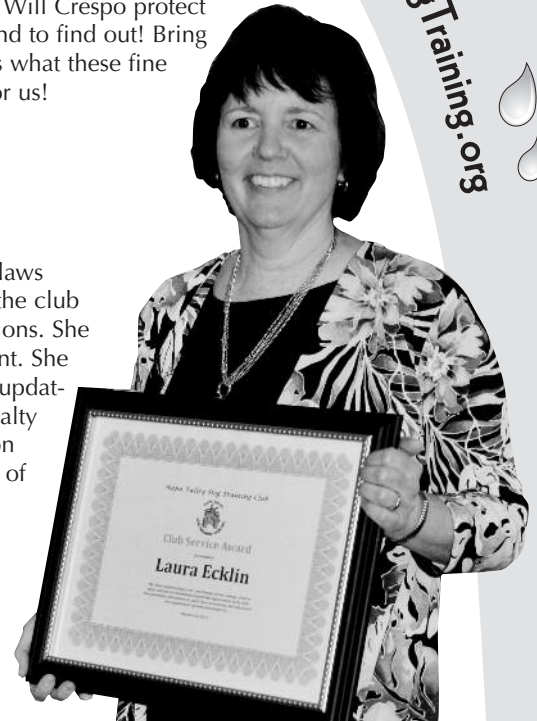


Join us for a very informative and rousing presentation from Officer James Baumgartner of the Napa County Sheriff Department K-9 unit. Officer Baumgartner and his dog, Crespo, will give a powerful demonstration at the April 11th meeting right after our business meeting. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers.

Will Crespo find drugs at the clubhouse? Will Crespo protect NVDTTC members from lurking evil? Attend to find out! Bring family and friends to support and witness what these fine members of our Sheriff Department do for us!

CONGRATULATIONS TO LAURA, 2010 Service Award Recipient!

The Club Service Award goes to current club members who uphold the NVDTTC bylaws and rules, contribute to the overall well-being and growth of the club, and represent the club in a professional, positive way. Laura does all of this and more. She exceeds expectations. She has been on the board for many years as a President, Vice President, and Past President. She has been key in assembling and documenting club rules, guidelines, procedures and updating club Bylaws. Laura teaches classes at all levels and teaches or co-teaches in specialty classes and assists classes, without pay or vouchers, if needed. Laura is a key player on major committees and chairs NVDTTC trials. She has provided support to key portions of our club using her writing and management skills and has created weekly outlines most instructors use for teaching beginning classes. Recently she was paramount in researching and designing the STAR Puppy program, a class which has evolved into working with adolescent dogs. Many of Laura's activities occur behind the scenes. Be sure to congratulate Laura for all of her hard work and dedication. The club is truly a better place for her involvement!



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MAY MADNESS!

JOIN US MAY 9th!

At May's General Meeting, members are invited to bring their favorite pooch to participate in lots of fun games! More details in next newsletter.

THE FUN STARTS AFTER A **6:00** MEETING!

Officers

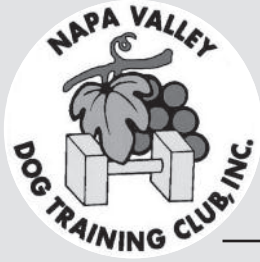
President: Mary Ash
Vice President: Gerry Glantz
Treasurer: Lori Jackson
Secretary: Sue Osborn
Past President: Laura Ecklin

Board Members

Sandy Bonifield
Barrie Gordon
Teresa Russell
Beth Schutz

Monthly membership meetings are the second Monday of the month at the clubhouse.

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 20th of each month.



A Special Thank You from Afghanistan

Good day!

I am a K9 handler stationed out in Kandahar, Afghanistan. We received a package via Capt Reeves full of treats for our K9 friends. I would really like to thank you for your kindness in sending these treats for our furry friends and the gloves for us handlers.

We have 7 dogs here, 5 explosive detection and 2 drug dogs. Our team consists of 2 Americans, 1 Brit and 4 South Africans. I am South African. I worked in Iraq as a handler for 17 months, did some training in San Antonio and was certified with Ida to come support and work with your soldiers in Afghan. Your soldiers are really doing a great job here and everyone on that side should be very proud of their effort here. Once again I would really like to thank you for your treats for our K9 partners. I have also attached photos of my K9 partner. Her name is Ida and she is a 3-year-old German Shepherd.

