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# TATTLE TAILS

club newsletter



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## Dog-fighting DNA database established to help crack down on animal cruelty

Provided by UC Davis—June 16, 2010

The nation's first criminal dog-fighting DNA database has been established by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Humane Society of Missouri and the Louisiana SPCA, and will be maintained at the University of California, Davis, Veterinary Genetics Laboratory.

Known as the Canine CODIS (Combined DNA Index System), the database is designed to help the criminal justice system investigate and prosecute dog-fighting cases.

"Dog fighting is a multimillion dollar criminal enterprise that leads to the cruel treatment and deaths of thousands of dogs nationwide every year," said Tim Rickey, the ASPCA's senior director of Field Investigation and Response and former Animal Cruelty Task Force director at the Humane Society of Missouri. "This database is an unprecedented and vital component in the fight against animal cruelty and will allow us to strengthen cases against animal abusers and seek justice for their victims," he said

The Canine CODIS contains individual DNA profiles from dogs that have been seized during dog-fighting investigations and from unidentified samples collected at suspected dog-fighting venues. This includes 400 original and initial samples of dog DNA supplied by the Humane Society of Missouri and collected from dogs that were seized in July 2009 during the nation's largest dog-fighting raid.

DNA analysis and matching through the canine database, available for a fee only to law enforcement agencies, will help to identify relationships between dogs. This will enable investigators to establish connections between breeders, trainers and dog-fight operators. Blood collected from dog fighting sites also will be searched against the Canine CODIS database to identify the source.

Beth Wictum, director of the forensics unit of the Veterinary Genetics Laboratory in UC

Davis' School of Veterinary Medicine, said that the lab has one of the largest sample databases in the world, which is crucial for estimating the rarity of a DNA profile. She noted that the Canine CODIS database is unique because it includes many more DNA markers than are normally tested.

"That provides greater power when calculating match probability or assigning parentage," Wictum said. "When these cases come to trial, it's important to make your strongest case. The DNA evidence not only establishes links between owners, breeders and dog fighting sites, it also tells a story," she noted.

"We can tie blood spatter on pit walls and clothing, or blood trails found outside of the pit, to a specific dog and tell his story for him," Wictum said. "We become the voice for those victims."



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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**  
The Napa Valley Dog Training Club  
**Annual Barbecue** will be held  
September 13th at the clubhouse.  
This is a special event to  
celebrate our members!  
Club members & their  
families are invited.  
More details in the next newsletter!



### Officers

**President:** Mary Ash  
**Vice President:** Sandy Bonifield  
**Treasurer:** Lori Jackson  
**Secretary:** Sue Osborn  
**Past President:** Laura Ecklin

### Board Members

Janet Davis  
Gerry Glantz  
Lynda Rhyno  
Teresa Russell

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

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



# TRAINING SESSION 5

To view the 2010 schedule on a full year calendar, visit the classes page on the [napadogtraining.org](http://napadogtraining.org) website.

Subject to Change

August 23 through October 8, 2010

*Week off between sessions 4 & 5: Aug 16-20*

## Monday

5:30 p.m.	Conformation	Michelle & Arlene
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## Tuesday

5:00 p.m.	Good Manners 1	Lea
6:00 p.m.	Puppy	Lea
7:00 p.m.	Puppy Star	Laura & Mary
8:00 p.m.	Good Manners 2	Teresa

## Wednesday

9:00 a.m.	CGC	Marlene
10:00 a.m.	Good Manners 1	Marlene
11:00 a.m.	Good Manners 2	Marlene
6:00 p.m.	Advanced Agility	Katherine
7:00 p.m.	Beginning Agility	Joy
8:00 p.m.	Intro to Agility/Jumpers	Laura

## Thursday

10:00 a.m.	Rally	Mary
11:00 a.m.	Rally	Mary
6:00 p.m.	Rally	Mary
7:00 p.m.	Rally	Mary

## Friday

5:30 p.m.	Advanced Obedience	Teresa
6:30 p.m.	Canine Good Citizen	Teresa
7:30 p.m.	Puppy	Lynda

## Saturday

10:00 a.m.	Good Manners 1	Marilane
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*Week off between sessions 5 & 6: Oct. 11-16*



**SESSION 6 FOR 2010:  
October 18 — December 10**

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

Details: [www.napadogtraining.org/vouchers.htm](http://www.napadogtraining.org/vouchers.htm)

# DOG FUN AT THE SONOMA COUNTY FAIR



## DERBY DOG DASH

All Small Breed Dogs & Mixes  
Sunday August 8th and August 15, 2010  
More details: [www.DerbyDogDash.com](http://www.DerbyDogDash.com)

&

## SPLASH DOGS

3 FREE Shows Daily  
July 27th through August 8th  
More details: [www.SonomaCountyFair.com](http://www.SonomaCountyFair.com)



1st Annual  
K9 Cancer Walk  
in  
Los Gatos, California!  
October 10, 2010

Vasona Lake Park  
333 Blossom Hill Road  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

Early registration is \$30.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children ages 10 through 17. Children under 10 are free. Early registration closes on September 26. There is a \$6.00 park entrance fee.

