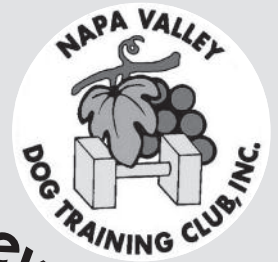


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NVDTTC'S OBEDIENCE/RALLY TRIAL 2009

Napa Valley Dog Training Club held its Obedience/Rally Trial on Saturday, June 20th at Napa Valley PSI.

Although entries were low we still realized a profit of \$508 with the raffle having made \$490.00 and award donations of \$660. So a big "thank you" goes to Sue Bunte for all her hard work on the raffle and to Mary Joy Davis for her award donation collections.

This was our first time holding our trial at PSI. We had so many compliments on the show site. Exhibitors thought it was just great and all promised to tell others about it. They also enjoyed the lunch provided by the club and organized by Bobbie Honsvick and Dee McNeil. These two did an outstanding job.

I would like to thank the members who made this event possible starting with the core committee of Linda Luchsinger, Lynda Rhyno, Gary Walker, Joy Wood, Bobbie Honsvick, Dee McNeil, Sue Bunte and Mary Joy Davis.

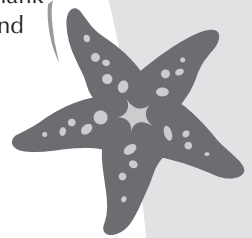
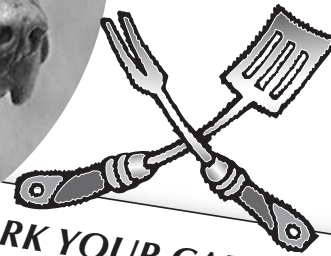
A big thank you goes to all the members who worked the Rally Ring: Deassa Binstock, Joy Wood, Anita Boyce, Marlene Soldavini, Stephen Ward, Katherine Rhyno, Gary Walker, and Sue Osborn.

Another big thank you to the Obedience Stewards: Marilane Bergfelt, Charlie Rose, Janet Davis, Anita Boyce, Kathy Tucker, Christina Martin, Anne Moya, Gerry Glantz, Linda Wargo, Eva Johnson, Sandy Bonifield,

Marlene Soldavini, and Karen Jackson.

Also thanks to Lori Jackson and Karen Jackson for taking care of the ribbons and awards and making sure they were at each ring at the appropriate time.

This Trial can only be successful if the members are there to see that things run smoothly and they certainly did do so. So, again, a huge thank you goes to each and every one of you!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Napa Valley Dog Training Club **Annual Barbecue** will be held September 14th at the clubhouse.

This is a special event to celebrate our members! Club members & their families are invited.

Watch for more details in the next newsletter!



Napa Valley Dog Training Club
(707) 253-8666
Clubhouse: 68 Coombs St., Bldg N
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 4097, Napa CA

Officers

President: Laura Ecklin
Vice President: Joy Wood
Treasurer: Lynda Rhyno
Secretary: Sue Osborn
Past President: Linda Luchsinger

Board Members

Sandy Bonifield
Janet Davis
Marlene Soldavini
Gary Walker

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

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



2009 Training Session Schedule

Session	Beginning Date	Ending Date
4	June 15th	July 31st
~~~~~ Week off between sessions 4 & 5: August 3-7 ~~~~~		
5	August 10th	September 25th
~~~~~ Week off between sessions 5 & 6: Sept. 28-Oct 2 ~~~~~		
6	October 5th	November 20th

TRAINING SESSION 5 FOR 2009 • August 10 - September 25, 2009

DAY	TIME	CLASS	INSTRUCTOR
Monday	5:00 p.m.		
(General 2nd)	6:00 p.m.	Competition Obedience	Teresa
(Board 4th)	7:30 p.m.		
Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	Puppy	
	5:00 p.m.	Good Manners I	Sandy
	6:00 p.m.	Puppy	Sandy
	7:00 p.m.	Good Manners I	Lea
	8:00 p.m.	Good Manners II	Teresa
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Canine Good Citizen	Marlene
	10:00 a.m.	Good Manners I	Marlene
	11:00 a.m.	Good Manners II	Marlene
	6:00 p.m.	Agility Advanced	Laura/Katherine
	7:00 p.m.	Agility Jumpers II	Joy
	8:00 p.m.	Agility Intermediate	LeAnn
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Rally	Mary
	11:00 a.m.	Rally	Mary
	5:00 p.m.	Rally	Mary
	6:00 p.m.	Rally	Mary
	7:00 p.m.	Rally	Mary
	8:00 p.m.	Rally	Mary
Friday	5:30 p.m.	Puppy	Laura
	6:30 p.m.	Good Manners I	Teresa
	7:30 p.m.	Canine Good Citizen	Teresa

**Class Fees
(7-weeks):
Members* &
Non-Members
\$115**
**Senior/Jr/Rescue:
\$100**

All sessions run
7 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 have the
opportunity to earn vouchers
to offset cost of classes.*

**Check
dogscandance.com
for information on
upcoming
Dogs Can Dance!
classes.**

Pet Supplements Skimping on Meds?

by Marilyn Marchione, AP Medical Writer
July 9, 2009

Arthritis supplements bought by millions of pet owners for their dogs, cats and horses sometimes skip on the ingredients the makers claim can help aching paws and aging joints, and some contain high amounts of lead, an independent laboratory found.