Have a great day.
Best wishes

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Johannes Blom (Jackie)
Dog Handler/Explosive Detection
AMERICAN K9 DETECTION SERVICES

This thank you came from the San Lorenzo Dog Training Club via Vange Leonis. A collection of items for overseas k-9 units was organized by Katie Tucker at SLDTC. Vange assisted by placing a collection box at the Napa Valley Dog Training Club.



Why do dogs eat grass?

Dogs commonly eat grass, and there are several explanations that have been offered for this behavior. One, wild canids (e.g., wolves and fox) eat all of an animal when they catch it. Since they eat many herbivores (plant-eating animals), they end up eating a lot of grasses and plants that were in the intestines of these animals. In addition, they have been known to eat certain berries and other plant material. Dogs then, may eat grass because, in reality, it is a normal part of their diet.

Many times, dogs will vomit after eating grass. Did they eat grass to make them vomit? Or did they vomit because they ate grass? It is a mystery, but it seems that some dogs may eat vegetation when they have an upset stomach.

The third reason—they just like it. Some dogs have certain species of grass or plant material that they will search out and eat.

In any case, grass eating is basically a normal behavior, and is not of concern unless your dog does it excessively.

TRAINING SESSION 3

Subject to Change

April 11 through May 20, 2011
(6 Weeks)

Week off between sessions 3 & 4: May. 23-27

Monday

1st & 3rd Mondays unless noted otherwise

5:00 pm	Good Manners 2 (All Mondays)	Sandy
6:00 pm	Conformation	Michelle
7:00 pm	Advanced Agility	Katherine

Tuesday

5:30 pm	Good Manners 1	Lea
6:30 pm	Puppy (0-6 months)	Marilane
7:30 pm	Adolescent Dogs (6-12 months)	Marilane

Wednesday

9:00 am	Canine Good Citizen/ Novice 1	Sandy
10:00 am	Good Manners 1	Sandy
11:00 am	Good Manners 2	Sandy
6:00 pm	Intermediate Agility	Katherine
7:00 pm	Beginning Agility	Laura/Katherine
8:15 pm	Foundation to Agility	Laura

Thursday

10:00 am	Rally	Mary
11:00 pm	Rally	Mary
6:00 pm	Rally	Mary
7:30 pm	Good Manners 2/CGC	Linda

Friday

5:30 pm	Competition Obedience	Teresa
6:30 pm	Adolescent Puppy (6-12 months)	Lynda
7:30 pm	Puppy (0-6 months)	Lynda



TRAINING SESSION SCHEDULE

Sessions are 6 Weeks

Session 3: April 11 — May 20, 2011

Session 4: May 30 — July 8, 2011

Session 5: July 18 — August 26, 2011

Session 6: September 5 — October 14, 2011

Session 7: October 24 — December 9, 2011

Class Fees:

Members* & Non-Members \$115

Senior/Jr/Rescue: \$100

Unless noted otherwise, all sessions run 6 weeks,
one time per week at the
day & time shown for 50 minutes.

Please call the club at

707-253-8666

to check class availability and to register.

*Members can earn vouchers to
offset the cost of classes.

Details: www.napadogtraining.org/vouchers.htm

What types of classes are you interested in?

Following are classes that have interest lists. If any of these classes are something you would like to enroll in, the lists are available in the NVDTTC's clubhouse office. Sign up on an interest list by visiting the office or by emailing Barrie Gordon at barrielougordon@gmail.com/.

Agility • Animal-Assisted Therapy Skills • Canine Good Citizen • Clicker Training • Competition Obedience
Conformation • Freestyle/Dog Dancing • Rally • Tracking • Tricks & Games

3/14/11 NVDTTC General Membership Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Mary Ash, President, called general meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
- B. Board members present: Mary Ash, Sandy Bonifield, Laura Ecklin, Gerry Glantz, Barrie Gordon, Lori Jackson, Sue Osborn, and Teresa Russell. Absent: Beth Schutz.