Visit <http://www.k9cancerwalk.org/> and click on Los Gatos to form a team, join an existing team, or just participate as an individual.

## RAFFLE DONATIONS APPRECIATED!

Our Agility Trial is August 21st & 22nd. 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. Donation boxes are located in the clubhouse foyer. Thank you in advance for your donations! Call 253-8666 for more information.



Listed below are games played in the past. A brief description of each game is included. Please rate each game, 1 through 5, with 5 as the most favored.

**1. Agility Facility or "No Stress Par Course"**

Varied agility equipment used to set up a pre-novice introduction course a team runs through—Timed.

1  2  3  4  5

**2. Bobbing for Weenies**

A dog is released to fish out hot dogs from water bowls—Timed.

1  2  3  4  5

**3. Bowling**

Have your dog knock over 9 pins by either rolling a ball or the dog herself knocking the 9 pins over—Timed.

1  2  3  4  5

**4. Find Your Owner**

The owner will hide and the dog attempts to find the owner—Timed.

1  2  3  4  5

**5. Hoe Down Dog Line Dancing**

From the song "If Bubba Can Dance" the dog and handler perform a variety of fronts, heeling, spins and turns to music—Not an actual game; an activity.

1  2  3  4  5

**6. Mummy Wrap**

How fast can you wrap your dog in toilet paper—Timed.

1  2  3  4  5

**7. The Nose Knows or "3 Scent Monte"**

The dog searches and finds a treat hidden under 1 of 3 spots—Timed.

1  2  3  4  5

**8. Path of Perilous Pit Falls or "Perilous Path"**

A gauntlet with distractions such as toys and treats the dog runs through to return back to its owner—Timed.

1  2  3  4  5

**9. Rally Uh Oh**

Varied signs for **your dog** and **you** to perform as a team—Timed.

1  2  3  4  5

**10. Send and Stay**

A dog is sent to the middle of 3 Hula Hoops, told to stay till the handler returns to the start line. Then the dog is called back to its handler—Timed.

1  2  3  4  5

**11. Show Us Your Stuff**

The dog performs its best trick.

1  2  3  4  5

**For possible changes to the games and activities on dog fun nights please indicate your preferences below:**

**A. How many games or activities do you prefer?**

3  4  5  Less  More

**B. Do you like having the games timed?**

Yes  No

**C. If you answered yes to "B" above, would you still like to include the dog line dancing?**

Yes  No

**D. If you answered yes to "C" above, would you like to see the dog line dancing performed first?**

Yes  No

**E. Do you like having prizes and ribbons for the games?**

Yes  No

**F. Are there other toys you would rather receive for prizes i.e.,**

Fleecy Toys?  Kong?  Plush Toys?  
 Ropes or Tugs?  Rubber Toys?

**G. Is the "Perilous Path" too hard?**

Yes  No

**H. Should any of the following items be removed from the "Perilous Path"?**

Rolling Raccoon  Cyber Mouse  
 Glowing Ball  Glowing Bone

**I. Because of food allergies should any of the following be eliminated?**

Buster Cubes  Crazy Ball  
 Kongs  Offset Figure 8 Bowls

**J. Should just non-grain treats be used?**

Yes  No

**K. Was the jump used in the "Rally Uh Oh" course too hard or too much?**

Yes  No

**L. Indicate equipment you feel should NOT be used in the "Agility Facility."**

Small Wooden "A" Frame  Dog Walk Plank  
 Jumps  Table  Wobble Board  Weaves

**M. Are there too many signs in Rally Un Oh"?**

Yes  No

**N. Please rate each "Rally Uh Oh" sign below, 1 through 5, with 5 as the most favored:**

1. Help dog ring the bell.  
 1  2  3  4  5
2. Help dog ring chimes.  
 1  2  3  4  5
3. Pick up spoon, fill with kibble, transfer to dish.  
 1  2  3  4  5
4. Position dog on table, walk around table 3 times.  
 1  2  3  4  5
5. Position dog on table, walk around table 1 time.  
 1  2  3  4  5
6. Put hat on head, pick up flag, walk Figure 8 pattern twice.  
 1  2  3  4  5
7. Put hat on head, pick up flag, walk Figure 8 pattern once.  
 1  2  3  4  5
8. Sing "How Much is That Doggie in the Window" or the "ABC" song.  
 1  2  3  4  5
9. Skipping  
 1  2  3  4  5
10. Spin dog three times.  
 1  2  3  4  5
11. Spin dog one time.  
 1  2  3  4  5

## DOG FUN (AKA MAY MADNESS) SURVEY



### YOUR INPUT IS APPRECIATED!

Remember **MAY MADNESS**? And how jubilant it made our dogs? Make our dog fun events even more joyful! Let us know what you like (and don't like so much) by filling out the survey at left.