Four of the six joint supplements for animals tested by ConsumerLab.com lacked the amounts of glucosamine or chondroitin promised on their labels or had other flaws, such as lead. Wider testing by a trade group of 87 brands found that one-quarter fell short.

Over-the-counter dietary supplements for humans do not have to be proven safe or effective before they are sold, and pills for pets get even less scrutiny.

"There is and there always has been" a quality problem, although many companies do a good job, said Mark Blumenthal of the American Botanical Council, which tracks research on herbal products.

Even when these supplements contain what they claim, there is little evidence that they work, veterinary experts say. A large government study of people with arthritis found that glucosamine and chondroitin did no better than dummy pills in easing mild pain. Testing these supplements on pets is more difficult.

"You can't ask a dog or a cat to give you a subjective impression of how they're feeling after taking the product for several days. They can't say, 'On a scale of 1 to 5, I feel better or worse,'" Blumenthal said.

Giving supplements to an ailing pet can make its owner feel better, though. "The owner shelled out money for the pills and wants to believe they are helping," Blumenthal said.

Up to one-third of dogs and cats in the U.S. are given supplements, a government report estimates. Sales of pet supplements have roughly doubled since 2003, to nearly \$1 billion a year in the United States, according to the Nutrition Business Journal. These supplements are sold over the Internet and at pet supply stores and some groceries.

Many pet owners believe they make a difference.

Nicole Albino, who lives in New York City, said her dog Chakka was constantly chewing and licking his knees until her veterinarian recommended glucosamine and chondroitin.

After taking the pills for a year, "he's definitely been licking his knees a lot less," she said. The dog resumed when she ran out of the stuff for a few weeks. "It just seems to help," Albino said.

Few high-quality studies have tested the effectiveness of animal supplements. The Food and Drug Administration says these products are not bound by quality rules for human ones.

In 2007, the FDA asked an expert panel to look into three popular pet supplements—lutein, evening primrose oil and garlic—but the group could not agree on a safe upper limit.

"Many people presume that supplements are safer than drugs, but the reality is that there is very limited safety data on dietary supplements for horses, dogs, and cats," the panel concluded.

That same year, 2007, pet food tainted with melamine sickened and killed thousands of cats and dogs. Melamine can mimic protein in some lab tests, and protein costs much more than melamine.

Similarly, certain substances can fool tests for chondroitin, an expensive joint-supplement ingredient, said Dr. Tod Cooperman, president of ConsumerLab.com. The company tests supplements for manufacturers that want its seal of approval, and publishes ratings for subscribers.

Chondroitin usually comes from pig and cow cartilage, though shark and chicken cartilage also can be used, as well as algae. Glucosamine usually comes from the shells of crabs. It is also sold in chemical forms—something that might surprise people who think of these as "natural" products.

ConsumerLab.com's most recent tests of human joint supplements, released this week along with the pet pill results, found that five out of 21 brands failed to meet quality standards, usually because of too little chondroitin. Four of the six pet supplements tested also failed. One contained only 17 percent of the promised chondroitin.

The National Animal Supplement Council, a trade group in suburban San Diego, found that 28 percent of the 87 brands it tested in April did not contain what was claimed, said council president, William Bookout. The group doesn't name names, but uses the results to help members improve quality control.

"Sometimes a company doesn't even realize they have a problem, or a company can make an honest mistake," Bookout said.

He warns consumers not to expect too much from a pill: "There isn't any magic bullet out there. It is not hip replacement in a bottle."

Dr. Babette Gladstein, a vet who makes house calls for dogs and cats in New York City, said she uses alternative methods but not



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7/13/09 NVDTTC General Membership Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Laura Ecklin, President, called meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.
- B. Board members present: Sandra Bonifield, Janet Davis, Laura Ecklin, Linda Luchsinger, Sue Osborn, Lynda Rhyno, Marlene Soldavini, Gary Walker, and Joy Wood.