II. MINUTES, Sue Osborn

M/S/C to accept minutes from the February 14, 2011 general meeting as published in the March 2011 newsletter.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT, Lori Jackson

- A. Rabobank CD: \$11,706.14
- B. Rabobank Savings: \$10,674.76
- C. Rabobank Checking: \$5,473.50
- D. Chase Checking: \$8,019.45
- E. The new checking account was opened in Rabobank with partial funds from Chase. Remaining funds were left in the Chase checking account to cover outstanding checks through end of this month.
- F. M/S/C to accept Treasurer's Report.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Mary Ash

- A. Dog crates and pens have been relocated to reduce dog interaction issues
- B. Recent decision by board is to award keychain medallions to any member who receives an award: one medallion per dog. Mary presented keychain medallions to Mary Joy, Christy Rose, Catherine Rhyno, Teresa Russell, and Marjorie Vulk.

V. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT, Gerry Glantz

- A. Presentations: Officer James Baumgartner from the Napa County Sheriff Department K-9 unit will be the guest speaker at the April 11th meeting.
- B. Membership List – Several members have indicated they do not want their address on the published membership list.
- C. The meeting attendance check-in list has been revised to add a column to show receipt of a voucher. Each member is to check off his own name when receiving a voucher.

VI. BOARD REPORTS

- A. **NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE**, Sue Osborn
Deadline to submit articles and information for the newsletter is the 20th of the month.
- B. **OFFICE**, Barrie Gordon
Everything is running smoothly and classes are full.
- C. **TRAINING**, Sandy Bonifield
 1. Sandy has added notes to training boards to start signing up students up for session 3 since this is week four of session 2.
 2. Session 3 is pretty well set.
- D. **PUBLICITY**, Beth Schutz

Absent, therefore no report.

E. BUILDING, Teresa Russell

1. The leak in the bathroom is from the roof not the toilet. Ross is working on it. Slippery floor sign has been posted.
2. The front entrance doorknob is fixed.
3. Teresa ordered leashes.
4. Irish Terrier Club left building clean after using it on March 13.

F. AOCNC, Gerry Glantz

- NVDTTC is hosting AOCNC's quarterly meeting in San Ramon on April 2.
1. If anyone has suggestions for a nearby restaurant with a separate banquet room and reasonable prices for hosting future meetings, let Gerry know.
 2. The flyer for the luncheon meeting is on the AOCNC website.

VII. HOSPITALITY

Thank you Marcie Neller and Teresa Russell for tonight's goodies! April meeting volunteers: Marjorie Vulk and Margretha Lane.

VIII. SUNSHINE, Mary Joy Davis

No Report

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Year End Banquet, Laura Ecklin and Lynda Rhyno
 1. A big thanks to Laura, Lynda, and Linda Luchsinger for the great work on the banquet.
 2. The banquet room was a great space for the 30 and more members who attended.
 3. Thank you to Marilane Bergfelt for helping with certificates
 4. Thank you to Joy Wood for donating a variety of items from Lixit.
- B. Membership Packets
Gerry reported items for the packet will go to Board for review and hopefully will be available for passing out at the April meeting.
- C. May Madness
The general May meeting will start at 6:00 to accommodate starting games early.

X. NEW BUSINESS

None.

XI. NO MEMBERS

None.

XII. BRAGS

Stefanie Meinhardt

XIII. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Sue Osborn, Secretary

American Kennel Club Introduces Preferred Agility Championship title



New Title to Take Effect July 1, 2011

New York, NY — The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) is pleased to introduce the new Preferred Agility Champion title (PACH). Created as a way to recognize the superior performance, speed and consistency of AKC's preferred agility competitors, dogs must achieve a minimum of 750 championship points and 20 double qualifying scores from the Excellent B Preferred Standard class and the Excellent B Preferred Jumpers with Weaves class to obtain this prestigious championship.

"The Agility department is thrilled to be able to implement the Preferred Agility Champion title almost two years ahead of the



original scheduled start date," said AKC Director of Agility Carrie DeYoung. "The Preferred Championship is designed to recognize the excellent quality of dogs and handlers that are exhibiting in our Preferred Agility program at the top level."

The PACH title is a prefix title and is retroactive, so any dogs that earned the title prior to July 1st, 2011 will be "grandfathered" in and will automatically have PACH added to their AKC name in the AKC computer system. Exhibitors will not need to request this to happen. Owners who wish to obtain a title certificate for dogs that earned the title prior to July 1st will need to order one by calling Customer Service at (919) 233-9767.