Return survey to treasurer, Lori Jackson, or drop it in her box at the clubhouse.



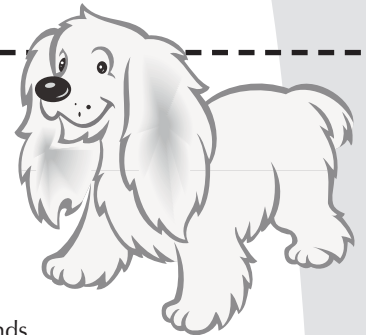
If you have any suggestions on how to run the activities more efficiently or faster or have any other activities you want to see included in NVDTC dog fun events, please list on a separate piece of paper.

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

## NVDTC AGILITY TRIAL

*August 21 & 22, 2010*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**



NVDTC's 7th Annual Agility Trial will be held on August 21st and 22nd 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 help on Friday night before the trial and 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 \_\_\_\_\_

# 7/12/10 NVDTTC General Membership Meeting Minutes

## I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Mary Ash, President, called meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
- B. Board members present: Mary Ash, Sandy Bonifield, Gerry Glantz, Lori Jackson, Sue Osborn, Lynda Rhyno, and Teresa Russell. Absent: Janet Davis and Laura Ecklin.

## II. MINUTES, Sue Osborn

M/S/C to accept minutes from the June 14, 2010 general meeting as published in the July newsletter.

## III. TREASURER'S REPORT, Lori Jackson

- A. Chase Checking: \$15,959.39
- B. Napa Community Bank CD: \$11,590.05; Accrued interest on July 29th: \$31.30
- C. Chase Money Market: \$8,945.31
- D. M/S/C to accept treasurer's report.
- E. As decided by board, there will be a more detailed financial report from Lori to present to general by the August meeting.

## IV. BOARD REPORTS

- A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT— Nothing to report.
- B. SPEAKERS AT MEETINGS, Sandy Bonifield
  1. August is the swap meet organized by Teresa.
  2. September is the barbecue.
  3. Sandy is working on possibly booking police dog presentation for October.
- C. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE, Sue Osborn  
Newsletter will be published early since Sue is going to Colorado the end of July.
- D. OFFICE, Lynda Rhyno
  1. Office is fully staffed Tuesday through Friday.
  2. Class sizes are a bit on the small side however the Puppy STAR class is well filled.
- E. TRAINING, Teresa Russell
  1. Sessions 5 classes are set.
  2. A trainers meeting to set session six is scheduled for Wednesday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m.
  3. The Puppy STAR class is doing very well with sixteen enrollees.
- F. PUBLICITY, Janet Davis  
No report.
- G. BUILDING, Gerry Glantz
  1. Thanks to Bob Hanson, ballast has been replaced on bank of lights by office.
  2. Ballast above the metal shelving area now needs to be taken care of.
  3. Jim Spiva and Gary Walker will take care of clearing out old fluorescent bulbs.
  4. Joy Wood will have her desk moved out on

Thursday or Friday of this week.

5. M/S/C for \$250 to Rich Smith to paint entire agility equipment wall to top, and to replace equipment brackets. This will take place during break between session 4 & 5.

## V. AOCNC, Gerry Glantz

- A. Next AOCNC meeting is scheduled for July 17. Main focus of meeting will be to plan for the AOCNC September seminar.
- B. Bark in the Park event is scheduled for September 18. AOCNC will have a table with literature from the clubs and a demonstration of dog training skills.
- C. Myths and Theory seminar presented by Dr. Melissa Bain is scheduled for Sunday, September 26. Email Gerry Glantz or Sue Osborn if you are interested in being on the standby list to attend.
- D. Gerry is already looking at and encouraging people to attend AOCNC's annual workshop scheduled for February.

## VI. HOSPITALITY

Thank you to Chris Meyer and Mary Ash for tonight's goodies. Dee McNeil and Christina Martin volunteered for hospitality for August.

## VII. SUNSHINE, Mary Joy Davis

Bobbie Honsvick, Gerry Glantz. And Patty Mattera all were extended sunshine.