II. MINUTES—M/S/C to accept minutes from the June 8, 2009 general meeting as published in the July newsletter.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Everything is going smoothly. Board is now having shorter meetings every other month. Laura as approved at last general meeting wrote a letter to the Napa Valley Register editor. The letter was published in today's Napa Valley Register.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT, Lynda Rhyno

- A. Checking: \$12,405
- B. Money Market: \$8,941.
- C. CD: \$11,436.
- D. There is about \$400 in checks to write. June and July are big expenditure months because of upcoming trials. There is some concern where the club is financially what with the downturn of economy.
- E. Treasurer's report accepted: M/S/C.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Newsletter/Website, Sue Osborn
Deadline for newsletter articles is the 20th of the month. Sue will set up the club on facebook.
- B. BUILDING, Gary Walker
 1. The building is staying nice and clean; everything is being put away.
 2. No vermin were caught during the week off between sessions. Fortunately people are being very good about keeping food put away.
 3. The new bar jump, purchased since the club was short one, is very nice. Mary Ash will look into cost of a high jump. One jump was broken which will need to be fixed.
- C. TRAINING, Joy Wood
 1. Sessions 5 and 6 are set.
 2. Sign ups for session five are really low although it is still early; Joy Wood will put an ad in the paper.
- C. PUBLICITY, Janet Davis
 1. Let Janet know if you see NVDTTC brochures have run out at vets' office.
 2. Marilane has made class interest lists and they are on display for tonight's meeting.
 3. Janet has obtained brochure holders for stores

such as Wilson's. She will put in for reimbursement from the club.

D. OBEDIENCE/RALLY TRIAL, June 20, 2009

1. Obedience trial was a great success with a profit of \$508.
2. Sue Bunte and Mary Joy did a wonderful job organizing awards and raffle donations.
3. There will be an article in the August newsletter about details of the trial.
4. There were lots of good comments on this year's location and the club received a nice note from one of the exhibitors.
5. Bobbie Honsvick broke even on food and cash for the food.

E. AGILITY TRIAL, August 15 & 16, 2009

1. Committee met on July 6.
2. Sign up sheets for workers are now posted on board.
3. Gerry Glantz will do ribbons and awards.
4. If you have items for raffle leave in front lobby; does not have to be dog related, Donate no later than August 14th.
5. Marlene will take over for classes on the Friday before the agility trial.
6. Friends of members interested in working at trial are welcome; they do not need to be a member.
7. Joy Wood and Laura Ecklin have volunteered to be ring stewards.

F. TRACKING TEST

1. The 2010-tracking test will be on March 14.
2. Judges lined up are Kay Hall and Ron Simmons.
3. AKC has approved the NVDTTC's 2010 Tracking Test

G. OFFICE, Sandy Bonifield

1. Deposit balancing is going much better.
2. Sue Bunte will work Friday nights.
3. Tuesday or Thursday is available.

H. AOCNC, Gerry Glantz

- AOCNC Dog Dancing Seminar - August 29th
1. Three team entries per club.
 2. Only charge to participants is \$10 for refreshments and lunch, rest paid by AOCNC.
 3. Seminar will be at the NVDTTC clubhouse.
 4. There may be a lottery if other clubs do not fill their quota.
 5. Laura to forward form to Gerry for use of clubhouse.

H. HOSPITALITY

1. Thank you to Tim Dack and Ann Moya for tonight's goodies!
2. Janet Davis and Chris Mayer volunteered to pro-



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

*Also check out www.infodog.com,
www.nadac.com, www.k9wag.com, and
www.k9cpe.com for additional details for
listings shown below and for information on
additional conformation shows, obedience and
agility trials, tracking tests, field trials, etc.*

- vide hospitality for the August 10th meeting.
3. September is the annual club barbecue.
- I. SUNSHINE, Mary Joy Davis
Sunshine was extended to Stephen Ward and Lyndal Saver.
- J. CRITTER COMFORTERS
1. M/S/C to order 1000 labels for blankets made by Critter Comforters.
 2. If anyone has batting, fabric, or yarn, please bring to club for use by Critter Comforters.
 3. To date a total of 2,000 blankets have been made!
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
- A. JUDY GAMUT WORKSHOP
1. September 13.
 2. Will be a hands on, two and a half-hour long workshop.
 3. More information will be in newsletter and on website.
- B. GOLD COAST COMPETITION
1. December 5 and 6
 2. Open to anyone who would like to come and watch.
 3. Charge to Gold Coast for use of building will be \$200 a day; contract to be forwarded by Laura.
 4. Laura will forward additional insurance to Debbie and Gerry.
- B. MISSING COFFEE POT
Request for information about missing coffee pot to go in newsletter.
- C. BROKEN CANOPY
Laura to dispose of broken canopy; new one is not needed for agility trial.
- D. MEDALLIONS & EQUIPMENT CHECKOUT
M/S/C to have board come up with both a process on how to give out medallions, whether or not to offer them for sale and a process for checking out equipment.
- E. YEAR END BANQUET
Linda Luchsinger volunteered to do plaques.
- VII. BRAGS: Stefanie Meinhardt, Joy Wood, Mary Ash, Lynda Rhyno, Linda Wargo, Christie Rose, and Lori Jackson.
- VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Sue Osborn, Secretary



WELCOME

William Bartholomew!