The dogs that earn the title from July 1st onward will automatically be mailed a certificate. The retroactive points will be based on the new point schedule as of July 1st, 2011 that will earn all dogs 1 point per second under the Standard Course Time. There will not be any point multipliers applied at any time for the points earned toward the PACH title.

More about the PACH:

- There are no changes to the PAX title and both the PAX and the PACH will exist. PAX and PACH titles may be earned from the same set of double qualifying scores (although they

may not be achieved on the same dates, depending on when the 750 points for the PACH are earned).

- One point is awarded for each full second under the Standard Course Time. (No partial points are awarded.)
- Dogs earn points from the Ex B Preferred Agility Class and/or the Ex B Preferred Jumpers With Weaves Class.
- Qualifying with scores of 100 in both the Ex B Preferred Agility Class and the Ex B Preferred Jumpers With Weaves Class on the same day equals one double qualifying score (2Q).
- The PACH title points and 2Q's progression will be able to be viewed in the AKC online store reports after the title's implementation.

Requirements General Scoring: A dog does not have to obtain the Master Excellent Preferred title (MXP) or the Master Excellent Jumpers With Weaves Preferred title (MJP) prior to achieving scores that will count toward their Preferred Agility Championship title (PACH). A dog need not be in both "B" classes in order to start accruing PACH points. Any score of 100 (clear round) obtained in the Excellent B Preferred classes will count towards both the dog's Preferred Championship requirements, and the dog's MXP/MJP titling requirements.

Titles: The PACH title initials will be followed by a numeric designation indicating the quantity of times the dog has met the requirements of the PACH title as defined above, e.g., 1500 PACH points and 40 2Q's =PACH2.

For more information, visit www.akc.org/events/agility or download a copy of the Regulations for Agility Trials.



**For upcoming
trials/shows
go to nvdtc.org/events**

***Also visit www.infodog.com, www.nadac.com,
www.k9wag.com, and www.k9cpe.com
for information on conformation
shows, obedience and agility trials,
tracking tests, field trials, etc.***

Driving without a dog restraint? It's an accident waiting to happen.

Americans love their dogs and their cars, so it's natural that you'll frequently find them together. On any given day on any given highway across the United States you might see Fido in the Ford, Buddy in the Buick, and Chester in the Chevy. In fact, a whole branch of the pet supply industry has developed to help us make sure our canine pals are well cared-for as we cruise America.

Safety first

Without a doubt, some sort of car restraint is the most important car accessory for a dog owner to buy and use. Many people think the use of canine seat belts (or some other restraint) is ridiculous; however, 20 years ago, many people thought seat belts for people were an unnecessary annoyance. Several thousand lives saved later, most people have gotten with the program and buckle up.

It's unfortunate, but it's actually rare to see a dog properly equipped with a seat belt for safe driving.

Besides, the use of restraints undeniably prevents canine injuries; who among us hasn't, at some point in their driving career, had to slam on the brakes in traffic and had their dog flung against the seat, dashboard, or windshield in front of them? Restraints also save canine lives.

While it's true that one reason to crate or seat belt your dog in your car is to keep her as safe as possible in an accident, another is to keep you from being injured in a wreck. A free-flying dog can become a deadly projectile, causing serious injury to you or other vehicle passengers if she hits them in mid-flight.

Finally, another good reason to restrain your dog in the car is to prevent her rambunctious antics from causing a wreck. (Did you all read the news accounts of famous author Stephen King being hit by a car, and seriously injured, by a driver who was reprimanding his dog while driving?)

Alternatives to crates

A well-outfitted and well-secured crate is the first choice for safe dog transport. When you do use a crate to keep your dog safe in the car, it must be fastened down in some manner so it doesn't become a projectile itself. And crates that shift and slide even in normal driving can be aversive to a dog and make him not like his car-crate.

But not everyone has room in their cars for crates, nor solid things to fasten them to. And the space required for multiple-dog households would certainly preclude each dog having his or her own transport crate, unless you drive a large van or school bus!

Fortunately, there are now a number of tethering devices on the market. Most interact in some way with your car's seat belts, although there are some made to fasten to cargo hooks in trucks and SUVs.