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Obedience/Rally Trial**, Mary Ash, **November 6, 2010**
  1. Gerry has the judges lined up and Mary is working on the premium.
  2. Gerry will give the names of judges to Sue Osborn to publish in the newsletter once final approval is received.
  3. Mid Rothrock, a well-known and well-liked judge is celebrating her 90th birthday. NVDTTC is looking at sending her a nice card.
- B. **Agility Trial**, Mary Ash, **August 21-22, 2010**
  1. Premium is out and posted on the NVDTTC website.
  2. Sign up sheets for workers are now available. Any questions about working or if you are available to work Friday before trial, contact Joy Wood.
  3. Dee McNeil is organizing the workers' raffle—there are boxes in foyer for donations: dog related or not.
  4. Gerry Glantz will hand out ribbons.
- C. **Nose Work Seminar**, Mary Ash and Diane Parness
  1. Nose Work Seminar was held this last weekend.



New member, Nicole Paltrineri, pictured with her two daughters, Cassandra and Gabi.

Both days filled. There were 12 working teams with a net profit of over \$400.

2. Intro to Odor is going to be a four-hour seminar now, Saturday only. Flyers are out. Level 1 must be attended before going on to level 2.

D. Used Equipment Exchange – Swap Meet, Teresa Russell

1. Bring items, i.e. leashes, collars, crates, etc. to the August meeting.
2. Building will be opened by 6:00, tables will be set up so people can come in to set up items then swapping will be take place after meeting.
3. Include a price if interested in selling an item.

#### IX. NEW BUSINESS

September Barbecue

- A. Bobbie Honsvick and Marlene Soldavini will take care of buying food.
- B. The club will provide burgers, and condiments.
- C. Sandy Bonifield and Mary Ash will set up tables.
- D. More details will be in the newsletter.

X. NEW MEMBERS—M/S/C to accept Nicole Paltrineri as a new member. Nicole has a Black Lab named Pippi.

XI. BRAGS—Mary Joy, Christie Rose, and Teresa Russell.

XII. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:40 p.m.

Respectively submitted,  
Sue Osborn, Secretary

**For upcoming events  
go to [nvdtc.org/events](http://nvdtc.org/events)**

*Also check out [www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com),  
[www.nadac.com](http://www.nadac.com), [www.k9wag.com](http://www.k9wag.com), and  
[www.k9cpe.com](http://www.k9cpe.com) for additional details on  
listings and for information on additional  
conformation shows, obedience and agility  
trials, tracking tests, field trials, etc.*

**Check  
[AOCNC.org](http://AOCNC.org) for  
upcoming events as well.**

**FETCH THIS!**

NVDTC's  
**Obedience & Rally Trials!**  
**November 6, 2010**  
**2 Shows: A.M. & P.M.**  
**Solano County Fairgrounds, Vallejo**  
*Closing Date: October 20, 2010*

**Next General Membership Meeting:  
Monday, August 9, 2010  
6:30 p.m. at the club • NO DOGS!**



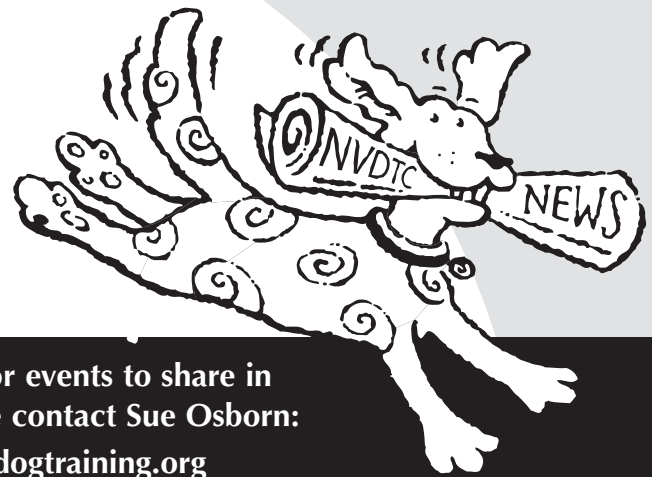
Except for December, Board meetings, open to all interested members, are scheduled the fourth Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Call 253-8666 to verify both date and location of meeting.

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If you have articles, stories or events to share in the NVDTC Newsletter, please contact Sue Osborn:  
[NewsletterEditor@napadogtraining.org](mailto:NewsletterEditor@napadogtraining.org)

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**ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED**

**Agility Trial Chair:** Mary Ash

**Obedience and Rally Trial Chair:** Mary Ash

**Tracking:** Debbie Crain

**AOCNC:** Gerry Glantz

**Training:** Teresa Russell

**Building:** Gerry Glantz

**Office:** Lynda Rhyno

**Sunshine:** Mary Joy Davis

**Newsletter/Website:** Sue Osborn

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