Born July 19th

7 pounds, 2.8 ounces

CONGRATULATIONS

to Amanda and her family!

AGILITY/RALLY FUN RUN

Entry Form on the
NVDC Website

Sacramento Dog Training Club Agility/Rally Fun Run

August 22, 2009
8:00 a.m.

Location: Western Agility Group
10925 Bruceville Road - Elk Grove, CA

Cost: \$8 per run per dog pre-entry,
\$10 per run per dog day of

Agility Rings : Under cover on dirt and outside on grass
Novice and Advanced standard & jumpers courses

Rally Ring: Inside on dirt-3 levels of courses.
Mixed breed dogs welcome.

Fun Run/Agility Rally Coordinator: Penny Larson Susan Coliton
plarson@ccsf.edu kerrysue@sbcglobal.net
(916) 772-7738 (916) 481-3129



NVDC 2009 AGILITY TRIAL August 15th & 16th VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Whether or not you
have experience, we can use
your help!

NVDC's 6th Annual Agility Trial will be held on August 15th and 16th at the Dixon May Fairgrounds.

To be successful it takes a lot of volunteers to put on this kind of event. We would love it if every member volunteered to work at least half a day. We especially need people to show up on Sunday afternoon to help load the equipment.

Please fill out the form below and return it to Mary Ash via her box at the club or mail it to Mary care of the club at: P.O. Box 4097, Napa, CA 94558. If you have any questions please call the club at 253-8666.

Yes, I can help!

Name _____ Phone # _____

E-Mail _____

Saturday Morning _____ Saturday Afternoon _____ Sunday Morning _____ Sunday Afternoon _____

Skimping on Meds *Continued from page 3*

supplements, because there is not enough proof they work. For overweight pets with bad knees, she advises healthy diets and weight loss.

"I teach the clients how to massage their animal, how to stretch their animal, how to get better range of motion," Gladstein said.

For people who do give pets joint supplements, experts suggest:

- Check with a vet beforehand to see if it is safe.
- Look for a seal of approval by an independent lab or organization.
- Keep a log of your pet's behavior, such as its ability to go up and down stairs, before and after supplement use so you can tell if it helps.
- Don't exceed recommended doses. Too much can cause loose stools and gas pains.
- Watch for shellfish allergies if using glucosamine derived from seafood.
- Avoid versions in salt form (NaCl, or sodium chloride on the label) if the animal has high blood pressure.
- Do not use glucosamine or chondroitin with blood thinners, such as heparin or aspirin, unless a vet advises it. Some breeds, such as Doberman Pinschers, are predisposed to bleeding problems.

On the Net:

National Academy of Sciences report on supplements for animals:

<http://tinyurl.com/clmfff>

American Botanical Council: <http://tinyurl.com/lddnqg>

National Animal Supplement Council: <http://www.nasc.cc>



RAFFLE DONATIONS APPRECIATED!

Our Agility Trial is August 16th & 17th. There is always a raffle for the workers. This is not a money making raffle like the Rally/Obedience Trial. The workers get tickets for working and can put them in for any of the raffle prizes.

This Agility trial is 2 days and we need enough items for a raffle each day. Donations do not have to be dog related, perhaps something you won in a raffle and you still have sitting in the garage or your spare room. Anything you can donate will be appreciated. Thank you in advance for your donations! Call 253-8666 for more information.

LOOK at THIS!

There are several items in the LOST and FOUND box at the club, including three pairs of glasses. Are they yours?

**August General Meeting
at the Club
Monday, August 10, 2009
6:30 p.m.**



**LEAVE DOGS
AT HOME.**

Meetings

Board meetings are scheduled every other month a half hour before the general meeting at 6:00 p.m. and every other month on the fourth Monday at 6:30 p.m. There are usually no board meetings in December. Board meetings are open to all interested members. Call 253-8666 to verify both date and location of meeting.

General meetings for members and guests are at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month.

**If you have articles, stories or events to share in the NVDC
Newsletter, please contact Sue Osborn:
NewsletterEditor@napadogtraining.org**

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

**Napa Valley Dog Training Club
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Napa, CA 94558**

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Agility Trial Chair: Mary Ash

Obedience Trial Chair: Mary Ash

Tracking: Debbie Crain

AOCNC: Gerry Glantz

Training: Joy Wood

Training Assistant: Marlene Soldavini

Building: Gary Walker

Office: Sandy Bonifield

Sunshine: Mary Joy Davis

Newsletter/Website: Sue Osborn

Membership: Linda Luchsinger

Publicity: Janet Davis

CGC: Marlene Soldavini

This newsletter is also available online at napadogtraining.org