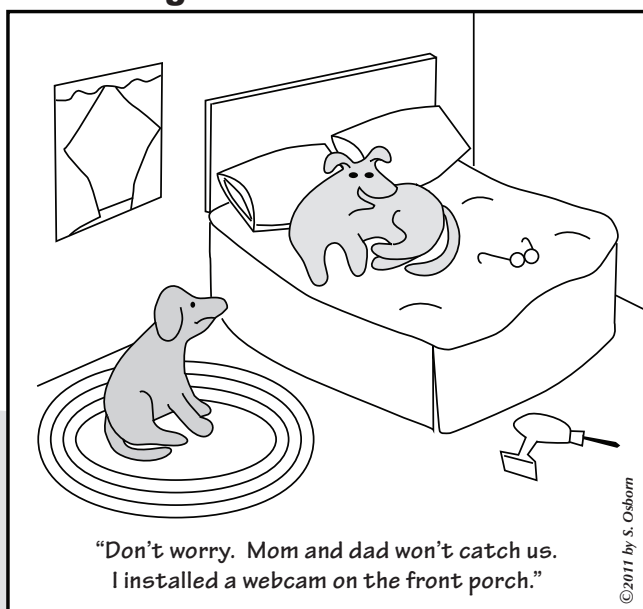
For safety reasons, all restraint devices should be used with a harness, not a collar, so you'll need to add the cost of a harness (about \$3-15) to those products that don't include one as part of the package. Also, dogs should always be buckled up in the back seat of your vehicle. Just like small children, they risk severe injury or death from air bags in the front seats of most newer cars. Remember: Air bags can be engaged in even very slow-speed accidents, but deploy with lightning speed and potentially dog-crushing force.

For a review on related products from different manufacturers to secure your dog, visit the Whole Dog Journal website.

source: www.whole-dog-journal.com



Geek Dog



County Wide Dog Training Club

hosts an obedience run-through drop-in class
on the second Sunday of every month.

Starting at 10 a.m. The time can be used for any level of obedience and/or for problem solving specific exercises.

There will be group sits and downs at 11 a.m.
If you don't sign in by 11 a.m., there is not a guarantee the instructor will still be there after 11.

\$10/run through for non-members, \$8 for members or a card punch.
Ten minute freestyle time slots will follow obedience run throughs.

Sign in for freestyle run throughs by 11 a.m.

887 Sebastopol Rd., Santa Rosa.

There are no dog potty facilities at the location.

Instructor: Laurie Rubin, earthlaurie@earthlink.net

707-829-7950.

More Photos from NVDTC'S ANNUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION



While members enjoyed their meal, Laura asked questions about dogs. Anyone with the correct answer on their ticket won a special door prize!



AOCNC BROCHURE NOW AVAILABLE

What is AOCNC all about? How long has AOCNC been around? What does AOCNC stand for? What kinds of activities are supported by AOCNC? Who belongs to AOCNC?

All these questions answered and more in the newest addition to AOCNC: an informational brochure.

This brochure is available as a hard copy at the NVDTC dog club on the handout table and as a download from the AOCNC website.

Visit www.AOCNC.org and click on the **Download AOCNC Brochure** link on the AOCNC home page.



**Next General Meeting at the Club:
Monday, April 11, 2011
6:30 p.m.**



**K-9
GUEST
SPEAKER!**



**No Dogs
at
Meeting**

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Scheduling of Board Meetings

Board meetings are open to all members and, except for December, are scheduled the fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
Call 253-8666 to verify both date and location of meeting. Minutes from board meetings are posted at the club.

**NVDTC's 2011
AGILITY TRIAL
AUGUST 20th and 21st**

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NewsletterEditor@napadogtraining.org**

**NVDTC's 2011
OBEDIENCE & RALLY
TRIALS
NOVEMBER 5th**

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

- Agility Trial Chair:** Laura Ecklin
- Obedience and Rally Trial Chair:** Mary Ash
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- Building:** Teresa Russell
- Training:** Sandy Bonifield
- Office:** Barrie Gordon
- Sunshine:** Mary Joy Davis
- Newsletter/Website:** Sue Osborn
- Membership:** Gerry Glantz
- Publicity:** Beth Schutz
- CGC:** Jim Spiva